



Autumn-Winter 2018

Your Newsletter

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

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Parish Council Community Grants 2018

St John's Residents' Association in Peasedown St John can look forward to tea, coffee and biscuits thanks to a grant from Peasedown St John Parish Council.

The Parish Council provided £60, which was awarded as part of the annual Community Grants Scheme. Cllr Mandy Clarke said: "The Residents' Association provide a weekly drop-in at St John's Close Community Hall, where visitors can access a PC to send an e-mail or apply for a job. The Parish Council grant will mean that we can offer people a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit when they call in. The drop-in takes place on a Wednesday from 1pm-3pm". For further details, please see the Residents' Association Facebook page by searching @PeasedownResidents.



Photo shows Mandy and Richard Clarke (right) accepting a cheque on behalf of the Residents' Association from Cllr Kathy Thomas

New Pedestrian Gates For Our Public Open Spaces

The Parish Council has recently installed some Equality Act Compliant pedestrian gates at the entrances to the public open spaces around the village. This was partly funded by money resulting from a development in the village together with a Community Empowerment Fund Grant from B&NES Council. We hope the gates will make it much easier for those using wheelchairs, mobility scooters, pushchairs or prams to access Beacon Field, the Recreation Ground and Ecewiche Green.



Photo shows Parish Caretaker Jim Murtagh (right) and Drew Davis installing one of the gates

Upgrade of Parish Council Street Lights

Work is about to start to up-grade the 120 street lights owned by the Parish Council to LED. We hope that the first lights to be installed will be in Carlingcott. The remaining lights will be installed in the coming months and we hope the works will be complete in early 2019. If you have any queries about the installation, please contact the Parish Office on the number given above.

The new units will reduce energy consumption by up to 60%, whilst providing the same level of light as before. LED technology also enables the introduction of variable dimming technology, which means that light levels can be reduced later at night when the roads are less busy.



Thoughts from the Chair



Chilly mornings and dark evenings are upon us as we approach the winter season. I hope that some of you will have been able to join with the Parish Council at the service of Remembrance at St John's Church this year, or the Beacon Lighting event at Beacon Hall.

There were many events around the country to mark 100 years since the end of the Great War. Your Parish Councillors were proud to be part of the national "Beacons of Light" event. Supported by children from the school, the WI, the British Legion and the Armed Forces: pipers piped, beacons were lit and Church bells rang out across the nation.

So much has happened since 11th November 1918. What would those people who gave their lives for their country think of Peasedown of St John today? What would they think of the UK leaving the EU, roads clogged with vehicles and electric lights in every home?

We should also remember all those people who stayed at home during the Great War: the women working the land, men working in mining, farming and other essential industries and the vital part they all played in the future of our nation.

On that note, as the end of the year is in sight, may I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Best wishes, Kathy.

Welcome to New Councillors

We are pleased to report that three new members have joined the Parish Council by co-option at our Full Council meeting in October. We hope that Cllrs Barbara Bailey, April James and Linda Morgan will enjoy working for their community.



Linda (above left) was originally from Bath and has lived in the village for 5 years. She is hoping to bring a fresh voice to the Parish Council and is particularly concerned about any potential over-development of the village. April (above, centre) works in a healthcare environment and has an interest in mental health issues and animal welfare. Barbara (above, right) was already familiar with some of the Parish Council's activities having worked as a volunteer helping with summer planting and the annual Christmas Tea party.

Following the resignation of Cllr Edward Jones, we still have vacancies that can be filled by co-option, so why not join the Parish Council and have a say in what goes on in your village? This would be the ideal opportunity for anyone who wishes to try being a Parish Councillor without a long-term commitment, because all of the current councillors come up for re-election in May 2019. Being a Parish Councillor is a voluntary role and you would normally be expected to attend a monthly evening meeting (7pm to 9.30pm) as a minimum. If you would like to know more, please contact the Parish Office for further details and an application pack.

We would like to take the opportunity, on behalf of the community, to thank Edward Jones for his contribution as a Parish Councillor, and to wish him well for the future.

New Parish Council Website

The brand new Parish Council website has now gone “live” and we would welcome your feedback. The website provides information on Parish Council activities such as forthcoming meetings and details of facilities including Ashgrove Cemetery and Braysdown Allotments. You can also find details of your Parish Councillors along with general information on the community.

If you have any ideas about other information you would like to see on the website, please contact us at the Parish Office to let us know.



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Welcome to the Peasedown St John Parish Council website

Thank you for visiting our website, please use the above navigation to find the information you require.

