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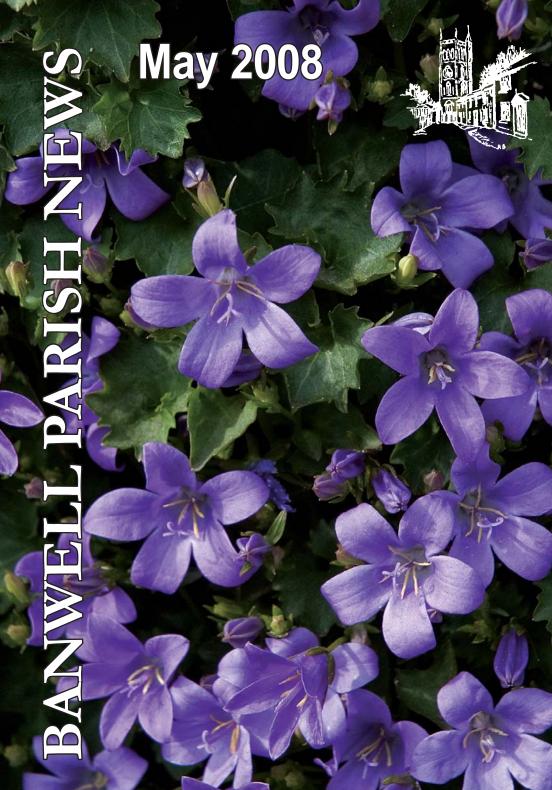
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In April instead of having a "Members' Night" we decided to enter the Federation Competition for "The Most Unusual Venue for a Meeting".



Mr David Heal, of Sandford, kindly let us use his charabanc circa 1940-50, which he parked at Winscombe Cricket Club car park for the evening.



The members dressed in clothes of the era; and news had spread because we were visited by the local "Spiv" (in costume) who tried to sell dodgy watches, jewellery and nylons before the meeting began.

We had Identity Cards that were numbered and doubled as raffle tickets, and the meeting was conducted in the usual fashion, except that a whistle was used to call the meeting to order. For refreshments we had sandwiches of spam and fish paste followed by a carrot cake Heather Evans had "rustled up" using a war-time recipe. We had a choice of Cider (Thatcher's, of course) or ginger beer. Because there were no lights in the charabanc the meeting began an hour early and closed when the light faded. Mr Gareth Jones came to take pictures and will write a report for the local papers and we shall make a scrapbook and send it in as our entry. We all had a good evening and such a laugh!



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.



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11th Queens Road

18th Riverside

25th School Close

June

1st Springfield Gardens

8th Summer lane Park

15th Thomas Close

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.

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

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The Fish Scheme's volunteer transport service is much appreciated by Banwellians who have no other way of getting to hospital or surgery appointments, but if we cannot recruit more drivers we will not be able to carry on much longer.

During the period April 2007 to March 2008 the lift scheme has had 114 requests as opposed to 65 during the previous 12 months, comprising 96 fulfilled (14 to Bristol), 13 cancelled by users and five which we were unable to satisfy.

Our volunteer group of drivers has fallen from 18 in 2003 to nine in 2008, plus two

drivers who can only offer lifts at short notice if they are available.

As most of the nine drivers still volunteering (and we are sure they will forgive us for saying this) are now reaching a stage where they may need to use the service themselves, we are in urgent need of more volunteers. If no-one comes forward (and we have appealed twice already in the past year without success), we predict that within the next two years we will be unable to continue to meet the village's need — a need that, as you can see by the figures, appears to be growing.

Drivers may claim mileage and parking expenses.

If you think you might be able to help, but want more information, PLEASE contact Eila Llewellin on 822592

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How To Make Your Wife More Efficient

An efficiency expert was delivering a seminar on time management for a company's junior executives. He concluded the session with a disclaimer: "But whatever you do, do NOT attempt these task-organizing tips at home," he said.

"Why not?" he was asked.

"Well, I did a study of my wife's routine of fixing breakfast," he replied, a little embarrassed. "I noticed she made a lot of trips between the refrigerator and the stove, the table and the cabinets, each time carrying only one item. So I told her: "Darling you are making too many trips back and forth carry-

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ing one item at a time. If you would only try carrying several things at once you would be much more efficient." He paused.

"Did that save time?" one of the executives asked.

