

# pucklechurch news

JULY 1986

## PUCKLECHURCH NEWS EDITORIAL

Congratulations to the Revel Committee on a successful Revel. We must say that we thought the "Hasbeens" (the parents of the majorettes) were very funny indeed!

We would like to carry out a sort of survey: what do you think about the climbing frame on the Recreation Field? Do you think it's a valuable piece of play equipment (do your children play on it)? Or, do you think it is something which would not be missed. The Parish Clerk is constantly having to clear up broken glass from under this climbing frame - some children only climb it to be able to drop bottles from a greater height! Do let us know what YOU think.

Also, when going to Downend to give blood, the place seems to be full of people from Pucklechurch. So, would it be worthwhile trying to get a mobile transfusion unit to come to Pucklechurch? Please let us know if you would be interested in giving blood in Pucklechurch. Incidentally, more blood donors are needed. Anybody between 18 and under 60 can give blood. It doesn't hurt, and only takes about 10 minutes, followed by a short rest and a cup of tea! If you are interested, contact the National Blood Transfusion Service, Freepost (BS 3789), Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol BS10 5BR. They are also short of ladies to help with the refreshments at their sessions. . .

As this is our tenth birthday issue, we thought we would publish extracts published in P.News over the past ten years:

### Issue No.1 - August 1976

"this is a community news sheet and not just a mouthpiece for one group".

Plans for new Village Hall were shown. Also news of a proposed housing development at Oaktree Avenue - i.e. Dyrham View.

Report on Revel 76 - it rained!

27th October 1977 - Community Association formed.

Christmas 1977 - Newsletter urged Social Club and V.H.M.C. to forget their differences and work together as members of a real community towards the goal that so many people had been working towards for so long ...

1977 - Folk Dance Club formed.



March 1978 - "Hooray - we have finally got the go-ahead and funds for the new village hall to be built."

Scheme to welcome newcomers to village was proposed.

May 1979 - Comment from someone receiving a copy of the P.News "It seems to me a worthwhile venture and indicates a fact that often escapes the town dweller - that the village people have more going for them than many townsfolk have."

October 1979 - Gym Club formed.

Spring 1980 - Cancer Research group formed.

July 1980 - quote from Revel Chairman Alan Holder "Revel makes this small village a better place to live in, somewhere special and we all like to think of our homes being special."

September 1980 - "Of course what we really ought to start now that we have the facilities is our own Drama Club ..."

April 1981 - "Good luck to the Sports Clubs who have formed a combined committee to raise funds for the new changing rooms."

September 1982 - "We would like to ask you to support the reforming of the Youth Club for which there obviously a need."

September 1983 - Adult Education comes to Pucklechurch

The Milk Race comes through Pucklechurch.

30th October 1983 - 1st Pucklechurch Fun Run

February 1984 - "We're looking forward to the new school buildings opening this term. This long awaited addition to the school facilities will be of great value to children & staff alike."

July 1984 - St Thomas a Becket tenor bell cracked.

9th October - PCA and VHM.C merged under the PCA constitution.

1st December 1984 - First function at the PCA Social Club premises at the Village Hall.

1985 - Old Village Hall demolished.

June - 10th anniversary of the Beer Festival..

10th September - new tenor bell arrived.

February 1986 - Rev Josh Hinton retired.

Pucklechurch School's centenary.

## REVEL 1986

This year's Revel Committee have been at pains to return Revel to the traditional village entertainment of former years.

Most events were well attended i.e. Youth Theatre Group (Public Parts). This was a change from the usual disco and enjoyed by all who attended.



Ramble - a hot day ensured a good gathering of all ages, and most returned to the Star for a ploughman's with the added bonus of a suntan.

Beer Festival - as usual, extremely popular and a sellout on both nights - we know ten folks who won't be eating pork for a month! The instigation of a voucher system for all refreshments proved to be popular by all and gave this year's treasurer less of a headache than usual.

Jug 'o' War - This was reintroduced into the programme and we were pleased to have the representation of some ten teams.

Old Tyme Music Hall - In spite of half of the entertainment group having to stay at home due to illness, this was an enjoyable evening for all the pensioners of the parish who attended.

