

pucklechurch news

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EDITORIAL

Didn't the daffodils planted near the street name signs look wonderful this spring! It just shows how our environment can be improved with a little effort. It will soon be time for judging for the best kept village competition again - if we all do our 'bit' the appearance of the village could be greatly enhanced, and it would be an even more pleasant place to live. So rush out and buy some bedding plants or hanging baskets now!!

P.News would like to thank those members of the 1st Pucklechurch Guides who helped us so greatly by delivering the new edition of the "Village Directory" as part of their community service badge. We were very grateful for their help, and also to the Parish council for their sponsorship of it. We hope you find it very useful. If for some reason or other you didn't receive one, or are new to the village, you may collect one from the Post Office.

There are two amendments to make - the Parish Council now meets at 7.30 not 7.45pm, and the telephone number of the Guider for 2nd Pucklechurch Guides is 3860 not 3862. We were very disappointed at the lack of response from local groups regarding their contributions - people are very apathetic until you make a mistake! In future editions of Pucklechurch News there will be at least one deliberate mistake - look out for it!! (No prizes for spotting it!)

If you have any further amendments to the Directory please let Marion Thorn know (tel.3528). With A.G.M.'s etc contacts are always changing so please keep us in touch.

The Parish Council has asked us to point out that GOLF is not allowed on the Recreation Field, apparently there is a bye-law to that effect.

Finally, Revel will soon be here (Revel Day - 18 June). Please support the events - as a previous chairman of Revel once said "Revel is what makes living in Pucklechurch special" - it certainly gives you a great feeling of community spirit. Above all enjoy it!

As you will see, we have now put a set charge of 20p on Pucklechurch News, which we hope you will still consider good value. Just lately we have been finding it difficult to make ends meet. Over the last ten years everything else has gone up, but lots of people still put only 10p or even less in the tin. On the other hand some people are very generous and put 50p in.

We thought therefore that it would be best to regularise things and have a set charge per copy. If everyone pays 20p we will hopefully cover our costs - approximately £60 per issue. Apart from sponsorship from the Parish Council for the Village Directory (so that it could be delivered free of charge to every house in the Parish) we receive no other income.

Marilyn was recently invited to speak at an Avon Local Councils Association seminar on Village Newsletters and was surprised how complicated some newsletter committees make it. Many receive regular grants from their Parish Councils as well as charging 35p and receiving advertising revenue! We think you get good value for money!

The Britannias

MAJORETTES FROM PUCKLECHURCH



**CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER FOR
THE BRITANNIA MAJORETTES FROM
PUCKLECHURCH**

At the Warminster Majorette Competition on April 23rd, The Britannia Majorettes came away with FOUR FIRST PRIZES. They received 1st prize for Best Drum Major - SHELLY WILMOT; 1st prize for their section; 1st prize for the best uniform; and 1st prize for the Most Entertaining Troupe.

We have decided to increase the size of the Troupe, so if you are interested in joining the majorettes, we do have some vacancies Tel. Marion Thorn, Abson 3528.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

After last year's success in which we were awarded £100 for the most improved village in Avon, and a 1st prize of £25 to one of our local school children for his efforts in the painting competition, the Parish Council has again decided to enter this year's competition.

The judges will be around the village during 11th - 26th JUNE. It would be nice to improve on last year's report. The judges look for tidy gardens, trimmed hedges, tidy grass verges, particularly those near the main roads; also the lack of litter around the village always helps. The Parish Council's odd job man is now picking up litter on the worst places around the village, as well as keeping the Recreation Field tidy. If anyone wishes to help they can contact Les Whittock (2090).



St Thomas a Becket Church

We invited you all to join in our Review Day back in April so now we should tell you what a success it was! About forty people were able to be present and take part in Discussion Groups. As a result of those discussions we have drawn up a clear set of plans for the future.

We plan to introduce a second 10.00am Family Service each month. We plan to start a Care Scheme to care for the elderly, the infirmed, the housebound and others in straightforward practical ways. We plan to begin an "Open House" evening from 7.30 - 10.00 every week in different homes for anyone to drop in, for ten minutes or half an hour, and have a cup of coffee, sing, chat, pray, and relax as we get to know each other better. We plan to redecorate the interior of the Church. We plan to do many other new things also.

