

pucklechurch news

PUCKLECHURCH NEWS EDITORIAL

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Can we start by reminding everyone that P.News is published by a group of volunteers and we are entirely dependent on contributions received in the collecting tins to cover the cost of production. We are not asking you to pay more - if everyone paid 10p we would cover our costs. Unfortunately, some people think that P.News should be free . . .

We are pleased to announce that P.News will in future be available from the Hardware Shop.

We were appalled to hear that the charity collection tin was stolen from the Butcher's - how low can people get?

There seems to have been a lot of crime in Pucklechurch just lately. What do you think about a Neighbourhood Watch scheme? Statistics show that in areas where Neighbourhood Watch schemes are in operation, crime figures drop significantly. If you are interested in such a scheme in Pucklechurch, please let Marilyn Palmer know. If interest is shown a meeting will be arranged at which PC Brian Organ (our community constable) and the Chief Inspector will explain how Neighbourhood Watch schemes work.

Our thanks to Badgerline who have contacted us and granted us permission to reproduce their up-dated timetable. Unfortunately we have not got enough material for this issue to merit an additional sheet. However, if anyone would like a copy of the timetable the P.News secretary has got some.

Comments have now been received from the judges of the "Best Kept Village Competition". They included: "lots of litter" and "gardens generally not attractive". We certainly can't deny the "lots of litter". Someone suggested today that a clean-up campaign should be organised, but if everyone looked after their own "patch" this would not be necessary. And if no-one dropped the litter in the first place . . .

Finally, we would like to send our very best wishes to our Editorial Committee colleague and friend, Marion Thorn, who is at present in hospital. Get well soon!



GARDENER'S CLUB

The December meeting was held in true Christmas spirit, starting with a quiz and followed by mince pies and sherry. The committee are at the moment arranging a list of speakers for the 1987-8 programme. Will members please contact the secretary if they have any personal preference on speakers and subjects, every effort will be made to obtain a balanced programme catering for all members interests.

Arrangements are being made for two coach trips during the summer months. The first being a half day trip on a Sunday afternoon and the second a full day trip on a Saturday. Details will follow shortly.

Forthcoming speakers:

Wednesday 4th March - Flower Arranging for Showing
Wednesday 1st April - Greenhouse & Frame Management

PUCKLECHURCH TWINNING ASSOCIATION

The Pucklechurch Twinning Association are looking forward to welcoming a party from Pringy, France, on the weekend of March 26th. Plans are currently being drawn up regarding hosting and entertainment and it is planned to hold a reception in the Community Centre. Further information may be obtained from Nancy Cleevely 2296. New members still very welcome.

On Saturday 28th we are holding our first fund raising event which will be a "Family Fun Evening" and open to non members. Do come and join us. There will be skittles, darts, beetle drive and competitions etc. Tickets £1.50 adults and 75p children (which includes refreshments and one drink). These are available from Phil Winter 3268 or at the Post Office.

FRENCH LESSONS!

Listen very carefully I shall say this only once . . . French lessons have arrived in Pucklechurch. If you hear people muttering incomprehensibly it's either the vin blanc or homework night. We are quietly confident all will be fluent by 28th March.

2nd PUCKLECHURCH BROWNIES



We welcome all new recruits.

The Brownies have been working hard for "Footpath" badges recently. Our activities have included: Rollerboot Disco, Swimming at Yate Pool, soap carving and cookery.

C.L.I.C. Christmas Charity Lunch

A big thank you to all those who supported our lunch in December. It was very much appreciated by all those who attended and a profit of £27.50 was made. This was gratefully received by the Bristol & Avon Branch of C.L.I.C. (Cancer and Leukaemia in Children). We hope to arrange a similar event around Eastertime - so look out for notices!

W.I. GOLDEN YEAR

1997 is a special year for Pucklechurch W.I. It marks 50 years of the Institute in the Village.

During this year we have a variety of topics from houseplants (how to keep them alive) to the St John's Ambulance (how to keep each other alive!). Later in the year we have "Cooking on a Budget" (saving you a few pennies) and Christmas Decoration Making (spending those pennies!).

Aside from our monthly meetings (on the third Wednesday at 7.30pm) we are involved in other activities - skittles, outings to places of interest and scrabble (for those feeling intelligent) to name just a few.

