

# pucklechurch news

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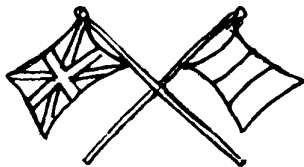
## PUCKLECHURCH TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Our first meeting of 1988 was held on 11th January and further plans made to accommodate and entertain our French counterparts when they visit us in June during Revel for the official Twinning ceremony, which will be held on Sunday 19th June.

Prior to this main event and to fund it, we had a Jumble Sale on 16th January and raised £88, and will be holding a wine-tasting evening in the Village Hall on Friday 26th February. Do come along, it's very informative, plus you get six different wines to taste!

Our next meeting is on Monday 22nd February at 8pm in the Meeting Room. Do come along, it's very informal and we'd certainly like more new members.

We are planning to visit Pringy again in September, weekend of 10/11th, for the official Twinning ceremony there. It promises to be another enjoyable weekend - why not make plans to join us? Shirley Hall at the Post Office is our membership secretary and will be pleased to help you join our Association.



## PUCKLECHURCH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

At our last meeting it was unanimously agreed what a super concert was put on by our Entertainment Committee on 13th December. Marshfield Band gave us another great performance, and the variety of entertainment put on by our local groups, must have been some of the best we have seen.

Another pleasing item at the beginning of December was our best Waste Paper Collection to-date. We have been asked to collect a minimum of 3 Tons and in December we collected 13.060 kgs. We also get an incentive bonus from Avon County Council so please keep supporting our scheme. Thanking all who do, and welcoming any new collectors. Should you have any real collecting problems ring Len Moore (3073) or Les Whittock (2090).

During the past year we have received contributions to the Centre from the Folk Dance Club £100 towards roof insulation; from the Drama Club £120 in material towards repairs to the floor, and a donation of £25 from the Badminton Club.

*Pucklechurch Players*

# Cinderella

Village Hall

Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> @ 7.30pm

Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>  
2.15pm matinee  
and 7.30pm

tickets from  
Elaine Stone

Abson 3105 - 25 Maple Walk

## YOUTH CLUB

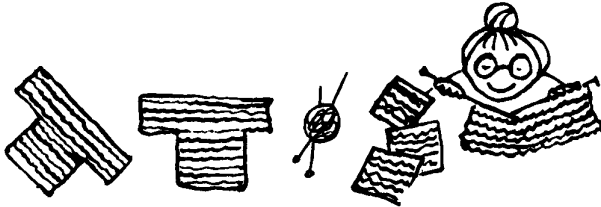
A new youth club has started! It will be held in the Churchroom (at St Thomas a Becket Church) on Thursday evenings from 7pm to 10.30pm. Jill Kendall and Wendy Densley are running the new club, which will receive support from the 'old' youth club committee (Omar, Marilyn, Bob Stone + Ian Wills). If you are able to help Jill and Wendy on a Thursday evening, please go along to the Churchroom and offer your services. The first night on 14th January apparently went very well. Sincere thanks to Wendy & Jill for coming forward.

## CHEAPER HOLIDAY?

Ron King has a voucher for a reduction of up to £50 on your next holiday, valid for a wide range of agents. Offers please for church funds to Ron on Abson 2069 (22 Parkfield). Best offer secures.

## 1st PUCKLECHURCH GUIDES

One of our newest Guides, Claire Pratt, was enrolled on December 1st with her family present. The following week we presented six warm blankets made of knitted squares sewn together by the Guides to the Save the Children Fund, together with several vests.



Several Guides worked extremely hard just before Christmas on various challenges and deserve a special mention. Shelly Wilmott's task was to prepare an item for the CA Christmas Concert. This involved deciding on content and arranging extra rehearsals, and resulted in our 'Commercial Break' of topical adverts. Katie Hall, having found her own Guide helpers, decorated Dennisworth Community Room one Saturday, then arranged for herself and the others to help and entertain at Dennisworth's Christmas Party; Claire Judd played the piano. Rachael Harper, Susie Holder and Kerry Prowse visited the Vicar, contacted the organist, chose the carols and completely arranged the Scout/Guide/Cub/Brownie Carol Service. Unfortunately, Susie Holder was rushed into hospital with appendicitis the very day of the Carol Service, which came as rather a shock, but Rachael and Kerry coped admirably. Prayers were said for Susie and I'm pleased to report that she has now fully recovered.

Nathalie Ford and Rebecca Russell arranged the food at Mrs Barbara Wiltshire's Brownie Farewell party, plus some interesting games for the Guides afterwards, as part of their Hostess Badge, despite having to rush back to a School Carol Service in Kingswood Church.

This was our last meeting until 1988, apart from a visit to BBC TV, Bristol, to appear as a studio audience in the "Really Wild Show" with Terry Nutkin. The main topic for this programme was bats and will be screened either week beginning 19th January or the week after. The girls thoroughly enjoyed this trip.

As you can see we've been very busy Guiding and joining in village activities. There are always a number of girls working on their Service Flash, which requires 40 hours of Community Service to qualify. If you are having a Jumble Sale, Fair, creche, etc and need extra help please contact me. It's quite difficult to keep track of all the village events where we can help.

