

pucklechurch news

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EDITORIAL

Here, at last, is an issue of P. News! The last issue was published in May, so some of the articles in this issue may have an historical flavour, for which we apologise. However, it was important to get this issue out - better late than never - to ask for LOADS OF NEW COPY . . . We would be very pleased to receive articles, dates of forthcoming events etc. Please deliver them to 27 Castle Road or any of the Editorial committee as soon as possible so that we can get another issue out before Christmas.



TOWER PLAYGROUP



CHRISTMAS FAYRE

SATURDAY 19TH NOVEMBER AT 2PM

REFRESHMENTS, STALLS, FATHER XMAS

PUCKLECHURCH DAY CARE FOR THE ELDERLY

There is vast choice of activities that one can become involved in when living in Pucklechurch, although the choice becomes much more limited if you are elderly, infirm and housebound. To help meet the needs of this group, and with the cooperation of the residents of Homefield EPD's, a day care centre based in the community room of the Homefield centre has been started. It is held each Wednesday from 10.30 - 2.30pm. If you would be able to offer help with transport at these times, please contact Erica Williams on Abson 3459.

DO YOU HAVE MORE GARDEN THAN YOU CAN COPE WITH?
Keen (female) gardener would like to grow vegetables. Please telephone Abson 3124.

***** PUCKLECHURCH PLAYERS



Pucklechurch Players are now busy rehearsing for their next production - the pantomime "HUMPTY DUMPTY". This year they are entering in the Evening Post Rose Bowl competition, so are determined to be self-disciplined and produce a slick pantomime - we would hate to get a bad review! It will be held on 27th & 28th January, and we hope that we will receive your usual great support for what we think is a very funny panto. We've got a new member this year - transferred at great expense from Patchway Players - John Graupner as Grimm is definitely BAD!

PUCKLECHURCH 'THURSDAY' YOUTH CLUB

The club was in a bad financial situation on summer closing, but the youths worked very hard through the school holidays to raise money. The car boot sale was a success, as was the sponsored walk, sponsored weight lift and sponsored silence. Wendy and I have also completed out sponsored aim losing one stone each in six weeks raising some money. We wish to thank everyone who has sponsored our members.

The Youth Club will welcome new members aged between 11-18 years to join us on opening. As space is limited at the church room we would welcome any suggestions from the community of a different meeting place. Our programme for the coming year could be much improved if we had more space. Finance of course is a big problem. Leisure activities are expensive and we are asking the community for your help. Table and board games would be valuable to our group and a small table-top cooker would also be an asset. If anyone has any items that they would wish to donate to our club we would be very grateful.

With Christmas just around the corner we are organising a "Christmas Fayre" - if anyone has any strings of beads, dried flowers, plain socks, wood or material scraps we would gladly collect them from you. We need these to create new items to sell on our craft stall. Please sort out any bits and pieces and either bring them along on a Thursday evening or ring and we will gladly pick them up.

The youngsters in the village need a meeting place - bored and isolated youngsters will create their own 'FUN'!! We need a youth club in our community and as a community we must be sure we keep the one we have. Again we must thank everyone who has sponsored us and supported the car boot sale.

Gill Kendall & Wendy Densley (Leaders)
Abson 3692 Abson 3121

SUMMER HOLIDAYS PLAYScheme

Well here we are again off to Cash & Carry to buy as many sweets and drinks that Barbara and I can fit into my car. You've guessed it, it's Pucklechurch Playscheme fortnight, and how those children can eat all those sweets and crisps I do not know. Monday 1st August arrived and from that moment on we did not have any rain during the day until Thursday 11th when we went on our outing - but more of that later. On Monday 1st with a willing crew of helping hands we made spiders, frogs and lily pads to start to make a wall picture in the meeting room. There was painting, model making and many other bits and pieces to make things out of. The outside games were well catered for as well, and on that day we had nearly 100 children. Tuesday 2nd August - was a dry but not sunny day and we were all hoping it would not rain because the roundabout was coming. We were also doing some enamelling - making earrings and brooches and anything else we could think of. Wednesday 3rd August - This year we had bought some new equipment and one of things that was a great success was "Marbling". Thursday 4th August - A new experience for Playscheme today - "Moon Dip" - I had never heard of this or seen one, but the children could tell me all about it and could not wait for it to be set up, even the Mums and some of the Dads had a go! (Moon Dip is a large 'tank' filled with hundreds (thousands?) of small balls.) In the craft room finger puppets, painting and modelling was going on. Friday 5th August - at the end of most days the Vicar, Ian Willic, came and played games and sang songs with the children, which proved to be great fun. The most popular outside game was rounders and most days had a large group of children and adults playing, hitting the ball all over the Rec. The parachute as usual was a great success, and most days we ended the morning with a parachute game. Then followed a hectic weekend rushing to Cash & Carry for yet more sweets, crisps and drinks - my how those children eat and drink!!

