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What are these rumours circulating leading us to believe that the Brownhills Youth Club is closing down? HELP!!!! We can't allow this to happen!!!!

WHERE ELSE ARE THE YOUNG PEOPLE TO GO????

I don't know where the rumours began or will end but they scared me enough to make many enquiries over the weekend.

There is no smoke without fire - so they say.

I know that Cllr. Graham Walker is very interested in young people and he was one of my ports of call. Cllr. Walker informed me that thirty million pounds had to be saved over the next two years. His fear was that it would come from the C. A. Budget which would involve the complete cut of Youth and Com-

munity budget which could result in the closing of all Youth Clubs not just Brownhills in particular. It would also affect Adult Education, Disabled Group (BECAS) and the Community Associations very badly indeed.

Cllr. Walker said his concern is for the Youth side, those who are not 18 and don't have a vote and have no way of fighting for themselves.

Perhaps I have been over sensitive, but the subject is far too near and dear to my heart to ignore and I felt compelled to enquire into the situation. I can assure you I shall be hanging on like grim death until I am convinced that all that can be done has been done. I did manage to contact Mrs. McCracken, who is the Chairman of the Youth and Community Sub. Committee,

who assured me that no decision had been reached, indeed although the committees had been formed no actual meetings had taken place and certainly nothing could happen overnight, there would be all party Committee Meetings and feasibility studies carried out. Programmes had already been set for this year and it was unlikely that they would be disturbed.

We all know that a lot of thinking has to be done and options will have to be considered, but Mrs. McCracken assured me that her background is with Youth and Community work, she is also a teacher and trained Youth Leader. All possible will be done to safeguard young people and to allow as full a service as finances permit.

I spoke to Cllr. Graham

Eardley, who is also greatly concerned with the subject of Youth Service. He assured me that no decision would be made lightly but it may be necessary to bring the Youth Service back into Central Funding.

Another person I spoke to was the Leader of the Brownhills Youth Club, Rita Madely, who assured me that there was a very strong Members Committee, which practically ran the Youth Club. She herself was Chairman of the Walsall Youth Leaders Council and they were discussing the possibility of upgrading the members so that the title would be Walsall Youth and Leaders Council, this will be on the agenda for the A.G.M. in July.

Rita Madely said she could not see the Club closing in the foreseeable future as they had always been very well supported by the Community Association at Deakin Avenue School.

It would appear there was agreement that statutory clubs would be protected as much as possible.

In the meantime you may rest assured that the Brownhills Gazette will do all in its power to help and protect the youth of the area.

As I said in my first issue, I would like to make contact with as many youth groups as possible, both voluntary and statutory. Please help me by letting me know how best I can support you.

L.S.

Clayhanger Fun Day

Story and
further
pictures
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Dave Hill of Slade, with some of the Fun Run contestants

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Polit(E)icians

Dear Politicians,

You are all wonderful people, where would we be without you and your devotion. Unfortunately we don't all feel with the same intensity and passion for politics and we need time to recover.

I am sure that over the past twelve months or so we all have had more than our fair share of elections and politics so can we now please take the "ics" out of politics and add an "e" so that the word then becomes "po-

lite".

Now that the elections are over for a while, let us try to all work together for the good of the whole. At the end of the day it is people who matter and good working relationships.

There will be space allocated so that your input is not lost, but please keep it brief and to the point. Above all please try to be polite to one another. I know it is asking a lot, but I am serious, there is more to life.

Why not try another tactic?

What about telling us your latest funny story - or giving us your latest recipe. Even "How it all began" - "When I became aware of Politics", etc., etc. It would be nice to see the human side occasionally, your names must be kept to the fore, how it's done doesn't really matter so long as it's done!!! Hence we are curtailing correspondence in future that we believe is nothing more than scoring political points off each other.

L.S.



Air 5 - Flight for Life (2)

When I wrote last month on the subject of the Air Ambulance, I had no idea just how seriously close to ending they were. Support has been given for a very short while.

What are we going to do?

By now we have all seen reports in the Press and on TV regarding the Air Ambulance. It is not without heartache that I re-think my original article, which had already been prepared after an interview with the organiser of the event at Chasewater on the 26th April 1992. Until then I, like many others I am sure, thought that this support for the vital services was all part of the establishment. How wrong I

was. I hope in the fullness of time to discover the views of the Police, Fire and Ambulance. I think I know the feelings of the Health Authority as I too have seen TV interviews. I am very sad.

There will never be enough resources to meet the needs of all, but surely back up for the vital services is essential. Brave men and women who risk their own lives to save others. Motorway accidents surely would be well served by quicker delivery of aid. I am convinced that the Air Ambulance is a very necessary part of our lives and I would like to see the service grow (hopefully not to be needed too

often but ready and willing when it is).

Someone once said (I don't know who) that luxuries became too necessary and necessities too luxurious. Perhaps an Air Ambulance is a luxury, but in my view a very necessary one. I would certainly like to hear your views.

Seconds Saves Lives

To date from May 91, at least ten people owe their lives to the swift response of the Air Ambulance.

Official launch in May, 1991, the Air Ambulance operations have been evaluated over the twelve month period.

The Air Ambulance is funded by Public Donations and Sponsorship.

Running cost for a twelve month period is around £600,000.