Should you wish to add content or comment on the site please contact the [Clerk at the Parish Office](#).

Upcoming Meetings

Parish Council Takes on Snow Warden Scheme

For the past six years we have been part of the Snow Warden Scheme run by Bath & N E Somerset Council. Under the scheme, the Parish Council were provided with salt and equipment so that pavements in key areas of the village could be treated in the event of severe weather, by a group of volunteers. The scheme has run successfully since then and we are very grateful to the volunteers, co-ordinated by our Snow Warden Calvin Bird, who turn out in freezing weather to keep important routes in the village clear for pedestrians.



Earlier this year, B&NES Council announced that they would no longer provide funding for the scheme, so the Parish Council has made a decision to support it going forward. We are always on the look-out for new volunteers to help - please get in touch if you could spare some time and would be willing to get involved.

Just a reminder of the colour coding for grit bins, in case you wish to request a refill:

- green grit bins are the Parish Council
- yellow grit bins are B&NES Council
- bins on CURO areas are CURO.

You are welcome to use the salt, but please spread it thinly - one tablespoon is enough to treat one square metre.

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 2018

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

Saturday 1st Dec

**Christmas Breakfast
& Christmas Fayre**
9-12am, Methodist Church

Tuesday 4th Dec

Advent Reflection 1
10.30am, St Joseph's
Catholic Church

Saturday 8th Dec

**Christmas Fayre
with Children's Craft**
10-1.30pm, St Joseph's
Catholic Church

Sunday 9th Dec

**Village Carols
with Silver Band
and Children**
2.30-3.30pm,
PSJ Primary School

Christingle Service
4.30pm,
St John's Parish Church

Tuesday 11th Dec

Advent Reflection 2
10.30am,
Methodist Church

Friday 14th Dec

Messy Christmas
3-5pm,
Methodist Church

Sunday 16th Dec

**Morning Worship
"Messy Carols for
Everyone"**
10.30am,
Methodist Church

**Children's Decorating
of the Crib with stories
and afternoon tea**
2-5.00pm, St Joseph's
Catholic Church

Family Carol Service

4.30pm,
St John's Parish Church

Healing Service
6pm, Methodist Church

Monday 17th Dec

Advent Prayer Stations
Methodist Church

Tuesday 18th Dec

Advent Reflection 3
10.30am,
St John's Parish Church

Advent Prayer Stations
Methodist Church

Wednesday 19th Dec

Advent Prayer Stations
Methodist Church

Christmas Carols
6pm, St Joseph's Catholic
Church

Thursday 20th Dec

Advent Prayer Stations
Methodist Church

Christmas Carols
6:30pm, 29th Anniversary
of the Dedication of St
Joseph's Catholic Church

Saturday 22nd Dec

Carols at the Red Post
8pm, The Red Post Inn

Sunday 23rd Dec

Carols by Candlelight
6pm, Methodist Church

Monday 24th Dec CHRISTMAS EVE

Crib Service 4.30pm,
Methodist Church

Carols at St Joseph's
7.30pm, St Joseph's
Catholic Church

Midnight Mass

8.00pm, St Joseph's
Catholic Church
(Confessions will be
available before Mass)

Midnight Communion

11.30pm,
Methodist Church

Midnight Communion

11.30pm,
St John's Parish Church

Tuesday 25th Dec CHRISTMAS DAY

**Solemnity of The
Nativity of The Lord –
Christmas Mass**
9.00am,
St Joseph's Catholic
Church

Christmas Day Communion

9.30am, St Julian's Parish
Church, Wellow

Christmas Day Celebration

10.30am,
St John's Parish Church

Christmas Celebration

10.30am,
Methodist Church

Sunday 30th Dec

**The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary & Joseph
- Mass**
9.00am,
St Joseph's Catholic
Church

Morning Worship

10.30am,
Methodist Church

Morning Praise

10.30am,
Benefice Service,
St Julian's Church,
Wellow

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

St John's Parish Church
www.stjsgroup.church 01761 300410

St Joseph's Catholic Church
01761 437073

Methodist Church
www.peasedownmethodist.co.uk 01761 439934

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





Older residents of Peasedown St John are invited to a

Christmas Tea Party

hosted by Peasedown St John Parish Council

Sunday 2nd December 2018

3.00pm to 5.30pm
at Beacon Hall, French Close,
Peasedown St John

Telephone (01761) 433686
to book your place

Closing date: 23rd November 2018

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