Revel Day itself seemed to live up to the usual expectations - total chaos and panic at the last minute but the committee were extremely pleased to see such an enthusiastic procession. Entertainment on the Rec was aimed very much at the children this year and the "Crazy Tramps" and Punch & Judy were enjoyed by all ages.

The finale of the week was prize giving and band concert held in the village hall, well attended by all groups.

A sum of £43 was sent to Helen House Childrens' Hospice in Oxford as a result of the silver collection on this lovely evening.

The Revel Committee would like to thank all people who helped during Revel Week too numerous to mention - without you Revel wouldn't happen.

Photographs of Revel Week will be displayed and orders taken in the village hall on Friday 12th September 7 - 9pm and a General Public meeting will be held on Tuesday 23rd September at 8pm to disband this year's committee and discuss the future of Revel. Please attend this important meeting if you are interested.

A list of Revel raffle prize winners and also lost property is on display in the Post Office and Terry Walker's.



## CANCER RESEARCH CAMPAIGN

Cancer Research are having a "Holiday Lunch" on Wednesday 30th July at 58 Abson Road from 11.30 til 2.00pm. Tickets at 40p each will be available from committee members or at the gate.

Future events include a Jumble Sale on Saturday 27th September; a Fashion Show on Friday 24th October, and a Junior Folk Dance on Saturday November 22nd.

We would like to thank everyone for their help and support in raising money for the Cancer Research Campaign.



## SUMMER HOLIDAYS PLAYScheme

A summer holiday playscheme will once again be held at the Village Hall from 4-8 August and 11-15 August. The scheme is for 5-11 yr olds (ie any children attending primary school now) no pre-school or secondary school children are eligible.

The entrance fee per session will be 20p per child. The scheme will also receive funding from Pucklechurch Parish Council and Northavon District Council. Unfortunately the grant from Northavon is less than we had hoped, so we will be holding a jumble sale on Saturday 12 July to raise additional funds.

A lot of voluntary help is needed to run the playscheme. If you would like your child to attend the playscheme please try to offer your help for at least one session.

Last year's playscheme was a great success, with your help this year's could be even better!



## PARISH COUNCIL

Public participation - is always an item on the agenda. Members of the public (who are welcome to attend Parish Council meetings as observers) are permitted to speak for two minutes, provided they inform the Clerk of their name, address and area of concern (in writing) before the meeting. Parish Council meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month at 7.45pm in the meeting room at the Village Hall. The next meeting will be 2nd September.



## BUS SERVICE

The Parish Council has written to Bristol Omnibus Co objecting to the intention of stopping buses to Parkfield in October 1986.

Two new litter bins have been purchased. One will be positioned in the Oaktree Avenue shopping precinct, and the other near to the bus stop in Shortwood. Please use them!

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NURTURE GROUP

Meets for Bible study on alternate Tuesday mornings at 70 Abson Road. Last meeting of this term is on 15 July at 10am. Recommences on 9th September. Tel. 2165 or 3060 for further details.

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OPEN EVENINGS' DANCING - TUESDAY 15 JULY

Bristol Folk House Club will be dancing at the Rose & Crown at Wick from 7.30pm. At 9pm they will be coming to Pucklechurch Village Hall to dance.

No tickets needed. Live music. Bar. Several callers.

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1st Pucklechurch Guides

This year we camped in Doynnton. We stayed there in a field for three nights and we had lots of fun. Ros, Allison, Mary, Sue and Louise made it an enjoyable weekend for everyone.

When we got to the field it was bare, nothing to see except green grass. By Saturday there was more to see than just grass - there was tents, a large trailer and of course the grass and guides.

Saturday morning was not as hectic as Friday night, there were still toilet tents and washtents to pitch but that came after breakfast. Before breakfast we got washed and dressed then tidied our tents.

There was always a cook patrol that cooked and served meals. Breakfast consisted of fruit juice, cereal, cooked - like egg and bacon, and then tea or coffee. There is also 11's and 4's which is biscuits and squash (11's) and cake and squash (4's). Dinner, tea and a hot drink before bed.

