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# HE CAME..HE SAW..

## THUMBS UP FOR CHARLIE!

HE KNOCKED US OUT WITH HIS PERSONAL GREETINGS. HE GAVE US A HAND AND WE TOOK IT. THOUSANDS OF BALSALL HEATHANS ARE STILL TALKING OF THE PRINCE WHO CONQUERED OUR COMMUNITY WITH A SMILE AND A THOUSAND HANDSHAKES.

## ROYAL WELCOME

The people of Balsall Heath waved a red, white and blue welcome at Prince Charles on Friday 30 May.

From windows, doors, pavements, shops, pubs, schools and churches the bunting, flags and banners greeted the royal visitor.

Prince Charles had heard that we have a lively, energetic and warm-hearted community round here, and residents certainly showed him we've got all this and initiative, too!

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COME ON, SERIOUSLY NOW FOLKS.

At the Hall - The Prince was led on stage by Gilbert Bagnall to meet the performers, and also Joe Fraser, the young member of the British gymnastic team who coaches local kids.

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# editorial

## ILLEGAL DUMPING

On our Letters Page we have published a letter from the local Urban Renewal Team informing us that they have been unable to trace the van we photographed in Issue 24, March 1980. This van was parked on an open site on Brunswick Road and two men were photographed dumping rubbish from the rear of the van.

There is no record of the van's present owners, but since the van has not appeared in our area since the publication of the photograph - we can claim a limited success. The registration number was DCY 594K. If anyone spots this blue Ford Transit van, please contact THE HEATHAN office.

## CARNIVAL PROGRAMME

Next month's HEATHAN will include a special 4-page CARNIVAL PROGRAMME. Order your copy, now! CARNIVAL DAY - SATURDAY 5 JULY.

## COOKBOOK

A group of pupils at St Paul's School have just completed a Cookbook with recipes from all over the world. The Cookbook can be purchased from 120 St Paul's Road - Price 50p.

## HOUSING CO-OP

Last month, THE HEATHAN reported that Balsall Heath Housing Co-operative were planning a "mixed development" (houses and flats) of 80 units on Wenman Street. This should have read 30 units. We apologise for this error (due to our reporter's bad handwriting, no doubt!). Many thanks to Nick Wigg of the Co-op for drawing our attention to the error.


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## HEATHAN HARRY

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

On Thursday 8 May, the coffee morning held in Balsall Heath Library for elderly citizens took on a festive air. Indeed there was good cause for celebration as one of the regulars, Mrs Blizzard, was due to be 93 years young the following Monday!

Although no longer living in Balsall Heath, Mrs Blizzard once lived in Edward Road and has been attending the coffee mornings in the hope of meeting old friends.

The coffee morning takes place at the Library on Moseley Road every Thursday morning, so why not drop in for a chat and a "cuppa". You can be assured of a warm and hearty welcome.

Mrs. Blizzard, 2nd from right, seen here at the library coffee morning.

# BOTANICAL GARDENS

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# NIGHT OUT WITH VINCE HILL

To help raise funds for this year's Carnival, the Carnival Committee have organised a Gala Night at the New Cresta Club, Solihull on Thursday 19 June. Vince Hill will be one of the stars appearing.

The cost of your big night out is only £2.00 (if you arrange your own transport) or £3.00 (if you wish to use the special coach).

Tickets and full details from Sarah Eden at Tindal School, tel: 440 3049.

CARNIVAL 'T'- SHIRTS and special Balsall Heath Rock are also on sale. Contact Mick Turner at St Paul's Hall for more details, tel: 440 4603.

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# LOCAL ELECTIONS

In this part of the country the first sign of Spring is a loudspeaker van bellowing!

I heard two or three of them before May 1st, but this may not be a record. Locally, this called "that lot going cuckoo"!

The cry of the loudspeaker van is not musical, or even attractive. This may perhaps put you off these fascinating creatures. That would be a pity, because like so many other outwardly ugly species, loudspeaker vans can be rewarding to study.

Experts who have put many years into observing and recording the behaviour of the vans admit that they are difficult to understand.

It's rather sweet, isn't it, when you realise what the vans are really saying? I heard one of them murmuring coyly, "KEEP THE DERITEND TEAM TOGETHER". What a touching plea. This van knew how to get our sympathy alright. Nature lovers as we are, we couldn't see them parted, could we?

The territorial instinct of the vans is easy to spot, once you are aware of it. They seem to go backwards and forwards over the same patch of streets throughout the daylight hours. The calling does not start at dawn, fortunately, and the vans seem to "know" when 'Crossroads' and other popular T.V. programmes are on. They do not utter their raucous cries at these times.

The vans fall into two main categories. One has prominent blue markings, while the other is mainly red in plumage.

There have been odd sightings of vans of different colours - green and yellow, for example. It is not certain at this stage if these specimens are cross-bred, throwbacks, or rare and exciting breeds.

It is very noticeable that vans of different colours are deeply hostile to each other. Even a slight variation in colour may produce aggression. A dull red van can move a bright red one to paroxysms of fury. In general, the vans are bitterly opposed to each other, then. If you listen patiently you can tell this. "FIGHT, FIGHT, FIGHT" they chant.