There is no official grant. It is a public funded charity.

Paramedics involved with the Air Ambulance duties are working on a voluntary basis, additional to their normal duties.

The running costs: The Helicopter and pilot - on lease from Bond Helicopter, Aberdeen.

Then there is the cost of Fuel, Hanger Charges, Maintenance and Repairs.

Next time I will tell you how the operation came about!

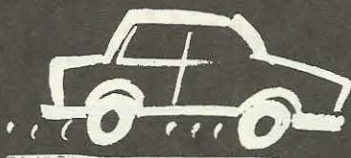
Write your own Mag

I am not trying to steal all of the limelight, I am very happy to share with you, so please don't be afraid to submit any item of local community interest; if you need help, then I will if I can. This is a local community paper and you are very important people.

Even Wonder Woman could not be everywhere at once. I feel very confident that I am missing out on quite a number of interesting happenings because people are too shy to come forward.

There is only one word of warning, don't be too disappointed and allow yourselves to be put off if your words come out black and white on paper. An idea in your mind which may have been scarlet passion - on paper it comes out quite ordinary black and white. However, it is very enjoyable to be even a small part of the production, so come on let me hear from you, please!!!

L.S.



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Local Election Results

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Aldridge North & Walsall Wood

R. J. H. Collins (Con)	3,219
R. J. Dillon (Lab)	759
D. E. Marlow (Ind)	186
Majority	2,460

Brownhills

G. Eardley (Con)	1,520
W. Collins (Lab)	1,081
G. Holloway (Ind)	520
H. G. Parker (Ind)	182
R. H. Morris (Ind Lab)	139
Majority	439

The new Brownhills Councillor, Graham Eardley said "I am delighted to be able to represent the people of Brownhills and

proud to be the first Conservative elected here".

Roger Collins re-elected to Aldridge North & Walsall Wood (which covers the Shire Oak area of Brownhills), said the new Conservative led Council intended to take radical steps to improve efficiency and bureaucracy. "Brownhills will be much better served now and we shall continue to help protect Brownhills from encroachment into the Green Belt and from the worst effects of the proposed motorway".

Surgeries

Aldridge North & Walsall Wood

Walsall Wood Library each Saturday 11.30 am - 12.45 pm, (Councillors Collins, Gamble & Sears rotate).

Brownhills

Cllr. Graham Eardley: Brownhills Methodist Church 1st & 3rd Saturday each month 10.30 am - 11.45 am

Cllr. Doug Tomlinson Brownhills Neighbourhood Office - Every Saturday 10.15 am - 12 noon

Cllr. Graham Walker Brownhills Neighbourhood Office - Every Saturday 10.00 am - 11.30 am

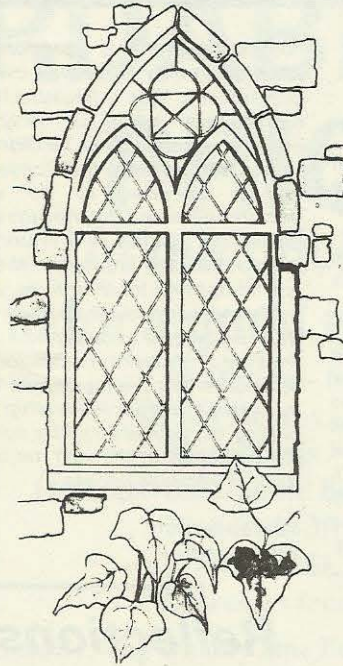
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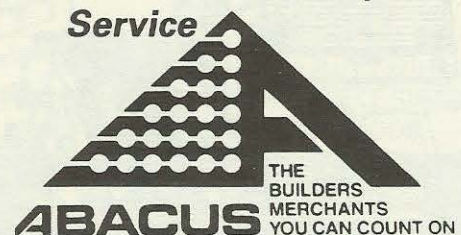
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Thank You

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank through your Letter Page all the people who voted for me in the local elections on Thursday, 7th May.

Also, a special word of thanks to my agent and helpers for their hard work and support.

May I also point out that I am here to represent all the people of Brownhills regardless of their political beliefs. If anyone wishes to contact me I shall be holding Advice Surgeries at Brownhills Methodist Church, Silver Street, Brownhills, every 1st and 3rd Saturday in the month, from 10.30 to 11.45 a.m.

Yours faithfully
Councillor Graham Eardley,
Brownhills Ward

Policies?

Dear Gazette,

Perhaps now that Mr Eardley has been elected by the people of Brownhills, he can give us some indication of his policies. His election literature gave not one indication of the proposals he intends to see implemented.

It should be apparent to him that he has no mandate for voting for the stated objectives of his party. Even though 16% of the people of Brownhills voted for a Conservative candidate, they did not vote for swinging cuts in spending on Education, or the wholesale closure of Community Associations. Mother and Toddler groups or Youth Clubs.

At the first proper Council meeting since the elections, unlike many other Conservative candidates, Mr Eardley was not put on his local Community Association. Until Mr Eardley

comes clean on his intentions, people can only draw their own conclusions. Was it because he didn't know what his party's policies were, because he didn't really support what the Conservatives intended to do or because he hasn't got the guts to go along to the Community Association at a time when they will be fighting for their lives.

