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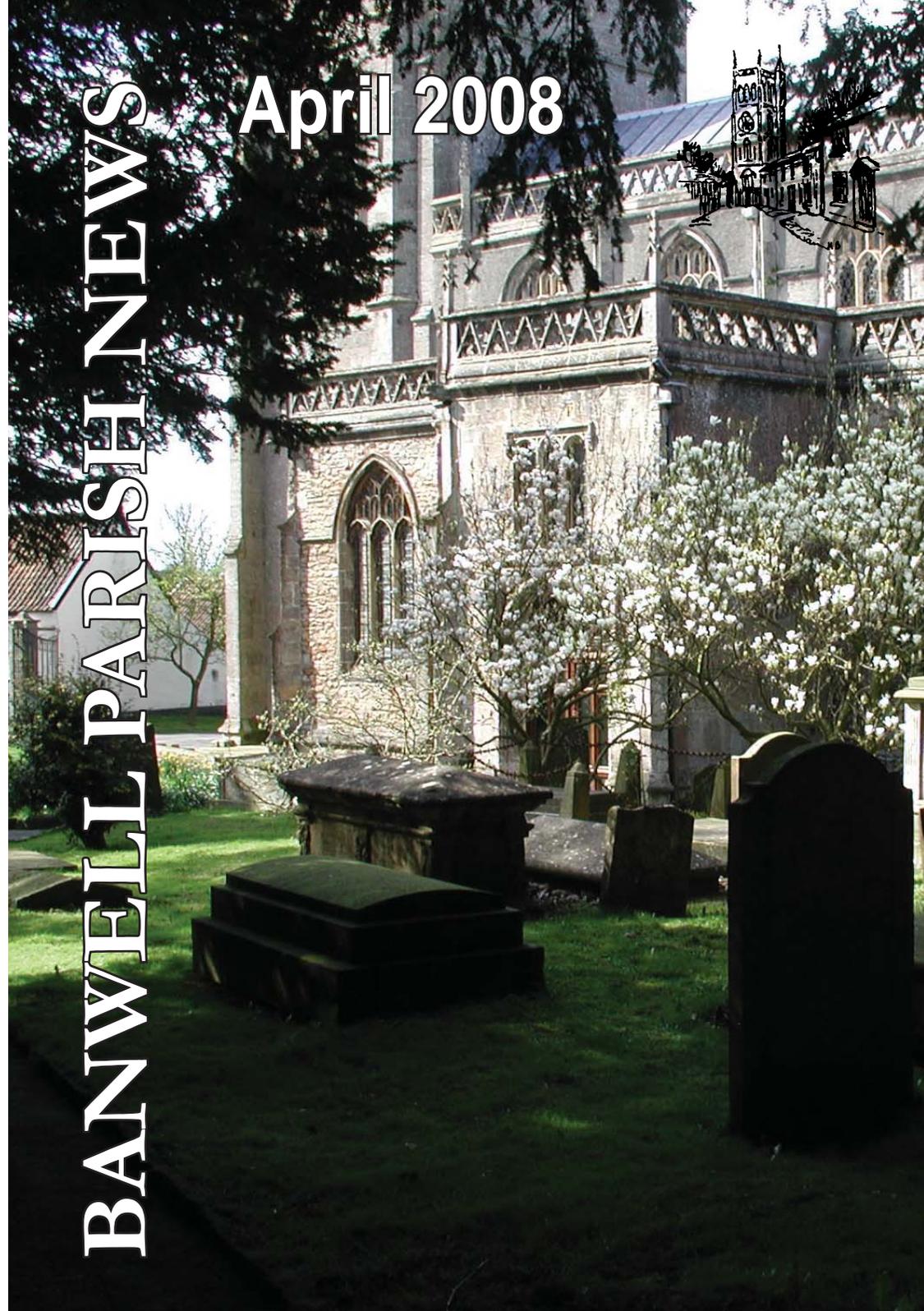
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April 2008



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PROGRAMME OF TALKS

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14 March	The Wellington Chest	Margaret Flux
11 April	William Morris & the Red House	David Bowring
9 May	Anniversary Night – 50 Years on Dinner at Banwell Castle	
13 June	AGM – Reminiscences 50 Years on	The Members
11 July	Diary of Sarah Champion - Quaker	Roger Angerson
(August – no Meeting)	Visit to SS Great Britain & boat trip through the Harbour and up the River Avon	
11 September	The History of Glass – told through the Wine Glass	Bill Jackman
10 October	History of Bristol City Docks	Ken Andrews
14 November	The Little Giant – Isambard Kingdom Brunel	Mike Rowland
12 December	Victorian Pleasures & Pastimes	Pat Hase

2009

9 January	Windmill Hill – Churchill	Elizabeth Wells
13 February	Carthusians on Mendip - Chartreuse to Charterhouse	Andy Littlejones
13 March	The Making of the Landscape of West Mendip	James Bond
17 April	Wells – the Smallest City in a new light	Bob Porton
8 May	Anniversary Night	Members
12 June	AGM – Lipstick on a Gorilla	Mike Rowland
10 July	Medieval Churches of the West Country	Lawrence Price

(August – no meeting - Annual trip)

Prayer



The Church families of St. Andrew's and Banwell Methodist Church will be praying for the people in your area on the following Sundays.

