

# Pucklechurch Parish Council Chairman's Report

## AUTUMN 2015

### Defibrillators:

By the time you read this the Parish Council will have put in place all the arrangements for the final defibrillator to be installed at Parkfield Rank Play Area. We are now one of the safest parishes should the need arise for our residents to require urgent access to this type of vital emergency lifesaving equipment. The machines are located at:

Shortwood telephone box

Pucklechurch Community Centre

Pucklechurch Village Sports and Social Club

The Bakery (Pucklechurch)

Parkfield Rank play area

Eagle Crescent play area

A commemorative plaque recognising the contributions individuals and organisations made to the fundraising efforts required for their provision has been unveiled in the foyer of the Community Centre.

### Proposed Solar Park at Leigh Farm

A public meeting took place on 22 July regarding proposals made by South Gloucestershire Council (SGC) for a Solar Park installation at Leigh Farm: this was arranged by the Parish Council to enable residents to hear a presentation by SGC officers, to ask questions and to make their views known. Coincidentally the Government made an announcement the same day regarding the removal/reduction of subsidies for new solar and wind energy installations. SGC's officers explained that as a consequence of this, the proposal would be rendered financially unviable and would therefore be put on hold pending the outcome of the Government's consultation on these matters. Some residents expressed an interest in forming a Community Interest Company with a view to pursuing green energy projects beneficial to the parish.

### Parish Council Saturday Drop-Ins

The Council has taken the decision to stop holding their regular Saturday morning sessions, which have been running on the first Saturday morning of the month for over four years. The sessions have not proven to be as well-attended as originally anticipated, but Councillors would still like to make themselves available to meet with residents informally to discuss issues that may arise. Residents can request such a meeting by contacting the Clerk or any other Councillor to arrange a suitable time and date.

### Parish Council Grant Scheme

In recent years the Council has set aside some funds to be able to respond to requests by community groups for a grant. Groups must complete an application form (available from the Clerk or downloadable from the Parish Council website). If they are successful, the group must supply documented evidence of spend against the grant awarded for internal audit purposes. Please be aware, however, that the funds which are available this year are considerably reduced and so successful applicants may not be awarded the full amount for which they have applied. The closing date for applications will be 30 November 2015 and as it is unlikely there will be funds available for a second round of applications, groups are encouraged to apply sooner rather than later.

### Cycleway/ Multi-user Path

You will no doubt have seen the path has now been continued to the furthest point where it is practical to use the roadside verge. The next stage requires access to what is currently private land and so negotiations will need to take place with the appropriate landowners to resolve this. Grant applications will be made to Kings Forest Forum to raise the remaining funds that are required but we will also be looking for local volunteer support in achieving its final construction in order to keep costs down.

### Your Council Needs You!

The Parish Council has two vacancies for Councillors which it hopes to fill through the co-option process: this situation has arisen due to too few parishioners standing for election in May. The role is both incredibly varied and rewarding as well as a perfect opportunity to make a real difference to the local community and the place in which we live. No experience is necessary and training can be provided. If you might be interested why not attend one of our future meetings to get a better understanding of what is involved, or contact any Councillor or the Clerk for more information. If you prefer, you can read about the role of a Parish Councillor here:

<http://www.nalc.gov.uk/library/publications/801-good-councillors-guide/file>

Minutes of our meetings can be found here:  
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# PUCKLECHURCH NEWS



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## Community Energy in Boyd Valley

Are you interested in getting involved in a group to take action to reduce, purchase, manage and generate energy locally? There are over 5000 community energy groups operating in the UK delivering financial and other benefits to their communities. Why let large companies take these profits? Why not ensure that the money stays in our community?

Examples of projects around the UK include:

- Community-owned renewable electricity
- Members of the community jointly switching to renewable heat sources
- Supporting energy saving measures such as the installation of cavity wall or solid wall insulation
- Working in partnership with the local Distribution Network Operator (DNO) to pilot smart technologies.
- Collective purchasing of heating oil for off gas-grid communities
- Collective switching of electricity or gas suppliers.

