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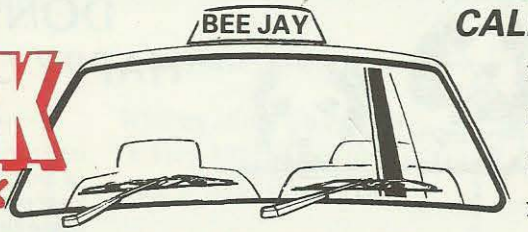

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Villagers fight traffic nightmare

Through their Community Association Committee, residents of Clayhanger are fighting to curb traffic problems through the village via Bridge Street. A deputation for the Committee of Mrs Trow, Bob Hickman and Jenny Brownridge put the facts before The Highways and Safety Committee 6 months ago, backed up by a petition of residents containing 60 signatures.

"Heavy wagons start rumbling through at 4.30 - 5.00 a.m." Mr. Bob Hickman of Bridge Street claimed" and the volume builds up through the morning. We have done our own survey and counted 65 vehicles passing between 8 - 8.15 a.m. and it's even busier between 5 - 6 p.m. But it's not only volume that concerns us, it is the terrific speeds that some drivers hurtle through at, negotiating parked cars or not, which again is another problem."

They would like the Highways and Safety Committee to look at ways of diverting large juggernauts around Clayhanger, and 30 mph speed limit signs to be placed at roads into the village, but they may be thwarted in this because approach roads are already restricted.

"The problem is that the two approach roads are straight and unpopulated so that traffic builds up speed, especially down the canal bridge, and don't intend slowing down when they hit the built up area", said Mr. Hickman, but I don't think it would hurt to have 30 mph signs on entering the village, as a reminder, and perhaps a radar trap occasionally would make drivers think twice.

There are a lot of elderly people who have to cross this road to catch the bus and we would like action before it's too late. A Safety Committee Member mentioned the traffic lights on the canal bridge, and was surprised when told they were removed years ago, but we fail to see what would be gained by bringing these back."

The C.C.A. are expecting a decision shortly.

Golden Wedding

December 7th was the Golden Wedding for Jack and Lucy Phillips of 65 Chester Road, Shire Oak, Brownhills.

The couple have two children John and Barry.

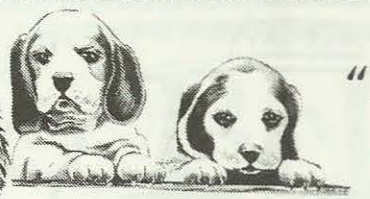
A party is to be held at the Royal Oak pub (Middle Oak), where Jack was the first tennant in the new pub back in 1938.

Jack 87, a keen footballer from Chasetown still enjoys his garden, while Lucy 84 from Pelsall is active around the home. In the past both have been members of the St. James Church in Brownhills.

The couple were married at St. Michael's Church in Pelsall.

Association Meeting

On 3rd December a meeting took place at Brownhills Comp. between a few invited people who had expressed interest in forming a Brownhills Association. The Gazette set the meeting up and Mr. John Sylvester chaired the informal talks. Cllr Graham Walker attended and put his points of view and his general views and information were well received. After lengthy discussions it was agreed that a list of all local community groups and associations should be contacted through liaison with Mr. Roy Jones, when a further meeting was to be held on 14th January, 8.00 p.m. for further talks.



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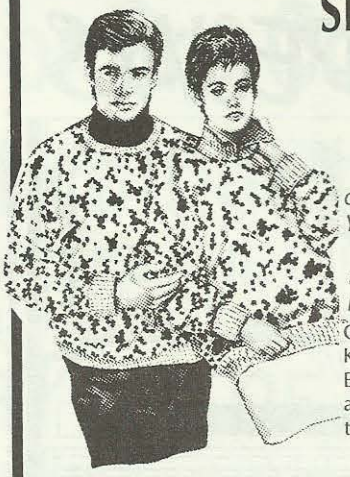
The response has been terrific, and the Unit will be at the Brownhills Memorial Hall in Lichfield Road on 17th January 1991 from 2pm - 4pm and 5pm - 7.30 pm. Now I now that you are all aware of the visit, I hope you will donate and keep this worthwhile event here on a regular basis. I told 'em you were a generous lot so don't let me down, and thanks Janine for holding their attention for me.

Brian Stringer



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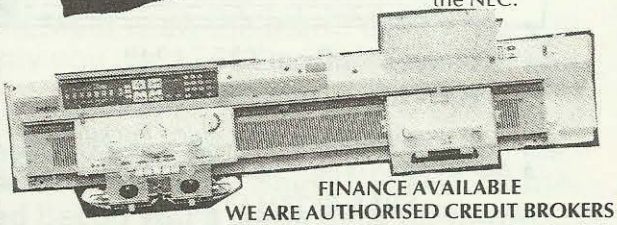

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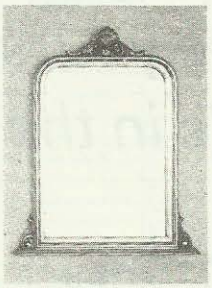

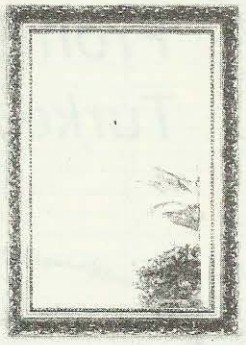

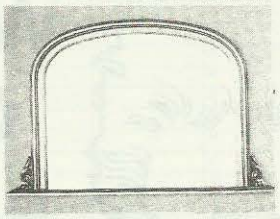

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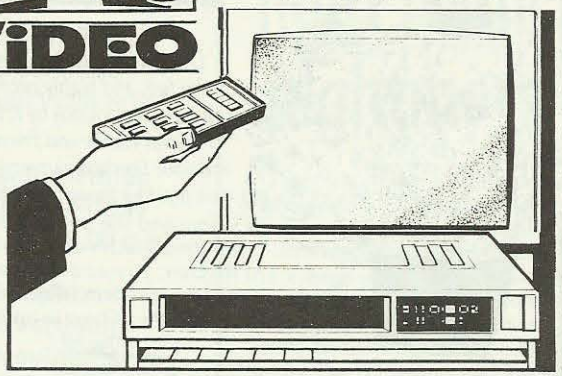

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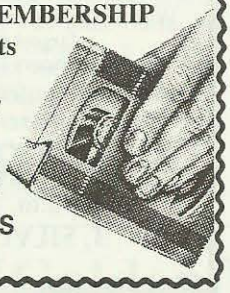

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Townswomens Guild

The meeting of Brownhills Townswomens Guild for November was a special night for members, especially the ones who took part in "The Sponsored Knit In." In aid of the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council, for a cheque was presented by Guild President Mrs. Iris Poxon for £212.05.

Mr. Allen from A.R.C. told members how money raised, goes towards medical research, as there are over 200 types of Rheumatic Diseases, but the most common ones are Rheumatoid Arthritis, Ankolosing Spondylitis and Osteo Arthritis.

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Mr. Allen thanked members for the donation and stressed it would be put to good use, especially in the West Midlands Area.

Members heard about the guild business and the trip on October 28th to Cadbury's World. The next outing is to Shugborough Hall on December 13th.

It was good to see Mrs. Margaret Lee back at guild, after a long stretch of illness and she thanked members for the flowers and get well card. And although our sick visitor Mrs. B. Brookes had not heard about Mrs. Laura Walton having a spell in hospital, we do hope she is feeling a lot better and it was very nice to see her again at the guild.