April

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13th Moor Road
20th North Road
27th North View Drive

May

4th Orchard Drive
10th Queens Road

If you have any special prayers or concerns, whether for yourself, one of your family or for a neighbour (e.g. someone who is sick: getting married: seeking employment: going away to work or college: or in any kind of trouble or difficulty), please ring one of the following numbers either to have a chat, or leave a message, or make an appointment for one of us to visit you, or vice versa.

St Andrew's: Revd. John Franks 822320
Methodist: Revd. Sam 852314



BANWELL BEAT SURGERIES

0900 – 1000 HOURS
Village Hall, Banwell

11 April 2008
9 May 2008
27 June 2008

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Banwell Playgroup for rising 3s-5yr. olds meets Monday to Friday during term-time 9.00am - 11.30am. For more information please contact the Playgroup on 823404 or Wendy Lloyd 820605.

Baby/Toddler Group meets every Friday morning 9.30am -11.45am. at the Scout Hut.
Contact Gareth Thomas 823177

Banwell Scout Group: Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. Peter Bradbury, Group Scout Leader 01934 822719

Banwell Fish Scheme: Chairman Mrs Dinah Harrison 822344. Lift Co-ordinator Mrs G Boddy 823621.

Village Hall Booking Secretary: Mr David Westlake 30 Knightcott Road, Banwell. Tel: 822433.

Youth & Community Centre Booking Secretary: Nicola Hooper (Parish Clerk) 812567,
email clerk@banwell.org

Methodist School Room Hire Bookings Tel: 822873 or 822066

Banwell-Potigny Twinning Assoc. Contact Jeanne Evans 823878

Banwell Bridge Club Contact: Roger Boland Tel: 820615 or Meg Tillotson Tel: 823252

Services In Our Churches

ST. ANDREW'S

	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Family Eucharist
	3.30 pm	Evensong
1st Sunday	3.30 pm	BCP Eucharist
	7.15 pm	Young at Heart

METHODIST

	10.30 am	Morning Service & Sunday School
	6.30 pm	Evening Service

ROMAN CATHOLIC Cheddar
Sunday 9.00 am Mass

ALL WELCOME

Happy To Be Old

Your happiness and mental health are at their lowest in your mid-life. This is the time when maybe your dreams are shown to be just dreams, and reality sets in. Certainly this is the time when the average, normal person hits some sort of mid-life crisis, in terms of happiness and mental health.

The research was one of the biggest surveys into human happiness ever conducted. Up to two million people were interviewed by researchers from Warwick University and Dartmouth College in America.

The study found that neither money, nor lack of it, neither education, nor lack of it, or marriage, or lack of it, affects the shape of happiness in one's life - which is U-shaped, bottoming out in middle age. But encour-

agingly, by the time you are 70, if you are still physically fit, then you are likely to be as happy and mentally healthy as any 20 year old.

One researcher suggests: "Perhaps by then we learn to count our blessings... and are just happy to be alive."

Applied Law

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to "honour thy father and thy mother," she asked "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?"

Without missing a beat, one little boy answered, "Thou shall not kill."

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Methodist.	Rev. Sam, Wesley Manse, Dinghurst Rd, Churchill	852314
Roman Catholic.	Rev. Fr. Tibor Szende, The Presbytery, Tweentown, Cheddar	742564

Gardening Tips for April

Sow seeds of summer bedding, herbs, lilies, trees, shrubs and many vegetables this month. Prick out and pot up young seedlings and cuttings before they become overcrowded. Control pests and diseases, especially slugs and snails. Plant hanging baskets and keep them in a greenhouse or frost-free conservatory or porch. Feed shrubs, trees, new hedges and fruit bushes as necessary. Protect brassicas, such as cabbage and cauliflower. Earth up early potatoes to protect them from light frost. Begin mowing the lawn regularly.

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Gardening Club News

At the March meeting of the Gardening Club Tony Gray, of Sanders Garden World, gave us a very entertaining and hands-on talk on new and unusual plants. As well as the plants, Tony also gave members a variety of useful tips on successful growing and pest control. To illustrate his talk he had examples of each of the plants, which were also for sale. Club members were so enthusiastic about the plants described that he even sold several during the tea break before they had been shown! Our next meeting will be on 24th April, when a speaker from Secret World Wildlife Rescue will be talking about the wildlife creatures that visit their farm. Visitors and new members are welcome. For more information please contact the Club secretary, Eleanor Baker, on 824021.

From the Registers

Baptisms:

March

9th Callum George Smith
Kaitlyn Anne Smith

**Please note our
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Years 1 and 2 were invited to Banwell Castle to visit Basil the Giant. We made a beanstalk at school and held on to it as we climbed all the way up to the castle. Unfortunately Basil was too scared of us and hid upstairs. We all wrote a postcard when we were in the castle and posted them to our Mums and Dads on our way home.



ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

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Coffee and chat for Mums and Dads

Monday 28th April

10.00 am

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"I Am With You Always"

Our celebration of Easter on 23 March will, I hope, have been a happy and memorable occasion when our churches resounded with joy and song, the air filled with Alleluias to proclaim the Paschal victory: word and sacrament combining to raise our hearts in prayer and praise.

