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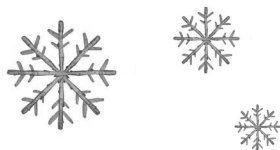
The magazine for the village of Pinvin

Issue 1/10 - February 2022

Welcome to the first issue of Pinpoint in 2022. Among our regular contributors, Dan Boatright has provided an update on current Covid information and how to get a PCR test, and there is news from the vicar and PCC of St Nicholas Church. You can also catch up with parish council news and find out what the children have been doing at school and preschool. Our pathways warden encourages us out into the fresh air on page 8, or if you prefer to stay in the warm you could try some walking sports at the leisure centre in Pershore. Finally, don't miss a glimpse of Pinvin in the Past on the back page. Wishing you all a happy and healthy 2022 -



Melanie



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13th February 2022

We hope to hear from you!

News and messages from around Pinvin

Pinvin Parish Council



Memorial Hall

The Memorial Hall Committee have been improving the current hall to make it more attractive to hirers, including decorating the hall and toilets and work on the kitchen. They will be presenting their plans for the new Memorial Hall to the Parish Council on 1 February.

Community Orchard

The team of volunteer is continuing work on the Community Orchard which will be on part of the allotment and is now ready for the tree and hedging planting.

Street lights

The company who service our street lights are having considerable difficulty meeting demands due staff absence and the backlog from the lockdowns last year. Streetlight maintenances may be even slower than usual so please bear with us!

Mushroom Farm

On the Walsh's planning application for the mushroom farm, the application has not progressed in nearly 4 months. The planners have been waiting for proposals on drainage and on highways matters, but there has been nothing from Walsh's. They were trying to off-load all the drainage from the site into the ditch on the other side of the A44, but the planners are against that because of, amongst other things, potential flooding issues. We continue to wait, although we have heard rumours that they are looking elsewhere, but how true that is.....?

Best wishes

Steve Mitchell - Councillor

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Worcestershire County Council

Firstly Happy New Year and I hope your 2022 has started off well.

With the high rates of Covid over the past couple of months, and some of the changes both nationally and locally, I just wanted to let you know where you can get all the information you need.

Current situation

The rules are likely to remain fluid during the winter and so it is always important to keep up to date with the current restrictions. The government keeps all up to date rules and restrictions on the website:

www.gov.uk/coronavirus



You can access support on the council websites, including information on where to get a test, what to do if you need to self isolate and what funding is available:

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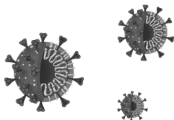
www.worcestershire.gov.uk/coronavirus

You can receive a £500 Test and Trace Support payment if you test positive, and you apply on the Wychavon council website.

If you have any issues please let me know.

Getting a PCR test

The walk in centre at the Civic Centre has now closed but you can still get tested in Pershore. The mobile test van is now based in the Asda Carpark 9am to 3pm everyday. You can book a test online at:



www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test

Or call 119 if you cannot access the internet.

If you are struggling to get a test, let me know and we will chase up options.

Dan Boatright - County Councillor

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News and messages from around Pinvin



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

As a new year gets into full swing, at St Nicholas Church it has been wonderful to remember that for most of 2021 we were able to use the church for special events and services. It has been lovely to welcome children from Pinvin Pre-School and Pinvin CE First School into church so they can get to know the building and what it is used for, knowing all the time that it's their church and they are always welcome.

As a community many of us have also been able to come into church to remember a loved one and give thanks for their lives. We've also poignantly remembered those from our community who died serving their county in war. Then at Christmas we celebrated together the birth of Jesus. And if it hadn't been for Covid restrictions there would have been many more people in church!

For centuries our church building has stood, always there and always ready to open her doors to all who need its peace and quiet, its space and ability to host all sorts of occasions, both sad and happy.

Wear and tear and the elements all take their toll on the fabric of the building, and the PCC has to ensure that repairs are carried out to keep things in good order. A recent inspection of the church, which takes place every five years, has shown that there are many repairs, some significant, that we need to carry out in the next couple of years if the church is to remain watertight and in the best possible condition.

Over the coming months the PCC will share what work needs to be done and let you know how you can get involved to help and support the PCC with this work, so that our church can stand for many years to come, always ready to serve the community.

Claire - Revd Claire A Lording

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St Nicholas Church Pinvin: Sunday Services

6th February at 10.30am: Holy Communion. **4th Before Lent**

20th February at 10.30am: Sunday Praise. **2nd Before Lent**

6th March at 10.30am: Holy Communion. **Lent 1**

Due to Covid, masks are mandatory within the Church and during the service, and refreshments are suspended until further notice.

We the PCC would like to say a very big **THANKYOU** to Allison Lowe, for her voluntary services cleaning our church for the last several years. However, due to family commitments Allison finished at the beginning of January, she will be greatly missed.