"Actually, yes," the expert answered, "It used to take her 20 minutes to fix my breakfast. Now I get my own in seven minutes."

The fight

A man rushed into the pub. "I need a pint - I've just had another fight with my wife."

"Oh, yes?" asked his friend at the bar. "And how did this one end?"

"Well, when it was over, she was on her hands and knees, pleading with me" admitted the man.

"Goodness! Was she very upset?"

"Yes, I'm afraid so," said the man, "She kept crying: 'Come out from under that bed, you big chicken, and let me get my hands on you...!""

From the Registers

Baptisms:

April

6th Ruby Rose Counsell

20th Molly Louise Berry

Toby James Berry

Funerals:

April

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10th Peter Wright

11th Herbert Woodard

What would you ask the Tooth Fairy?

Y2 Hot Seating

Last week the Tooth Fairy made a visit, disguised as Callum, Saffron and Bryn. Without knowing the questions in advance our volunteers for the "hot seating" challenge gave answers to the questions the others wanted to ask the Tooth Fairy. Here are some of the questions and answers.

Do you like chocolate?

Yes, but I only eat a little bit a day otherwise I'll have to have a tooth fairy.

Why do you take teeth?

So I can give you money.

How do you change the tooth into money?

What I do is - I don't change the tooth into money, I bring money, 50p or £1, and put it under the pillow and take the tooth.



How do you know when to collect teeth?

Because I have a watch that tells me.

Where do you keep the teeth?

We don't keep them. We build the Queen's Palace with them.

How many teeth have you got?

I'm only young. I only have four, two on the top and two on the bottom.

What answers would you have given if put in the "hot seat"?

Banwell Caves Heritage Group



John Chapman & John Haynes with the History of Banwell Caves booklet.

The first open day of the year for Banwell Caves and Tower will be on Sunday 25th May between 2.00 and 4.30pm. For those who haven't been before it will include a



Lorna and Cynthia with the Caves cook book.

tour of the Bone Cave, which contains stacks of animal bones from the last ice age, a visit to the follies in the grounds and a trip up Banwell Tower. Refreshments consisting of a variety of home made cakes, tea and coffee will be on sale. Access is via Well Lane, the Christon Road, at the end of Banwell Hill and entry is free.

New for this year is a factual booklet entitled

A Short History of Banwell Caves which is on sale at £3.50 each. This was written by John Chapman who has been involved with the history of the site for probably 50 years, and is illustrated by John Haynes.

For those who have tasted the various food on sale at open days, you now have the opportunity to make the recipes yourselves as we have a Caves Cook Book written and illustrated by mother and daughter Lorna Denholme and Cynthia Carvel. This is also on sale at £3.50.

Both booklets will be on sale at open days or can be ordered by telephoning Dave Shaw on 01934 820091.

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Your Christian Aid envelope should be inside your 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. Please take your envelope to any of the addresses below, or to either the Methodist or St Andrew's Churches.

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Rowan Wick, Wolvershill Road

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1 Littlefields Avenue

2 Chestnut Close

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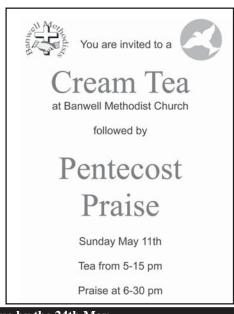
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Quiz Aid

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

Answer: Come and take part in "Quizaid" – a brand new initiative for Christian Aid Week this year. Put your brains to the test and have some fun in a fundraising quiz event on Friday 16 May in the Village Hall, starting at 7.30 pm. Bring a team or come on your own and make up a team on the night. Most of all bring your money and give generously to an organisation that is passionate about rooting out poverty and helping people find their own lasting solutions. What you give could change someone's life for ever.

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



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John Batt

Auction

John and I are organising a Coffee Morning and a Silent Auction in the Village Hall on Saturday 12th July 10.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. All proceeds to go to the Village Hall. Donations of items to Auction will be most welcome. Please contact John and Laura Batt on 823466.

Calling All Netballers

Banwell Ladies Netball Club is looking to recruit some new members. We meet at Banwell Primary School on Thursday evenings at 7.30-8.30pm for some fun training and matches. It's very informal, no previous netball experience required, just a fun way to get fit. So if you want to see if you can still shoot a goal, or just want to try something new, contact Jo on 07803166765 or turn up on the night.



