

PUCKLECHURCH NEWS



Christmas 2010

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PA Pucklechurch Community Association

A wave of nostalgia has swept over the PCA, brought on by the celebration of the Community Centre's 30th birthday. The Family Disco on the Friday night was a knock-out. Over 40 families, with and without prams, joined together for a bring-and-share party. On Saturday, 16th October, the Community Centre was filled to capacity with stalls from the various organisations and visitors for the cake-cutting ceremony when we gave thanks to those who have made the Community Centre a success over the years.

The crowning achievement of the weekend was the installation of the magnificent mural painted by members of the Pucklechurch Youth Group, which now adorns the car park.

In other news, Mums and Minors have sadly had to give up due to lack of support, whilst we have been joined by a Tuesday evening yoga class, and the Sure Start Children's Centre, which meets on Thursday afternoons.

No great happenings on the maintenance front, though by the next report the remaining hedges around the car park should be trimmed and meters installed to find out who uses the water and gas for which the PCA foot the bill. Our six-month water bill came to £1200, and though expected, it was still a shock. This explains the move to install waterless toilets for the men!

Many thanks for the continued help, encouragement, and support, particularly to Revel for their donation of £500. It will be enormous help.

Alan Holder, Chair

Oaktree Avenue Development Hits a Barrage

There's been a bit of a hiccup on the Oaktree Avenue housing development. An application was made for listed building status for the WWII barrage balloon mooring in the middle of the proposed development site. An initial report on the feature has been completed by English Heritage, and the mooring site has become a listed feature. This has had an impact on the layout of the development and Sovereign Housing Group has had to redesign the plans. There will be an opportunity to see the new plans at the public consultation meeting in November. (See adjacent article.)



Shirley Hall cuts the cake at the PCA 30th birthday celebration

Parish Council Chairman's Notes

As the minutes of the September Parish Council meeting will not be ratified until after this edition of Pucklechurch News goes to press, I will deal with matters which were raised at the August meeting only.

Play Park and Activity Area

In the last edition of *Pucklechurch News*, I wrote that the funding for the new children's activity area had been ring-fenced and that work would begin in the near future. Since then, however, the new Government has announced that many projects would have their funding frozen. At present we have had no definitive answer from SGC about our project, but we are hopeful that, at the very least, a scaled-down design may be built.

Village of the Year

Although we always participate in the Village of the Year challenge, we have recently been unable to achieve the success we had a few years ago. There are unkempt and untidy areas in the village that no one seems to own, together with large amounts of litter on our open spaces, despite the best efforts of Anne Sharpe and others. Council will be looking to organise more village clean-ups in addition to the "Spring Clean" we have around Easter each year.

Omar Beg, Chairman

Oaktree Avenue Development Public Consultation

South Gloucestershire Council, Sovereign Housing Group, and Three Shires Medical Group are holding a consultation event regarding the development of housing, including affordable units where local people have priority, and a doctors' surgery at Oaktree Avenue, Pucklechurch.

Please drop in to view plans, ask questions and make comments. The event will be held at:

Pucklechurch Community Centre
4:00pm to 7:30pm
Tuesday, 16th November 2010



St. Thomas-à-Becket

Sun, 14th Nov 10.45am Service of Remembrance: Parade of uniformed organisations; two minutes' silence; laying of wreaths

Sun, 28th Nov 6.30pm Advent Carol Service

Sun, 19th Dec 6pm Handbells
6.30pm Carols by Candlelight

Christmas Eve

Fri, 24th Dec 3.30pm Handbells
4pm Christingle and Nativity Service
11.30pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day

Sat, 25th Dec 10am Family Communion

St. James the Great, Abson

Sun, 19th Dec 2.30pm Handbells
3pm Carols and refreshments

Sat, 25th Dec 8.30am Holy Communion

Autumn Fair

Sat, 13th Nov, 2pm, Pucklechurch Community Centre. Stalls, crafts, new goods, bric-a-brac, toys, books, cakes, preserves, tombola, raffle, and refreshments. Start your Christmas shopping here!



Pucklechurch W.I.