Find out more by coming to the meeting or send an email to [community.energy@pucklechurch.org](mailto:community.energy@pucklechurch.org) to be kept informed of progress.

## Meeting

on Wednesday, 14th October  
at 8.00pm

Community Centre (Village Hall)  
Meeting Room  
Abson Road, Pucklechurch, BS16 9RH

\* Boyd Valley covers the parishes of: Cold Ashton, Doynton, Dyrham & Hinton, Marshfield, Pucklechurch, Wick

# REVEL

## Pucklechurch Revel 2015

Warm weather and sunshine greeted most of Revel this year, and we even had some sun on Revel Saturday!

It's fair to say those who took part in Revel week, be it the quiz, the ramble or the Pram race enjoyed themselves and had a fantastic day on Revel Saturday. There were some groans on the day and these comments have been taken on board. A full list of answers to comments will appear in the next issue of the Pucklechurch News.

The day had many successes. The Dog Show was hugely successful, despite a rocky start, and was a great addition to the day. The new layout of the arena on the Rec also worked well. We understand that the lack of parade remains an issue and this will be looked at for next year. However, if and when it goes ahead WE WILL NEED YOUR SUPPORT.

The Beer Festival also ran over two fantastic nights with the cider flowing along with the excellent music on both nights.

The fortnight was a huge success for the committee and volunteers who offer to run events such as the ramble, the sparkle, and pram race, to drawing out pitch spaces on the field, helping to sell tickets, cider and beer at the Beer Festival and running the races for us. Without the support the committee receives from villagers each year, the event wouldn't be what it is. So on behalf of Revel, THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT.

The Revel AGM will be held 17 September at 7:30pm in the Social Club. At this meeting, the Revel committee for 2016 will be elected as well as cheques presented to this year's local organisations. If you are interested in volunteering for this fun and rewarding opportunity to help your community, please come along on 17 September and sign up to make 2016 the best Revel yet.

# Letter to the Editor...



## PUCKLECHURCH - DIVIDED VILLAGE

Yes, divided by the B4465 leaving the less fleet of foot at a disadvantage.

A significant number of elderly parishioners live on the west side of the village including Denisworth, Homefield Road and The Poplars, but facilities such as shops, Post Office, bus stops and doctors surgery can only be reached by crossing the great divide.

There are for example some who are sufficiently mobile to visit the Homefield Community Centre but feel unable to venture to shops etc. For those willing to attempt visiting the shop or Post Office, first they may have to negotiate cars parked wholly or partially on the pavement, then decide where and when to cross the road and hopefully safely make the return journey.

The provision of a crossing was rumoured several years ago but never materialised. The only considerations given are warning signs that there are elderly residents in the vicinity. The regularly flashing 30mph sign on Shortwood Road shows how little they are respected by many.

Much lip service is given to care in the community but it seems that there is little recognition that the loss of independence and subsequent slide into care can begin simply because of not being able to cross the road.

Many thousands of pounds were spent in Pucklechurch to provide dropped kerbs which in practice are more often used by motorists to more easily mount the pavements. The cost of providing a safe crossing would benefit not just the elderly and cost considerably less than the aforesaid project.

Does care in the community actually mean keep them at home and 'out of sight, out of mind'?

T.G. Sharley,

## Gardeners' Club

The summer season kicked-off with a coach trip to the Malvern Show on Friday 8th May, which was well attended by almost 50 people who enjoyed a great day out.

Our annual Summer Supper was an extra special one this year, celebrating forty years of Gardeners' Club. It was held on Friday 24th July in the home and garden of Alan and Jackie Yates, who worked tirelessly on their garden so that it looked picture perfect for the evening.



Over fifty members and guests had a lovely evening with champagne and cake to celebrate the special occasion, as well as the usual buffet.

However it was definitely an evening for rain macs, galoshes and umbrellas as the weather was less than kind to us. True to form, there were mixed feelings as, whilst the rain wasn't ideal for the gardeners, it was certainly well overdue for the gardens. Every cloud has a silver lining as they say!

As a one-off we were also selling celebration mugs that carried the first ever motif used by the Gardeners' Club back in 1975 - how amazing that it could still be located forty years later. I'll bet that the illustrator had never envisaged that their design would be so enduring!

