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PUCKLECHURCH NEWS



Well, it's finally here - the first issue of Pucklechurch News for 1985! We've had several problems with this issue which have caused delays, but better late than never!

Included with this issue is an abbreviated, but up-dated Village Directory, which we hope you will agree gives adequate details of the clubs and activities in the village.

Now then, if you want a playscheme to be held in Pucklechurch during the summer holidays this year, now is the time to do something about it. If you are interested in lending a hand or would like to learn more about playschemes, please come to a meeting at 16 Merlin Ridge on Wednesday 27th February at 8pm. Marilyn has arranged for someone who has organised the successful Dodington playscheme to speak to the meeting. Don't forget that we hope to employ a Leader with grant-aid from Northavon District Council and also Pucklechurch Parish Council. Incidentally, if you would be interested in being the Leader let Marilyn know (Abson 3761).

Many thanks to Sheila & Angus Alexander who kindly donated £15 to Pucklechurch News on their move from the village. We were very grateful to receive this. Although the last issue "broke even", we were still £11 in the red from the previous issue, and with the addition of the Directory this is an expensive issue . . . Anyway, we wish Sheila & Angus all the best for the future in Nantwich, Cheshire, and thank them for this kind gesture.

It is possible that the next Pucklechurch News will appear in a different format. We usually print it ourselves, but will not have access to the printing machine that we borrow for the next issue. We will therefore be looking at alternatives . . . any offers of assistance will be gratefully received!

Well, it's panto time again in Pucklechurch - and as you will see from the illustration above, it's Sinbad the Sailor this time. It will be held at the Village Hall on 14, 15, 16 February. Tickets have sold like hot cakes but there are still some left - telephone Elaine Stone (3105) to enquire.

Nancy has had this brilliant idea (she has them occasionally!!). Our request is aimed at the older members of the village. In this the 40th anniversary of the end of the war, what do you remember about V.E. Day? Personally, I have sometimes have difficulty in remembering what I did yesterday (!), but I'm sure that there are lots of interesting stories waiting to be told. Please let us have them.

Oh well, that's all for the Editorial - see you again at Easter - on another snowy day like today isn't it lovely to think that Spring is just around the corner!

BUCKLECHURCH PLAYGROUP

Playgroup has donated £20 to Ethiopia from the proceeds of their Christmas Carol float - we would like to thank everyone in the village and Parkfield who gave us their support.

Children have been enjoying their nativity tableau and Christmas party and hopefully have by now settled down to start a new term which will include a visit to Anstee's Bakery.

Playgroup will be holding a jumble sale on February 1st at 2pm V.Hall. Also a sponsored fun crawl for the children is planned for the near future, watch for posters.

Anyone with children under five interested in playgroup are most welcome to visit any morning Monday - Thursday between 9.30am and 11.30am in the Village Hall.



LETTER



I hope that people appreciate the effort that their paper boys are putting into delivering their newspapers. Contrary to popular opinion they DO NOT earn a fortune, and if anyone thinks it's easy money, then try getting up at 6.30am, rain or shine, or SNOW, deliver between 10 and 50 papers in all sorts of receptacles, get back home, change and then off to school.

Many of the boys do an evening round as well, which in these days brings its own added dangers.

Just a "thank you" instead of a moaning "Bit late this morning aren't you!" would work wonders.

A Newsboys Mum

P.News says: Thanks for reminding us! It's easy to take services for granted. Thanks too, to the postladies/men, milkmen, etc. We noticed that in the recent snow, very few people bothered to clear the snow from their paths . . .

CANCER RESEARCH CAMPAIGN

Our grand total for 1984 was £1996. Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to raise this sum.

The former Village Hall Management Committee would like to wish the Community Association all the best for the future.



GARDENER'S CLUB

The Club's last meeting, which seems ages ago, was on 5th December when Mr Coyle from Long Ashton Research Station gave an interesting talk on the Pruning of Soft Fruit Trees. We were pleased to see two or three new members attending.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 6th February in the Village Hall Meeting Room at 8.00pm, when Mr R J Stephens will talk on "Weeds and Weed Control" - something which every gardener must never neglect!