When we read the Gospels, the pattern of our Lord's Easter appearances is more intimate and personal – even casual and simple as the disciples were engaged in the "trivial round and common task" of their daily lives.

Mary Magdalene visiting the tomb mistook Jesus for a gardener. To the disciples fishing in the sea of Tiberias, he was a stranger on the shore who had taken the trouble to light a fire for them. To Cleopas and his companion, he was just another traveller on the road to Emmaus. So casual were these encounters that it was only in the final moments that the disciples became convinced of Jesus' presence with them.

This month's painting focuses on an encounter with the risen Lord: 'The Presence' by Captain A E Borthwick which hangs in St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh. Alfred Edward Borthwick served in the Boer War and the First World War and painted throughout his life until his death in 1955. 'The Presence' depicts a great act of worship taking place at the east end of the cathedral, but it is not that liturgy which attracts our attention. In the foreground, at the west end of the cathedral, we see a woman kneeling in prayer and Jesus moving towards her. It is almost as if he has left the worship at the far end to its own devices to meet the personal needs of this woman. Why she is there,

we don't know. Perhaps she has come like Mary Magdalene on the first Easter morning, perplexed, apprehensive, wanting some



reassurance through her prayer. Just as the gardener called Mary tenderly by her name, so the artist shows the tender movement of Jesus as he approaches the woman with outstretched hands.

Our Easter Day worship will have been something that brought us together in fellowship and joy with God and one another: a sharing in the joy of the resurrection and the new life of Easter. Jesus seeks to bring us that new life at a personal level also, as he does with the woman praying in Edinburgh Cathedral.

The risen Lord says to each of us, "I am with you always." His coming to us in this Easter season may be like the travellers to Emmaus or like Mary Magdalene or the disciples fishing or the woman in the painting: a silent, unobtrusive coming.

The hands that took the bread at Emmaus, that gathered firewood by the lakeside, that reach out in this painting were the same hands offered for us on the cross. But now they reach out to touch all of us with the new life of Easter.

Rev Michael Burgess

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The Mystery Man Archaeological Society

Thank you to the mystery man who found my purse. You saved me ten pounds with your generosity in taking it all the way to Cheddar when you found it lying in the street.

My mum said I had to write this letter of many thanks otherwise I would die a slow painful death. (ha ha ha ha)

Many thanks
Yours not dead
Ern Brown

Plant Sale

Get ready to plant out your flowerbeds and containers. Buy your plants at the Banwell in Bloom Plant Sale on Saturday 10th May at the Village Hall from 10.30a.m. until 12.30 p.m. Also available to tempt the bargain hunter, second hand books, bric-a-brac, and home made cakes and bakes. The 1st Banwell Scouts and Guides will be serving refreshments including bacon rolls, teas, coffees, and soft drinks.

Proceeds from this event will be split between Banwell in Bloom, to buy summer bedding plants for the tubs in the village, and 1st Banwell Scouts and Guides to pay for electrical maintenance work at Scout Headquarters.

Please come along and support this event.

At the Society's meeting on 14th March in Banwell Village Hall, Margaret Flux shared her memories from items stored in her Wellington Chest. The Wellington Chest was developed by the Duke of Wellington when he found his paperwork, maps and memos became disorganised and damaged during his campaigns. The chest started as two small chests hung either side of a horse or mule, keeping papers in order. Later, as increasing numbers went abroad 'collecting', so the chests became bigger with up to 23 or 24 drawers.

Margaret's Wellington Chest was bought by her father during the blitz, whilst they lived in Bath. An old lady's house was bombed and the chest was part of the contents sent to auction. It is dated about 1830/40. As Margaret's mother only liked 'new' things, Margaret was given the chest. It was full of collections and Margaret brought 8 drawers to share with us.

Drawer One was full of European and British butterflies. Drawer Two had many extinct moths and butterflies, which Margaret had added to herself.

Drawer Three had innumerable fans, some Victorian, many from Spain, and some that Margaret had re-made herself with her own handmade lace.

Drawer Four was filled with coins. When a child, Margaret was asked by her father to clear their small garden of weeds. Their

house was close to the Abbey and the Roman Baths extended under it, so they used spaces as the coal cellar. She also found many coins whilst running her father's Post Office shop. So Margaret found many silver, copper and foreign coins, in fact she has 4 drawers of coins in her Wellington Chest.

Examples were an Edinburgh token, and a workhouse token; Georges II and III shillings, William IV shilling (pineapple head), a groat, crown pieces and half a drawer of farthings. She pointed out how the 50 pence piece had become smaller and much lighter since it's first appearance.

Drawer Five was full of buttons. Margaret's maternal grandmother had been a tailor-ess and in the First World War, she altered many military uniforms. Came WWII, she started altering uniforms again so there are many different uniform buttons in the drawer. Also in there were grandmother's high combs, beaded bags and jubilee buttons from her usual Christmas outfit, and mother's belt from her 1920s wedding dress, together with many other odds and ends.

