

PUCKLECHURCH NEWS



WINTER 2016/17

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A Neighbourhood Plan for Our Parish

Everybody has an opinion about development in their local area. South Gloucestershire Council faces increasing pressure to provide enough housing to meet demand in the next five years. Some of the land that SGC has identified for potential development for this is in Pucklechurch Parish. Pucklechurch Parish Council has decided that the best way to influence the scale and nature of this development is to develop a Neighbourhood Plan. A Neighbourhood Plan provides a way for local people to have a say in the future development of their area. South Gloucestershire Council would have to take our Neighbourhood Plan into account in determining where and what kind of housing, shops, and infrastructure to approve for development. A Neighbourhood Plan cannot, however, block all development in an area.

Your Neighbour Plan Committee

At a meeting in June, the Parish Council called for volunteers to work on a Neighbourhood Plan for Pucklechurch Parish. These volunteers attended the first meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee in mid-October. The group decided to form as an advisory committee to the Parish Council, and the following officers were chosen:
Chair: Rick Dunning
Secretary: Lesley Putt

Shortwood Representatives Needed

The volunteers who attended the first meeting had a good range of skills. There was representation from both Pucklechurch village and Parkfield, but no volunteers came forward from Shortwood. If you live in Shortwood and would like to help gather your community's views on development and contribute to a project that will guide future development in your neighbourhood, please contact us by email at lesley.putt@hotmail.co.uk.

What Next?

By the time you read this, the committee will have had a second meeting in November. Our Neighbourhood Plan will take about two years to complete, so we will be looking to finish by the end of 2018. The process will involve considerable public consultation and a local referendum to accept the plan and make it legally binding. We will keep you informed about our progress through regular articles in *Pucklechurch News* and we will be creating a web page very soon to post our work and our findings.

Jacki Berry,
on behalf of the
Neighbourhood Plan Committee



Christmas Services

St. Thomas a Becket Pucklechurch

Sunday 18th December 6.30p.m.
Carols by Candlelight

Saturday 24th December Christmas Eve. 4p.m. Christingle and Nativity
11.30p.m. Midnight Communion

Christmas Day 10a.m.
Family Communion

Tuesday 6th December

St. George Singers Christmas Concert 7.30p.m. in Church. Wine & Cheese

£6.00 tickets available or pay on door.

We are Floodlighting the Church again this year; as from the end of November.

St. James the Great Abson

Sunday 18th December 3p.m. Carol Service

Christmas Day 8.30a.m. Holy Communion

Advance Notice

Scarecrow Competition in 2017

Sunday 30th April and Monday 1st May .

Shortwood Methodist Church

Sunday 4th

worship at 2.45pm led by Rev Jongsin Lee.

Sunday 11th – worship at 2.45pm led by Mrs Hennie Gray.

Saturday 17th December 2pm to 4pm

'A Christmas Cracker' a fun afternoon for children and families – painting, colouring, craft etc plus light refreshments.

Sunday 18th December at 6pm

Candle lit carol service followed by coffee and mince pie.

All are welcome.

Pucklechurch Parish Council Chairman's Report – Winter 2016

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Proposal to build 57 new homes in Pucklechurch

I am sure you are aware that there has been some pre-planning consultation by Knightstone Housing with regard to building 31 new homes to rent and 26 for shared ownership.

The area that is being discussed sits at the top of Oaktree Avenue. Some of you will recall that this piece of land has been subject to a variety of planning applications in the recent past and that following a three-day investigation the inspector permitted that part of that area be designated as a Village Green. The remaining areas are still designated for development. Knightstone Housing Association held a consultation event at Pucklechurch Community Centre on Tuesday 1 November. If you would like to see what is being suggested, Knightstone have published this on their website at: <http://www.knightstone.co.uk/pucklechurch/> At the time of writing, comments on the suggestions are still being sought via their website. Please be aware however that as yet no formal planning application has been submitted to South Gloucestershire Council. It is likely that this will happen sometime before Christmas at which point the Parish Council will review the plans and make comments. The planning process will also provide a further opportunity for residents to make comments on the plans that are submitted.