Though the vans want to "STOP, SMASH, KEEP OUT and GET RID OF" each other, they are ALL extremely friendly towards local residents. Usually, that is. Obviously, it is unwise to provoke a blue van by confronting it with a red lapel button or window poster. Vans faced by the "wrong" colour will back off hastily, muttering reproaches and insults - except the green and yellow ones, which, according to some reports, will trustingly approach anyone.

Residents should be on their guard though, because despite the endearing ways of these creatures, they can behave unpredictably. I noticed one specimen with red markings saying quite distinctly, "WE ARE PREPARED TO CONTINUE THE FIGHT WITH ... THE RESIDENTS OF SPARKBROOK".

This kind of candour is unusual, of course. Typically, the vans make their appeal to residents in a less open way, hinting at the benefits they can give and explaining why other vans can't and haven't.

As everyone has probably realised, the loudspeaker van season has now passed. The red ones have gained territorial advantage, and all we can do is sympathise with them.

The message of all vans this Spring has been "DISASTER, DECLINE, DETERIORATION", and goodness knows it was hard to tell what the red vans were going to do about it all.

SEVERN BORE.

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HOW THE PARTIES FAIRED - total votes for 4 wards:

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| LABOUR | - | 12,258 |
| CONSERVATIVE | - | 5,652 |
| LIBERAL | - | 1,170 |
| COMMUNIST | - | 482 |
| OTHERS | - | 322 |


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LABOUR recaptured control of Birmingham City Council and the following councillors have been selected to chair the various committees:

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|---|---|
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| ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT | : John Overend. |
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LOCAL ELECTION RESULTS

DERITEND

W. TURNER (Lab) - 2,087
YOGINDER NISCHAL (Con) - 324
PATRICIA PRIESTMAN (Lib)- 219
CLARA ASHMORE (Ind WC) - 44

Majority - 1,763. NO CHANGE.

SPARKBROOK

P. HUNT (Lab) - 2,856
BEATRICE SLATER (Con)- 458
J. SMITH (Ratepayers)- 278
B. PEACE (Lib) - 153
H. SHARON (Comm) - 48

Majority - 2,398. NO CHANGE.

MOSELEY

T. SOLOMON (Con) - 3,731
R. BENJAMIN (Lab) - 3,140
G. TURNER (Lib) - 798
JANE WOODIE (Comm)- 139

Majority - 591. NO CHANGE.

SPARKHILL

J. FERGUSON (Lab)- 4,175
K. DAVIES (Con) - 1,139
R. MURRAY (Comm) - 295

Majority - 3,036. NO CHANGE.

# George Street Play Wall

If you go down George Street in Balsall Heath, just past the row of derelict houses on the right-hand side, you will see a piece of open ground with a wall, about 10 feet long and nearly as high standing in the middle.

Some people obviously think it is a rubbish dump strewn as it often is with broken glass, paper and some larger items like an occasional old chair.

In fact it is a "play wall" and the piece of ground is supposed to be for children to play on. No-one would blame a parent who refused to let their child onto the site at the moment. It needs to be improved and both local residents and the Urban Renewal Team agree on that. The Play Council has taken up the issue and on 13th May a meeting of local people was held in St John's School, just across the road.

# open space

It was decided that certain items like tarmac paths, litter bins, seats and some form of banking topped by low fencing is needed. Urban Renewal have already shown willingness to try and supply these features. They have also shown us the draft planning proposals for the area which seek to expand the play wall site into a designated Public Open Space.

The best guarantee of a well-equipped and attractive site for the whole community is for local people to get involved in the planning along with a variety of local schools and organisations. We have planned a further meeting for THURSDAY 12 JUNE AT 4pm AT ST JOHN'S SCHOOL, MARY STREET when we will be making decisions about how to come together to improve the site.

If you live close-by and are interested in the site's improvement, please contact the Play Council to give your views. Phone Jon Gurling at Balsall Heath Link on 440 6355.

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# OPENING OF TOY LIBRARY

As many toys, like everything else nowadays, are becoming an increasingly expensive item, it is often impossible for parents to provide their children with a variety of colourful and interesting toys.

People are often not aware of the importance of play and the kind of toys needed to enable a child to develop essential skills. Unruly children are often just bored and frustrated. St Paul's Nursery has recently set up a toy library to combat these problems.

## HOW IT WORKS

The toy library is run every Friday afternoon between 3.00pm and 5.30pm, and works on the same principle as a book library. There is a wide selection of toys, which are displayed attractively for the children to play with, and choose the toy they would like to borrow.

A small deposit is charged for each toy borrowed. This is returned when the parent no longer wishes their child to be a member The toys are lent out for up to two weeks.

## AIMS

The toy library gives Nursery staff the opportunity to explain to the parent what skills and concepts their child gains from each particular toy. We encourage parents to play with their child to enable them to see what stage of development the child has reached, and which toys are suitable. Parents can then direct their child to this group of toys and let the child choose one to take home, rather than selecting a toy themselves which could be way above, or below, their child's capability.

## RESPONSE

The response to the toy library has been good so far. The children using the library are delighted to be able to choose a different toy each week, and we are hoping that the majority of parents will let their children benefit from the use of the toy library.

