

# Pucklechurch News

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This issue is later appearing than we anticipated because articles for it have been slow to accumulate. This is understandable we suppose . . . after Revel we all had to have a rest (!) and then there were preparations for the Royal Wedding Street Parties - we hope you enjoyed yours. Street parties are great fun - if you are involved in one - but next time (the Coronation?) wouldn't it be lovely to have a big party for all the village children on the Recreation Field. It was nice of the Parish Council to provide Royal Wedding Crowns to the junior school children.

Thanks too, to the District Council for providing new street name plates on both sides of the road - but what happened to Hawkridge?

Many thanks for your extra contributions to our 'Drum' appeal - our tins were £10 heavier than usual - a record £44.

The next date for copy for this Newsletter is 1 October (nice and easy to remember!) Let's try to make it a bumper issue -

We would like - reports of sports matches (cricket, football, hockey clubs please note) and fixture lists

We would like - your letters, your exchange & marts (no charge is made)

We would like - news of interesting school activities (teachers and pupils please note)

We would like - stories of 'old Pucklechurch' (elderly inhabitants, Local History Society please note)

We would like - suggestions of local people to 'Profile'

We would like - to hear of the achievements of local people - for example young cricketer, Andy Llewellyn recently played for the Duke of Beaufort's 11 versus the Lord Taviners at Badminton. Well done!

We would like - to hear from the younger generation in the village.

We know what we would like - but will we get it!

Contributions please to any of the Committee members who are named on the back of this issue.

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## VILLAGE NOTES

### Cancer Research Campaign - Pucklechurch & District Branch

Once again, a special mention must be made of the many young people of the village who have taken the time and trouble to support us in the last months. A sale was held at Easter on the estate, and the Brownies have held a sponsored disco dance on our behalf. To all those involved in the events, a very grateful thank you.

Our Revel stall made an even greater profit than last year, due I am sure to the very high quality of the articles we had for sale. A great deal of hard work was put in by many people to make the stall a success. Very grateful thanks are due to all those who sewed, donated material or goods, helped to put the stall up, or came along to buy on the day. (A sewing group meets to make goods for stalls and sales - for further information tel. Abson 2164.)

### Cubs

Our Cub Football Team won the league this season for the first time and were ready to do their lap of honour around Frenchay Common at the end of our Annual District St George's Day Parade. But disaster struck in the form of our English weather. Snow had fallen thick and fast on the Saturday evening and made travelling almost impossible. Still the team and their families and friends enjoyed a disco and supper while the snow was falling. Many thanks to all who helped with this event. The boys had their moment of glory postponed until May, when they went to Mafeking Hall to be presented with their medals and "The Cup!" by Bristol Rovers Chief Scout, Gordon Bennett.

The usual regulars attended the AGM in May with a smattering of new faces. Our new committee is now installed and ready to tackle anything. They are: Mr G Baird - Chairman, Mrs M Payne - Secretary, Mrs J Smith - Treasurer.

It is with great regret that we have to announce the departure of Akela Bradley next year. She has served Pucklechurch Cubs faithfully and has been in Scouting for ten years. Her family commitments are changing now and so she feels it is time to go. She will be sorely missed. Thank you, Akela for all your hard work. Who will take her place? Any brilliant ideas? Contact Mrs Pratt (Abson 2507) or any of the above committee members.

Mrs Horne, wife of our Scout Leader, offered to help in any way with cubs. Many thanks and welcome. Also, it was decided at the AGM, that in the past when tents have been lent to other organisations they have been abused and equipment has been lost. Due to this, no tents or equipment will be loaned to anyone outside the Scouting Fraternity. Any questions refer to Quartermaster Mr D Wiltshire or any of the committee members.

Both Cub Packs took a trip to Windsor Safari Park on Cup Final Day! Dads came as well as Mums and Grandma's! We had a chilly day but it was brightened by the thousands of green caps we saw when we arrived at the Safari Park! The Scouting Association had taken it over for a day, and I for one had never seen so many cubs, brownies, guides, scouts and rangers as I saw that day. The high spot of the trip, after a long wait, was the Dolphinarium. The sight of a killer whale swimming around with glasses on is enough to make anyone smile. Anyone who just wanted a quiet trip home were soon to realise this couldn't be, at least not in our coach full of cubs. Mrs Omerod is to be congratulated on her leadership in the community singing! Thank you Caroline!

