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Your Newsletter

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

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Recreation Ground Improvements Project



Photo shows L to R: Karl Kilburn (Scout Leader), Cllrs Andy Larcombe, Jo Davis, Jonathan Rich and Cllr Kathy Thomas (far right) at a final site meeting with Alex, Ben and Caitlin from contractors, Northavon

We are excited to announce that works to improve the Recreation Ground will be starting this month. Some of the new features will be:

- Extension of the footpath to provide a mud-free, pushchair and wheelchair-friendly route around the Recreation Ground;
- A dropped kerb at Church Road and installation of an accessible gateway;
- Re-surfacing and improvement of the main vehicle entrance off Bath Road;
- Installation of a pedestrian gateway and steps to formalise the "unofficial" pedestrian entrance from Bath Road;
- Installation of grass re-enforcement matting in the area around the changing

rooms, to ensure that vehicles accessing the facilities will not damage the grass in wet weather.

Councillors hope these works will ensure that the Recreation Ground can be accessed by all residents and will be easier to enjoy throughout the year.

The works will start on Monday 18th October 2021 and will last for around 6 weeks. The estimated completion date will be early December 2021. We will post a weekly up-date on our Facebook page to update everyone on progress.

Whilst the works are taking place, the local Scout Group has arranged for a brand new storage garage to be installed, for equipment such as tents for camping trips. The old storage containers which they had used for many years had become extremely rusty and will be removed to make way for the new footpath.

New Area at Ashgrove Cemetery

Since the creation of the Garden of Remembrance in 2013, we are now creating phase two of the cremated remains area, to provide some additional plots. The scattering area (shown right) is also being improved so that it will look pleasant all year round rather than just for a few weeks of the year.

The Burial Committee hopes to create a pleasant place for residents to sit and reflect and to remember loved ones, and will continue to make improvements to bring this about. The rules for memorials and tributes are displayed on the notice board at the cemetery.



Thoughts from the Chair



We are facing a number of challenges at the start of what may be a difficult Autumn and Winter with COVID and fuel shortages, but the Parish Council has been working hard to bring about some positive changes for local residents. By the time this newsletter is delivered, works will have started on the improvements to the Recreation Ground mentioned on the front page, we will be looking forward to our Remembrance Event at Beacon Hall, and preparing to deliver some small hampers of Christmas treats to our Senior Residents.

Next on the list will be budget planning for 2022. If you have any project ideas you would like to put forward, we would love to hear from you. We have Parish Councillor Surgeries on Fridays 19th November, 17th December, 21st January and 18th February. You are very welcome to join us online or in person to have a chat about your ideas or concerns. Please contact the Parish Office for an appointment.

With best wishes, Jonathan

Streetlight Check

We have been out checking our streetlights before winter to make sure that they are all working and to monitor those that are day burning for the warranty replacements being arranged with the manufacturer. Previously there has been some confusion over which lights the Parish Council is responsible for. With this in mind, we are planning to add new labels to all the lights so that residents can easily identify them and will know whether to report any problems to the Parish Council or Bath & NE Somerset Council.



Telephone Kiosk Refurbishment

The telephone kiosk on Bath Road has been given a new lease of life following its "adoption" by the Parish Council. Planted-up, after a fresh coat of paint and some replacement parts, it is a great new feature in the centre of the village. We are always on the look-out for new volunteers to help with planting-up our flower beds and containers. If you would be interested in helping, please phone or e-mail the Parish Office. No experience needed!



Community Grants Summer 2021

The Parish Council has just awarded another round of Community Grants. Here are some of the local groups who have benefitted this year:

Southside Picnic

Southside Community Group had a delicious, healthy picnic with the help of a grant from the Parish Council. Southside staff and volunteers work within the local community to reduce isolation and provide families and individuals with access to support if needed. The picture (right) shows members of the group receiving their £300 grant from Cllrs Conor Ogilvie-Davidson (far right) and Parish Council Chair, Jonathan Rich (second from right).