The guild variety show on February 28th, 1st and 2nd March has now got the tickets available £2 and £1 child. But the first evening February 28th is for OAP and disabled groups at a reduced price of £1 ticket at Brownhills Comp. Tel: Brownhills 376743

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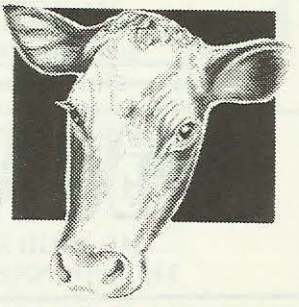

Reply from Graham Walker

Dear Sir,

You wish to know why you receive no reply from local elected councillors. I can only speak for myself but I suspect that both Cllr Parker and Cllr Tomlinson share most of my views.

On the front page of your last issue, in which you make the absurd suggestion that the reply of four Brownhills residents (one of whom praised Cllr Tomlinson for his "practical help and advice) amounted to a **tremendous response,** you say "not a word from our local representatives". Our? I am a representative of the Labour Party, a socialist, **elected** by the peopleof Brownhills. I am not and never will be a representative of the Brownhills Gazette.

The status if not the sincerity of the Gazette need to be examined. The Gazette is an advertising free sheet and as such it must sell advertising space. To do this it needs to convince potential advertisers that it has a large number of readers. To get the number of readers that it requires the Gazette has chosen to sensationalise in a malicious and destructive manner, any issue that it possibly can. It has to be said that in the long run, after the Gazette has made its profits, the effect of this approach will be to discourage people from shopping in Brownhills.

The Brownhills Gazette claims political independence. Reality seems somewhat different. Since its first issue the Gazete has echoed the ignorant views and statements of the Conservative/Independent coalition on Walsall Council. One glaring example of Gazette ignorance was all too evident in its October issue. Many of the photographs shown were of property belonging to the Housing Dept and if these jobs were to be dealt with, it would have meant a further cutback in housing repairs. This, in my view and the view of the council tenants of Brownhills who are suffering far too much already at the hands of this vicious Tory Government and its Independent??? apologists, would have been totally unacceptable.

The Gazette makes no attempt to familiarise itself with the masses of restrictive legislation on local government finance, neither does it have any genuine interest in the history of local government spending, which has such a dramatic effect on the amount of money thats available now. In printing inaccurate information the Gazette deceives the people of Brownhills as to what is achievable and what is not.

The many and varied tenant and resident organisations, run by and for the people of Brownhills, unlike the Gazette, do take the time and trouble to find out how local government works and as a result are treated with the respect that they deserve. We attend their meetings whenever we can. We listen to their views and take those views into account in the decisions that we make. We also, as the Gazette well knows, seek to encourage the growth of genuine community organisations into areas where they presently do not exist. This is how local politics should be conducted, not as a series of reactions to press proprietors and editors.

The Gazette and its Conservative/Independent supporters have constantly whined about Brownhills being the "poor relations of Walsall Council". For many years Tory/Independent candidates have stood on this platform and in the process have implied that they could revive Urban District Councils. This despite the fact that it is not within the power of Walsall Council to do that.

When I stood for election in May I campaigned largely on the Labour Party policy of establishing Neighbourhood Committees. This proposal is to break the total council budget down into individual budgets for all the natural neighbourhoods such as Clayhanger, Brownhills West and Brownhills Central. The policy also includes devolving centrally based staff down to neighbourhood level and holding **direct** elections of people who live in the neighbourhoods to official council Sub Committees with powers to run virtually all council services within their own areas. In short, giving people the real power to run their own towns.

The Gazette knows and knew at the time of the election of this policy, yet it gave considerable prominence to a so called Independent candidate who would have helped to prevent it becoming reality. Since the election the Gazette has shown no interest in the progress of this policy and is now promoting an association which if successful would aid the Tories in maintaining central control.

There are three political choices available to the people of Brownhills.

Choice one (the choice the Gazette says it is supporting) is to elect three Independent councillors, three councillors with no political friends against fifty seven other councillors. In other words, no chance of doing anything.

Choice two (the one I suspect the Gazette is really supporting) is to have three Tory/Independent councillors, opposing decentralisation, having all the restrictions of collective responsibility related to being a member of a political group but having none of the benefits of being in the controlling group.

Choice three is to have three Labour councillors within the controlling group. Yes, with the collective responsibility to carry out the policies - like decentralisation - upon which we were elected but also with the power which being members of the controlling groups gives us to address over a period of time the problems which we in Brownhills face.

If the Gazette is interested and shows that it is interested in reasonable and rational discussion, I shall reply. Until that happens I shall say what I have to say either directly or through a separate newsletter.

Two final points. First, while we are on the subject of who is and who is of a friend of Brownhills, I have noticed that the publishers of the Gazette uses Leigh Environmental for his waste disposal. One of the biggest problems that Brownhills faces is one common to the rest of Walsall, Leighs sealosafe operation. Many people in Brownhills are fighting Leigh and yet the Gazette supports them. With friends like the Gazzete who needs enemies. Secondly, Mr. Glyn Holloway whose bitterness at being rejected as a member of the Labour Party, continually sours his views, seeks to blame us for everything. He now wants to blame us for Richard Shepherd's failure to do a surgery in Brownhills. My thanks therefore go to Mr. Shepherd for impressing the truth upon this bitter old man.

Yours sincerely
Graham Walker

WAKE UP BROWNHILLS

Gazette Comment

We could argue point by point about Cllr Walker's letter - tremendous response. (We chose 4 letters but had many phone calls of support) by our elected representatives, perhaps it never occurred to you that we may have voted for you, Sensational! Malicious! Destructive! The footpaths done.

How's that for constructive.

We gave prominence to Independant candidate?

Both were asked if they would like to write a campaign article of a given number of words. Both did. Both got printed, to the letter, I'm baffled. I could go on, but I'll let my readers judge. I think proof of our neutrality is obvious by the fact that this letter has been printed in full.

Since Graham Walker wrote this letter, we have had a long telephone conversation and a

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further meeting when we met to discuss the possibility of an association, and on both occasions a few things were clarified from both points of view and Cllr Walker told us that after our talks, he had changed his mind on certain points, but wanted us to include it in our next edition, anyway.

From the Gazette's point of view, I'm sure that we both understand each other better, and hopefully can co-operate together working for Brownhills.

Reply from the Secretary of Brownhills Labour Party

To the Editor,

Dear Brian,

Having read both of your articles in the Brownhills Gazette issues 13 & 14 I feel that I must reply to them in defence of our three councillors.

Both articles are brimful of total and unadulterated inaccuracies.

First and foremost, you accuse our councillors of not caring for our Town, as Secretary of the Brownhills Labour Party I will strongly refute this suggestion.

WAKE UP BROWNHILLS

I would respectfully point out to you and your readership that the three elected councillors regularly hold surgeries at the Activities Centre, Chester Road, every Saturday morning without fail, they also make visits to those people who are unable to attend those surgeries. They have been responsible for the improvement of road safety in Brownhills, but for the intervention we would not have the crossings on the Pelsall Road, Chester Road, High Street and shortly ***Ogley Road.***

They are directly to be thanked for the resurfacing of the pavements in the High Street, they have campaigned long and hard to get this done (who's going to take the credit).

They have fought the powers that be to insist that all new developments in Brownhills will provide disabled parking as a clause in them being granted permission to develop shopping facilities in central Brownhills.

They have played a leading role in several Green Issues which are of concern to all of the residents of Brownhills, (The Swan Works, infilling, landscaping of central areas, protection of the Clayhanger Wetlands, Brownhills Common, and the emissions from Castings foundry.

They are also taking an active part in the re-introduction of a rail line from Walsall to Lichfield via Brownhills.