On Saturday we made a rope swing bridge. You had to push down with your right and swing with your hips. The whole idea is to get from one river bank to the other. It was a lot easier coming back. Nobody had fallen from the bridge into the river, but on Sunday Allison fell in trying to rescue Clare. Some guides did not see her falling in because they were doing macrame. Later on there was also tie-dying, gadgets and rafts being made.

Monday was good too but at 4pm we were all going home and leaving the field with nothing in it except the grass. Ros told us what Baden Powell said before we went home "Leave nothing behind except your thanks!"

Lisa Burchill

CA PAPER COLLECTION

After four waste paper collections, the total collected is 6 tons of paper. The last collection was for 2 tons - which brings in £35, which makes it a worthwhile exercise.

Apart from making money, it's nice to think the paper is being recycled and thus saving trees. Get in the paper saving habit!

Pucklechurch C.A.  
**PLEASE SAVE YOUR WASTE PAPER**  
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**NEWSPAPERS & MAGAZINES**  
(Not cardboard or polythene bags)  
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Every first Saturday and Sunday of the month, a waste paper container will be left in the Village Hall Car Park for you to deposit your waste paper for recycling.  
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**PLEASE HELP US**  
**SAVE OUR TREES**

PARISH CHURCH

There will be a Fun Evening on Friday 11th July from 6.30pm onwards in the garden of The Stores, Parkfield Road. The evening will be opened by the Britannia Majorettes and later there will be dancing by the country dancers from Pucklechurch School, and a BMX display. A barbeque will be serving hot dogs, beefburgers and chips and there will be stalls, games and raffles. Do come and enjoy the evening.

Our new vicar, the Rev Ian Wills is to be licensed at a service on Monday 21st July at 7.30pm. You will need to arrive early to get a seat. Do come and welcome him to the village.



# PUCKLECHURCH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The PCA held its AGM recently and the following officers were elected:

- President - Trevor Trueman
- Chairman - George Conrad (tel.2979)
- Secretary - Les Whittock (tel.2090)
- Treasurer - Peter Ford (tel.3381)
- Membership Secretary - Eileen Hall (tel.4375)

Our thanks must go especially to two retiring officers: Jim Higgins who has been President for many years and who was one of the members of the Old Hall Management Committee which built the new Community Centre and Fred Cockle who has been Treasurer for 3 years and kept the Hall in the black! Thanks to all who have helped the PCA over the last year.

The new Executive Committee have considered some revised plans for the multi-purpose stage extension. I hope that a decision on whether to proceed with this project will be taken soon so that we can start some serious fund raising.

The audited accounts show that the income from hiring just covers the running costs of the Hall - but there is no surplus which can be used for improving the facilities. The Hall charges are being reviewed at present and will be geared to covering the running costs of the Hall. Any further capital expenditure will have to be funded by fund raising events and grants and gifts!

Some months ago the Executive was approached by youngsters in the village asking for a room which they could use 4 nights a week for social activities. As many of you will know they have been congregating in the foyer of the Hall and on occasions have been rather boisterous! After much soul searching the Executive agreed to let them use one of the Junior Changing Rooms on condition that they paid the standard rent of £3.50 per night and a deposit, to cover any damage. The youngsters found a responsible adult to open and shut the room each night. This arrangement worked well for a few weeks, but then one of the doors was smashed from the door frame and two electrical fittings were damaged.

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There was much talk of replacing the door and repairing the frame, but unfortunately this did not happen and so reluctantly the Executive Committee decided to stop letting this facility to the youngsters. Many people in the village have put a lot of hard work into maintaining the Hall in a decent state and we could not see why one section of the community should undo all the hard work put in by others. I appreciate that Pucklechurch is not an easy place to find entertainment for the youngsters but the majority seem to manage. We would like to treat these young people as adults, but we expect them to behave in a responsible manner. There is a fair amount of goodwill towards them and if they re-apply for the room in the autumn the Committee will consider their request seriously - but we will have to be certain that the room will be treated with respect.

George Conrad



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## PUCKLECHURCH PLAYERS

Our last production "Tomb with a View" seemed to be very well received by the audiences. Our thanks to all those who supported us.

Our next production will be our review - this year entitled "The Times of your Life". It will be held on September 20th from 7.30pm. Tickets will be available from Elaine Stone (3105) and Rose Hill (3088). There will be a bar.

