

PUCKLECHURCH NEWS



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Village Postmistress Retires

Shirley Hall closed the village post office for the last time on Tuesday 5th March 2013. Together with the support of husband, Keith, they have been at the centre of village life for over 28 years.

The post office has seen many villagers come and go. News has been passed on, messages and parcels left, neighbours contacted, help and support given, delivery drivers re-directed, newcomers welcomed and bereaved customers comforted - the post office has seen it all.

Shirley has brought up a family as well as attending to her duties behind the counter. Many working mums will understand and appreciate how running a business isn't just about the 9.00 - 5.30 opening hours. Many tasks needed to be attended to 'behind the scenes' and Shirley has juggled all the demands on her time with dedication and good humour.

Shirley says, 'I will miss the post office and especially all my lovely customers. I would like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone for their support over the many years I have been here at the post office. Many customers, who I now regard as my friends have, over the last few days, called in with cards, gifts, flowers and good wishes for my retirement and that means a lot to Keith and me.' Shirley and Keith are very much looking forward to retirement and have plans to spend more time with their family and their many grandchildren.

Shirley will still be involved with village life and the members of the WI will enjoy more of her company. Although she won't be watching the clock anymore, so may be a little late attending the meetings!

Shirley has worked hard to make sure the village keeps its post office and she handed over to Mike and Catherine Walker at the Newsagents, on Friday 8th March. There will be one familiar face behind the new counter as Carol will be on hand to assist with the training of new staff and the setting up of the new post office service.

Shirley wishes them well with their new venture and hopes all her customers will find the new arrangements will serve them in the future, just as well as she has done over the past 28 years.

Thank You Shirley!



The new Post Office, now located in Walker's Newsagents, was officially opened by MP Steve Webb on Friday, 8th March

Proposed Changes to HMP YOI Ashfield Parish Council Summary

The process by which the Parish Council was made aware of the Ministry of Justice plans to re-role the YOI as a Category C Male Prison and the actions the Council has taken to acquire accurate information have already been shared in previous editions of Pucklechurch News. The Council has however continued to take a proactive role on behalf of the community with important outcomes.

At the Council meeting scheduled for 20th February, Brian Pollett, (Deputy Director of Contracted Custodial Services), Brian Anderson (then Director HMP YOI Ashfield) and Simon Harding (NOMS Deputy Controller HMP YOI Ashfield) were due to present information on the planned changes as well as make themselves available to answer Councillors' questions under the Public Participation section of our agenda. As the result of widespread media and other coverage promoting this as a general public meeting, the Council arranged to relocate the meeting to the Community Centre Social Club in order to be able to accommodate a larger number of attendees. The Council also agreed to suspend its formal meeting for a period of one hour to allow a free and open debate between residents and the representatives of Ashfield YOI who were happy to oblige. Steve Webb MP and District Councillor Ben Stokes were also present.

On Tuesday 5th March a further public meeting of the parish was arranged by the Parish Council in direct response to a parishioner's request. This meeting provided an opportunity for the local community to discuss what actions, if any, could be taken to address the planned changes. Ray Duckworth (Serco Contract Director, HMP YOI Ashfield), Nick Lewis (NOMS Controller, HMP YOI Parc and Ashfield) as well as Simon Harding (NOMS Deputy Controller, HMP YOI Ashfield) agreed to attend to answer further questions. This meeting was also attended by several Parish Councillors, two District Councillors, a representative of the Police & Crime Commissioner's Office and two senior CID officers. (Cont. on page 2)

The information presented below is not an exhaustive report on all the discussion that took place but an attempt to summarise the main concerns, facts and outcomes that materialised.