Everyone is welcome at our meetings and can attend just one talk by payment of a small visitor's fee. We meet on the first Wednesday of every month in the Village Hall.

Special dates for your diary:

1st June - Visit to STOURHEAD 2pm

6th July - Club coach outing to Compton Acres Garden & Poole.

For full details of these and any other club meetings, please contact:

Mr F Bradley, 39 Birch Drive (3109)
Mrs E Wilmott (2772) or Mrs J Hayden (3344) or any Club Committee member.

May I remind all gardeners that the "Produce Show" will be on 7th September and any plans for showing should be being made now.

On behalf of the Club may I wish all Gardeners in the Village a successful and fruitful and Happy New Year.

F Bradley (Chairman)

1st PUCKLECHURCH GUIDES

Do you know the Guide Movement is 75 years old this year and has over 7 million members in over 100 countries?

Can you imagine the beginnings in 1910 in Edwardian England when it was unladylike for girls to do anything boisterous. Nevertheless bored young ladies with a sense of adventure, secretly began to read their brothers' weekly "Boy Scout" magazine and form themselves into Patrols. In 1910 Baden-Powell held a rally for Boy Scouts and at the tail end marched a little band of "Girl Scouts". Baden-Powell, at first taken aback, quickly realised the need for a girls movement and asked his sister Agnes to help him; and so the Girl Guides began.

We will obviously be celebrating these 75 years locally and nationally throughout 1985 and already have a commemorative badge to wear on our uniform. A Division party, County rally, County Jubilee Camp and National lighted candle ceremony are already planned.

Locally, however, we'd like to hold a 'party' in the summer and invite anyone who has been connected with the Guide movement at any time over the last 75 years. Please contact me now - Ros Abbott, Abson 2157 - we'd like to find the oldest Guide in the village, those with interesting anecdotes to tell of camps or meetings; photos of past uniforms and activities, favourite camp fire songs, etc. and we can't do it without your help. Will you please help us celebrate locally by getting in touch.

Now to our recent activities - In November Kate Hall, Janet Macey, Angela Webb, Daryll Weetch and Michelle Wilmott made their Guide Promise. 7 Rambler and 2 Cooks Badges were also awarded. 6 Guides who, as a team, won the WI Fun Day "It's a Knockout" used their prizes of a Day Out Bus Ticket to visit the Oasis Pool at Swindon and our helper Allison May rashly volunteered to accompany them. Thanks Allison!



GUIDES cont.

What fun we had one December evening when each Guide had a mini-trampoline to bounce on, and play games on, all evening with Disco music too. Guides also took part in the PCA Christmas Concert, and helped at the Childrens' parties, decorated Denniswork Elderly Persons Community Room and helped serve at their Christmas party, helped with scout raffle preparations and took round collecting boxes when Marshfield Band played carols in the village.

Christian Basics Group

For further details contact:
Carol Gulliford - Abson 2165.

I am sure that everyone is aware of the shortage of money for new equipment in our hospitals.

Ward 18 Frenchay is no exception and to this end, eight nurses - including myself - are doing a sponsored parachute jump (3,000 feet from a Cesna aircraft) on March 2nd/3rd at Luppit, near Exeter.

We hope to raise £4,500 for a new defibriliator (an electrical machine that is used on the ward to shock a stopped heart back into a normal rhythm).

We are well aware that money is in short supply and that many charities call for help, but if anyone would like to take a sponsor form to work and collect a few pounds for us we would all be so grateful - and one so may you!

Sponsor forms available from me - Mary Cowley, Tel.3497 or Ward 18 Frenchay Hospital.

Many thanks to all those who supported the coffee morning at 58 Abson Road. We sent £15.50 to the Ethiopian Aid Appeal Fund.

Carmen & Von

BELL FUND

On Tuesday 19th March at 7pm in the Village Hall, Mr Paul Elkin, Curator of the Industrial Museum, will be giving an illustrated talk and display of working models. The theme on this occasion is "The Great Age of Iron". Entry is £1 adults and 50p children. Refreshments will be available.