Why don't you come along next month and sample what we have to offer. Visitors are always welcome!

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

W.I. Group Meeting - Monday 13th April 7.30pm
in the Community Centre

Speaker: Mollie Harris of "The Archers"

Tickets £1, includes refreshments
Available from Mary Whittock, 14 Lansdown Rd,
or on the door.



GOLDEN WEDDING!!

Congratulations to Criss & Sid Overbury of Homefield Road on their recent Golden Wedding Anniversary!

PUCKLECHURCH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

WASTE PAPER COLLECTION

We have now been collecting waste paper for one year, in which time we have collected approximately 21 tons and raised £314.

The equivalent weight to save one tree is around 14 tons so we have 1½ trees to our credit.

We have been asked by the collecting firm not to mix polythene or string with the paper, so please bear this in mind when depositing your paper in the bin.

We would like to thank everyone who has supported our scheme for the past year and please encourage others if you can.

P.C.A. FUN RUN - April 26th - Forms from Post Office



PUCKLECHURCH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The P.S.A. Committee have arranged a number of events to try and add sufficient monies to our funds in order to purchase a photocopying machine for the school. We hope you will keep the following dates free in your diary and we look forward to seeing you at the various events.

March 13th - Antiques Evening with Tom Bullock
Bring your treasures to be valued
and talked about. Tickets 50p
from school.

9th May - Suitcase Sale - Rent a table
Adults £3 Children £1.50
Contact Mrs Pratt (Abson 2507)



FOR SALE

FOR SALE: Two Schreiber wardrobes. £15 each.
Tel. 3105.

FOR SALE: Action Men clothes and equipment.
Price negotiable. Tel. 2963

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT - George Conrad

ELECTIONS - This May there will be elections for nine Parish Councillors to form the Pucklechurch Parish Council and one District Councillor to represent you on Northavon. Provided you are over 21, live or work in the Parish and are not bankrupt, anyone can stand for election. You do NOT have to belong to a political party or be a member of MENZA!

Let me tell you briefly what the District Council does - it is responsible for providing and maintaining housing and allocating it to Tenants; it collects your rubbish, cuts some of the public open spaces and generally looks after the environment; it draws up "local plans" for development and controls planning and building matters; it collects your rates on behalf of the Parish and County Councils; gives grants to various community organisations and pays for providing bus tokens; it also provides and manages the Leisure Centres.

All the formal meetings are held in the afternoons - mostly on Mondays and Wednesdays, but the real work "behind the scenes" can be done any time! Like all jobs, it can be fun, frustrating, boring and fascinating, but if you care for the community in which you live it is very satisfying.

The Parish Council is responsible for maintaining the Recreation Field and the other play areas on the Parish, it maintains the Burial Ground and can do almost anything the other Councils do not do. It meets once a month on a Tuesday evening at 7.45pm in the Meeting Room at the Pucklechurch Community Centre. If you are interested, come along and watch!

BADMINTON CLUB

We have an afternoon meeting in the Village Hall from 1 - 3pm term time only. New members are always welcome so why not come along and give it a go?

If you are a patient of Dr Winbolt's please note the slightly amended surgery times:

Monday	8.30 - 10.00	
Tuesday	8.30 - 10.00	5.30 - 6.30pm
Wednesday	8.30 - 10.00	(Lady doctor)
Thursday		1.30 - 2.30
Friday	8.30 - 9.30	1.30 - 2.30 (Antenatal)
	9.30 - 10.30	(Immunisations)
Saturday	11.00 - 12.00	

HAPPY CIRCLE

Happy Circle meets every Tuesday afternoon from 2.30pm. It would like to extend a warm welcome to new members - anyone over the age of 55 years is eligible. Why not give it a try?

YOUTH CLUB

Youth Club has been going very well recently. New members would be warmly welcomed. On 26th January we had an enjoyable trip to Bristol Ice Rink, and on 2nd February we invited a beautician along to advise the girls.

An Outdoor Pursuits weekend in the Brecon Beacons is planned for the first weekend in May. We still have one or two vacancies, contact Marilyn Palmer for further details.