Draft Budget and Precept preparation

We are currently working on our budget for next year. It will be available on the Parish Council website for viewing and we would welcome any comment before the final budget is adopted at a meeting in January. Agendas will be available indicating at which meeting that will take place via our website and on the Parish noticeboards.

Vandalism & Flytipping

During the summer, we suffered an unpleasant bout of vandalism around the parish, including damage to our bus shelters, Community Hall, and the cemetery to name but a few. The advice of the Council to all was that any, even small, acts of vandalism be reported to the police. This has resulted in 4 individuals being dealt with by the police and a marked reduction in the damage around the parish. Please may I reiterate that anyone seeing these acts should not get involved but call the police. All incidents of anti-social behaviour should be reported since the log of such reports helps to direct police resources towards problem areas. If the police do not know what is happening they cannot investigate and act to stop the nuisance.

Some of you may have also noticed an increase in fly tipping, particularly along the Shortwood Road. If you witness rubbish being dumped, please report it as soon as possible: this includes piles or bags of household garden waste such as grass clippings. SGC is responsible for removing fly tipped waste and incidents can be reported to SGC (anonymously if you wish) via www.fixmystreet.com or via telephone on 01454 868000 (Street Care).

Parish Council Community Grants

If you are not aware, the application process for a Parish Council Community Grant will be open from 1st January 2017 and will close at midnight January 31st 2017. If you would like to make an application, please contact the clerk

or visit our website to request the application forms. All applications will be reviewed on merit as per the conditions published on the website. There is no lower limit to the amount that can be applied for, your group does not have to have a constitution but the grant must be used for the purposes that it is awarded and evidence supplied as to the outcomes.

Neighbourhood Plan

As some of you will recall, the Parish Council has been playing a proactive role in the formation of a Neighbourhood Plan group to take this project forward. I am very pleased to report that this group has now been formed and that you will be able to read more about it elsewhere in this edition of Pucklechurch News. This is an important step forward in residents being able to shape the future of the place in which they live, work and play.

Proposed changes to library services

South Gloucestershire libraries provide a statutory service to everyone in South Gloucestershire and this is currently delivered through a network of 13 branch libraries and one mobile library. Our mobile library service has been identified as an area which could potentially contribute towards savings in SGC's budget by replacing it with community centre based libraries across South Gloucestershire run by volunteer groups. If you want to know more about all the proposed changes and would like to make comments, at the time of writing this report you can still do so via SGC's website at <http://www.southglos.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/library-review/>.

It's been suggested that the mobile service is likely to continue until around October 2017 and we are led to believe that expressions of interest in running a replacement scheme will be asked for this autumn.

Clerk's address change:

For your information these are the new contact details for our Clerk:

Jodie Bailey, Clerk to Pucklechurch Parish Council

Email: parish.council@pucklechurch.org

Tel: 0117 2140551

Mobile: 07525 842 095

New Address: 51 Fouracre Road, Bromley Heath, Bristol BS16 6PG

Please note Jodie's normal working hours are: 9am until 5pm Thursday and Friday

Last but not least:

I'd like to offer our congratulations and best wishes to Jodie Bailey, our clerk, on the news that she is expecting her second baby. We are advertising for the role of interim clerk to provide cover for Jodie while she is away on maternity leave. If you would like some details, please contact Jodie in the first instance.

I would also like to take this opportunity to publicly congratulate Jodie on the Council's behalf for having recently being awarded a Certificate in Local Council Administration. This is a relatively new version of the award and not many clerks have it or indeed will.

We are very proud of her and it is testament to all the hard work she did to achieve success.

BoB Symons, Chairman 01179374105



Pucklechurch and Shortwood

Good Neighbour Scheme

The Good Neighbour Scheme continues to go from strength to strength. We've welcomed four new volunteers since the last article in the Pucklechurch News. You may also have seen our stall at the Revel.

We've been busy this summer helping less mobile residents with a 'garden blitz' where we spend a couple of hours as a one-off to help them stay on top of their gardening. We are also continuing to offer ongoing and regular help to five elderly residents of Pucklechurch and Shortwood by visiting and having a cup of tea every now and again.

