

Pucklechurch News

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This is the first edition of what we hope will be a regular village newsheet. We feel that the best start is by presenting a picture of the village as a whole — its organisations and events, together with a few items of general information. In mentioning the organisations we would like to express our gratitude for the tremendous response to our recent request for details of their activities and regret that space precludes us from printing the contributions in full. The names and addresses of the people to contact have been included and they will be only too pleased to supply further information.

Whilst we have produced this first edition, it is important that this is a COMMUNITY newsheet and not just a mouthpiece for one group, and, with this in mind, there will be a meeting at 8 p.m. on Thursday, 26th August at 6 Partridge Road, to form an Editorial Committee which will decide the future content of this newsheet. Anyone interested is welcome to come along, or, if you can help in any other way (providing written contributions, helping with distribution, etc.) please contact Dave Kerrison at the above address (Tel. Abson 3492).

In an effort to offset the financial costs of production we are organising a barbeque (see "Village Diary") and if you consider the newsheet worthwhile please give this your support.

Your District Councillor

J. A. Higgins — Ash Lodge, Shortwood Road (Abson 2240)

Your Parish Councillors

F. E. Appleton (Chairman) — Grafton House, 8 Castle Road, (Abson 3190)

Mrs J. L. Bailey (Vice-Chairman) — Radnor House, 14 Castle Road (Abson 2866).

R. Applewhite — 9 St. Aldams Drive (Abson 2800).

G. M. Conrad — Pucklechurch House, 35 Westerleigh Road (Abson 2979)

W. E. Higgins — Lyde Green Farm, Coxgrove (Abson 2358)

T. J. Moss — Star Inn (Abson 2391)

S. B. Pippard — Ivanhoe, Cattybrook Road, Shortwood (Abson 2489)

H. Sherman — 2 Lansdown Road

G. R. Trood — 29 Maple Walk (Abson 2110)

Parish Council Meetings are held at 7.30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the School Canteen. Members of the public are welcome to attend (but not participate).

Proposed Housing Development at Oaktree Avenue

Local residents living near the Proposed Development Area recently received notice that the plans were due for consideration by Northavon District Council Planning Committee. Copies were available for inspection at the Council Offices during office hours and comments had to be submitted by 3rd July.

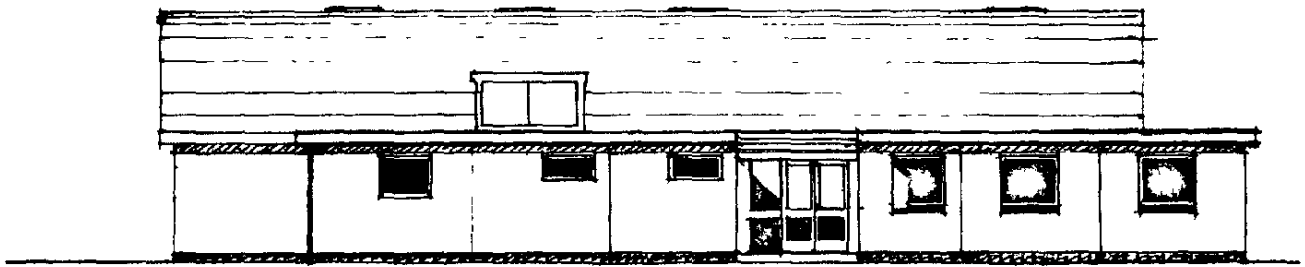
This confirmed rumours which have been circulating for the past few months and it now transpires that the development will consist of 42 Council Houses and a two-storey block of 8 flats, to be built in two stages.

This area has been used by local residents for recreation purposes, and it has been understood that part of it was to be set aside for play area. This seems essential as the existing recreation ground can only be reached by crossing the main road.

The plans however, showed no provision for such a play area, and alarmed by this, a representative group of local residents visited Mr. Higgins, our District Councillor, to seek his assistance in putting forward this objection, and further letters were sent by individual residents.

At the time of going to press we are unsure of the Planning Committee's decision, but hope to keep you informed in further issues.

