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Thought For Christmas

My Dear Friends,

One day a King sat with his Adviser eating honey on puffed rice. As they ate they leaned from the palace window and watched the street below. They talked of this and that. The King, not paying attention to what he was doing, let a drop of honey fall onto the window sill.

'O sir, let me wipe that up,' offered the Adviser. 'Never mind,' said the King; 'it is not our problem, the servants will clean it later.' The drop of honey slowly began to drip down the window sill. At last it fell with a plop onto the street below. A cat had seen it and pounced – nearby a dog sprang forward and attacked the cat!

'Sir, there seems to be a cat and dog fight in the street. Should we call someone to stop it?' 'Never mind,' said the King. 'It is not our problem.' Meanwhile the cat's owner had arrived and was beating the dog. The dog owner ran up and began to beat the cat. Soon the two were beating each other.

'Sir, there are two persons fighting in the street now, shouldn't we send someone to break this up?' The King lazily looked down from the window and said 'Never mind. It's not our problem.' The friends of the cat owner gathered and began to cheer him. The friends of the dog's owner began to cheer him on as well.

'Sir, a number of people are fighting in the street now. Perhaps we should call someone to break this up.' You can guess what the King had said; 'Never mind, it's not our problem.' Now soldiers arrived on the scene. At first they tried to break up the fighting, but when they heard the cause of

the fight, some sided with the cat's owner. Others sided with the dog's owner. With the soldiers involved, the fight erupted into civil war. Houses were burned down. People were harmed. And the palace itself was set afire and burned to the ground.

The King and his Adviser stood surveying the ruins. 'Perhaps' said the King, 'I was wrong? Perhaps the drop of honey was our problem.'

The point, my friends, is that as we approach Christmas let us remember that it takes one person to start change. One person to enable others to stop and think. But the change must start with us. In a world where it is easy to say it is not my problem rather than to get involved, let us remember what Christmas means. It is the celebration of God's intervention in human affairs. It is Confucius who says 'it is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness.'

Our faith means nothing if we do not practise what we preach and believe. Christ came to show us how to love each other and how to be at peace with each other, so in the midst of the hustle and bustle of preparation for a Merry Christmas, let us not forget the reason for the Christ Child.

Shalom my friends
Rev Sam

The teacher said: "Stand up all the children who want to go to heaven." They all stood up except Jack. "Don't you want to go to heaven, Jack?" "Not yet, Miss," said Jack.

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.



December

3rd Whitecross Lane
10th William Daw Close
17th Wint Hill
24th Wolvershill Batch
31st Wolvershill Park

January

7th Wolvershill Road
14th Castle Hill

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.

Dinah Harrison 822344
The Revd. Sam 852314

Seniors Club

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members and friends a Very Happy Christmas and to say "Thank You" for all your loyal help in keeping our little Club so happy and friendly.

I know we are all sad, losing so many of our members, but we still think of them and remember their wonderful friendship to our Club.

Our December Meetings are:-

7th December - Carols

14th December - Christmas Lunch

21st December - Christmas Raffle

We meet again on the 4th January 2007, with our A.G.M, on the 11th January 2007.

Mrs. D. Green

The difference between a taxidermist and a tax collector is that the taxidermist takes only your skin.

Mark Twain

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 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

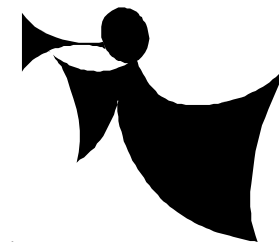
Banwell-Potigny Twinning Assoc. Contact Jeanne Evans 823878

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

Christmas 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
17th	6.30 pm	Joint Carol Service
24th	5.00 pm	Christingle Service
	11.30 pm	Midnight Eucharist
25th	10.00 am	Christmas Day Family Eucharist



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	6.30 pm	Evening Service
25th	10.00 am	Christmas Day Service

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From the Registers

November

Funeral;

28th Gordon William John Hicks

Archaeology

Mike Horler was our Speaker in November when he told of his life as a Wheelwright and Carriage Restorer. He brought a fascinating selection of tools, etc. Mike explained wheel construction and the history of wheels since their origin in Mesopotamia 5000 years ago.

He had restored his own governess cart and provided a horse drawn omnibus and six heavy horses to America. Then to Jordan, where he made a carriage to take visitors around Petra, trained the local Arab horses and was invited to King Hussein's Birthday Party.

We hope to hear more interesting stories from Mike at a later date.