## FUTURE

Depending on how successful the toy library is, we are hoping to extend its use to the children on our waiting list (those not yet attending the nursery).

## PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

We have also taken the opportunity to involve some parents in helping to run stalls selling items such as "nearly new" clothes, toys and "white elephant" goods.

These stalls run in conjunction with the toy library on a Friday afternoon.

JANICE TILBURY
St Paul's Nursery.

# PLAY COUNCIL NEWS

Balsall Heath Play Council is well known to play leaders and many of those who organise play schemes in our area. However, there may be a lot of HEATHAN readers who are not aware of our activities.

We consider good play to be vital for the development of all children and this needs to be carefully planned in an area where resources for play are very limited. We try to identify the needs which exist in this area, providing where possible direct help and information to groups, helping to secure the necessary resources and equipment, and generally promoting the idea and value of play throughout our community. We are also concerned with creating and keeping contacts between local and city-wide bodies.

We need your help in order that we in turn can support and help you and all those involved locally in play activities. You can join for a nominal fee and take part in all our activities as well as help to form policy.

## FREE TRAINING PROGRAMME

During the run-up to the summer holidays we have devised a programme which we hope will provide some of the basic training needs of anyone who will be involved in play schemes or similar ventures during the holidays.

ON THURSDAY 12 JUNE AT BALSALL HEATH CENTRE (OLD ART SCHOOL), MOSELEY ROAD we have a TRAINING EVENING. The evening, which lasts from 7pm until 9.30pm will give people a basic introduction to the purpose of play schemes, funding, insurance, equipment and other practical factors.

The main part of the evening will introduce participants to two principal forms of play activity - sports and games, and drama work. We will have experts to lead these sessions and you will be encouraged to join in! Last year's Training Evening was great fun and very successful with more than forty participants. We hope you will help to make this evening even better.

In addition, this year we are planning a talk and open discussion on "GOOD PRACTICES IN PLAY SCHEMES" on TUESDAY 8 JULY AT 7.30pm AT BALSALL HEATH CENTRE. We will be taking up some of the ideas coming out of the Training Evening, sharing experiences and offering useful advice on methods and approach of the adult play scheme helper. There will be a variety of refreshments to help the evening along.

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# ROSHVEN NEWS

## BY HEATHAN REPORTER

Almost 100 local people attended Roshven Residents' Association Annual General Meeting held on Monday 19 May at St Barnabas Church Hall, Ladypool Road. Also present were officers from the Urban Renewal Team and beat bobby, P.C. Brian Smith.

P.C. Smith explained to the meeting that the police had taken action over the association's complaint that some shops on Ladypool Road were obstructing the pavements by placing advertising boards or goods in front of their shops. The police had asked all shopkeepers (except those who have "frontage") to keep the pavements clear, and all had now complied.

The residents' association had initially complained about only one shop on Ladypool Road but the police had to ask all shopkeepers not to obstruct the pavements in order to be as fair as possible.

The new Area Caretaker for the Roshven area was introduced to the meeting. Mr Wal Higgins will be employed by the association to do similar work to that done by the Area Caretakers already employed by Balsall Heath Residents' Action Group and Seven Streets Residents.

Wal will probably be based at 64 Taunton Road and more details of his job will be released at the association's next meeting.

Mr Sinclair explained that Wal had "considerable technical experience and had lots of new ideas to make the association stronger".

Mr Sinclair thanked Urban Renewal Project Team 7 for their support, Iris Brown for her secretarial work and Lynne Howells (formerly at the Lane Neighbourhood Centre, now resident in the area) for help.

# ELECTIONS

The meeting ended with the election of new office-bearers. Stuart Daniels will be the new chairman temporarily, and will also take responsibility for the new post of Social Secretary. Miss Iris Brown and Mr Bennett will remain as Secretary and Treasurer respectively, and Lynne Howells will become "Project Treasurer" (to help run the Area Caretaker scheme).

Lynne Howells thanked Scott Sinclair for his work as chairman of the association over the last few years and Scott promised to keep in touch with Roshven residents despite his moving out of the area. Mr Bennett added that "it was very sad to see Scott go". A special thank-you collection for Mr Sinclair was held at the end of the meeting.


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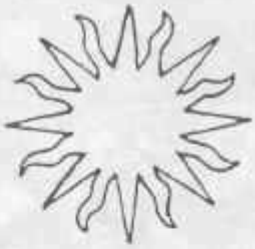
WHERE DID HE GO?

IS THERE ANYWHERE ST. PAUL'S HASN'T BEEN?



HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO LEARN TO PLAY LIKE THAT?

# Royal Visit

UNACCUSTOMED AS I AM...

HAVEN'T I SEEN YOU SOMEWHERE BEFORE? GILLY PRESENTS SUE, WHO'D EARLIER SHOWN THE PRINCE ROUND THE SCHOOL.

CLEAR THE WAY PLEASE.

I WONDER IF HE'D LIKE A SPIDER-POP?

THE PRINCE MEETS THE OLD FOLKS.

# CHURCH NEWS

With the Church Centre due to open later in the summer, several people have taken up the offer of being shown round the new building on the last Saturday of every month.