Monday 8th August - we did some more enamelling and painted patterns on small tins for the children to take home and put their treasures in. Tuesday 9th August - Airspace day - everyone loves the bouncy castle - even the Vicar had a go, and lots of Mums and Dads as well. In the craft room "quilling" was going on, and some really good cards were made.

Wednesday 10th August - We did a treasure hunt today - what fun! Again Richard Palmer worked out the clues and the children had a lot of fun sorting them out and finding things to take back to the village hall. There were to be winners of all ages and a small money prize would be given on the Friday. Also, during the week many children had taken home wildlife pictures to colour, and Les Whittock was to judge the best on Friday.

Thursday 11th August - The day of our trip to Cricket St Thomas dawned damp after all those fine days! It was quite a long coach ride (we filled two coaches) but well worth it - I think everyone had a good day, I know I did.

Friday 12th August - we did not know what to do on our last day, but after some thought decided to do a sports day in teams with varied ages in each team. We had a 1st, 2nd and 3rd to whom we gave prizes, and had a really good time - and wore everyone out.

Well I think that's all, but before I close there are some thank yous which Barbara Wiltshire and I would like to say. Thank you to all the Guides who came and helped each day, the Mums and not forgetting some Dads, the Vicar for coming nearly every day and for doing a very good puppet show with Val on the final day. To our two other members of the committee - Marilyn Palmer and Eddie Lavington - and last of all a big thank you to all the children for coming, because if you did not come there would be no playscheme.

Beverley Stewart & Barbara Wiltshire
Playscheme Leaders

EXCHANGE & MART

FOR SALE: Gateleg table, dark wood, good condition £25. Mountain walking boots adult size 9 £10. Rucksack, large orange, framed £5. Tel. 3313.

PUCKLECHURCH U. 12'S FOOTBALL CLUB

Sunday 4th September - the first game of the season saw us lose 4-2 to Eversede. Chris Rowles scored our two goals.

Wednesday 7th September - saw a different game when we won 13-1 against Wootton. The goals were scored by C Jackson (3), C Rowles (2), J Russell (2), C Pike (2), M Roberts (1) + 3 own goals by Wootton made sure we had a good win.

Sunday 11th September - we travelled to Dursley only to get beaten 5-1 with K Biggs getting our only goal. The team fought hard against some tough opposition.



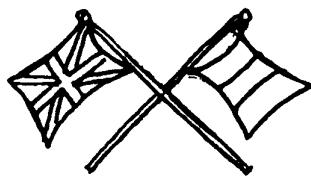
Apparently there will be a New Year's Disco at the Village Hall this year - organised by the PCA & Social Club . . .

PUCKLECHURCH TWINNING ASSOCIATION

REPORT ON THE VISIT OF PUCKLECHURCH TO PRINQY 10th-11th SEPT. 89.

On Friday 9th September 57 people set out from Pucklechurch by coach to attend the official twinning ceremony in Prinçy. Ten others travelled by car. The coach was met north of Paris by representatives of the Prinçy Jumelage and escorted to Prinçy. A short stop was made to enable everyone to decorate the coach in red, white and blue. Our arrival was greeted by the hooting of horns. It was 8.00am but no one seemed to mind the noise. Breakfast of coffee and croissants was laid on in the Foyer Rural, after which people departed with their hosts for a busy morning. Everyone met again in the Foyer rural for a buffet meal. During this there was a skit on a typical Englishman (bowler hat and city suit) and typical Frenchman (beret etc). The children disappeared at intervals to the fair which was held just outside. After the buffet everyone walked to the Mairie where the signing of the charter and exchanging of official gifts took place. A champagne reception followed. A display of folk dancing was then given by La Ballinaise. After dinner with their hosts everyone congregated in the park for a Jazz Concert followed by a magnificent firework display to music. This was followed by a concert by the local "Hurling Horns" outside the Mairie. Then it was back to the Foyer Rural for a party where everyone danced to English and French music forgetting that they had not slept the night before.