In issue 13 you made remarks about the shopping area of Silver Court are you aware that until recently this complex was owned by a ***Local Property Company*** *and has only recently been bought by the Land and Property Department of Walsall Council (who's going to take the credit for its present state).*

The occupiers of some of the said shops have helped to create the present mess and public safety hazard that the slabs are now in. They allow their delivery drivers to drive on to this pedestrianised area over the flower beds that once bordered the pavement to facilitate the ease of deliveries. (This anomaly is to be rectified shortly, who takes the credit).

I personally can testify to the above fact, in November of last year Councillor Tomlinson, several members of the Labour Party and myself were collecting signatures for a petition to the Land and Property committee calling for the immediate restoration of this area and the replacement of the bollards to stop this practice of which we were all witness to on the two days that we were there.

Shops were mentioned closing down due to the high business rates this once again is no fault of central government, you may be aware that business rates are no longer going into Local Authority coffers, but are paid into central Government coffers in Whitehall, and they themselves decide how much if any they give back to the Local Authority. (Who's going to take the credit for this).

Your article says that we should form a Brownhills Association again. You must be aware that several Residents Associations have recently been formed ***with the Help of our Three Councillors).*** *Namely, the Silver Court Residents Association, Deakin Avenue Residents Ass the Avenues Residents Ass, High Street Residents Ass, and Humphries House Residents Ass).*

You state that in the past we had a Ratepayers Association, this much is true, in the past they had several councillors all of which defected to one political party or the other, one of them even gave the casting vote to amalgamate Aldridge/Brownhills with Walsall against the peoples wishes. One councillor in particular couldn't stand the heat so mid term resigned his seat.

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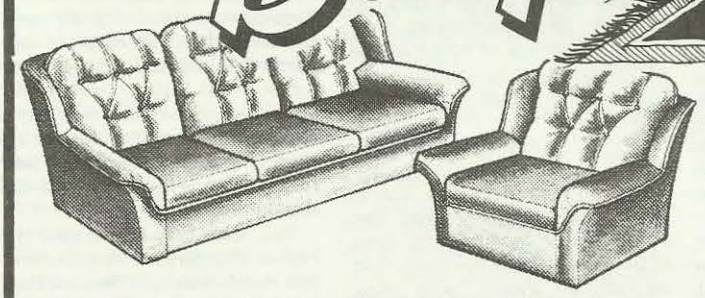

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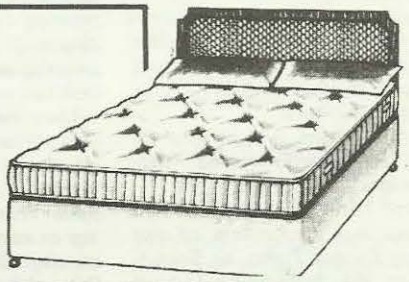

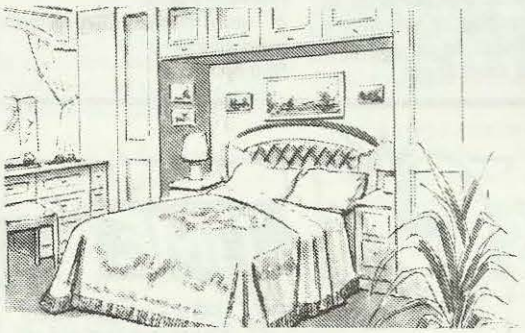

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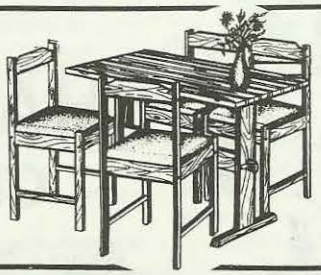

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Mr. P. Matthews winners Trophy (8) + Rennes Trophy, Nantes Trophy Channel Average Trophy.

After the presentation of awards it was time to show appreciation to the stewardess and bar staff and also to Mrs. Merrick by presenting all with bouquets of flowers. Sportsmen of the Year was given to Mr. F. Luke who does a lot of work for the club.

With all the awards given, it was then time to sit back and enjoy the night with full entertainment, a night which was enjoyed by all and hoping to meet again in the near future.

P Matthews

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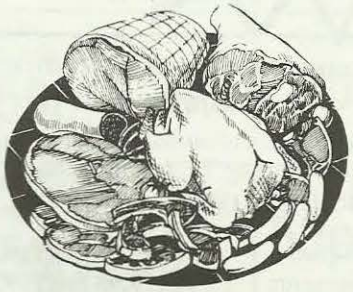

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Yours faithfully
V.M. Taylor (Mrs.

Archives photograph

I was delighted to see the photograph of the Brownhills Young Citizens Club, I must say that it brought back a host of happy memories of Sunday bike rides and picnics at Blake Street Pools, and of cycling to Yoxall and the "Ridwares" to do Folk Dancing displays at village fetes.

I also remember the little group who visited the home of Mr & Mrs Read every Sunday night, to watch one of the very few televisions in the area in those days and Mrs Read often gave us supper.

We all had great respect for our Leaders Frank and Iris, and Jack and Marg who were some of the early Youth Workers appointed in Brownhills following the 1944 Education Act which recognised the need to provide for our age group, who were the deprived children of the war years.

One of my fondest memories is of a one week stay at Attingham Hall near Shrewsbury where we participated in a course organised by the English Folk Dance and Song Society, I think about a dozen club members attended.

Some in our party had never been away from home before, and this plus the novelty of a car ride to Atcham was a new horizon and a marvellous experience.

I am proud to relate that my membership of this club under the auspices of the Staffordshire Youth Service started me off on a lifetime of service as a Youth Leader.

In 1951 I was persuaded to attend a Senior Members training course at Unstone Grange, near Sheffield and during my stay I met the young lady from Pensnett Dudley, who was destined to become my wife. In 1952 we commenced our work together as joint leaders of the Brownhills Wesley Methodist Youth Club, but that in itself is a long and happy story.

Mention was made in your article of Miss Cartwright and Joyce Kench (now Cook) who introduced Drama to the club, and from my involvement in this project I became a founder member of the Aldridge Brownhills Travelling Theatre, a very far sighted venture in those days instigated by Miss Cartwright and as same readers may be aware it eventually evolved into the present day Aldridge Youth Theatre.

But here again that is another long story.

Readers who know her will be pleased to hear that Miss Cartwright is living in retirement at Nash, near Ludlow and is always pleased to hear from and talk to old friends and associates. Another interesting venture during my time at the Young Citizens club was the clubs adoption of H.M.S's Amethyst, Consort and London, following the Yangtse river incident and the club was divided into houses named after the ships for inter house competitions etc.

Some of the girls corresponded with sailors on the ships and the club received letters and souvenirs plaques from the ships officers.

With regard to the photograph I can identify to some degree the following from left to right: Iris Poxon, Graham Finn, Ciss' Greenhough? Frank Poxon, Alan Watson, Mary Iredale.

Duggie Roberts, Baden Preston, Peter Green, Marion Grice, Ken Thomas, Alma? Joyce Read, Bernard Bickley? Glynn (nunc) Probert, Marg Greenhough, Trevor Cawley and Jack Greenhough sitting.

If my memory serves me correctly I was most upset at the time because I was standing extreme right next to Trevor Cawley and was cut off the picture.

As I hope my comments have shown, I for one, derived great benefit from my membership of the Young Citizens Club, and I received much wise counselling and care from some very fine Youth Workers for which I will always be grateful.

I look forward to your future issues where I hope that others will write in with their memories of the past in times which I feel were much better and certainly less complicated than the present.

