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January

7th Wolvershill Road
14th Castle Hill
21st Chesterfield Close
28th Chestnut Close

February

4th Church Street
11th Coronation 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.

Dinah Harrison 822344
The Revd. Sam 852314

Banwell Wives

There will be a Banwell Wives Reunion on February 28th at The Whistling Duck at 12noon.

BURNS NIGHT SUPPER

Banwell Village Hall

SATURDAY 27TH JANUARY

7 pm for 7.30pm

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24th January

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

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

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Sunday 9.00 am Mass

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Modification Order N0 32005

A Public Local Inquiry into the above order has been arranged and will open at 10.00am on Tuesday 20th February 2007 at the Keep, Banwell Castle, Banwell.

It is open to anyone who has made an objection or representation and any other interested persons.

**Please note our
email address &
website**

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www.banwellparishnews.org.uk

Thank You

A big thank you must go to all the people who help with the production and distribution of the Parish Mag. Without the many distributors there could be no Mag. To all those who send in articles and photographs – keep them coming. We need news of how your event turned out as well as the advert for it.

Could I put in a special plea that articles come type-written and preferably emailed? This saves us a lot of work. We can still handle hand-written articles and, if that is the only way you can get them to us, then that's fine. We would rather have them hand-written than not get them at all.

Also I would like to say thank you to SP Press for their help over the last year in printing the mag – very often at short notice.

Finally, may I apologise for the lateness of this issue but circumstances beyond our control conspired against us over the Christmas period.

Banwell Village Hall AGM 2007

Banwell Village Hall Annual General Meeting 2007 will be held on Monday 5th March at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

All Banwell residents over 17 years of age are invited to attend and vote at the election of officers and Trustee Members to serve on the Management Committee for 2007-08. In addition to representatives from participating organisations, up to 9 additional Banwell residents may be elected to the Village Hall Management Committee.

The Village Hall is invariably in need of new and, particularly, younger talent to participate in its activities and serve on the Management Committee. This is YOUR hall and its main aim is to serve the local community. Come and have your say as to how you want it run.

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Oops!

A Catholic priest and a Methodist pastor from two local churches were standing by the side of the road, feverishly pounding a handmade sign into the ground with a large rock. The sign read: The End is Near! Turn Yourself Around Now Before It's Too Late!

As a car sped past them, the driver yelled, "Leave us alone, you religious nuts!" A moment later, from around the curve they heard screeching tires and a big splash. The pastor turned to the priest and asked thoughtfully: "Do you think the sign should just say 'Bridge Out'?"

WI

Our December meeting was held at the Lamb Axbridge, and afterwards we enjoyed an excellent meal. Sadly two of our committee members have resigned, Gloria Boddy and Bernice Wigfall. We thank them for all the hard work they have done. We welcome two new members, Doris Boland and Iris Parsons in their place. Our meetings are always shown in the Banwell News. Why not come along one evening as a visitor – who knows, you may really enjoy it.

We would like to wish everyone in Banwell a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

Margaret Oatway.

To advertise in this magazine give our advertisement manager

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Mothers' Union

Our Christmas Luncheon at the Mooseheart International, Winscombe was attended by approx. 70 members and guests. Among our guests were our Archdeaconry President: Mrs Shirley Perm and the Rural Dean: The Revd, Michael Slade.

After an excellent Christmas Feast and much jovial conversation and enjoyment our Archdeaconry President gave the address. This proved to be most interesting. Shirley and I had both commented on the fact that our Luncheon had fallen on December 6th, the festival of St. Nicholas in the church calendar. St Nicholas was Bishop of Myra (Lycia) circa 326AD. There are many legends about him. One was that he was present at the Council of Nicaea and punched Arius in the lively and hectic debate over the establishment of the direction of future Christian belief! He is more widely known for the story that he secretly threw three bags of gold over the wall of three young girls to save them from having to earn their living as prostitutes as they were very poor and had no dowries and consequently had no hope of marriage. The three golden balls of the pawnbrokers sign has its origins in these three bags of gold. Italian merchants who set up as merchant bankers and money lenders took their sign of the three golden balls from the coat of arms of the Medici family of Florence representing the three bags of gold of St Nicholas.