Our two packs took part in a District Knock-Out Competition in May at Winterbourne. Oh, you brave people that turned up that stormy day! Despite the wind, heavy showers and long grass, it was a fun day, and just goes to prove you don't need expensive equipment to enjoy yourself. Time is the most precious thing anyone can give and the boys need it! Pucklechurch Cubs didn't win, but we weren't disgraced. Out of twelve packs that attended Wednesday Pack came eighth and Monday Pack came fifth - well done!

Our cubs that had gone on to Scouts were officially enrolled at the end of May. It was a very moving ceremony watching these boys grow up virtually in front of your eyes. With one hand on the Scout Flag and one hand in salute they each gave their promise to their Scout Leader. Well done boys. A pity more parents couldn't have come to witness this special evening. Our thanks to Mrs Savery for bringing the Baden-Powell film to show us to round the evening off.

Just to finish, a word about Revel. Many thanks to all the mums who sent their sweets for our sweet stall, which was combined with the Maple Walk Sitters. There was a lovely display and plenty of eager customers. The total taken was £31-20p. A special thanks to Byron Horne and Jonathan Payne who turned up in full uniform to help - that's the spirit!

Pack meetings restart on 7th September 1981.

#### Pucklechurch Gardeners Club

For their May meeting the members and one or two of their friends, spent a very pleasant evening with a visit to the "Springfield Spray" Nurseries at Upton Cheyney. It was a most comprehensive tour, starting with the sterilisation of the soil, right through to the blooms packed and ready for delivery. At the end of the evening a ploughman's supper at the Upton Inn was most welcome and thoroughly enjoyed.

The June meeting, the last for the season, was spent walking round the Chairman's garden at Abson, where he had, amongst other things, the most wonderful selection of delphiniums. The evening ended with an American Supper and a welcome cup of coffee provided by Mrs Alway the Chairman's wife.

A very successful stall was held on Revel Day, the sum of £33.50 being handed to the Revel Treasurer.

Members are now concentrating on their next big event which is their first Joint Produce Show, with Pucklechurch WI, to be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 12th September at 2pm. Schedules are now on sale in the shops, price 10p. There are classes for all the family, and the cover of the Schedule is the colouring competition for the children. The Committee look forward to seeing you, with entries in the Show if possible, if not, to come and see what other people have entered, and so stir you on to enter something next year.

The new season of monthly meetings starts on Friday 30th October. Speaker and venue to be announced.

#### 1st Pucklechurch Guides

During the Easter holidays a "Be Prepared" patrol challenge was organised and included firelighting and cooking, a coded message, first aid, accident prevention and attending to a sick person. Poppy Patrol being the winners.

Although it absolutely poured with rain one evening in May, all patrols managed to light a fire and cook supper at Marsh Farm.

During the remainder of May and June work continued on Patrol Purpose Patches and resulted in Bluebell, Forget-me-not and Orchid patrols obtaining these, after a grilling by the testers, which consisted of Guiders, and Patrol Leaders. A special thank you to Mrs Olive Jones for all her help and interest in these badges.

Obviously the highlight in June was Revel Week and we were certainly kept busy selling programmes, folding raffle tickets, and serving hot dogs on Thursday evening, not to mention clearing tables and washing up on Saturday. A special mention to Lavinda Conway for tackling a mountain of washing up. We were thrilled to gain 3rd place on our "Pirate Ship" float. Our thanks to the Ashford family of "boatbuilders". We also enjoyed running the highly successful "Teddy Bear's Picnic" stall - I think the guides bought half the tickets, the bears looked so cuddly, we all wanted to win one.

Teams have represented us recently in football and rounders matches, and "It's a Knock Out" for Youth Groups. Maxine Weetch and Carey Eales spent a weekend at a Boating Camp and thoroughly enjoyed it, despite blisters on their hands from all the rowing.