Our new winter program begins in October:

7th Oct	The Naked Garden presented by Sally Gregson Competition – photo of a single flower
4th Nov	Gardeners' Question Time with George and Tony Competition – miniature garden on a dinner plate
2nd Dec	Xmas Quiz and Supper Competition – 3 mince pies

Visitors are always welcome and are asked to contribute 50p per visit for a maximum of 2 visits, after which they are encouraged to join. The current annual subscription is £10 per person, and the meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month between October and May except for January in the Pucklechurch Village Hall at 7:45pm for 8pm.

If you would like any further information about the club and its activities, please contact George Alway 01179 37 3141, Ann Smith 01179 372030 or Lynn Bate 01179 374297.

## NSPCC Future Events

**Saturday 3rd October**  
**Coffee Morning**

at the PVSSC club St Aldams Drive 10:30am – 12:30pm.  
Bring & buy, cakes, books, toys, raffle, jewellery, nearly new clothes.

**Thursday 12th November**  
**Skittles**

at the PSSC (Village Hall Social Club) 7.30pm  
Everyone welcome. You do not have to be part of a team.

Please contact Elaine Stone tel. 01179373105 or email [elainerudge@aol.com](mailto:elainerudge@aol.com) for further information on the above events.

## The Senior Section

### Dyrham Senior Section (known as DABS)

Judith Harrison leads this group, which is for girls aged 14 years upwards. They also like the outdoors and frequently meet in Dyrham Park. This year they have been on the scaffold walk around the rooftops of Dyrham House, and signed a slate. They led a Brownie meeting based on the 'Traditions of Guiding' helping the girls to earn a badge. The term ended with 'art and a picnic' at Dyrham.

DABS meet fortnightly on Tuesdays in the Scout Hut, or Dyrham if applicable.

They would love more girls to join and share in their challenging activities. If you're 14+ contact Judith at [judith.louise@hotmail.com](mailto:judith.louise@hotmail.com)

As Local Support Guider for all these Units I would like to thank everyone, girls, leaders and supporters for all the time and energy they put into making Guiding such a success in our village. Keep this going by joining us!

Contact me if you have any questions or queries - Ros Abbott, 9372157 or [rosabbott@hotmail.com](mailto:rosabbott@hotmail.com)

## cubs & SCOUTS

### 1st Pucklechurch Cubs 1st Pucklechurch Scouts

Nearly 50 Cubs, Scouts, Young Leaders, Leaders and one Beaver enjoyed our summer camp at Blackwell Scout Camp near Bromsgrove at the end of July. This is the largest camp Pucklechurch Scout Group have arranged for quite a number of years and we had to use every tent we could get our hands on, including the kind loan of one of the Guide tents to house everyone!

Personal challenges were met and conquered as the Cubs and Scouts enjoyed a variety of activities from archery to zip wire, with grass sledging and kayaking in between. For the younger Cubs in particular, just looking after their own belongings was a new challenge which they more or less managed as we only have a few items of lost property. For the Scouts, the Fan Descender proved a challenge as they had to first climb and then jump off the equivalent of a telegraph pole with a fan slowing their fall (all with safety harnesses of course!)

The weather was mixed but we were lucky that the day it rained all day coincided with the day we had already planned to take a coach trip to Cadbury World in nearby Bourneville. We were so busy eating chocolate that we barely noticed the rain when we got back to camp.

We enjoyed a traditional camp fire on our final evening with singing, s'mores, and skits performed by the Cubs and Scouts.

We invested one Scout and three Cubs at the end of camp and presented numerous badges, including one Chief Scout's Silver Award.

Thank you to all of the adults and young leaders who made it possible; the trailer loaders, unloaders and drivers; the chefs, the sandwich makers, the pyromaniacs, the wood cutters, the tuck shop operators, the first aiders and cleaners; the performers, the peacemakers, the games co-ordinators, the activity supervisors. You know who you are and thank you.

For more information please contact Rachel Smith – 07736 320003

## Explorer Scouting is calling you!

Are you a boy or girl aged 14 to 18 and looking for fun, new friends and adventure?

