

# pucklechurch news

OCTOBER 1986

## EDITORIAL

Well done to the Majorettes for coming 2nd in the Cheltenham Majorettes Competition on 20th July.

On 21st July our new Vicar, Ian Wills, was licensed. He soon settled into village life, and we hold him responsible for half the children in the village singing that catchy little song "Peanut Butter and Jelly"(!!) which he taught them at the Playscheme! We warmly welcome Rev Wills and his family to Pucklechurch.

The Playscheme incidentally was a great success and must surely now be considered an established annual event. As is the Garden and Home Produce Show which was held on 6th September.

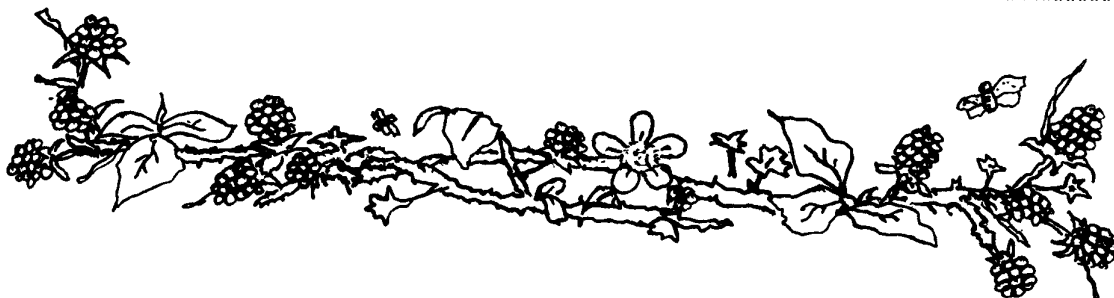
"Spare" village directories are kept in the Post Office or with any of the P.News Committee. If you are moving from Pucklechurch please remember to collect one to leave in your house for the 'new' people.

A coach now runs to and from The Grange School at Warmley. If you are interested in your child using the bus please contact either Val Seaman or Elaine Stone.

Please note that it is now possible to purchase motor licenses from the Post Office here in Pucklechurch - very useful!

And talking about Post Offices reminds us, that we have no letters in this issue. . . please write to us - we'd love to hear your views!

Complaints have been received about the number of lorries parking in Oaktree Avenue - in the Eagle/ Dyrham View/ Partridge Rd vicinity. No-one wants to live in a lorry park, so please be considerate to residents.



## THE BRITANNIAS - PUCKLECHURCH MAJORETTES

As from 22nd September Majorette sessions will be held on Monday evenings from 5.30-7.30pm. The Britannias were very successful this year. They gained 3rd place at a competition held at Swindon, and 2nd place at the Cheltenham competition. We will be entering the Bristol Carnival this year. Our AGM is on Tuesday 14th October at 2 Westerleigh Road at 8pm. All parents are welcome. If you have any majorette photographs please bring them along. Coffee will be served. If you would like to join the committee please telephone Marion Thorn on Abson 3528.

## REVEL AGM

The Revel AGM was held on Tuesday 23rd September. Last year's committee were re-elected, with the addition of Marion & Gordon Thorn. Our thanks go to last year's committee for all their hard work.



## WOMENS INSTITUTE

After the summer break WI meetings started again. Visitors are always welcome. We meet every 3rd Wednesday at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.  
October 15th - Patchwork  
November 19th - AGM  
\* 15th November - Trip to London\*

The WI Halloween Fayre will be held on 25th October at the Village Hall.

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## MARSHFIELD BAND AND SOUNDWELL BAND

NOVEMBER 1ST AT THE VILLAGE HALL

TICKETS £1 from Mike Abbott 2157 or  
Tony Beazer 2047



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## PARISH COUNCIL

The roundabouts at Eagle Crescent and the Recreation Field were both being dismantled for winter maintenance and would be replaced again in the Spring, it had also been decided to remove the climbing bars and base from the Recreation Field and reseed the area - they would not be erected again as they were very seldom used. A new swing would be erected at Shortwood in the Spring. The walls on the underpass on the new estate had been repainted, Northavon DC had supplied the materials - it is hoped to get the railings painted.

The Council is compiling a list of trees around the village which they consider should be given a protection order, the list would be sent to the Planning Authority for consideration. A letter would be sent to the County requesting an inspection be made of various bad paths on the new estate and around the village in general with a view to getting the paths repaired. The Council is considering various types of paths which would be suitable for the Burial Ground in relation to costs, and a decision would be made in the near future.