A broad range of concerns were expressed over:

- why the prison was being used to house sex offenders as opposed to any other Category C prisoners and why it was particularly appropriate to Ashfield
- populating Ashfield entirely with sex offenders causing a real hindrance to the effectiveness of rehabilitation programmes and what those programmes would be
- types of visitors coming to Pucklechurch and that these may also be sex offenders, which could put the safety of residents at risk and how visits would be managed
- sex offenders being detained/released in close proximity to a school and local play areas and the possibility of offenders wishing to remain/settle in the local area after release
- guarantees that could/couldn't be given over management of offender release/public safety
- the problem of parking since operating the prison at full capacity will attract more visitors
- the consequent loss of opportunity for other types of offender rehabilitation
- the potential impact the change might have on local policing and ability to respond
- the potential impact on the well-being of the community as well as on property values
- the lack of consultation and poor sharing of information with the public in advance

Details regarding the changes and responses to issues raised can be summarised as follows:

- A drop in the number of 15-17yr old offenders means Ashfield has been operating at half-capacity for the last 18 months. Consequently it will be made available for Category C adult male prisoners from this summer whilst young offenders will be sent to other establishments
- As a new purpose built establishment the Ministry of Justice believes it has a duty to use Ashfield appropriately and to help solve the greatest need. It will therefore be used to detain 400 Category C adult male prisoners, all of whom will be sex offenders
- Category C prisoners are deemed to be at reasonably low risk of attempting to escape but not suitable for establishments such as open prisons.

Prisoners held at Ashfield will be unsuitable for release on licence to work in the community and it was unlikely that this would ever happen

- The number of days available for visiting will be reduced from 6 to 4 and the number of staff employed there will be also be reduced so this may alleviate some problems over parking
- Training programmes will put in place for those staff that remain and Serco will be contracted to provide appropriate treatment and rehabilitation programmes, the specific details of the contract are still being determined
- It is planned that when offenders are released arrangements will be made for them to be collected by family/friends or taken by Serco to train/bus stations. Experience shows that the vast majority return to their home areas, London or the main cities.
- Serco and the Ministry of Justice believe there will minimal or no impact of the re-role for Pucklechurch as a community.

Outcomes:

Serco and the Ministry of Justice have entered into a dialogue with the community and listened to their concerns. The main issue for residents who attended was not that there shouldn't be a prison at all but that the type of offender and the subsequent management protocols required to deal with them were. It is hoped that the authorities will now address these concerns appropriately.

Steve Webb MP reported that he had been in touch with the Ministry of Justice and that contracts had not yet been signed. He has also tabled questions to be answered. Ben Stokes and Steve Reade have been collecting information via a public survey to demonstrate the depth of local feeling and were happy to continue to receive more comments. The Police & Crime Commissioner's Office representative has confirmed they will be writing to the Ministry of Justice with their own concerns especially with regard to the management of offender release.

As a direct result of the second meeting a group of parishioners have now formed a committee to look at what community action can be undertaken to influence the decision and the future management of its consequences. This will likely take the form of a letter to gather public support distributed to residents through Pucklechurch News and will be presented along with their plan to the Parish Council on Weds. 13th March.

Councillor Gail Boyle

Pucklechurch Community Association Committee Report

The PCA Committee has had a very busy year keeping the building prepared for the different groups to use. The Committee would especially like to thank John James. His persistent and constant scrutiny of the heating system and lighting has been indispensable, so that the heating functions more reliably and the lighting is always working.

The Committee has also started looking closely at the various regulations required and has begun an updating programme. Fire escape exits have been checked and emergency lights and more signs have been installed.

The Committee has also started a programme of improvements and modernizing. This is a slow process as it is dependent upon the income generated from bookings and successfully obtaining available grants. Visitors to the building will have noticed the new lobby floor, new internal doors and signs around the building. The Committee is delighted with the many positive comments that have been heard.

The Committee intends to continue both programmes because the number of groups that now use the hall on a regular basis is significant. Around 18 different groups now use the hall weekly or monthly in addition to groups that use it regularly annually or bi-annually.

For this facility to remain available for the community to use an effective committee is necessary. The AGM takes place on Monday 13 May 2013 at 8.00pm in the Community Centre Meeting room. It is **vital** a committee is formed to manage the building. The concern is that this may not happen. We have a secretary who is reinstating the role and who is prepared to continue for the next year, but several key positions are being vacated. The treasurer, chairman and vice chairman are resigning. **Unless these positions** are filled so that the committee can effectively manage the building there will be **no option** but for the committee **TO CLOSE THE BUILDING**.