My message to Mr Eardley is this "If you give your support to the kind of undeclared malicious attacks on the young people of our town that your leadership is talking of, you will rightly earn the contempt of the vast majority of Brownhills people".

Yours sincerely,
Cllr G. Walker

Reflections

Dear Editor,

Just a few reflections after the local election.

Firstly might I thank the Chasewater Action Group for supporting and providing workers to do the arduous work of delivering pamphlets and posters, my agent Billy Shaw and all the Officers for their sterling efforts, without them life would have been difficult, many other people also helped. My wife and I appreciate all your efforts and are most grateful. Many thanks.

It would be remiss of me if I did not mention my fellow candidates.

To Graham Eardley, well done. You stated very clearly the Toll Road would come through Brownhills, so when we have the deviation which will come I hope the 1520 Tory voters will remember, you sold Brownhills down the river.

In hard facts the Tories did not win, the disarray of the Labour party presented it to them on a plate.

The Tribune group who took

over Brownhills and supported the loony left made a costly error. They did not give people credit for intelligence, they abused a position of trust and paid dearly for it.

To Harry Parker and Reg Morris, it is not very easy on your own, I have had it for years. I wish you both all the best for the future.

The one good thing that has shown is that the parties must beware, 520 people voted for common sense and that amount of people can swing any election.

The Chasewater Action Group stood up and was counted. There is a sting in the tail.

Many thanks
Glyn Holloway

Motorway

Dear Gazette,

In the recent local elections it was stated by Mr Holloway that Brownhills Councillors had not bothered to attend the meeting called against the motorway, and this was used as the basis for him saying that we had let the opponents of the motorway down.

I can only speak for myself in saying that the Chasewater Action Group who gave their support to Mr Holloway, knew very well why I wasn't at their meeting. I was not there because I had previously arranged a meeting with Catshill Road residents on the window frames for that particular night. As I had spoken to Mr Whiting of Chasewater Action Group immediately after a Council meeting at which ONLY Labour councillors had opposed the motorway, with 'Independents', Liberals and Conservatives supporting the motorway, I felt that the Catshill Road meeting was of

the most immediate importance. I have to say that my judgement has been proved right with the decision of Walsall Housing Department in April to release £50,000 for a further phase of window replacements in the area.

I do not believe that my total opposition to the motorway at Committee after Committee has let down the motorway opponents or the people of Brownhills, but, as I am sure Mr Holloway will agree, many - though not all - of the motorway opponents have let themselves down by voting in Local and General elections for a Conservative Party which supports the motorway, which is responsible for the motorway and which is itself I believe financed by members of the motorway consortium.

Yours sincerely
Cllr. G. Walker

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L. Vale

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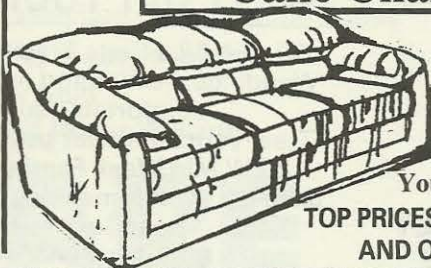
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"The beauty of the climbing tower" says Jeff Moore, Outdoor Pursuits Officer, "is that it can be used for both beginners and experts. The sloping slab is ideal for building up people's confidence, while other faces can be used by more experienced climbers. It can even be used for competition climbing - a fast growing sport in this country."

"People can now get a taste of real rock climbing without having to travel 50 miles to the nearest natural rock face" he added.

Climbing has become more and more popular in recent

years. "It's the sense of achievement" explains Jeff, "There's nothing like the exhilaration of reaching the top of a climb. It's something you've done all by yourself - although encouragement from others does help!"

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At the May meeting of Brownhills Central T.G. Mrs. M. Broome gave a very comprehensive talk on the work of the Volunteer Stroke Service, which works closely with the Chest Heart and Stroke Association. The VSS was founded by Valerie Eaton-Griffith in 1973 following her work with the actress Patricia Neal and the writer Alan Moorehead.

The service specialises in home visiting and the setting up of small informal groups where patients may socialise and outings and entertainment are arranged. Volunteers seek to establish a neighbourly relationship with patients and use puzzles, games and other simple methods of therapy to stimulate speech, memory, handling of money, telling the time etc.

Mrs. Broome said that speech is a skill we all take very much for granted and to be deprived of it as a result of a stroke is one of the most devastating experiences imaginable. Although strokes account for the largest number of deaths in this country, apart from cancer and heart disease, it is by no means confined to the older age groups. Even babies and young children have suffered strokes and it is the aim of VSS to help patients attain the maximum possible recovery and become as inde-

pendent as possible.

The nearest local group is based at The Glebe Centre, Walsall. (The old Sister Dora General Hospital).

Miss Vi Cliffe gave the vote of thanks and paid tribute to the valuable work of the Association.

During the month since the Guild Meeting in April, Members of the Music and Drama Group were invited to entertain the residents of Hammerwich Hall, with excerpts from the Guild's very own show 'Almost Anything Goes'. The show was first performed in February last year at Brownhills Comp. Vi Cliffe contributed to the evening's entertainment with one of her very funny monologues. Peter, our very talented pianist, specially recruited for such occasions, accompanied the ladies on the organ and rounded off the show with a medley of songs from the shows. Many thanks to Peter for being such a brilliant accompanist. The show was well received and residents requested a return visit very soon.

