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You will find a little booklet entitled "Pucklechurch Village" attached to this issue. Published by us, it is a directory of village information. The Newsletter Secretary had to undergo some fantastic contortions (not a pretty sight!) to fit the information into the limited space, so we hope you will forgive any editing of your copy that she found necessary. Additional copies will be available from the Post Office. We hope that you will find it useful.

Now for some good news! The Village Hall Management Committee will commence the building of the changing rooms this summer. They have been successful in receiving grant aid from Northavon District Council and the Sports Council and, together with local contributions, sufficient funds have been raised to complete the building and interior works. Fund raising will have to be continued for interior fittings.

Last day for copy for the next issue of Pucklechurch News is 24th May. Contributions please to any of the following who comprise the Editorial Committee:

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Incidentally, our apologies to the paper boys/girls for forgetting to thank them in the last issue for fighting their way through the snow earlier this year. Thank you!

Finally, may we wish you all a happy Easter.

Oh dear, still some space . . . Well, perhaps you will eggscuse this 'Easter' yolk (groan!)

"Doctor, Doctor, my husband thinks he is a hen!" "Tell him he's not."
"I can't, we need the eggs."

VILLAGE NOTES

Cancer Research Campaign - Pucklechurch & District Branch

We were very pleased to welcome Lieutenant General Sir Terence McMeekin, the Area Appeals Organiser and his wife to our AGM on Thursday 25 February. Sir Terence congratulated the Pucklechurch branch on their fund raising efforts during 1981 and described ideas and events organised by other local committees. During the meeting, Mr Omar Beg was elected as our new Chairman following the resignation of Mr Walker. Our grateful thanks are due to Mr Walker for his time in office, and to Mr Beg for agreeing to devote his time and energy to our cause.

Surprisingly few people attended the sale of cards and cakes, but even so this very pleasant morning raised £37.65. Our thanks to those people who organised this, and particularly to Mrs Hall for inviting us into her home.

A coffee morning was also held on 31st March - report in next News. On Tuesday 20 April at 8pm there will be a Tupperware party at 32 Maple Walk. 10% of takings will be given to Cancer Research and there will also be a raffle in aid of funds.

On Friday 7 May at 7.30pm there will be a Magic Show in the Village Hall. Tickets are priced £1 for adults and 50p for children (excellent value!) This is not just a one man show, but a number of different acts put on in aid of charity by members of the Bristol Magic Circle. Don't miss it! It really should be an enjoyable evening's entertainment.

Saturday 15 May - a skittle evening at the Lamb Inn, Mangotsfield. Tickets are £1.50 and the price includes a choice of ham, cheese or beef ploughmans supper and salad.

Pucklechurch Community Association

A very enjoyable Folk Dance/Registration Evening was held on March 21st. Our thanks to "Puckledown Folk" for providing the music. Incidentally, if you haven't yet renewed your membership, or would like to join for the first time, contact Mrs Sue Jones, 'Cranbrook', Abson Road, Tel.2502.

A family camp will be held from 28th May until 31st May (Bank Holiday) at South Cerney. If you are interested in attending contact either Marlene Judd (69 Birch Drive, Tel.3144), or Val White, 'Pixie Acre', Shortwood Road.

Pucklechurch Cubs

Monday Pack Akela: Carmen Bradley Kaa - Norma Pratt Helper - Jackie Yates
Our report this time is half good and half bad. First the good news. A joint jumble sale was held in the Scout Hut, between Cubs and Guides. Very successful it was and many thanks to all who helped in many ways. Nice to see the female section of scouting coming to join us!

Because of a delay due to weather, the Cubs Christmas Party was held in February. It was organised chaos, but everyone had a good time and the hot dogs were much appreciated.

Now we come to the bad news. As we have told you before, Carmen Bradley is leaving us. That means Mrs Pratt and Mrs Yates will need someone to replace her. PLEASE - if anyone knows of a uniformed scouter will they direct them to us. If she is not replaced, it means the pack cannot work efficiently. Come on Mums and Dads do something!