Everyone was up early the following morning and on the RN7 for the unveiling of the road sign. The band played the English and French National Anthems and then led a procession of flags to the War Memorial for a service of remembrance. The Union Jacks were carried by two Girl Guides and wreaths laid by French and English representatives. The fête of the Black Virgin is held during this weekend in Prinçy and a procession headed by a statue of the Black Virgin wound its way through the village to the Park where a celebration Mass was held. After dinner the bike race was started by an English official dressed for the part. At 4pm everyone congregated to bid au revoir and to board the coach for Calais and home. We had a most enjoyable weekend meeting old friends and making many new ones.



BRISTOL – PUCKLECHURCH via Fishponds, Staple Hill, Mangotsfield

HAIL & RIDE

Service
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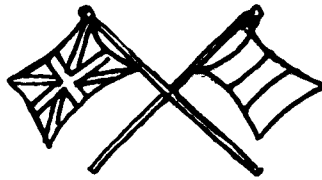
SERVICE 389 Route: Bristol Bus Station, City Road, Lower Ashley Road, Warwick Road, Stapleton Road Station, Eastville, Fishponds, Staple Hill, Mangotsfield, Shortwood Siston Turn, Pucklechurch, Churchdene Estate (all journeys anti-clockwise via Oaktree Avenue and Abson Road)

Mondays to Saturdays (not Bank Holidays)

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BRISTOL, Bus Station	0647	0830	1000	1130	1300	1430	1600	1720	1745
Stapleton Road Station	0655	0838	1008	1138	1308	1438	1608	1728	1753
Fishponds Mecca	0705	0848	1018	1148	1318	1448	1618	1738	1803
Staple Hill, Broad Street	0710	0853	1023	1153	1323	1453	1623	1742	1808
Mangotsfield, Church	0713	0856	1026	1156	1326	1456	1626	1745	1811
Shortwood Chapel	0715	0858	1028	1158	1328	1458	1628	1747	1813
Pucklechurch, Fleur-de-Lys	0721	0904	1034	1204	1334	1504	1634	1753	1819
PUCKLECHURCH, Churchdene Estate	0723	0906	1036	1206	1336	1506	1636	1755	1821

PUCKLECHURCH Churchdene Estate	0728	0911	1041	1211	1341	1511	1641		
Pucklechurch, Fleur-de-Lys	0731	0914	1044	1214	1344	1514	1644		
Shortwood, Chapel	0737	0920	1050	1220	1350	1520	1650		
Mangotsfield, Church	0738	0922	1052	1222	1352	1522	1652		
Staple Hill, Broad Street	0742	0925	1055	1225	1355	1525	1655		
Fishponds Mecca	0747	0930	1100	1230	1400	1530	1700		
Stapleton Road Station	0757	0940	1110	1240	1410	1540	1710		
Bristol Bus Station	0805	0948	1118	1248	1418	1548	1718		

from 8th October



PUCKLECHURCH TWINNING ASSOCIATION

REPORT ON THE VISIT OF PRINGY TO PUCKLECHURCH 18th-19th JUNE 1988

The people of Pucklechurch gathered in warm sunshine outside the Community Association at 9:30am on Sat. June the 18th to greet a party of 51 from the village of Pringy. The coach arrived with much cheering and waving of flags. After renewing many acquaintances the French guests were introduced to their hosts, and after a short welcome by Rene Boyeldieu they were taken to their hosts homes. Everyone met again at 1:00pm to watch and enjoy the 1988 Pucklechurch Revel procession which was Judged by Monsieur Lamarche and Madame Labile. The theme of the parade was France and England and the winner turned out to be the Cafe Rene entered by the Cubs. The afternoon was then spent on the Recreation field enjoying the Pucklechurch Revel including the Pucklechurch Majorettes, the Cumberland Giants, the Goat Show and of course a typical English cream tea. The weather was superb and the afternoon thoroughly enjoyed by all. Some of the hosts managed a quick trip into Bath or the surrounding countryside. In the Evening we were all invited to the Revel Barn dance and what an experience! Many English find it difficult but great fun, our French guests were amazed but in a short time were joining in and having a go although not always understanding what the caller intended them to do. The whole evening turned out to be a wonderful success.