## BUS SERVICE

Following a request for a later bus to the village from Bristol, the Council was informed that there was no hope of a later service as it was shown in past records that such a service was poorly supported and was economically unsound. The Parish Council has also been informed that under the Transport Act 1985 Badgerline have not registered a link to Parkfield as part of its commercially viable network from October 26th, but the County of Avon has issued a tender to cover school journeys and a shopping service from Parkfield, and the Parish Council understands that final decisions on tenders will be made shortly in the light of quotations received and resources available for supporting services.

The Parish Council was saddened by the death of Harry Sherman. Harry served 33 years unbroken service as a member of the Parish Council. This is a record in the history of the Parish. Harry also served on the District Council for many years. He was well liked and respected by all who knew him.

## CANCER RESEARCH CAMPAIGN

A very successful Holiday Lunch was held at 58 Abson Road on 30th July, and despite the terrible weather a total of £130 was raised for Cancer Research. Our thanks to everyone who helped especially Von and Alan Holder for the use of their home and garden. Our Jumble Sale will be held on Saturday 27th September at 2pm in the Village Hall.

## PUCKLECHURCH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The next Fun Run will be held on 26th October - let's hope we get the usual good support for this popular event.

28th November - The Public Parts Theatre Co present "Everyone's a Winner".


The P.News committee all think that Public Parts are BRILLIANT!! Do make the effort to come - you will not be disappointed.

PCA/Pucklechurch Players  
FAMILY

# BARBECUE

Saturday 27th September  
at Pucklechurch House  
7.30pm - 11.00pm

Live Music  
Skittles  
£2 adults  
£1 children  
(includes food)



## PUCKLECHURCH TO BE TWINNED WITH PRINGY?

Pringy (pronounced Pronjay) is a very pretty village in France, about 20 miles from Paris. Its inhabitants are very keen to be "twinning" with an English village. A steering committee has been formed to consider the possibility of Pucklechurch being the "twin" and arrangements are in hand to visit. Watch this space!!

Pucklechurch C.A.  
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WASTE PAPER**

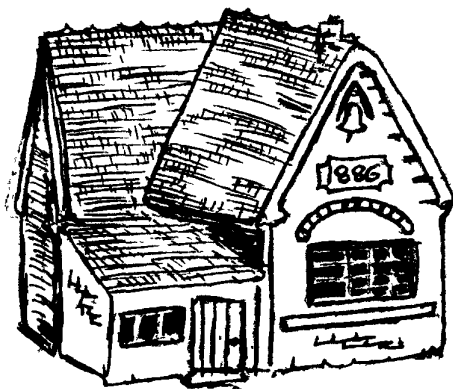
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**NEWSPAPERS &  
MAGAZINES**  
(Not cardboard or  
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Every first Saturday and Sunday of the month,  
a waste paper container will be left in the

**Village Hall Car Park**

for you to deposit your waste paper for  
recycling.

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**PLEASE HELP US  
SAVE OUR TREES**



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To celebrate the Centenary of Pucklechurch School an Exhibition was staged on 22 July. There was a splendid array of exhibits of all kinds - agricultural tools, old maps, photographs, documents, artefacts.

Children, staff and some mothers dressed in Victorian clothes for the day.

All primary school children were presented with a commemorative mug by the Pucklechurch School Association.

SCHOOL GOVERNOR'S MEETING

It is now possible for parents to attend (as observers only) meetings of the school governors. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th November 1986 at 7.30pm.

**SUMMER HOLIDAYS PLAYScheme**

Having had a wonderful holiday, I came back with fear and trepidation having to help run Pucklechurch Playscheme for a fortnight.

I need not have worried, the expert knowledge of Pauline Taylor, Marilyn Palmer and Eddie Lavington had worked out a fortnight of exciting events.