The 1st Pucklechurch Scout Group is delighted to announce the re-introduction of the

Explorer Scout Unit for young adults.

As an Explorer Scout you get to take part in all the usual scouting activities as well as work on projects helping to support your local community. Through the Explorer Scout Unit, you could embark on the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme or become more involved with working with the younger sections as a Young Leader.

Why not join us for our Taster Night on Thursday 15th October from 8pm at the Scout Hut.

For more information please text Sean on 07771 636667 or Julie on 07713 280051.

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#### Copy Deadlines:

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**1st Pucklechurch Rainbows** enjoyed being Dalmatians at Revel. Ruth says walking through very, very tall grass to St Aldam's farm was quite a challenge for the girls. She made jam from the fruit they picked and the following week the girls made their own jam sandwiches for their teddy bears picnic on the Rec.

Outdoor activities are very much encouraged by Ruth and she has helped the Rainbows discover different trees, play parachute games, and learn about shells and fossils. They also considered how to keep safe on a beach when on holiday

Ruth has found that, although quite young, the girls are capable of thinking about their Rainbow Promise and what it means to consider 'beliefs' and how they can put their Promise into action. Rainbows helps girls grow in confidence and they enjoy making suggestions for variations on games.

A big THANK YOU to Theresa Lear who is stepping down from her role as Treasurer and online record keeper, and welcome to Simon Harris who is taking over. Support like this is so important to our Leaders.

Joanna Wallis, Leader of **3rd Pucklechurch Rainbows** says "We spent as much as possible of the summer term outside, playing games and other activities – although the weather defeated us on one occasion. We had a brilliant time at the Dyrham Hub get-together at Briarlands with Rainbows, Brownies and Guides from Pucklechurch, Wick and Marshfield. We did lots of activities during the afternoon, then had a camp fire where we sang songs and toasted marshmallows".

The Rainbows love to go for a walk and we are lucky in Pucklechurch to have many good walks to choose from. We went along the railway path from Coxgrove Hill in spring, and later in the term we started a circular walk behind Castle Road crossing several fields. We finished the term with a teddy bear's picnic – sadly, indoors at the Scout Hut due to poor weather".

There were sad faces when the girls said goodbye to Amber Cook, a very competent, popular Duke of Edinburgh volunteer, but the girls have given a friendly welcome to Emma who has replaced her.

1st Pucklechurch Rainbows meet on Tuesdays from 3.25pm – 4.25pm – Contact Ruth Storey 9373405, or email [simonmartinharris@hotmail.com](mailto:simonmartinharris@hotmail.com)

3rd Pucklechurch Rainbows meet on Wednesdays from 4.00pm – 5.00pm – Contact Joanna Wallis – email [joanna@wallisfamily.plus.com](mailto:joanna@wallisfamily.plus.com)

Both Units meet in the Scout Hut

If you have a daughter aged 5-7 years who would like to be a Rainbow from September, please contact us.



### 1st Pucklechurch Brownies

There have been some leadership changes in the Unit and September will see Philippa Devey (née Ford) take over as Leader, with Lyn Ford and Michelle Shaw continuing as very able Assistant Leaders. Syreeta Chant continues as an active Unit Helper. Unfortunately we said goodbye to Eleanor Gardner who has been a splendid Duke of Edinburgh Volunteer, and Claire Bishop has stepped down as Leader. Thanks to both of you for all the help you have given.

Phil says; "Last term we all earned our Friend to Animals Badge, which included building bug homes, learning about endangered animals, plus trips to our local Marsh Farm and to Old Down Country Manor.

We also had a visit from the Rangers and with them gained our Brownie Traditions Badge. We participated in the Revel, making our own duck costumes and parading around, as well as hosting our own stall.

As you can see, Brownies also spend a lot of time outdoors, and there will be lots more fun things planned for next term too!"

Brownies meet in the Scout Hut, Tuesdays from 5.00pm – 6.30pm.

