

# pucklechurch news



Happy Christmas



CHRISTMAS ISSUE 1986

## PUCKLECHURCH WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Special announcement for all PAST and present members of Pucklechurch Women's Institute.

*YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO  
PUCKLECHURCH W.I.  
50TH ANNIVERSARY ON  
21ST JANUARY, 1987  
AT 7.30 p.m. IN THE VILLAGE HALL*

*BUFFET                      LANTERN SLIDES  
R.S.V.P.*

Replies please to:— Mrs. Mary Whittock, Telephone Abson 2090. Lifts can be arranged

## TWINNING WITH PRINGY

A public meeting was held on Monday 20th October regarding twinning Pucklechurch with the village of Pringy near Paris, France. At this meeting it was decided that a new section of the CA should be formed and that the people on the present steering committee should carry on until a visit had been made and another meeting called.

Twelve people left Pucklechurch on the evening of Friday 7th November and travelled to Dover across to Calais and then to Pringy arriving at 8.30am. They were met by the Euro-Pringy Committee and after a welcome breakfast of coffee and croissants were whisked off to the homes of their hosts. A full programme of events had been arranged and the morning was spent walking around Pringy itself. After which it was off in cars to Fontainebleau and Vaux-le-Vicomte. Early in the evening a reception was held so that the visitors from Pucklechurch could meet the people of Pringy. A presentation was made and after a musical interlude by some of the children and several speeches everyone was able to talk and mix together. Dinner was then served at various houses. Sunday morning visits were made to Barbizon and the forest of Fontainebleau where the trees were a mass of oranges, reds and browns. Unfortunately after dinner it was time to make the journey back home. Everyone had been made very welcome and went home feeling that they had known the people of Pringy for far longer than just two days.



## CHRISTMAS AT ST. THOMAS A BECKET, PUCKLECHURCH

The Christmas Story is about new life in a baby born in a stable, it is about love and peace and hope, it is about exciting new possibilities for the future.

The Christmas Story is a great Story. I hope you have a good time celebrating it!

There are special Christmas Services in Church at the following times, why not come along and join in:

### SUNDAY, 21st DECEMBER

#### CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICES

3.30 p.m. — at St. James, Abson

6.30 p.m. — at St. Thomas, Pucklechurch

### CHRISTMAS EVE

#### CHILDREN'S CAROL SERVICE

5.30 p.m. — at St. Thomas, Pucklechurch

#### MIDNIGHT COMMUNION

11.30 p.m. — at St. Thomas, Pucklechurch

### CHRISTMAS DAY

#### HOLY COMMUNION

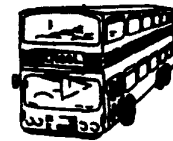
8.30 a.m. — at St. James, Abson

#### PARISH COMMUNION SERVICE

10.00 a.m. — at St. Thomas, Pucklechurch

Have a good Christmas and a Happy New Year,

*IAN WILLS (Vicar)*



## ON THE BUSES

After a very illuminating discussion during the making of a programme for H.T.V. Les Whittock, Jackie Yates, Mr Errington and Mr Frankcom had a chance to talk privately with Mr Roger Newport (representing Avon County Council Transport) and Mr Trevor Smallwood (representing Badgerline).

The four Pucklechurch residents were assured that the problem of the 4.10pm bus not picking up in the village would be sorted out and that it would pick up. Also that after December 3rd we would have a 6.00pm bus from Bristol back to the village.

The 1.35pm bus that at the moment only goes to Dyrham and Hinton on a Tuesday and Thursday is also being reviewed to see if it is possible to work the route every day.

They also asked for an 8.30am bus on a Saturday to Bristol, and an earlier bus to Yate and Bath to enable people to work in both places. They were told to keep on at their Avon County Councillors to make them realise that we need these Bus services.

These four residents fought hard for these bus changes so please use the buses. If anything goes wrong with the buses please let any of the four people already mentioned know. It is only by keeping those companies informed of what we want that we eventually might get results.

