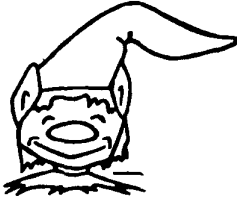


pucklechurch news

OCTOBER 1989

PUCKLECHURCH REVEL

1989



Will there be one? What can **WE** do? How many people will help to organise things?

Well, it did happen, and those of us who were there owe a sincere thank you to the small working committee, and to the Majorettes' committee who organized the Competition, which not only kept entertainment going all day, but also made something of a procession, which otherwise would have been very poor.

Yes, again we had lovely weather which is something we seem to be able to rely on for the third Saturday of June. The other week events may have been few, but all were enjoyed. Thank you again, and lets hope more interest will be shown when the A.G.M. is held, for a 1990 Committee.

LES WHITTOCK

The date of the A.G.M. is Tuesday, 3rd October, at 8 p.m. in the Village Hall.

PUCKLECHURCH PLAYERS



Forthcoming events:-

TREASURE HUNT – SUNDAY 15th OCTOBER

Starts at 10 a.m. outside the Village Hall and finishes at a pub. £1 per car – details Abson 2974.

HALLOWEEN FANCY DRESS DISCO – SAT., 28th Oct.

At the Village Hall – 8 p.m. till the Witching hour!
Food available – Tickets £1.80 from Elaine Stone, Abson 3105.

JUMBLE SALE – SATURDAY 4th NOVEMBER

At the Village Hall – Doors open at 2.30 p.m. Nearly new, books, toys, etc. plus teas and raffle! If you have any Jumble we could sell and you would like it collected, please phone Abson 2974 (evenings).

PUCKLECHURCH PLAYERS next production will be a super new pantomime called 'Little Miss Muffet.' If you would like to take part, or help in the making of this panto, please contact Margaret Skidmore (Abson 3235) or come along any Thursday to the meeting room at the Village Hall at 8 p.m.

FOLK DANCE CLUB

During the month of August our members continued to enjoy their dancing at Warmley Community Centre, rather than cancel, because our own hall was not available..

We had three good sessions there, but it is nice to be back in our hall again. We still enjoy very good membership at our fortnightly meeting.

As our contribution to the new floor, we are having a Bam Dance in the hall on Saturday 30th September. Anyone will be very welcome and it would be nice to see more people from the village.

Other club dates:- alternate Tuesdays, October 10th, 24th: November 7th, 21st: December 5th, 9th (Christmas Dance), 19th.

St. THOMAS A BECKET



Monthly Healing Service

For some time there has been a 'Healing Prayer Group' based at the Parish Church. It takes place every Thursday evening beginning at 8.00 in a different home each week.

We pray for many people whose names we are given. We pray for anyone we are asked to pray for, whether they sick, injured, disabled, depressed, anxious, etc., that they will be completely healed.

People who come to this Group can, if they want to, receive the Christian ministry of healing. (This healing ministry is already available to anyone who asks during or after any of our 10.00am Sunday Services.)

We have now decided to make the FIRST Thursday evening of each month at 8.00pm a Healing Service in Church. Anyone can come to this to receive Christian healing ministry either for themselves or for someone they care about. You don't have to be Church of England, you don't have to be regular at Church/Chapel, all you have to do is be in Church at 8.00pm and ask.

Since the Healing Prayer Group has been meeting many remarkable healings have taken place - this is a fact. Our ministry is based firmly on the teaching of the Bible and the example of Jesus. We know that God answers prayer today. If you have a need for healing this new Healing Service is for you.

Ian Wills, Vicar

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Dear Editors,

There is a black labrador dog which is allowed to roam the village, scavenging where it will. I am fed up with clearing up after this dog has knocked over my dustbin and spilled contents everywhere. Yes, I know it is this particular dog, because I have caught it in the act twice! I love dogs, otherwise this animal would have been dealt with very severely, but I realise it is the lazy owner of the animal who is to blame.

The next time I am able to catch this dog, it goes to the dogs' home, where it will be better cared for. Although cats will tear at rubbish bags, I find if the bags are sprayed with disinfectant they will not touch them, but nothing deters this dog. Please keep him under control, or you will lose him.

J. Yates

Dear Editors,

I found two comments in recent editions of Pucklechurch News rather disturbing.

The first was the ambiguous footnote to the Remand Centre's football triumph, "they also won the after-match drinking competition." The second comment was an embarrassed apology for the absence of the Beer Festival at this year's Revel – but promising its imminent return.