Drawer Six had Margaret's first attempt at embroidery on a piece from the Girl comic, an ID card, little reels of silk. There is Father's letter stating he was not fit for war service. As a young woman, Margaret worked as Secretary to Clevedon Town Clerk and had to help clear the office. During which she found a copy of Adolf Hitler's Last Appeal to Reason. It had been intended that these copies would be distributed from airplanes, the British would read them and the war would be averted. However, the copies were so well bound together, the leaflets were not scattered but landed in a tight bundle, just like bombs.

Drawer Seven was full of silver spoons, with one silver fish knife – the one piece given

BANWELL SOCIETY OF ARCHAEOLOGY
LOCAL HISTORY TALKS
William Morris & the Red House

By David Bowring
Fri 11th April Banwell Village Hall 7.30
REFRESHMENTS RAFFLE
VISITORS WELCOME

to Margaret from a 12 setting set owned by her grandmother. Everyone in the family had one piece each.

Drawer Eight had a variety of souvenirs. A cross made out of the window of a spitfire – given to a widow as a memento, a purse for the Sunday penny, a quill pen knife, a pen-knife for pencil sharpening, both Grandfather's and Father's medals, a button fastener, tiny opera glasses, a carved palm nut, button with split pins for overalls, a tiny wax bottle with a stamp on top, shells and drops from a crystal chandelier from the Bath Assemble Rooms. Memories for us all.

Pat Corbett

Do not meddle in the affairs of dragons...
For you are crunchy and taste good with ketchup.

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My Soul is Bared!

A bit more about your New 'Old' Vicar

I was born on 13th February 1945 to Ann and Jack at the Motherwell Maternity Home, in deepest darkest Lanarkshire. My father, a carpenter and joiner, moved to S W London



in 1946 to work and mum and I followed. We lived in the house where mum was in service to an elderly woman invalid. The invalid, Mrs Baxter, spent many hours with me and consequently I was able to read and write fluently by the age of four. It's a shame that with old age I seem to have forgotten most of it! After a very eventful childhood I joined the R.N. as an Engine Room Artificer Apprentice in 1961 and left as a Chief M.E.A. after 24 years. I spent 17 years in conventional submarines. There were good times and bad, but that's beyond this biopic. Amongst the good times was, in 1964 (under the clock on Waverly Station in Edinburgh), meeting Val. A meeting that resulted in our wedding in 1966. Val has been my mainstay through everything and presented me with two wonderful children, son John and daughter Judith and I'm the proud grandpa to Yvonne now eight. I'm the oldest of five brothers (one died at birth) and a sister, who I'm told look like me. (So they have my commiserations.)

After leaving the R.N. I read for a teaching degree and, subsequently, a variety of post graduate qualifications in Special Educational Needs and Counselling. For 13 years I taught at a school for teenage boys with emotional and behaviour problems. As I was gradually becoming like them I left and went

on the supply list. During my time teaching I became aware that I was being "pulled" to do other things ... this "pulling" ended with my being dragged screaming to Theological College and to ordination as Priest in 2000. Consequently my life took on new meaning just as I was preparing to retire to a life of ease and decrepitude. So much for the best laid plans of mice and men ...

On a serious note ... It's difficult to explain about the call to vocation. For me it was something quite inexplicable. Nothing sudden, it was a growing belief that I had to do something. But what? Quite out of the blue I asked my Parish Priest, "What next?" And the rest is history, as they say!

Before coming to Banwell I lived for 30 years in Fareham in Hampshire. Almost becoming a local! I've been involved with Scouting since the year dot as boy and Leader (and there's no truth in the rumour that I was Baden-Powell's message boy). I am at present a member of the Scout Fellowship. My hobbies include, amongst others, philately, walking, architecture, design and procrastinating. My favourite food is edible, my favourite drink is potable and I'm allergic to cats and garlic.

Since ordination I have been a Hon. Asst. Curate at Holy Trinity and St Columba Fareham, Hon Chaplain to Pitmore School and Fareham College of Further Ed. Until April 7th 08 Hon Chaplain to the Servers' Guild in Portsmouth Diocese, Hon Chaplain to ASDA Gosport and Asst Priest (Asst. Curate) in the Parishes of Bridgemaury and Rowner. God has been good to me in guiding me to, and sustaining me in, serving Him and working for His Kingdom on earth. Please pray for me that I will ever have the strength to do His Will and to serve Banwell faithfully.

Peace be with you, John Franks

Our Banwell

On the 14 June 2008 'OUR BANWELL' (The Parish Plan Steering Committee) will be holding a what's in our Banwell day from 1pm to 5pm on the recreational field.

There will be children's activities, sports events, fancy dress all ages and teddy bear picnic.

If you are a local group or individual and wish to raise funds for yourself by participating in this event – either by running a stall or organising an activity – please contact Angela on 824529 or Heidi on 823660.

Beware Of The Coffee Calories!

If you are trying to slim down for summer, beware the increasingly sophisticated coffees on sale. Just one of them could contain almost a third of a woman's recommended daily calories.

Starbucks has been named as the worst offender in a Which? report which surveyed the leading coffee chains around the country. A Starbucks large white chocolate mocha with 'whip' made with whole milk has 628 calories. Caffe Nero's medium sized mocha with whipped cream made with semi-skimmed milk is 326 calories. Costa Coffee's medium mocha flake with whole milk and cream has 297 calories.