# PUCKLECHURCH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

## WASTE PAPER COLLECTION

WASTE PAPER - over £200 has been made so far. Many thanks to everyone who saves their paper each month.

There will be no Waste Paper Collection on the weekend of 3rd and 4th January.



## BLOOD TRANSFUSION UNIT

Blood Transfusion Unit - negotiations are going on at present regarding holding sessions at the V.Hall.

## FRENCH LESSONS

French Lessons - will be starting in the V.Hall in January. Anyone wishing to attend or requiring further details should contact Nancy Cleevly 2296.

## PUCKLECHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

The County Council has now repaired the paths at Homefield Road. It was hoped that the County would repair further bad paths in the near future but the Parish Council has been informed that a full review of paths in the Parish would not take place until the next financial year 1987/8 i.e. after 1st April.

The problems of the muddy surfaces at the entrances to the Burial Ground would receive attention shortly, concrete slabs would be laid at the gateways for an approximate distance of ten feet.

## HAND BELL RINGING



We are starting a Hand Bell Ringing Class in the new year. The Class will be held on Tuesday evenings, starting on Tuesday, 13th January. If you are interested in joining the class, please contact Marion Thorn, Telephone Abson 3528.

## PUCKLECHURCH FOLK DANCE CLUB

Diary dates:-

DECEMBER - 9th, 13th and 23rd  
 JANUARY - 6th, 13th and 27th



## FOR SALE

1 DOUBLE GLAZED METAL FRAMED WINDOW - 48" x 44" - £5 o.n.o. Abson 2090

"Letts" Revise 'O' level & CSE in Home Economics, Religious Studies, Geography. All £2.50 each Also Geography objective questions £1 00. Tel. Abson 3093

Judo Suit Size 3. Fit a large child £5.00. Abson 3093

WE WANTED TO PUBLISH THE NEW BUS TIMETABLE IN P.NEWS BUT WE WERE TOLD BY AVON COUNTY COUNCIL THAT THIS WOULD BE CONTRAVENING COPYRIGHT!!

# CHRISTMAS WORDSEARCH

ANGEL

BELL

FAIRY

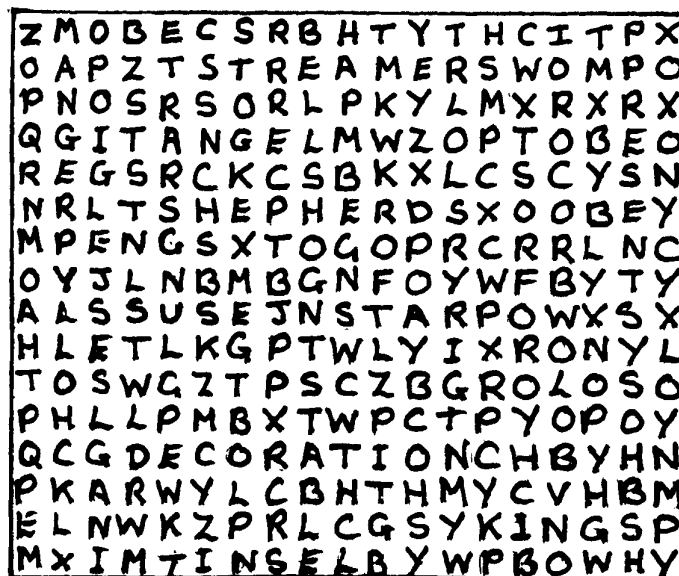
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JESUS

MANAGER



STABLE

DECORATION

PRESENTS

IVY

SHEPHERDS

KINGS

STREAMERS

FROST



## THURSDAY SCOUTS



Thursday Scouts are alive and well and meet on Thursday night at 7.30pm in the Scout H.Q. We had this year's summer camp at Chelwood near Keynsham, we have now renamed it "Wetwood" or to be truthful "Soaking". The rain was so bad that three quarters of the Scouts were brought home on the fourth day. A few older ones decided to brave it out, and the weather did brighten up eventually.

