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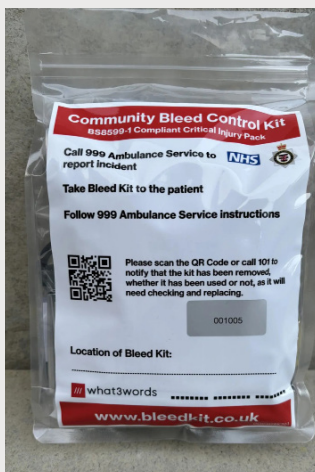
# Your Newsletter

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

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## Parish Council Funds Lifesaving Community Bleed Kits



In response to a request from local Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs), the Parish Council has agreed to fund the purchase of four community bleed kits. Subject to permission, they will be located next to the community defibrillators at Beacon Hall, the Co-op, the Red Post and St John's Close. These kits are vital for controlling severe bleeding in emergencies, providing essential tools like tourniquets and dressings that can save lives before emergency services arrive.

Parish Council Chair, Jonathan Rich, said: "The placement of these kits in key locations is a proactive measure to enhance public safety. The Parish Council was pleased to fund this initiative for our community, which could potentially make a critical difference in life-threatening situations".

## Community Grants

This summer, Peasedown St John Parish Council has given away a total of £3,221.60 to organisations in the village. Here are some of the local groups who have benefitted this year:



**Peasedown St John Cricket Club** received a grant towards their Annual Firework Display in November, to provide free tickets for pupils at Peasedown St John Primary School.

**Bath Area Play Project** received money for a Play Day on Beacon Field (pictured left). Bath Area Play Project are a small voluntary organisation established in 1979 to support the child's right to play and facilitate a range of play opportunities

for children of all ages and abilities.

**Braysdown Allotments Committee** received money towards the cost of the Allotment Holders' Barbecue (pictured right). This popular event is held each year in July. Braysdown Allotments have been very popular during recent years, but the waiting list is now much more manageable. Please contact us if you are interested in a plot.



**Peasedown St John WI** received a grant towards the cost of advertising their Winter Fayre in Beacon Hall, which takes place on 8th November 2024.

**Peasedown St John Brownies & Guides** received a grant towards the cost of new flag bags for their Guide and Union Flags.

**Bath All Starz Cheerleading** (pictured left) received a grant towards the cost of running their Summer Holiday Club, where they organise fun days at Beacon Hall with activities including crafts, sports and games. They also received help towards the cost of coach travel to attend the Regional Cheerleading Championship.

If you run an organisation in Peasedown St John that might benefit from a grant, the next round of grants closes on **7th October 2024**. Please contact the Parish Office for an application form.



## Thoughts from the Chair



As the weather turns cooler and we look forward to the festive season, it is a good time to thank our many voluntary organisations who work so hard for local residents, and our parish councillors who, as public servants, help to make our village a pleasant place to live and work.

We were very sorry to lose Howard Hartley as a parish councillor recently, but would like to thank him for all his hard work for the past 15 months. He will continue to contribute to village life as a volunteer on various groups. Howard's departure has created a vacancy on the Parish Council and if you would be interested in learning more about this, please contact the Parish Office.

We are very pleased to welcome Joy Luxford to the team of staff in the Parish Office. Joy has been appointed Responsible Finance Officer, a role which was previously undertaken by the Clerk but which, due to an increase in the Clerk's workload, will now be a separate job. Joy will take up her role later this month.



### BEACON HALL

**A great venue for wedding receptions, parties and meetings for up to 120 people**

- ☒ Banqueting chairs and tables included in hire
- ☒ Modern catering kitchen
- ☒ Crockery, cutlery and glassware for 100 covers
- ☒ Bluetooth sound system and free wi-fi
- ☒ Space for activities including a bouncy castle
- ☒ Free car park with parking for 50 cars



CONTACT US FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND AVAILABILITY:



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## Community Catalysts



Could you offer care and help at home support in Peasedown St John? Do you have spare time and a skill which could help vulnerable

adults in Peasedown St John? Do you want to make a difference in your community? Community Catalysts, a UK wide social enterprise, is looking for people interested in launching their own care or help at home business in BANES. We will provide FREE support to enable you to set up as self-employed or as a small community enterprise, offering help at home or activities and support in the community.

Enterprising residents have already come forward with lots of creative ideas for new support options. This could be helping with personal care, befriending and companionship, light cooking and cleaning, shopping, DIY or gardening, taking clients to hospital appointments or out in the car on social trips. All activities helping improve quality of life of older vulnerable neighbours in the community. The project is supported by Bath & North East Somerset Council.