We also have various fund raising events lined up:

- 11th October - Jumble Sale in the Village Hall 2.30pm
- 24th October - P.Players/Cancer Research Fashion Show, Village Hall
- 1st November - "Fun Day" - look for further details nearer the time.

Incidentally, we are still looking for a room in which to store our costumes. A small remuneration would be paid. Must be damp free. Contact: Beverley Stewart tel. 2963.

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### DISCO

(secondary school age)

Friday 18 July

Tickets from Marilyn Palmer (£1)  
16 Merlin Ridge

For Focus



6 September

Garden & Home Produce Show

Schedules now on sale



## DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT - George Conrad

### Development at The Poplars, Shortwood Road

When the original planning application for development at The Poplars was considered by the Parish Council there was considerable concern expressed about the mature trees in the gardens. I was assured by the Planners that there was no need to give the trees extra protection by way of a Tree Preservation Order because the area was in a Conservation Area and the trees were automatically protected. When the bulldozers and felling equipment was moved onto the site late on Saturday evening it appeared highly suspicious and I made enquiries of the District Council on Sunday afternoon. It appears that a supplementary planning application was submitted to the Planning Committee asking for permission to fell the trees at the front of the house because they were destroying the stone wall and to clear the trees from the site of the new flats which were to be built. Neither the Parish Council nor I were aware of this application. Permission was granted by the Planning Committee at Northavon on the Wednesday prior to the trees being felled. Had I known that this application was going to be considered I would have opposed it very strongly because I do not think that the number of trees felled was necessary. I shall attempt to change the system of notification of Parish Councils and District Councillors at Northavon as soon as possible to prevent this happening again. I think that this demonstrates what sort of mistakes can be made when the local people are not properly consulted.

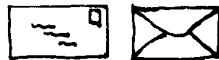
### Holiday Play Schemes

Once again there is going to be a holiday playscheme in the village. Northavon District Council has grant aided these schemes for many years thus helping local children to have an organised period of play during the summer holidays. The Council set aside £4,500 in this financial year for grants to Playschemes which was an increase of £500. Unfortunately these schemes are becoming ever more popular and the numbers of schemes are increasing so that this year Playschemes will be grant aided by only 28% compared with 40% two years ago. The more schemes there are, the less money they will get! I tried to get the Council to increase its budget by £500 to allow the schemes 30% but Northavon said that they could not afford that sort of increase! I will try again next year.

### Expansion of Leisure Centres

At the same meeting Northavon agreed to spend £1,300,000 (yes that is right - but they could not afford £500 on Playschemes!!) on expanding the facilities at the Yate and Thornbury Leisure Centres. Northavon have agreed to build a bowls hall, satellite Council Offices, offices for the Citizens Advice Bureaux and contribute to an athletics sports facility at Yate and to expand the bowls hall at Thornbury. Believe it or not these facilities will be largely completed by the end of THIS financial year. I am delighted by this expansion in the sporting facilities and hope they will be made good use of.

## YOUR LETTERS



Dear Friends,

I have always said that during my time as your local butcher, I never had any customers, but just friends.

Thank you to everyone for the gifts and cards we received on leaving. A special thank you to all at the Garage and all at the Star Inn for that special surprise evening. It was a time when my heart was saying stay, and my brain was saying go.

Nevertheless, you haven't got rid of me for good, we have so many friends in Pucklechurch, and we hope to remain so forever.

Thank you all.

Jim

P. News would like to add our best wishes to Jim & Jill. Jim will certainly be a hard act to follow

Many thanks to my well meaning friends who were determined to make me celebrate my "special" birthday. After the first shock, they gave me a very memorable and enjoyable day.

Thank you. Jackie Yates

### EXCHANGE & MART

- FOR SALE: Scalectrix - good condition, plenty of track and 4 cars, transformer and two controllers. £10 tel. Abson 3528.
- FOR SALE: Electric lawn mower - in working order but needs cleaning. £18 o.n.o. Tel. Abson 3695 after 6pm.
- WANTED: Electric trains or 00 gauge track. Tel. 3528.
- FOR SALE: Trianco G.F. boiler. 45 BTU. Can be seen working. Abson 3066.

