

pucklechurch news

Well, here is our 'new look' Pucklechurch News!
We hope you like it, and don't find the type too small. Now that we are having to use 'proper' printers, we have to try to reduce the number of pages in order to reduce printing costs!

The next PUCKLECHURCH NEWS will be published in September - copy please by Monday 9th September. PLEASE try to get it to us on time!

SUMMER HOLIDAYS PLAYSCHEME

Plans are going well for a playscheme to be held in Pucklechurch during the summer holidays - from 5 - 9 August and 12 - 16 August (inclusive). The scheme is for 5 - 11 year olds (ie any children already attending infant/junior school).

The scheme which will hopefully be jointly funded by Northavon District Council and Pucklechurch Parish Council will be run by two paid leaders, but a lot of voluntary help will be needed if the playscheme is to be a success. We now have an organising committee and lots of ideas for activities. Assuming that Northavon give us a grant, we have decided on a nominal 10p per child per session. Sessions will be from 10am until 1pm.

If you would like to offer assistance, or materials/ paper etc, or apply for the position of Leader please contact Marilyn Palmer (3761). All offers will be gratefully received!



THE BRITANNIAS - PUCKLECHURCH MAJORETTES

The Britannias have approximately 30 girls aged between 5 and 11, and have been performing in public at fetes and charity functions for nearly a year now.

This year, the Britannias have already been asked to do several displays and will be marching in two carnival processions and in July they will be entering a competition. They will shortly be having an audition to appear on stage for four nights in a production called "The Music Hall" in Bristol.



OLD VILLAGE HALL

Though the old Village Hall did not reveal many past secrets of Pucklechurch, two items of village history remain - one is a clock which hung in the old hall for many, many years. The other is a photograph of Mr Eames who was in charge of funds when the coal mine was working at Parkfield. This fund was a contribution towards the cost of building the original Miners Institute to which miners paid 1d (one penny) per ton of coal produced. This man's photograph will shortly be hung in the new Social Club as a reminder of the past.

During the demolition of the old village hall I have been wandering around the foundations hoping to find anything that might be of interest. But there did not appear to be anything coming to light except one little wooden engine. Then when the fellows started to demolish the toilets they found some old newspapers and parts of a Church magazine which listed church services, wardens, Sunday School teachers, District Councillor and the Parish Councillors of the year 1934. Papers included the Evening World, Western Daily Press (when you could buy a brand new 1934 car for about £250), and all the Bristol area cricket team results - very interesting to us older ones.

Les Whittock



MINORS & MUMS SPRING FAYRE

MONDAY 13TH MAY 2PM

ADMISSION 10p. REFRESHMENTS

TUPPERWARE. WHITE ELEPHANT.

CAKES. TOMBOLA. "NAME THE TEDDY"

Jumble can be left at the following addresses:
Sally Havens - 4 Hawthorn Close
Liz Flook - 15 Merlin Ridge

UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS

A photographer has been booked for Thursday 9th May at 4.30pm - 6.00pm in the Village Hall. He will be taking full length individual photographs and group photographs. If you are interested please contact Marion Thorn (3528).

PUCKLECHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

The fence adjacent to the car park on the Abson Road has now been renewed as far as the entrance to the car park. It is planned to erect a similar fence continuing around to the entrance to Hill View adjacent to the Scout Hut, the area would then be landscaped.

'Dog Notices' have now been erected appealing to dog owners not to allow their dogs to foul the recreation fields and play areas - it was observed that this nuisance had now somewhat abated. Broken glass was again causing problems around the children's play areas. The Parish Council appeal to parents to stress to children that this is a very dangerous practice - bottles should be deposited in the litter baskets. Parkfield play area had recently been tidied up and the broken seats would be repaired in the near future.

The question of using the disused school building for organised youth activities under supervision was now being considered by the County Legal Dept.

The Parish Council are endeavouring to have the road at Bridge Road, Shortwood repaired, but were having great difficulty in discovering which authority was responsible for this work. A letter had been sent to John Cope MP seeking his help in the matter. Following the inclement weather many pot holes are causing problems on roads in the Parish. The County Council would be repairing these in the near future.

A letter had been received from Stoke Gifford Parish Council asking the Parish Council to consider supporting them in their objections to a Planning Application by Bristol Rovers FC to establish a sports stadium complex at Stoke Gifford. The Parish Council decided that the area was too remote from Pucklechurch for the opinion of the Parish Council to carry any weight, also it would not be in order to comment on Planning Applications which affected another Parish. A further Planning Application was considered by the Council which involved a Petroleum Storage Terminal on the Westerleigh Railway Sidings. The Parish Council were of the opinion that any industry which would employ some 70 personnel is to be encouraged - in view of the present employment situation - but the Council were concerned over the extra traffic which would be involved and the inadequacy of the roads in this area - the area is also in the Green Belt.

