

pucklechurch news

FEBRUARY/MARCH 1989

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PUCKLECHURCH SPORTS J.F.C. PRINGY TRIP 1989

Arrangements have been made to take the U16 football team to PRINGY (France) from the 28 May - 2 Jun for a number of matches, plus a day trip to Paris and one other location of interest.

We have a 49 seater coach complete with video, tea & coffee, and toilet facilities at a cost of 52 pounds/person. Accommodation will be with french families.

Currently there are 6 seats available for anyone or family interested in joining our trip. We would specially welcome U16 footballer's who may play for other teams in Bristol but could be interested in playing for Pucklechurch in the 1989/90 season. This would offer an ideal opportunity to find out more about Pucklechurch football club and the progression available through all of the village teams right through to senior level football.

To ensure a successful trip we need to fill these seats as soon as possible, if you are interested please telephone either John Sexton (3176) or Val Seaman (2095) for further information.



St. THOMAS A BECKET

- MARCH 11 - Jumble Sale 2pm in Church Room
20 - Coffee Morning (& home-made cakes)
10.30 - 1.00pm at 2 Westerleigh Road
22 - Wine/Social Evening at 8pm at 2 Westerleigh Road. Tickets available from Marion Thorn (3528) or Gill James (3337).
23 - Maundy Thursday Holy Communion 7.30pm
24 - Good Friday 12 - 3pm "3 hours at the cross"
26 - Easter Sunday 8.30 Holy Communion (Abson)
10.00am Parish Communion (P/C)
6.30pm Evensong (Pucklechurch)

Early in January three spotlights were stolen from the church yard. Unless the spotlights are returned, the church will not be lit up this Christmas, which will be rather sad as it did look magnificent. Please return them. If you want to return them anonymously, just leave them inside the Church.

WANTED . . . plea from Church Youth Club. Please had anyone a stereo unit (preferably with cassette) they no longer need and would be willing to donate or sell cheaply to the Club?
If you have please telephone Marion Thorn (3528).

WICK & DISTRICT S.L.D.

JUMBLE SALE

&

LEADING STORES SECONDS

2.30pm

SATURDAY 4TH MARCH

PUCKLECHURCH VILLAGE HALL



PUCKLECHURCH SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL

Pucklechurch C of E School is in urgent need of a SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL PERSON for mornings and afternoons, term-time only. If you are interested please contact the school - Abson 2579.



LETTER



A BIG THANK YOU - FROM ROY & AUDREY WILLIAMS

We want to say a Big Thank You to all our customers and friends (as that is how to think of them) for all the cards, flowers and other gifts which we had on our retirement on January 31st, and we hope that they all welcome Richard & Sue Crooks into the Service Station and support them as they did us for 41 years. Thank you once again.

Roy & Audrey Williams

P.News would like to add their wishes for a long and happy retirement.

KING EDMUND

I expect that most people know that King Edmund was murdered at his hunting lodge in Pucklechurch, but doubt if anyone knows much more about King Edmund - well here's your chance to learn! Our thanks to Tony Pratt for giving us this article.

EDMUND, nicknamed the Atheling, 'prince', was the son of Eadgifu, third wife of Edward the Elder, and thus half-brother to his predecessor Aethelstan. He succeeded to the throne in 939 - a popular choice in view of the fact that he had distinguished himself at the Battle of Brunanburgh a short time previously. This victory checked the encroachments of the Vikings and won for Eadmund a short breathing space, but the accession of a young and inexperienced king was too good an opportunity for the Vikings to let pass.

In 941 an attack was launched on the Anglo-Saxon dominions, captured York, besieged Northampton and destroyed Tamworth. Eadmund confronted Anlaf at Leicester but the matter was resolved without force of arms, through the good offices of Odo of Canterbury and Wulfstan of York.