Seniors Club

Since our last report things are improving regarding the winter colds that many members suffered during the cold spell. We have all enjoyed the many and varied entertainers brought to the club by our Entertainments Secretary Mrs Dolly Green, also the tea and Bingo organised at our meetings.

We had an extremely good Easter meeting, when members were asked to decorate and submit hard-boiled eggs, to be judged by one of the invited entertainers, the winner being Mrs Janet Bowering who received a magnificent prize.

With the onset of summertime, we hope to have many varied and interesting trips by coach; the club members will select the destination.

Remember all you young Seniors in Banwell, the club is there for you every Thursday afternoon from (2.30p.m. - 4.00p.m.) so please do come along and have a pot of tea and chatter.

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The Parish Council would like to see if the youth of Banwell would like to build a Youth Council. We are looking for approx 15 young people aged between 11 and 18 who live within Banwell. We would like them to have the common aim of making Banwell a better place for its youth community and try to build links between all the generations.

The Youth Council would provide a chance for young people to have their say, giving them an amount of responsibility and the chance to see their ideas happen within Banwell.

Are you interested? Would you like to participate. If so please fill in the slip below and post it in the parish post box in the post office or email clerk@banwellparishcouncil.co.uk

If enough interest is gained we will arrange a meeting to allow you the youth to build your council and have your say.

Name

Address

Tel

Email

I would like to be part of the council because:

Richie Griffin
Banwell C&Y Committee

Date For Your Diary

To Clubs, Societies and Organisations, you have the opportunity to tell everyone about the activities that have taken place with your group over the last year and importantly, what you have planned for this coming year.

Join with other community groups at the Village Hall to share your success.

PARISH ASSEMBLY

Friday 23rd May

at

7.30pm - Village Hall

Communications

During the last five months your Parish Council has been running a 4 page spread in this magazine so that you can read in an informal way what is happening in the Parish.

To see how effective this means of communication has been we asked in the March edition if you would be good enough to complete and return a short questionnaire.

The response so far has numbered six and all mentioned the Banwell Parish News as their way of keeping up to-date.

Your Parish Council will now have to decide on whether they should continue with this exercise bearing in mind the Parish News is circulated to approximately 1,500 households.

Village Pride Committee

It is sometimes funny how one thing leads you to something totally different.

As mentioned in the last issue we had a successful tidy up day of the cemetery.

As we were standing by the Memorial Garden with our coffee in hand the conversation switched to how nice it was to hear the birds around the bird feeders located in the trees. This led to discussion about having a couple of bird boxes made. The next thing I know is the Cubs would love to help make them.

David Edwards (Kath's husband) knew someone who could give a talk on British birds to the Cubs and Tommy Weston of Fountain Timber thought it would be a nice idea for his company to donate the wood free of charge. So here I am making my template for 10 bird boxes which, we hope, will be located around the Village; thanks to the building skills of the cubs.

Because of work commitments of the members of the Village Pride committee the clearing of the seated area in Golling Lane has been moved forward by a couple of months to allow for the bird nesting season to finish.

It is planned to do a "River Tidy-up Day" on Sunday 21st April. We will walk down the river to remove any rubbish which has been thrown in. Anyone interested in helping to put the rubbish into bags for disposal will be most welcome.

For further details contact Peter Shipton on 01934 820904

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The Patient-Practice Partnerships of Congresbury/Yatton, Wrington Vale and Winscombe/Banwell are seriously concerned over the threat by the Government to extend polyclinics countrywide and the effect this will have on traditional General Practices. A joint meeting of the three Partnerships agreed to hold a Public Meeting which will be an opportunity for patients to put their point of view and questions on the Government proposal.

Such a meeting has been arranged for Thursday 22 May 2008 at St James Hall, Winscombe to commence at 7.30 pm. The two MPs for the area, Dr Liam Fox and John Penrose together with Mr Chris Born, Chief Executive of North Somerset Primary Care Trust, will be attending.

This is potentially a very serious matter which if introduced will be yet another nail in the coffin of life in the Rural Areas. Please make every effort to attend.



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Mothers' Union

At our AGM in March we reviewed the events of the previous year. 2007 had been an eventful year for us. Firstly we regretfully saw the resignation of Patricia Reynolds, who had served as Branch Leader for ten years, continuing to keep the Branch going for so long despite her ill health. We were greatly indebted to her for all her hard work and the inspiration she bought to the position. Gloria Boddy was then duly elected as new Branch Leader.

As usual, we have had a full and active year with many excellent speakers attending our meetings, including Deanery President, Mrs Elizabeth Green on her visit to Kenya; the Rural Dean, the Revd Mike Slade, on his coast to coast motor cycle trip to raise funds for the refurbishment of St James the Great, Winscombe, Parish rooms; and the Revd Matthew Thompson who's mental exercises gave us food for thought and inspired lively discussion!

Our Lady Day service in St Andrew's Church, Banwell was well attended by Mothers' Union members from the Locking Deanery on 26th March, a beautiful sunny day. Many thanks to all those who helped to make the day so special for us, particularly the Bell Ringers for ringing so beautifully for us.