New Village Hall Proposals



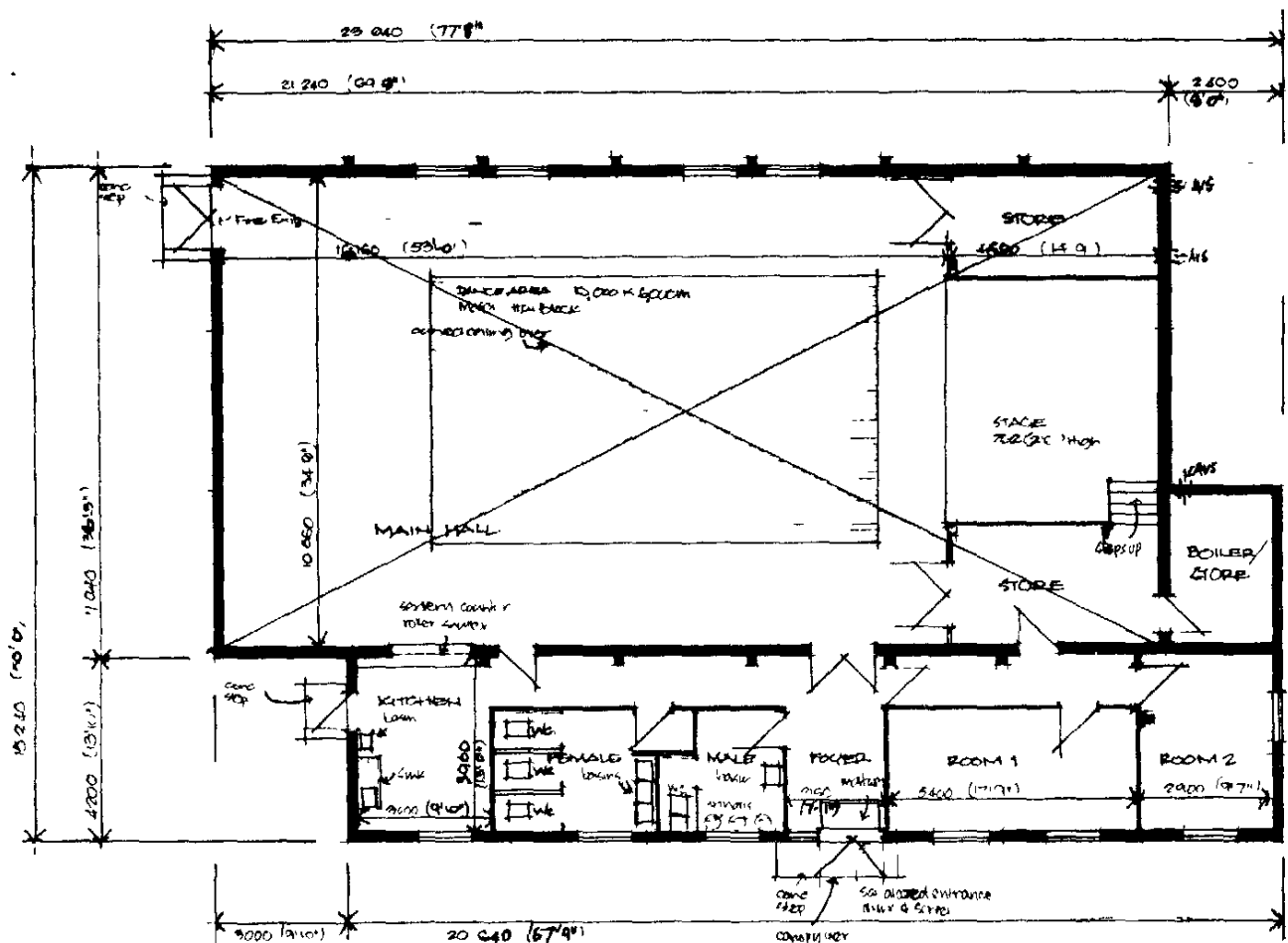
PROPOSED SOCIAL CENTRE

Although there is still an economic squeeze on government spending, application for grant towards the new project has been made by the Hall Management Committee

