

P U C K L E C H U R C H N E W S

May 1978

We hope you will do your level
Best to attend the Revel,
For
The draw
Has prizes galore.
And there is more;
Buy your tickets now, all rush;
Avoid the last-minute crush.
Book your places for the Beer
Festival; prepare to cheer
Pram race competitors. Look out your Dresses Fancy,
Get tickets for the Dance(y).
Don't forget to bring along
Your children to the Singalong
On Tuesday. So save up your pennies (or pounds),
It sounds
As if you'll have no trouble
Getting rid of all your money in double
Quick time.
So climb
Aboard the bandwagon,
Raise up your flagon,
And give a mighty cheer.
Revel time is (nearly) here.

Our regular readers may notice a slight change in the style of our opening remarks; however we expect to have time to get back to normal before our next issue which will be in September. Copy please by 25th August to Wendy Gibbs, 69 Westorleigh Road.

Our thanks to the local shopkeepers and publicans for their willing co-operation in displaying the newsletter, and to all our contributors. We would like to point out that regretfully original contributions do sometimes have to be cut because of lack of space.

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors,

As regular visitors to Pucklechurch and with family roots in the village, we were very interested to read in your March News of the proposal to form a rambling club to walk the footpaths around the village. The village and its surroundings are indeed very attractive and recently when attempting to walk some of the footpaths we found them poorly signposted and very neglected. Would it be possible for a local footpath map to be published for people to buy? Alternatively a map with footpath details might be displayed at a focal point in the village (e.g. post office or church porch). In the meantime could the letters 'F.P.' (with an arrow in the appropriate direction) be painted on the existing stiles to show ramblers the direction to follow?

With our best wishes for the success of this project,

Yours sincerely,
P. and A. Harris, Loughborough.

Dear Editors,

I have read Mr. Applowhite's letter. Re:- the formation of a Social Club, I would like to inform him that the question of a Social Club was put to Mr. Smart who was then Chairman of the Parish Council as early as 1954

when he told me that he was unable to make the hut pay, I told him to introduce a bottle of beer.

Regarding the profits of the Social Club it was quite obvious that Mr. Applowhite's experience in Club life was limited, when he made a statement that the profits would go to the village hall I immediately told him that he could not utilise members' money in this way, I was ignored, but he has found out to his cost that I was correct.

I would like to conclude on a very different subject since Mrs. Whittock's criticisms about the Social Club. Giving the Senior Citizens their Christmas Party many people have spoken to me thanking the Club and the Entertainments Committee for their work.

R. Boulton, 13 Lansdown Road.

Dear Editors,

Being the one chosen to 'dig the first turf' for the new Village Hall, may I thank those concerned for the honour of doing so, and at the same time may I say my own personal 'thank you' to the great number of people concerned in this project, past and present, who have given up many hours of their precious time to see this building come about.

Perhaps we should ignore the 'knockers' and they may go away. I feel if all the hot air going about could be generated into manpower and put to use on the new building, it would be built and occupied in a month.

Now that the building is under way let's hope that the old community spirit will be revived, after all it's what most of us have been waiting for.

Maureen Elson, 42 Hill View Road.

VILLAGE NOTES

Community Association

Since the last Pucklochurch News the Association has had a New Moon Dance on 7th April which was enjoyed by everyone who attended, and had a meeting with representatives of most of the clubs and organisations in the village on 13th April. Our next function is our A.G.M. which is to be held on 22nd May in the Village Hall at 7.45. We hope to see as many members there as can make it. We hope to be putting on another dance in the near future, and will of course keep you informed.

Folk Dancing

Folk Dancing will continue on Tuesday 9th May and Tuesday 23rd May, and if people are interested, we will go on into June on 6th and 20th, and re-start after the summer holidays early in September, the date to be arranged. I would also like to hear from anyone in the Village who has a musical instrument on which Folk Music can be played, and who would like to come along to our dancing sessions with live music instead of records. Please contact Lee Whittock, tel. 2090.

Hall Management

Our next Disco will be on 19th May in the Village Hall. This will be for the under 14's. Those of us adults who run these Discos would like to congratulate the youngsters who attend for their very good behaviour. Keep it up kids, you are showing what a lucky community we have.