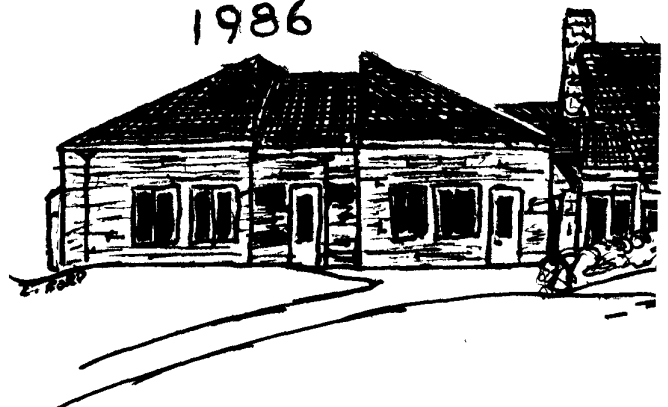
The first morning with nearly 100 children attending was a great success, painting, Fantasy Dip, modeling, badge making, snooker, tabletennis, badminton and all sorts of outdoor activities. We had parachute games, keep fit, judo demonstration, singing and guitar playing with Marion Thorn and the new Vicar - who was a great success with "Peanut Butter and Jelly" (the children know what I mean). At the end of the first week we had a roundabout and a few children who had eaten too much and drunk too much fizzy felt a bit worse for wear but were still determined to go on the roundabout again and again. Beetle Drives and Scavenger and Treasure Hunt were also great fun. The girls especially liked the face paints and hair glitter - Mums never knew what colour hair their child would arrive home with.

On the last Thursday 50 of us went to Bowood House Needless to say our children dried the slides for everyone else and spent the rest of the day with wet bottoms, but everyone had a very enjoyable day. All the children said please can we go again next year. The last day came and the Punch and Judy Man arrived and what wonderful entertainment - he entertained everyone, and I mean everyone - even the Mum helpers. He entertained with musical instruments and then of course with bad Mr Punch and poor Judy his wife. And that was the end of the fortnight, it was over before I realised but I had had a wonderful time.

I am sure Pauline and myself could not have managed without the help of so many marvellous Mums, Guides and the few brave Dads. Thank you all very much.

Beverley Stewart

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## DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT – George Conrad

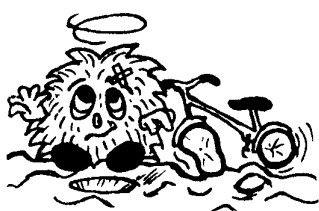
"Paying for local services" - Northavon District Council has been discussing the Government's discussion paper on how to abolish Rates and what to replace them with. Nobody likes paying rates, and yet we all need the local services that they provide. We need our dustbins to be emptied, we want our children to be educated, and we want to be sure that a fire engine or policeman will turn up on our doorsteps when needed.

Rates are a tax on property and there is no doubt that they are unfair. A single elderly person pays the same rates as a family of four wage earners for instance. The Government proposes to introduce a "community charge" that is everyone over 18 will be liable to pay a charge to the local District Council. Many people have called this a "poll Tax" - because although a separate register will be created, it will obviously duplicate the present electoral roll. Businesses also pay rates, and there will be a national rate for them set by Central Government.

The present proposals would mean that every man and woman over the age of 18 living in Northavon would have to pay about £217 community charge EACH. This would only cover about 25% of the costs of Local Authorities and the remaining 75% would be funded by Central Government. I think that that will mean more Whitehall control over what local authorities do and is just as unfair as the present system. What would happen if your 19 year old son did not pay his "Community Charge"? Would the bailiffs come and take your TV or would they try and identify what was owned by him? It is a nightmare.

I believe that a much fairer way of raising money for local services is to levy a local income tax. People would then pay according to their means rather than where they lived.

Pavements - the tarmac footpaths on the estate are a disgrace and in places very dangerous. Pavements in Homefield Road are also very uneven. I and the Parish Council have written to the County Council and they have promised to come and have a look at all the pavements in Pucklechurch. They will rectify anything that is actually dangerous immediately, but hopefully they will put all the footpaths into their programme and bring them up to a reasonable standard.



## PUCKLECHURCH GARDENERS CLUB

After celebrating our 10th Anniversary we have had three social events. The first being a half day trip to Hartpury College, the second being an evening visit to three members gardens in the village followed by an American Supper which was well supported. Thanks go to Sally and Ray Williams, Bert Gower and Joy Woolfe for an enjoyable evening - apart from the rain!! The coach trip to the Oxford University Gardens was a sell out, 53 members and friends enjoying a pleasant day out.

The next meeting of the club will be held on Wednesday 1st October, which will be a talk on Sweet Peas by L Marchant in the Village Hall meeting room at 7.45pm. New interested people are welcome to attend.

T Pratt, Chairman



## PARISH CHURCH

Forthcoming events:

Sunday School has now restarted at 10am in the Churchroom.

### Harvest Flower Festival Weekend

Friday 26th September. Harvest Service 7pm in Church followed by Harvest Supper in Churchroom. Adults 75p Children 50p

### Saturday 27th September

Flower Festival in Church. Coffee or Tea served in the morning. Cream Teas in the afternoon.

