

Pinpoint

The magazine for the village of Pinvin

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In my lifetime, November has always been a time for looking backwards in remembrance, and forwards in hope. St Nicholas will hold the annual Remembrance Day service on 12th November to recognise the sacrifice of those who gave their lives in conflict, and there is more about this on pages 2 to 4. On page 16, Cynthia looks back at Pinvin in the past, remembering her own family as well as a much loved local resident.

We also look forward in anticipation to the Christmas season, and Pinvin has not one but two Christmas Fayres for you to enjoy this year. Find out more on pages 5 and 11. Elsewhere, we have news from the parish and county councils, and a selection of other local events you might like.

Melanie



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We hope to hear from you!

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,

I recently watched an amazing series on BBC iPlayer called 'Behind the Stories'. Each episode is an interview with a journalist or correspondent about a significant piece of news they reported on. You get a real insight into what it was like to be there at a significant moment in history, and the huge responsibility that comes with sharing this news with the rest of the world. The episodes that reflect on the War in Ukraine are particularly moving.

For generations there have been incredibly brave women and men who go into war-torn parts of the world and report on events. They help us to understand what is happening, and make us aware of what it is to be a global community that is still not perfect.

We are also reminded of our imperfect world as we prepare once again to keep Remembrance Sunday. This a significant time of the year when we remember, with great thankfulness, all those who have lost their lives serving their country, in the pursuit of peace and a better world. As war continues to rage in Europe, with seemingly little hope or sign of peace, it feels more important than ever that we never forget the true cost of wanting a fairer and more peaceful world.

Please do come and join our community at St Nicholas Church at 10.30 am on Remembrance Sunday, 12 November, for a special service. We will hold before God all those from our village who have died in service of their country. We will also pray to God for peace and an end to all war and conflict.

I really appreciate being able to write these words in Pinpoint. As I mentioned at the start of this letter, we all know how important it is to hear what is happening around us and to keep up with news.

For over two and half years Melanie has done an amazing job at editing Pinpoint. Melanie now feels it is time to hang up her editing pencil and so we are looking for someone to take on this role. If you think you can help, please contact me, Melanie, or John. We really hope that Pinpoint can continue to keep us informed for many 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 unless stated otherwise

All Saints Day	5th November	Holy Communion
Remembrance Day	12th November	Commemoration service
2nd before Advent	19th November	Sunday Praise
Advent Sunday	3rd December	St Nicholas' Patronal Festival, Holy Communion

Refreshments will be available after the service.

I am writing this piece while on a weekend break in the city of Liverpool, and have visited some amazing sights in this lovely City of Music. As a weekly visitor to Worcester Cathedral for choir practice, I have not felt the need to visit either of the two cathedrals of Liverpool in the short time of our stay, but maybe can do on another trip, as the city is certainly a place with a lot to recommend it.

Anyone under the age of forty may not realise the significance of Liverpool as the birthplace of the Beatles, and the change in the music scene that came about in the early to mid 1960's. We strolled down Mathew Street, where the Cavern Club saw this birth, and still celebrates it. On the opposite side of the narrow street is a wall of fame, showing musicians who have appeared at the club during its life. Imagine my glee seeing the names of local legends Robert Fripp and Toyah (no surname needed!) on adjacent bricks on the wall of fame!

Liverpool is full of commemorative statues and memorials, understandably mostly dedicated to the victims of warfare, and especially relating to the maritime history of Liverpool as a port. We will join in our annual recognition of the sacrifice of all victims of warfare in our **Service of Remembrance in November**, and I for one will be thinking of the names and lives carved on the memorial tablets and statues that I have seen during my weekend break, and raising a prayer of thanks.



John Kemp - Churchwarden

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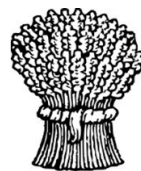


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St Nicholas Church, Pinvin

More news!



We enjoyed our **Harvest Service** on 15th October, led by Jayne Parker taking her first service on her own! We're pleased that Jayne knew we would support her leadership that day and, we hope, for many more services to come. Special thanks must also go to Jeanette Dawe for the **flowers** and **autumn displays** decorating the church, porch and font, and also to Stella Elliott who baked a wonderful **harvest sheaf loaf**. We support the **Pershore Food Bank** with collections twice a year, and two large overflowing crates of food, provisions and toiletries were donated at the service and then delivered to the Food Bank.

On **Sunday 5th November** we have our **All Souls service**, celebrating a custom at least ten centuries old, which has largely been displaced in popular culture by Halloween. The names of our loved ones are read out in the service in which we commemorate those we have loved and lost.

