

Pinpoint

The magazine for the village of Pinvin

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Welcome back to Pinpoint after our summer break. As our vicar Claire mentions in her letter, September is a time when we often feel like trying something different or starting a new project, so as well as news of activities from around the village, we have a focus this month on things to do in the local area. Whether this is getting more physically active, trying out some arts and crafts, improving your digital skills, volunteering or relaxing and watching some theatre, hopefully you will find something to interest you.

As well as looking forward, we also look back this month with a farewell message from Pinvin Community Preschool and another glimpse into Pinvin in the Past. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to Pinpoint this month.



Melanie

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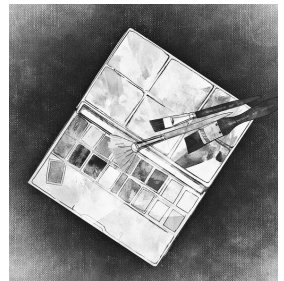
News and messages from around Pinvin

Pinvin Parish Council

As the summer draws to a close, there are some new activities to look forward to in Pinvin and we hope you will find something to appeal to you.

Pinvin Art Group

Pinvin Art Group will be starting again having stopped due to Covid. The art group will be run by the same professional tutor who ran them previously. She has lots of new, creative ideas including silk screen printing on towels or bags, rag rugs, rag wreaths and rag bunting, decorating plates, Christmas glass jar lanterns and much more.



This group is open to all adults, and will give people the opportunity to relax and have fun in a warm, friendly environment.

The Art Group will be held at Pinvin Memorial Hall on alternate Tuesday mornings from 10.30am-12pm starting on 27 September 2022.

There will be 6 sessions ending on Tuesday 6 December and then another 6 sessions from 10 January - 21 March 23.

The cost for each session is £4 and places need to be booked.

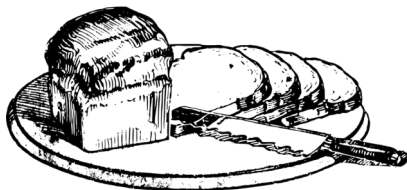
For more information and to book a place, please telephone

Val Holton: 01386 553391 or Tiffany O'Dell 01386 556252.



Pinvin Community Cupboard

Pinvin Parish Council, Pinvin Memorial Hall Committee and Pershore Community Cupboard are currently working in partnership to set up a Community Cupboard in Pinvin.



The aim of a community cupboard is to stop food wastage, especially from supermarkets, and everyone is welcome to visit, there is no need for a referral.

It is basically a freecycling of food and can be expanded to include excess food from people's allotments or kitchen cupboards that would otherwise be thrown away.

We hope to open the Community Cupboard in the village hall every Saturday for one and a half hours.

This is in the very early stages of planning, but will rely on the help of volunteers. If anyone in the village would be willing to get involved, please email Tiffany O'Dell at chairmanpc@pinvin.org.uk.

Pinvin Playing Fields

Drakes Broughton Rangers FC Youth have started to use the playing fields for training on weekday evenings and at the weekend. **They are always on the lookout for new players, both male and female, and also coaches and volunteers.** Please email Craig Cadiston on cadiston@aol.com for more information.

Please could dog walkers pick up after their dogs when walking them on the playing fields and be in control of your dog at all times if letting them off the lead when young people are playing football.

Best wishes

Tiffany O'Dell - Chairman

Parish Clerk : Carole Hirst
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Website: www.pinvin.org.uk



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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,

Have you ever noticed how we all like to talk about the weather? It doesn't matter if we're talking with friends or complete strangers, it's not too long before we're comparing notes about what we think is happening with the weather. I do it all the time! It's too hot, too cold, too dry, too wet....! And what a lot we've had to talk about over the past few weeks!

I love the seasons and look forward to the year passing with Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter. I like to look for what makes a particular season special and then watch out for signs that the next season is on its way. It always feels as if there's something to enjoy and to look forward to.

This summer has been challenging with extreme heat and drought, and we know that we can't escape the reality of the climate crisis, but it's important to still find something to give thanks for in each season. Perhaps you too have marvelled at the glorious sunsets and the fresher early mornings. Or given thanks for the work of our farmers and their relief that a good wheat harvest came in.