### Friday 17th October

Pie/Punch evening with Dutch Auction in Churchroom 8pm £1.50

### Saturday 8th November

Autumn Bazaar 2pm at the Village Hall

### Saturday 29th November

Jumble Sale 2pm in the Churchroom



## YOUTH CLUB

Pucklechurch Youth Club held its AGM on Monday 15th September - as usual this was very poorly attended - no parents attended at all. Therefore last year's "basic" committee: Omar Beg (Chairman), Marilyn Palmer (Secretary) and Bob Stone (Treasurer) were forced to continue. This was despite fairly widespread advertising.

We were very sorry in July to hear that our Youth Club Leader, Sue Crooks, was unable to continue owing to personal commitments. However, Sue has promised to call in whenever she can. We would like to thank Sue for the interesting programme that she planned for Youth Club.

However, Youth Club is not in the doldrums . . . we are very fortunate to have appointed a new Youth Club Leader - Sue Williams - AND an Assistant Leader, Charlie Leech. Both are experienced in youth work and we are very optimistic now for the future of the youth club. We do hope that parents and anyone else interested in the welfare of this age group will support Sue and Charlie. We have a rota of adult helpers - it only involves giving up two hours on a Monday evening once every three weeks - not a lot! Offers of help please to Marilyn Palmer (3761).

On Monday 22nd September we are holding an Open Evening with free admission and everyone welcome. We would like to welcome lots of new members this year in order to make it a thriving youth club. We meet from 8pm until 10pm at the Village Hall and membership is open to anyone living in Pucklechurch of secondary school age. weekly subs are 25p (50p for non-members) and 50p annual subscription.

### EXCHANGE & MART

For Sale: Patrick Auckland Rugby Boots Size 10  
£15 Tel. Abson 3653

For Sale: Boys Raleigh Strika Bicycle  
Suit 8-10 year old. £25 o.n.o.  
Navy blue pushchair complete with  
hood and apron, adjustable back, leg  
and footrest - £15 o.n.o.  
Mrs Lee, 21 Woodpecker Crescent  
Tel. Abson 2964

FOR SALE: Raleigh Boxer Boys Bike. Suit 5-9 yrs.  
Good condition. £25  
Trianco TRH 45 Solid Fuel Boiler  
4500BTU good condition, also  
stone fireplace - offers.  
K Rawlings Tel. Abson 3060

For Sale: 1979 Volvo Estate. Excellent condition.  
Stereo cassette/radio, sun roof.  
£1750 Tel. Abson 3528

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## PUCKLECHURCH PLAYERS



Our revue "The Times of your Life" was held on Saturday 20th September. It was very well attended - our thanks to all those who supported us. Work must now start on our next pantomime, which is to be "Hickory Dickory Dock". We also have a very full programme of fund raising events:

Barbecue (with PCA) on Saturday 27th September at 7.30pm at Pucklechurch House Gardens

Jumble Sale on Saturday 11th October - with Nearly New, Books, Refreshments etc. 2.30pm

Fashion Show (with Cancer Research) - Friday 24th October at 7.30pm Village Hall.  
Look out for posters!

Fun Day - Saturday 1st November from 2.00pm.  
Games, Computers, Refreshments.



### PUCKLECHURCH SCOUT GROUP DONKEY DERBY

Many thanks and congratulations to Mr J Sibley and his committee for organising and staging such an excellent event. Apart from the weather everything went as smoothly as possible - even the donkeys! (which the children thoroughly enjoyed riding).

### 13TH SEPTEMBER 1986 - DONKEY DERBY

I would like to express my appreciation of the determination of the Pucklechurch people to not let nine months preparation for their Donkey Derby go down the drain with the stormwater!

32 people were involved on the above committee and on "the day" over 70 people showed their commitment to a good cause, willingly in appalling weather.

In addition, the support from the public was very encouraging, with everyone showing a tremendous spirit about the whole event, which was to raise funds towards the maintenance of "The Hut" and the provision of much needed equipment.

A very sincere thank you to everyone.

Jack Sibley  
Coordinator to the Committee



**HOME & GARDEN  
PRODUCE SHOW**

**Show** — The sixth Annual Joint Gardener's Club/WI Produce Show was held in Pucklechurch Community Centre on Saturday. Entries were a little down on last year, but were of a high standard. The flower arranging judge was so impressed with the classes in that section, she felt there ought to be a class in the village.