Too much of life is tainted by alcohol and too many lives are ruined completely by not misuse but simply its use.

Pucklechurch News' promotion of alcohol I find offensive and insensitive to those whose lives have been ruined by 'demon drink'. The absence of the Beer Festival was not regretted. Sporting achievement is praised. Let's not bind life to a common denominator of alcohol.

*Peter Belcher,
164 Westerleigh Rd.*

Dear Editors,

Thank you very much to everyone who helped to organise the Arts Festival at Abson, at the beginning of June. Of course, the sunshine helped to make the day very pleasant, but it was a real treat to see so much talent displayed on our doorstep.

The cream teas were scrumptious as well!

An Art Lover

WANTED

'Rainbow Club' needs a stairgate. If you have one that you no longer require please contact either Gloria Lugg (Abson 2686) or Marion Thom (Abson 3528) or take it along to the Vicarage. You may not have heard of 'Rainbow Club' as we are fairly new. We meet on Thursday afternoons at 2 – 3 p.m. in the Church Room. If you want to know more telephone Ian Wills at the Vicarage (Abson 2260) or just turn up any Thursday afternoon.



Dear Editors,

Two weeks ago my wife and I accompanied Pucklechurch Sports Under 16 Football Club on their Spring Tournament at Pringy in France, twinned with Pucklechurch. This was arranged in conjunction with the twinning association of Pucklechurch, a section of Pucklechurch Community Association and their counterpart in Pringy.

As is well known one has only to pick up a newspaper these days to read woeful tales of the behaviour of footballers, football supporters, or young people in general. Pucklechurch Sports Under 16 footballers did much in their short tour to change the view that continental people have of our footballing fraternity. Their conduct, both on and off the field of play, was a model of what we should expect of our young people and we can be truly proud of the way they conducted themselves.

W. T. Trueman

Dear Editors,

I should like to complain about the amount of people that use the Recreation field as a toilet for their dogs to use.

As it is a place for children to play, I feel it is not very nice to have to keep telling the children to watch where they walk. It is especially bad on the slope towards Hillview Road and when the boys have a football match on this pitch, it has to be cleared away before they can use it.

Molly Savage

THANK YOU TO ARROW COACHES

During May, a member of our family left a bag on the Pucklechurch bus. When the loss was discovered, I telephoned Arrow Coaches with details of the bag, to be told immediately that it had been found and that it would be on the bus the next day for collection at Pucklechurch, and it was.

I think that this is very good service on behalf of the company, and I have written to Arrow coaches as well to thank them.

Angela James

CHESS

Downend and Fishponds Chess Club meets every Tuesday evening, 7.30–10.30 p.m. at Downend Cricket Club. New members are welcome, including youngsters.

The club runs four teams in the Bristol Chess League, catering for a wide range of ability. The League does not start until September, so now is a good time to go along for a friendly game.

If you are interested, phone Richard Palmer on Abson 3761 or just turn up at the club on any Tuesday evening.

N.S.P.C.C.

N.S.P.C.C. Pucklechurch Support Group raises funds for the Avon Child Protection Team and welcome volunteers. This is a new group starting up – if you are interested in joining us please contact Juliet Hills, Telephone Abson 2279.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

At their Annual General Meeting, Mr.G.Wilcock was re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year and Mr.D.James was re-elected Vice-Chairman.

The Council decided to purchase a park seat for the play area at Eagle Crescent. A new seat will also be erected in the recreation field to replace the old seat adjacent to the swings. In addition, we were very pleased to accept two seats for the Recreation Field, in memory of Tom Moss, former landlord of The Star. The Council are also looking into the question of fitting a type of rubberoid surface to the swings on the four play areas to replace the present concrete bases, this is in the interest of children's safety.

Parish Council meetings have been very lively of late, with up to 30 members of the public attending – this interest is due to the unwelcome travellers in Batchfield Lane. This item has been on the agenda now for two years and everyone involved is thoroughly fed up with it. Unfortunately there is no simple (lawful) answer, but the Council will continue to pursue a solution.

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT – Marilyn Palmer

As a member of the housing committee I have spent many hours now at presentations and discussions of the various options open to us in response to the Government's Housing Act. Northavon D.C.'s consultants, Coopers and Lybrand strongly recommend that we should follow the route of voluntary transfer – i.e. that the Council should voluntarily transfer their housing stock to a housing association (which the council may have set up itself, or to an existing association.)