Those hot summer days are now coming to an end and we feel autumn is already on its way. The land has been prepared and winter wheat is being sown and before we know it another academic year will begin. For many this is the time of year for new beginnings and projects. This is a time when we can all be inspired and encouraged to start something new, give something a try that we've been putting off all year. Whether it's at school, work or in church, this feels like the right time to give something a go! And just like our farmers, we might have to wait for the 'something new' to grow and get going and for it to make a difference, but we can be confident and have faith that this will happen.

May God, who blesses all the seasons and the land, bless all our endeavours this autumn. May they bear fruit in every aspect of our lives, this year and in the years to come.

Claire - Revd Canon Claire A Lording

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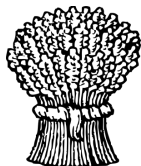
St Nicholas Church Pinvin: Sunday Services

All services will start at 10:30am

Trinity 12	Sunday 4th September	Sunday Eucharist
Trinity 14	Sunday 18th September	Sunday Praise
Trinity 16	Sunday 2nd October	Sunday Eucharist
Trinity 18	Sunday 16th October	Sunday Praise

Refreshments will generally be available after the service.

Our **Harvest Festival Service** will be held on **Sunday 16th October** at 10.30am and will be a special "**Bring and Share Produce**", that will be taken to Pershore Food Bank following the service.



We are also hoping to have a **Harvest Supper** in the village later in **October**, more details to follow.



St Nicholas is looking for **volunteer cleaners**, ideally a minimum of 6 people. This would mean setting up a rota, and each person would only need to clean once every 3 months. Cleaning the church is not arduous, we have a list of jobs to do so if you feel you could help please contact me.

Finally, we now have - thanks to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission - a plaque on the left-hand gate post into St Nicholas Church graveyard stating "**Commonwealth War Graves**". There are three graves of soldiers from this village who died in battle. Find more details on the website: www.cwgc.org.

We will remember them.

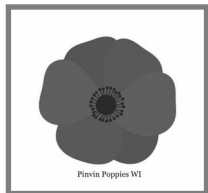
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Should any Pinvin villagers like to attend the meetings or be part of the PCC, please contact the Benefice office or any of the above people.

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Pinvin Poppies WI

We meet at Pinvin Memorial Hall on the third Wednesday of the month starting at 7.30pm. We are a super friendly bunch and welcome new members from all over Worcestershire!

Unfortunately our planned speaker from the Dogs Trust was unable to attend our July meeting so instead we heard about the work of the Dogs Trust from one of our members, Anne, who is a volunteer there. In addition we also had an informative talk about Facebook. Despite the change to the advertised speaker, we enjoyed an excellent meeting, both learning about the Dogs Trust and Facebook and, most importantly, having fun together!

August saw the launch of our Book Club. We are reading Kate Atkinson's debut novel *Behind the Scenes at the Museum* which won the Whitbread (now Costa) Prize. At the end of August we will be launching our Craft and Chat group.

Finally, although we didn't have a formal meeting in August, we arranged a delicious meal at the Thai Legend in Pershore - a chance to catch up and get

to know each other better before our next meeting on September 21st when we will learn all about bee keeping and have the opportunity to buy some local honey.

PINVIN POPPIES WI

Invites you to a talk about

Bee Keeping

Wednesday 21st September
Pinvin Memorial Hall @ 7.30pm

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Out and about in the local area

'Raising Agents'

with

Mikron Theatre Company

Sunday 11th September, 2.00pm



Bunnington WI is a bit down-at-heel. Dwindling membership means they can barely afford the hall, let alone a decent speaker. So when a PR guru becomes a member, the women are glad of new blood. Initially.

The milk of WI kindness begins to sour when she re-brands them the Bunnington Bunnies. They're hopping. With stakes higher than a five tiered cake stand, a battle ensues for the very soul of Bunnington, perhaps the WI itself!

On the threshold of one century into the next, this tale of hobbyists and lobbyists asks how much we should know our past or how much we should let go of it. Above all else, like the WI itself, Raising Agents is a story of friendship.

Venue: Raphaels Restaurant, Hampton Ferry, Boat Lane, Evesham, WR11 4BP.
The event will take place outside whatever the weather.

There is no charge and no tickets required (a "pay what you feel" collection will be taken after the show). Please bring your own chairs.

