



WINTER 2023

Your Newsletter

For residents of Braysdown, Carlingcott,
Peasedown St John and Woodborough

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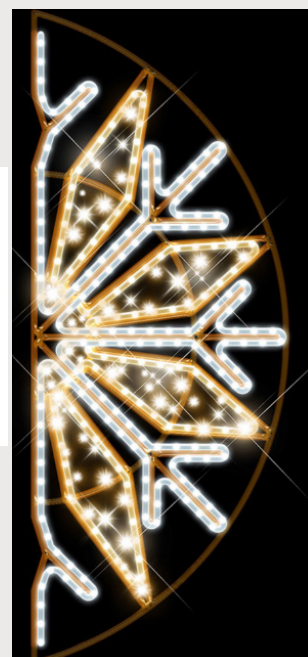
New Christmas Lights



The Parish Council has ordered some new eco-friendly Christmas lights for 2023. These lights are not only energy-efficient but are also made from recycled plastic bottles.

Every year 500 billion plastic bottles are produced, and unfortunately, many of them end up as litter or in the oceans. Annually, around 8 million tons of waste make their way into the oceans, forming a massive accumulation of floating plastics roughly one-third the size of Europe. To make the lights, the plastic bottles are processed and turned into flakes, which are then used in 3D printers to create the decorations. This approach not only reduces greenhouse gas emissions but also helps to decrease the number of plastic bottles in the environment.

Look out for the new lights which will be up ready for a 1st December switch-on.



Up-coming Projects



Photo shows (L to R) Cllrs Mandy Clarke, Richard Clarke, Fiona Carr, Howard Hartley and Audrey Gillard-Sprake

Councillors visited the cemetery recently to inspect the pathways around the Garden of Remembrance (pictured left), which are being considered for replacement and extension in 2024. Following a formal tendering process, they have been carefully evaluating the quotations received before appointing a contractor. A new surface would greatly improve the appearance of the pathways and should last for many years to come.

Other projects being put forward for 2024 include an irrigation system for the Jubilee Garden, an Ecological Survey of the village, reinstating a wildlife pond, putting Ashgrove Cemetery forward for a Green Flag Award and a longer-term plan to budget for the upgrade of all pathways on parish council land to bring them up to standard.

Councillors are looking at ways that they can become more involved in project work, but would love to hear from local residents too. If you have any ideas about future projects, please come along to our meetings in January (details below).

All residents are invited to attend the Parish Council's 2024/25 budget planning/setting meetings
at the Finance & Amenities Committee at 7pm on Tuesday 16th January 2024
or Full Council at 7pm on 23rd January 2024 - both meetings in Beacon Hall.

There is a 10 minute public session at the start of each meeting - please come along to give your views and ideas.

JOY

to the world!
The Lord has come!

Events in Peasedown St John this Christmas

THE ANGLICAN, CATHOLIC AND METHODIST CHURCHES OF
PEASEDOWN ST JOHN WARMLY WELCOME YOU TO JOIN THEM
DURING THIS FESTIVE SEASON.

FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER MESSY CHRISTMAS

3.30-5pm – Methodist Church

SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER VILLAGE CAROLS AT THE SCHOOL

2.30pm – Peasedown St John
Primary School

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

4.30pm – St John's Parish Church,
Church Road

SATURDAY 16TH DECEMBER MENDIP MALE VOICE CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT (ORGANISED BY PEASEDOWN CHRISTIANS TOGETHER)

7.30pm – St John's Parish Church,
Church Road

SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER FAMILY CAROLS

10.30am – Methodist Church

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

6.00pm – Methodist Church

WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER COME AND SING THE CHRISTMAS STORY

7.30pm – St John's Parish Church,
Church Road

SATURDAY 23RD DECEMBER CAROLS AT THE RED POST

7.30pm – The Red Post Inn

CHRISTMAS EVE – SUNDAY 24TH DECEMBER

CRIB SERVICE

(SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES)
4.30pm – Methodist Church

CAROLS AT ST JOSEPH'S

7.30pm – St Joseph's Catholic
Church, Ashgrove

MIDNIGHT MASS

8.00pm – St Joseph's Catholic
Church, Ashgrove

MIDNIGHT COMMUNION

11.30pm – Methodist Church

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11.30pm – St John's Parish
Church, Church Road

CHRISTMAS DAY – MONDAY 25TH DECEMBER

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD - CHRISTMAS MASS

9.00am – St Joseph's Catholic
Church, Ashgrove

CHRISTMAS DAY CELEBRATION

10.30am – Methodist Church

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PEASEDOWN CHRISTIANS

Together

St John's Parish Church
www.stjsgroup.church
07973 972018

Methodist Church
www.peasedownmethodist.co.uk
01761 439934

St Joseph's Catholic Church
01761 437073

Thoughts from the Chair



Following the departure of our Caretaker at the end of last year, the Clerk and councillors have been preparing to recruit a new Caretaker Manager. Interviews will have taken place for this role by the time this newsletter is distributed and we are looking forward to welcoming our new Caretaker early next year.

It is a time of year when the Parish Council start to plan for the coming year and to consider whether there are projects or repairs that need to be undertaken. If you have any ideas you would like us to consider, please get in touch or come along to our budget setting meeting. We look forward to welcoming some of you at our Christmas Tea Party, but I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Best Wishes, Jonathan

RADAR KEYS

All of the accessible gates to our open spaces need a **radar key** for full access. We have a supply of these in the Parish Office and you can have one for a £5 deposit.

Please call in or phone the office to request one.

Electric Vehicle Charging

B&NES Council has secured some funding through the West of England Combined Authority's "Green Recovery Fund" to install Community Hub EV Chargers across the region. They have proposed that a 22kW dual socket charger unit (similar to the one pictured below) should be installed in Peasedown St John, and have asked for input from the Parish Council and local residents to



agree on the proposed location. The suggested location is either **Greenlands Road Car Park** or **Beacon Hall Car Park**, and we would welcome your views on where you think the charger unit should go. To share your thoughts or ask any questions you may have, please email or phone us using the details on the front of this newsletter.

**The Parish Council
would like to wish you all
a very enjoyable Festive Season
and a very Happy New Year**