

pucklechurch news



Happy Christmas



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CHRISTMAS ISSUE 1988

EDITORIAL

First of all, apologies for the poor legibility of the last issue of P.News - we hope that you find this issue easier to read!

We have been asked to congratulate the leaders of the uniformed organisations on the very smart appearance of their troops in the Remembrance Parade - a very good turn-out!

We were very pleased to hear that the Remand Centre Football Team has been doing so well in the inter-prison "Oxford Cup", but very sorry to hear that despite Parish Council approval they were unable to use the Recreation Field to play a recent 'home' match - and we thought that this was the season of goodwill . . . However, they managed to play at Leyhill instead and beat Campsfield House 3-0. The next leg is to be played at Campsfield on either 4th or 11th December. We wish them luck!

Just to whet your appetites - P.News Editorial Committee is hoping to organise a "proper dance" with a big-name band early next year - probably a band from the sixties or seventies - our era!! More information later.

'See you all at the New Year's Eve Dance - meanwhile we wish you all a very happy Christmas. Peace and Goodwill to All !



We are very pleased to see that the County Council is in the process of resurfacing more of the footpaths in the village - some of them were in a very poor state.

STOP PRESS!!

More news on the Remand Centre front - we've just heard that their volleyball team picked up second place in a recent championship.

Also, congratulations to Ceri Tarr on surviving her Outward Bound course on Dartmoor last week. Feats accomplished included abseiling down a quarry face and swimming across the quarry lake - in this weather Ceri?? Brrrrrr

PUCKLECHURCH PLAYERS

Tickets will shortly be available for the pantomime "Humpty Dumpty" on Friday 27th January and Saturday 28th January. As last year's matinee was so successful we plan another this time. Ticket prices are the same as last year - £2.50 adults & £1.75 children - Matinee £2.25 adults & £1.50 children - Tickets will be obtainable from Elaine Stone (3105)

PANTOMIME
COME AND
SEE WHO OR WHAT
IS IN THE
EGG

Pucklechurch Players
IN
HUMPTY DUMPTY

JANUARY 27th @ 7.30pm
n 28 @ 2.15 MATINEE
£ 7.30pm

PUCKLECHURCH FOLK DANCE CLUB

We are still enjoying our fortnightly Club evenings in the Hall, due to the excellent interest of members who come from far and wide - some from Wales, Wiltshire, Somerset and Avon - but alas not a great interest from our village. As will be seen from our diary dates, we vary our callers which adds to the enjoyment we all get. For our Christmas Dance we have a Band and Caller very well known having appeared at festivals and made many records.

December 6 - Val Webster

December 10 - Club Christmas Dance
John Chapman and Arden Folk

December 20 - Reg Hutchings

January 3 - Val Webster

January 17 - Club Party - Derek Hammond & Band

January 30 - Les Whittock/Ron Anderton



2nd PUCKLECHURCH GUIDES

At the beginning of the Autumn term the Guides went for a weekend to Badminton cottages, where the Guides worked hard and gained their Backwoodsman badge.

We had a "spooky" Halloween Party with everyone dressing up, food and games.

Recently the Guides went to the BBC Television Studios in Bristol for the recording of the children's wildlife programme "The Really Wild Show". The Guides were part of the audience and we saw the Humming Bird and the Dog Fish as close quarters which was very interesting. The programme will be shown on 31st January 1989.

Most of the Guides are working towards their yellow trefoil or their pre-enrolment challenges.

We have a few places for girls aged over 10½ years - our meetings take place in the Scout Hut on Wednesday evenings at 7.00pm.

Labour



PUCKLECHURCH BRANCH LABOUR PARTY

We are pleased to announce the launch of a Labour Party branch in Pucklechurch. If you require further information or would like to join us contact Abson 4222 or 3503.

2nd PUCKLECHURCH BROWNIES



Our activities this year have included visiting another Pack from Yate, swimming and a disco. We raised £38 for Children in Need.

We are a thriving pack with 15 very keen Brownies. We meet on Fridays 6.00 - 7.30pm in the Scout Hut during term time. If you are interested please visit us or telephone Mrs Abbott - Abson 2157.

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.

Cub Football

With new Manager Nigel we started the season with a 7-0 win at Yate with 5 goals from Martin Roberts, 1 goal from William Mace and a O.G. from Yate. Then we beat Chipping Sodbury 12-1 with 4 goals from Robert Harris, 7 from Martin, 2 from Cris Darby, and one each from William, Dave Alway and Mark Small.