THEREFORE, should anyone be willing to help and do some cleaning within the church once or twice a month, please contact me.

Both the Christmas services, Carol and Christingle were well attended to the maximum that the Covid restrictions would allow. We are very sorry that some people were turned down because of distancing. St Nicholas is only a small church and pandemics don't help us at all.

The new heating system is working very well, and services are no longer done in the freezing cold.

To all the new people coming to live in Pinvin Village,

"Welcome"

A good way to get to know other villagers is at our 1000-year-old St Nicholas church, generally during normal times, when the service has finished, we have refreshments and a chat, it's friendly and open, what better way to meet new people.

Please contact me on 07547 883326 if you would like any further information (leave a message if no reply).

Glen Hurst

Churchwarden



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Pinvin CE First School and St Nicholas CE Middle School



Who knew the new year would come round so quickly! It only seems like yesterday that Father Christmas was handing out the presents around Pinvin First School, and we were enjoying the Enterprise Week which resulted in making lots of profit at the Christmas Fayre held by St Nicholas children.

We have all entered 2022 with a positive approach, full of new topics and exciting hands-on activities - from listening to the Three Little Pigs and exploring the different materials in Reception class, to learning about the works and imagination of Henri Rousseau in Year 4. At St Nicholas, pupils have been discussing their aspirations and dreams for their potential careers in Year 5, and creating our own experiments to see the factors which affect the dissolution rate of jelly in Year 7.

Year 4 have had the wonderful opportunity each week since September to work with our specialist French teacher Madame Bowden - all year 4's can say Happy New Year in French and we even watched the New Year fireworks display. We used Google maps to help us travel to Paris, then had a look at the famous tower itself. We'd all like to go up to the top one day and have a meal in the restaurant overlooking Paris!

Talking of specialist teaching, Year 7 have embarked on Forest School with Mr Dodson for the whole of the Spring Term which means we will be taking our learning outside of the classroom environment and completing a series of group activities such as constructing outside shelters from branches, string and tarpaulin - how exciting!

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All the children and staff wanted to say a huge thank you to our guardian angel who kindly donated items, money and treats for the children and staff at the end of the term. We were overwhelmed with your generosity and just wish we knew your name to thank you more personally! Unfortunately due to a high level of Covid-19 cases we were unable to end the term with a party so will instead use funds donated for a special treat for the children in the Spring.

Thank you also to the kind local resident who donated magazines to the setting. It is so important for children to have access to print in the environment and is the very beginning of early literacy skills. Magazines provide an alternative to books and provides us with a rich print environment so thank you!

Our Adventures

You may well have seen us around and about the village this term, the children have been on a number of nature walks and making the most of the frosty weather, exploring and searching for frozen cobwebs and the like. We were all delighted to see Mr Sce had paid us a visit and the children were so delighted with the artwork we created our very own masterpiece. Inside we have been exploring with our senses, and learning our names in sign language. We have also been developing our maths skills through lots of play.

Spaces

We are now nearly at full capacity so please do come and see us or drop us an email to reserve spaces for next term.

For any further information please contact us.

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Parish Pathways Warden

Can I start by wishing you all a Happy New Year? As I write, it is a cold crisp day ideal for walking. This is good for your health and what is better than a footpath away from the traffic?

However if you walk with a dog or young children around the 'playing field' please be careful as in recent weeks someone has smashed a number of beer bottles around the area of the shelter. I have managed to clear the majority but there may still be some remaining.

Keith Holton

Phone: 01386 553391



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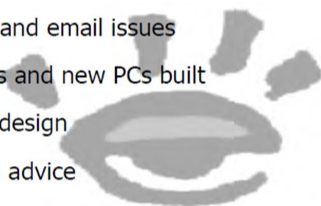
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Pinvin in the Past

Pinvin people of nearly 200 years ago

The marriage took place at St. Nicholas Church, Pinvin on February 24th 1840 between John Allard (a cordwainer or shoemaker as we would call him today) the son of Francis Allard (a labourer) and Sarah Abel of Upton Snodsbury the youngest child of John Abel (a weaver) and his wife Ann nee Stevens.

This is the first confirmed record of my connection with Pinvin as these were my great great great grandparents!

The marriage lasted for forty-seven years until Sarah's death in 1887 - eleven children later!

Life in Pinvin was very different in those far off days – in 1841 the population was just 223 persons. Most men were employed on the land whilst their wives ran the household including bringing up the children – approx. 88 under 13's and all living within 46 households! By 1851 similar numbers were recorded. At this time most people had been born in Pinvin or nearby in Worcestershire and a few from as far afield as Gloucestershire!

Cynthia Johnson



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