An enthusiastic tour of the building is assured, according to our reporter who went along last month. The facilities which the Centre will eventually offer, eg large meeting rooms, cloistered garden, youth rooms etc "really show that the Centre is the kind of place which will have a welcome for all, both young and old" said our reporter.

The Church Centre surely represents a good example of what "working together" really means.

The Church Centre 'camponile' (bell-tower) was erected on Friday 30 May. The bell it holds is the one from the old St Paul's Church Tower and the 'camponile' was manufactured by a man whose father grew up in Balsall Heath.

On Sunday 20 July the congregations of St Paul's Church and the Church of Christ will hold a service in the old centre on Moseley Road before proceeding to the new building on Edward Road.

The new centre will be holding a summer playscheme and the old folks centre should be in operation by the end of August.

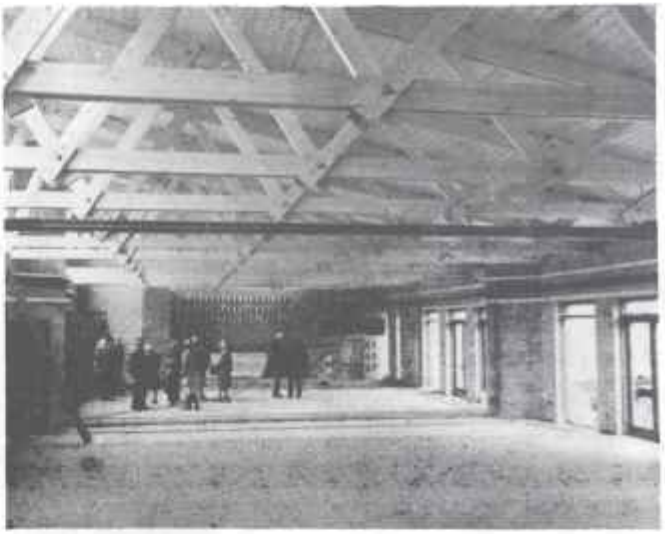
There will be a variety of events throughout September and October, including on the 12th October the dedication by the Bishop of Birmingham and the Rev Philip Morgan (Gen Sec British Council of Churches). The Rev Morgan is currently working at St Paul's but is due to leave by the end of summer.

## Seven Streets Residents

New pavements are being damaged by cars and lorries parking half on the pavement, half on the road. As a first step, the residents' association has produced special window leaflets asking car-owners to park their vehicles on the road - not on the pavement. These leaflets can be obtained at St Paul's Hall and from committee members.

A spokesman for Seven Streets Residents' informed THE HEATHAN that the association "hoped that thoughtless parkers will take heed of our requests and not cause us to take further action".

Progress on the short-term goals of the association will be published next month.



ONE OF THE CHURCH CENTRE OPEN DAYS, HELD ON THE LAST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH, SHOWING THE NEW ROOF IN POSITION.

# STONEY LANE CROSSING?

Teachers at Anderton Park School are campaigning to get a pedestrian crossing sited on Stoney Lane (near Ivor Road). There have been several accidents at this spot in recent weeks and a spokesman for the school told THE HEATHAN that "teachers are concerned about the safety of children who have to cross Stoney Lane to get to school".

# IMMIGRATION

WHILST SELLING LAST MONTH'S HEATHAN DOOR-TO-DOOR THROUGHOUT BALSALL HEATH, OUR SELLERS WERE ASKED BY TWO RESIDENTS, LIVING IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE AREA, FOR INFORMATION ON THE IMMIGRATION PROPOSALS CURRENTLY GOING THROUGH PARLIAMENT. WE CONTACTED THE LANE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE AND SHAUKAT MIZRA PROVIDED US WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION.

Under the present proposals 1. male fiances would only be able to come to this country if the woman was British by birth, or if one of her parents was British. 2. overseas students would not be able to get their visas extended and would not be able to stay in the U.K. after their study period was over. 3. dependant relatives would be affected if they could not claim Supplementary Benefit in this country. 4. young unmarried people, aged between 18 and 21 (especially boys), would not be able to come to Britain even if they were wholly dependent on their parents. At the moment, this age group can come to the U.K. if they are studying and have proof of being dependent on their parents.

These proposals, however, have yet to be ratified by Parliament.

SHAUKAT MIZRA
Lane Neighbourhood Centre.

# letters

THE HEATHAN, 120 ST PAUL'S ROAD, BALSALL HEATH, BIRMINGHAM 12.

Dear Sir,

I am sorry to have to inform you that after exhaustive investigation it transpires that the van which your reporter and photographer saw in Brunswick Road is in the ownership of persons unknown. The last known owner states that in March 1979, he sold the van to travellers. Since the name and the location of these travellers is unknown, it will not be possible for the City to take action against them. If you become aware of their whereabouts, I would be grateful if you could let me know as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

ALAN ELKIN
Project Team Leader, Urban Renewal.

Dear Sir,

I am pleased to hear of and see signs of the various activities being carried out for the Royal Visit. I would just like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved and to ask those who have been busily making bunting to hold on to it and to make just as big an effort for the Carnival in July.

G.H.