We then played 2nd Frampton and won 4-1 with 2 goals from both Robert and Martin. Then after a week off we played 1st Frampton and beat them 4-3 with a hat-trick from Chris and one goal from Marl. We then played Wick beating them 2-1 Martin and Chris getting the goals. The next game was against Frenchay which ended in a 5-5 draw Martin got 3 goals, Chris and Robert one each.

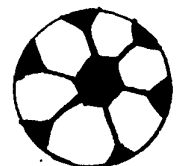
Then we lost away to Winterbourne 3-2 Martin getting both goals.

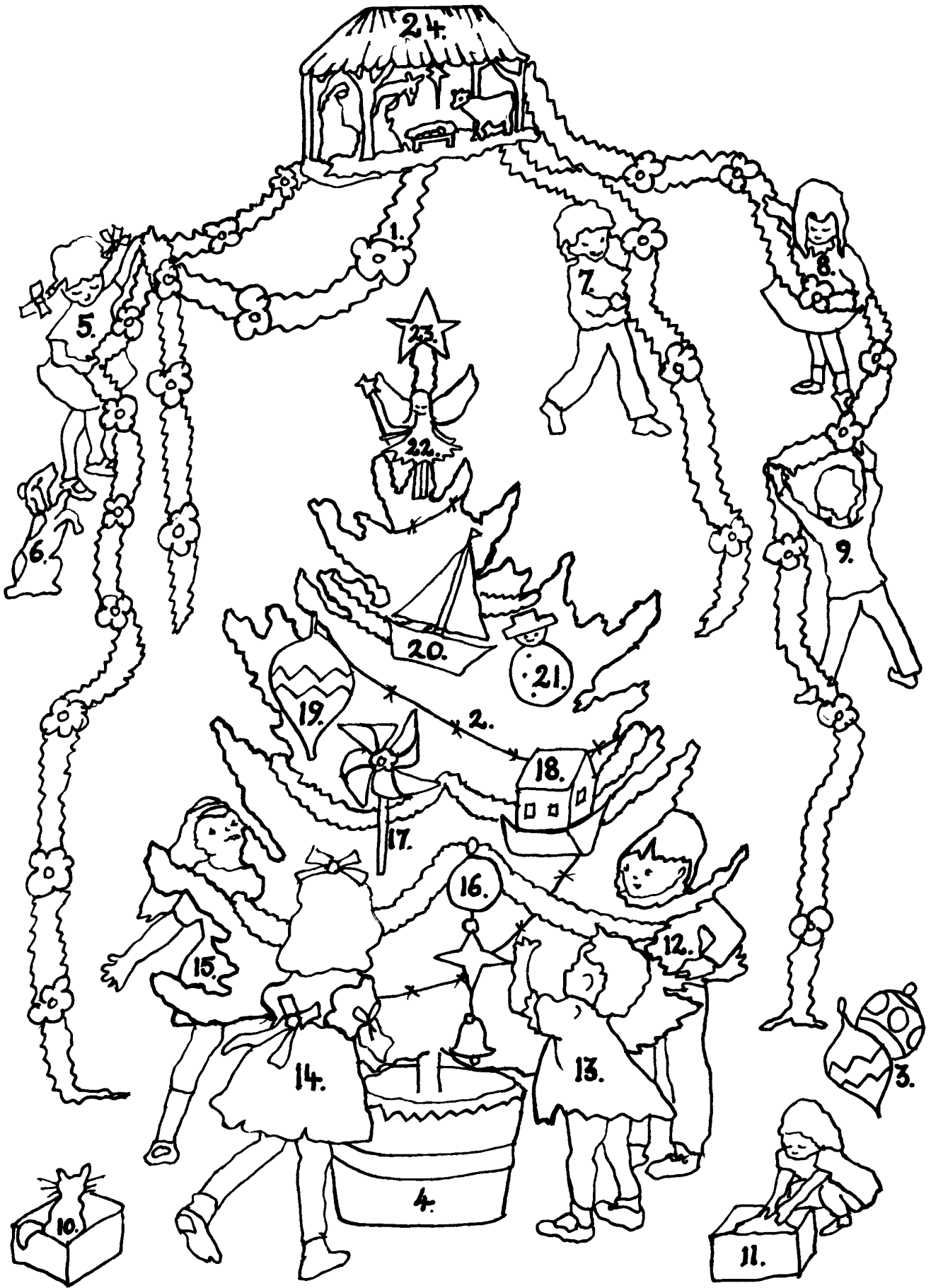
Now until the end of January we are playing Cup matches.