Minors and Mums Club

The May Fete and Sponsored Baby Shuffle raised a grand total of £84.45, and the Committee would like to thank everyone concerned, particularly the helpers, and the local shopkeepers who provided support and prizes. The number of children in the village under 5 is 244; the prize was won by Mrs. Jackie Yates with a guess of 249. P. Johnson won the prize from the butcher's. The Inaugural Annual General Meeting will be held on 10th July at 8.0 p.m. at 79 Westerleigh Road. Mums only please. The constitution will be presented, and elections of the Committee for the coming year will take place. Nominations for officers and committee members to be handed to Mrs. Marilyn Palmer at the

meeting on 3rd July; proposal forms will be available at previous meetings. For dates of meetings, see Village Diary.

Pucklechurch Pro-School Playgroup

The A.G.M. will be held on 18th May in the Village Hall. Coffee and biscuits will be served from 7.30 p.m., and the meeting will start at 8.0 p.m. The speaker will be Mr. Skinner from the Child Guidance Unit at Downend Clinic. I would like to thank the retiring committee for all their hard work and support during the past twelve months, and for making my year as Chairman such a happy and rewarding one. Wendy Gibbs.

Shelter Group

In past years Pucklechurch had a very active Shelter Group. Would anyone interested in re-forming it please contact the Vicar, tel. 2260.

Slimming Club

Be Slim for Summer! Meetings are held fortnightly at various club members' houses. Moral support and friendly advice are given, and it's all free! Please contact Wendy Gibbs, tel. 3638, for further details.

Table Tennis Club

The Club which was formed four weeks ago, is proving very popular and is growing in strength. Tables are available for 20-minute sessions during Friday afternoons in the Village Hall from 1.0 to 4.0 for a charge of 15p. The Inaugural Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 5th June at 8.0 p.m.; venue 69 Westerleigh Road. Anyone interested in joining the club should contact Wendy Gibbs at the above address, tel. 3638.

Tower Playgroup

We will be holding a garden party at Pucklechurch House on Wednesday 21st June. There will be assorted stalls to purchase your wares, and the main attraction for some people, which is the cream teas! We hope the weather will be kind - so watch for further information on posters.

W. I.

Several visits recently have been enjoyed by Members. A cavalcade of costume, spanning almost 100 years, until the 1920s, gave great pleasure to a very large audience at the Students' Union Building in Clifton. A Victorian evening at Dyrham was a great success. Many members designed and wore hats of the period and prizes were awarded for the best. Pucklechurch W.I. were also awarded second place for the best hamper of home-made items. A visit to London to the Tate Gallery, with a sight-seeing or shopping trip was well supported and thoroughly enjoyed. A very successful Home-Made stall was an attraction at the April monthly meeting, as also was the Speaker for the month, Mr. Pullin who gave a talk, accompanied by a very interesting and beautiful film of a 'Trip round New Zealand'. Mr. Pullin concluded by answering many questions from members. A Gypsy Fair will be held at Timsbury on August 17th. A visit to Oldbury Power Station will take place on July 10th. The speaker for the June meeting will be Mrs. Gillard J.P. who will speak on 'Being a J.P.' Visitors and new members always welcome. Our monthly meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month, at 7.15 p.m. For details see 'Village Diary'.

REVEL AID

The Revel Committee would like to hear from anyone who would like to give a helping hand with some of the Revel events, especially on Monday and Tuesday nights at Pucklechurch House and on Revel Day. If you would like to help out, please contact George Conrad tel. 2979 for details, or come to the Open Meeting on 5th June in the Village Hall at 7.45. Entry forms for the pran race are available from Les Whittock, 14 Lansdown Road, tel. 2090.