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Out and about in the local area



**Do you have an occasional
few hours to spare and
would like to meet new
people?**

The shop and café at Crowle is run by enthusiastic volunteers from several local surrounding villages with the help of the manager, Carolyn Bull. The café serves delicious cakes and hot drinks, and many locally sourced products are available in the shop as well as the usual household staples.

Volunteer Jean Morris told us, "We are always looking for more volunteers to help out. The shop offers a friendly environment with full support given. Shifts last 2.5 hours and you can choose a regular routine slot or be completely flexible to fit around your own availability." Volunteers say they get a tremendous amount out of working in the shop as well as giving something back to the community. "We hold a number of social events throughout the year" Jean added, "and we really are a happy, supportive family team. It's a great way to meet new people from our local area."

Why not dip your toe in the water and come and do a trial hour or so at the shop to observe, have a chat and learn more? Absolutely no obligation but a good way to see if it is for you.

Please get in touch for an initial chat with Jean on **07990 517001** or with Carolyn the shop manager on **07511 209659**.



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Please get in touch with your news, events, memories, ideas or articles. Our editorial guidelines are simple: **Be kind - Be positive - Think local.**

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Talk and Tower Tour

St Andrews Centre and
Pershore Abbey



Join author Brian Hoggard for a talk on his book *'Magical House Protection: The Archaeology of Counter-Witchcraft'* followed by a guided tour up Pershore Abbey Tower to examine the protection marks that exist within.

Saturday 3rd September 2022 at 12.15pm

Venue: St Andrew's Parish Hall, Pershore, WR10 1DW.

Talk £6.00 Talk and Tower Tour £10.00

Limited places - book online at www.apotropaiois.co.uk

The talk will last around 1 hour with questions at the end and Brian's book will be available to purchase. An optional tour of Pershore Abbey tower lasting around 45 minutes will follow the talk, anyone signing up for this must be of reasonable fitness as there is a steep medieval staircase. Places on each tower tour are limited for safety reasons. There will therefore be 4 tours; 2pm, 3pm, 4pm and 5pm.

Could you raise some money for St Nicholas's Repair Fund - just by having fun and exploring some local churches?

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Freedom Activities

Keeping active and having fun - inclusive exercise for all ages and abilities

Lorna Brooks of Freedom Activities is already a familiar face to some of us in Pinvin. As well as working alongside individuals to help us with exercise routines, recovery from injury or motivation, she recently ran a very successful New Age Curling session for the Pinvin Poppies WI.

Freedom Activities is a community interest company, which means it exists to benefit the local community rather than shareholders. It is a not-for-profit organisation that provides a variety of recreational sports and games for participants of all ages, including walking football and walking netball sessions and the popular Young At Heart exercise classes at Pershore Leisure Centre.

Lorna is well qualified to support people in their activities, her qualifications include an MSc in Adapted Sports and she has a special interest in working with challenging needs including long-term health problems, disabilities and the demands of ageing. "I aim to encourage everyone to enjoy sports and exercise within a safe environment, free from prejudice and the high expectations linked to competitive sports," Lorna explained. "Taking part in non-competitive sports and games can improve our physical and mental well-being as well as being fun!"

The Young at Heart sessions run throughout the year. A session costs £4, and participants book ahead in blocks of four sessions. More information about the walking sports, which start again in September, will be available soon. "Please get in touch if you are interested," Lorna added, "and I will let you know the dates, venue and cost once these have been finalised."

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Pinvin Community Preschool

Farewell and thank you



As you may have heard, Pinvin Community Preschool closed its doors for the final time at the end of summer term 2022. We encountered what some might refer to as a 'perfect storm' of issues – any one of which would have been challenging for a small business, but with the combination, proved insurmountable. We just about weathered COVID and lockdowns. We had to make a lot of tough decisions and restructured the business to survive in 2020, since when the remaining team worked valiantly on. Sadly, more issues arose to challenge preschool, and we had to accept the inevitable. It was time to close the doors.

We have been reflecting on the many years during which the preschool has been supporting local children and families with the transition from toddlers to being ready for school. There has been a preschool or playgroup in the village hall in Pinvin for 30+ years when Carol Green and a small team of volunteers set up a playschool for local children. Since then, hundreds, if not thousands of children have come through the doors to set out on their journey toward independence - learning through play.