Because of Government legislation this would enable rents to be kept low. The aim of the housing act is to break the monopoly that local authorities have over rented accommodation. If the Council retains the stock, rents are likely to rise dramatically,

Tenants will be asked to vote on which option the council should take. It will be necessary to get a majority vote for the voluntary transfer to take place. Tenants will be fully consulted and given full information before they will be asked to vote. A 'roadshow' and tenants meeting will be held in Pucklechurch in October. I hope everyone eligible will try to attend. I will not be allowed to speak at the meeting, but I will be there and I would welcome your comments.

PLANNING

Much concern has been expressed to me about the planning application submitted by J. Taylor for "in-filling" on Shortwood Road.

I am confident that this application will be rejected as the land is within the Green Belt and outside the village boundary as defined in the Rural Areas Local Plan. I have, of course, added my objections.

MOBILE INFORMATION SERVICE TIME TABLE

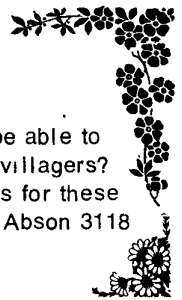
Thursdays – Fortnightly

OCTOBER 5th, 19th, NOVEMBER 2nd, 16th, 30th
DECEMBER 14th, JANUARY 11th, 25th
FEBRUARY 8th, 22nd MARCH 8th, 22nd

Everything is free, please come and see! This is run by Avon Community Council and will be in the Village Hall Car Park.

FLOWER ARRANGER WANTED

Is there anyone in the village who would be able to teach flower arranging to some interested villagers? Can anyone organise some evening classes for these flower-loving amateurs? Please telephone Abson 3118 if you can help.



1st PUCKLECHURCH GUIDES

GUIDE CAMP PERMIT

In June, four guides from our company, Kerry Prouse, Carrie Stone, Suzie Holder and myself took the Guide Camp Permit. The test was held at Mrs. Chermiside's house in Tormarton. Each of us took three guides and stayed there for two nights. A lot of hard work was involved in getting all the things up together and working out the menus for the weekend. Once we had pitched our tents we got on with our activity programme which included tennis and a camp-fire.

One morning we woke up to find a cow in our field. No one wanted to approach it except Rachael who shooed it out.

During our stay my patrol embroidered a sampler for Mrs. Chermiside to say thank you and the other patrols gave her a token as well.

Nathalie Ford

In Guides, the last couple of terms, we have been working on our campers permit, campers badge, first aid and our craft.

For the past four weeks our guide pack has been working on our first aid and our craft but only about fifteen people did the Craft Badge and First Aid Badge. I would like to thank Dennis and his team of friends for doing the course for us and for putting up with us. So Dennis, if you are reading this, thank you very much.

Katie Reynolds



PUCKLECHURCH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

WASTE PAPER

We have been collecting waste paper since March 1986 and during that time, we have to date collected around 100 tons (the equivalent of saving 1,700 trees) and raised over £1,000. for C.A. funds.

We have also had to remove a lot of rubbish that cannot be recycled, which has included carpets, wood, cans and 5 litre cans of sump oil.

Now because of the interest being shown in the environment and wanting to save, other areas are wanting to save paper which means we need to save more to get a good price. We would also like your help by reading the advert. If you have something you are not sure about ring me on Abson 2090.

We now have bottle banks in the village hall car park. This is a service we can give, though there is no cash on the end of this for us.

LES WHITTOCK

Pucklechurch C.A.
**PLEASE SAVE YOUR
WASTE PAPER**

Dear Paper Saver,

We have been asked to be more selective in what goes in this bin.

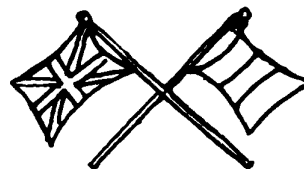
WE REQUIRE
NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES
ORDINARY PHONE BOOKS
CARDBOARD IF BUNDLED

NO YELLOW PAGES
NO MAILORDER CATALOGUES
NO PLASTIC BAGS OR RUBBISH

Please help us keep our Monthly Bin by doing the above.

Every first Saturday and Sunday of the month,
a waste paper container will be left in the
Village Hall Car Park
for you to deposit your waste paper for
recycling.

