

How a Beer Festivals started in 1976

By Les Whittock

I was out walking my dog, Bob around the usual haunts of Pucklechurch, which took Bob and I around the fields behind the Rose and Crown which had tables and chairs spread out on the grass. Having recently seen on television the various 'Scandinavian' bands performing in their leather shorts and drinking and dancing on the tables, it gave me an idea. Why not a Beer Festival In Pucklechurch?!

The idea was long forgotten about until Dr George Conrad became Chairmen of the Pucklechurch Revel. He had enlisted the help of some of his friends to help with the organisation. They were looking for some new ideas and I suggested a Beer Festival and gave my reasoning behind it.

This interested Dr Conrad and his friends very much. However we had a problem. Where were we going to hold such an event? As the old Village hall was used for other activities.

So Dr Conrad suggested his home, Pucklechurch House. This proposal gained much excitement in the committee and soon after the next task came about. Where to get the beer? How many barrels would we need? What varieties? What to Charge? Would we have music? Who would play? How would they play? However, more important than all these questions, would people actually attend?

The theme was soon decided and it was going to be Folk. Luckily I knew the Bath City Morris Men and their leader, Tubby Reynolds and asked them to come.

The night was a success with many people joining in the dancing which Tubby was only to be pleased to call. The first night was such a success that even many years later the first night was always dedicated to Folk music and dancing.

The night wasn't just a success in music but beer too. Unbeknown to us a student at the Rose and Crown had written an article featuring our Beer festival debut in his local student paper. This brought many more customers than anticipated and we had to close the gates at 9pm and the beer stopped flowing at 10:30 when we eventually ran out.

The event proved so popular that the Beer Festival returned the following year but became a two night event with traditional Jazz and admission would be by ticket as it would be so popular.

Happy Birthday Beer Festival!

We hope you will help support this year's Revel a festival of music, food, dance and art, if you have any questions or would like to get involved or help in anyway then please contact one of the committee:

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If you would like to get involved in this year's Revel by either holding a stall, joining in the Opening Ceremony, or even joining the committee. Then please contact Lori-Anne Button



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**Pucklechurch Revel
2016**

**June 18th
to
June 26th**

A week of events not to be missed!

Revel 2016 events



Saturday 21st May

Revel Family Disco— Annual Revel family disco with DJ Toby Bailey. A fun event for all the family and your Childs chance to enter the draw to become Revel 2016's King or

Sunday 12th June

Revel Thanksgiving service Revel Thanksgiving service in the Church from 6:30pm

Thursday 16th June



Pucklechurch Stars Revel show ...
Demonstrating this year's routines and costumes
4.30 -5.30 - Community Centre

Cribbage Drive and Darts Tournament
Social Club (Village Hall) 7:30 for 8pm
£5 per couple to enter, prize for winner.

Monday 20th June

QUIZ This year's Revel quiz, will be held in the, Fleur Dy Lis, Many Thanks to Mark and Sonia for continuing this tradition .
Maximum team of 6 and £2 per person .

Tuesday 21st June

Annual Trophy Skittles match between the two clubs at the PSSC (Village Hall) 8pm.

Thursday 23rd June

Poetry in the garden - 7:30pm - Tickets £5 to include cheese and wine. For further details contact Elaine on 01179373105 or email elaine.jstone15@gmail.com

SATURDAY 18TH JUNE

Revel day !

Local stalls, table top sales, fair, music, food, face painting, crafts, BBQ, races, tug of war, Dog Show, Chilli eating and much much more.....

Bristol East & Kingswood Brass Band



Hot Pepper EATING CONTEST



Friday 24th to

Saturday 25th June

It is the 40th year of the beer festival and we intend to celebrate with a bang!

NEW VENUE—The Pucklechurch Recreation Field—Opposite the Star Inn

The event which will run over the weekend of the 24th June promises to bring a vast selection of beer, cider with two excellent Bristol based bands.

Friday— Van Burgundy— pop,rock,soul,ska and reggae

Saturday — 2Rude—The UK's #1 Ska Tribute Band

Tickets go on sale Mayday bank holiday with limited early bird

special of: **FRIDAY £6, SATURDAY £10 and BOTH £14.** After

these have sold the prices will be. **FRIDAY £8, SATURDAY 12 and**

BOTH £16. Tickets will be available from: The Post Office, The Fleur,

The Star Inn, Pucklechurch Sports and Social Club and Pucklechurch

Village Sports and Social Club.

