

# pucklechurch news

MAY 1987

## PUCKLECHURCH NEWS EDITORIAL

So, as soon as the Parish and District Elections are over, we are faced with a General Election. Roll on 12th June which marks the end of elections and the beginning of Pucklechurch Revel.

The local election results were:

### Northavon District Council

Marilyn Palmer (ALL.)	570	Elected
Jim Ivory (CON.)	514	
Laurence Page (LAB.)	133	

### Pucklechurch Parish Council

From the 14 candidates the following 9 were elected:

Marilyn Palmer (ALL.)	691
Les Whittock (ALL.)	625
Geoff Wilcock (CON.)	618
Edgar Webb (CON.)	598
Keith Bailey (CON.)	592
Omar Beg (ALL.)	543
Jim Ivory (CON.)	534
Arthur Packer (CON.)	513
Derek James (CON.)	511

Unfortunately, Independents seem to have been 'squeezed' out. Perhaps next time everyone should stand as an independent so that people are elected on their personal merit and not because of voting on 'party lines'.

At the first Parish Council meeting held on Friday 15th May, Geoff Wilcock was elected Chairman and Derek James Vice-Chairman. Geoff Wilcock thanked Judith Bailey the outgoing Chairman, who had not stood for re-election, and had been Chairman of the Parish Council for 11 years.

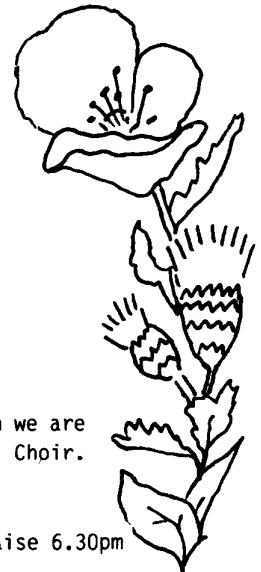
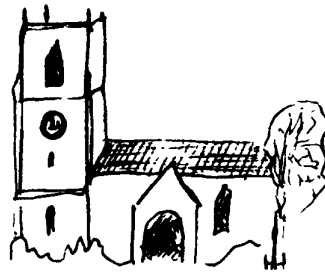
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## PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION TIME

Rev Ian Wills is hoping to chair a "Question Time" at the Village Hall on Tuesday 26th May at 8pm. He has invited all three Northavon parliamentary candidates along to answer your questions.

They are: John Cope (CON)  
Dan Norris (LAB)  
Chris Willmore (ALL)

It should be an interesting event - don't miss it!



## SERVICES FOR WHITSUNDAY

### St. THOMAS A BECKET

June 7th 8am Holy Communion  
10am Family Service  
6.30pm Evensong - when we are joined by the Cathedral Choir.

Abson 3pm Holy Communion

June 14th Revel Songs of Praise 6.30pm

## BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

Pucklechurch will again be entering, and hoping to improve on the comments from the Judges of the 1986 competition. (These comments included: "lots of litter" and "gardens generally not attractive".)

We have seen quite an improvement taking shape around the Village Hall, thanks to the M.S.C. who supply free labour; to the W.I. for the lovely show of daffodils; and the Gardening Club members who have helped keep it clean.

The judges of this competition come around anytime from the end of June to August. Can we try to give a good impression that we do care for our village - it only takes a little time to keep our roadside front gardens tidy and the grass cut and bits of rubbish picked up.

There is also a painting competition for children - adults can also have a go - on the theme of the "Best Kept Village". These will be on show in the Post Office window by kind permission of Mrs Shirley Hall. So, if anyone wishes to get involved in any way with this project, please contact Les Whittock, 14 Lansdown or telephone 2090.



## YOUTH CLUB

Seven youth club members, along with Sue Williams (Youth Club Leader) and two members of Bristol Outdoor Pursuits, spent the weekend 1-3 May in a 600 year old cottage high up in the Brecon Beacons with no electricity, running water etc - and a great time was had by all! Activities undertaken were abseiling, sea surfing, pot holing and night hikes. Sue reckons it was the best weekend of her life!