If you are aged 7-10 years and would like to join, please email Phil at [philypoosis@hotmail.com](mailto:philypoosis@hotmail.com)



### 1st Pucklechurch Guides

George Wynter is Leader of 1st Pucklechurch Guides and reports that the Unit has 10 girls. She says "We have been busy working towards some badges and Go For Its! which are Patrol-based challenges. All girls gained their Chocolate badge which involved lots of eating and learning about chocolate! We ran a successful stall at Pucklechurch Revel. We learned how to build a den as part of a challenge and we all managed to fit in and keep dry.

We have visited the allotment and are looking forward to having a camp fire and BBQ in the autumn term. We took part in the 'Rabbit Rescue' held at Briarlands (our County Camp and Activities site) and had lots of fun, especially at the camp fire singalong. We are looking forward to lots more fun and are planning a two night stay in Bristol in September.

Guides meet in the Scout Hut, Tuesdays from 7.00pm – 8.30pm

If you are aged 10-14 years please contact Georgina Wynter on 07736713730 as we would like some more girls to join our fun and lively unit.

## Bogus Trading Standards Officer

South Gloucestershire Trading Standards would like to remind residents to remain vigilant when dealing with cold callers, whoever they claim to be.

Officers have recently received a report that a resident of South Gloucestershire has been visited by a man claiming to be a Trading Standards officer from South Gloucestershire Council. We have confirmed this is untrue.

It is suspected the resident visited may have been a victim of rogue traders in the past, with these rogues returning and demanding money. The visitor did show identification but it is unclear what form this took.

**Officers do carry out unannounced visits to both commercial and private addresses, but will always introduce themselves and show identification.**

**South Gloucestershire Council Trading Standards will never ask for or demand money.**

**The public can verify the identity of any Council employee by contacting South Gloucestershire Council's contact centre on 01454 868001.**

Contact Trading Standards on 03454 04 05 06 or the Police on 101 if you have been contacted by someone claiming to be from Trading Standards and has asked for money.

## Scammers claiming to be from Crimestoppers

South Gloucestershire Council Trading Standards would like to remind residents to be cautious when answering unexpected telephone calls.

It has been reported that scammers are contacting people by telephone impersonating call handlers from Crimestoppers and have been asking for people's personal information, including their bank details.

Crimestoppers have confirmed that they have never, and will never, make cold calls to members of the public asking for any personal details. If you do receive a call from someone asking for personal information and claiming to be from Crimestoppers, please report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040.

Roger Critchell, Director of Operations for Crimestoppers, said: "We are currently talking to our phone service provider to attempt to resolve the situation over our number being hijacked and hope this can be rectified as quickly as possible.

"I would emphasise that it is business as normal for the charity and people can still contact us on 0800 555 111 to pass on anonymous information about crime, but we wanted to make sure people were aware that we will never, ever contact them asking for personal details, so please do not hand any over if you are contacted by someone claiming to be Crimestoppers."

Further details can be found on the Crimestoppers website [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org).



**FIGHTING  
BLINDNESS**

Registered Charity No. 1153851  
[www.rpfightingblindness.org.uk](http://www.rpfightingblindness.org.uk)

## STAMP APPEAL UPDATE CONGRATULATIONS THE TOTAL IS NOW £1200

Retinitis Pigmentosa (RP) is a disease of the eye that leads to loss of vision and blindness. The Charity RP Fighting Blindness works hard to stimulate and fund cutting edge research to find a treatment or cure and support those affected - some 25,000 people in the UK alone.

If you are reading this for the first time, we are asking if you could spare a few moments each day to tear off the stamps from your letters. If you cut around them, we can get a higher price. Please save them until you have a enough to fill a jiffy bag or similar and post them onto us at the address below. Whether entire collections or individual stamps, British or foreign, franked or not, we would really appreciate your donations, as every little helps. .

A big thank you to all of you who have sent stamps already. With your support, we hope to make this an ongoing fundraiser for the charity.

Do you belong to a club which would be interested in a humorous and informative talk about the condition RP and the work of the charity? If so, we'd pleased to receive an invite.