At our next meeting on Friday, 8th December William Evans will be talking on Bristol Castle and the Anarchy of King Stephen.

Being our Christmas Meeting Coffee and Mince pies will be available.

Visitors and new members are always welcome. Just come along at 7.30 p.m. to the Village Hall.

When I was a kid, I used to pray every night for a new bicycle. Then I realised that the Lord doesn't work that way, so I stole one and asked him to forgive me.

Emo Philips

News From The Gardening Club

At the October meeting Jeff Hoyland told us of his sponsored cycle ride through Cuba in aid of the National Children's Deaf Society. Five hundred miles were covered in the five days he and others were cycling and Jeff raised £7000. His talk was illustrated with slides giving us an insight into life in Cuba. This last meeting before Christmas ended with mince pies and mulled wine. Members and friends will next meet for the New Year Dinner on 26th January. The next club meeting is on Thursday 22nd February when the subject will be 'Plants in Flower Arrangements'. We wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. Any queries to Eileen on 822433

Candlelit

Christmas Carol Service

Sunday 17th December

6.30pm

St Andrew's Church

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Remembrance Parade & Service

The Banwell branch of the RBL would like to thank all those who supported and participated on and before Remembrance Sunday.

It was great to see the Church so full and our thanks to all those who turned out. Particular thanks to the Rev Michael Slade (Rural Dean & Vicar of Winscombe) who conducted the service and to the Rev Matthew Thomson (Vicar of Congresbury with Puxton & Hewish) who gave the sermon.

Our Parade was very well supported by veterans, the Parish Council, the W.I., the Mothers Union, and by the Scouts, Guides, Young Leaders, Cubs, Beavers, Brownies, & Rainbows and a particular commendation to the children who took part in the Church Service for playing their parts so ably. Part of the RAFA band led the processions and one of their number played the Last Post & Reveille in the Church and at the Memorial - our grateful thanks to them for supporting us so well. Gareth Thomas performed his first major role very ably as RBL branch Standard Bearer, along with Alan Goodall who carried the RNA standard. Thanks to Dennis Cruze for once again taking on the role of Parade Marshall. Thanks to Gordon Griffey and Cliff Hobbs for organizing the seating in the Church and acting as Ushers (they also organized and laid the cross in the churchyard with the assistance of David Westlake); also the RBL members who took the collection. Thank you to the ladies who organized and served the tea/coffee and biscuits after the Parade.

Before Remembrance Sunday, there was

much work to be done with committee meetings and a rehearsal in the church. The War Memorial was cleaned, weeded and planted with fresh flowers (by Jack Jones who has carried out these tasks so faithfully for many years); the flowers watered regularly by Ann Shipton; the railings and gate repainted (by Brian Godden & Sheila Thomas); the shrubbery trimmed (by Peter Shipton and Andy Rout) - our very grateful thanks to them all.

Very grateful thanks to John Martyn of SP Press for providing the Service Sheets free of charge - as he has done for the last few years.

It is surprising how many people are involved and their dedication is much appreciated.

Auction

St Andrew's Church held an auction of produce following the Harvest Service on 24 September and raised £171.00 for the Refugee Council. This is the largest organisation in the UK working with asylum seekers and refugees. Its aims are: to give advice and support to help people rebuild their lives; to work with refugee community organisations to help them grow and serve their communities; to care for unaccompanied refugee children; to offer training and employment courses to enable asylum seekers and refugees to use their skills and qualifications; to campaign for their voices to be heard in the UK and abroad; to keep them on the political agenda and discussed in the media; and to produce authoritative information on refugee issues worldwide, including reports, statistics and analysis. They are an independent organisation and a registered charity (No. 1014576). For more information see www.refugeecouncil.org.uk

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Banwell Methodist Church

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Bring and Buy

Cake Stall

Saturday 16th December

Banwell Bowling Club

10am - Noon

Raising money for The Babe Appeal





An exciting community theatre project is taking place across North Somerset over the coming months. There will be groups formed in 8 different localities, and each group will create its own piece of theatre with the help of an experienced theatre professional.

This is a project for people of all ages and generations, for those who have never been involved in the arts and those who have – for anyone who would like to get together with others and make theatre that is something to do with their local community. Some people may want to contribute to the project but not perform – either with backstage help or by telling their story.