Doug Birch

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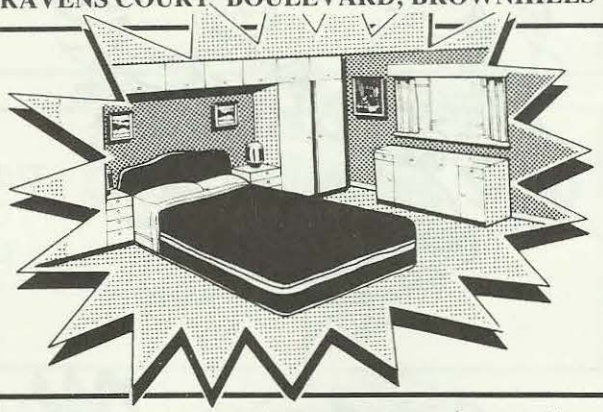

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Archives

FROM PREVIOUS PAGE

Dear Sir,

Regarding the Brownhills Archives Photograph in the November issue of the Brownhills Gazette.

The Club referred to was the Brownhills Young Citizens Youth Club. The club building came about in the main due to pressure from members of the former St James's Youth Club who met in the Junior Boy's School in Church Road. Dissatisfied with the amenities available at the school, members enlisted the aid of Mr. George Fitch, the then area youth organiser. Miss S Cartwright became involved later, when the club had become established in the new building.

The photograph depicts in the main, some of the keen members of the folk dance section, though I do see some of the then football team among them. I believe I am the one peeping around the corner extreme right.

One who should be in the picture is Mr Douglas Birch, well known locally as a singer of note. I'm sure that many in the picture will remember Mr Bert Alexander who tried so hard to teach us ballroom and old time dancing, or perhaps recall the visit of Nibs Mathews - former President of the English Folk Dance Society. Perhaps also Doug Birch, Peter Green, Glen Probert will recall the happy time we spent with our respective dance partners at Attingham Hall - and other places.

T. Cawley

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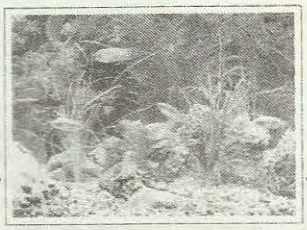

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In their promotion year, all the players received an engraved gold pocket watch and Jack treasures his to this day. One proud record he can boast is the fact that in every game that he scored, the Wolves never lost from his first goal against Chesterfield in a 2-1 win to his last in 1928 against Reading again in a 2-1 home win. As a winger Jack wasn't a prolific goalscorer, rather a player using his terrific speed to set up others, but its still a unique achievement.

His last game for Wolves was against Chelsea in April 1928 when they suffered a 2-1 home defeat.

Young Jack with his 94th birthday cake.

I looked with interest through a copy of Jacks signing on contracts and noted that he was on £6 per week from 2nd May - 29th August (summer months) and £7 from August to 1st May.

The Player to receive an extra £1 when playing in the first team.

Rule 1 stated that The Player hereby agrees to play in an efficient manner and to the best of his ability for the club. While Rule 5 said. The Player shall not engage in any business or live in any place which the Club may deem unsuitable.

What did Jack think of todays players wages, "Good Luck to them" he said.

What did you think of Major Buckley? (his manager) "Toffee-nosed", came the prompt reply.

After finishing with football Jack, then had to go back to his old job as a miner, and after playing pro soccer, he hated every minute of it, but neither seems to have hurt him much.

You may remember last Aprils Gazette where we wrote an article on Geoff Harrington winning the Powderhall Handicap. Geoff was trained, as were most of the runners in this area, by Jack, who was as much noted for his sprinting ability as his football prowess.

Quite a character is Jack, who has led a full life so far and has a host of memories to look back on during his twilight years. Belated Happy Birthday Jack, now go for the Queen's telegram.

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Pollution in Poland

In our November issue we told of Polish Dr. Robert Matyga and his visit over here to study our medical care, and while over here he gave speeches to quite a few groups and part of those gave food for thought. We in Brownhills, and indeed the whole country have a constant battle on our hands to prevent pollution, but what if we were denied the right to stand against authority? A worrying thought as Dr Matygas report tells.

There is another enormous problem in Poland today and that is pollution. This is especially a problem in the area of Silesia where I live and work. I think it is the worst polluted area in the whole of Europe, both East and West. One of the effects of this pollution is that the average life expectancy in Poland is 62 years for men and 67 years for women, but in Silesia it is 2 years less. In Silesia we have the highest neo-natal death rate in Europe and a very high incidence of deformity and all kinds of abormality in children due to this high level of pollution.

There is a very high level of pollution in the ground and in our water. These pollutants include sulphur dioxide, No.2 (?), carbon monoxide, phenol, nitrates, dust, and water supplies are often contaminated with salmonella and similar organisms. In Poland as a whole, one third of the population is concentrated in environmental disaster areas. Put it another way, 12 million people live in places from which they should be evacuated.

Where I live, there are 100 km of steel mills which pour pollutants into the atmosphere at a rate that has been forbidden in the West for years. Much of this plant was given to Poland by the USSR when they updated their own industry and was already out of date when it was installed in our country. Bad quality bituminous coal is used in these industries instead of the high grade anthracite which is mined in Silesia but exported for cash.

The effect of all this on children's health is catastrophic. Leukaemia in children is twice the rate of the rest of Poland, which is already higher than that of Western Europe. The genetic effects caused by this widespread industrial pollution has led to both physical and mental handicaps as well as disease. The highest infant mortality rate in Europe is in Upper Silesia.

Players offer thanks

Through the Gazette the Brownhills Players would like to thank all who donated to their efforts for the Children in Need Charity at their Thursday, Friday and Saturday night performance in November, they collected from the audience and raised a total of £150.84p which they then rounded up to £200.

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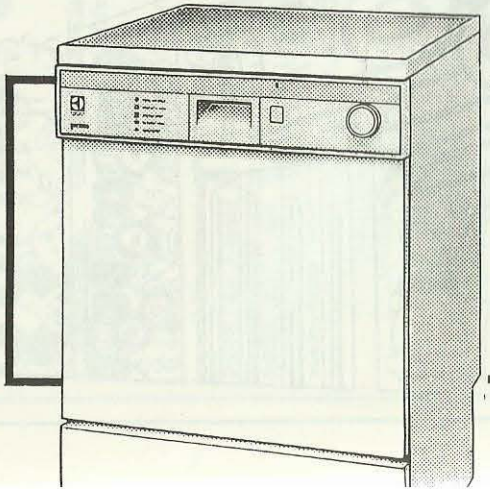

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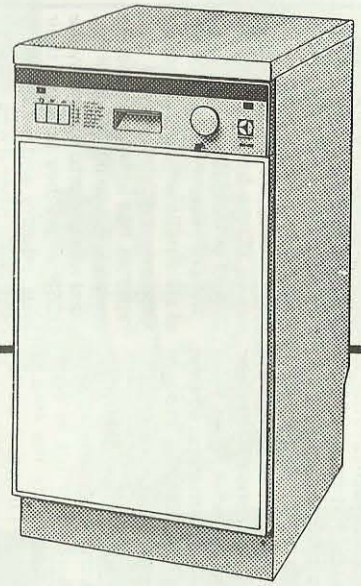

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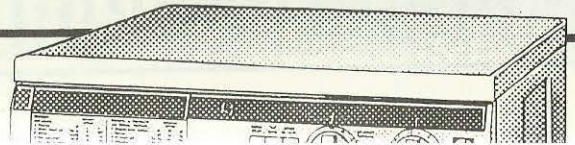

