

The Tower

Churchill Parish Council newsletter

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Oh Christmas Tree...

We have been lucky enough to have two trees sponsored by Crest Nicholson. One situated next to Churchill Primary School and the other at the traffic lights of Bristol Road and Bath Road.

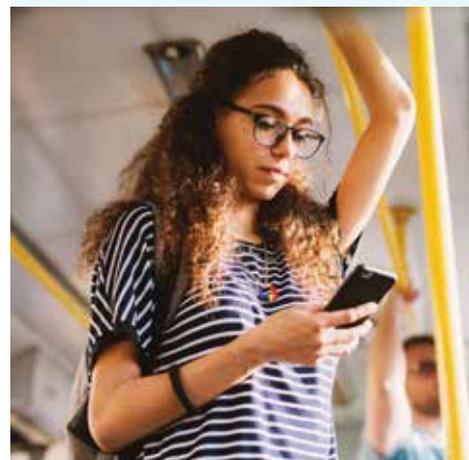
The Assistant Parish Clerk and her intrepid husband scaled the trees on a step ladder and braved the elements to fit the Christmas lights.



Many Parishioners walking by were impressed and commented on how lovely the trees looked.

New Churchill to Bristol bus service

Operating Monday to Friday every hour from 8am to 6pm (and ten minutes past from 10.10am until 6.10pm), this new service starts from Langford Vets and passengers can catch the bus at the stop outside Budgens. Journey time is around 35 minutes.



There are various stops on the A38 into Bristol, including the Airport Tavern (for airport visitors). There are also stops in Hotwells Road, at the bottom of Jacobs Well Road before the final stop at Sainsbury's in Queens Road (Clifton). Return journeys use all the same stop and pick up places and the times from Bristol start at 8.10am and then 15 minutes past the hour until 6.15pm.

Costs are £6.50 return and can be paid on the bus. All Travel cards are valid but should only be used after 9am. Timetables should be available from Budgens and Churchill Post Office stores in the near future and there will be further information on the Churchill Parish Council website.

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Village Show 2018

A sunny Saturday afternoon on 8 September saw yet another well supported Churchill Parish Village Show at the Memorial Hall. A spectacular showing of vegetables, fruit, flowers, baked goods, cakes, home brew, preserves, photography, handicrafts and artwork. Congratulations to all our winners.

Thank you to all our volunteers, not forgetting the well received refreshments and superb homemade cakes. A grateful thank you to all the generous local businesses and individuals who provided raffle prizes.



Howzat!

In August the cricket field saw the installation of a new cricket ball defence net. The Leisure Committee deliberated and agreed to replace the old netting as it was well past its best with large gaping holes and paint peeled posts. The new netting should hold the impact of a fast-paced cricket ball and is extremely weather proof. It also allows clear visibility whilst acting as a safety barrier. It blends well with the environment and should provide protection for the surrounding area, buildings and traffic.

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St Monica Trust Community Befriending Scheme



Wilf and Sami

Wilf was born in 1924, after attending education he worked in retail. He's always been independent and used to enjoy regular trips to the local pubs with his group of friends as well as spending time walking, going to the theatre, gardening or rummaging through charity shops for bargains and trinkets. In recent years however he has gradually become isolated owing to mobility problems and is no longer able to do these things, or even leave the house with ease. As Wilf is getting older, sadly many of his friendship group have passed away.

Despite not being able to get out, he is fiercely independent, with carers and neighbours calling in daily. Having been blessed with such a rich social

and active life, however, spending long periods alone at home began to take its toll, leaving him feeling withdrawn.

Wilf was initially nervous about being paired with a young woman volunteer, thinking they would have little in common, but after a few meetings they established lots of common ground and he describes her visits 'like the outside world coming in'.

Sami was brought up in the Devonshire countryside. She works in TV production and loves socialising with friends and partying as well as countryside excursions, kayaking and travelling as much as possible. She's in the process of doing up her house, which Wilf comes in very useful for offering advice, having done up two houses in his lifetime. They often joke that all the 1960's features that Sami's ripping out of her current house were put in by someone like Wilf in the past.

Sami visits Wilf straight after work and likes to make an evening of it by bringing food to cook and sitting down and eating together. It's the only meal that Wilf doesn't eat alone and it's a great way for Sami to hone her cooking skills and confidence. Wilf is always a really supportive audience! He's also taught Sami lots of traditional cooking techniques and introduced her to new foods.



Sami adores her visits to Wilf and feels like she's made a true friend through the befriending process. She says 'our visits always feel very relaxed and we often just spend the evening hanging out, drinking tea, eating dinner and having a good chat. It's a nice relaxing part of my week that also feels like I'm making a real difference to someone's life'.



St Monica Trust



Community Befriending Scheme

Can you spare 60 minutes
to help make a difference to someone's life?

Loneliness can affect all of us at some point in our lives the older we become the higher the risk of becoming lonely and isolated

We are looking for volunteers 18 years and over to provide regular companionship to people 60 years + living in Sandford and surrounding villages.

The befriending scheme matches volunteers with people who would benefit from a weekly visit in their own home. The rewards are endless, you can choose to spend your visits having a chat, playing cards/board games the choice is yours.

If you are interested in volunteering, contact
Community Befriending Officer Karen Bennett
on 0117 305 2365 or 07875 406844 or
karen.bennett@stmonicastrust.org.uk





Handy person service

This is a service provided by North Somerset Council and is available to people aged 60 or over or anyone who has a disability and is unable to carry out the work themselves.

The council commission AMS Electrical, who carry out a range of home improvement, adaption, maintenance and repair works. The cost of the service is £15.60 per hour (including VAT), with a maximum of three hours per visit and a maximum total of six hours a year. To find out more, visit www.n-somerset.gov.uk (and search 'handy person').

To book, contact:

AMS Electrical, Office 1, Locking Road
Weston-super-Mare BS23 3HF

Tel: **01934 520 116**

Email: info@amselectricalservices.co.uk

Website: www.amselectricalservices.co.uk

Parish Councillor vacancies – we need you!

We have three vacancies and need your help. If you're 18 and over and have lived or worked in the parish for the last twelve months, you qualify.

There's no pay, but you'll be rewarded with a sense of achievement and community belonging. Give the time you can. To join, simply contact any of our councilors or clerk (see opposite).

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Churchill Parish Council meetings

January to May 2019

All meetings are held at 7.30pm at the Community Club, Ladymead Lane.

Monday 7 January
Finance and Personnel
(6.30pm budget only)

Monday 7 January
Planning

Monday 14 January
Full Council

Monday 21 January
Open Spaces and Allotments

Monday 4 February –
Planning

Monday 11 February
Full Council

Monday 25 February
Leisure

Monday 4 March
Planning

Monday 11 March
Full Council

Monday 25 March
Finance and Personnel

Monday 1 April
Planning

Monday 8 April
Council

Monday 15 April
Annual Parish Meeting

Monday 29 April
Planning

Monday 13 May
Annual Meeting of Parish Council

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