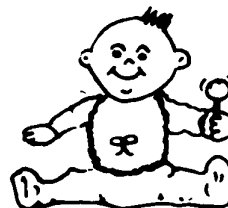
PUCKLECHURCH PLAYERS



Our latest production, the pantomime "Hickory Dickory Dock" was staged during the last week in January. Although ticket sales were lower than for last year's pantomime, comments from people in the village who came to see the performance were very enthusiastic. Some thought it our best ever! We should like to thank everyone who helped in any way with the production.

We are hoping to put on some entertainment during Revel week. This will probably consist of an evening of sketches and sing-a-long songs. We will also be producing a play to be staged on 25/26 September.

Congratulations to Claire & Trevor Morris on the birth of "Alexander Edward" on the Thursday of the pantomime . . . and Claire was the prompt!!



SUMMER HOLIDAYS PLAYSCHHEME

This year's summer holidays Playscheme will be held from 27 July to 7 August. More details later!

WANTED!!!

Would you be interested in being one of Playscheme Leaders? If so, phone either Beverley Stewart (2963) or Marilyn Palmer (3761) for further details. Don't worry about the responsibility - you will have a lot of support from the Committee and other helpers.

PUCKLECHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

The allotments hedge adjacent to the Westerleigh Road will be cut and laid during the next few weeks.

The gateways to the Burial Ground have now been laid with concrete slabs and this has solved the problem of the muddy conditions.

The swing seats at Parkfield had been damaged with a bonfire, and the seats would be replaced in the Spring.

The Parish Council Precept on Northavon for the coming financial year would be £10,250, this was an increase of £600 over the 1986/7 Precept and was the first increase since 1983.

The Council has recently received another complaint of dogs fouling the Recreation Field and children's play areas. It has been decided to write a letter to John Cope MP urging the necessity of a bye-law to control this nuisance. The Council once again appeal to dog owners to control their dogs. It is a sad fact that the Cubs football team have to clear dogs mess from the pitch before they play.

The District and Parish Council elections will be held on Thursday 7th May. Details of procedures for nominations etc will be posted in the Parish in due course.

P. News says: According to a recent article in the Evening Post, dog owners are likely to be made responsible for cleaning up behind their pets in parks and open spaces.

Bye-laws were introduced for a trial period last year in four Home County borough (including Barking!) to combat the menace. The Home Office has recently been assessing the success of the scheme and local authorities were advised to make applications to introduce similar legislation. Bristol is one of 130 councils which has registered interest and a ministerial announcement is expected shortly. No one wishes to ban dogs from playing areas but owners must realise their responsibilities.

In the USA owners face heavy penalties for the "foul play" of their pets and "poop scoops" are used extensively.



HOME & GARDEN PRODUCE SHOW

The Committee are meeting and arranging this year's Show. Schedules to be on sale by Revel Day.

There will be some Classes this year for Parishioners only, we hope to see plenty of entries.

The Committee would like to thank the local Sponsors for their continued support.

This year's Show will be on Saturday 12th September in the Community Centre.

Diary



- FEB 28 - "Family Fun Night" in aid of Twinning Association.
- MARCH 4 - Gardeners Club "Flower Arranging for Showing"
10 - Folk Dance Club 8pm V.Hall
13 - Antiques Evening with Tom Bullock 7.30pm at Pucklechurch School
14 - Jumble Sale 2pm at the Church Room, St Thomas a Becket
24 - Folk Dance Club 8pm
26 - Visit of party from Pringy, France
- APRIL 1 - Gardener's Club "Greenhouse & Frame Management"
7 - Folk Dance Club 8pm V.Hall
8 - Social Club AGM 8PM
13 - WI Group Meeting 7.30pm Speaker: Mollie Harris of "The Archers"
21 - Folk Dance Club
25 - Produce Show Jumble Sale 2.30 V.Hall
26 - PCA Fun Run - forms from Post Office
- MAY 5 - Folk Dance Club 8pm
7 - Parish & District Elections
9 - "Suitcase Sale" at Pucklechurch School 10.30am.
13 - PCA AGM at 8pm



HANDBELL RINGING

The handbell ringing class is held on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm at 2 Westerleigh Road (Marion Thorn's house). We have room for a couple more - if you are interested please ring Abson 3528.



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