Our present Treasurer, George Hill, has done a wonderful job collating the finances and ensuring that we keep within our limits. We would like a treasurer who can help the committee access the many grants that are available. The chairman, Alan Holder, has done a magnificent job of guiding the committee and overseeing the various projects. Anyone prepared to become chairman will have the support of the rest of the committee and the support of the outgoing chairman, who is going to remain on the committee.

Anyone who would like more information about the Community Centre and/or the committee, please contact either Alan Holder on 937 2818 or Anna Sharpe on 937 4449. Alternatively just come along to the AGM. All are welcome.

Ash Dieback Disease Scam

South Gloucestershire Trading Standards would like to warn residents of a new scam emerging in the South East of England, but which may spread to the South West as Spring approaches.

Trading Standards departments in the South East have reported that rogue traders are targeting householders with ash trees on their property, falsely claiming that trees need to be felled or pruned due to ash dieback disease.

Chalara dieback of ash, often referred to as ash dieback is a disease of ash trees caused by a fungus. The disease causes leaf loss and dieback in affected trees and depending on the age of the tree can lead to tree death. Tree owners are not required to take any particular action such as felling the infected ash tree, unless a statutory Plant Health Notice has been served on the owner. A Plant Health Notice can be issued by the Forestry Commission or other plant health authority. Once infected, trees cannot be cured, but not all trees die of the infection. Young ash plants can be killed within one growing season of symptoms becoming visible, whilst older trees can survive initial attacks, although they may die after several seasons of infection.

For advice on scams and other consumer issues, contact the Citizens Advice consumer service on 08454 04 05 06.

Abson Church Market

The Market will be held on the following Saturdays from 10:30am - 12 midday in the church on:-

March 23rd
April 27th
May 25th

It is organised and run by The Friends of Abson, who raise funds for the church. Thanks to the friends a much needed kitchen is almost completed.

A variety of goods are for sale including meat, books, cards, honey, bric-a-brac and plants. Maybe you would like to run your own stall, if so give Julie a call on 0117 9372156.

No charge for the table just 10% of your takings. Why not come along for a browse, coffee and a chat.

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LIVE MUSIC IN PUCKLECHURCH



Do you play an instrument? Do you like watching live music? Pucklechurch Open Mic could be the place for you. For those that have never been to an open mic (short for microphone) night, these are nights when performers get a chance to take to the stage and do their stuff. Usually the performers are musicians. They serve a very important function in the music scene by providing an opportunity for musicians to gain experience performing to a live audience without having to go through the process of getting normal music gigs. It also gives established musicians a chance to try out new material, brush up on their act or perhaps perform with different instruments or people.

In February Pucklechurch Open Mic celebrated its second anniversary and over the last two years we have gone from strength to strength. We have many acts from the local area and are also attracting performers from Bristol and surrounding areas. I am very pleased to say we have helped some young local acts move from practicing in their bedrooms to performing gigs.

We are very lucky to have a good venue. We have a stage and PA system with a sound engineer to make sure our acts sound their best. But it's not only about the musicians. It is also about having an audience. So, if you like live music, come and join us. We can't tell you what will be on but we usually get between three and eight acts. The range of music is quite varied and we have seen almost all modern genres covered at some point with even an occasional classical piece. We also get a good mixture of covers and original material. We have solo musicians, duos, trios as well as small groups. We even have a ukulele orchestra turn up from time to time! Pucklechurch Open Mic is held the last Friday of every month from 8.30pm at the Pucklechurch Village Sports and Social Club (PVSSC), also known as the 'Top Club, in St. Aldam's Drive. Temporary membership is available for non-members. For more information visit the website <http://www.pucklechurch.org/html/openmic.html>, find us on FaceBook: www.facebook.com/PucklechurchOpenMic, or call Martin Smith on 0780 907 5784.

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Letters to the Editor.....



CONGRATULATIONS TO SHIRLEY HALL ON HER RETIREMENT

On behalf of Pucklechurch Village we would like to wish Shirley a Happy and Healthy Retirement.

Thank you for all your hard work.

Name and address supplied

Tower Playgroup



Tower Playgroup is now taking names for
September 2013.

We have immediate vacancies for Friday morning and all day Thursday (9.00am - 3.00pm). September vacancies all sessions available.

Please call for more information on 07722029077
during playgroup hours.