For further information contact
Jane Bassett on 01275 810995

Market

Banwell market will not be held every Saturday due to stall holders commitments. The next Banwell market will be held Saturday 16th December 10-1pm inside at the Y.C.C. bottom of village car park. Stalls include fruit & veg, jewellery, christmas decs, jams, eggs, books, household and more. Refreshments are available. Come and order your Christmas fruit and veg.

Charity Collections

Special collections will be taken at two of this year's Christmas Services:

At the Ecumenical Carol Service at St Andrew's on Sunday 17 December at 6.30pm the collection will be for the 'Babe Appeal', the Respite Home in Bristol of Children's Hospice South West. This cares for children with life limiting or life threatening conditions and provides support for them and their families.

Registered Charity No. 1003314.

At the Christingle Service at St Andrew's on 5 pm. Christmas Eve, Sunday 24 December the collection will be for Christian Aid's 'Present Aid', an opportunity to give to people who don't have everything – in the areas of agricultural, training, educational, emergency and healthcare work with the world's poorest people.

Registered Charity No. 1105851

More information and Gift-Aid envelopes will be available at both services.

Heaven is an English policeman, a French cook, a German engineer, an Italian lover and everything organized by the Swiss. Hell is an English cook, a French engineer, a German policeman, a Swiss lover and everything organized by the Italians.

John Elliot

Christmas Concert

A Christmas celebration with Hannah Biddlecombe (nee Vickery) Rachel Robinson and friends

Saturday 16th December 2006 7.30pm
at Banwell Methodist church in aid of
Tsunami and Diabetes UK.

£5 adults

£3 children

If you're wanting to be put into the Christmas spirit come and enjoy an evening of Christmas music and other favourites. Take part in some carol singing and be rewarded for your efforts with homemade mince pies during the interval.

Gardening Tips For December



Order and buy seeds as soon as possible. Check bulbs being forced for Christmas and New Year flowering. Take winter flowering hanging baskets under cover, either into the greenhouse or porch before very severe weather arrives; also bring under cover herbs potted up for forcing. Check on the condition of stored apples and pears. Lag or protect outdoor pipes if not already done. Knock snow off branches of shrubs, conifers and hedges to prevent them breaking under the weight. Divide polyanthus which have made good crowns. Order fresh dahlias for next year's requirements.

21 Years Of Comic Relief

One of the most amazing stories in the history of fund-raising began 21 years ago this month. Comic Relief was launched live on BBC1 on Christmas Day from a refugee camp in Sudan, in response to the famine there.

Besides doing something about that very real and direct emergency, the founders were determined to help tackle broader needs of poor and disadvantaged people in Africa and in the UK. The fund-raising began with a few live events, drawing support from across the comedy community until the first Red Nose Day in 1988, which created the unique union of comedy and charity on national TV. Presented by Lenny Henry, Griff Rhys Jones and Jonathan Ross, the first big night of television raised more than £15 million.

21 years on, Comic Relief has raised an astonishing £425 million, of which nine Red Nose Days have accounted for more than £290 million (the next Red Nose Day is on 16 March). Over the years, Comic Relief cash in Africa has educated people about HIV and AIDS, taught women to read, immunised children and helped communities to rebuild after conflict. Across the UK it has helped disabled people challenge prejudice and discrimination, supported older people in their fight to get their rights recognised and provided escape routes for women living with domestic violence.

To learn more about Comic Relief, visit the website www.comicrelief.com or email red@comicrelief.org.uk (or write to 5 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7TP).

Banwell Flower Arranging Group

We have had a very varied programme this year which included a slide show on wild flowers, a Demonstration from Pam Collings from Burnham Area Evening Flower Club, a visit to Diana Redfern's garden in Sandford and a Practice Evening doing miniature arrangements.

We made table arrangements and decorated the Village Hall for the Harvest Supper and also held a Japanese Evening where we learnt, from both a spectator's and a competitor's point of view, all about the "W.A.F.A" Show (World Flower Arranging Competitions) which was held in Japan last year.

Our November meeting was a "hands-on" making our own Christmas arrangements under the supervision of Gaynor Legg from Forget-me-Not Florists at Winscombe.

As we do not have a meeting in December we decided it would be a good idea to get together over a Christmas Lunch and this we are doing at the new venue at Banwell Garden Centre.

Two of our members will be taking part in a Flower Festival in May at the Wesley Chapel at Broadmead, Bristol, and their exhibit will depict one of Charles Wesley's hymns.

Our 2007 programme will be available shortly and we look forward to welcoming any newcomers with an interest in flower arranging. For more information please phone Sonia Mitchell (820460).