Three coachloads of Brownies, Guides and friends from Pucklechurch, Wick and Marshfield, headed for Windsor Safari Park on July 4th to join 10,000 others for a special Scout and Guide day out. Amazingly, we managed to bring back the same numbers, extracted from the crowds of brown and blue uniforms.

We ended our summer term with a Camp Fire at Marsh Farm, for all Pucklechurch Guides and Brownies, and enrolled Lavinda Conway, Johanna Cowley, Sharon Palmer and Ann Williams.

16 of us went camping for a week at Cowley, Nr Cheltenham -report later.

Lynne, Mary, Mandy and myself (Ros Abbott) wish everyone happy holidays and look forward to seeing all our guides on 8th September.

#### Gym Club

We have now been operating for a year and due to pressure of a long waiting list we have had to start another session. This brings our total of attending children up in the region of 90 - these are split into 3 sessions of 30 children, and session times are on Wednesday 4pm - 5pm, 5pm - 6pm and 6pm - 7pm. Anyone wishing to add their child's name to our waiting list please contact our Registration Secretary: Jenny Goddard, 10 Cedar Way, or Secretary: Shirley Hall, 11 Cedar Way (Abson 3079).

I would like to express my thanks to Mrs Pam Cushe for having a clothes party to raise funds for the Gym Club - although once again it was not very well supported by mums. We hope that everyone who stayed to watch the Revel Gym Display enjoyed it.

#### Ladies Hockey Club

The Hockey Club would welcome any new members. If you are interested contact Angela James (Abson 3601). They are holding a Jumble Sale on 5 September to raise funds.

#### Pucklechurch Playgroup

Have you a child coming up to 3 years of age? If so why not bring him/her along to the Village Hall one morning (except Fridays) between 9.30 - 10.00 and see our playgroup in action. Children have a wide range of activities to choose from, including painting, sand and water play, listening to stories, dressing up and creative work. Children can attend for 2 sessions each week - either Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday from 9.15 - 11.45am.

On Monday 14th September we are holding a coffee morning to which everyone is welcome. There will be a cake stall, Nearly New and a demonstration of household cleaning products. At the same time the photographer will be there to take pictures of play group children. Any mothers with children not at playgroup who would like their child's photograph taken please contact the Secretary, Sue Jones on Abson 2502.

#### Pucklechurch Ramblers

Next walk is on September 13th - it is a walk of approximately 6 miles via Lansdown and Northstoke with a packed lunch at a pub at Upton Cheyney. For further information telephone Abson 3060.

#### Pucklechurch Rangers

Come and join us if you're between 14 and 18. We meet on Monday evenings at 7 pm. If you're interested contact: Mrs F Whitehouse, 54 Parkfield Road, tel. Abson 2833.

### Tower Playgroup

The Tower Playgroup had an enjoyable end of term - in addition to their Bristol Zoo trip, they had a Teddy Bear's Picnic on the Recreation Field, at which all the children took their teddy bears dressed as nursery rhyme characters. Three mums played guitars for singing (among other songs) "If you go down to the woods today . . ." Great fun!

The Tower Playgroup was obviously delighted to win 1st prize in the Revel Float competition with their Space Shuttle, and would like to thank all the parents for their enthusiasm in building the float, but special mention to Gordon Thorn and Terry Russell for their building of the actual "shuttle". Congratulations too, to the members of our Lawnmower Race team who (wearing dinner jackets, bow ties and white shorts!!) won the ladies event.

(Editorial Note: this task was obviously made easier for them as the Pucklechurch News (last year's winners) did not enter a team!!!)

### Pucklechurch Wives Club

Enjoyed a trip to the Cotswold Farm Park on 1 August. A coachful of "Wives" and children left Pucklechurch at 9.30 and returned at 5.45pm complete with sunburn after a very pleasant day out. One small boy was heard asking his mother "when does the Dads Club have their trip?" . . .

But H E L P !! Our Wives Club is in danger of closing due to lack of support.

Please come and support us.

We meet again on September 14th at 8pm (in the Church Room) with a Flower Arrangement Demonstration.