REVEL WEEK ATTRACTIONS

Sunday 11th - Saturday 17th June

- Sunday Band Concert on the Recreation field. 6.0 - 6.30 p.m.
Revel Service on the Recreation field 6.45 p.m.
- Monday Beer Festival at Pucklochurch House. 6.0 - 11.0 p.m.
- Tuesday The Inimitable Bob Johnson Entertains at Pucklochurch House 7 - 11 p.m.
- Wednesday Picture Exhibition at the School. 3.0 - 7.0 p.m.
Model Railway Exhibition in the Scout Hut 7.0 - 9.0 p.m.
Revel Bingo in the Village Hall 8.0 p.m.
- Thursday Revel Pram Race, starting at the Gateway car park 7.0 p.m.
Music Hall in the Marquoe 8.0 p.m.
Model Railway Exhibition in the Scout Hut. 8.0 p.m.
- Friday Lads v. Dads on the Recreation Field 7.0 p.m.
Children's Disco in the Village Hall. 8.0 p.m.
- Saturday REVEL DAY

SPORTS NEWS

Rambling Club

By our own correspondent.

17 adults and 13 children went on the last ramble, from the Fleur de Lys towards Dyrham. Several small boys led the field at a rapid pace, pausing only to see how far over the tops of their wellington boots they could sink into the mud! Negotiating the stilos slowed us all down; it was suggested we should build a miniature assault course in the village for training purposes. Your intrepid reporter found she managed much better by removing the baby from the pushchair before folding it up, to tackle these obstacles. We returned at about tea time with slightly sore feet, in some cases, but a great sense of achievement. There have been four walks so far (the fifth taking place as we go to press), all thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who went, and there are plenty more footpaths still to be explored. The going will of course get easier as the weather improves. There will be an Open Meeting on Wednesday 24th May at 8.0 p.m. in the School Canteen, when we shall discuss the advantages of being an officially affiliated 'Ramblers Club' and encourage people to be members of this, so as to be in a stronger position to proserve the rights of anyone wishing a pleasant ramble around the village. This meeting is for anyone interested to come along.

Ladies Hockey Club

After a successful season our final home game on April 22nd resulted in a win over Gloucester III by 3 goals to 2. This season's leading goal scorer was Ros Abbott. The first practice evening during the summer will be held on Thursday 8th June at 7.15 p.m. Anyone interested in playing should come along then, or please phone Nancy Cloovoly (Captain) tel. 2296, or Lyn Mitchell (secretary) tel. 3153.

We would like to apologise to Mr. Arthur Facker for not having said that our last issue's football report was written by him. - Eds.

Football

Pucklochurch Sports A.F.C. have had another successful season, winning the Premier Combination League, and being in the final of the Subsidiary which is to be played on Tuesday 9th May.

EXCHANGE AND ADVERT

For sale: Mothercare coach style pram in good condition. £8 including mattress, harness, canopy and pram tray. Also convertible Cumfifolda pushchair in good condition, £5. Tel. 3056.

For sale: Baby Relax high/low chair, stand and swing. £5. Pram canopy, £2. R. Morrison, 6 Partridge Road. Tel. 3492

For sale: Two kitchen stools, £5 the pair. Sunhouse electric fire with shelved wood surround, £20. Hygena Q.A. Kitchen double base unit, white, £20. Tel. 2927.

For sale: Red Mothercare foot muff. £2. Mrs. Bowring, tel. 3675.

For sale: Almost new Bush Nelson 3 Kw Industrial Fan Heater. Ideal for rapid heating of meeting rooms, garages etc. £20 o.n.o. Tel. 2063

For sale: Iyo Pippin model new Transistor Radio complete with batteries. Never used. £6. Wendy Gibbs, 69 Westorleigh Road, tel. 3638.

Wanted: Wooden playpen with floor. Mrs. Thorn, 79 Westorleigh Road, tel. 3528.

Wanted: Old prams for Novel Pram Race. Los Whittock, 14 Lansdown Road, tel. 2090.

Wanted: To borrow for Novel. Aspidistra and three-branched candleabra. Please contact John Sexton, 31 Hawthorn Close, tel. 3176.