### YOUTH CLUB LEADER REQUIRED

Unfortunately, however, the Youth Club is now in danger of closing - unless a new Leader and Assistant Leader can be found. For various reasons neither Sue or Charlie are able to continue in September - and Marilyn cannot run Youth Club single-handed. . . The Leader and Asst Leader posts are both paid at standard Avon County rates, if you are interested in helping with Youth Club please telephone Marilyn Palmer (3761). Please ring too, if you would like to help in a voluntary capacity.



At a recent Youth Club session 'Fool Time' came along to teach us circus skills. Most spectacular was a demonstration of club swinging - the clubs were blazing - in the Village Hall carpark in the dark. PC Osborne thoroughly enjoyed it!

## PUCKLECHURCH PLAYERS



Auditions were held on 14th May for our next production "Lord Arthur Savile's Crime" a comedy based on a short story by Oscar Wilde. It will be performed on 25th & 26th September. We have a strong cast - Beverley Stewart, Andrea Ryland, Joy Cann, Claire Morris, Pat Gowing, Philip Winter, Brian Rogers, Chris Biggs and newcomers to our productions Nick Tuckett and Ron King. It promises to be very entertaining! More details later.

### COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION AGM

At the AGM held on 13th May, Omar Beg was elected Chairman. Peter Ford is continuing as Treasurer and Les Whittock as Secretary, with Jill Hayden as Minutes Secretary. Thanks were given to retiring Chairman, George Conrad, - and also to Marlene Judd and the Entertainments Committee.

## PUCKLECHURCH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

### WASTE PAPER COLLECTION

The PCA have recently received a letter from the Waste Paper company asking us not to put any of the following in the bin: plastic bags, brown paper, yellow pages or mail order catalogues. This is due to a recession in the trade at the moment and they therefore need to be more selective in the material they collect. This of course means that we are not receiving quite so much per ton, so if you can help increase our quantity this would be very much appreciated.



PLAYSCHEME

This year's Playscheme will be held from 27 July to Friday 7 August. The Leaders are Beverley Stewart and Barbara Wiltshire, and they will be pleased to receive offers of help, ideas and materials. A "family" coach trip to Littlecote Manor on Thursday 6th August is planned - please book your seats early.

### GARDENERS' CLUB - SUMMER PROGRAMME

Sunday 7th June - half-day coach trip to Barrington Court, near Ilminster.

Price - Adults £3 ] House & Gardens Extra  
Children £2 ]

Leave 12.30pm Return 8.30pm.

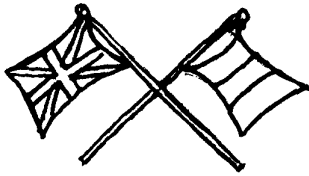
Saturday 4th July - Full-day coach trip to the National Centre for Organic Gardening at Ryton on Dunsmore, near Coventry.

Price - Adults £5.50 (O.A.P's £5)  
Children £4

Leave 9am Return 9pm

Bookings - please contact Mr Frank Bradley on Abson 3109.





### PUCKLECHURCH TWINNING ASSOCIATION

A party of 14 from Pringy visited Pucklechurch at the end of March and both French and English people had an enjoyable weekend. A decision has since been made to formally twin both villages and it is hoped to hold the official ceremony here in June 1988 and at Pringy the weekend of September 10th 1988.

Anyone interested in joining the Association should contact Nancy Cleevely, Abson 2296 or Elaine Stone, Abson 3105. The next meeting of the Association will be held on Monday June 29th in the meeting room and new members will be welcome.

The Association is hoping to hold a Dutch Auction on Saturday 11th July so do look out for further notices nearer the time.

P.News says: Shouldn't the Twinning Assoc hold 'French Auctions' rather than 'Dutch Auctions'??

### YOUR LETTERS



#### LETTER TO THE EDITORS

##### "A Warning to Rabbit Owners"

A near tragedy nearly happened the other week, due to yet another dog being allowed to roam around the village. The dog jumped two walls to get into our garden, tore open the cage and badly savaged the rabbit. Luckily the rabbit managed somehow to get away and was found by a neighbour in the road.