We want to offer more choice for care and help at home services in Peasedown St John. If you are interested in finding out how our Development Programme can help you launch your own community enterprise, please contact **07443 191851** or email [michael.auton@communitycatalysts.co.uk](mailto:michael.auton@communitycatalysts.co.uk).

You can also follow the project on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/CommCatsBANES](http://www.facebook.com/CommCatsBANES)



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## Update on the Recreation Ground



Did you know that the Recreation Ground - officially called "The Miners' Welfare Recreation Ground" was land originally provided by the mining industry for those living in the area? The mining industry was the only employer that ever had a statutory obligation to provide money for the social welfare of its employees, with the aim of helping to redress the appalling social and living conditions suffered by mining communities.

The Parish Council became the Charity Trustee of the land in 1996, and holds regular trustee meetings in Beacon Hall, where they discuss management of the facilities and any forthcoming projects.

There are several projects that they are currently working on in conjunction with other groups, including:

- Working with the **Somerset Miners' Welfare Trust** to install a metal miner on the Recreation Ground, with the aim of leaving a legacy for those who worked on the coalfields locally. This forms part of commemorations to mark 50 years since the last two mines closed in the county.
- A proposal for a war memorial at the Recreation Ground has been put forward and we are working with one of the **Ward Councillors and local residents** to provide input on this potential project. Although there is an existing war memorial in St John's Church, many people are not aware of it and it was thought that it would be good to have something more visible.
- Working with **Peasedown Miners' Welfare FC (PMWFC)** and their sponsors on refurbishments to the football stand. PMWFC have requested that the refurbished stand should be called the "Clark & Young Stand" in recognition of the input from Percy Clark and Glenda Young, who have been involved with running PMWFC over many years.

If you would be interested in learning more about the history of the Recreation Ground and the Charity Trustee, please visit our website and take a look at the Charity Trustee page under the "Community" tab.

## Forthcoming Environmental Projects



The Parish Council is working on some exciting projects put forward by its Climate and Environment Advisory Panel.

Firstly, we have been lucky enough to secure grant funding from West of England Combined Authority, to install solar panels and insulation at Beacon Hall (subject to a

licence being obtained from B&NES Council). We hope this will not only benefit the environment but will save money for local residents.

Secondly, we have plans to install a wildlife pond on Ecewiche Green (subject to planning permission being obtained) which we hope will increase biodiversity as well as being an interesting and attractive addition to one of our open spaces.

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like further information about either project. [Photos for illustration purposes only.]





**Peasedown St John Parish Council**  
are planning to host their  
**Christmas Tea Party**  
for older residents  
of Peasedown St John  
on  
**Sunday 1st December 2024**  
Please **SAVE THE DATE**  
and if you would like to  
register an interest,  
telephone us on:  
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## Fly-tipping in Litter Bins & Parks

Recently, we have had issues with residents filling litter bins around the village with their domestic waste, which generates additional cost by way of labour, bin bags and disposal charges and is illegal. There have also been cases of fly-tipping of waste such as garden and builder's waste on our public open spaces and footpaths, which we then have to remove.



This fly-tipping results in the Parish Council having to pay to dispose of items which local residents could take to their local Recycling Centre free of charge. It's very easy to book, simply visit <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/midsomer-norton-recycling-centre>.

Landfill taxes have increased considerably in recent years, and the Parish Council now has to pay £126 per tonne.

These additional costs will affect ALL local residents who will be paying higher council tax to cover the Parish Council's costs, for waste services that they are already paying for through their Council Tax.



## Temporary reinstatement of bus service via Orchard Way, and direct bus link to Frome

From mid-August there have been some changes to local bus services, due to the long-term closure of the A36 to stabilise the embankment at Limpley Stoke, and a low bridge preventing double deck vehicles from using the nearest alternative route. This means that Service D2x will run to Peasedown St. John, where it will serve the bus stops along Orchard Way.

Buses will then continue to Frome via Radstock and Buckland Dinham. The full timetable can be found here:



## Dates for your Diary

**Annual Firework Display**, Peasedown Cricket Club.  
Friday 1st November 2024, 7.15pm (gates open at 6pm).

**Dressing of War Graves for Remembrance Day**, St. John's Church, Saturday 9th November 2024, 10.45am.

**Village Remembrance Day Service**, St. John's Church, Sunday 10th November 2024, 10.45am.