Monday Pack restarts on Monday 19th April with a Family Beetle Drive at 6.30pm. Come and have fun. On Saturday 24th April we celebrate 25 years of Scouting in Pucklechurch. 2pm - 4pm Activity afternoon for Cubs. Displays and refreshments in Scout Hut. 8pm - midnight Anniversary Folk Dance in Village Hall. On Sunday 25th April there is a District Church Parade at Frenchay Church - meeting outside at 2.45pm. Finally, on May 8th we are having a Cake Sale at 10.30am organised by Guides/Cubs/Scouts/Brownies.

Is there anyone who can service a duplicating machine? Anyone who can duplicate notes? (Contact Jackie Yates Tel.3118)

Wednesday Pack Cubs

Betty Wakefield has resigned as Akela at Wednesday due to ill health. We would like to thank her for her past service, and wish her all the best for the future. Lynne Horne has taken over as Akela, and a full programme of events is being arranged to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Pucklechurch Scouts on 24th April which we hope the entire village will enjoy.

Dyrham Craft Centre

The present term ends on April 7th, after quite an active period with a successful jumble sale and a most enjoyable Fancy Dress Party on 26th March, where funds were also raised through a hilarious "dutch auction". If you'd like to come along and join in the social as well as practical activities at the Craft Centre make a note of next terms dates: May 5th to July 7th. We meet at 7.30pm at the old school in Dyrham - enrollment fee is £6 a term, payable when you first come along. Also make a note of the "Clothes and Books Party" on May 18th at 8pm in the Craft Centre.

1st Pucklechurch Guides

We began the year by enrolling Hayley Brimble, Heather Case, Nicky Cambridge, Catherine Cushe, Rachel Ellis and Claire Harris. We also presented toys made by the guides to Mrs Ellis from Yate Toy Library for the mentally and physically handicapped.

At a Division Service held at Southwold Sports Centre we presented a brief sketch entitled "Australian Christmas on the Beach" to illustrate the contrast between the two countries. All guides made a conscious effort to attend which was very pleasing.

On 2nd March we had pleasure in presenting Fiona May with her Queen's Guide Badge - the highest award a guide can gain. Congratulations Fiona!

We also held a roller disco one evening, but Scout HQ is rather small for this, and you'd be surprised how much dust roller wheels can churn up!

Cooks Badges have been gained by Julie Pearce, Sharon Hall, Kirstie James, Lynette Simpson, Rebecca Hartree and Jackie Payne. Knotter Badges by Alison Abbott, Claire Hawkins, and Jackie Payne. Hostess Badges by Lynette Simpson and Jane Bailey, and Child Nurse by Tracey Cleverly and Helen Alway.

The Guides have also entered various events organised by Yate/Sodbury Youth Leaders Council, to which we belong. Three teams entered a Superstars Competition and gained a 2nd and 3rd place - one team entered a 5-a-side football match and reached the semi-finals, and two guides who deserve a mention for doing their best in the Swimming Gala are Claire Harris and Susan Dumper.

A word of praise too, to our team who entered a recent Scout and Guide Contest held outdoors on a Saturday when it absolutely poured with rain. Despite appalling conditions, there were no complaints from Johanna Cwley, Nicky Cambridge, Sarah Hayden and Connie Randall.

We ended the term by enrolling Susan Dumper and Louise Kington. We're now looking forward to the Summer Term when we can engage in Outdoor Activities.

2nd Pucklechurch Guides

First of all, let me say welcome to all our new members - we have now increased by one Patrol. After receiving details of the 'Avon '82 Jamboree' we're thrilled at the thought of being able to try out our skills at activities such as grass ski-ing, canoeing, volleyball and crafts etc. With Easter so near we thought it would be a good idea to carry out our Entertainers Badge which we were unable to do at Christmas due to bad weather. To earn this Badge each Patrol is going to entertain us all, so we are all working hard on our rehearsals.