Rosalind Abbott, 41 Maple Walk  
Tel. 2157

## WANTED!! ASSISTANT PLAYGROUP LEADER

Pucklechurch Playgroup urgently require an assistant playgroup leader for Monday/Wednesday/Thursday mornings. He/she must have or be prepared to complete the P.P.A. course. For further details telephone 2479 (after 4pm please)

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NEW EDITION OF THE VILLAGE DIRECTORY!

Attention all club secretaries etc - P.News intends to up-date the village directory. Please send your entries to Marion Thorn, 2 Westerleigh Rd, by 10th February

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## CONGRATULATIONS!!

Congratulations to Paul & Penny Kearns (our local butchers) on the birth of their baby daughter.

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## PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council has contacted the Agents of the estate regarding the large pot holes in the car park of the shopping precinct. The County Council has also been informed of various pot holes around the village, including Parkfield Road.



Officials from the County will be observing the traffic congestion at Castle Road during school hours and it is hoped they will arrive at a solution to the problem in the very near future.

The Parish Council is perturbed over the fact that someone has dumped building rubbish on the children's play area at Parkfield. This is an irresponsible and unnecessary act and the Council request that the culprit remove this rubbish without further delay.

Dog owners are still allowing their dogs to foul the recreation field - even around the children's play area! Please think of the children, there are plenty of wide verges and fields around the village where owners can walk their dogs, and the Parish Council appeal for the umpteenth time for dog owners to keep dogs off the field.

The Parish Council has recently given a grant of £200 towards the up-keep of the Churchyard and £100 to the Citizens Advice Bureau at Yate. The Bureau is a voluntary organisation and has given valuable service to Parishioners in the past year.

The sunken graves in the Council Burial Ground have now been filled and re-seeded and the borders have been planted with daffodil bulbs.

## DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT - Marilyn Palmer

### Local Plan

In the last issue of P.News I outlined the "Rural Areas Local Plan" proposals for Pucklechurch. On 12th January the District Council's mobile exhibition visited Pucklechurch and about 60 people visited it. Apparently comments were generally favourable. If you have any further comments to make, please send them to the District Council by the end of January.

### Travel Tokens

At the last Council meeting it was agreed that concessionary travel tokens should remain at £12 per person - despite a vigorous attempt to get this increased.

### C.A.B.

There was also great discussion over the Citizens Advice Bureau, and sadly a proposal that the District Council should increase their grant to the C.A.B. was defeated 28/29 votes. The C.A.B. (a voluntary organisation) is at present facing a financial crisis. Everyone acknowledges that they provide an excellent service, but no-one is prepared to put them on a sound financial footing.

### Housing Committee

I was very pleased to accept a place on the Housing Committee when a vacancy arose in December. At present there is a lot of new legislation concerning housing e.g. the Government's White Paper, which will mean wide-sweeping changes, so it is very helpful to be on the Housing Committee where the implications will be discussed in depth.

### P.R.C. Homes

The District Council recently carried out a survey of its P.R.C. homes (Precast Reinforced Concrete Dwellings). In Pucklechurch there are two types of P.R.C. homes: Airey homes in Lansdown Road, and Woolaway homes in Poplar Drive.

The test results on Airey homes were quite favourable, but unfortunately this was not the case for the Woolaway homes. Concrete was found to have aerated, thus reducing the protection to the reinforcement, which had consequently corroded.

The Council therefore had to decide what to do about its 80 Woolaway homes. The decision it made was to redevelop two streets in Little Stoke as a pilot scheme, and that the remaining Woolaway homes be approved for possible redevelopment in the light of experience gained.

Poplar Drive has been scheduled for redevelopment in 1989, but in the meantime a lot of questions need answering. I am hoping to arrange a meeting between residents of Poplar Drive and the Housing Dept in the very near future, and will be insisting on full consultation with residents.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Two police inspectors, Inspectors Trigg & Leach, attended the Parish Council meeting on 1st December to talk about Neighbourhood Watch Schemes. It is vital to their success that they have the support of the community. For about every 15 houses a contact person is needed. The scheme is started by holding meetings of these contact people and local police. Property marking equipment can be purchased to be lent out, cycle stamping sessions can be held, also talks on crime prevention, security etc. Window stickers are available so that people know that a scheme is in operation, which obviously acts as a deterrent to burglars.

The Parish Council is keen to promote a Watch Scheme in Pucklechurch, but unless there is wide-spread support from villagers, there is no point in proceeding any further.