In another legend he was reputed to have restored to life three little boys who had been cut up and pickled in a barrel to be served up as bacon! Ugh! He is the patron Saint of Sailors, having stilled a storm on a voyage to the Holy Land. Also Patron Saint of Russia

– St. Nicholas is usually shown in red bishop's robes with three bags of gold or three little boys. It is thought that one of the ancient windows in our church of St Andrew, Banwell records another of his miracles. The baby left over the fire in the bath while his mother rushed out on a holy errand with disastrous consequences! Fortunately St Nicholas restored the baby to life – perhaps this is why he is said to protect against fire.

Shirley showed many links between St Nicholas and the work of the Mothers' Union but drew the line at miracles!!!!

We raised £106 by our raffle for the Away From it All Holidays for families in crisis. Last year £4000 was spent on this, one of our many charitable causes. Every little helps!

Over the years St. Nicholas has gradually evolved into Santa Klaas ..Santa Claus and to Father Christmas the 'bishop' who gives gifts to 'good children' secretly at night via his reindeer sleigh and a journey down the chimney to fill the Christmas stockings hung up by the fire place. (When the credit card statements come in this month of January also think of the three golden balls of the pawnbroker and that connection with St. Nicholas).

A Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year to everyone from St. Andrew's Mothers' Union.

When you live with a heart of compassion, you have the heart of an angel. When you fill your life with deeds of compassion, you do the work of an angel!!!

Family Information Day

More than 20 exhibitors from North Somerset Council, the health service and voluntary sector will be at a community fun and information day in February. The free event, taking place at Banwell Village Hall, will be on 9 February, 10 am to 1 pm.

This is the latest in a series of popular information days which have been taking place across North Somerset. Around 100 people have visited each event, with representatives from the various organisations taking about 400 queries. As well as information about services, there will also be entertainment for all the family, including the popular Signing Choir, gentle exercises for the over 50's and children's reading groups.

Banwell and Winscombe Children's' Centre

Shortly before Christmas, North Somerset Council formally agreed to spend £250,000 on the upgrade to the Youth and Community centre. This will become the hub for delivering children's services in the area. Services will also be delivered through other buildings throughout the area to ensure access to all. The Youth and Community centre will still be a multi use premises with the youth club and access to use for all villagers.

There are two means of refuge from the misery of life - music and cats.

(Albert Schweitzer)

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.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

The Kathleen Jones Family Charity

The awards made for 2007 are as follows

As you may be aware the Scout hut suffered from senseless vandalism recently. We recognize the effort put in by leaders and committee members to raise funds to keep the group viable.

We therefore make an award of £400 to the Scout & Guide Unit

The PCC is restoring the Church Gates and Pillars and some financial help will come from North Somerset Council for the stone pillars. The gates require considerable restoration and this will be totally financed by the Kathleen Jones Family Charity.

We make an award of £2000 for this work.

The Gates were supplied by Edwin Thomas, a local blacksmith, in the late 1920s and partially restored by Jim Emmerson about 25yrs ago. The work on the gates will be done by local ironworker Charles Ware working at Moor Road.

I like pigs. Dogs look up to us: cats look down on us. Pigs treat us as equals.

(Sir Winston Churchill)

Banwell Market

The market is now going to run once a month, being held every third Saturday 9.30 till 12.30 starting March 17th. The venue has changed and it will be held at the Village Hall, Westfield Road. The market will be selling new products and I would like to hear from anybody who would like to have a stall. Having support from many stall holders from last year there will be a variety of products. See you there. Lisa Griffiths 822870 email griffithslisa70@hotmail.com

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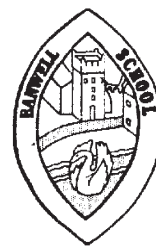
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School Dragons

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"They dress up as a dragon. They put the dragon on their head and then they dance around. I was born in the year of the snake"

William (Age 5)



"They celebrate with fireworks. They dance around holding dragon masks. I was born in the year of the horse." Gracie (Age 4)

"They beat drums. You can dress up like a dragon. I was born in the year

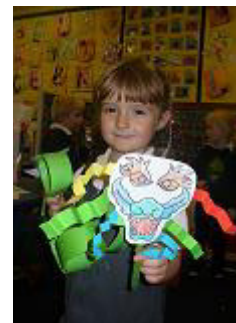
of the year of the snake." Ruben (Age 5)

"We played with some paper lanterns at school to learn about Chinese New Year."

Anya (Age 4)

"During the festival they dress up as dragons and dance around. I was born in the year of the horse."

