



WINTER 2022

# Your Newsletter

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

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## Planting Update



Photo shows (L to R): Mike, Jim, Nicky, Barbara, Lindsey and Drew

Our wonderful team of planting volunteers and staff (left) have been working to plant up the beds and containers ready for spring. We can look forward to our usual lovely displays in a few months' time.

We will also be planting some trees in the next few months to replace some which will, sadly, have to be felled due to Ash dieback. Ash dieback is a fungal disease, originally from Asia, which has been devastating the native ash trees in the UK. We have seven trees on our public open spaces which will need to be felled because a large part of the tree is now affected. Luckily we can apply for some grant funding from The Tree Council to purchase some replacement trees.

A new Crab Apple tree is to be planted on the Recreation Ground which has been kindly



donated by a local resident in memory of his late wife, Betty Stanley. If anyone is interested in planting a memorial tree or sponsoring one of our benches at the Jubilee Garden (we have two remaining) please get in touch with the Parish Office for further details.

Lastly, we must say a fond farewell to our Caretaker, Jim Murtagh (pictured right). Jim has been with the Parish Council for 13 years, and during that time has been responsible for a huge list of improvements to our village environment and open spaces.

Thank you, Jim - you will be missed.

**All residents are invited to attend the Parish Council's 2023/24 budget planning meeting at the Finance & Amenities Committee, Tuesday 10th January 2023, 7pm at Beacon Hall.**

*Come and have your say on how the Parish Council element of your Council Tax is spent!*

## Community Grants

The second phase of Community Grant awards for 2022 has just been agreed, with the following organisations being awarded a grant (subject to ratification at November Full Council):

- Swan Community Transport received £250 to help cover the cost of journeys made by Peasedown St John residents over the course of the next 12 months (currently 43 residents registered).
- Peasedown St John WI received £59.98 to purchase two pull up roller banners to display at events.
- The Mini Police were awarded £250 towards the cost of coach hire for a trip to the Police training centre in March.



- Bath All Starz Cheerleading (left) were awarded £640 to fund coach travel to Wales for the southwest championship competition in March 2023.

The next round of Community Grants will be held in Spring 2023. If you have an organisation or group based in Peasedown St John that might benefit from a grant, please get in touch with the Parish Office for an application form.

# Joy to the world! The Lord has come

"Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you:  
He is Christ the Lord" Luke 2:11

## Christmas 2022

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

### Friday 9th December

#### Messy Christmas

3.30pm-5pm – Methodist Church

### Sunday 11th 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 17th December

**Carols at the Red Post**  
8pm – The Red Post Inn

### Sunday 18th December

**Family Carols**  
10:30am – Methodist Church

**Carols by Candlelight**  
6pm – Methodist Church

### Wednesday 21st December

#### Carol Service

8pm – St John's Parish Church, Church Road

### Saturday 24th December CHRISTMAS EVE

**Crib service**  
4.30pm – Methodist Church

**Midnight Communion**  
11.30pm – Methodist Church

**Carols at St Joseph's**  
6.30pm – St Joseph's Catholic  
Church, Ashgrove

**Midnight Communion**  
11.30pm – St John's Parish  
Church, Church Road

#### Midnight Mass

7.00pm – St Joseph's Catholic  
Church, Ashgrove

### Sunday 25th December CHRISTMAS DAY

**Solemnity of The Nativity of  
The Lord - Christmas Mass**  
9am – St Joseph's Catholic  
Church, Ashgrove

**Christmas Day Celebration**  
10.30am – St John's Parish  
Church, Church Road

**Christmas Day Celebration**  
10.30am – Methodist Church

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

St John's Parish Church  
[www.stjsgroup.church](http://www.stjsgroup.church)  
07973 972018

Methodist Church  
[www.peasedownmethodist.co.uk](http://www.peasedownmethodist.co.uk)  
01761 439934

St Joseph's Catholic Church  
01761 437073

## Thoughts from the Chair



Winter is on the way with the weather turning colder and evenings getting darker. By the time this newsletter goes out, I hope we will have seen some of you at the Parish Council's Remembrance event at Beacon Hall, and will be looking forward to welcoming older residents to our Christmas Tea.

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.

Finally, with the end of the year in sight, may I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Best Wishes, Jonathan

## Community Fridge

Peasedown's own community fridge is now open for all the community to use. Located in the cafe area of the Hive Community Centre, businesses or individuals with good but surplus food or produce can donate food to the fridge and anyone who can use it can take it. It is a huge win-win both for the environment, saving food from going to waste, and for our wallets at a time when every penny counts.

Contact the Hive Community Centre on 01761 360021 if you would like to get involved in taking this idea forward.

*Jill Souter, Management Committee, The Hive Community Centre*

## Welcome to a New Councillor

Samantha Heathcote and Adi Davis have recently resigned from the Parish Council and we would like to pass on our thanks to them both for their time with us.

We also welcome Cllr Gill Auld (pictured below left) who joined the Parish Council earlier this month, and we very much look forward to working with her. Gill is keeping a Blog of what it's



like to be a new Parish Councillor, which she will be posting on our website and Facebook. If you are interested in finding out more about what's involved, please take a look!

We have one remaining vacancy which can be filled by co-option. If anyone is interested, please contact the Parish Office for an application form.

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