During our September meeting, W.I. members heard how to get to Staple Hill by tram from central Bristol. This journey was obviously not very comfortable but was interesting. On October 7th, members and friends visited Bletchley Park, home of the Enigma Code, where we learned about the dedicated group of people who had worked together during World War II decoding German messages and probably shortening the war by two years. October was also "Sausage Sizzle" month, when our local village butcher Eamon Mooney demonstrated the art of making sausages, with a hands-on experience for members. Our October speaker was Alan Mildren on marine life and conservation on Lundy Island.

Members were invited to Marshfield W.I. for a group meeting with entertainment by "Singing Pearlies". Our final outing this year will be in December with a visit to Norwich for the Thursford Christmas Spectacular.

The Pucklechurch W.I. AGM will be held on 17th November.

We will end 2010 at our December meeting with an American supper.

V.O.T.O. (Villagers On Their Own)

There are now a number of people who are interested in starting a group in the village for people over 50 who are single. I am planning to hold an American supper on Saturday, 20th November. If you are single, over 50 and would like to come along, please contact me on 937 3105 or email me at elainerudge@aol.com

Elaine Stone

Pucklechurch Carers' Coffee Club

If you're looking after someone, this may be of interest to you

The Carers' Coffee Club had its first meeting on the second Thursday in September, and we have two more meetings before Christmas: 11th November and 9th December. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month from 10.30am until 12 noon. We meet in the Dennisworth Communal Room, Dennisworth BS16 9QT (off the Shortwood Road into the village).

The Carers' Coffee Club is for carers (people looking after someone) who live in Pucklechurch and surrounding villages. The aim of the Carers' Coffee Club is not just social; it offers people caring for someone a chance to find out about help and support that might be available as well as meeting people in similar situations.

If you would you like to come along to any of the next meetings, you would be very welcome. If you would like more information, please contact Penny Snow on 01454 851201, Mike Hatch on 0780 747 9926, or our Carersline on 0117 965 2200.

If transport is the only thing that will stop you from attending, please let us know; it's possible that we may be able to help.

Mike Hatch

Good Neighbour Scheme

The Pucklechurch and Shortwood Good Neighbour Scheme continues to build on the progress made so far. In recent weeks, our volunteers have helped a number of residents by spending time with them or by helping to report anti-social behaviour. There have also been requests from residents wishing to join our team of volunteers. If you are a resident in need of support or you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Larisa, Sarah or Ross on 07961 939 574 or email goodneighbours@pucklechurch.org.

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REVEL AGM

The Pucklechurch Revel AGM was held on 22nd September. Revel Chair Elaine Stone, who led the meeting, said that Revel would not happen if it was not for the committee, the volunteers, and all the organisations coming together. She thanked everyone for all their hard work and commitment. She also thanked the Parish Council and SEGRO, who are Revel's main sponsors, and all local businesses for their continued support. She went on to say that Revel is special because it's not just about raising money but about bringing the community together, especially on Revel Day.

Treasurer John Sexton reported that £5,000 was available to distribute among the groups in the village. See the list below for how this year's Revel money was distributed.

The Bob Stone Memorial Award, which is awarded annually to the person or organisation who has made a significant contribution to Revel, was presented to Derek Watts. This was the village saying thank you for all Derek's hard work over the years on the Revel Committee and the Beer Festival Committee.

The elected officers for the Revel Committee 2011 are:

- Chair – Elaine Stone and Mandi Smith, as joint chairs
- Treasurer – to be announced
- Secretary – Angela Hallett
- Minutes Secretary – Chris Murphy

If anyone would like to join the new committee or be a volunteer for Revel events, please contact Elaine on 937 3105 or email on elainerudge@aol.com. We feel we need to do more for the young people in our village, and it would be nice to have some youngsters on the committee to make this happen.

Elaine Stone, Chair

Organisation	Amount
Community Association	£520
Senior Cricket Club	£150
Youth Cricket Club	£150
Sports Football Club	£100
Badminton Club	£40
1st Rainbows	£100
3rd Rainbows	£100
1st Brownies	£100
1st Guides	£125
Rangers (Guides)	£100
Pucklechurch Majorettes	£400
Pucklechurch Beaver Scouts	£100
1st Pucklechurch Cub Scouts	£100
1st Pucklechurch Scouts	£350
Tohill Explorers (Scouts)	£125
Pucklechurch Playgroup	£250
Tower Playgroup	£250
Pucklechurch Youth Club	£750
Pucklechurch Primary School	£100
St Thomas à Becket Church	£200
Handbell Ringers	£300
Happy Circle	£125
Pucklechurch Players	£200
Twinning Association	£125
Pucklechurch W.I.	£100
Total	£4,960



Pucklechurch Players Present Prime Panto

It's panto time again! Oh, yes it is!
Little Red Riding Hood by Paul

Reakes is the well-known tale but with a few differences. Rosie Rumble (a.k.a. Red Riding Hood, played by Alex Goodridge) is rescued from the foul clutches of the awful Count de Cash (Martin Hall) and his henchmen Cringe and Cower (Gayle Jones and Jan Beg) by a mysterious and handsome visitor (Jane Wren).