Sunday morning everyone was up bright and early for the Twinning Church Service at St. Thomas a Becket. Our guest of honour the Duchess of Beaufort was introduced to the officials of both Pucklechurch Twinning Association and the Euro-Pringy Committee. During the special service wreaths were laid in remembrance of those who gave their lives in the two world wars. Children from the local primary school read Twinning prayers and the lessons were read in both English and French. The children of the Junior Church sang a French song and also "He's got the whole world in his hands".

Official photographs were taken outside the church in bright sunshine and we then walked to nearby Feltham Road where a road sign was unveiled by the Duchess together with two young helpers one English and one French

At 12:30 everyone gathered in the Community Centre for a celebration meal. In all 159 people sat down together in a beautifully decorated hall to mark this important occasion in the lives of the two villages. Speeches were made at the end of the meal by Geoff Wilcock Chairman of Pucklechurch Parish Council, Trevor Trueman President of the P.C.A. Michel Cerisier Deputy Mayor of Pringy and Madame Lecuyer President of Euro-Pringy. The toast to the future friendship of our two villages was proposed by Nancy Cleavelly Chairman of Pucklechurch Twinning Association. Gifts were exchanged and a celebration cake was cut by Nancy and Janine.

Our French guest departed at 6:30pm having formed many new friendships and leaving the villagers of Pucklechurch looking forward to a re-union in Sept.



This year, Pucklechurch was the scene of much activity preparing for the twinning ceremony with the town of Pringy, and the events of Revel were an obvious attraction for our French guests whose visit was planned to coincide with Revel Day itself. Once again we managed to stage a series of successful events which brought fun and enjoyment to all those who were able to attend.

The future of the Beer Festival seemed in some doubt without its venue at Pucklechurch House, the only alternative venue being the Recreation Field which the committee felt warranted additional expenditure on security. This together with lower attendances (and consumption!) at the Beer Festival and the extended hire of the marquee etc to stage the Revel/Twinning Folk Dance reduced the surplus for the year. Contributions from Revel Day stalls saw a change in that individual groups were invited to take of the profits from their stall.

Whilst the 1988 Revel has not produced the funds we have become accustomed to expect, the efforts of all those involved should, I believe be judged by the continued success of what has become the focal event of summer in Pucklechurch.

Trevor Morris, Treasurer Revel 88

How do you measure the success of Revel? Financially or in terms of the pleasure it gave? For the reasons given above by the Treasurer we did not make a profit, but that was not our priority - we thought it important to keep the spirit of Revel. I would like to thank the small but extremely hardworking committee - Brian Rogers, Marion Thorn, Ros Abbott, Terry Johnson and Trevor Morris - and their families! Also, Beverley Stewart and Mary Cowley for taking the responsibility for catering; and Bob Stone our official photographer. Thanks too to everyone else who helped in any way - including the shopkeepers and publicans, the PCA and the Social Club. Revel really is a community effort!

Following the AGM held on 19th September it looked as though the future of Revel was once again in jeopardy, and a further general meeting was arranged for 10th October. Thankfully, at that meeting we received seven nominations for next year's committee, which now comprises: John Sexton, Ron King, Lorraine Chisholm, Ian Wills, Jenny Goddard, John Kay and Jackie Hartree. We wish them luck with their preparations and look forward to Revel 1989. I'm sure they will be grateful for any offers of help.

Marilyn Palmer, Chairman Revel 88



LETTER



It has come to my notice recently that, mingled with the residential homes on the main estate in Pucklechurch are several large lorries and articulated vehicles parked. Fortunately I don't have to view them very often, but I am wondering if the people who do, enjoy the experience very much? Do they really enhance the look of the village in general? I very much doubt if anyone would say YES If the people who are forced to stare at the sides of lorries, or have their rooms darkened by their image think they can do nothing about it, or don't know what they can do, then let me give you the following information:

Since June 1984 a new Operators Licensing system was implemented which strengthens the powers of Licensing Authorities to consider the environmental suitability of Operating Centres (where the vehicles are operated from and should return to). Firstly, most goods vehicles with a gross plated weight of over 3.5 tonnes must have an Operators Licence by law. To obtain this licence there are many rules and regulations to be strictly adhered to - one of them being that the Operating Centre is environmentally suitable. Now, either the owners of the parked vehicles around Pucklechurch are in possession of an Operators Licence which states that the Operating Centre is "Where they normally park their vehicles in Pucklechurch", which I think is very unlikely, or the drivers of the vehicles park them in the village because it is convenient to them and they obviously don't care what they look like to other people. The address below is where information can be sought and complaints made if anyone feels they want to. Remember to give as much information as possible, namely registration number of vehicle, type of vehicle, when and where parked, and the owner of the vehicle if possible. The Department of Transport will then make an investigation.