England was now divided between Eadmund and Anlaf. Mercia passed into Eadmund's hands and the five so-called Danish boroughs were now secure in English possession. The peace treaty was confirmed by Anlaf and Raegenald who were converted to Christianity. Eadmund stood sponsor at the baptism of the Norse rulers.

In 944-5 however Anlaf and Raegenald broke the treaty and Eadmund was now in such a strong position that he was able to expel them from Northumbria and bring the north-east back under the Anglo-Saxon fold.

On 26 May 946 Eadmund's promising career was tragically cut short by an outlaw named Leof or Liofa who slipped into the banqueting hall of Eadmund who was celebrating the festival of St Augustine at Pucklechurch in Gloucester. Leof had been banished for robbery, and the king on seeing him demanded his removal from the hall. Leof, however, lunged at Eadmund and mortally wounded him with a dagger.

Eadmund is referred to in the Anglo Saxon Chronicle as 'the deed doer' or Edmundus magnificus. Eadmund was buried at the abbey of Glastonbury which he had entrusted to St Dunstan in 943.

At the time of his death, Eadmund had restored English rule throughout Northumbria, but York and its surrounding territory remained in the hands of the Hiberno-Norse rulers and, so long as this alien force held out in the North, England could not be regarded as stable.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS PLAYSCHEME

I am very sorry to say that there will not be a summer holiday playscheme this year, because the P.C.A. are having a new floor laid in the Village Hall during August. I would like to thank everyone who helped contribute to the success of our playschemes, and hope that we will receive your support again in August 1990!

Marilyn Palmer

2ND PUCKLECHURCH GUIDES

We meet every Wednesday in the Scout Hut at 7.00pm. Just before Christmas we went to see the "Really Wild Show" being filmed. It was shown on television on 31st January - and we could all be clearly seen! We have been doing our Yellow Trefoil badge - some of the Guides made cakes for this and brought them in. They were very nice!



As you may be aware, this year is The British Food & Farming Year of Celebration. In this area there are to be Farm Open Days, and an Exhibition at Page Park.

The first open day in this region is on Saturday 6th May at Widcombe Farm, West Harptree, Nr Bath by courtesy of Mr A Gay.

On Sunday 4th June there is a Farm Open Day at Marsh Farm, Pucklechurch, by courtesy of Mr Chris Simpson.

The Exhibition at Page Park is on 13th August



1ST PUCKLECHURCH GUIDES

The 1st Pucklechurch Guides have a meeting in the Scout Hut every Tuesday at 7.00pm. We play games and learn new crafts and sometimes go on outings. Recently we have been ice-skating at Bristol Ice-Rink. It was good fun, especially for those who had never been ice-skating before.

We have also been on a "Ghost Walk" in Bath. We met up at an Inn called the Garricks Head, and a guide took us around a number of historic buildings in Bath, and told us stories about the ghosts that lived there.

Coming up soon is Lady Baden Powell's 100th birthday and we will be celebrating it on Thinking Day. The celebration party is being organised by Louise Radnedge, Clare Dix, Rebecca Russell and Katie Reynolds as part of their Red Trefoil. We hope it will be a great success!!

Louise Radnedge



Avon Wildlife Trust

The Old Police Station 32 Jacobs Wells Road
Bristol BS8 1DR Tel 0272 268018/265490

CROAK DOWN THE 'PHONE TO HELP FROGS AND TOADS

Frogs and toads get the most awful press. Many people think of them as being slimy creatures which can give them warts or worse. The truth of the matter is rather different - frogs and toads are totally harmless and are great friends of the gardener, eating many of the pests which can infest the vegetable patch.

However, in recent years frogs and toads have been suffering because many of their wild ponds have been filled in to make way for new houses or farmland. To make up for this some gardeners have been building wildlife ponds in their own back gardens to provide a safe haven for these increasingly uncommon creatures.

The Avon Wildlife Trust will be encouraging more people to make a place for frogs and toads in their lives with its CROAKLINE. By ringing Bristol 268018 frog lovers will be offered the chance to receive a free CROAKPACK full of useful tips on caring for frogs and toads in the garden and the latest advice on the best kind of pond to build for them.