The committee would like to express their thanks to Paul for the very interesting talk he gave on "Brunel" in December. Thanks to all who helped or attended the talk which proved to be a very successful evening.

The Do-It-Yourself Messiah may be on Saturday 20th April - Watch this column!

Pucklechurch Players

present

SINBAD THE SAILOR

pantomime

Pucklechurch Village Hall

Letter to Parish Council
from Mr Harley

Would you please convey my sincere thanks to the Parish Councillors and Parishioners for the gift of a Fishing Rod and Reel given to me upon my retirement. I look forward to many happy hours sitting by the riverside using them.

I spent 19½ years as the Sub Postmaster of Pucklechurch doing a job that I enjoyed and like to think that I made a few friends in that time.

Tickets

Thursday 14 February

Friday 15 — 7.30pm

Saturday 16 — 7.00pm

£1.75

£1.25 child

25 Maple Walk

3105



2nd Pucklechurch Brownies

Are holding a sale in aid of Ethiopia on Friday 15th March 6.30pm - 7.15pm in the Scout Hut. Admission 15p.



PUCKLECHURCH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Here are some questions from an "Anonymous Ignoramus" (!!) concerning the Pucklechurch Community Association.

They have been answered by Geoff Wilcock, Chairman of the PCA

We hope that they will clear up any queries that you might have had.

1. What is/was the role of the Village Hall Management Committee?

Answer

The Village Hall Management Committee was a registered charity which was formed with the object of providing facilities to improve the conditions for social and recreational facilities in the village.

2. What was the proposed role of the PCA when it was established?

Answer

The Pucklechurch Community Association is also a registered charity, which was formed in 1977 to "Improve the conditions of Life in the Parish of Pucklechurch by bringing together local authorities, organisations and individuals in order to advance education and provide facilities in the interests of social, welfare, recreation and leisure time occupation and to establish or secure a community centre.

3. What is the relationship between these two bodies now?

Answer

The two charities became one by merging under the PCA Constitution on 9th October 1984.

4. Who was responsible for the building of the Village Hall? Who owns it?

Answer

The VHM built it. The Official Custodian for Charities owns it on behalf of the PCA.

5. Who owns and is responsible for the "Rec"?

Answer The Parish Council

6. Does the CA run the Social Club?

Answer

No. The Social Club is run independently by a committee elected from its members. It is a private members club. Membership is open to all members of the PCA over 18 years of age.

7. Does the CA have overall control of Revel?

Answer

NO. Revel is totally independent and is run by a committee elected from parishioners at its annual general meeting each September.

8. Where does CA funding come from?

Answer

Subscriptions and fund raising events, and with effect from 1 January 1985, the lettings of the Village Hall.

9. Who can hire the Village Hall and how much does it cost?

Answer

Anyone can apply to hire the Village Hall. The charges are displayed on the notice board inside the main entrance. The Booking Clerk is Mrs M Whittock, 14 Lansdown Rd (2090).

PCA SOCIAL CLUB

Thursday 14th - Valentine Disco

Saturday 16th - Jumble Sale 2 - 4pm
(Raffle & home made cakes)

Saturday 23rd - Marilyn on organ.

N.B. NOT P.News Secretary!!!!

PARISH CHURCH

We shall be holding another of our Services of Healing on Thursday 14th February at 7.30pm in the Lady Chapel in the Parish Church.

Our Lord Jesus Christ in his ministry here upon earth, healed all who came to Him; it seems many came with little or no faith at all. So please take this as an invitation to all to come and seek the Lord's healing at this service. It is God's will that matters here - as Jesus revealed it - not our own faith - or lack of it.

I think I've written before that Christians are servants of God who is a mystery; we can never be sure what He will do for us when we seek His help - after all if we could we should have reduced Him to a penny-in-the-slot machine.

That He will help those who come to Him we may be sure - but in what way, beforehand, we simply cannot say!

J D O Hinton (Vicar)

Carol Singing

We had a very successful evening on Sunday 23rd December, when people from the Church and members of Cancer Research Campaign joined forces and went out Carol Singing together with instruments - (trombone, trumpet, tuba & guitar) We raised £65 which was divided between Cancer Research and Church Fund.