Secretary Julia Willett recently came up with the idea of forming a Luncheon Club and several Members took advantage of the opportunity to sample the lunchtime fare on offer at 'The Crown'. There was a wide

choice of menu and the ladies enjoyed a delicious lunch in a convivial atmosphere and pleasant surroundings. Many thanks to the staff of 'The Crown' for their cheerful friendly service.

On Sunday 10th May some of our ladies, together with friends and relatives enjoyed a trip to the vineyards at Halfpenny Green. The Proprietor took the party on a tour of the twenty acre site and members had the opportunity of sampling the end product, which went down very well accompanied by a ploughman's lunch in the dining room at the visitors' centre. Fortunately the weather was kind and we were able to enjoy some very spectacular views over the Staffordshire hills. Many thanks

to Liz Yates, who organised the trip, which was greatly enjoyed by everyone.

We are very much hoping to increase our membership during the coming year, so if there are any ladies out there who are looking for the opportunity to do something different and make new friends, you are very welcome to join us and take part in all our activities. Our Meetings are held on the second Monday of each Month at 7.30 p.m. at The Lichfield Suite, Memorial Hall, Brownhills, and we look forward to seeing you at our next Meeting on Monday 8th June.

Stella M. Hodgkiis
Press Officer

Old Brownhills Film Show

A film based on photographs of Old Brownhills will be shown at the Waterside Inn, Wilkin Road, Brownhills on June 23, at 7.30 pm. by Bill Mayo, Geoff Harrington and Brian Pollins. The show is being put on to raise money for the Mary Elliott School and for 50p you will be able to enjoy an evening looking back to how Brownhills used to be.

The event is one of a number

being organised at the Waterside, the objective being to help purchase a Variety Club Mini Bus for the school, which they expect to be delivered on June 19. Tony Dawson told the Gazette, "We have some very enjoyable times with the children and just to see their smiling faces at our annual Christmas party, makes the efforts of our regular customers more than worth while.

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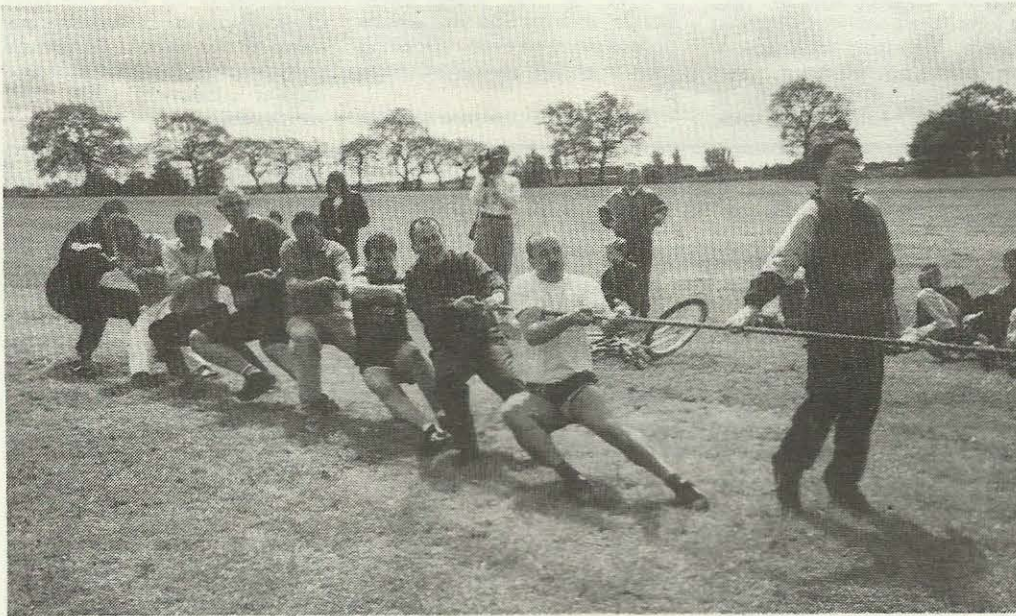
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So armed with balloons, posters and signs, Clayhanger village was transformed into a "Fun Run Route".

At 11.00am, an intrepid group of women marched onto the football pitch to face the biggest football you are ever likely to see and a team of men armed with shaving foam - but despite the odds being stacked against them and with a little help from the referee, the women's team went on to win 2-1.

As the team literally staggered off the pitch, the course was being set for the Tug of War. Four public houses had entered teams, these being Royal Oak, Shire Oak, The Anchor and the home team The George and Dragon. After much tugging and puffing the George and Dragon were the overall victors, much to the delight of the crowd. At this stage, some refreshment was required - so it was back to the host public house, The Dragon, for a well deserved pint.

By now some really strange creatures were beginning to arrive - Clayhanger villagers had put on their Sunday best, or should I say Fancy Dress!! ready to participate in the Fun Run. The younger children were supervised by Mrs Marlow, the Headmistress of Holy Trinity School, and the adults took to the streets. Dave Hill of "Slade" fame started the actual fun run off, and there was also a visit from Edward Clayton (of Crossroads fame). Overall there were approx. 75 runners, and prizes were awarded for the quickest runners and the best fancy dress.