Lucy (Age 4)



Wishing you all good luck in 2007 (the year of the boar).

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Banwell Beavers All Fired-up!



The 1st Banwell Beavers Scouts were all fired-up with excitement one Monday evening in November!

The local fire crew, from Winscombe station, agreed to miss their evenings training to come and talk to the Beavers. Sub officer Dave Hare and three volunteer fire



fighters arrived at the Scout HQ, in a fire engine amongst a wail of sirens and flashing lights! The Beavers could hardly contain themselves!

The Beavers were taught what to do if they thought there was a fire at home, the emphasis was on making sure they first get out, then stay out and raise the alarm.

The fire fighters let the boys (and willing adults) dress in their heavy uniforms; followed by an eagerly anticipated tour of the fire engine.

Before the fire fighters took their leave they treated the Beavers to crayons, colouring sheets and an interesting 'question and answer' session.

Thank you to the Winscombe fire fighters for a very informative and enjoyable meeting.

If you would like your child to be put on the 1st Banwell Beaver Scouts (age range 6-8) waiting list please contact Barbie Butt (BSL) 01934 822719 or Roger Houghton (ABSL) 07884 187445

Funny, I don't remember being absent-minded.

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St Andrew's Coffee Morning Success!



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Christmas Collections

Collections at the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services at St Andrew's were for Christian Aid's Present Aid – Gifts today that last beyond tomorrow.

A total of £429.77 was received, which can provide one cow for a family in Kyrgyzstan; a herd of goats for a village in Bolivia; two sets of tools and training in sustainable carpentry projects in Honduras; and 10 midwifery kits for birth attendants in Burkina Faso! Posters with more details will be on display in St Andrew's soon.

Thank you!

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

Carnival 2007

To do all this again in 2007 we need 50 or more helpers. Unfortunately to date not enough people have stepped forward. We would hate to have to cancel Carnival. So please, please phone Lyn Ralph 822714 if can help or need more information.

Lyn will chair a meeting for all Carnival 2007 volunteers in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 29th January. All those wishing to see the carnival a reality and help in any way should attend. Thank you

The Winners and Grinners of the Walking entries and the floats. Carnival 2006



These days, I spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter.... I go somewhere to get something, then wonder what I'm here after.

Crowd Control

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WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

MONDAY

8th	12.30 - 1.30 pm	Soup Lunch	*	V.H.
8th	7.30 pm	Parish Council	*	V.H.
22nd	7.30 pm	“ “	*	Meth. Hall
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

3rd & 17th	1.30 - 3.30 pm	Baby Clinic	*	V.H.
10th	2.30 pm	Mothers' Union - Speaker: Liz Green “Return to Kenya”	*	V.H.
10th	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

11th & 25th	10.00 am	Banwell Short Mat Bowling	*	V.H.
4th & 18th	7.30 pm	“ “ “ “	*	V.H.
11th	7.30 pm	W.I. Beauty Treatment - Nicky Eadie	*	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

12th	7.30 pm	Archaeology Society - Speaker: Lesley Ross “Before the Lake - Memories of Chew Valley”	*	V.H.
Weekly	9.30 - 11.45 am	Baby/Toddler Group	*	Scout Hall
Weekly	7.30 - 9.30 pm	Scouts	*	Scout Hall

SATURDAY

27th	7 pm for 7.30 pm	Burns Night Supper	*	V.H.
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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.

A Big Thank You For Caring At Christmas

Thank you, everybody, for your kind & generous support. We were able to deliver a large van-load of clothes, bedding and food to the night shelter for the homeless in good time for Christmas and handed the Treasurer of Caring at Christmas donations to the value of £228. We were assured we had made his day! We have since received a further £35 (which will be forwarded as soon as possible) making a total of £268. Many, many thanks for your generosity.

Eric Small & Dinah Harrison.

Gardening Tips For January



Sow seeds of cabbage, lettuce, peas and cauliflower in a temperature of 13c (55f). Apply lime to any ground that needs it. If the weather is wet and warmish then don't worry, but if a cold spell threatens, spreading straw to protect spring cabbage will help a lot. Pot plants which are not to be repotted will benefit from a little top dressing. Sweet Peas not planted in the autumn can be sown in a minimum temperature of 7c (45f) ready for planting out in late April. Cut back newly planted cane fruits. Dahlia tubers can be placed in boxes of moist peat to encourage the production of shoots for cuttings.

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