Our **Remembrance Day service** will be on **12th November**, when we join with the whole country to recognise the sacrifice of those killed or affected by war. Anyone is welcome to join us at any service, and these commemoration services may be particularly poignant for many to join in. The **Pinvin Guides** help make this service special.

We certainly would welcome new worshippers at our (usually) fortnightly services. You might remember Sunday School, or going to church when young, and may now wish to explore as an adult what the church means. We join after each service for a few minutes with coffee, biscuits, and a natter!

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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

invites you to our

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

**FREE
ENTRY!**

Sunday 26th November 12-3pm
Pinvin Memorial Hall

Meet Father Christmas in his grotto
Craft stalls, tombola, raffle
Refreshments and much more!

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Parish Council News



New clerk at the council

This year has seen a few changes in the parish council. Carole, our clerk, has decided to move on. We would like to wish her good luck and say thank you for all the hard work. **We have appointed Lisa Cope as our new clerk.** Lisa is also clerk in Peopleton, is very experienced and is looking forward to getting involved in village life. All contact details remain the same apart from her telephone number which is now **07773 793185** and if there are any issues, please get in touch.

Grass and Maintenance in Village

As you may have noticed we have had a somewhat wild year in the village, with the grass and green spaces having grown more than we would have liked. The two big issues we have faced are the grass contract and hiring a new lengthsman to undertake maintenance. The old contract for the grass cutting came to an end at the beginning of this year and coincided with huge increases in costs from contractors. As a result we had three very different prices when tenders were submitted.

We also faced some issues with what land we would be mowing as the council has tried in the past to keep the village to the same standard throughout. Unfortunately we received some legal advice that we had to investigate and this delayed the overall contract. This meant we could not sign the new contract until after the election period and once we had fully ensured we were legally compliant. By this point the grass was out of control and this year has been about getting it back to a suitable standard.

With the new contractor the quote was considerably lower in order to provide best value for money for Pinvin residents. There have been a few teething problems with the quality and location of the grass cutting and the Parish council has liaised with the new company to put this right on several occasions during this year's grass cutting season. This should all be resolved going forward but the council will continue to monitor the situation and take action where appropriate.

We have also appointed a new lengthsman to maintain the green spaces in the village. The lengthsman scheme is paid for by the county council

and is to help parishes maintain areas within the 30mph zone of villages. Our new lengthsman is keen to get work underway and we are hoping we will be able to get on top of issues as quickly as we can. If there are any green spaces you are concerned about please do contact the clerk Lisa, who will be more than happy to help.

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Pinpoint needs a new editor!

Are you interested in Pinvin life and the local community? Would you like to help make sure that news and events reach all the homes in the village? If so, maybe you could be the new editor of Pinpoint!

This is a volunteer role and requires a commitment of around 8 hours a month to produce 10 issues of the magazine every year. Although it is done by one person at present, it would be ideally suited to two or more friends who could share the tasks between them.

Pinpoint magazine is supported by St Nicholas Church and the Parish Council.

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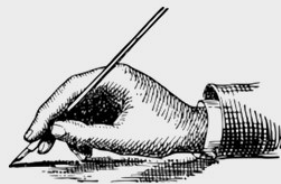
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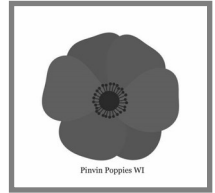


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Pinvin Poppies WI



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!

Pinvin Poppies WI welcomed the lovely Emma McIvor, our local Colour Me Beautiful consultant, to our October meeting, in a change to our published programme as our original speaker was unable to make our meeting. Emma explained the principles of colour analysis as applied to make-up (the focus tonight), and also clothing, and demonstrated the principles on two volunteers. We were all very impressed and two of our members left looking super gorgeous!



We are busy getting ready for our Christmas Fayre on Sunday 26th November from 12-3pm.

We have a **wide range of craft stalls** selling a varied selection of lovely items including resin art, lamps, Christmas decorations, jewellery, cards, watercolour pictures, soy wax candles in cups and saucers and Christmas dog treats.

From the Pinvin Poppies WI you will find home-made chutneys and jams, home crafted Christmas decorations, pre loved jigsaws and books. We will be offering a **variety of hot food** including bacon sandwiches, hot sausages in rolls and burgers (with vegetarian options) and **homemade cake** plus **tea/coffee** and **cold drinks**.

We're excited to announce that **Father Christmas**, in his wonderful grotto, will be in residence to see the children. I'm sure they won't be disappointed with a visit!

