

Pinpoint

The new magazine for the village of Pinvin

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I am writing this in late July, on a sweltering hot day, just as many of the Covid-19 restrictions are being lifted for people in England. Like many others, I am unsure what the next few months will bring, or how our lives will continue to change.



Living with uncertainty has become normal, but not comfortable, and it is easy to look around and think that everyone else is much more confident than we are. I have talked to enough people now in the course of re-starting Pinpoint to know that I am not alone in feeling uncertain about how to adapt to the latest changes or where to begin with meeting other people.

Thank you to everyone who has been in touch to tentatively suggest ideas for things we might organise in the village. Please do use the magazine to find out if other people are interested in the same things as you - I will feature suggestions in the September issue so it would be great to have your ideas before then! And if you would like to get involved with the magazine in some way, do get in touch.

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable summer.

Melanie

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22nd August 2021

We hope to hear from you!

News and messages from around Pinvin



Pinvin CE First School and St Nicholas CE Middle School

Our Pinvin schools are on holiday until the week commencing 6th September, but before the end of term Headteacher Sandra Jennings shared with us a couple of highlights from their summer term:

Race for Life

Both the First and Middle School took part in this event, and raised a huge amount of money for Cancer Research UK, by running laps within the school grounds. Even the smallest children took part and between them the two schools raised over £2,500 with more donations still coming in at the time of writing.

A heartfelt massive thank you to everyone who made a donation - what a fantastic amount of money we raised! And the children really enjoyed the day! A brilliant effort with amazing results. Thank you all again!

First Aid Course

24 Year 7 children took part in this course, learning about CPR, the recovery position, choking, burns and an array of minor injuries. The children who successfully completed and passed the course have been awarded with a nationally recognised certificate as a first aider which lasts for three years. The course was led by one of our Teaching Assistants, Mrs Williams, who has completed her 'train the trainer' training. We thought this would be a good taster, especially for children interested in joining the medical profession when they are older.

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Pinvin Community Preschool

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Well, what an incredible year we have had at Pinvin Community Pre-school, despite what was thrown at us by Covid-19. The children are imaginative, creative, resilient, and keen and eager to learn. We have been blessed to of shared this year with them.

Numbers are looking good for September, and we look forward to really getting to know our new families. Spaces are however still available for September so please do drop us an email for further information or check out our website.

Farewell

On the 15th July we bid a fond farewell to 17 children at our leaver's family picnic. It was a wonderful turn out and the children enjoyed a fun pirates and mermaids party run by Debutots. We ended the afternoon with ice-cream supplied by the Deli at Pershore and a presentation to all the children moving onto school.

We also said a sad farewell to Emily our Deputy manager. Emily is relocating to Cornwall and will be sorely missed. We wish all our leavers the very best of luck and a very bright future.

Vacancy

Pinvin Community Pre-school are looking for their very own Mary Poppins!

Due to Covid-19 our cleaning requirements have increased, and we are now in a position to recruit a very special person to help us keep clean and tidy.

The role does involve working with children so, all staff are required to hold an Enhanced DBS certificate, including a check on the barred list for the children's workforce. Hours of work would be Monday to Friday 1.30 – 5.30pm. I

f you feel this special person could be you, please drop us an email for more information.

Thank you

We must give a huge thank you to Daniel from S & S gardening services. He listened to our plea for help with our allotment and did the most incredible job in strimming to create a most beautiful play space for our children.

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St Nicholas Church, Pinvin

Services: 10.30am on 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month

All are welcome at all services - do come along.

Dear Friends

Many people are looking forward to going away this summer, whether on a staycation in the UK or somewhere hot and sunny abroad. And many people will be simply at home, sometimes by choice, but not always.

After the challenging times we've all gone through I hope that at some point in August we will all have the opportunity to take some time for ourselves and switch off from the stresses and strains of everyday life. Jesus didn't go on holidays but he knew when to stop and switch off, often finding a quiet place so he could recharge his batteries and be reminded what was important to him.

Our beautiful churchyard is a perfect place to sit and simply be. It's open all the year round and has a handy bench. Come and take time this August to switch off and enjoy the peace and beauty of the place we live in.