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The Mayor of Walsall, Mr Alan Davies, did the honours of presenting every registered runner with a medal, and all prize winners with a commemorative tankard each.

A Grand Draw took place with prizes contributed by local firms and shops, there are several prizes unclaimed, so please contact us if you bought tickets and think you may have won.

To round the day off at the Community Centre, there was a Bar-B-Que, and our resident D.J. Vince Butler provided a disco, the keepfitters did a demonstration - then for those that still had the energy left, it was back to the pub for some competitions and quizzes.

All in all, everyone who joined in had a good day, a lot of fun was had, and plenty of money was raised for Rainbow House Hospice.

We would like to thank everyone who helped contribute towards the day's events, with special thanks to:- Mike McHale, Kath (at the Dragon), Vince Butler, Mrs Marlow, Bob Hickman, Mayor of Walsall -



Alan Davies, Mick Brownridge, Daisy and George Edwards, Miss Baker, Les Hardwick, Dave Hill, Dave Jordon, Edward Clayton, Terry Leonard, Lisa and Craig, Rob Titley and John Sadler.

All the committee members and anyone else we may have forgotten, THANKS YOU WERE GREAT.

Clayhanger Community Association

The Rainbow House Appeal Details on Rainbow House Proposed Children's Hospice

1. Rainbow House is a Proposed Children's Hospice to be built in Walsall and will cover an area of a 50 mile radius.

2. Rainbow House will provide respite care for 8 children/young people up to the age of 25.

3. Provision will be made for 3 Day Care Patients.

4. Rainbow House will be available to any child/young person suffering life threatening/life limiting and terminal illness.

5. Accommodation will also be available for 5 families.

6. There will be approximately 22 Full Time Staff.

7. Rainbow House will be built on land at the rear of St. Gabriel's Church, Walstead Road, Walsall.

8. Building costs will be approximately £1.5 million.

9. It will take approximately £0.5 million per annum to meet running costs.

10. The project was launched on Friday 13th May 1988.

11. We are a Registered Charity - Register No. 519601.

12. We hope to start building in APRIL 1992 - taking roughly 12 months to build.

13. Health Authority Status - Nursing Home.

14. Admittance will be by referral providing criteria is met as per no. 4.

15. Further information can be obtained from 21 Bridge Street, Walsall, West Midlands WS1 1DP or telephone 0922 724255.



The Mayor of Walsall Mr. Alan Davies presented the prizes and medals

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ATC Open Day

The Air Training Corps, Barnetts Lane are holding an Open Day Sunday 12th July 1992 between 3.30 and 5.30 p.m. and invite anyone interested in finding out more about them to attend.

The 1444 Brownhills Squadron currently have around 41 members and 3 probationers. New members can join from age 13 and it's not boys only as I thought. Girls are more than welcome and all cadets can take part in a full range of activities.

So what are those activities? Well just about everything from flying to shooting, camping to adventure training. There are also a range of sporting activities including netball, swimming and hockey. Cadets are also taught principles of flight, map reading and radio communication. They also take part in a wide range of community and fund raising activities - Poppy Day collection, jumble sales and sponsored walks. Cadets are particularly encour-

aged to follow the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

Meetings are each Wednesday and Friday 7.30 p.m. - 10 p.m. and new members can turn up on an evening to join if they wish. Subs are 30p per week but the uniform is provided free.

It's worth mentioning that the ATC is not a recruiting agency for the RAF - although it is good experience for anyone with an interest in the RAF as a career. Nor is it regimented or a hard line military organisation the way many people think. There is some drill and some marching but the main idea is for cadets to enjoy themselves and to use the opportunities presented to take part in activities which will stretch them and give them confidence.

The ATC is largely run by volunteers and there are opportunities for adults to become Civilian Instructors and help run the ATC. Again if you are interested go down one evening or go and see them on the Open Day.

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Eating Trees for Environment Week!

The Urban Forestry Parks Project joins Walsall Leisure Services on Friday 22nd May for a Woodland Awareness Day in King George Vth Playing Fields, Bloxwich. 9.30 to 4.30.

The aim of the day is to introduce young people to the benefits of trees in the urban environment.

Judy Walker, the Parks Project Officer is organising a series of workshops for local schools and community groups in the park.

The workshops will give practical experience of woodland sculptures, crafts, such as hurdle making and besom broom making, treeplay, environmental drama and tree awareness.

There is also a workshop on eating trees, led by Paul Hand from Ludlow, which will introduce children not only to the taste of different leaves and fruits, but also to the way trees and insects depend on each other.

A second Woodland Awareness Day will be held in Pleck Park on Friday June 5th.

1. The Black Country Urban Forestry Unit has developed the Parks Project in partnership with Walsall MBC and the Countryside Commission, who are sponsoring the project for 3 years.

The aims of the project are:
a) to demonstrate how existing urban parks can be developed

to create woodland habitat.
b) to further the Countryside Commission's remit by bringing a countryside experience into towns;
c) to make particular use of existing parks skills and resources and emphasise the cost effectiveness of amenity woodland management;

d) to promote the Walsall experience as a model for other local authority parks departments.

2. The Black Country Urban Forestry Unit was launched in March 1990. It is the first of its kind in the UK. Through partnership with a range of agencies in the public, private and voluntary sectors it aims to increase the quantity and quality of woodland in the Black Country as a means of stimulating inward investment and improving the quality of life for local people.