Wanted: A strong wooden chest to put all our belongings in. If you can help please ring either Karen (Abson 3266) or Mrs Wakefield (2195). Thank you.

Pucklechurch Gardeners Club

Members and Visitors were disappointed that Mr Evans was unable to come to the February meeting as arranged. Nevertheless we had a good evening. Mr Laurie Davis brought along slides of his own and other gardens, taken at different seasons of the year, and Mr Alway gave hints on what to grow in the 'Small Greenhouse'.

The Produce Show Committee have had their first meeting, and things are getting underway for this year's Show which will be held on Saturday 4th September at the Village Hall.

The AGM will be held on 30th April. Our outing this year will be to Waterperry Horticultural Centre near Oxford, and Hidcote Manor in Gloucestershire on Saturday 28th May.

Gymnastics Club

After another successful year the present committee will have to retire and a new one be elected at our AGM on Monday 5th April at 8pm. Anyone who would be willing to assist at any of our sessions which run from 4pm - 7pm please contact the Secretary: Shirley Hall, 11 Cedar Way, Tel. 3079.

Happy Circle

The Happy Circle enjoyed another very successful year during 1981 and welcomed four new members, bringing our current membership to 58. An innovation this year was to have been a combined carol service and Christmas Party. To relieve the ladies of the committee of the substantial task of preparation the meal was to be provided by Mrs Nancy Moss of the Star Inn, buffet style. However, the weather unfortunately took a hand in the matter and December 15th found us snowbound and the party had to be postponed. However, by February 2nd we were clear of the snow and we all enjoyed what had to be a New Year Party. The Buffet provided by Mrs Moss was a huge success, and I use the word advisedly - it was enjoyed by all.

Our first meeting of the New Year was graced by the appearance of the Pucklechurch Girl Guides in their presentation of Cinderella. The hall was filled to capacity and the performance enthusiastically received.

Ladies Hockey Club

We need ladies - any shape or size (!!) who would enjoy an afternoon playing hockey. Our matches are played on a Saturday either at Pucklechurch or in the Bristol area. The Club practices on Thursday evenings May - August. If you are interested make yourself known at our Club Jumble Sale on May 8th at 2.30, or telephone Angela James 3601, or 2301. Beginners welcome.

Local History Society

At the last meeting on 25th March the guest speaker was Mr Roy Wiltshire, Clerk of the Parish Council, who told us many stories from his records which formally start in 1896 but include some fascinating older documents. Since Tudor days when the Parish was the highway, police and poor law authority, the powers have mostly passed to the County and District Councils. However, Mr Wiltshire showed us that our most local Council has a lot of influence still. We were all invited to the Parish Council AGM on 27 April.

For future Society meetings see posters in shops, or contact Mrs Mary Berry at The Grey House, Tel. 2238.

Pucklechurch Players (Drama Group)

The Players wish to extend their thanks to everybody who helped at our recent fund raising events and a big thank you to all the villagers who attended to ensure their success. As both events were successful the Players intend to run further Beetle Drives throughout the year and to make the Fun Day an annual winter event.

About the Group: The Group is known as "Pucklechurch Players" and at present the meetings are fortnightly on a Thursday evening commencing at 8pm. The aims of the players are to perform various dramatic productions and to improve the stage facilities for these productions and to the benefit of the village as a whole.

Initially many evenings have been devoted to play reading. We are now working towards our first production, this will be two one-act plays (one being a comedy) to be performed around late October early November 1982. So keep an eye out for the posters and help it to become a success.

To vary meetings we are hoping to have improvisation and mime evenings, and also to arrange visits to local theatres and other amateur groups.

Like all organisations newcomers will be very welcome (as most drama groups we suffer from a shortage of the male variety) so anyone wishing to join should contact one of the committee shown below. Lighting enthusiasts would be very welcome.

As previously mentioned the fund raising events have provided the group with a reasonable start, but as always today equipment is expensive, therefore the group intend to provide as much as possible by their own efforts. We would therefore be grateful for donations of materials listed below or to obtain them at reasonable cost.