Recital

Recital at Winscombe Parish Church, Saturday July 12 at 7.30pm. Tickets (£5 to include refreshment) available on the door. Ghislaine Trapp, Wells Cathedral Junior Organ Scholar, 16, who lives in the village, will give a varied recital of organ, piano and vocal music.

If you want happiness for an hour, take a nap. If you want happiness for a day, go fishing. If you want happiness for a year, inherit a fortune. If you want happiness for a lifetime, help somebody.

(Chinese Proverb)

The Work Of Leonard Cheshire - 60 Years On

60 years ago this year Leonard Cheshire first started his work with the disabled. In a recent church service to commemorate 60 years of service, the Archbishop of York, John Sentamu, recalled how it all began, and mentioned some modern 'success stories'...

"It was in 1948, that Leonard Cheshire first took in Arthur Dykes, to care for him when he was dying of cancer. This became a life changing and transformative experience.

"Through this act of compassionate service, Leonard Cheshire found a personal faith which would sustain him in what became his vocation - to develop a world wide network of caring which would set free thousands of people with disabilities, enabling them to receive proper support and respect, as well as fulfilling their dreams. After all, Jesus, in John's Gospel, revealed to us that our final destination is love and he calls us to a wonderful shared feast.

"I'm sure that Leonard Cheshire would have been thrilled to hear the story of Uwiragiye Francoise, a 10-year-old service user from Cheshire Rwanda, who won two gold medals at the Special Olympics in China, coming first in the Long Jump and 50 metre events. Uwiragiye has no hearing or speech and lives with her grandmother in difficult circumstances. She has participated in the sports programme of the Murumba Cheshire Service in Rwanda for the past year. Go for it Uwiragiye!

"I think Leonard would also have smiled at the recent case of the double-amputee sprinter Oscar Pistorius, who runs on two carbon-fibre blades, and was told he was ineligible to qualify for the Olympics, because his prosthetic limbs conferred an advantage over other runners. To be discriminated against because of disability is one thing but to be discriminated against because of your over-ability and for just being too good is quite another!

"Jesus did not belittle or patronise those for whom he cared. He treated them as worthy of respect. One day he demonstrated his love for his disciples by caring for their tired, road-worn, weary feet. He washed them, taking on the role of a servant. It is Jesus' pattern of care and self-giving which many of you met in Leonard Cheshire the man, and which we see and celebrate in the work of his organisation all over the world today.

"Confronted with his disciples' tired, dusty, aching, dirty feet, Jesus took the practical alternative. He did not first set up a committee. He did not call for an inquiry into how the feet were dirty in the first place. He didn't even delegate. He took a bowl and a towel and he washed his disciples' feet. He did it himself. Personally."

The measure of a man's real character is whathe would do if he knew he would never be found out.

(Thomas Babington Macaulay)

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Landing on Mars

This month a robotic spacecraft called the Phoenix is going to land on Mars. It is the first scientist, or Principal Investigator (PI) led, mission to Mars. The scientists conducting the mission are looking for something specific: environments which might be suitable for some sort of life to exist on that harsh red planet.

Phoenix left Earth on 4 August 2007, and is scheduled to land on 25 May. It is run by a multi-agency programme under the direction of NASA, and is a partnership of universities from the US, Canada, Switzerland, Denmark, Germany, NASA itself, the Canadian Space Agency, and the aerospace industry.

The scientists hope to land Phoenix on Mars' northern polar region, so it can dig its robotic arm into the Artic terrain.

Banwell In Africa

With the loss of another cornerstone of English village life, that being the closure of Alan's butchers shop last month, people may like to take some reassurance that it hasn't meant the end of the traditional butcher. A deal was struck with Alan, and the equipment is now on its way to a new butcher's shop in a town called Serrakunda in The Gambia, West Africa. So, if any of you are on holiday in the Gambia and are feeling home-sick, just look for Kombo Farms Butchers and you can visit a bit of old Banwell. May I take this opportunity to wish Alan a long and happy retirement.

Paul Bateman.

A Hug A Day

When were you last hugged? A recent study has found that everyone needs at least one hug a day in order to cope with the stress of modern life.

Yet a third of people in the UK receive no daily cuddle. And three quarters of us wish that we were hugged more than we are. In families, younger members get most of the hugs, with parents often left out. After the age of 11, hugs decrease.