With the winter months coming, please remember that we are here to help with household tasks such as putting bins out, changing light bulbs or sitting with someone and having a chat. It can be harder for some people to get out when it's cold and we don't like to think anyone is unnecessarily lonely. Please give us a ring or send us an email if you think we can help. All our volunteers are police checked and we have public liability insurance.

Please also get in touch if you would like to become a volunteer. We have a strong volunteer base, but will always welcome more - many hands make light work! The great thing about volunteering with the Good Neighbour Scheme is that you can give as little or as much time as you like, you meet new people and everything is local which makes it very easy. Every so often, we meet to discuss the scheme so there's a social aspect to what we do. We are looking for people who can do simple DIY, a bit of gardening and who are happy to spend time talking and having a cup of tea.

Please contact Larisa, Rodney or Ross on 07961 939574 or email goodneighbours@pucklechurch.org goodneighbours@pucklechurch.org .

Revel 2017



After a rocky start to this year's Revel we finally have a committee and I would like to thank those people for giving up their time to join a cause that helps so many in the village.

There will be a few changes to Revel in 2017, namely the weekly events that precede Revel Day. It was decided to hold events every few months.

This is for two reasons: firstly, so those that volunteer are not run ragged come Revel day and for Beer Fest. Secondly, the volunteers that put together Revel are aware that these events cost money to attend and holding them all within days of each other can be too much for the household budgets. With this in mind we still hope that you all still support these Revel events and traditions even though their times have changed.



Revel Day

Revel day will be the same as always, the third Saturday in June and the date for Revel and the Beer and Cider festival next year is JUNE 16th & 17th, 2017.

Carers Rights Day

Free event for carers:

**Friday 25 November 2016, 10am to 3pm,
Carers Support Centre, Fishponds**

Having the right information at the right time can make a huge difference when you are looking after someone. Carers Rights Day is about getting that information out to the 7 million carers in the UK.

A carer is someone who provides unpaid help and support to another person who could not manage without their help. This could be due to age, physical or mental illness, disability or addiction.

Carers are entitled to a variety of services, and can get financial and practical help. But navigating the system and knowing where to ask for help can be difficult.

Carers Rights Day brings organisations together to help carers in their local community know their rights and find out how to get help and support.

Carers Support Centre Bristol & South Gloucestershire is holding an event for carers to find out what information and advice is available. It's a great opportunity for carers to get some really useful information, enjoy therapies and meet and chat with other carers and staff. Refreshments and lunch will be provided.

To book a place or find out more about help for carers contact Carers Support Centre:

CarersLine: 0117 965 2200

carersline@carerssupportcentre.org.uk

Web: www.carerssupportcentre.org.uk

PUCKLECHURCH PLAYGROUP IS 50 YEARS OLD!



Pucklechurch Playgroup is celebrating its 50th birthday and we would like to invite the people of Pucklechurch to celebrate with us! We will be holding a drop-in session on Saturday 14th January 2017 from 10 till 12 in the Community Centre. If you came to playgroup or had children who attended, or if you are a grandparent, or previous committee member or a practitioner who used to work at Playgroup we would very much like you to join in our celebration.

If you are new to the village and would like to pop in and meet other parents and children, please come along. If you have any photographs of Playgroup you would like to share we would very much like to see them. We will have a craft activity for children and cake and tea and coffee.

Please come along and help us celebrate our 50 years in Pucklechurch.

Take a few simple steps to avoid becoming a victim of burglary



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- Set a timer switch to turn your lights on when it gets dark – unlit houses are a give away that no one is at home.
- Lock your doors, patios and downstairs windows - even when you are in. Make sure you double check them again before you go to bed.
- If you have a burglar alarm, make sure you set it when you go out and also when you go to bed.
- Don't leave car keys, ID cards or valuables near windows, doors or letterboxes, where burglars can reach through to steal them.
- Lock your garden gates and side entrances. Don't leave tools lying around in the garden which could be used to break in to your home.

www.avonandsomerset.police.uk

If you have information about a burglary phone the police on 101.

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PCA The PCA want your thoughts about the Community Centre upgrade!