Braysdown Allotments Barbecue

Allotment holders at Braysdown Allotments were able to hold a barbecue again this year, when Covid restrictions were partially lifted. Social distancing measures meant that numbers were limited, but those who attended had a great evening, assisted by a £50 grant from the Parish Council as a contribution towards the cost of the food. Braysdown Allotments have been very popular during the Covid pandemic, but the waiting list is now becoming more manageable. Please contact us if you are interested in a plot.

Line Dance Social

Mandy Eades, who runs a line dance class in Beacon Hall, provided a free social for local residents with the help of a grant from the Parish Council. Mandy's aim was to encourage more people to join the line dancing family and to socialise in our community. She is planning further socials in the coming months. The next FREE social is on Friday 12th November from 7.30pm to 10.30pm at Beacon Hall. Please contact Mandy if you would like to attend. Photo shows Mandy receiving her £250 grant from Cllrs Kathy Thomas (far left) and Andrew Fraser (far right).



Social Wellbeing Group

This group meet every Tuesday at The Hive in Peasedown St John. The picture shows Cllr Barbara Bailey presenting a cheque for £75 towards their running costs and craft supplies. With a focus on tackling isolation in the community, the group often do craft activities, and have recently donated knitted items to the homeless and Salvation Army. The Union flag blanket (pictured) was started by one of their members but became very much a team project.



Sadly, due to COVID-19, we are not able to hold our usual Christmas Tea Party this year.

So that our older residents know that they are still in our thoughts, Peasedown St John Parish Council is putting together some small hampers of Christmas treats for them to enjoy safely at home.

If you would like to request a hamper, please telephone us on: (01761) 433686 no later than 5th November 2021

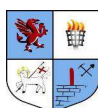
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Remembrance Event

We will be holding a Remembrance Day Event similar to that held in 2019, at Beacon Hall on Sunday 14th November 2021, at 6pm (details below). The event will include poems, readings, sharing of stories and some songs.

If you have any wartime-related stories or memorabilia, we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch with the Parish Office using the phone or e-mail overleaf.

The picture below shows some of the memorabilia displayed at the 2019 event.



Beacon Hall

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REGULAR ACTIVITIES

If you are interested in joining any of the regular activities listed below, please contact the club organisers or ask our bookings secretary on the above details:

Monday		
Low Impact Dance Fitness	09:30 – 10:20	Gabrielle – 07980 858176
Pilates (Seated/Standing)	10:40 – 11:30	Gabrielle – 07980 858176
Bath All Starz Cheerleading – Excel	15:45 – 16:45	Ashia – 01761 436871
Bath All Starz Cheerleading - Extreme	18:15 – 19:45	Ashia – 01761 436871
Tuesday		
Pilates (Gentle Beginners)	09:30 – 10:30	Gabrielle – 07980 858176
Pilates (General)	10:45 – 11:45	Gabrielle – 07980 858176
Parish Council Meeting (check website for details)	19:00 onwards	Parish Office – 01761 433686
Wednesday		
Art & Craft Group	13:30 – 16:00	Kathy – 07918 713240
Bath All Starz Cheerleading - Exceed	16:30 – 17:30	Ashia – 01761 436871
Bath All Starz Cheerleading - Excite	17:45 – 18:45	Ashia – 01761 436871
Line Dancing (absolute beginners)	19:15 – 20:00	Mandy – 07890 590552
Line Dancing (beginners/improvers)	20:15 – 21:15	Mandy – 07890 590552
Thursday		
Virgin Care – Humbug Theatre Group	09:00 – 16:00	Private Booking
Bath All Starz Cheerleading	16:20 – 17:35	Ashia – 01761 436871
Pilates (beginners/improvers)	18:30 – 19:30	Gabrielle – 07980 858176
Pilates (general level)	19:45 – 20:45	Gabrielle – 07980 858176
Friday		
Southside	09:30 – 15:30	
All Other Times...		
Are available for regular or occasional bookings – please contact us (details at the top of the page): Prices start from £10/hour		

Please note – sessions are subject to timing changes and some are only held during term time.



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Remembrance Event

**Sunday 14th November 2021
6.00pm**

Beacon Hall

ALL WELCOME

Event to include poems, readings and short films

Refreshments will be served