Thereafter we meet on the first Monday every month.

We have some very interesting speakers booked for the coming session. We hope to have a few trips to the Theatre, plus a skittles evening (when husbands can come too).

We warmly welcome all wives (young and the not so young) to our meetings, where we enjoy a friendly get-together and a cup of coffee. We have a raffle with some nice prizes.

We look forward to meeting you - please come.

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### NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

A dance will be held at the Village Hall on New Year's Eve. Music will be provided by a live band "Masquerade" who play music to suit all tastes (unless you happen to like opera or chamber music presumably!)

Profits from the dance will go towards the new changing rooms, so do support the dance, it promises to be a good night.

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### SUMMER WINE FESTIVAL

This year's Wine Festival will be held at Pucklechurch House on Saturday 5th September. Added attractions this year are good food and a pig roast. Jazz music will be provided by "Six Piece Suite". The Liberal Association's attempt to foster a community spirit! Tickets are obtainable from J & J Bartlett (more usually known as Jack's), Newsagents, cost £1.50 which includes your first glass of wine.

Parish Council Report - Clerk, Mr R T Wiltshire

The new post and rail fence alongside the Recreation Field at Hill View has now been completed, at a cost of £1700. Northavon District Council will be giving a grant towards the cost of the fence.

The Parish Council have agreed that Mr H Sherman and Mr T Moss should be re-appointed as Managers of the C. of E. Primary School.

The Parish Council agreed to support a letter from the residents of Maple Walk having regard to the number of vehicles parked in Maple Walk.

The Parish Council have agreed on a subscription of £20 each to the Council for the Protection of Rural England, and the Star Centre for Disabled Youth.

The Council has decided to enter the "Best Kept Village Competition" for 1982 and the Council appeal to all organisations and Parishioners to give them their support in this worthwhile competition. Details will be given at a later date.

The question of footpath signs will be considered in the next financial year.

Reports have been received of horse riding on the Council's new Play Area at Eagle Crescent, this is of course a very dangerous practice and must not be allowed to continue.

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It has been brought to our attention that the seats of the swings in the new Play Area are too high for young children to reach. It would be nice if this problem could be rectified. . .

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TRY US WE'RE LIBERAL!!

Pucklechurch Liberal Branch will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 23rd September at 8pm in the Meetings Room at the Village Hall. Needless to say, new members will be very welcome! District Councillor, Dr George Conrad, will be reporting on the Liberal Assembly which he is attending.

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DYRHAM CRAFT CENTRE

Term starts on 16th September. There are vacancies in pottery, woodwork, home crafts, and art and design.

Classes are small and informal. If transport is a problem, lifts from Pucklechurch can be arranged.

£6 per term or £15 for a year's subscription.

There will be a BARN DANCE on 23rd October at Dyrham Village Hall.

Dyrham Craft Centre Christmas Sale will be held on 21st November.

For further information contact: Sue Fisher - Abson 2009

Mike Harris - Abson 3443

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# Pucklechurch "REVEL" NEWS



June 11th - 20th were indeed very busy days for many people in the village. The committee members would like to express their most sincere thanks to all who helped to make the various events so successful.



The first public event of the Revel was the Disco held on 16th May at which the Revel Queen, Miss Julie Douglas, and her two attendants, Tracy Barnes and Sally Pontin, were chosen. The event itself was a success, and we would like to thank Julie, Tracy and Sally for their valuable help and attendance at Revel events.



Rather than report in detail on all the events we would like to just make a brief mention of the "New" events and features of Revel 81.

On Friday 12th June the Revel held a Band Concert in the Village Hall. This was a new feature to which all villagers of pensionable age were offered free admission. The concert was a great success and we were very pleased that about 80 of the people entitled to free admission actually came along.



On Monday 15th June another new feature was the Junior Folk Dance. Anyone fortunate enough to catch a glimpse of about 100 youngsters putting their boundless energies into the dancing will know what a tremendous success this event turned out to be.

This year we introduced some novelty races into the Lawnmower Race evening on the Thursday, again a great success which will no doubt be extended in Revel 82.