These are the findings of a survey by scientists at Manchester Metropolitan University. "Britain has forgotten how to hug," said one senior psychologist. "We are out of the habit. And yet a hug is an important part of life. We are basically animals and so need physical contact just as animals do."

'Political correctness' is blamed, because hugging people can be seen as 'inappropriate'.

Mothers' Union

In April we said prayers for the sick and for those who care for them and use their scientific knowledge to find new cures.

Then our speaker Mr Barry Mather entertained us with a superb talk and picture presentation entitled "Russia - A journey by water from St Petersburg to Moscow". Barry's talks are always excellent and this one was the best so far.

At this month's meeting on 14th May the Revd Keith Dimoline will be our speaker on the subject "Truth is Stranger than Fiction" and on June 11th our group will be visiting St John's Church in Axbridge after lunch at The Lamb. All welcome.

Lord Jesus Christ, you know what physical suffering means, you know what it is to feel weary in mind and body. In your love for us, you identified yourself with the weak and sick, and wept for our suffering. In your mercy relieve our discomfort by the knowledge of your healing presence, for your name's sake. Amen.

Gloria Boddy

There is sacredness in tears. They are not the mark of weakness, but of power. They speak more eloquently than ten thousand tongues. They are messengers of overwhelming grief.... and unspeakable love.

(Robert Browning)

A Big Thank You!

On Friday 21st March, (after a glass of warming mulled wine at The Swan in Rowberrow) one hundred walkers set off on The Butcombe Brewery arc Pub Trail. Lead by Sue Gearing and a superb team of Mendip Wardens, groups of twenty walked the 8.75 miles over the Mendips to The Ring O'Bells at Compton Martin where a choice of supper dishes awaited the weary travelers.

I am so grateful to everyone who supported the event – Butcombe Brewery, Sue Gearing, the Mendip Wardens and of course the brave walkers who raised a fantastic £3,500.00 for the Arthritis Research Campaign (arc).

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Are You A Mouldie?

Can you understand a teenager? Not psychologically - probably no one can do that. But quite literally - what language are they speaking these days?

If you find your teenager increasingly hard to understand, you might like to buy a new book, 'The A-Z of Teen Talk', to help you make some sense of your offspring. Here you can learn the meanings of such gems as 'vanilla' (boring); 'jamming' (hanging around); 'za' (pizza); and 'antwaky' (unstylish). Then there's 'flat roofin' (stressed); 'elton' (a toilet); 'klingon' (irritating younger sibling); 'mouldie' (parent); 'nang' (excellent, brilliant); 'wafwaan' (what's going on); and 'rago' (okay).

The book was researched at Cheltenham Ladies College over the course of a year, and written by 13 year-old Lucy van Amerongen, who also gives three golden rules that all teenagers seem to obey instinctively: never make eye contact when talking to a 'mouldie' (parent), always mumble inaudibly, and always include the word 'like' in, like, every sentence, like. Rago, like?

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A delicious strawberry tea will be served in the interval during which we will be serenaded by ensembles from Churchill Community School. Who could resist such a wonderful summery event in our villages everyone is invited! Come and join us for "Songs on a Summer afternoon".

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God In The Arts

A MEAL TO REMEMBER

When we gather with other Christians to celebrate the eucharist and to make our communion, we are remembering that special meal Jesus shared with his disciples on the eve of his arrest and death. But do we always appreciate what we are doing? Sometimes the monotony of repetition and distractions will get in the way. We fail to recognise Christ's gift at communion for what it truly is.



Thursday, 22 May, Day of Thanksgiving for Holy Communion, is a special day when we can focus with heart and mind on that gift of holy communion offered to us each time we come together to make eucharist.

Perhaps we could try and focus not just with heart and mind on that day, but with imagination as well. Then we might see our face with the faces of the disciples at that Last Supper, and Jesus offering us the bread and wine, saying those words, 'This is my body' and 'This is my blood.'

In the 15th century the prosperous burghers of the Flemish town of Louvain wanted to celebrate the 200th anniversary of this feast of Corpus Christi. They commissioned the artist Dirk Bouts to paint a special altarpiece devoted to the Eucharist for the church of St Peter. Dirk Bouts with his imagination

portrayed the Last Supper in a room looking out to his own town of Louvain. The faces of the servers in the room and the cooks looking through the hatch were modelled on the burghers who commissioned the work.