Despite inclement weather this summer there was an excellent show of flowers and vegetables.

As always, cookery and preserves classes had excellent entries, as did wine classes.

Entries in the children's section were also of a high standard. Mr. G. Hedges, one of the judges, presented the trophies.

**Winners:** Gardener's Club Shield — C. J. Bliss; WI Rose Bowl — S. P. Jones; WI Silver — G. Cannings; Western Trophy — K. Bishop; George Alway — C. J. Bliss; Rose and Crown — K. Humphries; Frank Bradley — M. Townsend; Lloyds Bank — G. Davies; Wilmott Trophy — L.S. Keen; Whittock Trophy — I. Cains; Gregory Trophy (Young Peoples) — Andrew Gibbs.

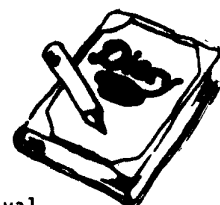
The winners of the Sponsored Classes were: Collection of Vegetables — G. Bliss; 4 Show Onions — R. F. Payne; 4 Domestic Onions — D. Cox; 1 Dish of Tomatoes — Short and Lambert; 1 Specimen Pot Plant — G. Davies; Dinner Party Arrangement — P. Calder; Five Apples — C. J. Bliss; Red Table Wine — D. Couzens; Coloured Pictures-Still Life — Barrie Smith; Sewn Garment — M. J. Jones; Cherry Cake — C. Bannell.

**SUMMER HOLIDAYS  
PLAYSCHEME**

**Playscheme.** — Pucklechurch children have been making the most of their summer holidays thanks to the efforts of a group of volunteers in the village. For the second year running, local mums and other helpers have organised a holiday playscheme, based on the village hall and recreation field, for the 5-11 year olds. The scheme has weekday morning since August 4 and has been a big hit with the youngsters, catering for up to 100 daily. "It has been another outstanding success" said one of the mums, Mrs. Beverly Stewart, joint play leader with Mrs. Pauline Taylor, a supply teacher at the school. "The children can't wait to join in and they are queuing up to go into the village hall at 9.30 a.m. each morning when I arrive". The scheme has been granted-aided by Northavon District Council and Pucklechurch Parish Council, extra funds having been raised by the organisers themselves at a jumble sale. It is run on a rota system with six mums in attendance daily while Guides and other volunteers also help. An added attraction for the children on Friday was the fairground roundabout which was so popular at the village Revel Day in June. There was an outing yesterday by coach to Bowood House, near Calne to enjoy the adventure playground. The playscheme ends today with a Punch and Judy show.



**Diary**



- Sept 26] St Thomas a Becket Church
- 27] Flower Festival/Harvest Festival
- 28]
- 27 Barbecue PCA/P.Players 7.30pm  
Pucklechurch Hse Gdns. Tickets Tel.3105
- Oct 1 Gardener's Club "Sweetpeas"
- 3 Disco (Infrared) 8-11pm Sec.School Age
- 4/5 Waste Paper Collection
- 7 Housegroup - 70 Abson Rd 9.30am
- 11 P.Players Jumble Sale 2.30pm V.Hall
- 15 W.I. - Patchwork
- 17 Dutch Auction (Pie/Punch) 8pm Churchroom
- 21 Housegroup - 70 Abson Rd
- 24 Fashion Show (P.Players/Cancer Research)  
7.30pm V.Hall
- 25 W.I. Halloween Fayre
- 26 PCA Fun Run
- Nov 1/2 PCA Waste Paper Collection
- 1 Marshfield/Soundwell Bands at V.Hall
- 1 P.Players Fun Day V.Hall 2pm
- 4 Housegroup - 70 Abson Rd
- 5 Gardeners Club "Tips on Spring & Summer  
Bedding Plants"
- 8 Autumn Fayre 2pm V.Hall
- 15 W.I. Trip to London
- 15 Majorettes Jumble Sale V.Hall
- 18 Housegroup - 70 Abson Rd
- 19 W.I. Annual General Meeting 7.30 V.Hall
- 28 PCA - Public Parts Theatre Co present  
"Everyone's a Winner"
- 29 Church Jumble Sale 2pm Churchroom
- Dec 2 Housegroup - 70 Abson Road
- 3 Gardeners Club - Christmas Quiz



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5 November 1986



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(secondary school age)

Friday 3 October

Tickets from Marilyn Palmer (£1)  
16 Merlin Ridge

For Focus



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