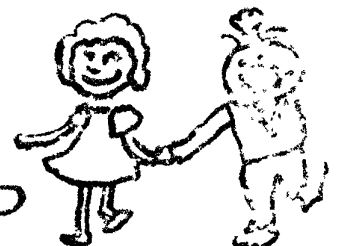
Revel Day itself was favoured with good weather once again and everyone appeared to be enjoying themselves. We have been trying for a year or two to persuade the Avon & Somerset Police Force to bring their Police Dogs to Pucklechurch, this year we were lucky and what an impressive display they gave. We had a record number of stalls on the field and the committee would like to thank all who took part in the running of these stalls, it does unfortunately mean that they are unable to move around and enjoy the rest of the stalls themselves.

For the first time we hired equipment for the field event - the Fun Castle, Teddy Bears Picnic and Candy Floss stall, they were all very popular and fully justified the expense of hiring.



Once again, to all who helped in any way whatsoever a big and sincere thank you from all the committee members. We would also like to express our gratitude to the Pucklechurch News not only for their assistance throughout the year, but also for the special issue "Pucklechurch Revel News" which proved to be a very valuable medium for advertising Revel to neighbouring villages.

Geoff Wilcock  
Revel Chairman



REVEL 81 PROFITS - net results to date - not final figures

Net Profit is £3227, which is £400 up on the 1980 surplus.  
The main sources of income were: Beer Festival £1401  
Saturday stalls £907

For more details come along to the Revel AGM on 8 September at 8pm, V.Hall.

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REVEL 82

Village organisations are invited to apply for a donation towards a specified project from the expected surplus from Revel 82.

Would anyone wishing to apply please complete an application form obtainable from: Mrs E Stone, 25 Maple Walk, Pucklechurch, Tel. 3105.

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Did you like the Revel photographs published by this Newsletter?  
A lot of processes are involved in printing photographs, and we were quite pleased with our first attempt. It is also costly. By "doing it ourselves" we managed to produce the issue for £69 - this included films, developing, enlarging, screening and printing. Revel gave us £50 towards the cost. Incidentally, we have the originals and also negatives if anyone is interested - contact Marilyn Palmer Tel. 3761.

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DRAMA GROUP - To be or not to be?

An inaugural meeting will be held in the Meetings Room at the Village Hall on Monday 21st September at 8pm.

If you are interested in any aspect of plays, not necessarily performing, but scenery, costume, direction, etc. etc. do come along.

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PUCKLECHURCH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Another nice weekend camping was enjoyed by eleven families on 4 & 5 July at Wotton-under-Edge. The weather was hot and dry, which allowed games to be played and for the men to enjoy their fishing.

The next family camp will be held on 11,12,13 September at South Cerney Water Park, which has full facilities, boating, sailing, fishing, etc. Why not join us? They are friendly weekends - the children love them too. If you are interested please contact Sue Hathway Tel. 3326.

"Well done" to the 8 people from Pucklechurch who entered the "It's a Knockout" on 11 July at Northstoke. 12 teams entered and Pucklechurch finished 6th.

The next Car Treasure Hunt will be held on 20th September.

The Harvest Auction this year will be held on 25th September at the Star. The object is to raise cash for the children's Christmas parties. A very entertaining evening! (Last year our Community Constable's bike was auctioned!)

A junior disco has been provisionally arranged for 10th October.

All C.A. members will receive details soon. If you would like to join (family membership is £2) contact Joan Bowering, 17 Woodpecker Crescent Pucklechurch, Tel. 3675.

Incidentally, the P.C.A. sweatshirts are now available from Beverley Stewart, 30 Maple Walk.



LETTER TO THE EDITORS

Accommodation - New Village Hall

On behalf of the Womens Institute committee I feel I must voice our views and feelings on the inadequacy and poor facilities provided at the New Village Hall.

The W.I. is probably one of the oldest organisations in the village, over 44 years to be exact, and has done sterling work within the community, they have supported and contributed to many charities and causes including the New Village Hall project, however, today we feel we are like poor relations and not wanted "It's only the W.I."