Some of our plans will begin to take effect over the next few weeks (e.g. "Open House") but most will be part of our Stewardship Programme: "The Future in Our Hands" and this will get under way after the summer. Our Christian life at St Thomas' is on the move!

Finally, you will have had your free copy of **Two Towers** our new Church Newsheet. Let us have your **Reply Slip** if you would like to have a copy delivered every month.

Ian Wills (Vicar)

PUCKLECHURCH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Since the last issue of P.News we have been writing to village organisations hoping to get some help in tidying the borders around the hall. So far we have had a good response from the Gardeners Club who have said they are willing to keep the approaches to the hall tidy. We have also had help from the Brownies, Guides and the W.I. If anyone would like to join in, do come along with your tools anytime and have a go.

The P.C.A. has decided to enter the Best Run Village Hall competition with prizes given by National Giro.

By the time you read this report we shall have held our AGM, and I will have completed my three years as Secretary. I would like to offer my sincere thanks to the many, many people to whom I have been able to go to for help or advice. It's a very interesting appointment being Secretary - one meets a great number of very nice people and of course some controversial ones, which all adds up to experience. Thank you once again to all those involved.

Les Whittock

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT - Marilyn Palmer

I have now completed one year on Northavon District Council. It has been an interesting year and I have gained a greater insight into the workings of the Council, but there is still much to learn!

As you will be aware, those areas of the village who used to have their dustbins collected on a Tuesday now have them collected on a MONDAY. This is on a one year only basis until the results of the competitive tendering procedures are known.

I mentioned in an earlier report that I had had a RADON detector installed in my home. (When Radon itself decays solid radioactive materials are produced which attach to dust particles in the air and are inhaled.) The detector has now been taken away for analysis - I will let you know the results when I have them.

Most of the queries I have received over the past year have either related to planning applications or to council housing.

The Waiting List for Council Houses & Bungalows

There are 14 people on the waiting list for houses in Pucklechurch and 20 on the waiting list for bungalows. I get many enquiries about how people are allocated Council houses or bungalows, so I shall try to explain.

When a house becomes vacant (which is not very often) it is allocated to whoever is on the waiting list, who has the greatest number of 'points' and who has the greatest housing need. The first priority goes to people who the Council have to house BY LAW. These include homeless people and those who live in tied agricultural houses. Sometimes these applicants get in before people who have been on the waiting list for years.

When a bungalow becomes vacant there is usually a time before the keys are actually returned to the Council, then the bungalow is cleaned and re-decorated if necessary (that takes some time as well!). When the bungalow is ready the Lettings Office at Northavon and I look at the waiting list. Many factors are taken into account - how long the person has been on the list, what sort of conditions do they live in at present, and perhaps most important of all, are there any medical reasons why they should be rehoused. All these factors are equally important and occasionally someone who has not been on the list very long, gets rehoused because of medical reasons or because they live in dreadful conditions (outside toilet etc). The Lettings Office and I try to be as fair as possible, but inevitably there will be people who are disappointed. Until the Council builds more bungalows in Pucklechurch, this will be a perpetual problem.

FOR SALE: Patrick Football Boots size 2 -
Roller Boots size 13 Tel.2624

RAINBOW GUIDES

Have you heard of them? No! Not surprising. This is the newest and most junior section of the Girl Guides Association (similar to Beaver Scouts) and is for girls aged 5-7 years.

A Group consists of between 6 and 15 Rainbow Guides with a minimum of two adult Leaders. A weekly meeting lasts approximately one hour and contains a simple Guiding programme. The uniform is a tabard in one of the Rainbow colours, as decided by the Group.