3. The Unit is sponsored by the Countryside Commission, Forestry Commission, Black Country Development Corporation, Black Country Groundwork Trust, Bournville Village Trust, Esso UK plc, the Department of the Environment and the four Metropolitan borough councils of Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton.

For further information contact Judy Walker, Black Country Urban Forestry Unit, Red House, Hill Lane, Great Barr, Sandwell, West Midlands. Tel: 021 358 1414.

A walk on the wild side

The next two walks organised by the Walsall Wildlife Group are going to investigate the remains of two old areas of wildlife in Walsall, both have distinctly different types of habitat.

The first to be visited on Sunday 14th June will be Merrions Wood, the remains of an ancient wood and once part of the Forest of Mercia.

The second is Jockey Meadows, Shelfield on Sunday 5th July. These apparent plain fields hide many exciting dis-

coveries for the flora expert. This wet area, unimproved by man, contains many ancient meadow plants, flowers and grasses.

The Merrions Wood exploration will commence at 2.30p.m. from Great Barr Church. The Jockey Meadow walk will meet at the Black Cock, Green Lane. **Note** - this is a wetland site and strong footwear is recommended.

Both walks are open to all, so come along and learn about your area.



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CHANGES AT WALSALL WOOD SOCIAL CLUB



Tony and Wendy Dawson mine hosts at the Waterside and also stewards at Walsall Wood Football and Social Club

Tony and Wendy Dawson have taken over the Stewardship of Walsall Wood Football and Social Club and contrary to rumours that have been circulating, the club is still very much open and operating, with members old and new being welcomed to the club.

The appointment at this stage is only temporary until the postponed annual general meeting is re-convened. At the original meeting an emergency committee was elected to keep the club running, so that an audit could take place and accounts for the last two years prepared.

Tony and Wendy look forward to being appointed on a permanent basis and they are making plans for the long term success of the club which over the years has always struggled to survive.

John Sylvester Chairman of the Football club which is run completely separately from the social club said "We are endeavouring to ensure the survival of the social club and if the present financial difficulties can be resolved we believe that Tony and Wendy will bring that professional approach to the club that has built up the Waterside Inn in Wilkin Road owned by them".

Both sides are optimistic that the social club and football facilities can be developed in the future to everyone's advantage with much more liaison and close working between the two, and Walsall Wood Football club will be looking to extend the lease they have on the land for a much longer term so that stability to development can be achieved.

Brownhills Community Association Community Fortnight

June 27th - July 11th 1992

This is the 9th year that the Community Fortnight has taken place, but it promises to be the most varied and complete programme to date.

The events include (for your diary).

Saturday 27th June 5-a-side Team Darts Tournament
Sports Hall, Deakin Avenue (Local Teams only) £10 per team
Cash Prizes + Trophy, Bar facilities

Sunday 28th June - Fishing Challenge
Senior & Junior Competitions
Tickets from the Brownhills Community Office
or 'Crock & Tackle Shop, Silver Court

Wednesday 1st July - 10 Km Race
7.15 p.m. - Entries from the Community Office
AAA/NCCA Rules - Prizes + Trophies
Entry Fee: £2.00 - Unwaged & Under 16 £1.50
Medal to All Finishers

Thursday 2nd July - C.A. 5-A-Side Soccer Tournament

Friday & Saturday 3rd - 4th July
"Community Revue"
is the Theatre, Brownhills Community School
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Tuesday 7th July - Junior "It's A Knockout"
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Wednesday 8th July - Senior "It's A Knockout"
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Friday 10th July - General Knowledge Quiz
In the Community Lounge - Deakin Avenue - 8.00 p.m.
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Saturday 11th July - "Race Night"
8.00 til late in the Community Lounge
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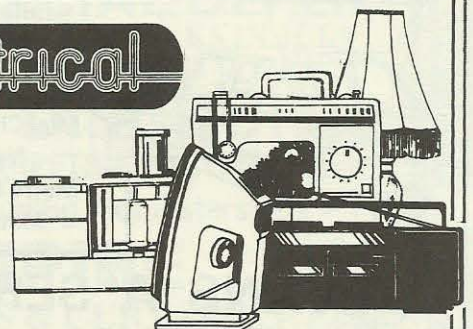
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Heart attack sufferers get a new lease of life at Walsall Heart Care

"It is hoped that the big-hearted people of Brownhills will support the efforts made by the Pelsall Road Community Group, who are hoping to raise money to assist Walsall Heart Care, a local charity which helps local individuals from Brownhills, Walsall and surrounding areas who have had a heart attack. The fundraising idea was decided on after Jim Pearson, a Brownhills resident and owner of JP Motorcycle Generations in Brownhills, revealed how the service had helped him resume a healthy and active life after his heart attack.

Unfortunately, although GPs in the area should know of the work of the HeartCare Unit, many still don't refer patients to it. Jim Pearson said: "Most people are just given medication by their GPs and left to cope on their own. I think that people in the area really need to know more about the Unit and inform their doctors."

Walsall HeartCare, formerly the West Midland Cardiac Rehabilitation unit, was set up 10 years ago with funding from Rotary clubs in response to local doctors' recommendations that a rehabilitation programme was needed for the people in the area who suffer from heart disease.