So, if you are interested please contact any of the following, who are your Parish Councillors, as soon as possible as a decision will be made (probably at the next Parish Council meeting) dependent on the amount of support shown:

Keith Bailey, The Vale, Shortwood  
Omar Beg, 11 Shortwood Rd, Tel. 3695  
Jim Ivory, 26 St Aldams Rd, Tel. 4199  
Derek James, Jasmine Cottage, Feltham Rd, Tel. 3337  
Arthur Packer, 36 Parkfield Rank, Tel. 2904  
Marilyn Palmer, 27 Castle Rd, Tel. 3761  
Edgar Webb, Gingells Farm, Shortwood Rd, Tel. 2252  
Les Whittock, 14 Lansdown Rd, Tel. 2090  
Geoff Wilcock, 25 Castle Rd, Tel. 2174



### 2nd PUCKLECHURCH GUIDES

Despite my plea in the last issue of P.News, not one adult contacted me to offer help in running a new Guide Company, although all the new Mums were most supportive. PLEASE don't think "Somebody else will do it". Remember we're all somebody and if you've a slight interest or care, please contact whoever is appealing for help or support in this newsletter or elsewhere. Fortunately I kept my ear to the ground and eventually tracked down not one, but two Adult Leaders. I am most pleased to report that Mrs Cathy Biggs has taken over as Guider, ably supported by Kirstie James as Unit Helper, and two most enthusiastic Young Leaders, Caroline Hall and Sheryl Hathway. Thirteen Guides attended their first meeting on 13th January (significant perhaps!) and I heard through the grapevine that it was "Brilliant", so congratulations to our new team. The girls have chosen red ties and their patrols are named after birds. I'm sure they'll write their next report themselves.

Our other new Guider is Mrs Anne Fiddes who will help with 1st Pucklechurch until 2nd Pucklechurch grows larger in number. We extend a very warm welcome to her and hope she'll enjoy her Guiding with us.

RADIO BRISTOL Advisory Panel.

I am a member of a panel of listeners who discuss all matters that relate to our local BBC radio as a requirement of their broadcasting licence. It was not because of living in Pucklechurch that I volunteered for this six weekly two hour evening meeting. But, as there are about fourteen people covering the area from us to Yeovil and Melksham to say Minehead, no one else is likely to be in this district for the next three years. Initially my main concern has been that factual information, like the traffic news, should be accurate and be precise in it's timing. It has led the panel to invite a senior police officer to a future meeting such that several panel members can express their concern and offer suggestions on improvements. At the most recent meeting I expressed a view of local residents that some of the recent programme additions are not in keeping with the Stations' image. If you wish to comment you can always 'phone and they welcome the contact with you. However there are sometimes things that take longer to say and you would like an answer that has been considered. May I suggest that we use Pucklechurch News as the mailbox for comments and I will give question and answer in an appropriate issue. I will always express praise or criticism directly if it seems to be more suitable.

Peter Aze.

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Spotted in today's Guardian newspaper, an article on the proposed Science Park, complete with a diagrammatic map naming Pucklechurch, Siston and Abson, and making Feltham Road look like a motorway!! Fame at last . . .

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FOLK DANCE CLUB

We have been having some very enjoyable club evenings during the past months, particularly with peoples innovations when it comes to fancy dress. We had a party evening just before Christmas which we thought was good, but on Tuesday 12th January we held our 11th Birthday party evening when people's innovations really took over - it was a super evening.

It is also nice to see that we have more people who live in Pucklechurch attending regularly, so do not be afraid to come along and have a go. On Saturday 20th February we shall be having a workshop for dancers in the afternoon, followed by an evening dance put on by the Bristol Branch of the English Folk Dance and Song Society.

Our club meeting dates appear in the diary at the back of P.News.

# Diary

- JANUARY 28 Family Bingo, School 6-8.30pm
- 29] Pucklechurch Players present
- 30] "Cinderella" at the V.Hall
- FEBRUARY 3 Gardening Club "Houseplants"
- 6 Gardening Club Jumble Sale
- 9 Folk Dance Club (Alan Holder/Jean Merrick)
- 22 Twinning Association Meeting
- 23 Folk Dance Club (Val Webster)
- 26 Twinning Assoc Wine Tasting Evening
- 28 Great Western Runners Race
- MARCH 2 Gardeners Club "Rosegrowing"
- 8 Folk Dance Club (Pete Howarth)
- 11 School Parents Disco 8.30-12.00
- 22 Folk Dance Club (Les Whittock/Ron Anderson)
- APRIL 5 Folk Dance Club (Mike & Molly)
- 6 Gardeners Club "Making & Caring for Garden Pools" M Hickey

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## PUCKLECHURCH PLAYERS

Our next production is the pantomime "Cinderella". Performances this year will be held on Friday 29th January at 7.30pm, and a matinee performance on Saturday at 2.15pm in addition to the evening performance. This is the first time we have had a matinee performance, in response to requests for one which may be more convenient for younger children and senior citizens.

If you've never been to any of our productions before, why not give it a try. Come and see your neighbours as you've never seen them before! Chris Biggs and John Goddard as the Ugly Sisters (Snowdrop and Tulip) are bound to give you a good laugh!! Tickets are available from Elaine Stone, 25 Maple Walk, Tel. 3105.

### EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

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

- Marilyn Palmer - 27 Castle Road (3761) Secretary
- Nancy Cleevely - 66 Birch Drive
- Lyn Ford - Dennisworth Farm
- Beverley Stewart - 30 Maple Walk
- Elaine Stone - 25 Maple Walk
- Marion Thorn - 2 Westerleigh Road



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