As laid down by the N.F.W.I. we hold meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, over the years we had the use of the old village hall without too many problems, however, when we were offered accommodation in the small meeting room at the new hall we found it too small for our purpose, but needless to say we accepted, over the months we have found the room getting smaller since it is also used to store various items and articles for other organisations, our meetings are regularly interrupted by one or the other collecting or depositing these articles which again make us feel we don't matter.

A request to the H.M.C. seems to have fallen on deaf ears as alternative dates i.e. Tuesdays have been offered and then only on an ad hoc basis.

It is a pity more thought and consideration could not have been given to our organisation.

M J Webb  
16 Eagle Crescent

Editorial Note: We found this letter thought provoking. It's a shame that the W.I. feel that they have been treated badly. On the other hand, running the Village Hall is a pretty thankless task. The Village Hall Management Committee has to make the Hall pay it's way, so it has to be fully utilised.

There are problems - storage is a major one. The superior facilities at the Hall have encouraged new groups to start, which is good. As you will have read under 'Village Notes' 90 children now enjoy their Gym Club sessions. But, the groups all have equipment to store.

Priorities are a problem too - the completion of the upstairs lounge area is the first priority. Then the Sports Clubs want new changing rooms . . . We 'managed' with the old Village Hall, yet now our standards have improved we want still more.

And, of course, the VHMC cannot spend money that it hasn't got. The WI rep. on the VHMC will know how frustrating that problem is.

But, what about a "Meeting in Progress - Do Not Disturb" sign?

Incidentally, it's interesting to note that the VHMC comprises representatives of each of the 'original' village clubs. According to its constitution new clubs, e.g. Badminton, Gym, cannot be represented,  
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Sec. & Treasurer, P. News

Pucklechurch Bell Ringers

At a recent meeting of the Pucklechurch Bell Ringers it was agreed that they could do with some new recruits. If you are interested contact either Rev Hinton or the Tower Captain, Mr Edward Mould, 17 Westerleigh Road, Tel. 2538

VILLAGE DIARY

- SEPTEMBER 3 - Badminton Club restarts  
5 - Summer Wine Festival, Pucklechurch House 7.30pm  
Hockey Club Jumble Sale  
7 - Cubs restarts  
8 - Guides restarts  
Revel AGM at 8pm Village Hall  
11-13 - C.A. Family Camp, South Cerney Water Park  
12 - Gardeners/WI Joint Produce Show, Village Hall  
13 - Ramble 10am  
14 - Wives Club - Flower Arrangement Demonstration  
16 - Term starts at Dyrham Craft Centre  
20 - C.A. Treasure Hunt  
21 - Inaugural meeting of Drama  
22 - Pucklechurch Liberal Branch AGM, Village Hall 8pm  
25 - C.A. Harvest Auction, Star Inn
- OCTOBER 1 - Copy date for Pucklechurch News  
4 - Ramble 10am to West Littleton  
10 - C.A. Junior Disco - provisional  
23 - Dyrham Craft Centre Barn Dance, Dyrham Village Hall  
30 - Gardeners Club

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CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

- Preaching appointments are: Sept. 6th - Mr A C Cox, Sacrament  
13th - Mr Robert Pullin  
20th - Harvest Festival -  
afternoon - Mr & Mrs Summers & Party  
evening - Pastor Mack  
27th - Mr T Pilgrim
- Oct. 4th -  
11th - Mr J Lee  
18th - Miss Phillpott - Films of the  
Holy Land

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Our very best wishes go to our two very well liked and respected Health Visitors. Mrs Robin Pound is expecting her second baby shortly. We look forward to Miss Doreen Ely's return in September.

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Last day for copy for the next issue of this Newsletter is 1 October 1981. Contributions can be delivered to any of the following:

- Marilyn Palmer (Secretary) - 16 Merlin Ridge (Tel.3761)  
Nancy Cleevely - 66 Birch Drive  
Jane Conrad - Pucklechurch House, Westerleigh Road  
Rosemary Lock - Westbrook, Abson  
Marie Murray - 56 Hawkridge Drive  
Bridget Tyers - 13 Shortwood Road  
Linda Ford - Dennisworth Farm