

PUCKLECHURCH NEWS

September 1978

We are sorry to have to announce the resignation of Mrs. Wendy Gibbs, and would like to thank her for all the hard work she has put in as Chairman of this newsletter for the last two years. This has reduced the numbers of the original committee, and we would be grateful to hear from anyone who would be interested in joining us (not necessarily as chairman).

Since our last issue we have joined the Pucklechurch Community Association, because we see this developing as a focus for village community life, but we shall of course continue to reflect the viewpoints of all groups who wish to contribute, whether or not they are members of the Community Association.

Readers will have noticed by now that our paper is slightly different in this issue; we are experimenting with recycled paper to help save trees and because it's cheaper, and would be interested in your comments.

We would like copy for the next issue by Friday 17th November. It can be delivered to any member of the committee, whose addresses are below.

Nancy Clovely, .66 Birch Drive; Jane Conrad, 35 Westerleigh Road; David and Rachel Kerrison, 6 Partridge Road; Marie Murray, 56 HawkrIDGE Drive; Anne Pyno, Court Cottage, Syston Court, Syston.

REVEL 1978

by George Conrad, Chairman

This year's Revel was on the whole a success, and approximately £1,000 has been raised again. I was particularly glad that the Music Hall was enjoyed by all who went, and I hope that a bigger audience can be enticed next year.

Due to my other commitments I shall not be standing for re-election as Chairman, although I hope to be actively involved in Revel next year. It's time for a change and a fresh look at Revel Week, so please come to the A.G.M. in the village hall at 8.0 p.m. on Thursday 28th September 1978. Remember, if there is no committee, there will be no Revel!

Finally, I would like to thank all those who put so much work into Revel this year, and made it the success it was.

PUCKLECHURCH FAMILY LIFE PROJECT

The Bishop of Bristol writes:

The project has as its objective the study of the family and family relationships in contemporary society by church people and others. It is designed to help us to be more aware of the many and varied pressures on family life, the new forms of familial relationships which are emerging, the essential qualities of relationships of different kinds of family and what is needed to sustain them. I believe that by trying to understand these matters, we shall touch a concern which is deeply felt by many of our fellow citizens, and be better able to minister to the needs of families in our parishes. WHAT ARE WE DOING? - See below.

Adult Discussion Groups

- Subjects for Discussion:
1. Happy Family?
 2. Teenagers - Love them? - Hate them?!!
 3. Divorce - Why? - Why not?
 4. Living in 'Sin' or 'Love'?
 5. Who needs the family?
 6. Fancy free at 20! - Old and lonely at 60?
 7. Who loves yah baby?!!

8. The Church - Them or Us?

What is a family? A warm loving cosy unit? A cold argumentative nest of vipers? Most of them are a bit of each and hopefully, most of the time, somewhere in between. But we all have problems at some stage - whether between husband and wife, due to teenagers rebelling, or old people needing care. We feel we could all benefit by discussing some of the issues, some with the help of 'actors', some with professionals, but all, we hope, with love, care, concern, humour, and, most important of all, with YOU there. The first of these groups will meet on Wednesday 11th October at 8.0 p.m. in the school hall. Look out for the PROJECT POSTERS.

VILLAGE NOTES

Community Association

Following the success of recent functions, the Entertainments Committee have arranged more events, including a Folk Dance to be held in the Village Hall from 8.0 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. on Friday 15th September. Dancing will be to the Mike Nash Sound. Admission will cost £1.00 for members, £1.25 for non-members, and will include a Ploughman's Supper. On Friday 29th September there will be a Community Association Harvest Festival Auction at the Star Inn (with Bar Extension). Any donations of produce from village gardens or allotments will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Mario Murray on Abson 2912. The Autumn Season of C.A. activities will culminate in a Grand Firework Display, for which tickets are only 50p each. Refreshments will be available. Watch for notices in local shops nearer the date. Anyone wishing to join the C.A. should contact Mario Murray (Assistant Treasurer), 56 Hawkridge Drive, tel. 2912.