How will the Count react?

Will Roxie Rumble (Clare Watts) and Reggie Rumble (Richard Hanks) be able to thwart his plans?

Will Gertrude (Susie Hawkins) be successful in her long-term search for a man in the form of Sternum (Andrea Ryland)?

Will Grannie (Dee Walker) be able to get back to her cottage in the woods?

There's only one way to find out!

If you would like to make a block booking for this panto – to be held in the village hall on December 2nd, 3rd, and 4th at 7.30pm or the 2.30pm Saturday matinee – please contact Elaine Stone on 937 3105. Ticket prices are £7 for adults and £6 for concessions, and there is a group discount. Don't forget: We sold out of tickets for the last panto!

We look forward to seeing you.

Clare Watts, Pucklechurch Players

Pucklechurch Majorettes

Following a summer break, Pucklechurch Majorettes are still as busy as ever and training weekly at the Community Centre. The new term saw them training hard for a competition at Patchway on 23rd September. As always there was extra practice the day before the competition and, if the rest of the girls are anything like my daughter, lots of twirling at home too (and not always in the garden, so lots of near misses inside the house!).

Once again the early morning start (leaving Pucklechurch with a 7 on the clock is hard work on a Sunday morning) was well worth it. Trainer Kelly Powell said, "The girls performed the best I have ever seen them. They displayed real showmanship. Well done, girls!" The troupe placed third in Juvenile Military and also placed first in Juvenile Military for the Best Dressed category. They came fourth in Juvenile Pom-Pom, second in Pee Wee Twirl and second in Pee Wee Pom-Pom. Some of our girls also placed in Individual Basic Strut:

- ◆ Grace Rogers, 4th
- ◆ Maddie Brown, 6th
- ◆ Leah-Brooke Knight, 7th
- ◆ Emilie Bayliss, 8th

So once again our Majorettes did us proud!

The girls are now training for another competition in November. December will also be a busy time, as they will be holding their family disco and presentation evening and taking part in "Christmas on the Hill" in Staple Hill.

Pucklechurch Majorettes would like to say a big thank you to Revel for the kind donation towards our new competition batons and also to YOI Ashfield for their donation towards our presentation evening.

Beth Rawlins



Heartstart Pucklechurch

Facts:

- Currently 95% of sudden cardiac arrest victims die before reaching the hospital due to the length of time it takes for paramedics to arrive on the scene.
- The only effective way to treat sudden cardiac arrest is with an electrical shock delivered by a defibrillator.
- For every minute that a person in sudden cardiac arrest waits to be defibrillated, their chance of survival decreases by 10%.
- After 10 minutes, the chance of survival is below 10%.
- A defibrillator can get a person's heart started again after a cardiac arrest, and medics say it can increase a person's chances of survival by up to 74%.

Solution:

- Acquire a defibrillator for the village so it can be deployed as quickly as possible.

Some villages (such as Ambaston in Derbyshire and Napton in Warwickshire) have installed local defibrillators. They are also in use in some public places, such as shopping malls. I am very keen to see a defibrillator in Pucklechurch and have already enlisted support from the local GP surgery and the Parish Council.

Next Step:

I would like a small group of people who are interested to join me to spearhead this project. My aim is to hold a meeting sometime after Christmas to discuss and plan the way forward. If you are interested in this project, please contact Angela Hallett on 937 4252 or email angela.hallett@ukonline.co.uk.



You may have received a variety of charity collection bags through your letterbox in the past year. They come from numerous different charities and request all sorts of donations, promising to collect the full bag from your doorstep on a particular day of the week.