The service was conducted by the Rural Dean, Revd Mike Slade, and the address given by the Revd Derek Evans. During the service two new members Mrs Ann Pursey, and Mrs Ann Lee were enrolled, and Mrs Gloria Boddy was commissioned as the new Branch Leader. Thanks go to Patricia Reynolds for orchestrating the service and planning the service books, and to all our members for their work in ensuring that the

day went so well.

The year ended with our Christmas Luncheon at Mooseheart attended by over 60 members and friends who heard our Diocesan President Mrs Barbara Stratton speak about Christmas Traditions.

Our members have continued to play an active part in church life, and also in the wider community during the past year.

Thanks also go to some non-members who help in so many ways to support our Branch especially Mr Barry Mather for technical support, Mrs Dinah Harrison for transport and Miss Elizabeth Cran for transport and help with catering.

At our meeting on April 9th Mr Barry Mather will be speaking about "A journey by water from St Petersburg to Moscow", and on May 14th the Revd Keith Dimoline will be our speaker on the subject that "Truth is stranger than fiction".

We meet in the Village Hall at 2:30p.m. If you think you would be interested in joining us please come along to hear our speakers and join in a short service.

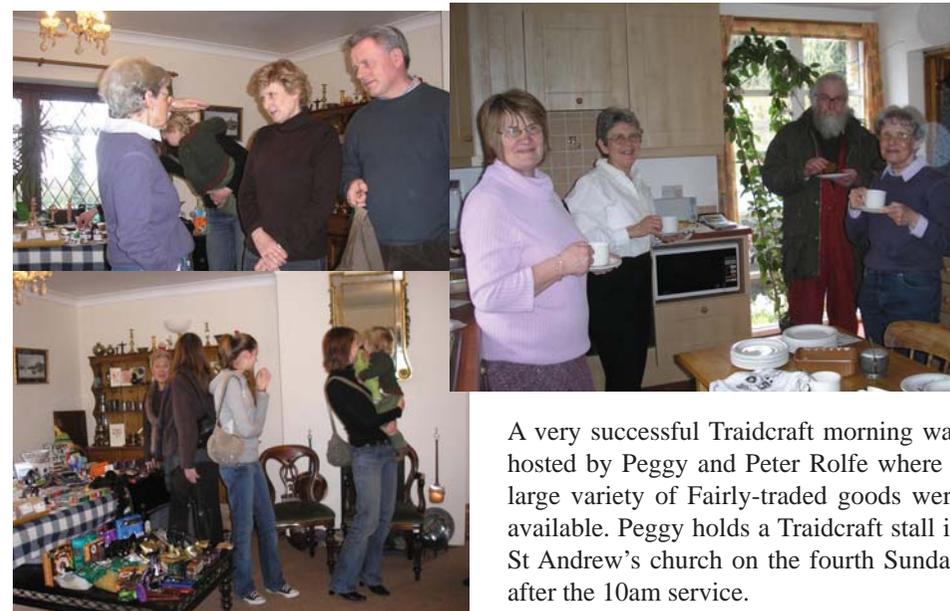
All are welcome.

Gloria Boddy.

As Good As It Gets

A shipwrecked man spent five years on a deserted island. One day he was overjoyed to see a ship drop anchor in the bay. A dinghy approached, and a ship's officer handed the sailor The Times, The Financial Times and The Daily Telegraph. "The captain suggests," said the officer, "that you read what's going on in the world before you decide if you wish to be rescued."

Traidcraft



A very successful Traidcraft morning was hosted by Peggy and Peter Rolfe where a large variety of Fairly-traded goods were available. Peggy holds a Traidcraft stall in St Andrew's church on the fourth Sunday after the 10am service.

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Christian Aid Week

“Empowering People” is the theme this year for Christian Aid Week, 11 – 17 May. Christian Aid Week is seven amazing days of fundraising, campaigning and prayer. It unites 22,000 churches and involves 300,000 people in the UK’s biggest house-to-house collection. It inspires hundreds of events, reaches millions of people with messages about poverty and empowers poor communities to change their lives forever.

This year we will again be delivering your Christian Aid envelope inside the May edition of the Parish News. Please respond as generously as you can, and increase the value of your donation by signing the Gift Aid declaration if you are a taxpayer. A list of addresses to which you can take your envelope will be in the May Parish News.

Question: What’s the smart way to help people in the world’s poorest communities help themselves?

Answer: “Quizaid” – a brand new initiative for Christian Aid Week this year – a fundraising quiz event which we are hoping to hold on Friday 16 May – watch this space!!

If you need any further information please contact Jenny Humphreys on 822052.



Parking Along Knightcott Road

Parking these days has become more and more difficult with the increase of vehicles on the road and Banwell is no exception.

One area that has been causing concern recently is along the Knightcott Road outside the garage. There have been complaints from residents of not being able to walk on the path on the garage side, because vehicles have been parked on the pavement forcing people to actually walk on the road around the vehicles in order to get to the other side of the pavement. I have also witnessed a driver of a mobility vehicle having to do the same. I have spoken to the staff at the garage and they will no doubt remind their customers to ensure they park on the road, but ultimately, it is the responsibility of the individual parking their vehicles who will get the fine, if parked illegally.