For some time we have been looking at an upgrade to the Community Centre, to offer more space and better facilities for the groups that use the building. Following various meetings over the last few months, our visions are moving closer to reality.

We have been working with a local firm of consultants, who have now produced plans of the proposed layout of the new building. However, the ultimate design of the building has not yet been finalised, and we would like some input from **YOU** - the residents of Pucklechurch.

We would like to invite you to an open evening at the Community Centre on 31st January 2017, between 7.00 and 9.00 pm. Plans of the proposed upgrade to the building will be displayed and available to view, and residents will have the opportunity to make comments and also raise any queries or issues that they might have.

This is YOUR community and YOUR Community Centre. Please attend the open evening and let us have your suggestions towards improving the facilities available to the residents of the village.

As a reminder, the Community Centre caters for all sorts of groups, who use the hall for their activities and meetings. From Bowls to Badminton, Folk Club to Football, Majorettes to Model Flying, there is something for everyone.

We would also like to hear from residents that are interested in using the Community Centre for the first time - perhaps a new activity or group that they have just started, and which needs a home. If you are interested in booking the hall, please contact Karl Fuerstenberg on 07938 972069 orkfue5634@gmail.com to discuss your requirements.

We look forward to seeing you at the Open Day!
Please note the Pensioners party will take place on 8th January 2017 - tickets are available from the Social Club

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GARDENERS' CLUB

With autumn well under way, our new programme got off to a good start on Wednesday 5th October with a good show of members and quite a few new faces. We were pleased to welcome 5 new members as well. Our guest speaker was Gill Hazell, who gave a very enjoyable talk on 'Classic & Rare Bulbs' including some lovely slides. Our October competition of 'Tomatoes on the vine' was won by Greg Bate



November's meeting saw a welcome return to Marcel Floyd, a successful grower of clematis, who exhibited at Chelsea this year. Marcel brought a selection of plants for sale, and gave a very informative talk on the planting and after-care of Clematis, as well as a colourful slide show. Our monthly competition of 'The tallest weed' was won by Mike Wallis with a huge bramble!

We end 2016 with our Christmas Supper & Quiz on Wednesday December 7th. Our first meeting in 2017 will be held on 1st February, when George Alway will be helping us with 'Plants for difficult soils'.

St Aldams Farm and Kemp's Garden Centre both offer members 10% discount on plants when membership card is presented

For more information about our meetings and activities, please contact: Lynn Bate 01179374297, Val Seaman 01179372095 or Ann Smith 01179372030

Pucklechurch Community Association Social Club (Abson Road Village Hall)

On 3rd September we hosted a Beatles Tribute Band. A great night was enjoyed with many singing along to loads of the Fab Four's greatest hits. We would like to put on more evenings like this so who would you like to see? Let us know and we will see who we can get.

Film Nights and Quiz Nights are back! Dave has entertained us with some good films including Spotlight, Eddie the Eagle, London Has Fallen and Eye In The Sky starring Helen Mirren. During December look out for Jason Bourne on Sunday 11th, followed by other great films in January and February to help cure the post Christmas and New Year blues. Keep an eye on the notice boards, Pucklechurch.org web-site and the club's Facebook pages for more details. All films start at 8:00pm and are free to Members.

Don't forget to check out the Quiz nights on their usual last Sunday of the month slot –except for December as is Christmas Day! The **Christmas Quiz** will take place on **Sunday 18th December** at the usual Quiz starting time.

A reminder about the Grand Christmas Draw – the sheets are up in the club, at only 20p per box. The more you have the better chance of winning and the more prizes we can offer. The draw is to take place in the Social Club on Christmas Eve so come up and join us for festive drink and perhaps you could win a prize or two.

If you have any ideas that you think can further improve what is offered please let one of the committee know about it. If you want to join you can get a membership application form from the social club bar – great value at just £5 per adult resident.