Patients who have any sort of heart-related problem can be referred to Walsall HeartCare through their own GPs or a hospital Consultant and are carefully put through a 12 week medically-guided and monitored exercise programme, tailored to the requirements and ability of

each individual.

A Doctor, nurse and exercise physiologist are on duty to monitor each individual, check their progress and give support and advice. After completion of the 3 month programme an After Care facility is also available, and many continue coming to the Unit for years after their heart attack in order to keep fit and take advantage of the constant monitoring.

Patients continually tell of how the rehabilitation programme changed their lives, increasing their physical fitness and giving them the confidence to get back to leading a normal life. "Most people are terrified once they've had a heart attack to do anything, it's as if you're on the scrap heap," said Mr. Pearson, "But the Unit gives you the biggest confidence boost anyone could have."

He added, "I know people who have had a heart attack and who have not known about the Unit, and it's as if they're living in limbo because they are terrified to stretch themselves. But the medical facilities and staff at the Unit could not be better. You can gain fitness and confidence without being scared of another attack."

There are various risk factors which can contribute to heart disease and bring on a heart attack. Problems include heavy smoking, diabetes, weight problems, high blood pressure and high cholesterol levels: "But all of these can be tested for and treated," said Dr Cunningham, Trustee of Walsall HeartCare

and Consultant Cardiologist at the Manor Hospital.

With the chance of suffering from heart disease being so high around Walsall, Walsall HeartCare are urging people to have a 'Healthy Heart Check' with expert cardiac staff on Monday June 22 and help raise vital funds for the charity's work at the same time.

"Over 140,000 people die in the UK as a result of heart disease every year and heart disease makes up around 30% of deaths in Walsall, this accounts for more deaths than any other disease," said Dr Cunningham.

"Regular health checks and a healthy lifestyle are therefore particularly important for people in the Walsall area."

Specialist staff from the HeartCare Unit and Manor Hospital will give up their time to give health checks to the general public in order to raise funds for Walsall HeartCare. The 'Healthy Heart' check will carry out numerous tests on each individual including EGG, cholesterol, lung capacity, height and weight, blood pressure and urine tests. Each individual will then have an interview with one of the three heart specialists from the Unit who will give personal health advice after seeing the test results. Advice on diet and general fitness will also be available.

Dr Jos Lodwick, specialist doctor at Walsall HeartCare said: "Screening is a good opportunity to pick up people who may be at risk from heart disease and give them advice - prevention is obviously the best option."

She added: "It is an excellent opportunity for the general public to benefit from the knowledge and expertise of such specialist staff and for people to talk about diet, family history or health worries they may have."

The idea is a repeat of a fundraising scheme being carried

out at Walsgrave Hospital, Coventry, where one in five people who had checks had at least one risk factor for heart disease at an early age. The Healthy Heart Clinics were 'sold out' for the last three sessions with over 100 people trying to book for each session.

Walsall HeartCare's Healthy Heart Clinic will take place on Monday 22 June from 6.00 to 9.00 pm at Walsall HeartCare, 30 Hollyhedge Lane, Walsall. The checks will cost £30 per person or £20 per person if two people book together and all of the proceeds will go to help Walsall HeartCare in its work treating over 300 patients per year.

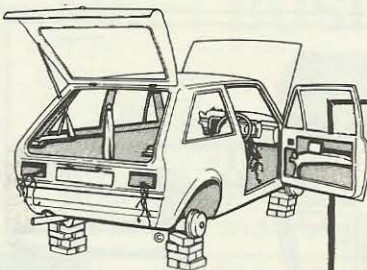
Fundraising is a very important concern for Walsall HeartCare as it costs over £50,000 per year to run the Unit, buy and maintain safe equipment and employ trained specialist staff. Although the Unit does get some financial help from Walsall Health Authority, much of its costs have to be met through its own fundraising activities. One of their more recent, smaller, fundraising activities which they are hoping the local community can help with is the sale of badges and small teddies in local shops or through local groups. These will also be available for sale at Brownhill's Carnival.

Anyone else who can sell badges or teddies on behalf of Walsall HeartCare should contact Joyce Gainham at Walsall HeartCare on 0922 725050, Tuesdays and Fridays, 10.00 am - 2.00 pm. Collection boxes for pubs, shops and clubs are also available.

Anyone wanting a health check at the 'Healthy Heart Clinic' on 22 June should phone Sue Wheat or Yvonne Harrington c/o WP Metals, on 0922 743360 between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm, Monday to Friday. Appointments must be made in advance.

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Young Walsall man saved toddler's life

A young Walsall man who saved the life of a toddler dragged unconscious from a pond will be honoured by the Royal Humane Society next week.

Laurence Blackhall, a 24-year-old play leader, will receive an award for his selfless action from Birmingham's new Lord Mayor, Councillor Peter Barwell, at the Council House on Wednesday, June 3.

Mr. Blackhall was running an arts activity course for youngsters at Small Heath Playcentre in Small Heath Park on a hot August day last year when a man yelled for help from a pond nearby.

The man had spotted a two-year-old boy floating in the water and had plucked him from the pond, but he seemed unsure what to do next. Mr. Blackhall, who received first aid training as part of his job, knew exactly what action to take.