Claire - Revd Claire A Lording

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Should any Pinvin villagers like to attend the meetings or be part of the PCC, please contact the Benefice office or any of the above people.

Worcester and Dudley Historic Churches Trust

2021 Annual Sponsored Ride and Stride



Saturday 11th September



www.worcesteranddudleyhistoricchurches.org.uk

wdhctrust@gmail.com

Dear Friends,

This national event is held each year and the income raised locally is used by the Trust to provide grants toward building repairs and fabric improvement at Christian churches and chapels in the Worcestershire and Dudley areas. Importantly also half the funds raised go to your own church. Please do encourage members of your congregation and villagers to take part.

Although this event was once limited to cyclist and walkers, you can now take part using any form of transport convenient to you. Participants are sponsored on the basis of the number of churches they visit on the above official day.

Half of the sponsorship money will go to the church or Chapel nominated by the participant and the other half to the Trust to assist with its grant awards. If you would like to take part but do not wish to find sponsors, a donation would be welcomed.

Sponsorship forms etc: All the documents you need can be downloaded from our website (address above) via the events tab. Any difficulties downloading them, please email the address below and we will try to help.

This event has been taking place for the last 25 years - if you haven't taken part yet, do give it a try it can be fun!

Thank you

Email: Tobias Thornes at tobiastjw@tobiastjw@gmail.com

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Worcestershire County Council

Over the Covid outbreak many of us have had to work from home and the combination of video calls, streaming TV and general internet use has made many of us get frustrated with the download speeds.

The county council have started a project to provide faster speeds to villages but it requires a number of people to sign up to make the installation viable. A local company Airband is interested in helping us in Pinvin but we need to show interest to demonstrate there is the potential for a network.

The details of the project can be found at:
www.superfastworcestershire.com

If you are interested, please email me and we can compile a list. At this stage there is no financial contribution or commitment, just an indication that we would want this service in the village.

Thank you to everyone who has got in contact about the speeding, I am currently liaising with the Highways team to see what options are available.

Dan Boatright - County Councillor

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Pinpoint People

In August we welcome several new people who will be helping with Pinpoint. We have three new distributors, Liz, Gosia and Trevor, who will be joining our wonderful team to get copies of the magazine to homes in the parish. Ken and Debbie will take on looking after the distributors and ensuring they get copies of Pinpoint in time to deliver to our homes, and Tony has taken on the role of supporting our advertisers and partners.

Pinvin Parish Council



You can keep up to date with Parish Council news on the website, or by keeping an eye on the village notice board (next to the bus shelter at the southern end of Main Street).

About the Parish Council

The Government website describes parish councils as "the first level of local government. They provide communities with a democratic voice and a structure for taking community action." Parish Council members are elected by the Parish, and serve for four years. Their powers cover a wide range of matters such as planning, street lighting, allotments, footpaths, community transport, and many other aspects of local community life.

Funding

We fund the Parish Council through the "precept" - this is an amount of money collected through our Council Tax and used on facilities and services for local people.

Meetings

The Parish Council in Pinvin normally meets on the first Tuesday in the month starting at 7.30pm. Residents of Pinvin are always welcome to attend the meeting, and have an opportunity to raise issues or comment on matters under discussion. You can also contact the Clerk or any of the Councillors. Minutes of meetings are published on the website and posted on the village noticeboard.

The Pinvin Lengthsman

The title of Lengthsman dates from the 1700s but the job itself can be traced back to the Middle Ages, when the Lengthsman would walk the roads of a parish ensuring that drains and ditches were kept clear. Today in Pinvin our Parish Council employs a modern-day Lengthsman to carry out highway maintenance tasks from a list defined and funded by the County Council.

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Ideas for summer days

Our vicar, Claire, has written on page 4 about taking some time over the summer to recharge our batteries. Here are three suggestions for inexpensive things you can do close to home that might make a change from the normal routine.



Summer Reading Challenge:

Wild World Heroes!

The Summer Reading Challenge aims to encourage children aged 4 to 11 years to keep reading for pleasure over the summer holidays.

This year the Reading Agency have teamed up with the WWF (World Wildlife Fund) to create a nature themed challenge! It's perfect for budding eco warriors - giving them the opportunity to explore ways of helping to save the planet whilst visiting their local library and discovering new authors and books!