Ron & Gina Pritchard, 22, Huckford Road, Winterbourne, Bristol BS36 1EA Tel 01454 772927 or email [bristolsglosfightingblindness@gmail.com](mailto:bristolsglosfightingblindness@gmail.com)

## Mobile Library

The mobile library will be visiting Pucklechurch on the following dates:-

11 & 25 September

9 & 23 October

Oaktree Avenue 2.15 - 2.30

Village Hall 2.35 - 2.50

Homefield Rd Bungalows 3.0 - 3.20

Homefield Rd 3.25 - 3.40

# PA Pucklechurch Community Association Report

Firstly, there's an important event taking place at the Community Centre on Saturday 17th October. The Social Club has arranged a Take That tribute act for the evening. Please come along and relive Gary, Robbie, Jason, Mark and Howard at their best! More information is available from the Social Club. The hall in the Community Centre is available for hire for one-off activities, such as parties and events like the one above. Some photographs of the hall after it was dressed up for a wedding party will be available shortly on the Community Centre website - please visit <http://www.pucklechurchcommunitycentre.co.uk>.

We are also able to offer other services in addition to the hire of the hall, such as provision of catering services and a disco. If you are interested in booking the hall for a specific event, please contact Booking Secretary Karl Fuerstenberg. Email: [kfue5634@gmail.com](mailto:kfue5634@gmail.com), telephone 07938 972069

.Of course, the Community Centre is also used for a number of regular activities, which may be of interest to villagers. Why not take a look at the activity list which can be found at: <http://www.pucklechurch.org/html/community.html>, together with contact details of the organisers if you would like to take part.

We recognise that the Community Centre is there for the benefit of all residents of the village, and would like to invite you to have a say in the facilities it provides. If you already use the Community Centre, how could it be improved? What could we do to make it better than it is at the moment? Please tell us what you would like us to do - all suggestions will be considered as part of a longer term plan for the future of the Community Centre.

If you do not currently use the Community Centre or have never visited the building, why come and take a look? It is located in Abson Road, behind the bus stop. Please visit us when you have a moment, and see if there are any activities that would interest you. If you would like to start up a group to meet at the centre on a regular basis, please let us know. We look forward to receiving your comments and suggestions - please email them to: [peter.nunez@btinternet.com](mailto:peter.nunez@btinternet.com)

## Pucklechurch Community Association Social Club News

What a busy 3 months it has been in the Social Club with skittles, cricket, football, quiz nights, film

nights and Revel all contributing to a lively and enjoyable time. Skittles has dominated the weekday evening scene with plenty of teams battling for top spot throughout the summer. It's been great fun and it's not over yet! If you fancy setting up a team for the winter or joining one, just ask for details in the Club.

Pucklechurch Cricket Club has continued to be active both on and off the field with social events as well as games and have

now formed a ladies team. Club contacts are as follows;

- Ladies team: George Wynter - 07736 713730
- Adult teams and youth team: Dean Freestone - 07780 525487 or Club Secretary Vicky Freestone - 01179373227.

Monthly Quiz nights have been very popular. Dave has challenged the teams with a great balance of questions and topics, and the chance to win some cash! The next Quiz is on 6 September at 8:30pm, followed by quizzes on 27 September, 25 October, 29 November and the Christmas Quiz on 20 December.

Film nights have proved interesting and entertaining. Recent films have included The Theory of Everything, Interstellar and The Judge. Look out on notice boards and the Pucklechurch web-site calendar for American Sniper (20 September), Woman in Gold (4 October), Spooks: The Greater Good (18 October), Mr Holmes (1 November) and The Avengers: Age of Ultron (15 November). All films start at 8:00pm. The Club is your community cinema and films are free to members.

June saw the Revel and this year the Club hosted a new competition - the Revel Cribbage Drive

Challenge. This was well supported with a very high standard of play. Pauline Price and Terry Gregory emerged as eventual winners. Well done and thanks to all who competed. The Club is considering offering Crib Drives through the winter months - if you are interested or would like to play please let a member of the committee know as soon as possible.

Do you listen to music, like a popular singer or group? Keep 17 October free. The Club may just have something right up your street - watch this space.

The Rugby World Cup is on this year and throughout September and October the Club will be showing all the games, kicking off with England v Fiji at 8:00pm on 18 September.

