

The Tower

Churchill Parish Council newsletter

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Flowers around the Parish



We have been fortunate again this year to be provided with flowers by North Somerset Council and we are very grateful to Michele Miles, our Orderly, who waters and maintains the tubs and planters around the Parish.



The Village Show

Saturday 21 September 2019, 2.30pm

Churchill Memorial Hall, Ladymead Lane, Langford

● Local produce ● Flowers ● Crafts ● Prizes

Home-made cakes, tea, coffee and soft drinks – Fun for the whole family

Admission 50p (under 16s free)



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Sport



We are looking forward to welcoming new youth football teams that will be playing on Saturday mornings. We understand the club are hoping to run a tea hut, so parishioners will be welcome to come along and show their support.

It has been an impressive resurgence for Churchill Club 70 FC following the demise of the senior side back in 2017. With the Senior team folding following the departure of the management team and the bulk of the playing squad, it was left to a depleted Reserve team to rebuild this proud local club. Having been promoted from Weston and District Division 3 following the 2016/17 season, the new Churchill First team held its own in Division 2 the following year, finishing in a respectable sixth place having put to bed any early fears of an immediate relegation.

But it was last season that the side really came into its own. Having operated with a thin squad for much of the two previous years, Churchill started the 2018/19 season with a much improved set-up. The return of David Mills as manager helped alleviate some of the pressure from what had essentially been a player-managed team and the

addition of several new faces ensured that there was strong competition for places all over the pitch. This was reflected by a strong run of results, culminating in a second place finish behind a well-resourced Portishead Town and another promotion, taking the club back up to Division 1 after several years in the lower divisions. The club also enjoyed an impressive cup run, ultimately falling short at the last hurdle, despite a gallant effort in the final back in May. Once again, the club finished the season with an unbeaten home record, a testament to one of the best pitches in the Weston & District set-up.

The club has a long track record of bringing through young local talent and the younger members of our squad have contributed heavily to our success

over the last few years. The squad is full of players that were either raised in the village or moved locally later in life and we are proud to represent Churchill every Saturday. Pre-season is now underway, and the team is training hard ahead of the new season. Division 1 is full of some incredibly strong, county worthy sides but CC70 will be ready for the challenge come the start of September.

We are always on the lookout for new players and if you're interested in seeing what the club is all about, we train at the Churchill Rec on Wednesday evenings, kicking off at 6:30.

www.facebook.com/ChurchillFC2015/?tn-str=k*F



Cheddar Valley Ladies Rugby Club is running a Free eight-week Fitness Boot Camp starting on Monday 1 July between 7pm and 8pm. All details can be found on their facebook page. www.facebook.com/CVLRFC/

If you want to try to improve your fitness why not come along and use the Trim Trail located around the outer area of the sports fields at the Community Club in Ladymead Lane?

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A very successful and well attended cricket tournament took place in June at the Community Club in Ladymead Lane. Churchill Cricket Club held an under 9s tournament and around 200 people attended and enjoyed the food, drink, music and of course the cricket!

www.facebook.com/clubchurchillcricket/



Down on the Allotments

As the new chair of the Open Spaces and Allotments Committee I was delighted to be invited to write this piece about the Pudding Pie Lane Allotments. I am also a very proud allotment holder and truly believe that working an allotment or garden of any kind, however, large or small, brings huge benefits to our mental and physical wellbeing.

During the past year we have welcomed four new tenants to the allotments and are currently full, with four people on the waiting list. Do please get in touch with Ann Boote, our Parish Clerk, clerk@churchillpc.org.uk if you would like to add your name to the waiting list.

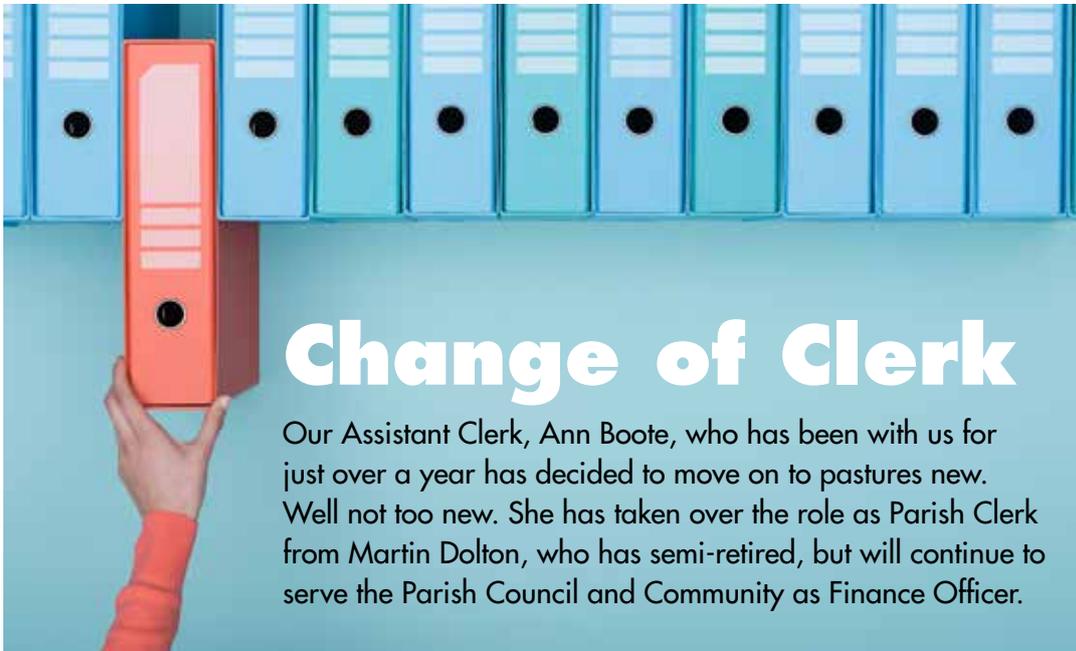
As ever the allotmenters have been at the mercy of the best and worst of British Weather – in particular some very high winds earlier in the spring, followed by a very hot spell and then a period when we thought it would never stop raining! Yet, somehow the allotments are looking great with all the various produce that is grown and ready to be harvested.

The newly formed Allotment Committee are always coming up with new ideas to raise funds to improve facilities at the allotments and with the financial reward comes a great community spirit where people pull together to get essential jobs done. A special 'thank you' to those allotment holders who go the extra mile to help the community by voluntarily cutting the grass in both fields, keeping the areas spic and span.

The barbecues are always popular and the next one is scheduled for September. Family and friends are welcome to this event and more details can be found on the Facebook page Pudding Pie Growers Community Group. Best wishes to you all, Ruth

Ruth Bruton, Secretary





Change of Clerk

Our Assistant Clerk, Ann Boote, who has been with us for just over a year has decided to move on to pastures new. Well not too new. She has taken over the role as Parish Clerk from Martin Dolton, who has semi-retired, but will continue to serve the Parish Council and Community as Finance Officer.

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 councillors or clerk (see opposite).

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Churchill Parish Council meetings

All meetings begin at 7.30pm at the Community Club, Ladymead Lane, Churchill and are open to members of the public.

- Monday 8 July** – Full Council
- Monday 15 July** – Finance and Personnel
- Monday 12 August** – Full Council (only payments and urgent business)
- Monday 9 September** – Full Council
- Monday 23 September** – Open Spaces and Allotments
- Monday 14 October** – Full Council
- Monday 21 October** – Leisure
- Monday 11 November** – Full Council
- Monday 25 November** – Finance and Personnel
- Monday 9 December** – Full Council

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