- 1) Any lengths of 2 x 1 or 2 x 2 wood
 - 2) Dexion Shelving supports
 - 3) Dress suits or parts, waistcoats, long dresses, wigs, etc.
 - 4) Small items, i.e. Beads, jewellery, table lamps, china, etc.
- } stage extension and flats

We look forward to providing the village with good entertainment in the future. The Committee members are: Chairman - John Sexton (Tel. 3176), Vice Chairman - Sue Fisher, Treasurer - John Mills, Secretaries - Jackie Hartree and Jean Bence.

Women's Institute

Wasn't it just great! We decided to drop our January meeting because we always seemed to get bad weather on W.I. night, then what happened? We get it in February instead. Never mind, the lovely vase of daffodils on the President's table made up for it. Our speaker was Mr Lesley who had come to talk about the history of Bristol. He had also brought slides. It was all most interesting (there's more to Bristol than Broadmead), and those of us who had gone on his 'walk about' last summer saw again some of the interesting places he showed us then. We hope to go on a 'walk about' Clifton this year. Mr Lesley was thanked by Mrs Whittock. The County Newsletter was discussed, and names were taken for the 'Step forward into Summer' Day at Saltford, and also the 'Jane Austen Day' in Bath. A letter had been received from 'Mencap' asking for any unwanted spectacles, and members were asked to take them to the March meeting. A letter had been received from Revel Committee asking for our support again this year. There was also a letter from Marshfield WI about their new WI Market. Several members were interested in having Craft Classes and also 'Music and Movement Keep Fit Classes. The Drama Group would be getting together again.

The Speaker at the March meeting was Miss Fear who had come to show films on her travels in the Far East, which were colourful and interesting. Mrs Mona Webb's plate won the 'Prettiest Plate' competition. The Craft Classes were arranged to start on Tuesday 20th April in the Church Room at 7.30pm. This would be a preliminary meeting for members to decide which Craft they would like to do. Tickets for the Group meeting at Wick were on sale. The Speaker would be Eric Gadd (Captain Courage of Radio Bristol) who would be talking about the "S.S. Great Britain".

W.I. and Pucklechurch Gardeners Club are holding a Produce Show again this year, and to raise funds for the Show they are having a Jumble Sale in the Village Hall on Saturday April 17th at 2.30pm. Besides jumble, there will be a cake stall, plants stall and raffle.

National Housewives Register

No, there isn't a group in Pucklechurch - at least not yet - but the Downend group is holding a Bring & Buy and Nearly New sale with books from Bookmark on April 21st from 10.30am. It will be at Pucklechurch House, and proceeds will go to the Burns Unit at Frenchay.

REVEL 82

Once again Revel spans a period of 9 days starting with the school art competition on Thursday 10th June. There will be a full programme of events culminating in Revel Day on Saturday 19th June.

Our main attraction on Revel Day this year will be a Hot Air Balloon from Don Cameron Balloons of Bristol, and the return of the City of Bristol Drum Corps now known as the 'Troopers'.

Procession - Please help us to make a success of our procession. Entries from both groups and individuals welcome. Remember our theme 'Transport through the Ages' - entries don't have to fit the theme however "anything goes". We hope to have Vintage cars, lorries, horse drawn vehicles, an ultra modern double decker bus - to name but a few.

Don't forget our model competition.

Materials - free choice, metal, wood, plastic, meccano, lego kits - in fact whatever you wish.

Subject - Anything relevant to our theme 'Transport through the Ages'

Categories - 11 & under, 12 to 18yrs, 18 & over.

Entry forms to be given to Mrs E Stone, 25 Maple Walk, by 28th May. We hope to display the models on June 12th - more details later.

ENTRY FORM

MODEL COMPETITION

Name

Address

Type of Model

Material

Revel Draw - Would anyone wishing to donate a raffle prize please contact Mrs Kathy Toghill on Abson 3017 (17 Holly Close) before May 15th.