Mon / Wed / Fri 9.00am -12.00 midday

Tue / Thurs 9.00am - 3.00pm

It's Gutter Rubbish

South Gloucestershire Council Trading Standards would like to remind residents to be cautious when dealing with unexpected traders at their front door.

Trading Standards has recently received complaints from residents of South Gloucestershire about cold callers offering to clear gutters after they 'spot a problem'. The caller arrives with ladders and buckets and negotiates the charge of £15 for each side of the house. It has not been possible to establish whether any work is actually undertaken and this approach has been linked to a number of distraction burglaries. Avon and Somerset Police are aware.

The advice being offered is to treat all unexpected caller with suspicion. Always use door chains and do not agree to any work on the doorstep. If you feel intimidated or threatened at any time, contact the Police on 101 immediately.

If you believe you or a friend or family member, may have fallen victim to a rogue trader, please report this to Trading Standards through the Citizens Advice consumer service on 08454 04 05 06.

Walk Ten at Badminton

Saturday 31st August 2013

The home of the world famous horse trials will play host to Marie Curie Cancer Care Walk Ten event this summer. This summer evening event takes place on Saturday 31st August and is a sponsored 10K twilight walk, starting at 7pm, through the deer park and woodland of the estate, followed by an after dark picnic by the Worcester Lodge as live music and entertainment light up Badminton. At 10pm the event concludes with a spectacular fireworks display, to mark the time when Marie Curie nurses arrive at the homes of terminally ill patients, to provide free nursing care throughout the night. Under 16's (and dogs) walk for free and every walker gets a Walk Ten T-shirt to wear on the night!

Early registration is just £10 per person. To register call 0845 052 4184 or visit www.mariecurie.org.uk/badminton

For more information on Walk Ten Badminton or if you would prefer to have an application form sent through the post, call your local events team on 01884 703536.

Walkers who register before June 30th will be included in a prize draw to win one of two delicious picnics, courtesy of The Organic Hamper Company and Papadeli, to be collected on the night. (see website for terms and conditions).

Dates for your diary.....

March

- 24th Pucklechurch Countryside Access Group survey walk. 10.30am from Community Centre car park
- 26th Folk Dance Club from 7.45pm to 10.15pm in the Community Centre hall
- 29th Open Mic Night & Jam Session, 8.00pm, PVSSC, St. Aldam's Drive

April

- 3rd Gardeners' Club. Meet at 7.45 for 8.00pm in the Village Hall
- 6th Pucklechurch Countryside Access Group survey walk. 10.30am from Community Centre car park
- 9th Folk Dance Club. From 7.45pm to 10.15pm in the Community Centre hall
- 10th Quiz Night in aid of Great Western Air Ambulance. 8.00pm at the Star Inn
- 20th Twinning Skittles evening. 7.30pm in the Village Hall social club
- 21st Pucklechurch Countryside Access Group survey walk. 10.30am from Community Centre car park
- 23rd Folk Dance Club from 7.45pm to 10.15pm in the Community Centre hall
- 26th Open Mic Night & Jam Session, 8.00pm, PVSSC, St. Aldam's Drive

May

- 1st Gardeners' Club AGM. Meet at 7.45 for 8.00pm in the Village Hall
- 4th Pucklechurch Countryside Access Group survey walk. 10.30am from Community Centre car park
- 5th/6th Scarecrow Trail and Competition.
- 7th Happy Circle trip to Minehead/steam railway
- 8th Quiz Night in aid of Great Western Air Ambulance. 8.00pm at the Star Inn
- 10th Revel PVSSC Triathlon
- 11th Revel Family Disco
- 13th PCA AGM
- 19th Twinning picnic/BBQ
- 23rd PSA Summer Fete from 6pm
- 31st Open Mic Night & Jam Session, 8.00pm, PVSSC, St. Aldam's Drive

June

- 4th Happy Circle trip to Totnes & Dartmouth
- 7th/8th Revel Beer & Cider Festival
- 8th Revel children's event in Scout Hut 2pm
- 9th Revel Twinning Ramble
- 9th Revel Church Service
- 10th Revel Quiz at Fleur de Lis
- 13th Pram Race & Tug of War
- 14th Revel Senior Citizens entertainment
- 15th Revel Day & Music
- 19th Revel Bingo at the PVSSC
- 28th Open Mic Night & Jam Session, 8.00pm, PVSSC, St. Aldam's Drive