Dear Editor,

I attended the Annual General Meeting of the Roshven Residents' Association on Monday 19 May and was handed a newspaper called "Residents' Voice". The headline on page 1 read "Urban Renewal in Ruins". Surely this can't be true?

CONCERNED

# PRIZE BINGO

No-one entered the Bingo competition (honestly), so no prizes were awarded. Anyway, the answer was 90. Easy, wasn't it?

We still have a few empty seats at St Paul's Hall (Tuesdays at 7.30pm). These, of course, are reserved for YOU and your family (Yes, children <u>are</u> welcome). There is so much fun and community spirit that you will only be a stranger for 60 seconds, or even less.

Our thanks to Mrs E (who wishes to remain anonymous) for her community spirited action on May 13th.

BERNARD

# Schools

## ANDERTON PARK

HEADMASTER RETIRES

Mr D.J. Macdonald, headmaster of Anderton Park School, retired at Easter. Taking over in September will be Mr K. Marsh, at present headmaster of Shaw Hill School, Saltley. Acting Head at Anderton Park in the meantime is Mr D.R. Jones.

## PERCY SHURMER

Mr Lyne, deputy head at Percy Shurmer Junior School, was understandably taken by surprise when the "Evening Mail" recently reported his retirement. Mr Lyne has no intention of retiring since he is only 30 years old, according to headmaster Mr W.A. Turner.

SPECIAL CAKE

Mr Turner told THE HEATHAN that when Mr Lyne turned up for work the next day, the school cook, Mrs Joyce, had baked him a special cake to celebrate his "retirement"!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# Schools CONTINUED

SCHOOLS TO COMBINE

However, Mr Turner himself, will be retiring in the near future and the Education Department intends to amalgamate the Junior School with the Infant School. This has been brought about by the declining numbers of pupils attending both schools.

The move has been scheduled for, at the earliest, Easter 1981. More details will be released shortly and there will be a period of 2 to 3 months for objections to be made.

# Heath Mount

The summer term, as always, promises to be a very busy one at Heath Mount Primary School.

The School has already received a visit from the "Animal Man", Mr Johnson, who brought with him an eagle owl, a boa constrictor, a bull-frog and a chinchilla.

Visits are planned to the Severn Valley Railway, Dudley Zoo, Hartlebury Castle, Warwick and a Farm.

Groups of children will also be taken camping at Blackwell.

The School will be open to visitors during the week 7th - 11th July, and anyone is welcome to view the School and the exhibition of craft work and needlework.

MEL MATTHEWS
Heath Mount Primary School.

We received the following pieces from children at Heath Mount School. If any other school children would like to send in their stories, poems etc, we would be only too delighted to publish them. Send your stories etc to THE EDITOR, THE HEATHAN, 120 St Paul's Road, B'ham 12.

SUMMER

I like Summer
because the flowers come out beautiful.
It is good to go to the park
to go on the boats.
Summer days are fun.
I like to call my friends
to go and play with kites.
We run over the grass
and they go over the trees.
Summer days are fun.

BALVINDER SINGH (aged 10)

## COMMUNITY POSTERS BY JULIAN HOWELL. AN EXHIBITION AT THE MIDLANDS ARTS CENTRE - 8 MAY - 2 JUNE.

An interesting and colourful exhibition of posters advertising a wide range of local events over the past four years. Events in Balsall Heath and Moseley such as Moseley Festival, WEA courses, residents' groups meetings and shows at the Midlands Arts Centre. You may have seen many of these posters in windows and on noticeboards and wondered who made them.

Julian Howell has lived in Moseley for eight years, but has only developed his skills in graphics and screen-printing over the last four years, learning from books, friends and a part-time course at Bournville College of Art. His main interest is in developing publicity for community groups, who often don't do their work justice in their advertising. This is largely due to the cost of paying someone to do the design work (which takes longer than people think) and the lack of facilities for printing.

"I would like to see a community printshop here in Balsall Heath", said Julian, "where people can get to understand printing and learn to do it themselves".

To contact Julian, phone 449 7187.

MY DOGS

My dog is a very clever dog. Guess why? He can open all the doors in my house. He gets his own lead and my mum's slippers.

One day my mum was putting the dinner out and our dog called Butch jumped onto the table and ate my mum's steak. Every time we get something to eat he comes for food.

My other dog called Toggy is furry. I like feeling his chin. At bedtime he comes up to my bedroom and bites my feet and makes me laugh. He is a Jack Russell. He eats slowly and does not like dog food at all. He is brown and white and Butch is black and brown.

RITA SCIBERRAS (aged 10).

# WHAT'S ON

## JUNE

MONDAY 2 - 5.30-7pm, Urban Renewal Information Evening at St Paul's Hall.
MONDAY 2 - 8pm, Seven Streets Residents meeting, St Paul's Hall.
TUESDAY 3 - Community Prize Bingo at St Paul's Hall, 7.30pm.
WEDNESDAY 4 - 7.45pm, "Women & Health", films, discussion, B'ham & Midland Instit, Margaret St.
THURSDAY 5 - 10-12noon, coffee morning for elderly at B.H. Lib.
FRIDAY 6 - 8pm, Disco Club, St Paul's Hall.
TUESDAY 10 - 7.30pm, Community Prize Bingo, St Paul's Hall.
THURSDAY 12 - 10-12noon, coffee morning for elderly at B.H. Lib.
THURSDAY 12 - 7pm-9.30pm, Training Evening for summer playschemes at Old Art School, Moseley Road.
THURSDAY 12 - 4pm, Play Wall meeting at St John's School.
FRIDAY 13 - 7-8.30pm, Summer Fair at Anderton Park School.

