



Pinpoint



The new magazine for the village of Pinvin

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*Seasons Greetings
to all our readers
and
Best Wishes
for 2022!*

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We hope to hear from you!

News and messages from around Pinvin



This month amongst the recent village news, Pinpoint invites you to look back over the last 50 years as Val and Keith Holton share their memories of life in Pinvin. We welcome a new advertiser, Kind Hearts and Helping Hands (p. 13), and Peopleton WI invites local ladies to their friendly meetings (p.3).

As Christmas approaches, the December services at St Nicholas Church and Pershore Abbey can be found on page 7. Pinpoint will take a break in January, but I look forward to hearing from you with ideas and articles for the February issue. Best wishes to you all for Christmas and the new year -

Melanie

Worcestershire County Council

Another busy couple of months but the most important development is that the Council has just released their new Bus Improvement plan which includes a bid for £86 million of government funding to help increase frequency and numbers of our buses, including local services for us. I had assurances that our services are in the proposals so let's hope this comes together and we get the good news in early 2022.

A huge thank you to all of you who got in contact about the drainage issues in the area. Please do let me know if there are problems in your area. We managed to clear most problems very quickly during the last spell of bad weather and the Highways team are aware of our unintentional duck pond on Owletts Lane! It will be pumped routinely to keep it clear while problems are assessed.

I know it has been a very busy year but hopefully everyone will get a chance to relax over the Christmas period. So a very Merry Christmas to all, feel free to stop me in the street for a natter any time. It has been a real honour to become your county councillor in 2021 and let's hope for a great 2022.

Dan Boatright - County Councillor

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Peopleton Women's Institute



In February 1931 Peopleton W.I. held its first meeting in the village hall – and in February last year we celebrated our 90th anniversary with a fun filled birthday party just as everything came to a halt.....

We kept in touch with each other through regular newsletters, phone calls, and socially distanced chats in the street, all the time looking forward to being able to get together again. The past year has made us realise more than ever the value of friendship, getting to know the people who live so close to us but because of the busy lives we all seem to lead, and work and family commitments, we may not see them that often.

After a break of 15 months we are back – at first we had our meetings outside but now we are meeting inside in Peopleton village hall at 7.30pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Starting slowly – socially distanced – with local speakers and our own members leading some of the meetings.

In 2022 we hope we can have a full year of meetings as well as extra visits out and about, coffee mornings, and other social gatherings.

We have members not only from Peopleton but from many of the surrounding villages – all are very welcome. Come along as a visitor to one of our meetings. It will be an opportunity to chat to other members, have a coffee, listen to a guest speaker and hear what we and the Worcestershire Federation of W.I.'s have to offer.

For more information on the Worcestershire Federation of W.I.'s, visit their website: **WorcestershiREW.I.org.uk**

or **email** Peopleton W.I. Secretary: Jill Brotheridge at **peopletonsec@wfedwi.org.uk**



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Pinvin Parish Council

Pinvin Community Orchard

Things are starting to come together for the future of the orchard. Councillor Coates has turned over the ground to make it easier to start to prepare the ground for tree planting. The fencing has had to be postponed until the week commencing 24 January.

Cllr O'Dell visited Walcot Nursery to speak to the owner about buying trees for the orchard. The nursery has been very busy and stock is running out fast. As it is, trees will not be available until January due to the number of orders. Councillor O'Dell met with Alan and Stuart, who are members of the orchard group, to choose the varieties of trees we would plant. We thought about pollination, growth and fruit production when we made our decision.

A planting plan for the orchard has been produced, with a 4 metre gap between each tree. This means that we can plant 30 trees in the space that we have. We have ordered the following trees, and have bought two of each variety:

Dessert apples - Greensleeves, Discovery, Pitmaston Pineapple, Cox Self Fertile, Charles Ross and Sunset.

Cooking apples - Bramley 20, Annie Elizabeth, Newton Wonder and Howgate Wonder.

Plums and Gages - Kirke's Blue, Pershore Purple, Pershore Emblem, Ouillon's Gage

Damson - Shropshire Prune

We will collect the trees in 2-3 batches from January onwards, and in the meantime the orchard working party needs to start preparing the ground ready for planting. The orchard area tends to get waterlogged in the winter, so the trees need to be planted in raised mounds of earth.