VOTO (Villagers on their own)

This group is for single people over the age of 50. If you would like to join us or would like more information contact Elaine on 0117 9373105 or email elainerudge@aol.com

The group continues to enjoy a range of social activities and in January we planned a range of activities for the coming year. These include meals out, a visit to a National Trust property, walks, a BBQ and tenpin bowling. We also hope to organise some day trips/short breaks away.

Before Christmas, ten of us enjoyed a 'Turkey and Tinsel' weekend in Torquay and in February one of our members organised a very enjoyable belated 'Burns Evening'.

PRODUCE SHOW

The Pucklechurch Women's Institute and Gardeners Club have been approached as whether they would support the Show this year if it was held. There does not appear to be any interest in the Show being held.

Therefore the committee has decided not to hold the Show in 2013; this will be reviewed at the beginning of 2014.

We would like to thank Mr Frank Bradley for being Show Treasurer for many years; we shall miss his help and support.

Elizabeth Webb
Show Secretary

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Access to Our Countryside

The Pucklechurch Countryside Access Group was formed last year from an action in the Community Plan to make the wonderful countryside around our village more accessible.

2012 activities centred around two main projects. The first was cycle tracks and the big effort of 2012 saw the completion of the Coxgrove Hill to M4 section of the Yate extension to the Bristol-Bath cycle track. Volunteers from Pucklechurch gave massive support to the completion of this section and this was reported in detail in an earlier issue of Pucklechurch News. Work on the next phase from the M4 to Westerleigh Road has been hampered by weather conditions. If it stays dry it is hoped work can start again at the end of February. If you want to help please email Matt Skidmore at the email address below.

The other area tackled was access to the footpath network around the village. Stage one is to walk the paths and survey them. Stage two is to publish the information and to improve signs and way markers. We are helped by existing information from Ros and Mike Abbott (Footpath Wardens), and Les Whittock who wrote a footpath guide many years ago. Unfortunately circumstances conspired against me and we only surveyed three routes in 2012. In order to get this rolling in 2013 I am proposing walks on the following dates:

Saturday 6th April
Sunday 21st April
Saturday 4th May

All walks will start in the Village Hall car park at 10.30am and will be approximately an hour long. If you are on my mailing list then you will already have this information. If not please email me, Martin Smith, at the address below.

It's not too late to get involved. If you are interested in helping this project please email countryside.access@pucklechurch.org (Matt for cycle paths and Martin for footpaths) to be included on our mailing list, or look on the community website www.pucklechurch.org for information on forthcoming events.

Martin Smith

Community Car Scheme for Pucklechurch

Are you happy with public transport for Pucklechurch? If not, now is your chance to do something about it.

Even before the current economic situation it would have been difficult for South Gloucestershire Council to justify increased spending on our bus service. However, today it will be nigh on impossible. The Community Plan identified that a Community Car Scheme would help address the needs of our community.

Community Car Schemes are a means for local volunteers to provide much needed transport for local communities. Hundreds of schemes are already in operation around the UK and the Parish Council have just secured a grant from South Gloucestershire Council to start one in Pucklechurch.

Volunteers Needed to Run the Scheme

These schemes are run by volunteers and they do not happen without support from the community. Initially we need a small group to decide what our community needs and how the scheme will operate. Every community is different and we can tailor how this works to our local needs. After that we need a small organising team to coordinate the operation and a number of volunteer drivers.

Come Along to the Kick-off meeting

Monday, 15th April at 8.00pm in the Community Centre meeting room on Abson Road.

Objectives of the meeting will be:

- Outline some ideas on how the scheme might work
- Recruit people willing to work on setting the scheme up
- Identify the key steps needed to get it off the ground

You can just turn up at the meeting but it would be helpful to let us know in advance. That way we can send you additional information and a reminder about the meeting. You may also want to be involved but can't make the 15th of April. To get on the mailing list please send an email to community.car@pucklechurch.org and we'll ensure you are kept informed.