VILLAGE DIARY

MAY 15 Minors and Mums Club. Village Hall 2.0. Discussion with Committee.
17 W. I. Meeting, 7.15 Village Hall. Resolutions for the Albert Hall.
'Jam and Jerusalem' by Mrs. B. Smith
18 Pucklochurch Pre-school Playgroup A.G.M. Village Hall 7.30 for 8.0.
Pucklochurch Sports A.F.C. A.G.M. Flour-de-Lys.
19 Under 14's Disco. Village Hall.
22 Wives Club meeting 8.0 Church room, speaker Mrs. Keeping from the
Menopause Clinic.
Community Association A.G.M. Village Hall 7.45
23 Folk Dancing. Village Hall, 8.0.
24 Ramblers Club Open Meeting 8.0 School Canteen.

JUNE 5 Minors and Mums Club Village Hall 2.0. Speaker Mr. Thorn from
Environmental Health Department, on 'Food Poisoning'.
Table Tennis Club A.G.M. 8.0. 69 Westorleigh Road.
Wives Club Meeting. 8.0 Church Room. Speaker Merv. Allen, 'Psychic
Phenomena'.
Novel Open Meeting, 7.45 Village Hall
6 Folk Dancing. Village Hall 8.0
8 Ladies Hockey first Practice Evoning 7.15.
11 - 17 REVEL
19 Minors and Mums Club. Village Hall 2.0. General Meeting.
Wives Club meeting 8.0 Church room. Speaker Miss Fear, ex-resident
in the main household, on 'My Life in Uganda'.
20 Folk Dancing. Village Hall, 8.0
21 Tower Playgroup's Garden Party. Pucklochurch House
W. I. Meeting, 7.15 Village Hall. Speaker Mrs. Jean Gillard, 'How
I became a J.P.'

JULY 3 Minors and Mums Club 2.0 Village Hall. General Meeting.
17 Minors and Mums Club 2.0 Village Hall. Speaker from Clark's Shoes.
19 W. I. Meeting 7.15 Village Hall. 'Members Night'.

We end this issue with a seasonal, and economical, recipe.

THREE-FRUIT SQUISH AND MARMALADE

3 lemons
3 oranges
1 grapefruit
3½ lbs granulated sugar
3 pts boiling water
1 oz tartaric acid
1 oz citric acid

Leave peel on all fruit. Cut fruit and remove pips, mince. Add dry ingredients. Cover with boiling water. Stir well several times and leave overnight. Strain well and bottle. Leave for 3 days before use. Dilute to taste.

With remaining pulp, add 2 lb sugar and up to 2 pts water to make marmalade. Maintain full rolling boil for approx. 25 mins. until setting-point is reached, then finish as usual.

STOP PRESS

Football Report

County of Avon Combination champions Pucklechurch completed the double at Lawrence Weston Hallen last night in the Premier Cup Final, when they beat Cadbury Heath 2-0 to become the first holders of the trophy. Striker Graham Withey, who is on the books of Taunton Town, gave them an interval lead and 15 minutes from the end, Malcolm Grainger picked up a loose ball to add a second.

Cricket Club Fixtures (Home games only listed)

MAY 13 First XI v. Belvedere, 2.15
14 Second XI v. Chew Magna 2nd XI, 2.30
20 Second XI v. Charfield 2nd XI, 2.15
27 First XI v. Winterbourne, 2.15
28 Second XI v. Chipping Sodbury 2nd XI, 2.30
JUNE 4 First XI v. Sudbrook (Chopstow), 2.30
10 First XI v. Horfield, 2.15
11 First XI v. Cavaliers, 2.30
18 First XI v. Old Gaytonians (Middx) 2.30
24 First XI v. Old Colstonians, 2.15
JULY 1 Second XI v. Purnolls 3rd XI, 2.15
2 First XI v. Tavonors, 2.30
8 First XI v. Soundwell Venturers, 2.15
9 First XI v. Frampton Cotterell, 2.30
15 First XI v. Eastville, 2.15
16 Second XI v. Farmborough, 2.30
23 Second XI v. Keynsham 3rd XI, 2.30
29 First XI v. Old Down, 2.15
AUG. 6 First XI v. Charfield, 2.30
12 First XI v. C.E.G.B., 2.15
13 Second XI v. Tudor House, 2.30
19 Second XI v. Old Georgians 3rd XI, 2.15

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