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**PLEASE HELP US
SAVE OUR TREES**



PUCKLECHURCH TWINNING ASSOCIATION

A coach load of families from Pringy visited Pucklechurch over the May Day Bank Holiday weekend. Old friendships were renewed and new ones made. It was a thoroughly enjoyable weekend especially the darts and skittles challenge matches held in the social club on Sunday April 30th.

On Monday, 8th May, 24 children and 6 adults from Pringy arrived in Pucklechurch. This was a very successful visit, with the French children attending Pucklechurch school on two occasions and entertaining us with songs and dancing. The children of Pucklechurch reciprocated with displays of Maypole dancing, singing and recorder playing. The French children visited Bath, Stonehenge, London, Bristol and Portsmouth during their five day stay.

The twinning association held a family picnic on Sunday, 16th July, in the Forest of Dean. It was a beautiful Summer day. The energetic ones played rounders, others sunbathed or went for a walk.

A party of about 60 adults and children will visit Pringy during the October half term holiday.

If you are interested in joining the association contact S. Hall at the Post Office or E. Stone (Abson 3105).

Dates of future meetings: 16th October (Pringy meeting) and 27th November.



PUCKLECHURCH PLAYGROUP

Last term was busy as usual at Playgroup. The children have experienced a wide variety of activities and have had the benefit of new books and equipment bought with the proceeds of our fund raising. Our Jumble Sale was particularly successful – thanks to all who gave their support.

We'd like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Simpson of Marsh Farm for looking after us so well when we visited recently. The children (and the adult helpers) all enjoyed seeing the animals. As expected, the newborn lambs were favourite!

The number of children attending playgroup has increased considerably so that we are now open for four days – Monday to Thursday inclusive. We meet from 9.15a.m. – 11.45a.m. in the Village Hall. If you have a child who will be three in the next year, you are urged to come and visit us so that your child's name can be placed on our waiting list. The number of children we can take is limited and we are near to our capacity on certain days. For more information, call in during a playgroup session or contact Corrine (Abson 3870).

PUCKLECHURCH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Are you a member of the C.A.? Are you a user of the Village Hall? If you are in either of these categories you will know that during August the hall was closed so that a new floor could be laid. Although the building is still relatively new, funds were not available when the hall was built for a floor which would be able to cope with continued use. The Council and Executive of C.A. agreed a year ago to have the floor replaced and this has now taken place. I hope that you approve of the work undertaken and that a similar piece of work will not need to be undertaken for another twenty or thirty years.

Another improvement is the enlargement to the Bar in the main hall. An internal wall has been removed making it easier for the bar staff to move around and so speed the service to those requiring drinks!

Next May, the Annual General Meeting of the C.A. takes place. A.G.M.'s are not usually very exciting, but they are necessary if leaders are to be elected and the previous officers asked to account for their stewardship. NEXT May the A.G.M. of C.A. is vitally important as a new Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer have to be appointed. Pete Ford, Les Whittock and I will all have served for the maximum period of three years and therefore will be unable to stand again. If you are public spirited, have an interest in helping to run things and have a few hours spare each month, please consider offering yourself for one of these offices. The Executive Committee meet once a month and the Council once every three months. If you are interested, please contact any member of the C.A. Executive Committee you may know, or also come to the hall on the first Monday of any month at 7.45 p.m. before the meeting begins — we will be pleased to tell you more!

The Council and Executive members work hard for the village and have achieved real improvements to the hall during the last few years. I hope that this can continue in the future, but it will need the work of some new blood and some new ideas if it is to be fulfilled.

OMAR BEG (Chairman)

BIATHLON SUCCESS

Competing in the Recent South West Biathlon Championship at Bryanston School, Blandford, Nick Judd, of Pucklechurch, along with his two team mates from Yate Athletic Club, R. Shackcloth and J. Ratcliffe, were successful in qualifying for the All England National Championships to be held at Corby in Northants on 25th and 26th November.

Against Quality opposition from Millfield School, and Kelly College of Plymouth, they qualified by taking 2nd 4th and 6th positions in their age group. The competition consists of a 200 metre swim and a 2,000 metre cross country run against set times.

The accumulative best score producing the overall winner.

SHORT MAT BOWLS

There will be a free demonstration of Short-Mat Bowls on Friday, 27th October, 4.30–9.00 p.m. in the village hall. Have a go — All ages.