The dog was of a collie type, with brown and black fur, a lot of which was left in the cage. The attack led to a £16 vet bill, new cage and a lot of heartache for the children.

If the owner of the dog would like to reimburse me I would be very grateful.

A worrying outcome of this event was that the vet said a dog like this should be put down as who knows what will be savaged next - another rabbit, a kitten or even worse a child.

I would like to thank Hilary Lawton who found the rabbit and took it in.

Rose Hill  
47 Partridge Road

## PARISH CHURCH

### ST THOMAS A BECKET CHURCHROOM

St Thomas a Becket churchroom seats up to 30 people and is available for hire afternoons and some evenings. We will be very pleased to have village groups using this room regularly. Bookings can be made with Linda Caryl, 41 Kestrel Drive (Tel. 4195)

St Thomas a Becket Church are holding their annual show and fete on Saturday 11th July at The Stores, Parkfield Rd. There will be stalls, games, a Dutch Auction, parade of hats and displays by the Majorettes and Pucklechurch School Country Dancing Group.

**Pucklechurch C.A.**  
**PLEASE SAVE YOUR**  
**WASTE PAPER**

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**NEWSPAPERS &**  
**MAGAZINES**  
(Not cardboard or  
polythene bags)

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**

### PUCKLECHURCH GYM CLUB

The club meets every Wednesday in the Village Hall. There are two sessions - 4.15 - 5.30pm and 5.30-6.45pm. Spaces are available at present for children of seven and over, so if your child is interested contact Jenny Goddard Tel: 3289.

### LADIES CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP/BIBLE STUDY GROUP

We meet every Tuesday morning at 15 Merlin Ridge (Liz Flook's - 2071) or Jean Rawlings' 70 Abson Rd (3060) everyone (including pre-school children) welcome. For further information contact Carol Gulliford (2165).

**PUCKLECHURCH REVEL**

Those two essential ingredients of village life are now available - the 1987 Revel programme and Beer Festival tickets. Amongst the many events, the Fun Night on Thursday 18th June, and Revel Day procession on Saturday 20th June do need your support to be successful. Local organisations and groups, streets and individuals can all enter teams in the tug of war and barrel racing and 'floats' in the procession. If anyone needs further information any committee member will help. (Secretary is Julie Smith - 3905).

Programme of Events

Fri 12th - Sec. School Entertainment	8pm	V.Hall
Sat 13th - Infant Entertainment	2pm	V.Hall
Junior Entertainment	3pm	V.Hall
Olde Tyme Music Hall	7.30pm	V.Hall
Sun 14th - Ramble/Treasure Hunt	10am	Star Inn
Songs of Praise	6.30pm	St Thomas a Becket
Mon 15th - Beer Festival	7pm	Pucklechurch
Tue 16th - Beer Festival	7pm	House
Wed 17th - Handwriting & Art Exhib.	3.30pm	School Hall
Revel Bingo	7.30pm	V.Hall
Junior Folk Dance	7pm	V.Hall
Thu 18th - Tug of War	7pm	Rec.
Fri 19th - Pre-school Ent.	1pm	V.Hall
Knock Out Tournament	7.30pm	Social Club
Sat 20th - Revel Day	2pm	Rec.
Sun 21st - Concert & Prize Giving	6pm	V.Hall



**REVEL QUEEN DISCO**

The Revel Queen Disco was held on Friday 15th May for primary school children. Juliette James was chosen as the Revel Queen, and Helen Smith and Paula Gowing are her attendants.

**PUCKLECHURCH**

Homes & Gardens

**PRODUCE SHOW**

SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER

I would like to thank everyone who put their trust in me on May 7th - I feel very privileged to have been elected as the District Councillor for Pucklechurch.

I have yet to attend a full Council meeting - the first meeting is on 20th May - but I have attended various briefings, and it looks as though I will be on the Environment and Management Committees.