Anyone wishing to run a stall or help at the Beer Festival should contact either Elaine Stone (Abson 3105) or Geoff Wilcock (Abson 2174).

Television Writer from Pucklechurch

Many of the older residents of Pucklechurch will remember Christopher Penfold, the son of Rev. Leonard Penfold, who was Vicar of Pucklechurch from 1945 to 1965. He has carved a career for himself as a television writer and author and his plays and drama series are now putting him in demand among the producers of TV programmes both here and in America.

His latest series, entitled "The Brack Report" has just started on Thames Television and should be of great interest to those who knew him. It is being produced each Tuesday evening until 8th June.

P.News - What fortunate timing!! If "The Brack Report" had finished a week later you would have had to make a decision - whether to go to the Beer Festival or watch the last episode!

Lift Wanted To and From Bristol

Would anyone be interested in a paying passenger Monday to Friday To be in Bristol by 9am and leaving after 5.30pm? If so, contact Abson 3946.

P.News - Could this be another victim of our absurd bus service? Last bus leaves Bristol for Pucklechurch at 5.15pm !!

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

It was nice to receive this letter from Miss Doreen Ely, who was such a popular Health Visitor in Pucklechurch, and has had to change her career owing to ill health.

Dear Everyone,

I would like to thank you all for the beautiful gifts you gave to me - those of you who know my interests in needlework can imagine the joy I will receive in working the pictures, and they will provide lasting memories of my years in the Pucklechurch/Wick area. The watch too will play an important role in my duties as a nurse. It was good to see those of you who were able to come to the Village Hall and I am sorry I was unable to speak to you all.

Finally, I would like to thank Dr Winbolt and Dr Wilks for their help and understanding that, together with your love and care, gave me the support so necessary to the Health Visitor.

May you all find much happiness in the future. Best wishes.

Doreen Ely

Dear Editors,

I would like to say "Thank you very much" to the Drama Club for a very enjoyable evening at the Beetle Drive. I needed a hot drink of milk to calm me down after all the excitement! Good family fun, much better than watching the box!

Another thank you, on behalf of the children, for the Drama Group's Fun Day. It proved to them that you can get fun out of something other than "Space Invaders"!

Good Luck.

Jackie Yates

EXCHANGE & MART

For Sale: Raliegh 18 bicycle. Very good condition. Suit girl 7 - 13yrs. £40 o.n.o. Tel. Abson 3540

Wanted: Anybody want to get rid of a henhouse or similar structure suitable for keeping hens in? We will collect!
Please contact: Hilary King, Tel. Abson 2069

For Sale: Pram seat. Brown. good condition. £5
Pram - Brown, Silver Cross. £25 Tel. Abson 2967

For Sale: Britax Car Seat £8. Tel. Abson 3528

Wanted: Knitting machine - preferably punch card type. Tel. Abson 4001.

For Sale: One sixteen-foot Ottersport touring canoe. Carefully used and stored, it was built by a craftsman in varnished marine ply. This easily carried and transported canoe is 2/3rds lighter than comparable fibre-glass and is just as tough. Price: £40.99
Contact: R S King, 22 Parkfield Rank, Tel. Abson 2069.

Incidentally, the PSA (Pucklechurch School Association!) now sells . . .

Name Tags and Dap Bags. If interested contact Isobell Brown, Tel. 4001.

(P.News For any 'foreigners' reading the last article, we feel we should add 'sub titles' - Dap Bags - are containers (bags) in which one keeps one's plimsolls!!!!

Parish Council Report - Clerk: Mr R T Wiltshire, 36 Hill View Tel.2872

Council Allotments - allotment holders are reminded that rent for plots is now due. Present plot holders who do not intend to continue working their plots must inform the Clerk to the Council as soon as possible. Any plots which are not being cultivated after 1st May will be regarded as void by the Council and will be ploughed up and re-let.

A.G.M. - The AGM will be held on Tuesday 27th April at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.