It was decided to enter the Best Kept Village Competition 1985.

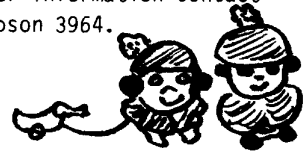
The Council agreed to consider giving a grant towards the cost of a new floor in the Scout Hut. It also agreed to give a grant towards a Playscheme during the August School Holidays.



TOWER PLAYGROUP

Although the weather outside has been so chilly, spring has certainly come to Tower Playgroup, in a flurry of activity. Even though this half term has been so short, the children have produced vases of paper flowers, and decorated clay bowls in honour of Mother's Day. Easter Bunnies, chicks and chocolate nests have been much in evidence. Added to this, they have found time to complete activities based on shape, colour and "buttons and fastenings". Great bargains have been available at the Tower Playgroup "shop" where virtually any grocery item was available priced 1p to 10p. Parents and children worked together to produce a successful Easter Fayre and Easter Bonnet competition. Fund Raising events in the future will involve a sponsored brick build and a jumble sale. We look forward to next term and better weather, for a whole series of outings and excursions.

If you have a child coming up to playgroup age, why not come along to the church room and have a look at the kind of things we do. You will be assured of a warm welcome and a very interesting hour or so. For further information contact Sue, our Chairman on Abson 3964.



EXCHANGE & MART

FOR SALE: Mushroom tent 4/5 berth, kitchen & Living area. Excellent condition, little used. £250 Shirley Hall (2234)

FOR SALE: Carousel Slimline Heatrae Sadia Shower. Good working order. £7 tel.3344

PUCKLECHURCH SCOUT GROUP

I would like to welcome Steve Hill into the Group who has come forward to take on Friday Scouts. Steve will need regular help so if anyone would like to commit themselves to Scouting for a few hours a week the Group would like to hear from them. Simon Robinson has been helping out over the last few weeks which has been greatly appreciated.

Mr Paul Randy who has been helping Monday Cubs, has now gone into uniform - congratulations! Miss Lorraine Bishop who has helped Wednesday cubs as a uniformed instructor for several years has now applied for an adult leaders warrant which will enable her to be assistant C.S.L.

Congratulations to Akela Levett, Scott Levett, Matthew Skidmore, Duncan Stewart, Simon Levett and Michael Rawlins who will all be taking part in this year's Gang Show.

Saturday 4th May District Cub/Knock-Out to be held at Marsh Farm by kind permission of Mr C Simpson.

Registration for Cubs/Scouts - ring Abson 2507 Norma Pratt



REVEL 1985

June will soon be here once again and of course that means Revel. The dates this year are the 6th - 15th. Our programmes will be on sale towards the end of May and will give full details of all events. Look out for posters too!

On 3rd May we have a disco during which we will choose a Revel Queen and two attendants. Anyone of Junior School age is welcome. Entry is 50p payable at the door.

On Friday 7th June we are putting on an evening of musical entertainment by Sodbury Vale Musical Comedy Club. Senior Citizens are invited free of charge. If there are any senior citizens who are not on the electoral roll please contact Beverley Stewart (2963) or Barbara Wiltshire (2719).

This year is the tenth anniversary of the Beer Festival. As well as a wide range of beers, food and entertainment, we hope to have our own special brew "Puckle Ale", commemorative glasses on sale and a pig roast.

Our entertainment for the Saturday includes Zippo & the Clowns from Winchester, the Old Dukes Marching Jazz Band, an Aerobic display and the Bristol Morris Men.

In the evening of 15th June we are having another 60's evening. This time there will be the opportunity to choose old favourites. We would like pictures of people in the village during the 1960's - if you have any contact Elaine(3105).

Instead of a pram race we are having wheelbarrow racing on the rec. Look out for further details nearer the time!

For Revel to be a success we need lots of help. So please if you can help in any way at all do contact Elaine Stone (3105) or Alan Morrison (3077). Any men who will be at home during the day on June 10, 11, 12th please do come round to Pucklechurch House - we need your help!

By popular request Trevor Fry of Radio West will be back at Revel judging the procession entries. Remember a float is classed as more than 4 people. An individual entry is 4 people or less.

Tickets for the Secondary School age disco on June 14th will be on sale at Youth Club on 3rd June, and afterwards from Beverley Stewart, 30 Maple Walk.