Valentines Dance

In aid of

THE BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION

How about something to look forward to after the Christmas & New Year festivities are fading from your minds.

On Saturday February 10th 2007 from 8.00pm to 11.30pm (doors open 7.30pm or a bit before) Kathy & Terry will be hosting a Valentines Dance, with music by SILVERBACK, in the Banwell Village Hall with all profits going to The British Heart Foundation.

Tickets are £6.50 each on the door (Children under 14 £3.50)

There will be a raffle, any donations gratefully received, and door prizes, maybe a quiz as well.

We are hoping for a surprise act during the evening, although we haven't asked them yet!

Most of you will have seen Terry play at some point or another, but if not I'm sure you will have heard of him. Does anyone remember the Tramps Ball with "The Down 'n Outers", that was Terry's band SILVERBACK in disguise.

We look forward to seeing you there. The more the merrier!

For advance tickets or any queries you may have please contact Kathy on 824552 or 07779 856831

"He may look like an idiot and talk like an idiot, but don't let that fool you. He really is an idiot."

Groucho Marx

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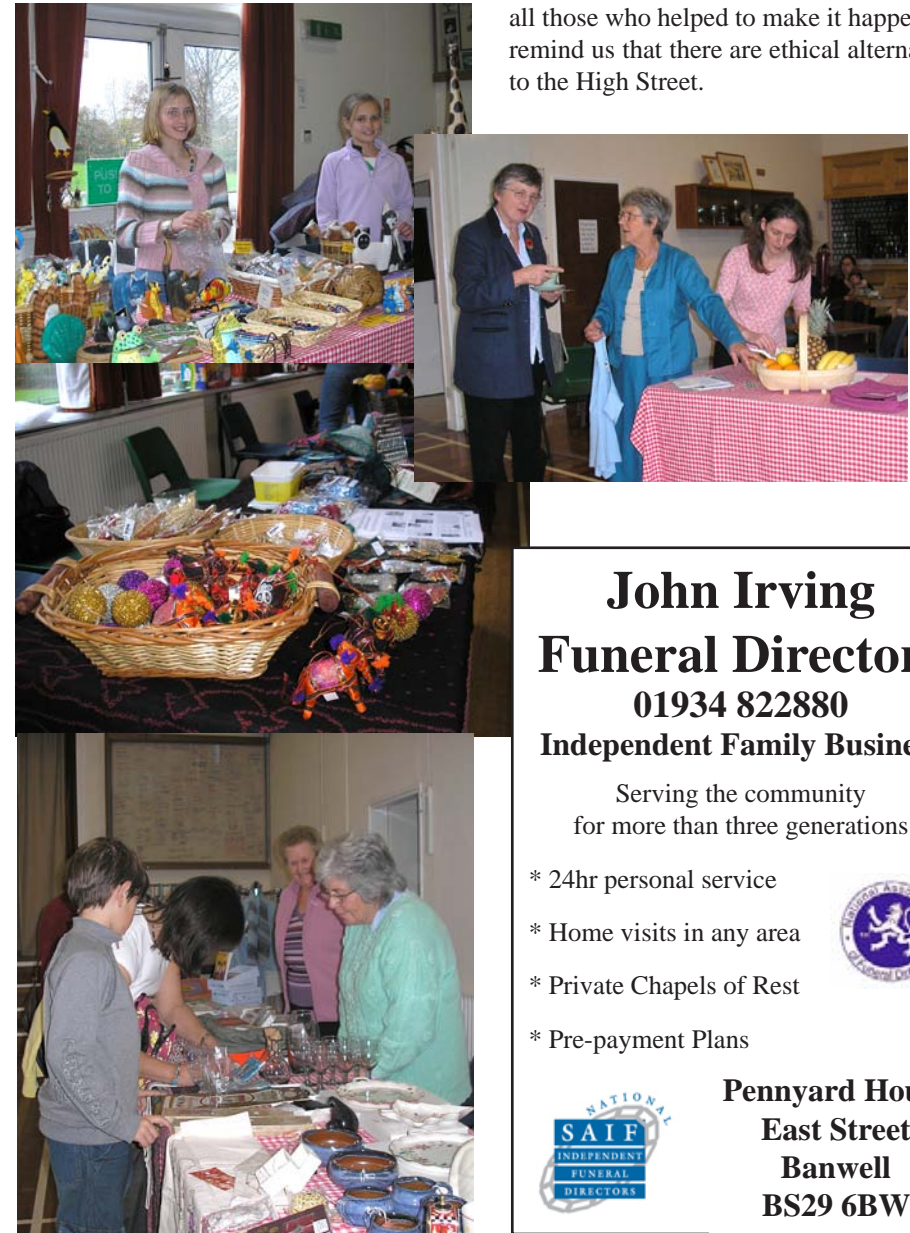
What A Great Day!