Recreation Field - The trees in the corner of the Recreation Field have recently been examined by a tree surgeon, the result of his findings will be considered at the next meeting of the Council.

Burial Ground - The Burial Ground tool shed was recently broken into but nothing was taken. The shed has been repaired by a local carpenter. The question of laying a path through the burial ground will be considered at the next Council meeting.

District Council Report - Dr George Conrad

You will soon receive your rates bill if you have not already done so.

The bill will be made up in the following way:

Avon County	156.00p in the pound
Northavon District	12.00p in the pound
Parish Council	3.10p in the pound

171.10p in the pound
less 18.50p for dwelling houses
Total 152.50p in the pound rateable value

The County rate has increased enormously - about 46%, if you work it out in one way. The District Council has increased its rate from 9.5p to 12.00p an increase of 26.3%. The Parish Council rate has decreased by 0.4p. The District rate has increased so much after three years in which there was no increase, mainly because of reductions in Central Government grant while maintaining services as much as possible. This is Government policy to bring public spending under control, but if services are going to be maintained the money has to come from somewhere and so it is being raised from the rate-payer.

There has been much discussion recently about alternatives to the rating system. The present system is unfair and in my personal view they should be replaced by a local income tax, so that those who have the ability to pay do so rather than those who live in houses which they have spent a lot of money improving. The fact remains that we all want our dustbins emptied, planning control, the fire service, the police, schools and old people's homes. I hope that I never need to use the fire-brigade, but I am reassured to know that it is there. All these services need to be paid for and they should be controlled and funded locally and not by Whitehall. All Councils of whatever political persuasion agree that the independence of local government is essential and it follows that their funding should be local too.

I am delighted to report that Northavon District Council has agreed to begin negotiations with Kingswood and British Rail to buy the disused railway between Mangotsfield/Shortwood and the M4 bridge near Parkfield. The idea is to use this land as a cycleway and bridleway. Cyclebag (a cycling group) has agreed to try to acquire the rest of the track up to Yate. When all this is complete you will be able to cycle, canter or walk (!!) from Signal Road in Staple Hill to either Bath or Yate. The nicest thing about this is that presumably trains couldn't go up steep inclines and neither can bicycles!!!

P.News Is George telling us to get on our bikes???

CHURCH NEWS

Parish Church - St Thomas A'Becket

Good Friday - April 9th 10am Children's Service
12noon - 3pm - Three hour devotion led by Vicar
(Come & go during the singing of hymns)
7.30pm United Service - an interdenominational
service - All Christians very welcome.
At Abson 3pm Hour's devotion led by Mr Gordon Jobbins

Easter Saturday 7.30pm Service in preparation for Easter

Easter Day - Sunday 11th April

7.30am Holy Communion
9.45am Parish Communion
6.30pm Evensong
9am Holy Communion and Sermon

At Abson

Now that there are fewer clergy than there used to be, it is no longer possible for incumbents to call on all their newly arrived parishioners. So the Vicar apologises if he hasn't called. He's only too pleased to help in any way he can, or to be called on himself in the Vicarage. If you want to be sure of finding him in, do ring Abson 2260 and fix a time!

Christian Basics

We shall be holding a series of six discussions during the summer months to give people an opportunity of finding out what Christianity is actually all about.

We hope this will meet the needs of those many people who have had no proper experience or teaching about Christianity - anyway as adults. Finding yourself in Church from time to time and feeling rather lost doesn't really help you very much, you need more than this. Watch out for notices.

Pram Service

Now the better weather is hopefully on its way, we hope more people will be venturing out and perhaps popping in on one of our little 'gatherings'. It's quite an informal affair and it's been good to see some new faces recently - perhaps we'll see some more at our next service on April 21st at 2.15pm in the Church Room.