The Clerk to the Licensing Authority
Western Traffic Area
The Gaunts House
Denmark Street
Bristol
BS1 5DR Tel: 297221

P. News Says. Thank you to the author of the above letter (name and address supplied) for providing this useful information. Many complaints are expressed in the village about the lorries parking near homes - now you know what to do about it!

GOOD HOMES NEEDED FOR BABY RABBITS

Adorable young rabbits (albino, light grey and dark grey) need good homes. If you are interested telephone Abson 3761.

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT - Marilyn Palmer

First of all, the results of the National Radon Survey that you've all been waiting for with bated breath! 25 houses in Northavon were surveyed between November 1997 and May 1998. The average level in Northavon was 47 becquerels per cubic metre of air, compared with a national average of 22. Two houses in Northavon had very high readings - one was 15 times the national average, and another 6 times, and these will be monitored further. My home however, gave a reading of 47 Bqm-3 - the Northavon average, and twice the National average. This is well below the level at which further action is needed.

THE HOUSING BILL - This is the subject of much discussion at the moment. Northavon owns 5,500 Council houses and under the Housing Bill a private landlord can make bids to purchase them. I will shortly be distributing a leaflet to all council house tenants to explain the situation further. Northavon D.C. has commissioned a large firm of accountants (Coopers & Lybrand) to advise them and they are awaiting their report. The same firm has advised other councils to sell all of their housing off to a Housing Association BEFORE the Bill becomes law. Northavon D.C. has already set up a Housing Association just in case they decide to do this. Councils who have sold their houses to a Housing Association argue that it is better than waiting for a private landlord to come along. Personally, I think that the Council is a good landlord - it is not motivated by profit - those in need get priority, not those who can pay. I will keep you informed of the decision that Northavon makes.

HIPPIES (Batchford Lane)

I'm sure you must all be aware that we have had various travellers staying in Batchford Lane, the slip road off Westerleigh Road, for about a year now, in varying numbers. Well, in about April the County of Avon (as the owners of the land) served notices to quit on the hippies, who then sought a judicial review as they were not satisfied about the validity of the notices to quit. Since then nothing could be done until a decision had been made in the courts. Well, at last there is a date for the hearing - 12 December at St Mary's Court in London. The case is expected to take three days. If the County lose, they will appeal.

P.R.C. HOMES

I have finally been promised a meeting between officers of Northavon D.C. and the tenants of Poplar Drive and Homefield Road. No date has yet been fixed, but it should be in the near future. I hope that tenants will find reassurance from this meeting. Plans for the redevelopment of PRC homes are dependent on the success of a Pilot Scheme at Patchway which has made very slow progress. The scheme is dependent on the cooperation of tenants, and we have been insisting that tenants should be consulted fully at every stage.

SOUTH BEAUFORT YOUNG FARMERS

The South Beaufort Young Farmers held their AGM on Tuesday 11th October when they elected their new Chairman - Miss M Isaacs, Vice Chairman - Mr N Symms, and the Secretary - Miss T Goaman.

The first meeting of the year was on 18th October which took the form of a beetle drive. On Thursday 20th October South Beaufort lost at a skittles against Berkeley Young Farmers - although it was a very close game.

Sunday 23rd October - It's a Knock Out at Badminton House, by kind permission of His Grace the Duke of Beaufort, proved to be most rewarding when we succeeded in winning for Northavon.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 15th November when we will have a talk from Allied Dunbar. The Young Farmers welcome any new members between the ages of 12 and 26 years old at Doynton Village Hall on Tuesdays at 7.30pm. So please come along and see how we do it in wellies!

FIRST PUCKLECHURCH SCOUT GROUP

A Dutch and Blind Auction and American Supper has been organised for Saturday 12th November in the Scout Hut. Tickets are £1 per adult and 50p for children. Donations for the auction would be very much appreciated. Tickets are available from: Ann Smith (2030), Ray Williams (3404) or Bob Stone (2105).

NATIONAL BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE

PUCKLECHURCH COMMUNITY CENTRE
FRIDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

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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