Greg Bate pucklechurchsocialclub@gmail.com

MOBILE LIBRARY

The Mobile Library service in South Gloucestershire is still running. Under current proposals it will continue until October 2017. Full details of the consultation on all the South Glos library proposed changes can be found at <http://www.southglos.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/library-review/>

Dates/times for visits to Pucklechurch as follows:

Oaktree Avenue 2.15 - 2.30

Village Hall 2.35 - 2.50

Homefield Rd Bungalows 3.00 - 3.20

Homefield Rd 3.25 - 3.40

Alternate Fridays

2, 16 & 30 December

Following the successful consultation process in the Spring, the council has adopted a new preferred position with the aim to future-proof South Gloucestershire's libraries for the long term and ensure that no library buildings should need to close. A new three month consultation is now running until January 2nd 2017 to hear what the public has to say about the new proposals and information is available online at <<http://www.southglos.gov.uk/librarychanges>>

www.southglos.gov.uk/librarychanges and in your local library and council offices.

The new preferred option is to reduce the library service savings target from £650,000 to £500,000. This would mean a smaller reduction in staff hours required to meet that target. The council will consult with library users and non-users alike on how best to deploy staff among local libraries. It is proposed that the mobile library service be replaced with community centre based libraries across South Gloucestershire and run by volunteer groups.

The Council would also fund the building costs of Chipping Sodbury Library with the service being delivered by volunteers. These plans would mean that no library building would have to close as a result of the savings. The council has also agreed to continue to develop plans to use technology that would allow registered members to use library facilities for 11 hours a-day, seven days a-week, between 8.30am and 7.30pm. This technological approach to delivering library services would build on existing self-service kiosks by providing access to library buildings for registered users out of staff hours, it would be a new approach for South Gloucestershire. The council wants to hear from existing library users as well as those who perhaps cannot currently use these facilities during current opening hours, about how they feel about this option.

After the new consultation process, a final decision on how to proceed will be made in the New Year. Changes in public-facing library services would not take place until October 2017.





1st Pucklechurch Rainbows have been extremely busy. After being shown a piece of real chalk from Lyme Regis the girls chalked a picture of their own holidays and their partner had to guess where they'd been. Leila brought in two ladybirds which led to a conversation about kindness in nature. The 'Rainbow Fish' story led to making fish bookmarks and a fish-themed game. Autumn meant collecting conkers to turn into spiders, using pipe cleaner legs, plus a hunt on the rec for (plastic) mini beasts which Ruth had previously hidden, and says she is still missing one frog – so if you find one you know where it belongs! One new Rainbow made her Promise giving time for all to consider what the words really mean.

'I promise to think about my beliefs, and to be kind and helpful' This led to the girls making poppies and thinking about war and its effect, especially evacuees and how kind and helpful others were to take them into their own homes. They expressed beliefs that everyone should have food, warm clothes, a bed. Ruth gave the girls poppy seeds to plant and the Unit attended church on Remembrance Sunday. For Christmas there is a panto and special Rainbow Santa Train to enjoy.

Are you a girl aged 5-7yrs? Why not join and have lots of fun too. We meet on Tuesdays 3.25 – 4.25pm. Contact Ruth Storey on 9373405

3rd Pucklechurch Rainbows are working on their Beatrix Potter Badge which has challenges relating to her various characters and stories. It's amazing what you can do with a toilet roll and the transformation of one into Jemima Puddleduck is an example! The story of Pigling Bland led to making little pigs. Painted handprints, with the fingers sticking upwards, make lovely Mrs Tiggywinkle hedgehogs. The Rainbows also folded paper into a lovely heart shaped frog. If you look on their notice board you will see a 'field of poppies' simply created with fingerprints, together with messages to relatives the girls know were involved in war. They joined everyone for Remembrance Sunday. Join them on Wednesdays 4pm – 5pm. Contact Joanna Wallis at Joanna@wallisfamily.plus.com



1st Pucklechurch Brownies have also worked on the Beatrix Potter badge and learned about her life and all the lovely books she wrote. Do you know that a long time ago, Girl Guides camped on her land and she drew a picture in their log book, so we have a specific link and heirloom. Philippa told me; "At our Halloween party, we made 'glow in the dark' playdough models and had fun apple bobbing. We're working towards the Healthy Heart badge; we've learnt about healthy food, balanced food, how to exercise and raise our heart rates. During an arranged visit to Tesco, as part of their Farm to Fork trail, we earned an Eat Happy

badge - the girls had a great time there. They learnt about fruit and vegetables, tried some new foods, learnt about sugar in cereal, and made their own muesli.