The orchard working party plans to meet on Sunday 28 November and Sunday 12 December from 2-4pm. It would be great to see as many people as possible, come on the days that you are free and stay for as long as you are able. If it is raining we will not meet. Please bring any garden implements that you own to use.

We look forward to seeing you. We always welcome new members to the working party. Please invite anyone who you think may be interested - the more the merrier!

New social groups at Pershore Library

Pershore Library in Church Street has organised new social groups every Friday afternoon between 2-4pm which are free to attend and will be a great way to make new friends.

Pershore Library Cuppa Club has been set up by Onside and is an informal group for people who enjoy chatting over a cup of tea. It will be a perfect opportunity to make new friends and, with the help of the Onside staff, to organise activities within the club that will appeal to everyone. This group will meet on the first Friday of every month, starting on 3 December.



Pershore Library Film Club will meet on the second and last Friday of each month starting in the new year. A classic film, generally one from the 1930's - 60's, will be shown in the conference room which has a large screen and an excellent sound system. This club had been running for several years before the pandemic and was very popular. Refreshments are served after the film, for which a small charge is made. A booking system is currently in place for this club, so please book before the event. There will be two Christmas classic films shown, on Friday 17 December and Thursday 30 December. The film show will start at 2pm.

The **Kindred Spirits Cafe** will meet on the third Friday of the month starting on 21 January. This is a cafe for people with dementia and their carers. It will provide a safe place for people to meet and make new friends. A small charge will be made for refreshments.

For further details on all these groups please speak to staff at Pershore Library, email pershorelib@worcestershire.gov.uk or telephone 01905 822722.

Best wishes

Tiffany O'Dell - Chairman

Parish Clerk : Carole Hirst

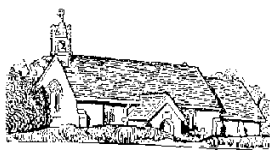
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St Nicholas Church, Pinvin

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

All are welcome at all services - do come along.

Dear Friends

What do you think of when someone says "Christmas" to you? Maybe it's family, or food, or special gifts, or decorations. Or maybe it's a Christmas service. Carols, mulled wine, rockets and a community gathering to celebrate this special time of the year.

At Christmas we remember that God came to be with us in the precious Jesus Christ. A moment in time that is as real today as it was then. No wonder we celebrate!

It might feel as if the joy of Christmas fades after the turkey has been finished and the tree is taken down. In Church we keep celebrating the birth of Jesus right up until 2nd February because we want to remember how life-changing his birth was for all of humanity, not just on Christmas Day but everyday. Come and join us for a bit more celebrating!

Merry Christmas and New Year everyone!

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.



Christmas Services St Nicholas Church, Pinvin

5th December at 10:30am: Sunday Praise

****19th December at 10:30am: Carol Service with Holy Communion****

****24th December - Christmas Eve - at 5.00pm: Crib and Christingle Service, followed by the ROCKET****

**** Please note these services are normally well attended, but this year they will be limited to 50 adults only and they will be ticketed.**

First come First served!

For tickets, please send an email to glenhurst@hotmail.co.uk

Please state which date, and number of tickets you require, and state the number and age of your children

Pershore Abbey Christmas Services

**At the heart
of Christmas**



Sunday 19th December

- 8.00 am Eucharist
- 10.30 am Tinsel-Free Morning Praise (*with LIVESTREAM*) *
- 5.00 pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols (*with LIVESTREAM*) *

Friday 24th December - Christmas Eve

- 3.30 pm JOIN US IN ABBEY PARK (TBC) for an outdoor Christingle - new for 2021
Dress up in your favourite nativity outfit!
- 11.15 pm Midnight Mass with choir (*with LIVESTREAM*) *

Saturday 25th December - Christmas Day

- 8.00 am Eucharist
- 10.30 am All Age Eucharist with choir (*with LIVESTREAM*) *

Sunday 26th December

- 10.30 am Eucharist with choir (*with LIVESTREAM*) *

View our livestreamed services online on the Pershore Abbey Community YouTube Channel
Services may be subject to change due to Covid-19

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Pinvin Community Preschool

Nurturing hearts and minds
on a path of possibilities

Our Adventures

Christmas is such a magical time of year. Our approach at Pinvin Community Pre-school, is to enjoy all the little details, the air filled with the smells of gingerbread men and mince pies, the cosy fires keeping us toasty and warm, all the beautiful decorations that fill the rooms with bright colours, sparkle and joy.