Congregational Church

April 11th - Easter Sunday
18th - Pastor E R Skinner
25th - Mr Prince - Sacrament

PEDAL POWER

Many disused railway lines are being converted into cycle tracks now, and Pucklechurch is situated close to tracks leading into the centre of Bristol, Bath and possibly Yate. The stretch from Bitton to Bath has already been converted into a cycle track and footpath. Cyclebag of 35 King Street, Bristol are the coordinating body for this very public spirited initiative. The path leads peacefully through delightful countryside and requires little physical effort - in contrast to the shorter but hilly route to Bath over Lansdown.

The concern of Pucklechurch should be to establish a safe road route to the disused railway. Would the narrow lanes to the bridge at the bottom of Coxgrove Hill be preferable to cycling along the B4465 to Shortwood and mixing with industrial traffic? Using either route would mean extending the cycle path another mile or so towards Yate from Mangotsfield. This may not happen by the summer unless there is a demand for it.

This article has had to be "trimmed" owing to lack of space, but Ronald King of 22 Parkfield Rank is following developments and would be happy to give further details or to hear from everyone who could use the cyclepaths.

VILLAGE DIARY

- APRIL 13th - Folk Dance Club, Village Hall 8pm, Caller Alan Holder
15th - Pucklechurch Players, 8pm at Village Hall
19th - Subs Family Beetle Drive, Scout Hut 6.30pm
20th - Tupperware Party in aid of Cancer Research 8pm 32 Maple Walk
21st - Bring & Buy / Nearly New at Pucklechurch Hse 10.30am
(proceeds to Frenchay Burns Unit)
2.15pm Pram Service at St Thomas A'Becket churchroom
W.I. at Village Hall at 7.30pm. Food counsellor for J Sainsbury
24th - 25th Anniversary of Pucklechurch Scouts
2pm - 4pm Activity afternoon for Cubs
8pm - midnight Anniversary Folk Dance, Village Hall
27th - Parish Council AGM 7.45pm Village Hall
Tower Playgroup AGM 8pm in Churchroom
29th - Pucklechurch Players 8pm at Village Hall
30th - Gardeners Club AGM 8pm Congregational Church
- MAY 1st - Pucklechurch School Fete
7th - Magic Show at Village Hall 7.30pm (in aid of Cancer Research)
8th - Cake Sale 10.30am at Scout Hut (Guides/Cubs/Scouts/Brownies)
Jumble Sale at 2.30pm Village Hall (Ladies Hockey Club)
Church Sausage Sizzle at 6.30pm at Court Farm
10th - Community Association AGM at 8pm Village Hall
11th - Folk Dance Club 8pm Village Hall, Caller Peter Howarth
13th - Pucklechurch Players, 8pm at Village Hall
15th - Skittles evening at Lamb Inn, Mangotsfield (Cancer Research)
18th - Dyrham Craft Centre "Clothes and Books Party" 8pm
19th - WI resolutions for AGM in London, Village Hall 7.30pm
24th - Copy date for Pucklechurch News
25th - Folk Dance Club at 8pm Village Hall, Caller Ray Godwin
27th - Pucklechurch Players 8pm Village Hall
28th - 31st - Community Association Family Camp at South Cerney
29th - Gardeners Club outing to Waterperry Horticultural Centre
nr Oxford, and Hidcote Manor in Gloucestershire

SUMMER WINE FESTIVAL

This year's Summer Wine Festival (organised by the S Glos. Liberal Assoc.) will be held in the grounds of Pucklechurch House on Saturday 17th July. More details later.

Puckledown Folk

Players of folk dance music for your barn dances etc. The band is led by Ted Whittaker (accordion) and consists of Janet Beg (flute and whistle), Omar Beg (drums), Marion Thorn (guitar), Rosemary Watts (tuba) and Dave White (trumpet). The band will work either with the caller of your choice or with our own callers, Alan Holder or Les Whittock. Enquiries to: Marion Thorn Tel. Abson 3528.

Light Opera / Musicals

Is anyone interested in forming a light opera / musical group in Pucklechurch? If so, telephone Pat Gowing on Abson 3638.

Wives Club - Next meeting 3rd May at 8pm in Churchroom. Mrs Jenkins will be talking about the origins of words and sayings.