



WINTER 2024

# Your Newsletter

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

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## Insulation at Beacon Hall



The Parish Council is delighted to announce the first part of the WECA Grant funded project to install insulation and solar PV at Beacon Hall has been completed. During the week of half term the roof insulation was installed. This part of the project was by far the most complex and took a team effort by all the staff working at Beacon Hall to prepare the space. The aim was to insulate Beacon Hall to reduce heat loss and improve resilience against cold temperatures. This has been achieved by spraying the inside of the roof with a cork insulation layer. This will reduce heat loss by 30-35%, soften the acoustics and provide some protection from the cold. In a space as large as Beacon Hall insulation was always going to be a challenge, but by using a spray cork insulation product it has been possible to achieve this.

Cork is a very versatile material and has been used for thousands of years in a myriad of ways. It is made up of tiny cells that are filled with air which block warm air from escaping. The cork bark is harvested without causing any damage to the forests where it grows helping to maintain this important natural resource. It has been applied in the form of a spray made up of tiny particles of cork. This sustainable product will offer protection from our changing environment, reduce the cost of running the Hall and allow the Parish Council to maintain a low-cost space for the village.

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## Bulb Planting

As well as the Parish Council's own bulb planting in containers and on roundabouts, we have been lucky enough to have various groups offering to plant bulbs around the village, which will brighten up our open spaces next Spring.

**Avon Wildlife Trust** have been planting bulbs (supplied by them) on Beacon Field - these will go amongst the recently-planted trees, next to the main entrance gate.

**Peasedown Environment Group** will also be planting some bulbs on the Village Green next to the Prince of Wales. They will be re-using bulbs saved from our flower beds last year.

Lastly, the **Cub Scouts from 1st Peasedown St John Scouts**

(pictured above right) have been hard at work planting crocus bulbs on the orchard on Orchard Way, on behalf of Somer Valley Rotary Club, who donated them. This is part of an initiative to mark World Polio Day on October 24th where 4000 Purple Crocus bulbs will be planted across the area as a reminder of the wonderful work being done to eradicate this dreadful disease. Hayley Workman, who recently undertook a fundraiser for the Scouts, said: "We're grateful to the Rotary Club for their fantastic donation to the Peasedown St John Scout Group and we were delighted to help raise awareness of this important issue. We hope local residents will enjoy seeing the bulbs come up next spring". The Scouts were also awarded a grant from the Parish Council, towards the cost of road safety signage.



All residents are invited to attend the Parish Council's 2025/26 budget planning/setting meetings  
at the Finance & Governance Committee at 7pm on Tuesday 21st January 2025  
or Full Council at 7pm on 28th January 2025 - both meetings in Beacon Hall.

*There is a 10 minute public session at the start of each meeting - please come along to give your views and ideas.*



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# 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

## Events in Peasedown St John this Christmas

THE ANGLICAN, CATHOLIC AND METHODIST CHURCHES OF PEASEDOWN ST JOHN WARMLY WELCOME YOU TO JOIN THEM DURING THIS FESTIVE SEASON.

**SUNDAY 1ST**  
**BUBBLE CHURCH**  
**CHRISTMAS SERVICE**  
**(FOR YOUNG FAMILIES)**  
9.15am  
St John's Parish Church

**SUNDAY 8TH**  
**VILLAGE CAROLS**  
**AT THE SCHOOL**  
2:30pm

**CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**  
4:30pm  
St John's Parish Church

**FRIDAY 13TH**  
**MESSY CHRISTMAS**  
3:30-5pm  
Methodist Church

**WEDNESDAY 18TH**  
**COME AND SING THE**  
**CHRISTMAS STORY**  
7.30pm  
St John's Parish Church

**SATURDAY 21ST**  
**CAROLS AT**  
**THE RED POST**  
7.30pm

**SUNDAY 22ND**  
**FAMILY CAROLS**  
10:30am  
Methodist Church

**CAROLS BY**  
**CANDLELIGHT**  
6pm  
Methodist Church

### CHRISTMAS EVE – TUESDAY 24TH DECEMBER

**CRIB SERVICE WITH**  
**CHRISTINGLES**  
4.30pm – Methodist Church

**CAROLS AT ST JOSEPH'S**  
7.30pm – St Joseph's Catholic  
Church, Ashgrove

**MIDNIGHT MASS**  
8.00pm – St Joseph's Catholic  
Church, Ashgrove

**MIDNIGHT COMMUNION**  
11.30pm – Methodist Church

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Church, Church Road

### CHRISTMAS DAY – WEDNESDAY 25TH DECEMBER

**SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY**  
**OF THE LORD - CHRISTMAS**  
**MASS**  
9.00am – St Joseph's Catholic  
Church, Ashgrove

**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
**CELEBRATION**  
10.30am – Methodist Church

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PEASEDOWN CHRISTIANS

*Together*

St John's Parish Church  
www.stjsgroup.church  
07973 972018

Methodist Church  
www.peasedownmethodist.co.uk  
01761 439934

St Joseph's Catholic Church  
01761 437073

## Thoughts from the Chair



It's the 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 (details on the front of this newsletter).

We look forward to welcoming some of you at our Christmas Tea Party and will shortly have our usual Christmas lights and trees bringing some festive cheer to the village. We also plan to install our memorial tree at Ashgrove Cemetery, to give residents an opportunity to remember their loved ones at Christmas, by adding a gift tag or small decoration to the tree. With my best wishes to you all for Christmas and the New Year, Jonathan.



## Transfer of Persimmon Land

We are very pleased to report that the transfer of ownership of various areas of land from Persimmon Homes to Peasedown St John Parish Council, has now completed. This project started from residents complaining about overgrown hedges and has been the culmination of many years work, with lots of changes and obstacles along the way. Hopefully we can now get to work properly on those hedges and bring them to a standard that residents are happy with and make other areas into well maintained spaces. The photo below shows Cllrs Andy Larcombe and Kathy Thomas signing the transfer documents, together with Melanie from Thatcher and Hallam Solicitors.