Lummy Stone



Our 20p set charge per issue of P.News has made an enormous difference to our cash flow problems! We hope you feel it is good value for money.





ADVENT CALENDAR - Our thanks to Lyn Ford for producing this super advent calendar for children to colour.

December 1st - colour in the streamers, 2nd - colour in the tree, etc



Pucklechurch Revel 1988

PUCKLECHURCH REVEL 1988 - INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

As the audited accounts were not ready in time for the Annual General Meeting, it was agreed at that meeting that they should be published in Pucklechurch News - so here they are!

	<u>1988</u> £	<u>1987</u> £
Income		
Beer festival	6,972.45	7,950.53
Revel day stalls	773.21	953.83
Revel draw	354.90	383.09
Folk dance	268.70	-.-
Catering	335.67	433.24
Donations	70.00	345.00
Other events	29.60	395.92
Bank interest	20.05	-.-
	<u>£ 8,824.58</u> =====	<u>£10,461.51</u> =====
Expenditure		
Beer festival	5,962.83	5,060.02
Miscellaneous expenses	391.19	890.77
Catering	1,149.62	1,067.43
Entertainment	1,172.00	1,536.44
Donations	30.00	70.00
Prizes	22.22	509.14
	<u>£ 8,727.86</u> =====	<u>£ 9,133.80</u> =====
Surplus for year	<u>£ 96.72</u> =====	<u>£ 1,327.71</u> =====

	£
Funds brought forward from 1987	1,866.41
Less: Distributed in 1987	<u>1,733.97</u>
	132.44
Add: Surplus for 1988	<u>96.72</u>
	<u>£ 229.16</u> =====

PUCKLECHURCH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Sunday 11th December - Christmas Concert in the Community Centre 6.30pm with Marshfield Band

Sunday 17th December - Childrens' Christmas Parties
Anyone who thinks their child is eligible to attend and has not received a form should contact Shirley at the Post Office or Marlene on Abson 3144.

New Year's Eve Dance - a joint event with the Social Club. Dance in the New Year to the Cyclops Roadshow. Tickets £3 (including buffet) obtainable from Sally Williams (3404), the Post Office or the Social Club.

WASTEPAPER - due to a fire in the bin we lost 2 tons of waste paper in October. However, this month we collected over 4 tons. Well done!! Please do keep bringing your papers each month. Over 400 trees have been saved so far. As it is not possible to process them, Yellow Pages, Mail Order catalogues and Christmas wrapping paper ARE NOT required.



We were sorry to hear of the impending early retirement of Mr Terry Cochrane, Headmaster of Pucklechurch School. We wish him and his wife a long and happy retirement.

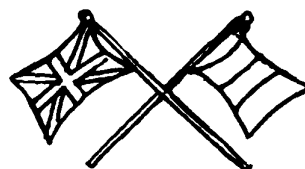
EXCHANGE & MART

FRIDGE/FREEZER 4.0/4.3cu.ft. 2 yrs old. £70
Boys RALEIGH ESPRIT 5 speed bike. 19" frame.
Good condition £25.
Tel. Mary & Tony Cowley C/S 316017

PUCKLECHURCH SCOUT GROUP

On Saturday 12th November a Dutch & Blind Auction and American Supper was attended by 80 adults and children. Auctioneers Bob Stone & Ray Williams did a great job and approximately £140 was raised. A most enjoyable evening!

Two Scout Leaders have now been found and Thursday Scouts will re-start on December 15th.



PUCKLECHURCH TWINNING ASSOCIATION

In September the Twinning Association and friends visited the Three Choirs Vineyard at Newent near Gloucester to sample a range of English wines. After a talk, video and tour of the bottling plant, we sat down to a delicious ploughmans supper with local cheeses and fruit, and yet another glass of wine.

On Sunday 9th October fifteen cars set out on a Treasure Hunt ending at "The Dog" at Old Sodbury. First prize winners were Ros & Mike Abbott, second Val Seaman, Val Broom & Children. third - Lyn Smith and Boys.