Other faces are modelled on theologians at the new university who visited the artist. They wanted to ensure he kept his theological feet on the ground while his imagination took flight. And so around the scene of the Last Supper, Bouts has painted Old Testament scenes foreshadowing that holy communion: Melchizedek offering bread and wine in return for Abraham's offering, the eating of the first Passover, the gathering of the manna in the wilderness, and Elijah wakened by the angel to eat and drink before setting out for Horeb. Signs of sacrifice, the Passover of the old covenant, daily food and food for the journey – all key aspects of the communion we celebrate and share in.

Just as the theological faculty reminded Dirk Bouts of all these facets, so the artist is reminding us of the richness of the distinctive meal we have as Christians. When we see the bread and wine taken up and offered, we remember not only the Last Supper, when Jesus fed his disciples with the sacrifice of his life, but those occasions when God reached out to feed his people of old. We rejoice that the food our Lord gives us in the eucharist feeds us now and enables us to make our journey through life to the eternal banquet offered in the heavenly kingdom.

Rev Michael Burgess

Banwell Parish Council

Chairman's Report V

Welcome to this month's edition of life on Banwell Parish Council. I would just like to start by saying welcome to two new faces in village life, first to our new vicar Mr. John Franks (a very interesting article in last month's issue) and to our new Councillor Derek Dawes, it's always nice to see new faces on the council and to hear their ideas and visions for the village.

Back to business: I want to bring your attention to this year's Parish Assembly which is on Friday 23rd May at the village hall. This is a time when the community can come and hear what's happening in their Village.

We have sent out letters inviting as many groups and organizations as possible to come along and tell us what has happened in their year and to give us an insight into what is on their agenda for the next twelve months.(A list of who we have contacted will be posted on the village notice board. If we have missed anybody who wishes to speak please contact the Clerk to update our files.)

My last comments are a serious request; at our last meeting P.C. Woolacott informed the council that adults were purchasing alcohol and cigarettes for young teenagers, who are hassling them as they enter the shop. Please can we ask you to help Mani and Angie our shop owners and stop this practice as it puts them in a difficult position.

As a result of this there has been an increase in the amount of broken glass being found in the recreation ground, which has health and safety issues for us with the young children playing on the swings.

Village Pride

The village pride committee is always looking for volunteers to give a helping hand maybe once or twice a month for a couple of hours. Normally our work is tidying or cleaning overgrown areas around the village. So if you interested in rolling up your sleeves and getting your hands dirty contact Peter Shipton 01934 820904.



The ladies look lovely in their new hi-viz jackets.(Is it ladies in bloom today and calendar girls tomorrow?) As you can see the Banwell in bloom team have an extra work load this year as the Parish Council have added another four half round barrels to the village assets.

If you are interested in joining in and can help there is a plant sale to help towards this summer's flowers at the Village Hall on May the 10th 10.30 until 12.30. I am sure you will be given a warm welcome by everyone there.

There is an Environmental Committee meeting in the clinic room of the Village Hall. Phone Peter Shipton for date.

Anyone who is interested and would like a take an active role in helping the Parish

Council to make their decisions and policies, please come along.

Nigel has an apology to make to a very nice lady, who was very interested in joining the Environmental Team. He has put her telephone number in a very safe place and now can't find it.

Let's hope she reads the Parish News!

Debt Is Destroying Relationships

Debt in the UK, which is now at an all-time high of £1.4 trillion, and increasing by £1 million every five minutes, is having a dire effect on couples across the UK. Nearly a quarter of all relationships are in difficulty because of debt.

This is one of the findings of a recent postal survey conducted by Christians Against Poverty (CAP).

Among the couples who responded to the postal survey, it was found;

- People now skip meals in order to make debt repayments
- People have ended up in the doctor's office, and been put on medication for stress
- Couples are so tense and worried that their relationships are splitting up.

By way of helping, Stewardship – a Christian charity offering financial support services - has launched a Red2Black campaign, aimed at helping people tackle debt issues in their community. Visit: www.red2black. org.uk; www.capuk.org and www.stewardship.org.uk.

