

Winter 2020



Your Newsletter

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

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Remembrance Christmas Tree

We have put up an additional Christmas tree at Ashgrove Cemetery both to provide some winter colour, and to give residents an additional opportunity to remember their loved ones at Christmas, by adding a gift tag or small decoration to the tree. This can be in memory of someone who has passed away, or a tribute to family or friends who you might not be able to see this Christmas.

A supply of laminated (blank) festive labels and ties will be provided, together with a permanent marker, so that residents can write their own tributes and tie them on the tree. Alternatively, residents may prefer to bring their own small tribute to put on the tree, from home. Photo shows Burial Committee members Cllrs Audrey Gillard-Sprake (now Chair of the Burial Committee) and Les Sprake, with some labels for the tree.



Community Tree Planting



The Parish Council is planning to plant 135 new trees in the village with the assistance of the Mini Police from Peasedown Primary School, the Peasedown Environment Group, and the community in December or January. Earlier in the year the Parish Council in their capacity as sole

Trustees for the Recreation Ground, agreed for planting to take place and two tree planting packs were received from The Woodland Trust. The Mini Police will plant a small copse on the Recreation Ground, and blossom trees will be planted along the path. Further planting will take place on Beacon Field and The Prince of Wales Green.

Cllr Conor Ogilvie-Davidson, Chair of the Planting Advisory Panel, commented: "The Parish Council is excited to bring a variety of new trees to the village to improve our open spaces, increase habitats for wildlife and improve our air. We're hoping to bring more trees to the Parish year-on-year and improve all of our open spaces."

If you would like to express your interest in helping us to plant these trees in the near future, please contact clerk@peasedownstjohnparishcouncil.gov.uk

Christmas Hampers

Sadly, because of COVID-19, we have not been able to hold our usual Christmas Tea party this year. However, so that our older residents know that they are still in our thoughts, Parish Councillors have been hard at work putting together some small hampers of Christmas treats for them to enjoy safely at home.

Cllr Andy Larcombe said "We hope these small hampers will provide some festive cheer and that we will be able to return to our usual arrangements next year, when hopefully things will have improved. Wishing our older residents a healthy Christmas & New Year."



Joy to the world! The Lord has come

The Anglican, Catholic and Methodist Churches of Peasedown St John warmly welcome you to join them during this festive season.

For further information please visit our websites
or call the following numbers:

St John's Parish Church

www.stjsgroup.church
07973 972018

Methodist Church

www.peasedownmethodist.co.uk
01761 439934

St Joseph's Catholic Church

www.facebook.com/St-Josephs-Catholic-Church-Peasedown-St-John-1701059136891446/
01761 437073

Thoughts from the Chair



Christmas is coming and even Covid-19 cannot stop us planning and hoping for a brighter tomorrow. For many people, the recent news about the likely success of a vaccine or more to protect us from the virus, encourages us to think that maybe by next summer we will be able to holiday again.

This second lockdown, which imposes so many restrictions on our lives, is likely to continue in some form or other for several months and it is difficult for everybody. There are too many situations to describe, but those living in residential care must feel particularly isolated from friends and family who are distraught at being unable to visit. For them a vaccine and testing give a glimmer of hope.

On a more positive note, the village seems much busier these days as many of us are out walking, with or without dogs. Even the mud does not deter us. The staff in the shops are cheerful and helpful, and we are fortunate for the work they do. As we are for those who have toiled throughout this pandemic to keep education, health and all essential services running. Take care, keep well and look out for your friends and neighbours.

With best wishes, Kathy

New Parish Councillors

Cllrs Adi Davis and Andrew Fraser were co-opted onto the Parish Council at the Full Council meeting on 19th October 2020.

Cllr Adi Davis has previously been a Parish Councillor and volunteered as a Snow Warden. He said: "I have been living in the Village for 15 years and have my own Taxi and Chauffeur Company. I'm keen to work with my fellow councillors to make Peasedown a better place to live."

Cllr Andrew Fraser said: "In the 17 years that my wife and I have lived in Peasedown, I have experienced many changes that improve our sense of wellbeing. In this, my second period of being a parish councillor, I am grateful to be part of this community and look forward to our ongoing development."

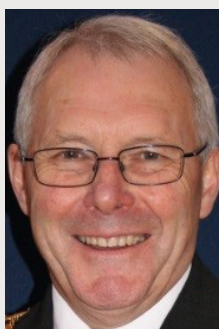


Photos show:

Cllr Adi Davis
(L)

and

Cllr Andrew Fraser
(R)



These vacancies follow the resignation of Gemma Gotts and Claire Parfitt, whom we thank for their service as Parish Councillors.

Cllr Parfitt was previously Chair of the Burial Committee, Planning Committee and the Allotments Advisory Panel. We are also very grateful to her for leading two different projects to improve our village environment: the installation of a dog exercise area on Beacon Field and the installation of Accessible Allotment Plots at Braysdown Allotments.

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