For the past 20+ years there has been an NSPCC fund-raising committee meeting in Pucklechurch, and thanks to the generosity of many villagers, we have raised well over £100,000 in this time. When bags carrying the NSPCC logo started to appear on the doormat, we asked questions about how much benefit NSPCC gains from the proceeds. It seems that the collection is not run by the charity but by an agent, and the NSPCC gets a percentage of the money received from recycling the contents of the bags. Staff at NSPCC have reassured us that the collections are legitimate and the contractor has pledged to raise £2.3 million through these collections nationwide over three years. We are sorry to hear that some people have put bags out only to find that they are not collected, but as a local committee, we are unable to influence the contractor.

Be aware that the donations collected in this way are not sold in a shop (NSPCC has no shops) but shredded for recycling into paper and so forth. So it is not advisable to put good quality clothes into the bag – they won't be going to a good home!

Andrea Ryland



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

On Saturday, 4th September, the White Tripes, a local five-piece band with an original and unique sound, played to a packed house of 120 people at the Pucklechurch Village Sports and Social Club (Top Club). Everyone present enjoyed this excellent night. I am mentioning this because the last edition of *Pucklechurch News* failed to acknowledge the appearance of the White Tripes at this year's Revel Beer Festival. All the other acts were mentioned, bar our very own local band. They proved so popular that the lead singer of the main act approached me and asked how they were going to follow *that*. We need to get behind our local bands and in the White Tripes we have an extremely talented one. Well done to Rich, Les, Jim, Tom and Mike. Keep it up lads!

Barrie Smith

Dear Editor,

Many of you will have heard of the death of Nancy Cleevly at the end of September. Nancy was a member of the Parish Council for some years, a governor at Pucklechurch School, a founding member of the Twinning Association, and a member of the Village Hall Management Committee that led the building of the Community Centre. She was also actively involved with the Badminton and Hockey Clubs.

Nancy was a woman of the highest integrity and was a source of sound and honest advice. She had great sense of fun and enjoyed nothing better than a robust debate about any topic you could think of. At a time when politicians seek to have a legacy at all costs, Nancy did not have to. Her legacy is all around us, and although we can no longer enjoy her company, we can thank her for what she has left to us by her work in the past.

Omar Beg

Dear Editor,

You may have noticed that the memorial bench by the Millennium Stone has been removed. This is due to vandalism. This bench was purchased with donations from friends in Pringy plus family contributions. We are extremely upset about this damage, as we were pleased to see that people were using it. Perhaps the people responsible for this wanton destruction will feel some remorse. The original cost was £600 and they may like to contribute something towards replacing it.

Valerie Broom and Elaine Stone

Pucklechurch Twinning Association

By the time this copy of *Pucklechurch News* is delivered, we will have just returned from our annual five-day visit to Pringy. We travel by coach during the October half-term holiday, sleeping in cabins on the overnight ferry crossing to France and arriving in Pringy mid-morning.

On our arrival we meet up with old friends and get taken to our hosts' homes. Some of us renewed acquaintances with the families we hosted in April and others got to know new people. By the time we leave on Wednesday morning, we all have more friends that we are sorry to leave but look forward to seeing next spring.

Even though Twinning exists to promote visits between Pucklechurch and Pringy, we also have fun at a range of social events throughout the year. For more information, please contact Lesley Broom on 937 2025 or Ann Smith on 937 2030.

Val Broom, Secretary

Pucklechurch Press

Wow! Thank you to all the people who donated apples to the cider project. A small band of volunteers, including Tony Humphrey, Pete Dix, John Sexton, and Lyn Smith helped collect apples from gardens, and we had many donations at the collection point at the Community Centre. Thanks also to Chris Simpson, who allowed us to store the fruit in one of his barns.

In the end, we had somewhere in the order of a tonne and a half to press on the 16th October at Codrington Cider. It was hard work moving and preparing all those apples. After sorting them, we pulped them to produce the "pomace". Next the "cheeses" were made by wrapping the pomace in cloth. The cheeses are then put into the press in layers. All together we produced 160 gallons of juice!

Under the expert eye of Nik Milo (head brewer at Cotswold Spring Brewery), we hope to produce three ciders: dry, medium and a limited-release elderflower. We're hoping it's ready in time for the Pucklechurch Revel Cider Festival to be held in February 2011 at the Community Centre.