We're looking forward to the Enchanted Forest in Westonbirt – we have been able to subsidise the Brownies tickets with some of the donation we received from Revel. We also took part in the annual Remembrance Service parade. We're hoping to do our Communicators Badge later this term – and perhaps Stargazer if we get a good clear Tuesday night!"

What an exciting programme! Why not join them if you're a girl aged 7-10 years on Tuesdays 5 – 6.30pm. Contact Phil Devey on philippaford@hotmail.com



1st Pucklechurch Guides are working on Go For It badges and are feeling quite glamorous this term. They are exploring Glamorama and Passion for Fashion, just right for this age group. However, to counteract the ever growing pressure on young girls to look and dress a certain way, GirlGuiding strongly promotes the values of self-esteem and acceptance of all. Being the largest female organisation in this country, and worldwide, it has a powerful voice which is listened to and respected. The Guides celebrated Bonfire Night by making toffee apples and having sparklers. They were present for the Remembrance Parade. We'd like to extend a warm welcome to our new experienced Adult Leader, Kim Leonard.

We would like more girls to join us – 10-14 years. We meet Tuesdays 7-8.30pm. Contact George Wynter on wynter397@gmail.com



Dyrham District Trefoil Guild As the majority of our Senior Section girls have now gone to university, this group has morphed into a Trefoil Guild, which is really Guiding for grownups. At our first meeting in September, we made simple rockets (VERY short range – propelled about six feet maximum!) but great fun. Next, a service project painting wooden cubes for a charity, and in November a visit to the absolutely fabulous Billy Elliot show. December is a surprise! Members take it in turns to provide the month's 'entertainment' We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at Dyrham House, and are open to women aged 18+ who are interested in supporting GirlGuiding.

Contact Judith Harrison for more information – judithlouise@hotmail.com

Rosalind Abbott
South Cotwold Division Commissioner -
rosabbott@hotmail.com

NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

Your local Neighbourhood Policing Team has had a proactive few months.

A cannabis factory was detected in a local residential address which was dismantled, the substantial crop seized and destroyed by officers and the offender has been dealt with accordingly.

There have been ongoing issues with a group of youths causing anti-social behaviour in Pucklechurch. We have now been able to identify the youths involved and are currently working with them and their families to prevent further incidents and reduce anti-social behaviour within the community.

Rogue Traders Day of Action. We focused on visiting our repeat victims of crime and the vulnerable members of our community, offering a home security review from the Police Community Bobby Van.

A local garage has been causing ongoing parking issues for the residents of the neighbouring properties. We have arranged for several un-roadworthy vehicles to be removed from the highway by our car clear scheme and have liaised with the owner of the garage to stop any further issues.

Finally, as the nights become darker we are working closely with South Gloucestershire Council to deliver 'Be Safe Be Seen' talks to all of the schools in our area. This is an important message which will focus both on personal and cycling safety.

Free Festive Fun!

THE PUCKLECHURCH

WASSAIL!

Bless the apple trees with us!

Singing Music!

Cider!

Saturday 4pm
January 21st
At Crump House (behind the Poplars)

Featuring the
Winterbourne Down
Border Morris

Please find us on Facebook for more details and past events

PUCKLECHURCH HOCKEY CLUB NEEDS YOU!

A tough few weeks of hockey but Pucklechurch are still determined.

After one game which saw us with as few as 8 players and a disheartening score line, Puckle ladies were back fighting the following week with a full squad of 12. A great game ensued but unluckily the score line finished 3-2. Next up was Yate 2 who were holding the top spot in the league and again we only managed the bare 11 players. Another 7-0 defeat.

Holding our heads high we went into the following week with determination and a substitute! Battling hard saw us win 8-0 against Westberries with fantastic goals from Sophie, Emily, Rhian and Lisa. Unfortunately the game wasn't without its downside - an injury to Rhian sees her unable to play until the new year.

After a well-earned break at half term, the next match was against Wick. Again lacking in numbers, we saw Caz return from retirement and a close fought game.. A great 15mins in the second half meant the score line finished at a respectable 5-3.