Other managers came and went over the years. Cheryl Nichols, Jane Hynes and Jane Parsons, all brought a unique brand of management and influence over the care and development for staff and children. As the Department for Education sought to regulate early years education, successive managers were required to absorb and implement increasingly complex legislation and curriculum developments. With early years provision attracting less investment than 5+ education, creativity as well as solid business acumen was demonstrated by successive managers throughout the years.

In a somewhat unplanned promotion, Zoe Corfield took over as manager in 2014 and immediately recognised that the best way to ensure nourishment of children was to invest in the staff. In the summer term, despite the imminent closure of preschool, EVERY MEMBER of the team was engaged in working toward formal early years qualifications or enhancement courses to realise their potential as professional practitioners with future prospects. Zoe has seen to it that every member of staff has left the employment of the preschool more qualified than they joined – not a claim many early years settings could boast. Zoe briefly left to work as an Early Years Advisor for Babcock during which time Bobby Pearson stepped up to become the next preschool manager during what turned out to be the most turbulent of times. When lockdown hit the whole country, Bobby worked

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immeasurably hard to continue doing what preschool does best – supporting local families, and we were immensely proud of the support we were able to provide for children of key worker families.

When COVID related redundancies left Zoe without a job, we snapped at the chance to have her back. Zoe - from all the staff who you helped develop professionally, from every child you supported to be the best they could be and from every parent who worried about their child going out into the world and realised that Pinvin Community Preschool felt like an extension of the family – THANK YOU!

I have taken the time to mention the successive managers as they are often overlooked. The managers set the tone, but it is the staff with whom the families become familiar. Each child is allocated a key person who has special oversight for that little individual. It is these tireless, creative, special people who can become almost as close as family over the years. The bittersweet heartbreak when the children leave preschool to join school is proof of this – many tears are shed!

To ALL the staff over the many years there has been a preschool in Pinvin – thank you. Your influence over the earliest memories of the children who come through the doors will never be forgotten.

So at the end of the summer term, Pinvin Community Preschool closed for the last time. Nearly all the staff have secured new jobs, and children, new places. Let's celebrate the years of wonderful creative and supportive care for the smallest members of our community which the preschool has provided.

Good luck for the future everyone.

The very grateful, Pinvin Community Preschool committee x



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Pinvin in the Past

Humphries of Pershore/ Pinvin

Around 1840 brothers Edward and Thomas Humphries started a business in Pershore High Street (on land that later became Abbey Garage) repairing agricultural machinery, but Thomas died in 1858 at the early age of thirty-seven so in 1862 the company name was changed to E and T Humphries Agricultural Engineers. That was also the year construction work was finished on a mansion, Mount Pleasant, overlooking Pershore which became home to Edward and his family along with 300 acres of agricultural land.

The site of an old brickyard in Pinvin near the Bow Brook ford and over the road from the railway station was acquired on which was built Atlas Works and Edward's company moved there in 1883. They not only repaired machinery but now also made and exhibited steam engines, threshing machines and other agricultural equipment around the country and won many prizes. Consequently the work force mightily increased from the eight men employed in 1851!

Sadly Edward died in 1885 aged seventy, the company eventually going into liquidation due to financial problems associated with cheaper overseas imports, and the business was taken over by Bomford and Eveshed Ltd in 1904 as a going concern including freehold land and buildings, stock, cash, debts, contracts and trademarks, but discontinued building steam engines. Edward's family stayed on at Mount Pleasant where his wife, Elizabeth, died in 1910.

In 1908 Bomfords sold the works to Horsfall Destructor Company who sold it to Fisher Humphries. In 1955 it was sold to WH Allen & Sons who much enlarged it and in 1956 the business was renamed Allen Gears and was a place employing many Pinvin people.

My interest? My great grandfather, Alfred 'Fred' Cole, started working for Edward Humphries in 1879 firstly as a gardener at Mount Pleasant and afterwards for forty-six years in the foundry at both Pershore and Pinvin works. He retired in 1927 when he was able to spend more time in his beloved garden and orchard in which he not only grew flowers and produce for family but also to send to Pershore market on his donkey.

Cynthia Johnson