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

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





Play Information Sessions

Banwell Rec

on

Tuesday 6th May 2008	3.30 pm - 6.30 pm
Thursday 8th May 2008	3.30 pm - 6.30 pm
Tuesday 13th May 2008	3.30 pm - 6.30 pm
Thursday 15th May 2008	3.30 pm - 6.30 pm
Tuesday 20th May 2008	3.30 pm - 6.30 pm
Thursday 22nd May 2008	3.30 pm - 6.30 pm
Tuesday 27th May 2008	10.00am - 2.00 pm
Thursday 29th May 2008	10.00am - 2.00 pm

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Play Pods are coming soon!

Banwell and Winscombe Children's Centre

A new Children's Centre for young children and their families is nearing completion in



Banwell. It will also be home to the Banwell Youth Club. Refurbishment work to Banwell Youth and Community Centre has been in progress since January and the work is now nearly finished. The development is in line with government plans to provide a Children's Centre for every community.

Children's Centre services and activities will include:

- Child and family health services eg work with local midwives and health visitors;
- Access to family support services, including out-reach work;
- Stay and Play and other for young children and their parents;
- Family Learning;
- Links to Job Centre Plus;

- Access to information about childcare, support, advice, training and work;
- Sign posting and links to other voluntary and private organisations providing services to children and parents.

In addition, the Children's Centre team will be linking in with the extended schools team so that we are able to work with children, young people and their families who live in Banwell, Winscombe, Sanford and the surrounding areas.

To support this new and exciting development we recently held Children's Centre information and consultation events in Banwell and Winscombe. A number of the partner agencies and voluntary organisations who will be involved in delivering services and supporting the work of the Children's Centre participated in the sessions. In addition, children had the opportunity to enjoy a variety of fun activities including face painting and badge-making. Children and families also had the opportunity to create "wish biscuits" to give feedback on the nature of services and activities they would like to see provided in the Children's Centre.

Children from Banwell School and young people who attend the Youth Club have been involved in thinking of names for the new centre and families who attended the information days had the opportunity to vote on the new name for the centre.

For more information about your new Children's Centre please contact:

Sue James (Children's Centre Development Manager)

01934 426 794, mobile: 07825341287 Email: Sue.James@n-somerset.gov.uk Emma Pattinson (Family Support Worker) 01934 426794, mobile: 07825453731 Email: emma.pattinson@n-somerset.gov. uk



Out And About

Thank you to one and all for helping to reduce damage to the pavements by not parking on them outside the garage along Knightcott Road. I am sure this is a lot safer for pedestrians – and mobility vehicle users also. Obviously, not every one parking along that stretch lives in the village and I will endeavour to make those people aware of the irresponsible and illegal issue of pavement parking when on foot patrol.

Just recently there have been a number of complaints from locals who have said that there are vehicles frequently parked very near the junction of High Street and The Square. We would like to remind everyone that cars need to be parked 30 feet from any junction. Owners who have parked their vehicles any nearer and are causing an obstruction, can be given a fine and incur the added penalty of being towed away! When parking at or near a junction, please spare a thought for other drivers and the safety aspect, in this case, of blocking such a narrow part of the road.

With the Play Rangers in situ at the Rec and with the imminent arrival of the Playpod, it is hoped that the young people of Banwell will begin to enjoy the great outdoors like they've never known before! It is not a baby-sitting service and any young people joining in with the rangers are not supervised as such. If you feel your youngster is old enough to go to the park unaccompanied then this could be something for your child



or teenager. If you have teenagers who say they are too old to play, encourage them to come along as a volunteer to help the rangers. You will see the rangers timetable published in the Banwell News and on various notice-boards around the village.

Banwell has been lacking Neighbourhood Watch Groups over the years and with a little campaigning over the last six months, there are more people signing up to new schemes. A mammoth effort was made by a resident on the Summer Lane residential caravan site along with other residents there, which has resulted in 7 new NHW schemes being formulated. If you would like to know more about NHW or wish to discuss any other issue, please ring us on:

Villages Office Tel: 01934 638123

PC 2307 ADRIAN WOOLACOTT AND PCSO 7369 MAGGIE EVANS

Our April speaker, Mr David Bowring, took us on a journey to Bexleyheath in Kent, to visit William Morris's Red House. Designed by Morris and his friend Philip Webb, the Red House is a significant example of an Arts and Craft Movement house.