Already people are talking about next year and what we can do to make this a real community event. Ideas range from making our own Pucklechurch cider press to organising an "Apple Day" community event around the pressing with apple-related games and food, such as apple bobbing and toffee apples. However, to do all this we will need volunteers. Watch this space!

Martin Smith



Martin Smith and John Sexton sort apples

Photographers Wanted

Have you seen the photographs that Pat Scanlon took in 1981 to document a year in the village life of Pucklechurch? (See them on the website at www.pucklechurch.org/html/scanlon_photos.html) It's a charming and valuable record of our local history. Why not do it again? Thirty years on from Mr Scanlon's project, a "snapshot in time" of our village and our lives in 2011 would be wonderful for our children and grandchildren to see in another 30 years.

Are there some keen photographers out there who would like to organise or participate in such a project? It would be so much easier with today's digital technology. Perhaps the project could include pictures of some of the same places and events that Pat Scanlon captured all those years ago.

If you would be interested in this project, contact Elaine Stone on 937 3105 or email on elainerudge@aol.com.

Revel Photography Exhibition

The Revel Photography Exhibition was held on 10th October in the Community Centre. The entries for the Bob Stone Memorial Photography Competition were displayed and the winners announced. There were also photographs displayed by local photographers and pictures of Brownies and Rainbows taken during this, their centenary year. There were pictures of Revel 2010 and past Revels. Visitors to the exhibition enjoyed a cup of tea or coffee and were able to vote for "the best of the rest". This year's winners are:

Adult Open Category:

- 1st Martin Doyle, "Butterflies"
- 2nd Joyce Harris, "Dancing in the Street"
- 3rd Jon Doyle, "Stourhead"
- Highly Commended, Jeff Blanchard, "The Last Stop"
- Highly Commended, Bethan Harvey, "Beach Huts"
- Highly Commended, Sian Rogers, "Last Bus"
- Highly Commended, Martin Smith, "Abson over Mustard Fields"
- Commended, Nicki Jones, "Under the Sea"
- Commended, John Stoker, "Caribbean Airways Formation Team"
- Commended, Suzanne Wembridge, "Fiesta time"
- Best of the Rest, Yvonne Hathway, "Gateway to Wales"

Adult Village Life

- 1st Dave Harris, "Street Party"
- 2nd Lyn Smith, "We Are the Champions"
- 3rd Bethan Harvey, "Winter Walk in Parkfield Road"
- Highly Commended, Jacki Berry, "Nice Trip?"
- Highly Commended, Chris Hall, "I Said Jump!"
- Highly Commended, Martin Smith, "Glug, glug"
- Highly Commended, Anna Sharpe, "School History Day"
- Highly Commended, Greg Bate, "Winter Chaos"
- Commended, Lyn Ford, "Blowing Bubbles"
- Commended, Mike Wallace, "Village Visitors on a Snowy Evening"
- Commended, Sonia Limbrick, "Lazy Sunday Afternoon on Marsh Farm"
- Best of the Rest, Suzanne Wembridge, "Snowy Back Lane"

Children 11 and under

- 1st Jorja Powell, "Looking for Honey"
- 2nd Jorja Powell, "Perfect Touchdown"
- 3rd Jorja Powell, "Coming in for a Landing"

Children 12 to 17

- 1st Samuel Potter, "Busy Bee"
- 2nd Kirsty Hatherall, "A Lovely Flower"
- 3rd Luke Scrivin, "Just Born"
- Highly Commended, Calypso Potter, "Summertime in Paris"
- Commended, Sarah Wallis, "Arthur's Seat"



Christmas Sparkle & Carols Singalong

Sunday November 28th - 4pm at the Millenium Stone.

Come and enjoy mince pies, mulled wine and a visit from Father Christmas

Scouting



We returned from the summer holidays keen to meet new friends who have joined us as Beavers and spent our first month working on our AGM presentation.

We also went to Dyrham Park to enjoy being outdoors and letting off steam! It was a chance to see the deer, cattle, and plenty of poo! If your child (and we are open to boys and girls) is between the ages of 6 and 8 and would like to join us, please call Sarah Fox-Robinson on 957 1266.



