

The magazine for the village of Pinvin

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The start of a new school term heralds an opportunity to try something new at any age. In this issue you can find details of the village art and craft group, while the Age UK gardening club welcomes new members at their allotment in Pershore. Our vicar, Claire, invites you to come along and join the congregation in singing at St Nicholas, and the village Guides are planning a fundraising event in a few weeks time with lots of activities to enjoy. Don't forget to let Pinpoint know if you are planning an event.

Melanie

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Deadline for October issue: 17th September 2023 We hope to hear from you!

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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.

Do you have a list of things that you would love to do but either haven't got round to or they are just very unlikely to ever happen? One item on my list of things I'd love to do is go to the Glastonbury Festival. Not sure I could really cope with the camping, but the musical experience would be amazing! So, this year, like every other year, I gave thanks for BBC iPlayer and I watched some of the sets on my tablet. Who could fail to be impressed by Rick Astley and Elton John!

Music, wherever we hear it or experience it, is an incredible thing. Studies have shown that music enters deeply into who we are and provokes an emotional response that no other art form can achieve. We also know that we remember music in such a way that even if we might lose our memory for other things or live with dementia, the music we know and love will very often stay with us.

Music appears in many parts of our lives. We might listen to it on the radio or via an app, singing along or simply appreciating it. Music might be something we learn about or perform. Music is also a really important part of our worship in church. For thousands of years people have worshipped God with music and singing. It feels like the best way to show our love for God and somehow expresses all the different ways we relate to God.

We have a great time at St Nicholas with our singing! We've learned new skills about downloading music and when we have a real-life organist available we've enjoyed using our keyboard and our beautiful pipe organ. We always try and make a joyful noise and hopefully encourage others to do the same!

I hope we can all continue to enjoy the music around us, knowing that it can touch our very soul. And if you want to come and share in the musical joy at St Nicholas, you would be very welcome. Enthusiasm is all that is required!

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St Nicholas Church Pinvin: Sunday Services

All services will start at 10:30am unless stated otherwise

Trinity Sunday 13 3rd September Holy Communion

Trinity Sunday 15 17th September Sunday Praise

Trinity Sunday 17 1st October Holy Communion

Trinity Sunday 19 15th October Harvest Festival

Refreshments will be available after the service.

With the summer periods of sunshine and a fair quantity of showers (appreciated by the gardeners amongst us) hopefully everyone has seen weather that appealed to them during the summer holidays. **Let us give thanks** that we do not suffer the catastrophic heat and forest fires that are rife in the continental heat.

Sun and rain are essential for growing crops, and to give thanks for our farming community and the harvest we will celebrate with our **Harvest Festival service** on **15th October**, when produce and donations are collected for the benefit of the Pershore Food Bank. In previous years we have managed to provide food and donations that have been very much appreciated. **Please join us** for our Harvest Festival, or for any service, where you will be made very welcome at St Nicholas. Join us too for refreshments after each service.

St Nicholas Church has been busy in the last few weeks with **two notable funerals** taking place. Funerals can be bitter-sweet occasions, as the sorrow of bereavement mixes with the celebration of a life well spent. Such was the case when the church was twice packed to overflowing for the funerals of two local residents, **Richard Elliott** and **Michael Harris**. Richard was well known as a governor of the Pinvin Schools, and as a senior figure in the St John Ambulance Brigade. Michael Harris was also a well-known figure in the village, as he was the landlord of The Coach & Horses pub for many years. **They will both be sadly missed**.

John Kemp - Churchwarden

Churchwarden John Kemp 07531 234002 Vice chairman Rob Mustard 01386 552735

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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.

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!



We don't have a formal meeting in August but instead enjoyed a convivial meal at the Pickled Plum, Pershore. Delicious food in welcoming surroundings with good friends made for a very enjoyable evening.

Our subgroups have been busy this summer. The craft group entered the county WI craft competition and achieved a very respectable score for our first attempt producing savoury scones, chutney, a quilt, a framed photograph and a canal art decorated tray. The book group read its first romance novel which was not a hit; we seem to prefer more sophisticated works! The garden group enjoyed a tour of our own gardens in their July finery with lunch provided by the lovely husband of one of our members. It was an excellent day and we all came away with lots of ideas. In August we were treated to a cuttings master class by one of our members who allowed us to raid her garden for cuttings material.

In September we will be hearing about Cotteswold Dairy from Roger Workman, the son of its founder. I 'm sure it will be a very interesting talk and we are hoping he may bring

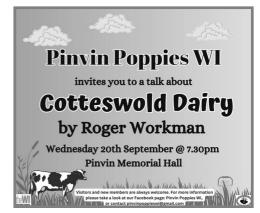
some samples for us to try!