The Social Club committee work hard to provide entertainment and events that will interest you. If you have any ideas that you think can improve what is offered please let one of the committee know about it.

Your new Social Club Committee are:

Chair - Mike Reynolds  
Secretary - Tina Symons  
Treasurer - Denise Young  
Membership - Dave Matthews  
Committee - Alan Bolwell, Derek Watts, Kate Milward, Greg Bate

If you want to join you can get a membership application form from the social club bar.

Membership is just £5 per year for adult village residents. We're based at the Abson Road Village Hall.



## ST. THOMAS a BECKET PUCKLECHURCH

### Church Services

#### 1st Sunday in month

8.30a.m. Holy Communion

10.00a.m. Café Church

#### 2nd/3rd/4th Sunday

10a.m. Family Communion

### Special Services:

#### Sunday 11th October Harvest Festival

10a.m. Family Communion

#### Sunday 1st November All Souls Service 3p.m. -

When we remember all those past and present who have passed away,

#### Sunday 8th November Remembrance Sunday

10.45a.m. Service of Remembrance.

#### Sunday 29th November 6.30p.m.

#### Advent Carol Service.

Posters will be put up for all these events.

#### Tuesday 22nd September 7.30p.m. in Church - Concert by St. George Singers Of Sea Songs.

Cheese and Wine - Raffle Available Tickets £6.00

#### Saturday 3rd October 7.30p.m.

#### Harvest Supper

Wine & Raffle available

#### Autumn Fayre Saturday 14th November

2p.m. Community Centre.

Stalls, Cakes, Preserves, Bric a Brac, Tombola, New Goods, Christmas Stall, Books, Crafts  
Raffle, Refreshments.

We were able to send £1,710.00 following the **House - to - House collection for Christian Aid**. We would like to thank everyone for their support to this worthy cause. Thank you.

**Bellringing** - The Church Bells are rung regularly for Sunday services and other occasions. If you are interested in learning how to ring why not come along to Practice night which takes place on 2nd and 4th Monday evening at 7.30p.m. in Church. We meet at the Church Room.

## Pucklechurch Fishing Club



Our June match was held at Durleigh Reservoir, Bridgewater. As usual, the contest proved an interesting duel between those using swimfeeder tactics and those using float. Half of the top four weights were caught on float, half on feeder. The contest was won with 33lbs of Bream caught by Mike Snudden, caught on the feeder.

Bream catches dominated our next match, held on the River Severn near Tewksbury. Bob Wiltshire won with 55lbs worth of fish. Pete Humphris caught a lovely Bream of over 7lbs, in his 38lb catch. Finally, a scorching hot day made me think our August match at Windmill Lake Henfield, would be a struggle. I was wrong - Jeff Agius won with 53lbs and most of us had catches of over 20lbs.

Anyone interested in joining the Fishing Club should contact Mike Snudden on 07742925276.

## Top up your oil tank before winter

Local charity West of England Rural Network is advising householders to top up their domestic oil tanks before expected price rises in autumn and winter. The charity runs a community oil buying scheme which aims to save local people money on their oil bills by placing a collective order once a month. Scheme co-ordinator Jill Baker says "oil prices tend to rise in autumn and winter as demand increases. By placing a single large order we can negotiate with suppliers and everyone pays less."

The West of England Rural Network are able to offer free memberships to their Community Oil Buying Scheme (normally £20/year) to anyone over 70 living in the West of England who uses domestic heating oil. This is thanks to a second grant awarded by Quartet Community Foundation from their 'Surviving Winter' fund. The scheme is open to all residents of Bath and North East Somerset, North Somerset, South Gloucestershire and Bristol. Local community buildings such as village halls, schools and churches can also benefit from the scheme, as well as businesses such as farms, shops and offices.

The scheme works by using the buying power of a large order to negotiate with all the suppliers who serve our area. The negotiated price is typically 4.5p less than the average price quoted and most members save around £120 per year. If you are interested in joining the community oil buying scheme, call Jill Baker on 01275 333701 or visit [www.wern.org.uk/oil](http://www.wern.org.uk/oil) <<http://www.wern.org.uk/oil>> .

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