12th November saw us face BAC. we held a minute's silence before the start of the match for Remembrance Day and then into a fast paced game. Another game with a substitute gave us opportunity for fresh legs. Despite in-game injuries, some tactical switches saw an amazing team goal worked from the back, through the middle, and a pass from Laura into the D. Kate took her first league goal and the score line finished 5-1.

Sitting at 8th in the table, we are hoping to get some wins under our belts in the next couple of weeks. Unfortunately we are still struggling for numbers with the injuries on top of an already depleted pack. So if you fancy helping us out or would just like to give hockey a go we are a most welcoming, friendly bunch. Training is on Monday evening 8-9 at WIA or drop us an email at lor84@hotmail.co.uk



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Playgroup

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email - towerplaygroup@gmail.com
or pop in for a visit.

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1st Pucklechurch Cubs

Having joined us for Summer Camp in July, Joanne Simpson has agreed to take over the Cub Pack along with husband Rich, as Claire is moving to Wales. Jo and Rich have been busy getting stuck in and getting to grips with the variety of badges the Cubs can earn. Several of the oldest Cubs are very close to achieving their Chief Scout Silver Award in time for moving to Scouts. Recently as Sixers, they taught the other members of their Six a new skill, from chess, to magic, origami and making stress balls, towards their Team Leader Challenge Badge. All of the Cubs will be learning about healthy eating and enjoying a torchlight hunt on the Rec now that the dark nights are here. The Cubs joined the parade and church service marking Remembrance Sunday which was followed by a cake sale in the Scout Hut to raise additional funds for the Poppy Appeal.

SCOUTS

1st Pucklechurch Scouts

Our scout troop now has 14 active members. Just before the summer holidays they each thought about a charity they would like to support and shared information with the rest of the troop before selecting World Wildlife Fund and Cancer Research UK to support. At our AGM they sold burgers and cakes and raised £50 which has been donated towards these charities. This term they have learnt about the effects of drugs and alcohol by drawing the damage on the outline of a Scout. Six of them will be taking part in a District wide "Mud Walk" in November (an entire clean set of clothes must be sent to the finishing point for each Scout taking part!) so we will be brushing up on our navigation skills first. We are also planning a Group Christmas dinner in the Scout Hut, where we hope that the youngest Beaver to the oldest Explorer will be able to join in the festivities.

We do have spaces so if you are aged between 10 and 14 boy or girl and interested in joining do get in touch.

For more information please contact Rachel Smith – 07736 320003

EXPLORERS

Vulcan Explorer Scout Unit continues to meet in Pucklechurch every Thursday evening, but much of our programme is based outdoors. In the last few months we have taken part in One Night Stand, a weekend camp in which the aim is to stay awake all night, and the Sodbury Challenge. Recent troop nights have included cooking competitions and a visit to Air Hop as well as practising their scouting skills. The highlight was taking part in a 24 hour hide and seek competition called ESCAPE organised by the York District Scouts. Our team had to navigate a route on foot using minor roads, footpaths and bridlepaths from just outside York, through Ampleforth, and on towards Malton without being caught by the 'catching' teams. This meant a day hike, a night hike, and a dawn hike with just a few hours' rest in between. The team walked a total of 44km in their 24 hours, were caught nine times, and finished fifth out of the twelve 'escaping' teams, a brilliant achievement given that only one of the team had ever been

to Yorkshire before.

In the coming weeks we are T-shirt printing, roller skating, and visiting the White Water Rafting Centre in Cardiff. If you are between the ages of 14 and 18, have enjoyed your scouting or guiding, and would like to join us, then please get in touch with one of the leaders at the scout group at scouts@pucklechurch.org



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Thank you to everyone who has helped us to date. YOU HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE.

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NSPCC Fundraising Event

We will be out in the village carol singing and raising money for the NSPCC on Monday 12th December and Thursday 15th December from 6.30. We also plan to visit the pubs and social clubs. If you wish to join us you would be very welcome. Please give generously for this very worthwhile cause For further details contact Elaine on 01179373105 or email elainejstone15@gmail.com