Morris was born in Walthamstow. His father was a wealthy businessman, and at the age of 18, Morris went to Exeter College, Oxford. He loved mediaeval architecture and art and, with new friends Edward Byrne Jones and William Ruskin, toured Flemish Churches, the three deciding to devote themselves to art. Morris later met Philip Webb, Chief Assistant to architect, G E Street. He also met Rossetti, who persuaded Morris to leave architecture for art. Eighteen months later, Morris set up an office supplying his decorating and design skills.

Jane Burden was a famous face of the times and one of the "stunners", the beautiful girls the pre-Raphaelites painted. However, although Morris was good at design and decorating he was not good at painting faces, animals and birds. He said to Jane, "I cannot paint you but I love you", and they consequently married. The 'brotherhood' decided to buy a house and decorate it. The site near Bexlevheath was found in an orchard and Philip Webb was asked to design the house - the only house Morris was to own. Everything in the house was crafted by traditional methods and William and Jane moved in in 1860. Friends were collected by horse and trap from Bexleyheath station and were all expected to help build, paint and decorate the house, all living 'en famille'.

Although a large house, it has only 2 bedrooms. Philip Webb included every detail in his drawings. The L-shaped building was built from two ends and there is a line down the middle where the 2 portions meet. An oriel window stands proud of the building with Gothic arched windows allowing a wide vista over the gardens. Chimneys are curved and brick-built and there is a bell tower over the well in the corner of the L-shape. The weathervane shows the white horse of Kent. The house is built on Pilgrims Way, so they included a Pilgrim's door in the house.

The roof is of unusual ridge tiles, and inside the Pilgrims Door one can see faded tiles made by Morris. His motto, "Si je puis" (If I can), has been incorporated in many interior design features, including a painted window and wall decorations. The wooden front door has 4 small stained glass windows, and is hidden away in a domed archway with a motto inside - "God preserve your going and your coming". All the friends have also signed the door.

Inside the house the only items of furniture left are built-in pieces, mainly designed by Philip Webb and decorated by Morris in the mediaeval theme. The National Assistance Board was stationed at the house during World War II and some of the furniture was damaged by their liberal use of brown paint. Fortunately, the inside of the front door, which is highly decorated, has been saved.

Inside the Drawing Room there is a large settle designed by Morris but Webb added the canopy panels, painted by Rossetti as a

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wedding present to Morris and Jane.

Visitors ate, discussed projects and worked on the large table in the hallway. From this area one can see the underside of the oak staircase to the first floor, which was left uncased as they were so proud of the craftsmanship in the staircase. The ceilings in the roof are highly decorated despite a certain amount of damage done during WWII.

Morris left the Red House to live in Queens Square, London, in order to be nearer his work, as by the end of 1862 he had 12 men and boys devoted to making furniture.

Jane wanted something more suitable for family life with their children, Jenny and Meg, so they moved to Kelmscott Manor in Oxfordshire in 1871. They shared the house with Rossetti who lived there most of the time, but Morris rarely spent more than a couple of days a week at home.

Morris said "Have nothing in your house if not useful or beautiful", and "If you want to be comfortable, go to bed."

He died in 1896 at the age of 62, an artist in oils, a weaver, calligrapher, stained glass window maker, book binder and printer, poet and writer. Philip Webb designed his coffin.

The Red House had many owners after Morris, but when the last owners died in 2003, it was sold to the National Trust and new finds are being made each year.

Pat Corbett

Today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday - and all is well.

(ANON)

The Real Scandal of Sex Trafficking

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Two hundred years since the abolition of the slave trade a new trade has taken its place: the trafficking of women and children for sexual exploitation. It is estimated that 4000 women are trafficked into the UK annually and are working in our cities and towns. It is almost certain they will have been entrapped, kidnapped, abused, tortured, serially raped and forced into sexual slavery.

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Published for 'Not for Sale Sunday' (18 May 2008), there are Bible readings, prayers for personal and public worship, information, testimonies and practical ideas to challenge this great evil of our times.

Doesn't expecting the unexpected make the unexpected become the expected?

If you try to fail but succeed, which have you done?

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Welcome John & Val

It was good to see our parish church so full when the Bishop of Taunton, the Rt. Revd. Peter Maurice, installed the Revd. John Franks as our new Vicar on the 7th April. People from all over the village helped to welcome John and his wife Val. Also a coach full of people from his previous parish in Gosport made the journey to see them off and wish them well. While they were here they were also able to spend a bit of time looking around the village to see what John and Val have let themselves in for!