Evening Classes

Puckchurch's Evening Classes this autumn, arranged in conjunction with the W.E.A. and Bristol University Extra-Mural Department, are on Eighteenth Century Decorative Art, including Furniture, Silver and Ceramics. The lecturer is Cleo Witt, from Bristol Museum. The course will be held on Thursday evenings, from 7.30 to 9.0 p.m. in the School Canteen, and will include visits to the Georgian House, etc. For further details please contact Ann Wilson, 49 Westerleigh Road, tel. 2497.

Flower Arranging Class

Mary Whittock writes: I shall not be attending this class this time, but if any of the other ladies are interested in having it again this Autumn, Mrs. Holland said she was willing to come again. Perhaps one of the ladies would like to contact me (tel. 2090), then I can put them in touch with Mrs. Holland.

Folk Dancing Club

We shall start our winter session in the village hall on Tuesday 12th September, then every other Tuesday at 8.0 p.m. Anyone will be welcome to come along. You don't have to bring a partner. If you want any more information, please contact Les Whittock, tel. 2090.

Ladies Hockey Club

The 1978/79 season commenced on Saturday 2nd September with a match away to the Old Georgians. We are meantime having practices every Thursday evening on the Recreation Field commencing at 7.15 p.m. and anyone interested in playing hockey is welcome to come along. Should you want to know more about the club then either contact the Captain, Nancy Cleovery, 66 Birch Drive, tel. 2296, or the Secretary, Lynne Mitchell, 48 Partridge Road, tel. 3153.

Housing Association

Sometimes when you are especially aware of your own good fortune, you long to help those less well off than yourself. One of the ways you can help other

people is through the Friends of the Bristol Churches Housing Association. It is a voluntary organisation set up to support the B.C.H.A. by providing a background of personal caring for those tenants of the Association who are in need of such care; raising money to supply needy tenants with those things for which the Government makes no provision, e.g. furniture and fittings; and helping to publicise its work. Although the Friends' organisation has been active for less than two years, it has already achieved a great deal. If you would like to learn more about this, please contact the Vicar, the Revd. J. Hinton, at the Vicarage, tel. 2260, or Jane Conrad, 35 Westerleigh Road, tel. 2979.

Ramblers

This newly formed club is now properly established with its duly elected committee, and is affiliated to the Ramblers' Association, thus benefiting from its periodic publications and its backing in case of any disputes over rights of way. We hope shortly to purchase a few Ordnance Survey maps in the 1:50,000 series covering Gloucestershire and adjacent areas. These together with the Ramblers' Association publications will be available from the secretary for members to borrow. The committee has arranged a programme of walks for the remainder of this year, and these are printed on our membership cards. Information about the next walk can be found displayed in various shop windows in the village. So far, we have explored many of the footpaths within the parish boundary and have travelled further afield on two occasions. The first was an evening walk starting at Wick church and exploring the countryside in that area. Our latest excursion was a walk of some nine miles or so in the Stroud area of the Cotswolds. This was an all day outing, stopping at a convenient pub at lunch time, and returning to Pucklechurch by 6.0 p.m. Some of our members found that the hilly countryside produced some aches and pains next day, but we also have memories of some beautiful views and a day spent in enjoyable company. Our membership is increasing, and anyone who is interested in foot-slogging will be made most welcome. Chairman, D. White, Pixie Acre, Shortwood Road, tel. 3033.

Women's Institute

Forthcoming events in the Village Hall include on Wednesday 20th September, at 7.15 p.m., a Mini- Produce Show, for members only, with classes in Garden Produce, Flower Arrangements, Preserves and Cooking, and Handicrafts. On Wednesday October 18th at 7.15 p.m. there will be a 'Hair Fashion Show' by Mr. Clive of 'Reflections', with a competition for members, 'Photograph of yourself as a Teenager showing Hairstyle'. All visitors will be very welcome.