Since paths are made for walking on, I would remind anyone who parks on the pavement along this stretch, or anywhere else for that matter, to consider the implications of doing this. It is not only an offence (which will cost £30), it damages pavements and could be potentially dangerous to pedestrians.

On a lighter note I would like to thank people for not parking on The Square. Most times during the day when I drive down on that stretch, I find that it is car-free, which no doubt, helps with visibility and provides that extra bit of room for larger vehicles to pass.

The Same Yesterday...

Why did Moses wander in the desert for 40 years?

Because even back then men wouldn't ask for directions.

Suspicious Characters

Over the last month or so there have been various reports of persons knocking on the doors of residents living in Locking and Banwell during early evening. Reports range from a person appearing to be deaf and dumb and seen to be begging to another incident where a young person is seen to be selling items to help ex-offenders. We know of no such scheme and would not encourage you to buy from the likes of this person or any others in this way. There is every likelihood that none of these are licensed pedlars. Whilst to our knowledge, no offences have been committed, it has been concerning for residents, especially the elderly. Please be vigilant and, as a matter of course, ensure your back door is locked and use your safety chain when opening the front door to unknown callers.

Please do contact PC Adrian Woolcott or

PCSO Maggie Evans on 01934 638123 if you have any further queries or questions.

Got It All Already

"I cannot understand you," said the young man to his unmarried aunt. "You seem so happy and contented. I've always thought that unmarried women are lonely and miserable and just longing for the presence of a man about the place."

"Well," his aunt responded, smiling, "I've got a fireplace that smokes, a parrot that swears, a cat that stays out half the night with no explanation, and a dog that leaves muddy footprints all over the house. What more do I want?"

Witches' parking only. All others will be toad.

Village Websites

St Andrew's Church – www.standrewsbanwell.org.uk

Contact: Dinah Harrison, email: pccsecretary@standrewsbanwell.org.uk

Banwell Village Website – www.banwell.info

Contact: Graham Found, email: graham@banwell.info Tel:822619

Banwell Parish Council Website – www.banwellparishcouncil.co.uk

Contact: Mrs Nicola Hooper – clerk@banwellparishcouncil.co.uk

The Friends of Banwell Primary School Website – www.banwell.info/friends

Westfield Residents Assoc - www.westfield.banwell.info

email; westfield@banwell.info

Banwell Bowling Club Website – www.banwellbowlsclub.com

Banwell Royal British Legion Website – www.rbl.banwell.info

Banwell Baby and Toddler Group – www.geocities.com/banwellbabytoddlers

Spring Show



and other spring flowers. Pot plants including cacti and some sumptuous orchids were also well represented.

The craft section delighted as usual with some very skilful examples of needlecrafts, from men as well as women. The photography class was particularly well represented, with many prints on the subject of "My Garden".

The support of the Banwell Flower Arranging Group meant increased entries in the Floral Art classes and ensured that this section was filled with some beautiful creations. Heather Evans was eventually awarded the trophy for Best Exhibit in Show after some stiff competition.

Numbers entering the children's classes were also boosted by Banwell Brownies and Beavers, who had been very busy decorating biscuits and painting eggs.

Banwell Garden Club would like to thank all those who supported the show in so many ways – especially the judges, Mrs R J Tripp (flowers), Mrs N Jones (craft) and Mrs C Wilson (floral art and children's classes), and all those who entered, without whom none of this would have been possible.

Mrs Tripp kindly presented the trophies, the winners are as follows: -

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Banwell's Spring Show took place on Saturday 29th March and, despite grim predictions, was the best for many years. The Village Hall was filled with the glorious colours of flowers and crafts and the number of entrants was almost double that of last year. There were increased exhibits in every section, and a pleasing number of new faces.

The unusual weather and lateness of this year's show ensured a fine display of daffodils and narcissi, along with tulips, shrubs,

SPRING TROPHY WINNERS 2008

George Robson Trophy	Most Points Classes 1-23	Mr W J Thomas
Will Hammond Trophy	Best Exhibit Classes 1-23	Mr W J Thomas
Doris Galpin Trophy	Most Points Classes 24-43	Ron Sargent
Doris Hammond Trophy	Best Collection Of Shrubs In Flower	Mrs C Hobbs
Club Trophy	Most Points In Floral Art Section	Sonia Mitchell
Brookside Bulb Trophy	Best Exhibit In Floral Art Section	Heather Evans
Brenda Peakman Trophy	Most Points In Craft Section	Rhona Watkins
Children		
Club Trophy	Children Under 7	Ashley Beauchemin
Brenda Peakman Trophy	Children 7-9	Fiona Braidwood
Brenda Peakman Trophy	Children 10-14	Hannah Lynam

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WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

MONDAY

7th	7.00 pm	Licensing Service of new Priest	* St. Andrews
14th	12.30 - 1.30pm	Soup Lunch	* V.H.
14th	7.30 pm	Parish Council	* V.H.
28th	7.30 pm	Parish Council	* M.H.
Weekly	10.00 am	Keep Fit	* V.H.
Weekly	5.30 - 6.30 pm	Beavers	* Scout Hall
Weekly	6.00 - 8.45 pm	Beginners & Advanced Yoga	* V.H.