It was good to see so many come to the Village Hall after the service for refreshments and take the opportunity to chat to John and Val and show them a true Banwell welcome.

As John's ministry here starts to take shape he, with the backing of the Parochial Church Council, has implemented two significant changes already. One is that Mourning Prayer is said in St Andrew's daily at 8.30am, and anyone is welcome to join him. The other is that the church is now open from 8.30am - 5.30pm daily for anyone who would like to visit.

It is good to have you both with us and trust that you will quickly find yourselves at home in Banwell.

Those who think too much of themselves don't think enough.

Amy Carmichael



Mendip Vale

Local Ministry Group

Pentecost Praise

at Churchill Community School

3.30pm Sunday 11th May

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Bring a Picnic, bring a blanket or chairs, but most of all bring friends 4 family



WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

MONDA	Y					
12th	12.30 - 1.30pm	Soup Lunch	*	V.H.		
12th	7.30 pm	Parish Council	*	V.H.		
26th	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.		
TUESDA	TUESDAY					
13th	7.30 pm	Banwell Flower Arranging Group				
		Practice Evening with Helen Eke	*	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.		
WEDNE	SDAY					
7th & 21s	st 1.30 - 3.30 pm	Baby Clinic	*	V.H.		
14th	2.30 pm	Mothers' Union – Speaker: Revd. Keith				
		Dimolene "Truth is stranger than fiction"	*	V.H.		
14th	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.		
THURSI	DAY					
8th & 221	nd 10.00 am	Banwell Short Mat Bowling	*	V.H.		
1st 15th 2	29th 7.30 pm		*	V.H		
10th	7.30 pm	W.I. Members' Night	*	V.H.		
22nd	7.30pm	Gardening Club - A.G.M. Speaker:				
	•	Don Everitt "Lilies & Flowering Bulbs"	*	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						
9th	7.30 pm	Archaeology Society – Anniversary Night				
		50 years on. Dinner at Banwell Castle				
16th	7.30 pm	"Quizaid" Proceeds to Christian Aid	*	V.H.		
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		

SATURDAY

10th 10 am – 12.30pm Plant Sale, Books, Bric-a-Brac, Home made

cakes. Proceeds to Scout & Guide Group &

Banwell in Bloom. * V.H.

SUNDAY

Weekly 11.00 am Judo Club * Y.C.C.

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

Why You Can Find Your Way

Next time your loved one drives you crazy by not knowing where on earth he/she is, never mind where he/she is going, try and be patient. For scientists have discovered that some people really do get lost quicker than others.

Neurologists at University College London have found that two key parts of the brain work together to help each of us to plan and follow routes in, say, a familiar city. One part of your brain, the hippocampus, stores memories about key locations and landmarks. Another part of your brain, the grid cells, provide your internal sense of space and distance, rather like a GPS system.

In order to find your way about, remember routes and plan new ones, your hippocampus needs to 'talk' with your grid cells. When this happens, you can whiz around a city. When it doesn't happen, you end up wandering about, totally disoriented. In other words, you get lost.

If you lend someone £20, and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.

The Toddler Book -

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Topics covered include: sleep, feeding, general care, potty training, illnesses, behaviour, development, play, family life, new baby in the family and the spiritual and emotional needs of a child.

Rachel Waddilove has worked with children for many years and has been private maternity nurse for some well-known families including those of Gwyneth Paltrow and Lady Penny Mountbatten.

Let us endeavour so to live that when we die even the undertaker is sorry.

Mark Twain

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.





Seniors' Club

Well here we are again, well on our way to summer. The winter entertainment over, all organised by Mrs Dolly Green, we now start out on the summer programme.

The first event took place on Saturday the 19th April, with a coach taking members to the Kings of Wessex School, where we were entertained by the Cheddar Lions Club with quizzes. They also provided food and drink to sustain us all. The Cheddar male Voice Choir gave a stunning recital of the many songs so familiar to the audience of the day.

Do all keep a sharp eye open for future trips that will be on offer to members and all those who would wish to avail them selves of the many and varied activities of the club.

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School Howler

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Stress is what happens when we try to impose our will on life.

(KARL SCHMIDT)

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, Beatrix Potter exhibition and a spectacular display of 2000 roses are just a few special events for 2008.

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