PARISH COUNCIL

The Council agreed to increase the Parish rate by a modest 4.8%.

In view of Telecom's proposal to replace the old-style telephone boxes in this area, the Council has written to the Department of the Environment with a view to 'Listing' our traditional red box as it is in the centre of the conservation area.

The Council has also approached Avon County Council with a view to having a safety barrier erected by the school gates. Much concern has been expressed about the safety of children leaving the school with no school crossing patrol.



DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT - Marilyn Palmer

Northavon District Council is considering how it should respond to the Government's "Housing Act 1988" which aims to reduce the number of homes councils provide and get more of them into private ownership.

At last week's full Council meeting it was resolved that "a sub-committee of the Housing Committee should be set up to progress and investigate in detail the recommended approach (i.e. to transfer the whole of the Council's housing stock to a housing association) and all other options available to the Council, and to consult fully with the tenants to achieve the most beneficial solution to meet the paramount needs of the Council's tenants."

I would be very interested to hear your views. I believe that there is not enough low cost housing for rent and that the Government's action will provide no new rented housing and only make matters worse.

Another big issue under discussion at present is whether the Council's Direct Services Organisation (grass cutting, refuse collection etc) should become a private company. I would not like to see this proceed without the agreement of the workforce.

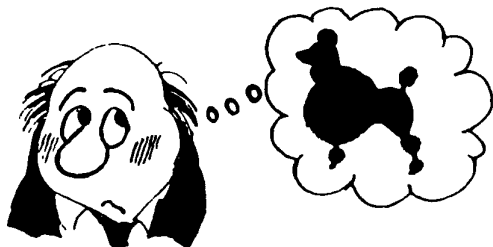
A presentation by the Emersons Green Landowners' Group of their proposals for a regional scale shopping centre will be held shortly, and I have asked to be allowed to attend as the local member. I will keep you informed of developments.

PUCKLECHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk & Clerk to the
Burial Board:

R T WILTSHIRE

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You are still responsible for your dog's actions even when he is unaccompanied

OPEN SPACE FOR YOUNGSTERS

WE HAVE A PROBLEM.

THE PLAY AREAS IN OUR VILLAGE ARE CONTINUALLY BEING FOULED BY DOGS.

WE ASK THE COOPERATION OF ALL DOG OWNERS TO ASSIST BY NOT ALLOWING THEIR DOGS TO FOUL THESE AREAS:

THE RECREATION FIELD

SCHOOL FIELD

EAGLE CRESCENT

- AND OTHER AREAS WHERE CHILDREN PLAY

IT IS A GENUINE HEALTH HAZARD AND WE DO ASK FOR YOUR HELP.

IF ANYONE HAS ANY PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS ANY OF THE PARISH COUNCILLORS WOULD LIKE TO HEAR THEM:

Keith Bailey, The Vale, Shortwood

Omar Beg, 11 Shortwood Road

Jim Ivory, 26 St Aldams Road

Derek James, Jasmine Cottage, Feltham Rd

Arthur Packer, 36 Parkfield Rank

Marilyn Palmer, 27 Castle Road

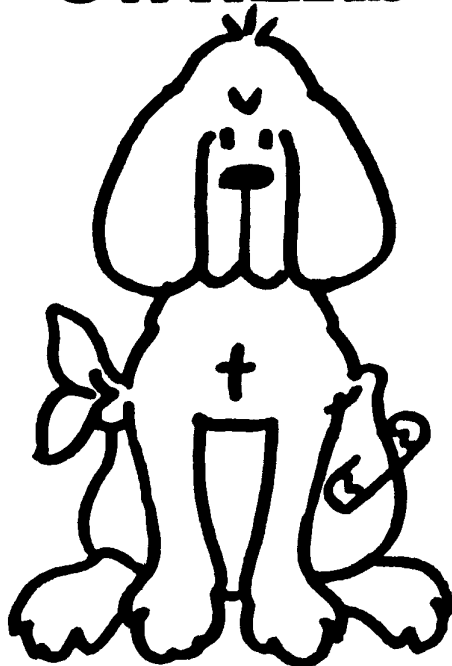
Edgar Webb, Gingells Farm, Shortwood Rd

Les Whittock, 14 Lansdown Road

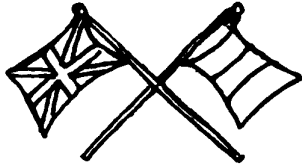
Geoff Wilcock, 25 Castle Road

If you are a dog owner you have certain obligations. You must ensure that your dog does not cause a nuisance to your neighbours or any other member of the community.

**FOR THE
ATTENTION
OF ALL DOG
OWNERS**



**Guidelines for
toilet training your dog**



PUCKLECHURCH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

PUCKLECHURCH TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Future events include a Safari Supper on 25th February when the dress is "Bad Taste". A Car Treasure Hunt will be held on Sunday 9th April.

A party of about 50 adults and children from Pringy will visit Pucklechurch from 28th April to 1st May, and 24 school children and teachers will visit the village a week later.

If you are interested in joining the Twinning Association why not contact our membership secretary Shirley Hall at the Post Office (Tel.2234). We have regular meetings in the village hall and new members are always welcome. For dates of future meetings contact Elaine (3105) or Nancy (2296).

TAEKWONDO
Taekwondo is held every Monday from 8 - 9.30pm at the Village Hall for all ages. Interested? Then go along to the hall on a Monday or 'phone 9/324881.

LONGEST MARRIAGE IN PUCKLECHURCH??

Mr & Mrs Horden of Dennisworth have been married for 62 years this July! What a wonderful achievement! We think that this is probably something of a record in Pucklechurch, but if you do know of a local couple who have been married for longer than 62 years please let us know. Telephone Marilyn Palmer (3761).

EXCHANGE & MART
FOR SALE Peugeot 5 speed racing bike to suit 9-14 year old. £45. Tel. Abson 3775

GARDENING CLUB

The December meeting was well attended by members and friends who enjoyed a gardeners quiz followed by a Christmas buffet.

The winter programme continues in the village hall on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.45pm. New members are always welcomed.

- 1st March - Fruits in the Garden
- 5th April - Horticultural Exhibiting
- 3rd May - Annual General Meeting

Proposed Trips for the Coming Months:

- 6th May - Three Counties Show at Malvern
- 1st July- Wisley

Details from F Bradley at a later date - tel.3109
Tony Pratt

WASTE PAPER - Our February collection was over 3 tons, and the more loads we get over this figure each month, gives us the advantage of an extra £3 per ton.

We are still being asked by the waste paper company not to include Yellow Pages, mail order catalogues or plastics, and it would greatly help our cause if these items were put out for the rubbish collections on Mondays!

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The C.A. held a very successful meeting in January when we invited member organisations to come and put there suggestions forward for fund raising towards the cost of the new floor we propose having laid in the main hall this August.

Some organisations have already decided what they will be doing and when - some of the suggestions put forward were: car boot sales, discos, fashion show, barn dance, fun runs, wine & cheese, nappy fill (??), round robin film shows, organ concerts etc.

If when reading this you would like to be involved or have other good suggestions please give me a ring on 2090.

The Bristol Road Runners are again holding their 10 mile event here on Sunday 26th February - over 500 entrants will be taking part.

Les Whittock

PUCKLECHURCH FOLK DANCE CLUB

We are having a very good season again, our numbers seem to increase from week to week - some of this is due to the closure of one of Bristol's best clubs.

We also like to add a little variety to our evenings occasionally, as we did on our 12th birthday in January when fancy dress was the order of the day. We had some very ingenious forms of dress on the evening and very humourous too!