For our November meeting we will be enjoying a Christmas craft session led by our enthusiastic Craft Club. Come along to see what we will be doing!

Sara Ashton

President of the Pinvin Poppies WI

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What's on in the local area

Worcester Cathedral Chapter House (off the Cloisters)

Sunday 29 October to Sunday 3 December 2023

Landscape Photography Exhibition

By Michael Whitefoot

40 large-scale wall canvases including many well-known Worcestershire landmarks, such as the Cathedral and the Malvern Hills.

Free to visit during normal Cathedral opening hours
(usually 10am to 5pm Mon to Sat and 12.30 to 2pm on Sundays)



Pinvin Poppies WI
invites you to our
Christmas Craft Evening
Wednesday 15th November @ 7.30pm
Pinvin Memorial Hall

Visitors and new members are always welcome. For more information
please take a look at our Facebook page: Pinvin Poppies WI,
or contact pinvinpoppieswi@gmail.com

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Worcestershire County Council

Storm Babet

At the time of writing, our small lakes have returned in Owletts Lane and Spion Kop. We have also had continued issues on the A44. Highways have kept the drains clear prior to the storm but we experienced up to 70mm of rain overnight on 19th October which none of our drains are designed to withstand. There have also been a couple of issues discovered further along the drains that need resolving and the highways team are investigating.

During intense periods of rainfall the drainage team prioritise main roads and those that are most prone to extensive flooding. While immensely frustrating for us, I have to thank the team who have worked incredibly hard to keep as many roads open as possible.

In the long-term, these types of storms are becoming more common. Once we have dealt with the flooding, I will be arranging a meeting to talk to our drainage team to consider how we can look at the capacity of the drains locally. If there are any areas you think need to be addressed, please let me know.

County Hall remains open

Again, at the time of writing, a significant amount of County Hall has been closed as aerated concrete (known as RAAC) has been discovered in the building. While engineers survey the building, reception is closed.

You can still access the building and the registry office is still open. We are expecting an update in November to establish what will need to be done to the building.

Dan Boatright - County Councillor

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**FREE
ENTRY**

Pinvin's Christmas Fayre **Friday 8th December 5pm Till 7pm**

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10.30am-12.30pm

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What's on in the local area



Pershore Georgian Christmas Fayre

Around Broad Street, Bridge Street and High Street, Pershore

Friday 24th November 2023 5pm to 9pm

Christmas lights switched on at 6pm

Saturday 25th November 2023 10am to 6pm

Vintage fairground rides, Christmas market, Street performers

Hot food and desserts, Bar and hot drinks

Live on-stage entertainment, Arts and crafts



Pershore Country Markets

Chapman Court, by Asda in Pershore

Saturday 11th November and Saturday 25th November from 10am to 1pm

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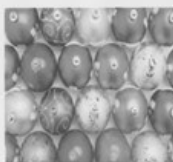
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Pinpoint is a not-for-profit community magazine, delivered free to the village of Pinvin. We are grateful for the support of the Parish Council, St Nicholas Church, Pershore Abbey, our advertisers and our volunteers in producing Pinpoint.

We welcome news, events, memories and articles. Our guidelines are simple:

Be kind - Be positive - Think local.

Any opinions expressed in Pinpoint are those of the authors and do not constitute advice or recommendations to others.

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Pinvin

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Pinvin in the Past

A HOME IN PINVIN – THEN AND NOW

At the time of writing we mourn the loss of a gentleman who lived in Pinvin for many years along with his wife and was regularly seen walking to services at St. Nicholas Church. That man was Clive Kateley. My husband and myself had the privilege of living nearby for several years and were shown many kindnesses by both.

Another family who had lived in the same house had the surname Cole. They were there over one hundred years ago – during the 1891 Census - but had moved away (still in Pinvin) by 1901. In fact, that was the very house where my grandmother spent her early years along with a few of her siblings and had attended the village school and Sunday school as indeed had both her parents.

I must admit with this knowledge it did feel strange the first time I visited Clive and Kath although, of course, the house would have changed a great deal from the time when my ancestors were there. It had been more than twenty years since that little girl of the previous century had died but I know if she had still been around there would have been many stories she would have been able to tell me.

One she mentioned was how when she was a baby her eldest brother had been told to take her out in her perambulator. But his baby brother had died when just a year old and he DID NOT WANT A SISTER, so he pushed her down into the ford. I never was told the rest of the story i.e. how she was rescued or by whom (maybe her brother had a change of heart) but ever after they were close pals.

You will be missed by many, Clive.

Cynthia Johnson