PUCKLECHURCH MAN TO STAND FOR PARLIAMENT

As you may have read in the rest of the local press recently, Dr. George Conrad has been selected as the Liberal Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for this constituency. George is already well known within the village, particularly for his local activities on the Parish Council, Revel and the Community Association. He was also involved in the setting-up of this newsletter in 1976 (Yes - we have been going that long! - Eds.).

The press reports which have been published have been very brief, and, since George is a local personality, we have sought to obtain the full background for you. After much negotiation, Pucklechurch News managed to obtain an appointment with George and your intrepid reporter travelled to Pucklechurch House to interview him in person.

P. News Why did you decide to become a Liberal?

G. Conrad Because the Liberal Party is the only one that cares about the individual, i.e. you and me. Its policies are determined by ordinary everyday people without favouring either big business or the trade unions. Above all Liberals are honest enough to admit that there are no simple solutions to most problems, but believe that a great deal can be achieved by co-operation, rather than the existing system of confrontation.

P.N. Why do you want to stand for Parliament?

G.C. Because in my job as a family doctor most of the problems I come across

are not medical but social, and require actions by politicians. For example, the lack of facilities for the care of the elderly cannot be cured by a bottle of medicine. Unemployment, inflation and high taxation can only be reduced by effective government in Westminster.

P.N. Do you think you have any chance of being elected?

G.C. In many ways this seems unlikely, but I have been encouraged by the very warm support from many voters. I believe that living and working within the constituency gives me a good start.

P.N. If elected, what do you think you can achieve as a Liberal M.P.?

G.C. The more Liberals there are in Parliament, the more likely it is that we will have a truly representative government. I will press for sensible Liberal policies and prevent the other parties from imposing their dogmatic views. Above all, I will listen to the views of all the constituents, regardless of party, and will try to ensure that these are heard in Parliament. Think of the publicity which would follow the election of a Liberal M.P. for this area - this alone would ensure that our views are heard. The most important thing to me is not simply to be an M.P., but to be your M.P.

P.N. Thank you.

LETTER TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors,

May I say, through your newsletter, how much I enjoyed the recent Barbecue held by the Pucklochurh Community Association. It was a very pleasant evening spent in ideal surroundings. I look forward to the events coming up in the near future.

Yours faithfully,

J. P. Bowring, 17 Woodpocker Crescent.

EXCHANGE AND MART

BabyMart If you wish to buy or sell any baby clothes or equipment, contact Jane Conrad on 2979 for best prices and personal service.

VILLAGE DIARY

- SEPTEMBER 9 Church Fete at St. Anne's, Syston
Ladies Hockey v. Wick - Home
12 Folk Dancing, 8.0 Village Hall
15 C.A. Folk Dance, 8.0 Village Hall
16 Ladies Hockey v. Avon Green - Home
20 W.I. Mini-Product Show, 7.15 Village Hall
23 Tower Playgroup Jumble Sale, Village Hall.
Ladies Hockey v. Gloucester III, Home, or Avon Clubs Tournament
25 Folk Dancing, 8.0 Village Hall
28 Revel A.G.N., 8.0 Village Hall
29 C.A. Harvest Festival Auction at the Star Inn
30 Hockey Club Jumble Sale
- OCTOBER 5 W.E.A. Class, 7.30 School Canteen, first meeting
7 Ladies Hockey Rally, Away
10 Folk Dancing, 8.0 Village Hall
11 Family Life Project, 8.0 School Hall, First meeting.
14 Ladies Hockey v. Timsbury. Away
17 Folk Dancing. 8.0 Village Hall
18 W. I. Meeting, 7.15 Village Hall
21 Ladies Hockey v. Stroud, Home
28 Ladies Hockey v. Bodian, Home
31 Folk Dancing, 8.0 Village Hall
- NOVEMBER 4 C.A. Grand Firework Display
17 Copy date for next Pucklochurh News
18 Hall Management Nearly New/Book Browse.