On Friday 21st October a Cheese & Wine and Video Evening was held in the Community Centre. A selection of videos of the French/English trips were shown and these can be hired from Elaine Stone (3105) for a small charge. We were very pleased to welcome several new members to the Association and would ask anyone who is interested in joining our merry band to contact Shirley Hall at the Post Office.

AGM - Monday 28th November 8pm in the Meeting Room. New members welcome.



Happy Christmas



PUCKLECHURCH PLAYGROUP

Pucklechurch Playgroup is alive and well!

We meet in the Village Hall on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9.15am - 11.45am. We are also considering opening on Tuesdays in the near future. If you have a child under 3 why not come and visit us - you'll find a warm welcome.

We do have a waiting list and if you'd like your child to benefit from a good pre-school playgroup you are urged to put their name onto this list as soon as possible. Either visit a playgroup session or telephone Corrine Gardner on Abson 3870.

The fund raising events already held this term include an under-7's disco, coffee morning, and sponsored obstacle course. We are now busy planning Christmas festivities, and have lots of ideas for 1989, including visits by the fire service and an ambulance. If you have any spare time and would be interested in helping the young children of the village, we would love to hear from you. It doesn't matter whether you have any special skills to offer - e.g. playing a musical instrument, or supervising the woodwork bench - or whether you'd be happy to read a story to a child. We'd be grateful for your help.

PUCKLECHURCH FLEUR DE LYS F.C.

present a
Charity Football Match

In Aid of a New Leukaemia Unit at Southmead Hospital

PUCKLECHURCH FLEUR DE LYS F.C.

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LAYERS OF YESTERYEAR FROM BRISTOL ROVERS & CITY
to be played at the Recreation Field, Pucklechurch
Sunday 18th December - morning kick-off

EASE SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL CLUB & LEUKAEMIA RESEARCH

LUS: Boxing Day Evening "THE BIG FREEZE" takes place.
Sponsor a player - all proceeds to Leukaemia
Research.
Thanks in Advance!



DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT - Marilyn Palmer

Just a very brief District Council report this time - as I type P.News I can see that space is very limited in this issue.

P.R.C. HOMES - the Assistant Director of Housing at Northavon D.C. has been trying this week to find a venue to meet the residents of Poplar Drive and part of Homefield on 8th December. Residents will be informed of the arrangements. If anyone has any difficulty in getting to the meeting (wherever it might be) please ring me on Abson 3761 and I will be happy to help with transport. (It will be in Pucklechurch.)

The Environment Committee on Northavon are considering the introduction of "Wheelie Bins" - large, lightweight plastic dustbins with built in wheels, which hold the equivalent of approximately 2½ times a dustbin. One of the advantages would be that the contents of split black bags would not be deposited over our roads.

Along with other members of the Parish Council, I spent a recent Sunday afternoon walking around the Cattybrook Brickworks land at Shortwood, and discussing the implications of Ibstock Bricks' planning application to build a new brickworks there. Ibstock are discussing with the Highways Authority the possibility of changing the route of the proposed by-pass at Shortwood. Shortwood residents have formed an action committee to oppose the plans.

Hippies - Batchford Lane

We await with interest the decision of the High Court in London. The case is due to start on 12 December and expected to last three days. I will keep you informed of the outcome.

The Britannias

MAJORETTES FROM PUCKLECHURCH



We are now coming to the end of a long extended season of competitions. Since April when the older girls won all the trophies in the Novice section at Warminster, they were promoted to the Seniors, the average age in this section is 16½ - our girls average age is 13½.

We expected this season to be one of learning and watching, but we have been extremely lucky in that we have picked up a 1st at Trowbridge Carnival, three 2nds at Certsey, Andoversford and Frome, three 3rds at Bath, Castle Combe and Cheltenham, as you can see we get about a bit.

In all this year's competitions we have not been placed lower than fifth which is excellent considering the girls ages. But it's down to the effort and dedication of the troupe members.

Since 1st August I have taken over the trainer's role (with the help of an excellent support team) from Janet Johnson who is concentrating her efforts on the Juniors, who on their two entries have picked up a 1st at Bath and a 3rd at Andoversford. Well done girls!

John Goddard



CHRISTMAS AT ST. THOMAS A BECKET, PUCKLECHURCH

December 18th - 6.30pm	Candles by Candlelight
December 24th - 5.30pm	Children's Service
	11.45pm Midnight Communion
December 25th - 8.30am	Holy Communion - Abson
	10.00am Holy Communion - Pucklechurch

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