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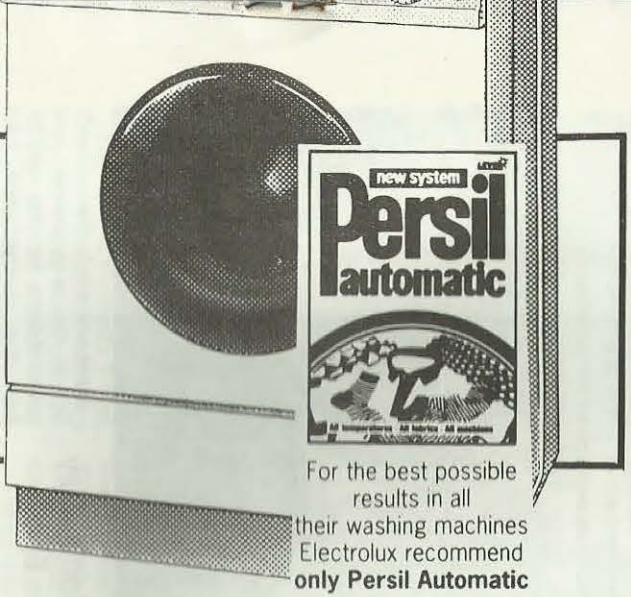

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Festive Cookery

Christmas Trifle (Serves 8)

6oz light fruit cake
3 tblsps brandy
10 oz tin mandarins in natural juice (drained)
6 oz seedless grapes halves
4 tblsp custard powder
1 pint milk
3 oz marzipan (diced)
7 fluid oz's fresh double cream
Marzipan holy leaves and berries

Cube the cake, place in a serving bowl and sprinkle with brandy, add the fruit. Blend the custard powder with a little cold milk. Bring remaining milk to the boil and pour onto the mixture stirring well. Return to pan, bring to the boil stirring. Remove from the heat and stir in the marzipan cubes. Stir until dissolved.

Pour the custard over the trifle and leave until cold. Whip the cream until softly stiff and pipe onto the trifle in a criss-cross pattern. Decorate with marzipan leaves and berries.

Hot Coronation Turkey (Serves 6)

1 onion (finely chopped)
½ oz butter
1 tblsp curry powder
12 oz jar mango chutney
1 lb Greek-style yogurt
3 tblsp mayonnaise
2 tsp tomato puree
1 lb cooked turkey (skinned, boned, diced)
chopped parsley to garnish

Cook onion in butter until soft. Stir in the curry powder and cook, stirring for one minute. Add the chutney and heat through.

Stir in the yogurt, mayonnaise and tomato puree, heat until almost boiling. Add turkey and cook gently for approx 15 mins. or until turkey is heated through.

Sprinkle with chopped parsley and serve with cooked pasta.

Recipes and photographs from The Dairy Diary 1991

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Pickfords Travel Pet Food Collection

Picture shows Joanne Pitt, Assistant Manager and Vicky Harrison

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The RSPCA were thrilled at this idea and were so pleased that the staff are doing something to help so many poor animals who do not have homes at Christmas.

The girls have been inundated with food and blankets and hope it will keep coming in.

The RSPCA will be along to Pickford Travel at 12 noon 21st December to collect the donations so if you have anything to offer please call in and see Dawn, Joanne and Vicky - and don't forget to book those holidays while you are in there!!

TWO BONKEYS
(As Broadcast on B.B.C. 15.10.1977)

Two bonkeys went out one day for a stroll,
To look at the pits where once drawn was coal,
To start their walk they went up to eights,
But only found stumps where once stood pit gates,
They wanted to put gypsies where once they drew coal,
No more will black diamonds be pulled up this hole,
Down to the corner the fair lady to see,
The railways now empty on banks weeds grow free,
The slag heaps been shifted,
The head gear all gone,
Old man she was proud to give coal by the ton,
Down to Norton where once was the green,
All thats left is a stack serene,
Where once walked the bonkey coal tubs to move,
Now stand the offices of the light industry groove,
They've flattened the pit top of poor old Jeromes,
To make way for factories and new maxim homes,
Now over the chase where stood Threes and the Fly,
The sight of them gone made the poor bonkey sigh,
We had electric from one,
Got tools from the other,
Once owned by a family,
Now run by big brother,
They then caught a bus to see Walsall Wood,
Again are more factories where once Coppy stood,
Their filling the shaft with rubbish and slush,
The same shaft where coal once came with a rush,
Along Chester Road stands remains of a funny one,
That went by the name of the Old Bosted Onion,
Kingswood and Cox's, Wilkin all gone,
The bonkeys were sad but with hope they walked on,
To where stood the Grove and it's disasters long gone,
Men gave their lives here in search of black gold,
In Brownhills grave yard their story is told,
The pit head is gone the canal basin dead,
A minute of rememberance the bonkey bows head,
The sinkin again has gone it's sad way,
A poor old Leacroft, Mid Cannock a rubbish tip today,
Whats this down at Littleton, the Bonkeys eye shone,
It's pit head wheels turning and coal by the ton,
But wheres all the horses and where is the steam,
They have all been replaced chaps to keep the atmosphere clean,
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Joans Charity Booster

Before

After

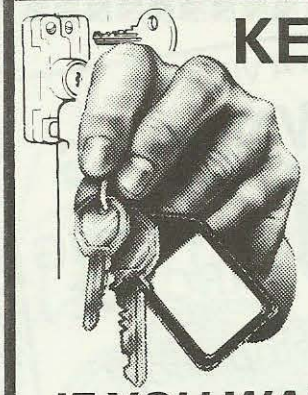
An appeal to raise £10,000 to help a Bloxwich boy in his fight against Retina Blastome, a form of cancer, has been boosted by Mrs. Joan Billings of Silver Court. Joan agreed to have her hair shaved off for sponsorship to add to the fund already started by the residents of Silver Court, enabling them to reach £300.

Six year old Jamie Lacey of Bloxwich who has already had his right eye removed and has to have daily treatment at Queen Elizabeth hospital in Birmingham is like most kids a big Walt Disney fan and it is hoped part of the money raised will enable him to go on an exciting visit to Disney World in Florida. Pictured is Joan before and after with hairdresser Sharon of Margarets Sharon's Hairdressers, Silver Court.

Church News

WEDDINGS AT ST JAMES
3rd November Stephen Victor Emery and Theresa Mary Moore

FUNERALS
26th October Dorothy Maud Whitehouse (66 years) late of 45 Cedar Avenue
1st November Edith Booker (78 years) late of 142 Ogley Road.
12th November Arthur Stanley Hill (70 years) late of 55 Castle Street.
22nd November Polly Brown (74 years) late of 45 Poplar Avenue.
23rd November Myra Craddock (66 years) late of 4 Warren Place.



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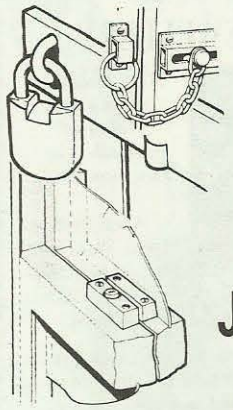

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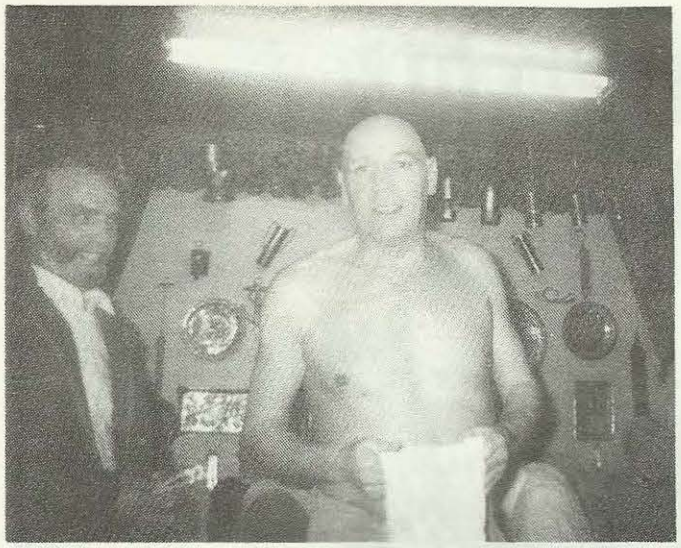

Ron turned Kojak for Children in Need

Ron Lakin of School Avenue, raised £235 in a matter of a few hours. It first started as a bit of a joke one Saturday, lunch time in the bar of Ron's local, the George & Dragon in Church Street, Clayhanger. He promised that if there was £150 on the bar by Sunday night he would be prepared to have his head shaved. In a matter of 20 minutues there was £65 and by the required time i.e. Sunday night it had risen dramatically to £235. All his mates just couldn't wait to get his hair off, and Clayhanger man Bill Yeomans (left in picture) also agreed to have his beard shaved off. The moment of truth for Ron came on the Sunday night as the shaving ceremony was performed in front of a large gathering by Mrs. J. Littlehales and Mr. D. Webster.