TUESDAY 17 - 7.30pm, Community Prize Bingo, St Paul's Hall.
TUESDAY 17 - 7.30pm, Carnival '80 meeting, B.H. Library.
THURSDAY 19 - 10-12noon, coffee morning for elderly, B.H. Lib.
THURSDAY 19 - Gala Night for Carnival '80 at New Cresta, Solihull. Details Sarah Eden 440 3049.
THURSDAY 19 - 12.15pm, Community Lunch, Tindal School.
FRIDAY 20 - Afternoon, Toy Library & Stalls, St Paul's Nursery.
MONDAY 23 - Gardening Competition, commencement of judging.
TUESDAY 24 - 7.30pm, Community Prize Bingo, St Paul's Hall.

THURSDAY 26 - 10-12noon, coffee morning for elderly, B.H. Lib.
THURSDAY 26 - 7.30pm, Local History Society meeting, Balsall Heath Library. All welcome.

## JULY

TUESDAY 1 - 7.30pm, Community Prize Bingo, St Paul's Hall.
TUESDAY 1 - "Its A Knockout" at Malvern Street Sports Pitch.
THURSDAY 3 - 10-12noon, coffee morning for elderly, B.H. Lib.
THURSDAY 3 - "Pub Jog" around Balsall Heath for Carnival '80.
SATURDAY 5 - Carnival Day.

MONDAY 7 - Open Day at Heath Mount School. Until Friday 11th.

TUESDAY 8 - 7.30pm, Play Scheme meeting, Old Art School, Moseley Road.

THURSDAY 10 - 12.15pm, Community Lunch, Tindal School.

## TINDAL COMMUNITY ROOMS

| | |
|---|---|
| MONDAYS | - 9am-12noon, Playgroup. |
| | - pm, Women's Group. |
| TUESDAYS | - 9am-12noon, Playgroup. |
| | - & Asian Women's English Group. |
| | - 7.30-9.30pm, Dressmaking, Badminton, Women Writer's Group. |
| WEDNESDAYS | - 9am-12noon, Playgroup. |
| | - pm, Senior Citizens' Club. |
| THURSDAYS | - 9am-12noon, Playgroup. |
| | - & Asian Women's English Group. |
| | - pm, Bingo. |
| | - 7.30pm, Keep Fit. |
| FRIDAYS | - 9am-12noon, Playgroup. |
| | - 12-1.30pm, Community Lunch- Best In Balsall Heath. 35p. Children-15p. |

TINDAL COMMUNITY ROOMS welcomes your ideas and suggestions. For more information, please phone Tindal School on 440 3049.

## ANDERTON PARK SCHOOL, DENNIS RD TEL: 4491581

English Lessons, Mondays and Wednesdays at 9am-11am.
It is hoped that a beginners' class will be started in the near future.
"Women & Children", Wednesdays at 1.30pm-3.15pm. Meetings will discuss Health issues.

SUMMER FAIR: Friday 13 June, 7pm-8.30pm.

Parent-Teachers' Association - to join, 25p per year.

## ST.PAUL'S NURSERY

tel: 440 4603.

TOY LIBRARY every Friday afternoon. Also - "Nearly New" and "White Elephant" stalls.

## HEATH MOUNT PRIMARY SCHOOL, KNUTSFORD ST. TEL: 440 1493

OPEN DAY: from Monday 7 July to Friday 11 July. Everyone welcome to view the School. Special exhibitions.

## BALSALL HEATH LIBRARY MOSELEY RD TEL: 440 1962

OPENING HOURS

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|---|---|
| Monday | - 10am-7pm. |
| Tuesday | - 10am-5pm. |
| Wednesday | - CLOSED ALL DAY. |
| Thursday | - 10am-7pm. |
| Friday | - 10am-5pm. |
| Saturday | - 9am-5pm. |
| Sunday | - CLOSED ALL DAY. |

## Community Lunch

The next Community Lunch will be held at Tindal School on Thursday 19 June. The topic for discussion is "Funding Local Projects" - a look at the funding which is available to local groups and the way to apply, as well as the possibility of local co-operation.

Lunch starts at 12.15pm. Discussion 12.50pm-2pm. The charge for lunch is 50p. If you want to have lunch, contact Jon Gurling, Balsall Heath Link, tel:440 6355.

The July Lunch is the last before the summer break and will be a special session on local ARTS & CRAFTS. If you have any such skills contact Jon Gurling on 440 6355. More details next month.

ARE YOU AGAINST BLOODSPORTS? If so, THE HUNT SABOTEURS are looking for supporters. Please contact 440 1241 for more details.

**COPY DATE For JULY Issue: — MONDAY 16 JUNE**

## PLAYCENTRE AND FARMYARD

Malvern Street Playcentre offers local youngsters the following activities: woodwork, screen-printing, art and craft, gardening, sports, cookery, outings.