Is there a group in your village? No - not yet. Do you want one? If so, I'm sure there are plenty of girls aged 5-7 who would love to be Rainbows. However there can be no Group without Adult Leaders who will be given training, support and encouragement. If you are interested in this new venture, please contact me, Mrs Rosalind Abbott, District Commissioner, Abson 2157. Come and join our wonderful movement and all that it can offer in friendship and purpose as millions of girls and women worldwide have found, and are still finding out. Don't be shy, give me a ring.



1st PUCKLECHURCH GUIDES

Thinking Day - February 22nd - joint birthday of Lord & Lady Baden Powell - we 'think' of our millions of guiding sisters all round the world and donate 'pennies' to help those in poorer countries. This year we thought especially of France as we shall be twinning with a French village. Katie Hall and Shelley Wilmott gave a talk and mounted a small display.

On March 15th the Vicar visited us to bless and dedicate our new Union Flag.

Just before Easter we joined with 2nd Pucklechurch Guides and had a great night at the Ice Rink. Everyone managed to skate round although some people's legs just wouldn't go where they wanted them to!

Most of us watched "The Clothes Show" and now we're busy redesigning the 'ideal' new-look Guide uniform. Some girls certainly produced a 'new look'!

Well done to Lisa Burchill, Sharon Broom, Angela Webb and Carrie Stone who represented us at a recent Scout and Guide competition where they faced a variety of challenges including tying knots in spaghetti!

Various Interest Badges have been gained recently; Agility, Child Care, Entertainer, Hostess and Sportswoman, with a special mention to Melanie Bailey on gaining her Bellringer for which she worked long and hard and is the only Guide in our Company who has so far gained this badge. Trefoil Badges signify a year's various challenges and have recently been awarded to:

Yellow Trefoil - Lisa Pike, Ellen Seaman

Green Trefoil - Lisa Langley, Nathalie Ford

1st Pucklechurch Guides cont ...

Red Trefoil - Lisa Burchill, Melanie Bailey,
Katie Hall, Sharon Broom

We're now working on Patrol Pennants, choosing between Explorers & Camp Preparation, and looking forward to outdoor meetings (if only we could order fine Tuesday evenings - not too much to ask, is it?)

WANTED - A SCOUT LEADER AND ASSISTANT

A Scout Leader and Assistant are urgently required to run Pucklechurch Thursday Scout Troop.

The Group is in danger of folding if these positions are not filled NOW.

REWARD: Not monetary - satisfaction to be gained knowing that 'one' is doing 'One's bit' for the youth of the area and that the tradition of scouting will be kept alive in the village.

Please contact: L Levett or W Skidmore

WANTED: LIFT

Please can anyone offer me a lift weekdays to arrive at Staple Hill 8.30am or Fishponds 9.00am. Willing to share expenses.

Tel. Abson 2728

BOOKS NEEDED FOR THURSDAY SCOUTS REVEL BOOK STALL

Please bring to 33 Maple Walk any evening

CONGRATULATIONS: To all the Cubs and Scouts and one Leader from Pucklechurch, who took part in Avon County Gang Show. Hard work, well rewarded.

PUCKLECHURCH YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB UNDER 14's

The under 14's football team play in the Bath Percy League and the team is made up of all local lads from the village. Under the management of Pete Iles and Dick Savage the team has had a very good season, finishing about half way in the league and reaching two cup finals. The League Cup Final was played on 27th April at Larkhall, where they walked off with the winners cup and medals! The season reached its climax on May 4th at Twerton Park for the Knockout Cup Final, where the lads, despite giving 101% effort were beaten by West Town United.

We are now looking forward to our end of season presentation disco to round off a very good year.

Mel Seaman
Chairman



PUCKLECHURCH REVEL

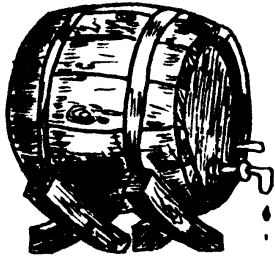


JUNE 10 - 19th

BEER FESTIVAL

JUNE 15th & 16th

RECREATION FIELD



RECREATION FIELD

WEDNESDAY 15TH JUNE
FOLK - ARRAN PILOT

THURSDAY 16TH JUNE
BLUE NOTE JAZZ BAND

TICKET ONLY - £2 FROM VILLAGE SHOPS

REVEL DAY

JUNE 18th

STALLS!