If you have any problems that the District Council is responsible for i.e. planning, housing, leisure services, environment, please don't hesitate to contact me. I don't know all the answers, but I am willing to find out or help in any way I can.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME**

Thank you to all those people who contacted me to express interest in a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme for Pucklechurch. More details on this later.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH.**

**Local crime can be reduced.**

Already around 20,000 Neighbourhood Watch Schemes have been established throughout Britain, helping to cut crime by up to 40% in their areas

That helps everyone - and people helping each other to cut crime is what Neighbourhood or Home Watch Schemes are all about. Everybody keeps an eye out for anything suspicious in the neighbourhood.

And they are better informed about what to do if they see anything suspicious.

There's no great mystery about why the scheme has been successful.

Thieves will go elsewhere if they know you and your neighbours are looking out for them.



**2nd PUCKLECHURCH BROWNIES**



On Friday 15th May we enrolled two new Brownies - Rosie Cole and Hannah Smith.

At Easter we made Easter baskets with chocolate eggs inside. Now that the weather's better we hope to go outside to play rounders etc.

## ANNUAL DEVIZES TO WESTMINSTER CANOE RACE

This is the sort of event that can reduce grown men to tears!

For senior entrants in double canoes, they have to be 19 and over and they must canoe 125 miles of river and canal, between Wiltshire non-stop. When they run out of canal, as happens no fewer than 72 times they have to pick up the canoe and run!

Our village interest in this race was with James Parker 18 and his girlfriend and co-canoeist Wendy Deacon 17 in the Junior section. They are both members of the flourishing North Avon Canoe Club, and decided to try this race to see if they could at least finish! - An achievement in itself.

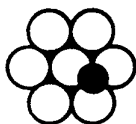
The first stretch started at Devizes and finished at Newbury, covering 34 miles, the next day they did 36 miles in approximately 7 hours. On Easter Sunday they clocked up 38 miles in 6½ hours and slept the sleep of the weary to be ready for the mass start at Teddington on Easter Monday. There were 100+ canoes all assembled for the last stretch of the River Thames which was 18 miles to Westminster Bridge.

The welcome at the finish was fantastic for all the intrepid paddlers and all the pain and blisters were forgotten in the joy of knowing they had completed the fantastic feat. Well done James and Wendy.

For further information on North Avon Canoe Club, contact S Spokes, 132 Robin Way, Chipping Sodbury.



**Cancer  
Research  
Campaign**



During the Easter holidays Jane Williams, age 8 years, held a Jumble Sale to raise money for Cancer Research. The sale lasted four hours and she worked extremely hard on posters and delivering invitations. £15 was raised. Well done Jane!

### **FOR SALE**

Record player with 2 speakers 'Fidelity'.  
Good working order £25. Tel. 3964



### **THURSDAY SCOUTS**

Our Scouts, ages ranging from 10½ to 15½ years, meet every Thursday and we hope they enjoy themselves, but also learn something. We sent some boys to a Patrol Leaders weekend to enable them to find out what it takes to make a good Patrol Leader.

Our brother Scouts in Friday troop gained second place in the 5-a-side football competition held at Yate recently, and we were right behind them in third place.

At the beginning of the Easter holidays Mike Hanks, Paul Parker, Fred Cockle and myself set off with 14 boys to Chelwood Camp site near Keynsham. We also had a camp at Mr Gibbs' farm on Westerleigh Road, with lots of scouts from all over the District. The boys did activities such as rifle shooting, pioneering and golf lessons.

On Sunday 17th May we hope to enter at least one raft in the raft race from Frenchay Bridge to Bamboo Island, in the middle of Vassals Park.

We are keeping up steady progress working for our proficiency badges. Already Scott Levett and Neil Smith have passed their cooks badges. David Hanks and Simon Levett will receive their entertainer's badges as reward for their hard work in Gang Show '87. Didn't they do well! Practically all the troop have qualified for their craftsman's badge, having made something from wood, metal, clay or cloth.