Dr. G. CONRAD--DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

POTHoles - the nasty cold weather we had during the winter, has left the roads in a pretty terrible state. The County Council is doing all it can to deal with the worst ones, but I am afraid that we are all going to have to be patient! If there are any really dangerous ones then ring the Parish Clerk Roy Wiltshire (2872).

COUNCIL OFFICES - Northavon District Council has finally decided to build new Council Offices in Thornbury on the edge of the Conservation area. The voting was extremely close - 28 against 26 in favour of the development. There were two Councillors absent and both of them were known to be opposed to the scheme. Still, that is democracy and we are going to have to get used to having the "centre" of Northavon at Thornbury.

AVON STRUCTURE PLAN - Some months ago I reported that the Secretary of State for the Environment was proposing to take Lyde Green, Emersons Green and Vinney Green out of the Green Belt. Many of us opposed this amendment to the Avon Structure Plan, and despite the fact that we were assured that the final Plan would be published in March 1985 - nothing has appeared. Meanwhile Kingswood District Council is going to prepare a "Development Brief" for the whole area BEFORE THE MINISTER HAS DECIDED WHAT HE IS GOING TO DO! Keep an eye out on what Kingswood is doing about this! I shall! Could the delay in publishing the final Plan have anything to do with the County Elections in May???



PCA SOCIAL CLUB

Saturday 18th May - Dancing to "Silver Street"

Saturday 1st June - live entertainment -
Martin Smith - vocal instrumentalist

CANCER RESEARCH CAMPAIGN

At our AGM Colonel Coxwell-Rogers the area appeals officer came to show a video about developments in Cancer Research and talked to us about Fund Raising ideas. It was extremely interesting and the evening was rounded off with wine and cheese.

A coffee morning was held at 35 Maple Walk. This proved to be a very enjoyable occasion and grateful thanks are due to Julie Parker and Gloria Levett for all their organisational skills - and most of all, the time they devoted to arranging this event. Approx. £90 was raised. Thank you also to those who contributed to and manned the stalls, and also to everyone who provided the superb array of raffle prizes.



2nd PUCKLECHURCH BROWNIES

We would like to welcome all our new recruits. To celebrate 75 years of guiding the Brownies went to a Division Party in February, which they all enjoyed.

We would like to thank everyone that helped to make our "Ethiopia" sale such a success. People were very generous with their time, cake making and money to raise a total of £85. Well done Brownies!

GYMNASTICS CLUB



The Gym Club will be holding an 'Open Evening' during their sessions on Wednesday 22nd May. The sessions are 4.15pm - 5.30pm and 5.30pm - 6.45pm.

YOUTH CLUB LEADER REQUIRED

On Friday 17th May we will be holding a Disco from 8 - 11pm with "Silver Machine" at the Village Hall to raise money for Youth Club funds. Tickets are available - price 80p - from Youth Club or Marilyn Palmer, 16 Merlin Ridge. We hope that this is well supported as we desperately need to replace some items of equipment which do suffer from wear and tear (and unfortunately at Youth Club it's usually the latter!!).

We were very pleased to be successful in our application to Avon County Council for grant aid. This will enable us to pay a Youth Leader (approx. £7 per session). If anyone is interested in applying for this position, please contact Marilyn Palmer (Abson 3761).

This summer we are once again sending a party to the Avon County Youth Camp at Orcombe Point, Exmouth. This year 22 are going - they will be away for the last week of the summer holidays.

Youth Club will finish on 3rd June, until the autumn term - membership falls off dramatically with the onset of lighter, warmer nights!

THE "PUCKLECHURCH PLAYERS"

are pleased to announce their forthcoming presentation at the Village Hall, Pucklechurch



- - - BLITHE SPIRIT - - -

a comedy by
Noel Coward

Friday 31st May Tickets
Saturday 1st June £1.75

Tickets available from
Julie Smith - Abson 4062 3905
1 Merlin Ridge, Pucklechurch

Please book early to avoid disappointment

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- this continues to meet at the Church each Sunday 9.30 - 10.15am and is open to all youngsters who are interested in learning a little bit more about God and the world he made. For more details see Hilary King, 22 Parkfield - 2069.

GARDENING CLUB



On 6th February our speaker was Mr Stephens of Bath University whose talk (illustrated with slides) on Weed & Weed Control gave everyone much food for thought and brought into question the definition of weed; Mr Stephens put forward the idea that many of the plants we call weeds are in fact plants which nature uses to reclaim cultivated areas of ground.

On March 6th Mr Brownjohn gave a talk also illustrated with slides on Cacti & Succulents. The audience gasped at some of the beautiful flowers cacti produce - a side of these plants about which the average gardener would not think.