We weren't back to Cubs very long before we were packing our bags to go on our joint camp with Scouts. We went

to Taunton on the Friday and set up our camp in the Wellington field. Saturday morning we had our mini brunch (bacon, sausage and beans), followed by various activities including curling, tunnelling and a blindfold trail. That night we had our campfire and a singsong in the rain led by Akela, with marshmallows to keep us going. Following a night of heavy rain, we abandoned camp on Sunday morning and can't wait to go again! If your son or daughter is between 8 and 10½ and interested in joining Cubs, call Steve on 0787 213 7609



We started back to Scouts in September, and it wasn't long before we were wielding knives,

axes, and saws! This is part of Scout training in readiness for the bush camps to come. We also prepared to send a team into the Sodbury challenge, a night hike against the clock. It has always been a good way to find out how good your night vision is and also find out who your friends are! One weekend we went on a joint camp with Cubs. There were 16 of us in total and, although it poured down with rain, we had a fun time. This is Scouting at its best! To join Scouts, call Tony on 957 4119.

And finally, the Scout hut is available to hire for private small parties, with all income supporting our cause. To find out more about hiring the hut, call Gail on 937 2838.

Do You Need Broader Broadband?

Internet access a bit slow? Fibre optic broadband could give you the speed you need for streaming music and videos, gaming, uploading and downloading.

BT has launched a campaign – The Race to Infinity – to decide which smaller exchanges in the UK it should upgrade to "superfast" fibre optic broadband (AKA Infinity) first. Our local exchange (Abson) is eligible and all you have to do to help us get there is cast your vote online. Visit the BT website at www.racetoinfinity.bt.com to cast your vote. Each household gets only one vote.

The five areas with the largest percentage of votes by 31st December 2010 will win the chance to bring superfast broadband to their area sooner rather than later. BT will also donate £5,000 of computer equipment to a local community project in the winning areas. Pass it on!

The Pucklechurch News team would like to thank all our deliverers for their hard work during the year and wish them and all our readers a very happy Christmas and New Year.

Great Guide Getaway to Bath



100
Girlguiding UK
girls in the lead

One Saturday in October, ten excited Guides and their leader rose early to join 800 others descending on Bath for what leader Ellie Myers described as "a day packed full of fun and adventure". Our group began with a competitive game of mini golf, followed by a viewing of the "Lions of Bath", assembled en masse on the green in front of the Royal Crescent. What an amazing sight! The Guides viewed the lions close up and admired the many ways they had been decorated.

No time to dawdle, however, as there was shopping to be done (mostly sweets, I gather). A quiz around Bath followed, interrupted by a bit more shopping! Next, it was down to the river near Pulteney Bridge for a boat trip that was most enjoyable and very well organised. It had to be to get 800 Guides onto boats in relays throughout the day. Finally, back to the abbey area, where everyone gathered to hear if they had been the lucky ones to win the quiz. Pucklechurch, probably distracted by the shopping interludes, weren't the winners this time, but all agreed it had been a fantastic day and a great way to celebrate Guiding's centenary.

Girlguiding UK celebrated the end of our centenary year at 20:10pm on 20th October 2010, when all members nationwide renew their Guiding Promise. Pucklechurch units joined together with Wick and Marshfield at Marshfield Community Centre for crafts and campfire songs before renewing our promises. A fitting end to a very busy year.

All units are running well, but due to a fall in numbers, 2nd Pucklechurch Brownies, which met on Friday evenings, is currently suspended.

Ros Abbott

Pucklechurch Youth Club

Hi from Reehana, Kim, Jason and Tim,

It's been great seeing all of you regular members at the new Pucklechurch Youth Club held in the Community Centre every Thursday evening 5:30 to 7:00pm. We have been running now for over four months and have been doing some great stuff.

We recently received a massive donation from Revel – Thank you! – so please come along and help us decide what to spend it on. It would be nice to see a few more friendly faces and really make great use of the Youth Club. Thanks to everyone who has helped get the club up and running and for those who support it. Look forward to seeing you all soon. Bye for now...

Tower Playgroup

Tower Playgroup is a small, intimate playgroup and sessions are held in the St Thomas à Becket church room, making use of the Rec and the village for outdoor activities.

This term there have been some staff changes at Tower Playgroup. Following Norma's retirement and Rachel's return to study, we are pleased to welcome Joanna and Claire. Philippa is standing in as team leader until Katherine returns from maternity leave.

There are currently a number of openings at Tower Playgroup. If you are interested, please contact Philippa on 07722 029 077. Sessions are run Monday to Friday, 9am to 12pm.