We want to steer away from the materialistic gifts and nativity stress, and encourage the children to enjoy the little details and not to get caught up in all of the stresses that come with Christmas. One of our favourite things about Christmas is watching the fairy lights twinkling on our im-perfectly decorated Christmas tree, whilst enjoying hot chocolate, snuggled under a fluffy blanket, with all of our friends telling Christmas stories and remembering our Christmas memories from previous years.

Donations

As a charity run pre-school we are reliant on fundraising to keep our funds topped up. With the recent pandemic our fundraising efforts have been somewhat diminished and so we are on the scrounge!
Have you....

Wall paper rolls – great for mark making!

Out of date spice jars – the children love these in sensory play.

Old Christmas cards – children love to practice their cutting skills.

Magazines – Car, farming, sport, or food themed for the children to explore and gain an interest in print in the environment.

Old watches or jewellery for the children to use in role play .

Thankyou!

For any further information please contact us.

Website: www.pinvinpreschool.org

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Phone: 01386 553600



Pinvin CE First School and St Nicholas CE Middle School



November has been another busy month in school - here are a few highlights from our learning activities as well as the ways we combine having fun with raising funds for our schools and for those in need.

Break the Rules day was a big success! "For every rule you break, you must pay the price!" Children could opt to leave their shirt untucked all day, wear sunglasses, swap school shoes for trainers or even spend the whole day in fancy dress, with a fabulous £512.30 raised at the time of writing. Later in the month, a non-uniform day gave us an opportunity to wear something spotty and help raise funds for BBC Children in Need.

Classrooms have been a hive of activity as usual, and here is just a small selection of the things children have been doing:

- * Practising counting skills with fallen leaves.
- * Finding out How to 'Wash a Woolly Mammoth' and 'How to Train your Dragon'.
- * Creating meal plans for a polar expedition.
- * Making 3D poppies as part of learning about Remembrance Day.
- * Learning about Tudor buildings, electricity, volcanoes, the Gunpowder Plot, Victorian life and microscopes.

In December, the children are looking forward to the approach of Christmas, with a Nativity and Carol Concert, a Christmas jumper day, and a Christmas Fair.

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Friends of Pinvin (PTA)
presents...

On Friday 12th of November

For every rule you break, you must pay the price!

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| Fancy dress £2.00 | Wear make up £5p |
| Full school uniform £1.00 | Wear necktie/scarf £5p |
| Wear a crown £1.00 | Wear blue cottons £5p |
| Wear your pyjamas £1.00 | Leave your shirt untucked all day £5p |
| Swap your school shoes for trainers £5p | Swap your school jumper for a hoodie £5p |
| Wear your hair in a crazy style £5p | Bring in flight toys £5p |
| Wear face paint £5p | Bring in your favourite teddy £5p |
| Wear a hat £5p | Squash in your bottle £5p |
| Wear sunglasses £5p | Open snack in class (no nuts) £5p |

Thank you for your continued support of The Pinvin Federation.

Memories of 50 years in Pinvin

Keith and Val Holton arrived in Pinvin in November 1971. We asked them to share with Pinpoint readers some recollections of their fifty years in the village.



From the outset, we found Pinvin to be a very friendly village - when we arrived we had lots of offers of help. The house we bought was called Pool Corner but because the house needed a lot of work we had to sell the land which had contained the pool and so we renamed the house after the family we bought it from.

Checketts is early 16th century. It had been a trading butchers - indeed Mrs Checketts used to deliver the meat by pony and trap. The shop and slaughter house were turned into a garage and more especially a woodworking shop. The house needed updating, we started by underpinning the east wall, followed over the years by new windows, doors, floors, heating and eventually the roof!

When we arrived there were two football clubs. The Mason Family ran one and used to have social gatherings on a Saturday night to raise funds, which were very popular. It was also felt it would be nice to put on an event like a "Music Hall", and a number of people got together to set up *The Entertainment Society of Pinvin (ESP)*.

We put on an event in the Village Hall one evening. It contained a number of skits including a ballet performed by "The Sugar Plum Fairies" - consisting of two bearded ballerinas and a beautiful bewigged principal male dancer who was completely unrecognisable to his mother, until he took his wig off! At which point Mum said "OH! It's Keith!!!" The finale was a performance of the Can-can carried out by six ladies of the village: Josie

Hartwright, Sheila Bailey, Gill Suckling , Mary Harries, Sue Lockwood and Val Holton. This was so popular that there was an encore with Dr David Wilson taking the lead and trying to keep up.