It was pleasing at these meetings to see new members joining our club. We extend a warm invitation to any gardener in the Village to come to any of our meeting and to enjoy our speakers with us.

The club coach outing this year is to Compton Acres Garden at Poole on 6th July. Non-members are very welcome. If you wish to go will you please let any committee member know your requirements and a £1 non-returnable booking fee will secure your seat.

F Bradley, Chairman (Abson 3109)

PUCKLECHURCH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

PCA membership is now due for 1985/86. Forms are available from Joyce Harris, 51 Homefield Road (3093) or the PCA Social Club.

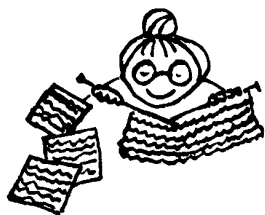
Pucklechurch is entering the Best Kept Village Competition and judging will take place round about 15th June. Anyone interested in helping tidy up our village contact Elaine Stone (3105).

Names of children who wish to go on the CA float at Revel should be given to Marlene Judd (3144) 69 Birch Drive by 1st June.

The Fun Run held on Sunday 28th April had 117 entries - the highest so far! The winner of the three mile race was Lee Gaylard (23.45). John Rapps won the five mile race in 31.24 secs. John incidentally ran in the London Marathon and finished in a time of 2 hours 49 minutes!



BLANKET SQUARES

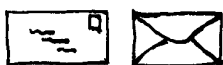


How would you like to help all those famine disaster children of Africa?

BLANKET SQUARES

Using Double knitting wool and No.8 needles cast on 36 sts. Knit 56 rows or knit until a square is formed. If you only have thin wool knit with two strands together. Please send your knitted squares to Marion Thorn, 79 Westerleigh Rd, Pucklechurch (Abson 3528)

YOUR LETTERS



Sinbad the Sailor

May we say thank you for a lovely evening on Thursday 14 February when we braved the arctic weather to see the Panto "Sinbad the Sailor" - all of you were wonderful, and we do hope you also thought it was worth all the hard work that you had to do. Looking forward to your next production.

Criss Overbury & Friends

PUCKLECHURCH WIVES CLUB

Pucklechurch Wives Club has unfortunately had to close due to lack of support. The remaining funds - a sum of £24 - has been paid to the Frenchay Brain Laser Appeal.

I should like to thank everyone who helped and supported Wives Club in the past.

Pat Gibbs

PUCKLECHURCH AND ABSON MOTHERS UNION

At Pucklechurch Church on 10th February we had some new hassocks (kneelers) dedicated. This was the result of nearly a year's hard work of making and money raising by all. The Mothers' Union thought up the idea and set it in motion little realising that we would have such a response. We have 40 hassocks just about ready for us; it has involved OAP to students, older school children, some men, also it was an interdenominational activity. A lot of enjoyment and good working atmosphere by all concerned and we would like to thank everyone who took part, those who helped to make the hassocks, those who supported us in our fund raising efforts. Thank you all.

The Mothers' Union meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month and if you would like to come and see what we do we are always pleased to welcome visitors. Our meetings begin at 7.30pm and are held in the Church Room.

Ward 18, Coronary Care
Frenchay Hospital

Parachuting

Well we did it!! No injuries except a few bruises on the nether regions of our bodies. Everyone sponsored us so generously we are now £100 from our target of £4000 for a new emergency resuscitation trolley and equipment and hope to place an order next week. Thank you, thank you to everyone that gave.

Mary Cowley



OLD VILLAGE HALL

As was reported in the last issue of Pucklechurch News, the Village Hall Committee has ceased to exist - now we are a community centre committee.

As one who has been involved with the old building whilst in use as a Miners Institute, and then a Village Hall and the New Village Hall, there are a lot of people to whom I would like to say thank you to for all their help in so many ways. It would not be fair to single out any individuals as there have been so many since I became involved in 1956. Very many thanks to them all.

Les Whittock (ex Hon.Secretary)



Come on Pucklechurch...Come on Pucklechurch....

Great words of encouragement from the crowd in a young footballer's ears, to inspire good sportsmanship, great skill, a superb fulfillment when the cheer went up for a PUCKLECHURCH goal. Unrivalled quality of team spirit accompanied by the thought of the coach revelling in a well earned moment of glory. It makes it all seem worthwhile.

How does that same young footballer feel now as he stands with PUCKLECHURCH mates on the touch line as sub. game after game week after week looking out at only half the team that come from PUCKLECHURCH - the rest from goodness knows where!!