GRAND DRAW!



ENTERTAINMENT!

THE BATTLE OF THE GIANTS
MIGHTY MICK.v.TERRIBLE TED

FILTON CONCERT BAND

BATTLING CUMBERLAND GIANTS



Pucklechurch Revel 1988

This year's first Revel event is the Revel Queen Disco on Friday 20th May, for junior school age children, at which the Revel Queen and her two attendants will be chosen.

The next event is a disco for the secondary school age children on Friday 10th June with the Infra-Red Roadshow. Tickets £1.20.

On Saturday 11th June there will be a TEA DANCE at the Village Hall from 4.00 - 6.30pm. This event is free to all senior citizens of the Parish, but is open to everyone (£1 at the door which includes refreshments). Come and have a sing-a-long with the Avonairs Duo.

On Sunday 12th June there will be CAR TREASURE HUNT starting at the Village Hall car park from 10-11am. If you would like to book a lunch please contact Ros Abbott (2157).

In the evening of 12th June there will be REVEL SONGS OF PRAISE at St Thomas a Becket, with a parade by the uniformed organisations.

On Monday 13th June we have a JUNIOR FOLK DANCE with "Hobgoblin" providing the music. This will be from 7.00pm - 9.00pm for junior school age children. Admission will be 50p at the door.

On Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th June the BEER FESTIVAL will be held from 7 - 11.30pm. This year we have a change of venue - a larger than usual marquee on the Rec - fenced with security guards in attendance, and illuminated with many coloured lights! Tickets £2 must be purchased in advance from village shops.

We have got two excellent bands this year - the first night is traditionally folk night and this year we have got "ARRAN PILOT" who are a very well known and popular group out of the Pucklechurch area and we are really looking forward to seeing them. On Thursday night we have got the "BLUE NOTE JAZZ BAND" who need no introduction. We hope to have 22 different types of beer plus the pig roast etc.

Friday night is FAMILY FUN NIGHT - and this year if it rains we can go in the marquee!! Starts at 7.00pm.

Saturday 18 June is REVEL DAY. The procession will assemble at Oaktree Avenue for judging at 1.00pm, departing at 1.30pm led by the Filton Concert Band. All entries very welcome (tel.3761). We have a very exciting attraction this year - "THE BATTLING CUMBERLAND GIANTS" - don't miss them.

The Bath & District Goatkeepers Society Show will once again be held on Revel Day.

Traditionally, stall holders on Revel Day have donated their takings to Revel. However, this year we have decided that takings should be split 50/50 so take this opportunity of raising funds for club/charity/organisation.

Contact Marilyn Palmer (Tel.3761) if you are interested in having a stall - or selling from your car boot (£5 per car).

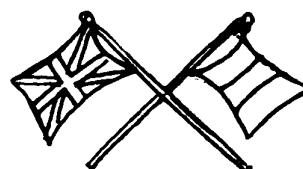
On Revel Night we will be holding a Super Twinning/Revel Folk Dance in the marquee. Tickets £2 including a buffet. "Hobgoblin" will be providing the music and Alan Holder and Les Whittock calling. Morris Men will also be in attendance!!



All those who used to attend the Revel Folk Dances in the marquee on the Rec (before the new Village Hall was built) will remember what fun they were - the last one was about 11 years ago. Buy your tickets early for what is bound to be a very popular event!

On Sunday 19th we will round off the week with an informal band concert in the marquee with Bristol East Band.

This year's Revel Committee is very small (7 members) and we would be very grateful to receive any offers of help. In particular we would be grateful for help in setting up the Beer Festival on Tuesday 14th June, or with manning stalls on Revel Day. If you feel you could help please telephone Marilyn Palmer (3761).