We would like to thank everyone for their help and support with this.

THE CHURCH ROOM IS AVAILABLE FOR HIRE **

It is suitable for small meetings and has facilities for making tea or coffee. Contact: Mrs V Boulton, 13 Parkfield Road, Tel.2310 who will be happy to give details.

Forthcoming Church Events:

2nd March - Jumble Sale 2.30pm

Please contact Hilary King if you have any jumble to be collected. (Tel.2069)



PUCKLECHURCH PLAYERS

Our next production is the pantomime "Sinbad the Sailor" on 14, 15, 16 February 1985. Tickets are on sale from Elaine Stone, 25 Maple Walk Tel. 3105.

Incidentally, for Thursday's performance OAP's can purchase tickets for the lower price of £1.25. Also, if any of the uniformed organisations in the village would like to take a party of youngsters to the panto on Thursday, we will give one free ticket for every ten purchased.



FOLK CLUB

It was New Year's Night and one wondered whether it had been wise to arrange a Club night, would many, if any members turn up? We needn't have worried, it seemed everyone wanted to dance down all that food eaten over Christmas. Several members from the Bristol Folk House Club came and joined us, so we ended up a full compliment of Club members plus visitors!

Tuesday 15th January was our 8th birthday. Mike & Molly of the Woodlanders were unable to come and 'host' the evening because of illness and the weather. Les and Alan our Member Callers stepped in and did the evening between them. With an American Supper, a Birthday Cake, some smashing dances, members and visitors agreed it had been a lovely evening, well worth turning out in the inclement weather to come to.

Diary Date

Saturday 23 March - Barn Dance
V.Hall - Charles Foot & Alison Ellacott.

adverts

For Sale: Wooden playpen with floor.
£15 Tel.2164

FOR SALE: Raleigh 18 Bicycle
Girls/Boys bike. Suitable
for age 7/10. £5 Tel.2963

PUCKLECHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

The new equipment shed has now been erected together with new concrete steps to the Recreation Field. A concrete path will be laid to the new shed in the Spring and the entrance steps to the Scout Hut will be renewed. The area adjacent to the Shopping Precinct has been landscaped and is a big improvement.

Negotiations are taking place between the Parish Council and the Education Authorities for the possible use of the old school building - which is now disused - for supervised Youth Club activities.

Mr Harley has now retired from his duties as Post Master, and a gift of a fishing rod and reel has been presented to Mr Harley in recognition of his past services to the Parish.

The old village hall will be taken down in the near future and the area will eventually be tidied up and landscaped.

NORTHAVON DISTRICT COUNCIL Dr G Conrad

DOGS - you may be interested to know that in a recent report to Councillors it has emerged that dogs should be kept on leads when on the following roads in the Parish of Pucklechurch: Abson Road (part), Oaktree Avenue, Maple Walk, Birch Drive, Cedar Way, Holly Close, Hawkridge Drive, Hawthorn Close, Kestrel Drive, Merlin Ridge, Woodpecker Crescent, Partridge Road, Goldfinch Way and part of Homefield Road! Orders were made under the 1972 Road Traffic Act by the former Sodbury Rural District Council and are still in force. It is therefore illegal to have dogs running around without a lead on these roads!

Prefabricated Houses - There are a number of houses in the village built from prefabricated reinforced concrete. Most of these were built by the local authority many years ago, and some have now been bought by council tenants. In a few such houses around the country faults have been discovered which need repairing if the houses are going to last for many more years. Northavon have inspected ALL the houses that they own and have not found any that are unsafe, however, the Government has passed the "Housing Defects Act 1984" which obliges the Council to either pay for 90% of the cost of repairs or to repurchase the property. If you have bought such a house from the Council in the last 5 years, contact the Department of Environmental Health at Northavon District Council on Chipping Sodbury 313501. They will be able to give you more details.