The Farmyard is now open. Anyone wishing to help look after the animals and/or the garden area should contact Suzanne Bradbury at The Farm or Playcentre, tel: 440 1113.

## ST. PAUL'S HALL

MONDAYS - 5.30pm-6.30pm - Weight Training.
TUESDAYS - 5pm-6pm - Under 14's Football Training. 5.30pm-8.30pm Community Woodwork.
WEDNESDAYS - 7pm-9pm - Youth Club for 11 to 14's.
THURSDAYS - 7.30pm-8.30pm - 14-17s Football Training.
FRIDAYS - 8pm - Monthly Disco Club for teenagers (members only). See What's On column.

## CLIFTON COMMUNITY ROOM

Clifton School (Junior), tel: 440 2926.

An Advice Session will be held in the Community Room, Clifton Junior School, every weekday morning between 9am and 10.30am.

## LANE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE, 220 LADYPOOL RD TEL: 449 0438

ADVICE SESSIONS: Mondays/Wednesdays/Thursdays-9.30am-5.30pm. Fridays-9.30am-4pm.
LEGAL ADVICE: (Free) Wednesdays 7pm-9pm.

PREGNANCY TESTING: (Free) Tuesdays-7pm-9pm. Saturdays-10am-12 noon.
CLOTHES SALE: Mondays/Wednesdays/

Fridays-2pm-4pm.
WOMEN'S GROUP: Wednesdays-1.30pm.
ASIAN WOMEN'S ENGLISH GROUP: Mondays/Wednesdays/Thursdays-9.45am-11.45am.
LIBRARY: Thursdays-3pm-5pm.

## BALSALL HEATH ASSOCIATION, 91 COURT RD TEL: 440 1310/6296

OPENING HOURS

MONDAYS/TUESDAYS/WEDNESDAYS/THURSDAYS: 9.30am-5.30pm (closed for lunch 12.30pm-1.30pm)

FRIDAYS : CLOSED ALL DAY

MONDAYS: 7pm-9pm - Legal Advice.

MONDAYS/WEDNESDAYS/THURSDAYS: 9.30am-12.30pm - Sessions with Tahmina Islam for non-English speakers mainly.

BHA hopes to start an Asian/Immigrants' problem session on Wednesdays from 1.30pm-3pm. Further details from 91 Court Road.

ANY LOCAL GROUPS WISHING TO ADVERTISE THEIR ACTIVITIES ON THIS PAGE (free of charge) SHOULD CONTACT "THE HEATHAN" 120 ST PAUL'S ROAD, BALSALL HEATH or phone 440 4376.


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# ES's SPORTS PAGE

## Awards' Night With Malcolm Page

The Second Annual Awards night of the Balsall Heath Football League was held in St Paul's Hall on Thursday 8 May. The awards were presented by Malcolm Page, Birmingham City Club Captain, and the audience were entertained by a film of the 1970 Mexico World Cup Finals.

Awards were presented as follows:
CARNIVAL CUP: Clifton Juniors (under 11s).
St Paul's School (under 14s).
Malvern St P.C. (under 17s).
5-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT: Moseley Rd Y.C. (under 14s)
Wood View (runners up, under 14s).
Mt Pleasant (under 17s).
Highgate (runners up, under 17s).
FOOTBALL LEAGUE: St John's Y.C. (under 14s).
St Paul's (runners up, under 14s).
"Order of the Boot" went to Malvern St (under 14s).
Highgate (under 17s).
Wood View (runners up, under 17s).
"Order of the Boot" went to Osmond House (under 17s).

## 'Valuable Lessons'

Es Rosen thanked everyone for attending and hoped the many youngsters present would learn "valuable football lessons from the film". Es introduced Malcolm Page, who had kindly offered to make the awards, and said that Malcolm had spent 18 years with "the Blues" showing "remarkable loyalty to his team". In addition to his long service to Birmingham City,' Malcolm has also been capped 30 times for Wales.

Three special awards were made for the best player (under 14s), best player (under 17s) and for services to the League. David Sheehan of St John's and Wood View's "Fred" were chosen for the best player awards, and Mr John Shaw and Vaughan Carpenter were commended for their special services to the League.

Es thanked Mr Shaw for his keenness to referee matches and for the fairness of all his decisions. In the whole season not one player had been sent off and no-one had even been cautioned.

Vaughan Carpenter was commended for his footballing talents and for helping to keep his team together and fully kitted despite the closure of the Adventure Playground which they had used as a base.

UNDER 17S CHAMPIONS - HIGHGATE

UNDER 14S CHAMPIONS - ST JOHN'S

Malcolm Page asked all the players involved in the League to "keep trying, keep improving - not just at football but in whatever you do". Malcolm wished the youngsters "the best of luck for next season" and promised to try to get "one or two of the lads at Birmingham City to come down and see the Leagues in action".

Needless to say, at the end of the evening, Malcolm was mobbed by youngsters determined to get his autograph.

The certificates and trophies were made for the League by community artist, Des Berry. The final League positions are given elsewhere on this page. The under 17s scored a total of 154 goals (an average of 11 goals per game) and the under 14s scored 314 goals (an average of 7 goals per game).