*Martin Smith
For Pucklechurch Parish Council*



St. Thomas-à-Becket

SPECIAL SERVICES

Ascension Day May 9th at 7.30pm
Holy Communion

Pentecost Sunday 19th May
10.00am Family Communion

Revel service Sunday 9th June 6.30pm

CAFÉ CHURCH

Join us for a new style of Service at Church.

Enjoy great coffee with croissants and cakes whilst reading newspapers in a relaxed service at 10am. There will be music with a thought provoking video on a Christian Theme.

At 10.00am on:

Sunday 7th April 'Luggage' video on Forgiveness, Freedom, Resentment, Betrayal, Revenge.

Sunday 2nd June 'Rain' video on Suffering, Pain, Healing, Comfort

SCARECROW COMPETITION

Sunday 5th May - Church open from 11.30am

Monday 6th May - Church open from 10.00am

Theme this year "The Good, the bad and the ugly"

Freshly made sandwiches from 11.30am. Cream Teas from 2pm on both days.

Tea/Coffee and drinks available on both days. Also a variety of stalls, crafts and raffle tickets on sale.

Further information and details on how to enter your Scarecrow will be coming through your door. We look forward to seeing you all.



Lord Alan Sugar, winning scarecrow of 2012

Good Neighbour Scheme

The Pucklechurch and Shortwood Good Neighbour Scheme is going from strength to strength. Volunteers are continuing to help members of our community with tasks like putting bins out, dog walking, changing light bulbs and spending time with people for a cup of tea, providing company and support. The co-ordinators have also been receiving new calls. At a good neighbour scheme meeting held at the Rose and Crown on the 7th February, a number of new volunteers were welcomed.

We are considering expanding to Hinton, Abson, Dyrham and Doynton. However, this will not work until there are volunteers there. We are looking to seek some advice and financial help for this because we will need to deliver leaflets to every household in these areas to assess whether this is a viable option. We will be requesting this help and advice at the next meeting of the Safer Stronger Community Group and will keep you updated.

The scheme has used funding to print 500 leaflets. These will be placed in holders in key locations around the village for residents to pick up and read to promote the scheme. We have also put some leaflets in plastic pockets with a good neighbours pen and magnetic business cards. These can be given to people interested in the scheme to look through when they are considering using it. This pack provides information about what we do and full contact details. If you would like one, please call one of the co-ordinators on the contact details below.

If anyone is interested in becoming a volunteer, please do not hesitate to contact one of the co-ordinators for more information. If you or someone you know would benefit from using the scheme, please call us. We can put bins out, change smoke alarms, help fill out forms and carry out light gardening tasks. We can also spend time with people for company. The list is not exhaustive so please give us a call.

Larisa, Rodney and Ross
Pucklechurch and Shortwood Good Neighbour Scheme Co-ordinators
07961939574
Goodneighbours@pucklechurch.org

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- Route (i.e. 689, 620)
- Direction of Travel (i.e. Bristol, Yate, Bath)
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- The time the bus is scheduled at that stop (this will allow us to identify the specific bus)
- Then describe the problem.

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CRICKET

With the start of the new cricket season fast approaching, if you have not already started training now is the time to get involved.

Seniors and Youth nets are taking place in the brand new superb facilities at Yate International Academy. Seniors nets are held on Tuesday evenings and Youth on Saturday mornings from 11 am until 1pm. Youth training will move to Sunday mornings at the beginning of May on the Rec.

Youth matches start at the end of April and Seniors early May. The club is looking for Players at all ages.

We run sides at the ages of U11s, U13s U15, U17s and 3 Seniors Saturday Sides and a Sunday Development Side within the Malmesbury Village Cricket Club League.

In addition we also run an U9s age group, starting at the age of just 6 years old who play Kwik Cricket, using soft balls and plastic equipment- a safe, fun and friendly way for your child to play outdoor sports. Boys and girls welcome at all ages.

We are an extremely social club and will be holding a 70's & 80's Disco in the Community Centre on 6 April 2013. Tickets available at £5 per person (sorry no children).

For details contact Dean or Vicky Freestone on 0117 9373227 or visit our website at pucklechurchcc.co.uk.