Travel Tokens - over the next 3 months the Council will be considering how much to spend next year - that is how much your rates will be! One of the items which comes up every year is the Concessionary Travel Tokens which are issued to pensioners to use on buses, taxis or to buy a British Rail Card (which entitles you to 50% travel on trains). Northavon has not increased the value of the Tokens for many years and the value still stands at £6 per person per year. In Kingswood the tokens are worth £18 so there is a discrepancy of £12 between the two authorities. I would like to see the Northavon Tokens increased to £10 which would start to give pensioners especially in rural areas like Northavon a slightly better deal.

CYCLING - Northavon District are going to buy the disused railway line from Shortwood towards Yate and probably make it a cycleway, as well as a pedestrian walk. If the County decides to build the Ring Road along the railway, they have undertaken to provide a cycleway along its length, so at least cyclists will not be expected to mix with fast moving traffic.

Happy New Year to you all!!

REVEL

Theme for 1985 "All round the World".

We are hoping to organise an exhibition on past Revels during Revel Week. If you are interested in helping to set this up or have any pictures, information etc you are willing to lend please contact Elaine Stone(3105).

If you are keen on photography why not enter our competition. All you have to do is take a photograph of "Pucklechurch" and give it to: Marilyn Palmer, 16 Merlin Ridge by 13 April. There will be two classes: 1) 16 and over 2) Under 16's. Your photograph could end up on the front of the Revel programme!

If there is anything special you would like to see at Revel 85 do tell us. We are always on the look out for new ideas and events.

TOWER PLAYGROUP

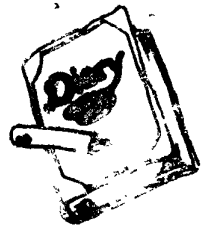
We welcome Yvonne Greenslade as our new playgroup assistant this term. She replaces Mrs Ann Fry and joins Mrs Elaine Eastman, the Playgroup Leader. The winter term was brought to an exciting climax for the children with a visit from Santa Claus at the final meeting of the Playgroup before Christmas. The children also all took part in a charming nativity much enjoyed by parents, friends and grandparents.

The new term has inevitably got off to a chilly start but the children - some of whom are new this term - are nevertheless enthusiastically becoming involved in activities associated with "colours" and (topically!) "winter".

Forthcoming events:

There will be an Easter Fayre on 23rd March in the Village Hall. There will be all sorts of stalls (including Nearly-New, home-made sweets, cut-flowers, games for the children and cakes), and also an Easter bonnet competition for children. Entrants for this will be judged in pre-school, infant and junior classes, and the winners will receive a chocolate Easter Egg. More details will be available from school or playgroup at a later date.

VILLAGE DIARY



- Feb 9 - P.F.C. v Fry s (A)
19 - Folk Dance Club 8pm V.Hall
Caller: Les Whitlock
14 - Valentine Disco at Social Club
14) Pucklechurch Players panto
15) "Sinbad the Sailor" V.Hall
16) Social Club Jumble Sale 2-4pm
P.F.C. v St Phillips (H)
23 - Social Club - Marilyn on Organ
P.F.C. v Bristol Union (A)
26 - Folk Dance Club 8pm V.Hall
Caller: Jeff Elwell
- Mar 2/3 Mary Cowley does her parachute
jump - so beware of nurses
falling out of the sky!!
P.F.C. v Filton (H)
6 - Gardener's Club 8pm V.Hall
"Cacti & Succulents"
9 - P.F.C. v Hambrook (A)
12 - Folk Dance Club 8pm V.Hall
Caller: Barry Gant
16 - P.F.C. v Henbury Ath. (H)
- Apr 3 - Gardener's Club 8pm V.Hall
"Gardens of the National Trust"
6 - P.F.C. v Iron Acton (H)
9 - Folk Dance Club 8pm V.Hall
Caller: Charles Foote

Badminton Club

Here are the results of the
Badminton Club championships:

Ladies Singles - Marlene Judd
Men's Singles - Chris Stewart
Mixed Doubles - Marlene Judd
Les Bence
Mens Doubles - Chris Stewart
Brian Elson
Ladies Doubles - Marlene Judd
Shirley Hall



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