Due to ongoing Covid restrictions, this year's challenge will be a mixture of online and face to face activity.

1. Register online (at home or using a library computer).
2. Once registered, collect a 'Wild World Heroes Adventure Sheet' from any Worcestershire library and complete a 7-step adventure trail, collecting stickers and stamps along the way.
3. Children who achieve their reading goal before 12 September can download a certificate online and collect a reading wristband from the library.

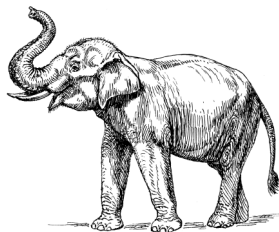
There are lots of activities to join in, including Book Chats, craft making, and even a Minecraft challenge.

Find out more from the website, or visit Pershore library (open Monday to Saturday - check times online or phone 01905 822722),

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/SummerReadingChallenge

Worcester's Big Parade

Have you 'herd'? Worcester has been visited by a parade of beautifully decorated elephant sculptures! The 66 elephant sculptures, sponsored by local and national businesses, form a free art trail through the city's streets and open spaces until 5th September.



Pick up a trail map from Worcester Tourist Information Centre (TIC) and other locations across the city, or download the app onto your phone and explore the trail while learning fun facts as you go.

At the end of the summer, each elephant will be auctioned to raise funds for St Richard's Hospice. Find out more on the website, or visit the TIC at the Guildhall in Worcester High Street.

www.worcestersbigparade.co.uk

Avon Meadows Community Wetlands

This wetland area along the bank of the River Avon is criss-crossed by footpaths and boardwalks. The grassy fields are part of the natural floodplain, while the reed beds are full of wildlife, and also soak up surface water from nearby housing to reduce the risk of flooding. It can be very wet underfoot in winter and spring, but in the summer months you can wander at will, enjoy this peaceful and relaxing space and reconnect with nature - all within a few minutes of Pershore town centre. On a fine day, you could take a picnic, try some nature photography or have a go at sketching in the landscape. The closest entrance from Pinvin (on foot) is at the end of Mill Lane, there is ample parking in Pershore off King George's Way.



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If you live, work or run a business in Pinvin but would not benefit from advertising in Pinpoint, please consider becoming a Pinpoint Partner by making a donation towards the cost of production. All donors will be acknowledged in the newsletter (unless you prefer to remain anonymous).

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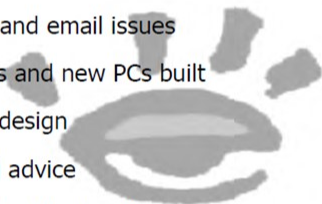
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Update: Charity bike ride for Pancreatic Cancer UK

In the July issue we featured Pinvin residents Alycia, Joe and Adam, who had set themselves the challenge of cycling 500km in 5 days to raise money for Pancreatic Cancer UK whilst supporting family member David, who has recently been diagnosed with this cruel disease.

We caught up with Joe on one of the hottest days of the year as she was doing a 50 mile training ride around Broadway in preparation for the challenge ride. She explained that the ride would take place from 26th to 30th July, and at the time of writing the team had raised £3,370 - 67% of their £5,000 target on Just Giving.

Alycia, Joe and Adam were preparing themselves to ride 100km a day over the 5 days, with other cyclists joining in with them at times to show their support. A big celebration was being planned for when they cross the finishing line!

All of the money they will raise will go straight to Pancreatic Cancer UK and help them to make breakthroughs that people affected by the disease so desperately need.

To donate, please go to:

justgiving.com/fundraising/500km-5days



Pinpoint is a not-for-profit community magazine, delivered free to the village of Pinvin. We are grateful for the support of the Parish Council, St Nicholas Church, and Pershore Abbey in producing Pinpoint. We hope that it will enable village organisations and individuals to share their news and activities, and provide information to village residents.

If you are writing something for Pinpoint, our editorial guidelines are simple:

Be kind - Be positive - Think local

(The editorial team will monitor articles for inclusion, and may edit content to fit the available space or make minor corrections at their discretion).