Engine Lane Beauty Spot

A Brownhills pensioner Mr. Frank Hall of Chester Road, Shire Oak has been battling with authorities for years over a local beauty spot near Engine Lane, known locally as The Grove Common. Mr. Hall believes that this is as pretty a walk as you'll find anywhere and until recently he was horrified to realise that it had been neglected over the years, so much so, that in bad weather the lane became impossible to use.

Frank immediately set about doing something about it, and after a hard fought battle, was delighted when repairs were carried out and the lane restored to respectability.

He has furnished us with a long and interesting istory of the lane and its surroundings and we hope to bring that you in more detail later, but for now Frank asks us to let the Brownhills public know about the walk, its beauty and natural peacefulness, so near to our town centre and yet so far away, and hopes that all keen ramblers will use the spot and so preserve an interest, to ensure it does not fall into disrepair again.

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Brownhills Archives

Ogley Club Outing

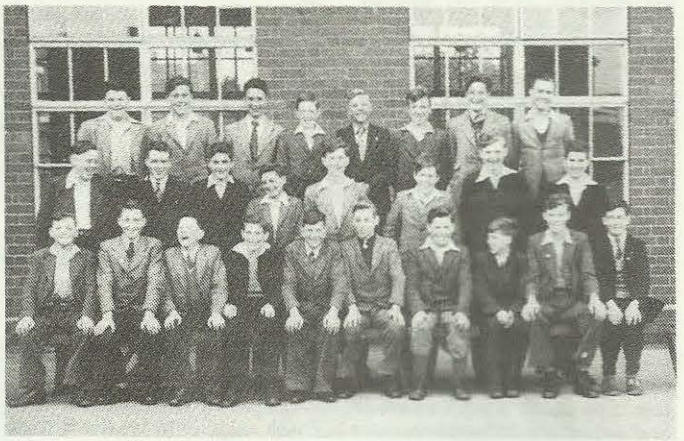
Clayhanger School 1955 - Empire Day

By far the most popular feature in the Gazette appears to be the Archive photo's, so in order to allow you to bathe yourselves thoroughly in nostalgia, this month we've got three to go at. Firstly a photo brought in by Maureen Wigley that was taken about 1944 during an Ogley Club outing. Recognise yourself?

How about the one from Mr. Mason of Clayhanger showing an infants class of 1955, I'm sure 2nd from left top is Ivor Dunn, and bottom left kneeling is Kenny Wright, but I know more will be revealed of this Empire day photo.

Back to Brownhills Central now 1951-2 at a guess. Do you know any of this motley crew?

As we have so many photo's this month please don't ring in. If you can identify anyone or have any comments or stories you would like us to hear, please drop a line to Baker Bond (photo's), Brownhills Gazette, P.O Box 1. 183 High Street, Brownhills or hand it in personally (opposite Silver Court Shops).



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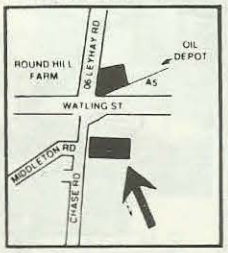

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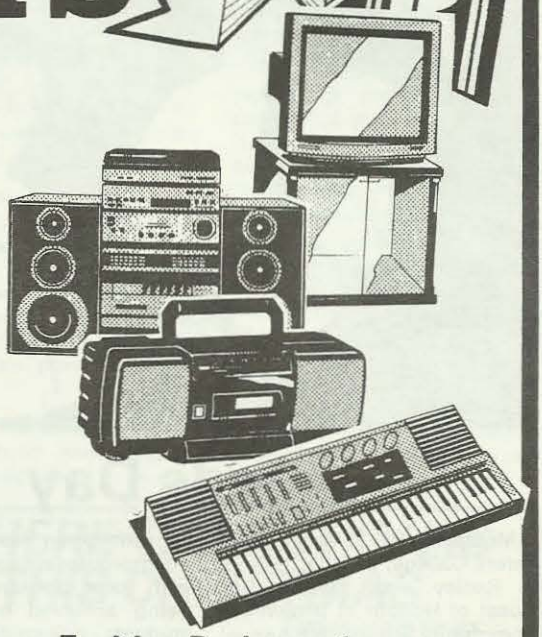

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BROWNHILLS SCHOOL & COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

Disabled Sports Day

The organisation is already underway for the Third Disabled Sports Day to be held at Brownhills Community School. Although this is not until Sunday, 28th April, 1991. A lot of hard work needs to be done to make this event a most successful and enjoyable day.

As in past years the bulk of the work will be undertaken by Walsall Lions and the Birmingham Sports Club for the Disabled, supported by Community and School staff, plus the loyal band of volunteers without whose help the day would not be possible.

A new event, possibly a first for Brownhills, will be a 3000M Road Race for Wheelchairs, with the suggested course being - Deakin Avenue, Oakenhayes Drive and Oakenhayes Crescent. All residents in this area have been asked to voice any objections to us disrupting their peace and quiet for a short time on a Sunday morning, but thankfully, at the time of writing, I have received no such objections. I might add we also have the support of the local Police.

I will be reminding you in the New Year that you are more than welcome to come along on the day, to witness the high standard achieved by all competitors over a wide range of sporting events.

Awards Day

Mr Dennis Silk, Warden of St. Peters College, a Public School in Radley, near Oxford was Guest of Honour at Brownhills Community School's 6th Annual Awards Day held on Monday 26th November, 1990.

The day was organised into two ceremonies with pupils from Years 7 to 9 having theirs in the afternoon and senior pupils and adults having a similar ceremony in the evening. Prizes at the afternoon ceremony were presented by Andy Thompson of Wolverhampton Wanderers.

The Headteacher, Mr Allan Jarrett, reported to both ceremonies on the work of the school during the previous 12 months. He stressed the school's position in the Community and thanked the Home and School Association, the Community Association and the School Governors for their continued support.

Examination results showed an improvement again this year with some outstanding results being achieved by individual students - one student achieved 10 G.C.S.E. subjects at the higher grades with 9 at Grade A and 1 at Grade B.

The school had a great deal to be proud of in its work since the last Awards Day, and would continue to strive to achieve its position as 'the heart of the community'.

Major events last year included successful Concerts, a Fashion Show, Sports Days and Swimming Galas, an Activities Week and Community Fortnight. The Year 10 pupils (4th Year) took part in a weeks Work Experience in July followed by a three day Challenge of Industry. The School and Community Association once again hosted the Midlands Handicapped Sports in April.