The Britannias

MAJORETTES FROM PUCKLECHURCH



THE BRITANNIA MAJORETTES

What a great season the Britannias are having with the Senior Troupe winning:—

- 8 FIRST TROPHIES
- 5 SECOND TROPHIES
- 1 THIRD TROPHY
- 4 'BEST DRESS' TROPHIES
- 4 BEST OVERALL TROUPE OF THE DAY TROPHIES
- 1 BEST ENTERTAINING TROUPE TROPHY

The Junior Troupe winning:—

- 3 FIRST TROPHIES
- 5 SECOND TROPHIES
- 1 'BEST DRESS' TROPHY

SHELLEY WILMOTT (Senior Mace) has won 8 'Best Drum Major' Trophies and one 'Solo Mace' Trophy.

KELLY SARGENT (Junior Mace) has won 8 'Best Drum Major' Trophies, 1 'Best Overall Drum Major' Trophy and 1 'Solo Mace' Trophy.

At Kilkenny Majorette Competition last week, Shelley, Kelly, Julie Wiltshire, Melanie Chisolm and Sara Britton won five out of the six solo mace trophies.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank every one who helped with our own Competition held on Revel Day and thanks to those who donated trophies. Thank you all. It really was a great day for us.

Any child wishing to join Majorettes please ring Abson 3510 (Lorraine).

DATES FOR FUTURE DISCOS

October 13th; November 17th; December 15th. Tickets on the door. Secondary School age only.



PUCKLECHURCH AFTER SCHOOL HOURS ASSOCIATION

We are hoping to organize an 'AFTERSCHOOL HOURS' Club in Pucklechurch — hopefully starting after half-Term.

If you are interested and would like more information, telephone Jan on Abson 3520).

PUCKLECHURCH SCOUTS (Thursday)

VACANCY FOR SCOUT LEADER FOR THURSDAY TROOP to complement our existing Leader team. No previous Scouting experience is necessary, although it would be useful. If you are interested, contact either Brian Rogers, the Group Scout Leader (Abson 3365) or Bill Skidmore, Group Chairman, (Abson 3235). Please don't feel under any obligation in responding to this advertisement.

BEAVER COLONY

One big change to the Scout Group here in the village is the addition of a Beaver Colony, which caters for boys of between six and eight years. This is not only a new development for us here in Pucklechurch, but a relatively new one nationally. Judging by the response that other groups locally have had to their Colonies they seem to have been very successful and very much in demand. Hester Rogers, the Beaver Leader, and her assistants have been working hard over the past few months, to ensure a good programme and good Beaver Scouting.

The Colony started on the 18th September and will be running each Monday for one hour from 5.30-6.30 p.m. The maximum number of boys in any Colony is 24 and we expect that to be filled reasonably quickly. If this is the case, we will need to consider starting a second Colony, so if you are interested in the possibility of becoming involved with either our existing Colony or even with our proposed second one, please contact either myself or Hester (Abson 3365).

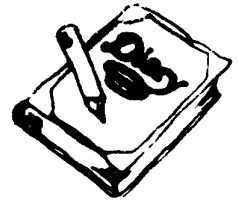
BRIAN ROGERS



WELCOME

We would like to welcome the new Head teacher at Pucklechurch School, Mrs. Bagley.

Diary



OCTOBER

- 3rd Revel A.G.M. - 8 p.m. - Village Hall
- 10th Folk Dance Club 8 p.m. - Village Hall
- 13th Disco - 8 p.m. - Village Hall (Sec.Sc. age only)
- 14th Jumble Sale - Church Room - 2 p.m.
- 15th Treasure Hunt (Puck.Players) - 10 a.m.-Vill.Hall
- 24th Folk Dance Club - 8 p.m. - Village Hall
- 27th Short Mat Bowls 4.30-9 p.m.- Village Hall
- 28th Halloween Fancy Dress Disco- 8 p.m.-Vill.Hall

NOVEMBER

- 1st COPYDATE for Pucklechurch News
- 4th Jumble Sale - 2.30 p.m.-Vill.Hall (Puck.Players)
- 7th Folk Dance Club - 8 p.m. - Village Hall
- 11th Church Autumn Bazaar -2.30 p.m.-Village Hall
- 17th Disco - 8 p.m.-Village Hall (Sec.Sc. age only)
- 21st Folk Dance Club 8 p.m. - Village Hall

DECEMBER

- 5th Folk Dance Club - 8 p.m. - Village Hall
- 9th Barn Dance (Folk Club) -8 p.m. - Village Hall
- 15th Disco -8 p.m.-Village Hall (Sec.Sc.age only)
- 16th C.A. Children's Parties - Village Hall

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