Come on coach, where's your heart - the one that had that PUCKLECHURCH LAD spirit? In your boots! I doubt it! Remember the rule you must reside in PUCKLECHURCH who wants a game of football?

Come on PUCKLECHURCH. Come on PUCKLECHURCH.

A despaired, uninspired,
dependent sub supporter (name & address supplied)

PUCKLECHURCH W.I.

1985 has been a busy year for our local branch. In January our guest speakers were Mr & Mrs Johnson who came to talk about the different types of cheeses - they brought over 60 varieties with them which members and guests were allowed to sample, together with a glass of wine.

At our February meeting our guest speaker was the Prison Governor who spoke about crime and the methods used to deter would-be offenders - this provoked quite a discussion. March brought us Mr Elkin who spoke on Brunel illustrated with slides this was greatly enjoyed by all. Also during March we held a Easter Morning Market in the Village Hall when Home made cakes, jams and produce were sold - this raised over £80.

The April meeting was quite different for we held a Spring Show when members entered cakes, jams, floral arrangements, knitted garments for a competition - the overall winner being Mrs Savage. There was keen competition and after the judges gave us hints for entering such shows. This was greatly enjoyed by all and we are all looking forward to the show in September.

WANTED! Does anyone have a "Magic Roundabout" lampshade surplus to requirement - we have one but need another! Hilary King (2069)

THURSDAY SCOUTS

Congratulations twice over for boys in our troop. First of all a team from our troop won the District Five-a-Side football competition held at Yate Leisure Centre. The boys involved were: Simon Anstey (Goalkeeper), Steven Pratt, Paul Parker, Nigel Yates, Kevin Yates (Sub), Martin Pring. Well done Boys!

The next congratulations are for Philip Gilson, Steven Pratt and Paul Parker who received their Chief Scouts Award at St Georges Day Parade at Frenchay Common on 21st April. Well done boys. This is the first time Pucklechurch Scouts have received the award for ten years. Congratulations must also go to Skip Yates who has helped and encouraged the boys while working for the award. Many thanks to all the people who help with Scouts by transport or giving their time in other ways, we couldn't do it without you. Special thanks to Mike Hanks who helps every Thursday and welcome back James Parker who has come along to help as well.

As a troop we have carried on with our scout work doing such things as backwoods cooking, knotting, map reading, swimming and planning our Summer Camp which this year will be in the Brecon Beacons.



On Sunday 28th April "Impact" lead the evening worship at St Thomas a Becket and a very warm and relaxed atmosphere was enjoyed by all who came. If you're interested in this group please contact Hilary King - 2069.

PUCKLECHURCH FOLK DANCE CLUB

Our AGM was held on 26th March with the following officers reelected:

Les Savage - Chairman, Les Whittock - Secretary, Alan Holder - Treasurer, Mary Whittock - Min.Sec.

Our membership is very good with an average of 30 - 40 people attending our fortnightly sessions. The last of the season's will be held on 21st May when the caller will be Roger Whynot who is over from America.

On 19th April our club, in conjunction with Bristol Folk House dance club, put on a dance in aid of the English Folk Dance & Song Society which was very well supported.

Our next dance will be the Revel Barn Dance on 8th June, which we hope will be well supported by local people thus avoiding disappointment when tickets go on sale.

Les Whittock

EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

Copy for the next edition of Pucklechurch News can be delivered to any of the following who comprise the Editorial Committee:

Marilyn Palmer - 16 Merlin Ridge (3761) Secretary
Nancy Cleevely - 66 Birch Drive
Lyn Ford - Dennisworth Farm
Beverley Stewart - 30 Maple Walk
Elaine Stone - 25 Maple Walk
Marion Thorn - 79 Westerleigh Road



VILLAGE DIARY

- MAY 13 - Minors & Mums Spring Fayre 2pm V.Hall
14 - PCA AGM 8pm Village Hall
17 - Youth Club Disco 8pm V.Hall
18 - Social Club. Dancing to "Silver Street"
22 - Mothers' Union - Deanery Festival
Gym Club - Open Evening 4.15 - 6.45pm
31 - Pucklechurch Players. Blithe Spirit 7.30
- JUNE 1 - Pucklechurch Players. Blithe Spirit 7.30
Gardening Club visit to Stourhead
Social Club - live entertainment Martin Smith
6 - Revel starts
(for full details of Revel Week see the Revel Programme)
15 - Revel Day
26 - Mothers' Union - Holy Communion & Address
- JULY 6 - Gardening Club outing to Compton Acres
13 - St Thomas a Becket Summer Show
24 - Mothers' Union - Talk on Experiences in Africa.
- AUG 6 - Playscheme starts.