Youth Club Reunion

Sunday, 11th November saw the long awaited Youth Club Reunion, bringing together members from 1959. The object of the exercise was to view a film (on a large video screen) made at the Club by the BBC and shown on television.

The "star" of the film was Bill Barnett, Bill was leader of the club in 1959 and although now retired still takes an active interest in Youth work, being a valuable member of the present Youth Club Management Committee and President of the Community Association.

It was certainly a nostalgic evening for the 50 people who were present, with many stories and fond memories being exchanged. I am sure all who attended would like to thank the organiser - Mr Frank Hodgkinson who was himself a member 30 years ago, and is Chairman of the present Management Committee - for a very enjoyable evening.

Sixth form students start trading

The Lower 6th CPVE group have launched themselves into the commercial world.

They have formed a company with the title of Creative Products, they are marketing three products under small subsidiary companies - "Bits and Bobs" - which produce hand crafted decorative hats, butterflies etc. using straw and dried flowers; "Head on" - setting letterheaded notepaper; and a newspaper serving and bringing current issues to the forefront.

All students are working extremely hard and have suddenly found that life in the fast lane can be difficult but hopefully very rewarding.

To gain the initial finance needed to start trading, they have enlisted the help of the Midland Bank in Brownhills, and have sold a limited number of shares to staff, friends and family.

So far the prospect of full order books of all three products looks promising.

The letterheaded notepaper is packed in boxes of 25 envelopes, 25 sheets of plain paper, 25 letterheaded paper, in either Blue or White. They are selling this at £4.99 per pack. The handicraft sells for a variety of prices, from £1 to £5. If you wish to view their products telephone 452886.

Walkathon raises £1,250

Pupils at Brownhills Community School raised £1250.00 for the Birmingham Walkathon Appeal.

B.R.M.B. Disc Jockey Brendan Kiernan is seen receiving the cheque on behalf of the appeal from pupil Rachael Emery. Over 150 pupils walked the 15 mile course and the school is particularly grateful for the help it received in supporting the youngsters from parents and friends of the school.

WATCH THIS DATE

January 10th 1991
7.30 pm
'Dick Whittington and His Cat'

Will be appearing at Brownhills School Theatre on their way to seek gold in London.

Tickets for the Pantomime are available from the School priced at £3.00 each.

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BROWNHILLS SCHOOL & COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

Changes in Community provision

Brownhills Community Association entered a new phase in its rapid development into a leader in Community Education in November.

Walsall Local Education Authority granted the Association new found independence by choosing it to be one of a number of pilot institutions to manage their own finances.

The Community Association must now use its resources to deliver its own Development Plans to the people of Brownhills.

The Development Plan for Brownhills was written over many months by the Policy and Revision Sub-Committee of the Association and aims to build on its work with the unemployed, those needing retraining in order to return to work, those recently retired from employment and those unable to use the Association centres through ill-health or infirmity.

Copies of the plan are available to the public from the Deakin Avenue site.

Keeping up with the times

A satellite dish has been installed at Brownhills Youth Centre, yet another facility for this forward looking club.

This latest venture was proposed by the members themselves and endorsed by the Management Committee.

A thriving Member's Committe now operates at the Club with representatives sitting on the Management Committee giving them a voice at the decision making level.

To "All parents with young children"

For many years it has been the intention of Brownhills School and Community Association to set up child care facilities in the form of a creche.

We have long felt there is a need in Brownhills for working parents or people going shopping, to leave their children in a safe environment looked after by qualified staff.

We are attempting to secure funding from the local Authority for this venture but need to know if local people would take advantage of such a scheme.

Please let us know if you are interested, without your support we cannot continue any further!!

Please contact: Audrey Jackson 452886, Terry Clarke 452119.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Community Open Day

Brownhills Community Association held its Second Annual Open Day on Wednesday 5th December. This year the event joined with the Prospective Parents' Evening held for parents choosing the school for their youngster's secondary education.

The morning session of the Open Day featured facilities and opportunities for those wishing to use the centre for leisure activities and retraining for return to work. A creche was provided and a soft play area and magician provided entertainment.

In the afternoon those recently retired from employment enjoyed keep fit, swimming and indoor bowls. Sixth Former pupils escorted groups of visitors on tours of the school and its classes.

The Lecture Theatre was packed in the evening with parents of pupils in the local Primary Schools and those from surrounding areas to listen to Headteacher, Allan Jarrett, explained what was on offer to their youngsters at Brownhills Community School. He stressed that the school aimed to provide the very best education for all its pupils, and that he believed Brownhills Community School was a caring institution in which mutual respect and purposeful atmosphere enabled youngsters to achieve their very highest potential.

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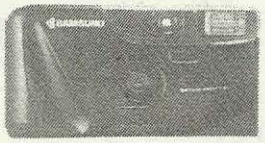

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SHIRE OAK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Shire Oak Half Marathon

On Sunday 25 November 1990, The Shire Oak Community School's Parents' Association once again held this annual event for the fourth consecutive year.

The Half-Marathon itself, which is run in conjunction with a Fun-Run, was this year sponsored by Acorn Computers. Mr. T. Mills, Chairman of The School's Governors and a Director of Walsall Batteries and Air Products Limited, once again this year provided generous sponsorship in terms of donating the two first prizes for the male and female categories - colour television sets with remote controls.

The day itself dawned somewhat miserable and cold, but in spite of these conditions over 480 competitors marshalled for the start of the half marathon, including in their number for the fourth time, Mr. Jim Tooth of Fulford, Stoke on Trent, a disabled competitor, who is a master of wheelchair marathon events.

Added to this number of competitors were 98 Fun Runners whose ages ranged from tots to elderly citizens - all determined to enjoy the outing and brave the elements.

The main half marathon run began at 11.00, with the Fun Run beginning at 11.10. The Fun Run of just over 3 miles was quickly accomplished with no casualties, and no sooner it seemed had the hooter blown for the start of the run, than cheers were being heard on the finishing line for the first entrants home.

The crowd assembled at the finish cheered and clapped as the winner Stephen Deans of Stuart Crystal A/C appeared, followed by Dennis Hockney of Cartwright coming in as third. Each competitor home received a plaque to commemorate his/her participation, and once all competitors were safely home the crowd awaited the arrival of the leading half-marathon entrants.

The previous course record was broken in a time of 1 hour seven minutes and 4 seconds by Martin Cadman of Wolverhampton and Bilston, and for this tremendous feat an additional prize of £50 of sportswear was added to his colour television, trophy and medal. In second place came John Parker of Tipton, with Chris Penny of Stourport coming in third.

The first lady home was Diane Harvey of Tipton, beating Yvonne Hill of Telford into second position, and third place sent to Anita Cunningham, again of Telford.

Prizes and trophies were awarded to the first ten men and first five women home, in addition to another nine categories of veterans, both male and female. Every participant received a special Commemorative Medal made by the Birmingham Mint, to mark the occasion, and all who received these tokens commented on the excellent quality of workmanship.

An event of this magnitude cannot be mounted without the support of the volunteers who so willingly gave of their time. Once again this year, staff, parents, friends, sponsors, governors and students united in their efforts to ensure the Half Marathon was a success - and indeed it was. The School's thanks must also be extended to members of our community, visitors, and West Midlands Police, and the St. John Ambulance Brigade for supporting us in our efforts.

C.M. Bryan
Acting Headteacher

A Heart of Gold from a Heart of Oak

On more than one occasion the Shire Oak Community School has found itself proud to number caring and courageous students amongst its complement. In this edition of my column, we at school, pay tribute to a very special young lady, Susan Berry, who only ten months after fighting for her own life fought again to help others facing their battle for survival.