We have been practising our backwoods cooking, and using foil parcels of food cooked on open fires, in order that we become more proficient and have tastier meals on our winter camp. Also, about four of the Scouts are attempting their cooks badge. Richard Hanks and Neil Smith are almost through it and no one has become ill yet!

We all set to with our best wellies on to help at Donkey Derby! Well, what spirit abounds in Pucklechurch. Come rain or mud nothing will stop you enjoying yourselves. Thanks to everyone for their help and support, and to Eagle Star for the rain insurance!

In October we did a night hike with Pucklechurch Guides - perfect weather for once. Thanks very much for all the parents help with transport. A very enjoyable evening was had by all, the mud and the food being the most enjoyable, probably in that order. I apologise to the Guide parents for being an hour late bringing their daughter's home, but it is difficult to give an exact finishing time.

Thank you very much to the Scout mums (aren't they wonderful!) who did our flower display in the church. I'm sure everyone who saw it will agree with me that it was very striking. (P.News asks "Why? Did it fall on people?")

On 30th October we had a Halloween Party, some people were completely unrecognisable after the flour game had done it's worst! We had bobbing for apples and eating doughnuts with no hands, very messy! A good time was had by all and I apologise to all the mums if there was extra washing to do!

There is now a new train of thought in Scouting, that in order to keep the boys interest and not have them drift away, Scout night must be more practical. The old saying "The Devil finds work for idle hands" is very true, but when you have 20 boys all eager to try out things and only two adults, it becomes a bit difficult. Anyone who can give an hour of their time please contact me, I will be most pleased to see you.

Allan Yates, Scout Leader



### PUCKLECHURCH YOUTH CLUB

Goatchurch Cavern in the depths of the Mendips was the unusual venue for Youth Club recently. An exciting, challenging pot holing session was much enjoyed by all who took part.

Youth Club rounded off the term with a Christmas Disco on 15 December, which was very successful. Youth Club will restart on Monday 12 January 1987. We are desperately short of help - if you feel you could give up two hours on a Monday evening occasionally please call in to see us (between 8 and 10pm) or telephone Marilyn Palmer (3761).

### PUCKLECHURCH W.I.

During our Golden Year we have an exciting programme featuring many interesting subjects. We meet on the third Wednesday of each month and visitors are always welcome.

## CHRISTMAS THOUGHT

Most of us will sing Carols over the next few weeks. Should we not consider the words we sing and wonder at them? Can you sing "God and sinners reconciled" (Hark the Herald Angels. . .) and have the joy of knowing you are reconciled with God. (As with gladness men of old. . . .) "and when earthly things are past bring our ransomed souls at last. . . . where no clouds thy glory hide." God has made that reconciliation possible by sacrificing his Son as our ransom. Jesus suffered in our place God's just punishment for all our rebellion and disobedience to him, that those that turn to him in faith might become his children.

What we sing is not for mere entertainment, the reality of the truths of God's word in them brings the greatest joy to those who know that God is real and lives. How much this joy is mixed with the distress and sadness of knowing that so many singing them use them lightly and see the story of God's wonderful provision of his Son as just a part of the myths and festivity of Christmas, but to their lives irrelevant. There is a way back to God, - how can you sing of it if you do not know it to be true.

(Name Supplied)



## 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, 2 Westerleigh Rd, Pucklechurch (Abson 3528)



# Happy Christmas



### SHOP LOCAL

We know we've said it before, but please remember to 'Shop Local'. We've already got one empty shop in Pucklechurch, and unless we all support the village shops we could end with up more. It's no use moaning when it's too late - USE THEM NOW!