PUCKLECHURCH TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Ever been on a Safari Supper? We held a most successful one recently, starting at Chris & Kate Brain's for 'starters', main courses at either Lynne Gorrigan's or Lynn Smith's, 'sweets' at Ros & Mike Abbott's, ending with coffee at Roger & Nancy Cleevely's. 43 people went on safari, along with the wine which travelled from one residence to the next - no wonder it was such an enjoyable evening! Our thanks to all those who catered for, and managed to squeeze, 43 people into their homes.

At our next meeting plans continued for the arrival of approximately 100 French people from Pringy on Revel weekend, when the official Twinning will take place.

We held a successful car boot sale in the Village Hall car park on Sunday 15th May.

If you are interested in joining the Twinning Association contact Shirley Hall at the Post Office, who is our Membership Secretary.

GARDENERS CLUB SUMMER PROGRAMME

Saturday 21st May

Half-day outing to Lackham College of Agriculture by car - coach if required at £3 a seat.

Meeting in the Village Hall car park 1.00pm.

Contact - Tony Pratt Tel.2507

Saturday 2nd July

Full-day coach trip to Savill Garden and Valley Garden, Windsor. Cost of coach and entry £6 (£4.50 children)

Leave 9am Village Hall car park. Return 9pm.

Bookings - Contact Frank Bradley Tel.3109

Friday 22nd July

Garden Visit and American Supper

Meeting 6.45pm in Village Hall car park.

Friday 16 September

Evening visit to Chrysanthemum Nursery

Meeting Village Hall car park at 6.30pm.

PUCKLECHURCH SPORTS A.F.C.

We have had a successful season with the first team winning the league and league cup. This will be the third time the club has achieved this feat. The reserve side finished runners-up in their league which, again, was a very good achievement.

Next season we are hoping the first team will be elected to the Gloucestershire County League and the reserve team to the County of Avon Premier Combination. We are running a third side next season, for the first time, in the Bristol & District league. In forming this third side we feel this will bridge the gap between junior football and senior football and we hope it will encourage the young lads of the village to join and hopefully progress through to the first team.

At our recent Dinner and Dance awards we made to:
Steve Moore - First Team Player of the Year
Andy Frankcom - Reserve Team Player of the Year
Dave Smart - Most improved Player

A special presentation was made to our Chairman Don Frankcom and his wife Vera who will be celebrating their Ruby Wedding Anniversary in May.

A special thank you must go to our many supporters who stood in all winds and weathers to encourage the teams.

Finally we would like to congratulate the under 14 team who reached their Cup Final which was a magnificent achievement seeing as several of the team are much younger than the group age. Unfortunately the team lost in the Final at Twerton Park but it was still a great effort.

Chris Bowering

P.News says: Congratulations - Pucklechurch Sports are really putting Pucklechurch on the map. Question though - why does the Northavon Gazette always refer to them as 'Church' rather than 'Puckle' in their headlines? (Presumably Pucklechurch is too long.)

TOWER PLAYGROUP

Thanks to recent fund raising we have been able to replenish playgroup with new supplies of paints and materials. Last week Elaine helped the children to make sandwiches and prepare a lunch which was enjoyed at playgroup by children and parents.

We would like to thank Mr & Mrs Simpson for looking after us so well on our recent trip to their farm. The children enjoyed meeting the animals, sitting in the tractors and finding eggs in the straw. Fortunately it did not rain until we were on our way back to playgroup and surprisingly most of the eggs arrived home in one piece.

We are now looking forward to our trip to Slimbridge on May 23rd and our Garden Party on July 8th.

FOLK DANCE CLUB

We shall be continuing our fortnightly sessions on Tuesdays through the summer again this year which was such a success last year - it's also nice to have more local people coming along to our evenings these days.

We shall be having a Barn Dance on Saturday 9th July in the Community Centre.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS PLAYScheme

Just a reminder that the summer holidays playscheme will this year be held from 1 August to 12 August. More details will be released shortly.

NATIONAL BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE



PUCKLECHURCH COMMUNITY CENTRE

FRIDAY 27th MAY, 1988

2-3.50 p.m. and 5.30-7.20 p.m.

NEW DONORS PLEASE ATTEND AT LEAST ONE HOUR BEFORE END OF LAST SESSION

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