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Pinvin Orchard and Arboretum

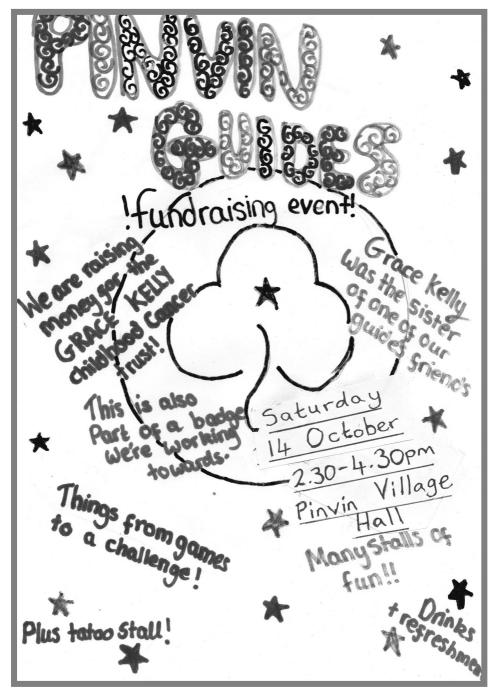
The orchard and the fruit trees in the arboretum are bearing fruit which any resident is welcome to pick and eat. This will be the first time we will experience the autumn colours from the trees in the arboretum.

Several trees were chosen because of their autumn leaf colours so they will hopefully be worth seeing even though they are still fairly small trees.

There are also lots of insects and birds to see and the orchard working party have strimmed pathways between the trees to make it easier for people to walk around. We would really like to encourage people to visit regularly as it has been planted for everyone to enjoy. Access is easy through the small gates and right next to the playing field.

Tiffany O'Dell

Pinvin Art and Craft Group Twelve sessions starting on Tuesday 26th September 2023 from 10.30am - 12.00pm at Pinvin Village Hall. Have a go at a different type of art or craft each week and the tutor will teach you new skills. For all abilities. £5 a session - refreshments included. For more details or to book a place telephone Val: 01386 553391 or Tiffany: 07762 467697



Pinvin Memorial Hall Update



The Memorial Hall continues to attract a good variety of regular hirers throughout any given month. These include activities for children (dance, football and Guides) and adults (Art, Women's Institute).

Occasional hires have included fetes, holiday clubs and parties.

We would love it if the hall could be utilised for more health and well-being activities for adults or children. If you have a great idea to support an aspect of our local community or need space on a regular or adhoc basis to expand an existing scheme, please approach us so we can see how we might be able to help.

The hall is looking a little tired. If you have time to spare and would like a little DIY or revamping project we would love to hear from you.

The contact for the hall is **pinvinvillagehall@gmail.com** (please check your spam folders if you do not hear back within 3 working days).

Hall Committee

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Pinvin Federation of Church of England Schools

A lovely service at Pershore Abbey completed the year, where we were able to say farewell and good luck to our Year 7 pupils and those leaving from other year groups. They left with a beautiful Holding Cross all the way from Bethlehem.

We are looking forward to the start of the new academic year and children will return to see new playground markings and a brand new trim-trail installed.

We were also able to celebrate the school's achievements at the Pershore Plum Festival where our Year 3 class were awarded the 'Winner of Winners' trophy for their wonderful class exhibit of painted plums.

We have Open Evenings scheduled for both schools on 3rd and 12th October for new parents who are interested in a place for their child.



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Pinvin Memories

As a mere visitor to Pinvin these days I was very pleased to be asked to contribute to the Pinvin Memories afternoon at the Memorial Hall on 16th August, as my family roots are deeply planted in Pinvin. A few others had also contributed, mainly photographs from more recent times which I enjoyed seeing.

Although most visitors had moved into the village in more recent years they enjoyed the various displays and a few were intrigued when I showed them a tiny photograph of a bed of tallish flowers in my great grandparents' garden and asked them to 'spot the baby'! Some found it difficult even with a magnifying glass. The baby was my mother sitting, almost hidden, in the flowerbed!

Tea and coffee was provided and people encouraged to chat and share their own memories.

My grandmother used to write to me every week when I moved away from the family and, as well as general news, used to tell me of life in Pinvin when she was a girl - also something of her time in service as a children's nurse in the area including only being able to get home one day in two months! A few of these letters were on view.

An elderly lady and her daughter were found in the car park having travelled a distance so the older lady could visit places she knew years ago and she was very interested in the event. I found out she had lived in Naunton Beauchamp and lived near my grandmother's sister. What a small world!

Many thanks to those who organised this event: it was a joy to share it with you.

Cynthia Johnson



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