TUESDAY

8th	7.30 pm	Banwell Flower Arranging Group Demonstration – Sylvia Rudge “Pot et Fleur”	* M.H.
Weekly	10.00 am	Mendip Art Group (term time only)	* V.H.
Weekly	1.00 - 3.30 pm	Playgroup	* P. H.
Weekly	5.45 - 7.15 pm	Brownies	* V.H.
Weekly	7.00 - 9.00 pm	Guides	* Scout Hall
Weekly	7.30 pm	Weston-super-Mare Digital Camera Club	* V.H.

WEDNESDAY

2nd & 16th	1.30 - 3.30 pm	Baby Clinic	* V.H.
9th	2.30 pm	Mothers' Union – Barry Mather “Russia”	* V.H.
9th	7.30pm	Royal British Legion	* Scout Hall
Weekly	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice	* St. Andrews
Weekly	8.00 pm	Banwell Sequence Dance Club	* V.H.
Weekly	1.30 pm	Bridge Club	* V.H.

THURSDAY

10th & 24th	10.00 am	Banwell Short Mat Bowling	* V.H.
3rd & 17th	7.30 pm	“ “ “ “	* V.H.
10th	7.30 pm	W.I. Members' Night	* V.H.
24th	7.30pm	Gardening Club – “Wildlife Creatures that come to our farm” – Secret World Wildlife Rescue	* V.H.
Weekly	1.00 - 3.30pm	Playgroup	* P.H.
Weekly	2.30 pm	Seniors' Club	* V.H.
Weekly	7.30 - 10.00 pm	Youth Club (term time only)	* Y.C.C.
Weekly	5.30 - 6.30 pm	Rainbows	* Scout Hall

FRIDAY

11th	7.30 pm	Archaeology Society - Speaker: David Bowring “William Morris & the Red House”	* V.H.
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Weekly	9.30 - 11.45 am	Baby/Toddler Group	* Scout Hall
Weekly	6.30 - 7.45 pm	Cubs	* Scout Hall
Weekly	7.45 - 9.30 pm	Scouts	* Scout Hall

SUNDAY

Weekly	11.00 am	Judo Club	* Y.C.C.
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Abbreviations: * Visitors Welcome; **V.H.** Village Hall; **M.H.** Methodist Hall;
P.H. Playgroup Hall; **Y.C.C.** Youth and Community Centre.

Do You Value What's In Your Shed?

Spring is upon us and with the advent of longer days and lighter evenings I dare say many of you will be busy in your gardens. Whilst there have been few crimes reported currently relating to thefts from sheds, it might be a good time to think about security now that thoughts of gardening will be to the fore and since you may be considering the purchase of new equipment. Traditionally, this is a time of year when this type of crime increases.

A few pointers;

- Has your shed got suitable locks and hinges.
- Is there adequate lighting around the shed.
- Have you thought of installing a battery operated shed alarm.
- Think about where you put your shed - if it is located in the back garden, have you thought of putting a bolt on the side gate allowing access into the back garden.

- Have you thought of postcoding your tools.
- Even better, have you thought of using Smartwater.
- Are you a member of Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

As I walked around the district last year I came across a couple of sheds situated in prime positions, with doors splayed open and no sign of residents – what a catch for opportunists. I could have quite easily walked off with equipment without anyone noticing.

Security devices can be purchased at reduced prices from the police station.

If you need any further advice or information please give us a ring.

PC 2307 Adrian Woolcott
PCSO 7369 Maggie Evans
Villages Office: 01934 638123

Two nuns are out driving when a vampire drops onto the bonnet of their car. "Quick sister," screams one nun, "Show him your cross!"

So the other nun leans out of the window and shouts, "Hey! You! Buzz off!"

Banwell Duck Race '08

There may be no Carnival this Summer, but a few die-hards are making sure there'll be something to keep you occupied!

Make a note in your diary:



The Great Banwell Duck Race

Riverside, Saturday 19th July

Afternoon Tea at the Ritz



Banwell Village Hall, Sunday 20th July

Something tells me there will be more to come! Full details in next month's issue.

Jonah's Fate

After hearing the story of Jonah at Sunday School, a little girl repeated the story at school on Monday.

Her teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because, even though it is a very large mammal, its throat is very small.

The little girl said, "But how can that be? Jonah was swallowed by a whale." Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human. "It is physically impossible!" she said.

Undaunted, the little girl said, "Well, when I get to heaven I will ask Jonah."

To this, the teacher said, "What if Jonah went to hell?"

The little girl replied, "Then YOU ask him!"

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(Note change of venue and date)

This social event is being held to promote the village twinning with our neighbours in Normandy. We aim to have fun, enjoy some interesting wine & introduce new people to our group.

If you would like to come along and meet us or find out more about the Twinning then contact Jeanne Evans, Park Farm, Wolvershill - 01934 823878 or Jeanne.evans70@hotmail.com

Banwell Gardening Club's Summer Trip Everyone Welcome!

We are visiting the RHS Gardens Rosemoor on Saturday 14th June 2008. The coach leaves Banwell Car Park at 9.00a.m.

Quincey's Honey Farm will be our coffee stop on route.

Rosemoor is an enchanting garden designed to provide year-round interest and inspiration to all gardeners. The 'Grow Your Own' theme,

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