

PUCKLECHURCH NEWS

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FREE

ISSUE!

This is a free issue - the reason is that we had insufficient copy to put an issue out when planned in May. We are therefore asking for copy NOW so that we can put out a bumper issue at the beginning of July. So, if you are a club secretary or simply just enjoy reading P.News please write something for us NOW.

Some say it is, some say it isn't, or is it maybe, might be, well yes everyone, REVEL will be back again this year. With very few committee members and funds, Revel week has been reduced to three days this year.

What no Beer Festival? we hear all you beer drinkers say, well we are afraid not in 1989 but we are hopeful that the Campaign for Real Ale Organisation will run the festival in 1990.

Revel week may be shorter but the committee with your help will endeavour to make it fun for everyone especially the children, it will certainly be the most colourful Revel to date with Fourteen majorette teams and five bands in the village.

Programmes will be available this year but to aid your organisations planning the majorettes competition will commence at 10 am on Saturday 17th June, and with all the additional children and adults requiring something to do to calm their nerves while they are waiting, and food and drink to replenish their energy a great opportunity exists to restore those much needed funds.

Fun night is on the Friday, don't miss the childrens races. With a shorter week the committee hope that more floats will be entered for the procession.

The committee look forward to seeing you all have a great time at Revel 1989

Pucklechurch Revel Committee.

This year there is a Revel King as well as the usual Revel Queen. The King is Carl Pike, and the Queen is Theresa Christopher.

NATIONAL BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE

At the last blood donors session in Pucklechurch on 5th May, 103 people gave blood. Apparently this is a very good total and the Transfusion Service is very pleased with the response.



CUB LEADERS LEAVE

Three long-serving Cub Leaders are all retiring - Norma Pratt, Laurence Levett and Paul Randy. Presentations were made to them at a barbeque held at Bridesbill Farm on Saturday 3rd June. They have all made an enormous contribution to Scouting in Pucklechurch and will be greatly missed. Our best wishes go to Andy Workman, the new Cub Leader - he's got a hard act to follow. Andy could also do with some assistance - if you are able to help out on a Monday evening from 6.30pm - 8.00pm please telephone Brian Rogers the Group Scout Leader on Abson 3365.

Incidentally, a Beaver group (for 6-8 year old boys) will be starting in September. If you would like more details telephone 3365.

PUCKLECHURCH PLAYERS



On 18th - 20th May Pucklechurch Players presented "Relatively Speaking" a comedy by Alan Ayckbourn. This was the group's first attempt at acting "in the round" (i.e. with no stage, surrounded by the audience) and it was a great success. There are only four characters in the play, and these were expertly played by Margaret Skidmore, Andrea Ryland, Chris Biggs and Brian Rogers.

The group's next production will be a review on 23rd September. If you would like to join the group telephone our secretary Margaret Skidmore (3235) and she will be pleased to give you further details. You don't have to be an actor, or want to go on stage to be a member - some join for the social side. We meet on Thursday evenings at 8pm, and the Group is always glad to welcome new members.

COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS

In case you were not aware, the results of the County Council election in Wick ward were as follows:

M RADNEDGE (CON)	2054
B JONES (DEM)	1249
P CLARK (LAB)	1242

The next elections are the European Elections to be held on 15th June.



A very successful open day was held at Marsh Farm on Sunday 4th June. The event was very well supported and there was plenty for the visitors to see - sheep shearing, goats, piglets, cows, calves, geese and goslings, silage being cut and several stalls.

It was certainly very interesting - if you missed it and ~~want~~ to visit another farm, the next open day is on 25th June at Beech Lane Farm, Hawkesbury Upton, by courtesy of Mr John Weaver.

There will also be an Exhibition at Page Park on Sunday 13th August.

Our thanks to Chris & Pam Simpson and family for a very interesting day at Marsh Farm.

PUCKLECHURCH REMAND CENTRE v EXETER PRISON

On 28th May Pucklechurch R.C. played against Exeter at Erlestoke in the final of the Oxford Supplementary Trophy (football) and won 2-0 !

A coachload of supporters from Pucklechurch went to watch the team. Apparently, not only did Pucklechurch win the football, but they also beat Exeter at drinking!!

SCHOOL ROAD SAFETY

We are very pleased to note that Pucklechurch School has now got a School Crossing Patrol - Mrs Lowther-Harris - and a safety barrier at the school gate. This will obviously improve the safety, but we would continue to implore parents taking and fetching their children by car to take care, park safely, sensibly and considerately. Some of the antics have to be seen to be believed - a few people display amazing arrogance and stupidity . . .

ELDERLY PEOPLE - SLOW

We have also now got warning signs on Shortwood Road that elderly people may be crossing. This was at the request of the Parish Council. Please drive carefully through Pucklechurch and Shortwood.

NEW COMMUNITY POLICEMAN

Many of you will already have met our 'new' community policeman - he is PC Steve Burgess and is stationed at Chipping Sodbury. On 21st April he held his first 'surgery' in the Village Hall. Unfortunately this was not very well supported, but undaunted he intends to hold another and has provisionally booked the Meeting Room on Wednesday 5th July from 7.30pm to 10.00pm. We think that this is an excellent idea - it gives everyone an opportunity to meet our local policeman and to speak to him on police related matters, ask advice etc.



Amberley Fete

The Amberley Fete held at the Remand Centre on 27th May was a huge success - £3,076.08p (approx!!) was raised. This exceeded the expectations of the organisers. They would like to thank everyone who supported the event and for spending so generously.

The money will go towards purchasing a static caravan so that 120 handicapped children a year will be able to have a holiday with nursing care.



LETTER



Dear Editors,

I would like to thank all those Cubs and parents past and present for the beautiful crystal rose-bowl and flowers given to me on my recent retirement from Cubs.

Also my sincere thanks to the Pucklechurch Scout Group Executive who gave me two David Winter "cottages" which I was able to add to my collection. I shall treasure these gifts greatly, and they will serve as a reminder of all the enjoyable years spent with 'Pucklechurch Scout Group'.

Many thanks to you all.

Norma Pratt

UNLEADED PETROL

Did you know that Pucklechurch garage now serves unleaded petrol as well as 4 star? Why not have your car converted - improve the environment and save 10p per gallon!

COMBAT POLYSTYRENE BRISTOL LTD situated on the Pucklechurch Trading Estate, would like us to inform residents of Pucklechurch and surrounding area that the product they manufacture - expanded polystyrene - does not contain harmful CFC gases and therefore poses no threat to the ozone layer.

The white cloud often seen rising above their manufacturing plant contains only steam used in the expanding process. We hope you find this statement reassuring in view of the present controversy.

If you are able to help with a Revel stall e.g. coconut shy or Spinning Jenny please telephone John Sexton on 3176.

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