Can it be repeated in 2007?

If you would like to help make this happen contact Peter Rolfe 823945

Fair Trade Day

Banwell's Fair Trade Day in the Village Hall proved once again to be a popular event with many varied stalls. Thanks must go to all those who helped to make it happen and remind us that there are ethical alternatives to the High Street.



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One glass of water shuts down midnight hunger pangs for almost 100% of the dieters studied in a recent study. Lack of water is the Number One trigger of daytime fatigue.

A mere 2% drop in body water can trigger fuzzy short-term memory, trouble with basic maths, and difficulty focusing on the computer screen or on a printed page.

Research indicates that drinking 5 glasses of water daily decreases the risk of colon cancer by 45%, plus it can slash the risk of breast cancer by 79%, and one is 50% less likely to develop bladder cancer.

Ho! Ho! Ho!

Yes, It's Father Christmas sending out a note to all Banwellians again.

I've been asked to make an early call to Banwell again this year – I'm told the mince pies and the Punch will be just as tasty – they want me to meet all the villagers at the 'Carols under the Tower' event on Saturday 16th December at 6.30pm at the entrance to St Andrews Church. The organisers have told me to bring plenty of sacks as it seems that Banwell people are very generous – bringing presents for me to receive to pass on to children who may not be as lucky as some of us. The presents are usually wrapped and marked with the age of the child it is suitable for so that they are a complete surprise for the children. I can even collect them on my way to the Church as I will be leaving The Whistling Duck at 6.15pm, to travel in style to meet you all, and welcome Christmas to the village.

Ho! Ho! Ho! Ho! Ho!

Playgroup and Out of School Club

It is a great pleasure to announce the news that, as of the recent AGM for Banwell Playgroup and a recent Committee meeting, a new committee was elected and finalised to continue the good work of the previous year.

Before I go into detail as to who is on the Committee, I would like to thank all those who were involved over the last year and the sterling efforts by all.

I would especially like to thank Jane Gomm for her hard work as the previous incumbent of Chair over the last couple of years, particularly in ensuring that the new building for the playgroup became more than just a dream.

New Committee for the coming year:

Chairman	Gareth Thomas	823177 or 07974678911	garethmichelle@tiscali.co.uk
Secretary	Vikki Fitzpatrick	820874 or 07941186663	vikkibibi@aol.com
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Fundraiser	Karly Ivison	822667 or 07887827811	
Fundraiser	Debbie Mitchell	824716	
School Representative	Sarah Smith		
Committee Member	Jane Gomm		
Committee Member	Toni White		
Committee Member	Becky Jeavons		
Committee Member	Vicky Caldwell		

Thanks once again
Gareth Thomas
Chairman

Two drunks were travelling on the London Underground late at night and saw a notice up beside the escalator: "Dogs must be carried." "Botheration," one of the muttered, "where on earth can we find two dogs at this time of night?"

CONTACTS		Tel.
Church of England.	The PCC Secretary, The Coach House, East Street, Banwell	822320
Methodist.	Rev. Sam, Wesley Manse, Dinghurst Rd, Churchill	852314
Roman Catholic.	Rev. Fr. Tibor Szende, The Presbytery, Tweentown, Cheddar	742564

Caring At Christmas

Registered Charity No. 900161

We are again appealing on behalf of Caring at Christmas who, in conjunction with the Julian Trust, work throughout the year to help the homeless in Bristol. From 24th – 30th December 350 volunteers will keep the night shelter in Little Bishop Street open, offering a bed, a meal and a shower to people who have nowhere else to go. Last year over 1,972 meals were served. Most nights the 50 beds were full, with some guests staying all week.

We will be grateful for gifts of food, toiletries, DVDs, books & games, cleaning materials, clothing, bedding & money.

Food: non-perishable items e.g. tinned foods, tea, coffee, sugar & cereals; mince pies, Christmas puddings, chocs & sweets are also welcome. Toiletries: shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, razors (travel-sized ones are ideal); also lip balm, hand & face cream to protect from cold weather. Clothing: second-hand winter clothes in good condition e.g. jumpers, coats, hats, scarves and shoes; (but underwear must be new, please). Bedding: blankets, single sheets, pillow cases & towels are a great help (no duvets). Money: always needed and can be used throughout the year. Please make cheques payable to "Caring at Christmas".