## REVEL

Thanks to the help and support of many, many people Revel 86 Committee were able to make the following donations:

St John's Ambulance £50  
 Fire Services Benevolent Fund £25  
 Shortwood Methodist Church £300  
 Pucklechurch Sports F.C. £200  
 Pucklechurch Sports Junior F.C. £400  
 1st Pucklechurch Guides £500  
 Britannias £124  
 Circle £60  
 Pucklechurch Scouts £840  
 Pucklechurch Gardening Club £30  
 Pucklechurch Community Association £1100  
 Tower Playgroup £100

The Revel 87 Committee have now agreed the following outline programme for next year:

|                     |                                      |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Friday 15th May     | Revel Queen Disco                    |
| Friday 12th June    | Senior School Children Entertainment |
| Saturday 13th June  | Junior & Infant Entertainment        |
|                     | Olde Tyme Music Hall                 |
| Sunday 14th June    | Treasure Hunt/Ramble                 |
|                     | Revel Songs of Praise                |
| Monday 15th June    | Beer Festival                        |
| Tuesday 16th June   | Beer Festival                        |
| Wednesday 17th June | Handwriting and Art                  |
|                     | Junior Folk Dance                    |
|                     | Bingo                                |
| Thursday 18th June  | Pre School Entertainment             |
|                     | Tug of War                           |
| Friday 19th June    | To be arranged                       |
| Saturday 20th June  | Revel Day (programme to be arranged) |
|                     | Revel Dance                          |
| Sunday 21st June    | Prize Giving Concert                 |

All village organisations are now invited to apply for donations from Revel 87 (contact Julie Smith, Abson 3905).

This year's committee is:

Phillip Lee (Chairman)  
 Julie Smith (Secretary)  
 Pete Smith (Treasurer)  
 Mitch & Julie Plackett-Smith  
 Martin Scott  
 Gordon & Marion Thorn  
 Malcolm White  
 John Rapps  
 Tony & Mary Cowley



## MARSHFIELD BAND

On Saturday 15th November Marshfield Band took part in the Reading Brass Band contest, which is widely recognised as a major banding event in the South of England, and has been so for the last 50 years. To the Band's delight, all their practising paid off when they learned they had beaten 12 other bands to gain first place, a silver cup and a cash prize.

The Band are sure all their Pucklechurch supporters will be pleased to hear of their win and look forward to seeing you all again at the PCA Christmas Concert and when carol playing around the village.

## GARDENING CLUB

The Autumn Fayre was very successful and thanks must go to the Committee and members who organised the event, after expens a profit of £100 was made.

The winter programme of speakers has now started with a good attendance of members and an increase in membership. May I extend a warm welcome to new members.



# Diary



DECEMBER

20th C.A. Children's Christmas Parties (if you have not received a form contact Marlene Judd - 3144)  
 21st Carols by Candlelight - 6.30 p.m. - St. Thomas  
 24th Children's Carol Service - 5.30 p.m. - St. Thomas  
 24th Midnight Communion - 11.30 p.m. - St. Thomas

## JANUARY

3rd Family Service - St. Thomas, Pucklechurch  
 13th Hand Bell Ringing Class starts  
 20th Christian Housegroup - 70 Abson Rd. - 9.30 a.m.  
 21st W.I. Anniversary - 7.30 p.m. - Village Hall

## FEBRUARY

2nd Pucklechurch Twinning Association Meeting - Village Hall - 8.00 p.m.

## PUCKLECHURCH PLAYERS

present their pantomime

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29, 30 & 31 January 1987

Look out for posters!



## WANTED

Person to help with light housework from January. Two - three hours a week. Tel.3869

## WANTED

Len Moore would like to borrow any old photographs or prints of Pucklechurch. If you can help please telephone Len on Abson 3073.

## WANTED

SOCIAL CLUB: Cleaner wanted, one morning per week. Apply to the Club Secretary or Steward.



## COPYDATE

1st February 1987



We apologise for the lateness of this issue - not entirely our fault - PLEASE try to get your contributions to us on time.

## EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

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

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