We shall be running our wonderful "Value for Money" bookstall at Revel, so all your books please to 33 Maple Walk, or telephone 3118 and we will collect.

May I just take this opportunity to say that Scouting in Pucklechurch is NOT alive and well. It is in a critical situation. Parents, please don't be shy in offering to help in any way. Scouting is not all knots, burnt sausages and camping in the rain. There are a great many visits we could make if someone would offer to organise them. There are a great many proficiency badges that can be obtained - if you have a particular skill and would be willing to teach the boys on a Thursday for a few weeks. My thanks to the parents and supporters who are already trying to make my job easier.

Skip Yates

CONGRATULATIONS - to Sharon Hillier for winning the shield for the fastest home in the pony class in the Royal National Lifeboat Institute Charity Ride held on 17th May. Well done Sharon!

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WORDSEARCH

by Claire Palmer (9)

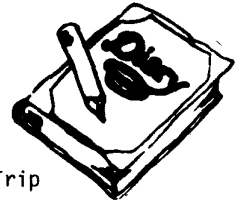
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Snowdrop	Daisy
Sunflower	Poppy
Tulip	Violet
Rose	Lily
Lilac	Pansy

Blood Donors

In a recent P.News editorial we "floated" the idea of bringing the Blood Transfusion Unit to Pucklechurch. Well the first session was held at the Village Hall on Friday 8th May, and we are pleased to report that it was a great success. 111 people attended the session - to the delight of the mobile unit staff. A big thank you to all those people who donated blood - particularly if you plucked up the courage to give blood for the first time. We hope you will continue to support the sessions. The next session will probably be in November.

# Diary



- JUNE 7 - Gardeners Club Coach Trip to Barrington Court
- 12 - 21 REVEL WEEK
- 28 St Thomas a Becket Barbecue 12 noon, Brideshill Farm
- JULY 3 Barn Dance, Pucklechurch School
- 4 Gardeners Club Coach Trip
- 11 Church Fete 2.30 Mrs Boulton's Gdn
- 11 Twinning Assoc. Dutch Auction 7.30pm
- 27 Playscheme Starts
- AUG 6 Playscheme Coach Trip to Littlecote Manor
- SEPT 25] Pucklechurch Players
- 26] "Lord Arthur Savile's Crime"



To give us your contributions!

We would like to receive news items from ALL of the village organisations - Playgroups, W.I., Cricket Club, Guides etc etc

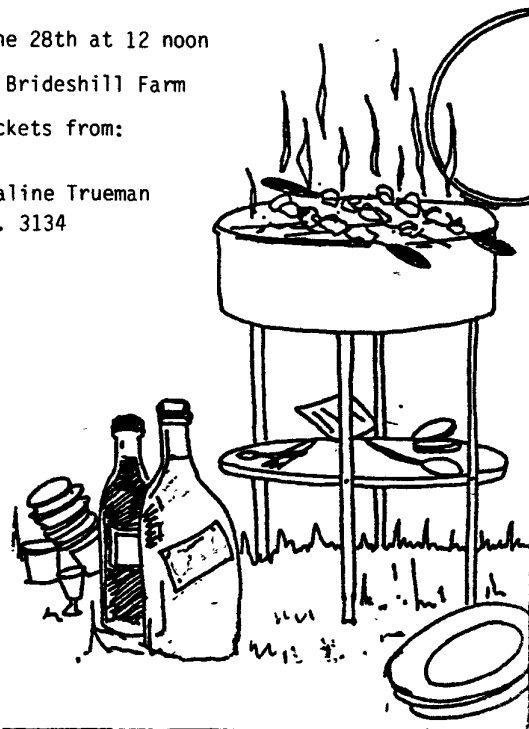
We don't want long essays, but would love to receive more (shortish) articles and letters. Please keep us informed of your 'Coming Events' - and then let us know how they went!

ST THOMAS A BECKET CHURCH

## BARBECUE

June 28th at 12 noon  
 at Brideshill Farm  
 Tickets from:

Rosaline Trueman  
 Tel. 3134



### COPYDATE

1st July



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