The proposed building is a modified Type 3 Reema building to be built from precast concrete panels, the external walls being of a light grey stone aggregate to blend with the present buildings in the village

The facilities provided by the new building are a Foyer and main hall including a stage, (seating capacity approx 250), two spare rooms, adequate toilet facilities, a kitchen and a lounge area. The total cost of the building is £47,170 added to this is the cost of the central heating, car park, equipment and landscaping making the total cost of the project £58,434

The Hall Management Committee feel that with the enthusiasm and effort being shown towards the project by villagers that it will be successful in starting this project in 1977. The Committee also wish to thank everybody involved in helping to raise the £15,000 that has enabled grant application to be made



These are only preliminary proposals and it is hoped that the final plans will include a lounge area with a permanent bar

LEISURE GROUPS

Kestrel Field ARCHERS for information and introductory leaflet, contact Brian Walters, 1 Hawkridge Drive Tel 1809

Becket CHOIR Conductor Mr Price The choir was formed to give a concert at the Church's Flower Festival four years ago, and has given many other performances since Rehearsals start again on September 13th at 7.30 in the Congregational Chapel All newcomers will be warmly welcomed For details please contact Mrs Mary Whittock, 14 Lansdown Road Tel 2090

Pucklechurch Ladies HOCKEY Club Pre-season training starts August 14th All members should attend at the Recreation Field at 2.30 New members of all standards are most welcome to join Contact the Captain, Mrs E Plummer, 34 Birch Drive Tel 3166 For list of fixtures see "Diary"

Pucklechurch Pre-School PLAYGROUP Supervisor Mrs June Miller, Assistant Mrs Pat Churchman Children are admitted to playgroup for two weekly sessions at approximately the age of 3 Terms runs concurrently with the school. There are five morning sessions and one in the afternoon, run with the help of the mothers on a rota system There are a number of social events throughout the year This term, they include the children's Christmas Party, and the regular half-termly coffee afternoon with Nearly New Sale Enquiries to the secretary, Mrs Sue Roberts, 67 Birch Drive.

WIVES' Club Please note this is not just a 'young wives' club, new members of all ages welcome Meetings are held in the Church Room on alternate Mondays, the next one being 13th September at 8.00, when Mrs Pfaff will speak on Patchwork. For details of other meetings, see "Diary" Enquiries to Mrs Kath Curtis, 58 Partridge Road

WOMEN'S Institute meet on the third Wednesday of the month in the Village Hall at 7.15 If you are not sure you wish to join straight away, you are welcome to attend as a visitor for a couple of times Next meeting is August 18th, and will be a "Mystery Tour" If you do not wish to go on your own, contact the President, Mrs Mary Whittock, 14 Lansdown Road, Tel 2090

YOUTH Club meets fortnightly on Monday evenings in the Village Hall It is run by the Hall Management Committee Table tennis is a regular attraction, and there are sometimes outings, for instance to the Bristol Ice Rink New members are welcome Contact Les Whittock, 14 Lansdown Road Tel 2090

Pucklechurch Prison Officers' Youth Group meets on Wednesdays, 8 - 10 Membership is open to young people between 11 and 19 years, and costs 10p, with a weekly entrance fee of 5p The next attraction is a staff v youth

St Aldams Drive For future events, see "Diary" Contact H Pearson, H M Remand Centre

Pucklechurch Happy Circle meets every Tuesday at 2.30 in the Village Hall, providing our more senior citizens with a variety of entertainment both from amongst its members and from visiting speakers Competition takes its place with barking contests and occasional games of bingo Four coach outings a year are organised, and there is also an annual birthday party and a Christmas party There are currently about 60 Happy Circlers and for those less able members the club is fortunate in having the services of Mrs Higgins and her team of ladies who very kindly operate a rota of lifts to the weekly meeting Anyone interested in joining or obtaining further information is most welcome to attend the Tuesday meetings or to contact the Chairman Jack Hewitt at 40 Homefield Road, or the Secretary Mrs. Wallace at 34 Shortwood Road

Moathouse TENNIS Club is at Moathouse Farm on Parkfield Road Junior membership is at present full up, and although the Seniors have also an adequate number, there is still room for Match Players of an acceptable standard. We play several friendly Matches throughout the year For information, contact Mrs Jas Smallbone, 40 Oaktree Avenue, Tel 2946.