Following the arrival of Dutch Elm disease and the felling of so many local trees a Government sponsored scheme to reforest the countryside was launched. A group of us set up what we called "PEG": Pinvin Environmental Group. We had a 50% grant from the Countryside Commission and 50% from, I think, the Forestry Commission. Between us we planted 3,500 trees and shrubs throughout the village. This was all under the watchful eye of Les Bailey, a landscape designer.

John and Doreen Gosney ran the Darby and Joan Club from the British Legion Hall, and the British Legion also ran many events from their hall on Main Street. We have many fond memories of 'St Nick's', from the summer fayres, Christmas bazaars and barn dances, to the very popular auction run by Les Bailey at the Harvest Supper. There were also two village pubs when we arrived - the Coach and Horses and the New Inn. The latter is now Willow Close.

The village had run a Bonfire Night celebration for some years. When the final rocket was lit, it twisted off its mounting and went horizontally into the crowd - hitting a young girl on the right shoulder. The only damage was to her anorak, but six inches to the left and the result could have been life changing. That was the last of the village bonfires.

We went to many dances and events in the Village Hall. One event stands out in our memories. Keith was running the bar and had just called 'time'. The tea towel was over the pumps when he was approached by an aggressive looking man with a shaved head. When it was pointed out to him that the bar was closed his response was, "Come on mate, we skinheads have got to stick together!" Needless to say he got his pint.

The most important events of our time in Pinvin were the birth of John in 1973, Claire in 1975 and Kate in 1978. They all view Checketts as their home and Pinvin as their base, they loved it and still do. Over the years, like any village, people come and people go. New building means new life and energy coming to the village, this can only be good. What has not changed in our fifty years is that we find Pinvin is still a friendly village.



Keith and Val

News and messages from around Pinvin

Mrs Audrey Giles (Previously of Pinvin) sadly passed away on Sunday 31st October at her care home in Worcester.

Audrey was a keen contributor to Pinpoint for many years.

Remembering Audrey Giles

One of my first memories of Audrey Giles was 6th December 2003 when a "Strolling Supper" was held in the village celebrating St. Nicholas's day. The starter was provided at Audrey's home "Capenhurst" then everyone moved on to other Pinvin homes for the main course, pudding, cheese and biscuits and finally to St. Nicholas's Church for coffee, mince pies and singing.

Audrey was involved with many things I knew about and others I did not, including starting up the JAM club (Jesus And Me) at Pinvin School for many years along with Charlotte Parkinson and others, and also with Christian Aid collecting. She found much pleasure in her garden and wildlife and sometimes shared her enjoyment with others visiting or by writing about it. At one time she held house Bible study meetings for local ladies.

Audrey was one of many who played an active part at Pinvin Church including provision and preparation for the annual Harvest Supper.

We'll miss you Audrey and are pleased you always asked about life at St Nicks. Even when you moved away.

Cynthia Johnson.

Remembrance Sunday

On 14th November we had the Remembrance Service at St Nicholas. It was well supported and the Pinvin Girl Guides took an active role during the service – they were very good and their parents should be very proud of them - THANK YOU GIRLS. All the 25 names of the Pinvin fallen during the two great wars were read out, and the service was led by Peter Stansbie – many thanks to you, Peter.

Glen Hurst



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Parish Pathways Warden

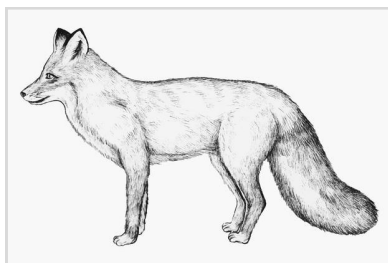
I am wondering if anyone else has experienced something that has happened in our garden recently, for the second time.

This is the arrival of one or two well used soft toys. These appeared over a week or two in an area of the garden where they could not have been thrown. This time it started with a toy duck which had been originally stuffed. The second item was a stuffed star shaped cat. The final item, a week or so later, was a blue spiked ball on an elastic 'throw'. This last item looks very new.

This originally happened some years ago and I wrote about it under the heading 'Pinvin Mystery'. This time there is no mystery as we are sure it is being done by foxes. I am now wondering if anyone else has had a similar experience. If so, would you please let me know - equally if you have 'lost' the blue ball just let me know.

Keith Holton

Phone: 01386 553391



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