If you can help, please bring any gifts BY MONDAY DECEMBER 18TH LATEST to: Dinah Harrison at the Coach House, East Street or Eric Small at 31 West Street.

If unable to deliver, please ring Dinah on 822344 or e.mail ericjsmall@hotmail.com to arrange for collection. Thank you!

Dinah Harrison

The New Binge-drinkers

Forget silly teen-agers. Now women in their 40s are binge-drinking, many driven to it by the stress in their lives.

This is just one of the findings of a recent survey of 1,000 readers of a women's magazine, Prima. A third of the women said that they drink more now than they did in their teens and twenties. And while a quarter of women said they drank moderately during the week, 26 per cent of 35 – 44 year olds said they drank to get drunk at weekends.

Many of the women in the survey are struggling to bring up young children as well as cope with a full-time job. Half of the women over 30 said that stress was their main reason for drinking during the week. This rose to 57 per cent in the 35 – 44 year old group.

24 per cent of mothers said their children had seen them drunk. 20 per cent said they drove while over the limit. 14 per cent had missed work because of a hangover. 13 per cent have passed out from drink.

Marie Fahey, the editor of Prima magazine, said: "We find time and time again that stress is a huge problem for modern women, working mothers especially, and a glass of wine at the end of the week is an attractive option. But it seems that one glass is not enough any more for many women."

Figures from the Office for National Statistics show the number of middle-aged women who are drinking themselves to death has more than doubled in a decade.

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Banwell Village Website – www.banwell.info
Contact: Graham Found, email: graham@banwell.info Tel: 822619

Banwell Parish Council Website – www.banwell.org
Contact Jony Russell, email: wordsatwork@macunlimited.net Tel: 822715

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.geocities.com/johnnyamos2002

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

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

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At the recent Charity Day held in the Village Hall organised by Laura Batt we had a Christmas Craft Stall. We had worked very hard and our table was laden with lots of different Christmas items. As it was open from 10 – 4 we had a really good response from the public and sold quite a lot of our produce.

Another effort was at the Bowling Club where we once again sold more Christmas items, cakes and coffee.

Back to the school again in November helping the children making Christmas cards and presents was great fun. Lots of hard work goes into the preparations for these afternoons but we thoroughly enjoy being with the children and their teacher and the Headmaster.

Our AGM was held in November and we were pleased to welcome 2 new committee members. Reports were read out by committee members on what we had achieved last year.

Mr C Cudlipp came along to give us a talk on Bee Keeping. A very interesting subject and we all thoroughly enjoyed his talk.

The monthly competitions are always well supported and this month's was won by Mrs Jean Sims and Mrs Molly Eldridge.

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WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

MONDAY

11th	12.30 - 1.30 pm	Soup Lunch	*	V.H.
11th	7.30 pm	Parish Council	*	V.H.
Weekly	10.00 am	Keep Fit & Tap Dancing	*	V.H.
Weekly	6.45 - 8.15 pm	Cub Scouts	*	Scout Hall
Weekly	6.00 - 8.45 pm	Beginners & Advanced Yoga	*	V.H.

TUESDAY

Weekly	4.30 - 5.30 pm	Beavers	*	Scout Hall
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

WEDNESDAY

6th & 20th	1.30 - 3.30 pm	Baby Clinic	*	V.H.
6th		Mothers' Union Christmas Luncheon		
13th	7.15 pm	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

14th & 28th	10.00 am	Banwell Short Mat Bowling	*	V.H.
7th & 21st	7.30 pm	“ “ “ “	*	V.H.
14th	7.30 pm	W.I. Christmas Festivities	*	V.H.
Weekly	1.00 - 3.30 pm	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

8th	7.30 pm	Archaeology Society - Speaker: William Evans "Bristol Castle & the Anarchy of King Stephen"	*	V.H.
Weekly	9.30 - 11.45 am	Baby/Toddler Group	*	Scout Hall
Weekly	7.30 - 9.30 pm	Scouts	*	Scout Hall

SATURDAY

9th	10.00 am - 12 noon	St Andrew's Church Sale & Christmas Coffee Morning	*	V.H.
16th	10.00 am - 12.00	Methodist Church Christmas Coffee Morning	*	Bowling Club

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.

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