Es gives his sincere thanks to John Shaw for refereeing, St Paul's Project and Malvern Street Playcentre for their help, Pat Johnson and Ruth Lane for providing refreshments and the Balsall Heath Football League for all their support. A big thank-you also to Mick Turner for showing the film and for taking the photographs.

# ES's SPORTS PAGE continued

## BALSALL HEATH_2
## STAFFORD_____2

On Thursday 15 May 1980, Balsall Heath Football League ran a league match against Stafford County XI. The match was drawn 2-2.

This was the first of what we can only hope will be a number of representative games for the League.

The boys of Balsall Heath did themselves proud and deserved the result they achieved. Their attitude on the pitch was exemplary. We heard that they were "the best behaved and most organised side that ever visited Stafford" and that Stafford would be only "too pleased to host any other fixture".

The Balsall Heath team was as follows:

Asif (B.H. Play Centre), L. Antoine (Highgate), Neville (Calthorpe), Sapal (Highgate), Lloyd (Calthorpe), D. Sheehan (St John's), Chalky (Malvern St), A. Conden (Malvern St), L. Wolverton (Malvern St), V. Carpenter (B.H. Play Centre), D. Clarke (Calthorpe). Subs: J. Ellis and S. Blackwood (Moseley Rd).

## FINAL LEAGUE POSITIONS

| UNDER 17s | Pts |
|---|---|
| Highgate | 13 |
| Wood View | 12 |
| Malvern St | 8 |
| Mt Pleas't | 5 |
| Osmond Ho. | 2 |

| UNDER 14s | Pts |
|---|---|
| St John's | 18 |
| St Paul's | 11 |
| Highgate | 10 |
| B.H.P.C. | 10 |
| Mt Pleas't | 10 |
| Moseley Rd | 8 |
| St Martin's | 7 |
| Calthorpe | 6 |
| Wood View | 5 |
| Malvern St | 2 |

ES ROSEN

# HEALTH CENTRE APPROVED

The Area Health Authority has approved of the plan to build a new Health Centre for Balsall Heath. The centre will cost £600,000 and will be built on Edward Road, with work scheduled to start in the autumn.

The centre will contain mother and baby care facilities and will have a family planning clinic, a speech therapy unit and chiropody services. The building will also include general practitioner rooms and will act as a base for district nurses.

Finance for the centre will come from the Inner City Partnership scheme and two other centres are also planned for Aston and Soho.


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# ABOUT THE VISIT

The Prince came to Balsall Heath to see for himself some of the activities and organisations that local people are building up. He is especially interested in youth activities and has helped some of our local clubs through grants from Royal Trusts. The youngsters of Balsall Heath turned out in force to meet him, along with their parents, grandparents and neighbours.

The first people to meet the Prince during his visit were the pupils of St Paul's School.

Even when the royal car drew up outside, they found it hard to believe he was really coming.

## St. Paul's Hall

At the other end of St Paul's Road, in the Hall, around two hundred people greeted the Prince's arrival with a standing ovation. Strains of "God Bless The Prince Of Wales" could be heard from the trusty community piano.

Prince Charles and the accompanying dignatories - who included the Lord Mayor of Birmingham (Councillor Joe Bailey), the Lord-Lieutenant of the County of West Midlands (The Earl of Aylesford), and the Chairman of West Midlands County Council (Councillor D.G. Lewis) - looked at the exhibition of local work which was on display in the Hall. They met the staff and children of St Paul's Nursery who were having a "normal working day" in their hall!

The Prince frequently interrupted his tour of the exhibition of community work to speak to youngsters and residents. Other youngsters performed on the stage and were introduced to him by Gilbert Bagnall.

The Prince left the Hall for his walkabout in Malvern Street where thousands of Balsall Heathans were gathered.

A festive scene of colourful activity greeted him. On the football pitch, exhibition games were in progress. A gymnastics display and drum majorettes occupied other corners of the site. A steel band and a scout band played while clowns, donkeys and the "Animal Man" entertained both young and old alike.

## 'Community Spirit'

Again progress was delayed because of the Prince's insistence on meeting as many people as possible.

Mrs Uddin must have wondered whether he'd ever arrive at the Play Centre gate where she was to be presented.

Inside the Farm, Prince Charles was introduced to more young people who had collected plants to commemorate the occasion. They asked the Prince to receive the plants, which he then passed on to representatives of Sister Elsie's old folks' club. The youngsters will plant them out in the area to help brighten up the old folks' gardens as a memento of the visit.

Prince Charles then crossed Clifton Road to the Carnival Site where the vast crowd which had gathered round the mound became silent. The Prince spoke to all who had witnessed his visit.

"I've been moved by all that you have done to make me feel so welcome. You have a wonderful community spirit here in Balsall Heath which you have proudly demonstrated for all to see. I wish you well. Keep up the good work and I'll be back to see how you are getting on".

GIVE US A WHAT?

# Royal Visit

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HALF A MO, I'VE GOT TO THINK ABOUT THAT ONE.

THE "PYRAMID EFFECT".

WILL HE NO COME BACK AGAIN?