Susan, who ten months ago had a brain tumour removed whilst a patient at the Birmingham Children's Hospital, decided to say a personal thank you to that institution by raising money from a sponsored swim. Her efforts, in swimming 101 lengths of a pool raised a creditable £400 which will go towards a C.T. Scanner for the hospital.

Having had a tumour removed in January, Susan, during her period of recovery, decided she would like to do something to say thank you to the hospital which had saved her life - something which would help other children suffering from the same problem. Loving swimming, as she does, Susan decided to do a sponsored swim, and so set about organising this both within school, and within her personal group of friends and acquaintances.

Brownhills Community School donated their pool for Susan's swim, and her 101 lengths were completed in one hour, twenty minutes. Susan's parents were obviously proud of their daughter's achievements, and her school likewise commends her efforts in achieving such a significant goal so shortly after such a major operation.

Susan's efforts have encouraged other caring youngsters to engage in sponsored activities to support the work of the hospital in which she was a patient. One such band involves Susan's mother's Guide group, all of whom set a target of swimming ten lengths and achieved their goal; a goal which it is hoped will enable the hospital, which saved Susan's life, to continue to help other children suffering from brain tumours.

We, at Shire Oak, are tremendously proud of Susan, both in her stamina and physical courage in winning her fight for life and in this her effort to help others. A heart of gold she truly has, and her courage is an example to us all. Well done, Susan!

C.M. Bryan
Acting Head - Nov 1990

Congratulations to our Musicians

Once again The Shire Oak Community School is extremely pleased to congratulate a number of its pupils for their achievement in passing The Associated Board of The Royal Schools of Music Examinations.

The following pupils succeeded in attaining the Grades given below:

Grade I
Sally Wilkinson (Clarinet)
Kerry Barber (Flute) with Distinction
Kerry Fielding (Flute)
Matthew Martin (Clarinet)
Peter Hughes (Baritone) with Merit
Stephanie Ellis (Piano) with Merit
Charlotte Edgar (Flute)

Grade II
Joanne Hanley (Clarinet)
Dawn Roberts (Eb Horn)
Gemma Nickless (Flute)
Donna Priest (Clarinet)

Grade III
Clare Haywood (Cornet)

Grade V
Helen Ward (Eb Horn)

To achieve grades awarded by the R.S.A. our pupils have had to work extremely hard, in their own time and indeed within school time. It goes without saying that the school is proud of them.

Well done Ladies and Gentlemen and keep up the effort.

Basketball Result

Shire Oak under 15 + under 16 Basketball teams played a bigger but less experienced side from Barr Beacon. After an uncertain start Shire Oak began to take the upper hand and with some field driving well to the basket, Shire Oak led comfortably.

However, some good rebounding by Barr Beacon and some poor defence by Shire Oak allowed Beacon back into the game and although Beacon were down by eight points at one stage, they pulled it back to one point by the time the full time whistle blew.

Mention must be given to Lee Mole for his excellent all round contribution to Shire Oak's victory by 27 points to 26 points.

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The Brownhills Community Colts Column

The Colts overall had a successful month although playing some good sides.

The U18A won three League Games and drew 4-4 in the Staffs Cup and look forward to a replay at home, they showed some fine performances and worked well as a team for their success.

The U18B won three and drew one, and now combine effort with skill to look a good side, and all round team work has paid off, good finishing by Russell Hullett who scored five goal against Stafford Falcons and two against Colron shows they are a team in form.

The U14 Drew two and lost two and are prone to make mistakes at the back while missing chances up front. Needs a good result to bring back confidence.

U13 lost three league matches and were also knocked out of the Staffs Cup by Lodge Farm, this is a result of the team being depleted of some of its players who chose to leave to play elsewhere. The lads try hard and will overcome their poor performances.

U12C had a good win against Penkridge 7-0 with Darren Stanley running riot on the left. Then they lost two games against high riding Forest Star and Aero Lucas, but then came back to turn in a fine performance against Silverdale and win 2-0, with good displays by hard working James Preston and D. Stanley.

U12D put up a great team performance against Bushbury to share the points with a 1-1 scoreline, then they outplayed Tipton, but only managed to score one goal, and eventually lost 2-1. Then came back with a 5-2 win against Pheasey which was reward for all round hard work and team effort.

U11 Sun. Showed one of their best performances of the season to beat Bustleholme 8-1, then went on to win 4-1 against Reedswood with Dale Anderson getting a hat trick. they then showed a lot of class and put in a great display to beat Stonefield 13-0. Then they only managed to win 1-0 against Oceans.

U11 Sat. Put up a fight against Beacon Colts, but lost 2-1, then went on to beat Bushbury with a single goal, but should have won by a bigger martin. Then had a heavy defeat against Cresswell going down 6-1 but came back to beat Essington 9-0 with Paul Vowles scoring 4 goals.

U10 Strive to carry on improving their game, but lost 3-1 to Holy Name who punished their mistakes. Then they worked hard and put in a lot of effort against a very good Forest Star side, but luck was not with them and they lost 7-0. They came back with 4 tremendous victory to beat Oceans 4-0.

Brownhills Juniors U9 had a poor performance to draw 2-2 with Eastfield then turned in a classic display to draw 1-1 with Hawthorne with great Goalkeeping from Andrew Mario who kept Colts in the game. Then they beat Crosslands 11-0, J. Cattel scored 4 and M. Anslow 3. They won 10-1 against Furze Bank to round off a good spell.

The results of 200 Club Draw

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After being promoted last season from Division 4, manager Paul Meddings has brought in three new faces from last season, veterans Paul Taylor, Andrew Probert and Brian Probert to add a little experience to a side whose average age is till about 19.

On Sunday 25th November Community were paired with premier side Walsall Exchange and gave a good account of themselves, leading 1-0 until 5 mins from time. Then Exchange equalised. Community finally lost after extra time, but gave the premier side a run for it.

On the morning of Sunday December 30th, the club are organising a sponsored walk around the Brownhills perimeter (12 miles) in aid of Rainbow House and if anyone would like to join us on the day, and walk off some Christmas food plus raise money for the Rainbow house Children's Hospice they will be most welcome. For further details contact Chris Kelly, Brownhills 374193, or sponsor forms can be obtained from Brownhills Comp School Community Office.

Brownhills Westerners

The recently formed Brownhills Westerners under 11 football team played their first ever football match against Burntwood Pathfinders in a friendly organised by the Brownhills West school parents association on Saturday 13th October.

The team have only been together for a very short time but are very enthusiastic and are improving with each game. Their manager and coach Mr. Jon Edwards has high hopes for them in the future and would be interested to hear from other team coaches who would like to play friendlies in the New Year. He can be contacted on Brownhills 361022.

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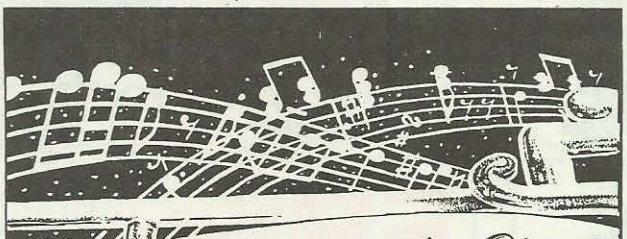

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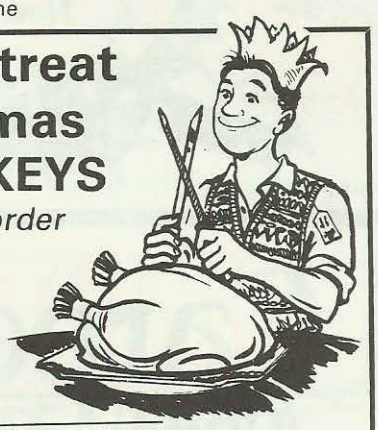

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