We are again honoured this year with the "English Folk & Song Society" Bristol branch holding their "Day of Dance" in our hall on Saturday 25th February. There will be dance workshops in the afternoon and a dance in the evening. You are welcome to come and watch even if the dancing doesn't interest you.

BADMINTON
Saturday 18th March - Shopping Trip to London £6
Some club members are going to the All England Badminton match at Wembley but we have spare seats. For further details contact Les Bence 3140.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Pucklechurch W.I. celebrated the start of its 52nd year with a Punch and Ploughman's Party and a delicious birthday cake. We also enjoyed a light-hearted talk by Mrs Bell on her collection of bells (yes really!).

In February we have been promised that all will be revealed as we submit our hands to a Palmist and hear all about the ancient art of Palmistry.

Every month on the 3rd Wednesday W.I. have a talk, demonstration or an entertainment. There is also time for refreshments and socializing. We try to provide a varied programme for women of all ages, and welcome guests and new members. Why not come and see for yourself!

Our future plans include:

15th March - 7.30pm DIALECTS by Mr Woodruff

18th March - 10.30am CAKES & BAKES SALE
Chapel Schoolroom

19th April - 7.30pm THEATRE ROYAL BATH

PUCKLECHURCH PLAYERS

HUMPTY DUMPTY

Congratulations to the hard working team of Pucklechurch Players who produced this year's pantomime. Altogether a much more professional performance with much to comment on.

After "Grimm's" splendid interpretation of Michael Jackson's "Bad" when he declared himself 'Megabad', he certainly deserved all the boos and hisses that accompanied every appearance. And what about "Monstro" and his fascinating 'double voice' - how did they do that?

A lot of thought obviously went into the costumes too. They all seemed to 'go together'. I particularly liked the children's dance dresses, especially the beribboned ones. Most effective. And where did they get that really bright yolkey yellow material from for the egg? The snow scene and farm scene deserve a mention too.

The lighting from the back of the hall was a better idea and the effects created, especially the snow scene, were very good.

Just to prove I wasn't paid to write all these compliments, I understand the Evening Post Rose Bowl critic gave a most favourable report too.

Ros Abbott

Thanks for the kind words Ros, unfortunately modesty doesn't prevent us from saying how much Tony Noxham of Radio Bristol enjoyed the panto too!

Mobile Information Service

AVON COMMUNITY COUNCIL - MOBILE INFORMATION SERVICE

The Mobile Information Service will be visiting Pucklechurch on Thursdays (fortnightly) from 10.45 - 11.20 at the Village Hall on the following dates:

March 2nd/16th/30th

April 13th/27th

May 11th/25th

June 8th/22nd



SOUTH BEAUFORT YOUNG FARMERS.

The South Beaufort young farmers saw the New Year in on Tuesday 3rd January with a talk from Mr. John Round. The talk was based on his trip to Canada, with some sensational slides to accompany it.

The last two months have been very rewarding for South Beaufort, when two of our members:- Melanie Isaacs and Nigel Symms, won scholarships to Russia and Canada respectfully.

On Tuesday 10th January we visited Bristol Hippodrome to enjoy an evening of "Aladdin".

Competitions:-

Four of our members Darren Luton, Nigel Symms, Tanya Goamsn and Paul Finch took part in the finals of the Farm Safety competition where they succeeded in coming third.

We also came third in the Open Brains Trust competition at group level.

On Saturday 21st Jan the Junior Public Speaking comp at Hartbury College of Agriculture was represented by; Matthew Robinson, Tina Simpson and Angela Webb. This proved to be yet another third for us.

However a Hockey match held on Sunday 5th February against Olveston young farmers on the Bristol Downs drew out an astonishing win for South Beaufort.

The young farmers welcome any new members between the ages of 12 and 26 years old, at Doynton Village Hall, Doynton. On Tuesdays at 7.30pm.

You don't have to be connected to farming to join. We cater for you all!!

EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

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

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