Pucklechurch Revel 1976

But it never rains on Revel Day

The weeks of preparation that went on before The Revel were without doubt well rewarded The Revel week managed to raise a profit of over £1000, which is to go to The New Village Hall Building Fund

Traditionally, farmers seem to joke that they always wait until Revel Day to do their Harvesting, as they can usually guarantee a hot June day Unfortunately, tradition was broken this year as 19th June turned out to be a down-pour day The Pucklechurch people resigned themselves to this situation, and went ahead to line up the Floats (appropriately named) and Parade around the village in gallant spirit This "The Show Must Go On" attitude was admired by the organisers, but reluctantly they still decided to call things a day after the Floats and Fancy Dress were judged It was announced, with fingers crossed, that Revel Day would be held the following day on Sunday 20th June

Meanwhile, the riding events were held in a barn at Marsh Farm, Soggy but Successful The week got off to a flying start on the 13th with an Open Air Service on the Recreation Field, when there was a marvellous turn out to listen to the Band and sing along to the selected Hymns In his short talk, Rev Cramb mentioned that he hoped Revel Week would be well responded to, and that the weather

holds out for the week. Perhaps if he had spoken just a little louder, his wishes would have held our right until the end of the week, as certainly everything else was granted overwhelmingly, starting off the following day with the Beer Festival.

People flocked in their hundreds to have a taste of at least one of the eight varieties of Real Ale provided at Pucklechurch House, the venue. The turn out was so staggering that well over a hundred people had to be let down, as the gardens were overflowing with folk. These were catered for the next night, when a really successful Folk Evening was held. The Artists found it a struggle at first, to be heard over the drinkers who were only making up for lost time the night before, when there was a tremendous wait for beer. In time it all quietened down, and the varied selection of Singers were much appreciated.

The Revel just seemed to take care of itself, with one event after another bringing entertainment and pleasure to the Village. The pram race went down a treat as it was very well turned out by both entrants and spectators. This alone managed to raise £100.

The Picture Display, Lads V Dads Football, Wrestling, Disco, and Ladies v players cricket, all helped to fill the Programme, and after the Saturday Dance, all that was left to do was complete the week on the Sunday. This happened and the stalls, sports, teas, and games were held as normal. Luckily, the Kite demonstration took place, so there was even entertainment.

Revel '76 was one to be remembered especially as it marked 25 years after it's Revival.

Village Diary

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| August | 14 | P.O.Y G "It's a Knockout", next to Hostel, St. Aldam's Drive |
| | 18 | 7.15 W.I. Mystery Tour. |
| September | 3 | Pucklechurch Liberals Barbeque to help finance this issue
Free beer, soup and rolls. Bring your own meat and irons
Pucklechurch House Gardens 7.30 p.m.
Admission 50p |
| | 11 | Ladies Hockey v Wick Home |
| | 12 | Harvest Festival Thanksgiving Service at Congregational Church, 2.45, with Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Brownies
Speaker, Mr. Bernard Marshall
6.00 p.m. Speaker Rev. Cox, soloist Miss Yvonne Fogg
Chapel open from 2 p.m. for gifts |
| | 13 | Congregational church sale of produce, 7.30
Wives Club meeting, 8.00 in Church Room
Speaker Mrs. Pfaff on patchwork |
| | 18 | Congregational Church Harvest Supper at 7.00 followed by entertainment by Mrs. Weeks Young People
Tickets available from members |
| | 25 | Ladies Hockey v Chippenham Away |
| | 27 | Wives Club meeting, Speaker Mrs. Wilding on Bristol Tapestry |
| October | 2 | Ladies Hockey - Imperial Rally Away |
| | 4 | P.O.Y G Trip to Blackpool for the lights
Tickets £2.00 open to all Club Members |
| | 9 | Ladies Hockey v South Glos. Away |
| | 11 | Wives Club Meeting, Speaker from Alexandra Fabrics. |
| | 16 | Ladies Hockey v Thornbury Away |