The drowning child had inhaled a lot of water, so Mr.

Blackhall immediately rolled him onto his stomach to prevent his tongue from being swallowed and then cleared the boy's airway.

The child soon came round and was helped to the playcentre, where Mr. Blackhall kept him warm, dry and comforted until an ambulance arrived and the parents were found. The boy was treated and discharged from East Birmingham Hospital.

Mr. Blackhall: "What I did was very instinctive. Luckily it all turned out happily and I do believe that any other play worker in this city would do the same for any child in a similar situation."

Chief Superintendent Derek Williams, the police representative at Wednesday's presentation, said: "Mr. Blackhall's knowledge of first aid and his presence of mind were crucial factors in saving this boy's life."

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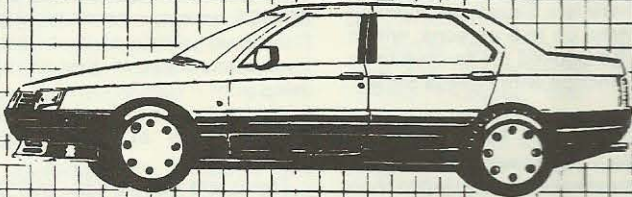
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May Walk

I think we should all be encouraged to walk - not only for our health but for the interest.

Unfortunately, I did not actually do the walk, I saw them off and counted them back - I have to say, I felt that it was my loss and I regret not going.

I refer to the entry on page 19, of the May, Brownhills Gazette, "Discover a Recreated Common", when we were invited to join the Walsall Wildlife Group on a walk of Clayhanger Common.

There were 25 people on the walk, the leader was Gareth Williams, and they were joined by a very special person who has been long associated with the Group, namely Dr. Ian Truman,

Botanist, School of Applied Science, Wolverhampton Polytechnic. Dr. Truman said it was always a pleasure to visit Clayhanger where there were so many interesting things to see, among them Meadow Thistle, Sea Club Rush, Marsh Orchids, Silvery Hair Grass, Root Harrow and many more.

They also saw several birds of great interest.

If you would like to know more of the Group's activities and interests, then the person to contact is Marion Stimpson, whose telephone number is Brownhills (0543) 378074.

Publicity Officer is Peter Orme, telephone number Pelsall (0922) 682480.

Facts you may have forgotten

50 years ago the news was dominated by the 2nd World War, Churchill arrived in Washington for talks with Roosevelt, Tobruk fell to Rommel's troops with 25,000 Allied troops being taken prisoner.

25 years ago was notable for Israel's 6 day war against the Arabs, Spencer Tracy and Jayne Mansfield both died. On a lighter

note Barclay's Bank introduced the first cash dispensing machine.

10 years ago saw the end of the Falklands War, the 20p coin came into circulation (yes, 10 years ago) and the Princess of Wales gave birth to Prince William.

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Seatbelt problems

Are there any full bodied ladies out there who could help me come to terms with the compulsory wearing of seat belts? I swear that if ever I have an accident it will be because I am wearing one. I have to conform because, like everyone else, I can't afford not to, I have to admit to the odd warning or two from the Police.

Is the effort really worthwhile?

I break my beads, bruise my boobs, tangle my ties (blouse), strangle with scarves, break buttons, scream with frustration, especially when reversing. I

have been so desperate at times I have considered the possibility of asking for a Doctor's note to be excused the exercise, so far I have managed to refrain. I know my -32 friends think I am lucky to have the problem, but do they really know what it's like to suffer the agony of seat belts?

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BROWNHILLS SCHOOL & COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

Word Processing Examinations

We have recently received the results for the Pitman's Easter Examinations in Word Processing. We are delighted to report that our adult students achieved a 100% pass rate.

Within these results ten of the students gained a first class pass.

We offer our congratulations to them and wish them continued success with the RSA Summer Examinations as a final to their 12 month course.

Other Examinations

We have quite a number of adult students participating in national examinations in a variety of subjects at the present time ie:

Mathematics
English
'A' Level English Literature
Typing - Stages 1 - 3
Word Processing - Stages 1 - 3
Book-Keeping

We wish them success in these examinations as a due reward for their studies over the last academic year.

National Curriculum Award for Brownhills Community School

Brownhills Community School are proud to announce that they have won the National Schools' Curriculum Award for their work in Community Education.

Following quickly on the schools success in gaining the National Schools' Technology Initiative to become a "centre of excellence" for technology teaching, this new award puts the school firmly to the front of education in the West Midlands.

Headteacher, Allan Jarrett, said he was pleased for the students, the staff and the community of Brownhills. Brownhills Community School is fully integrated with Brownhills Community Association and both aim to serve the people of the area.

The mission statement of both organisations is "The Heart of the Community", and each strives to be responsible to the needs of the community.

Two representatives of the students and two adults will be presented with the award at the Barbican Centre, London in November.

USA Exchange

25th June sees the arrival of 22 American youngsters and three staff to stay with host families in Brownhills.

The youngsters will spend some of their time exploring the area. Trips are planned to the Mayor's Parlour in Walsall, the Houses of Parliament in London, Black Country Museum, Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick Castle. Many of these trips for the USA youngsters have been sponsored and we are grateful to local firms and organisations for their co-operation and interest. The remainder of the time will be spent in joining in lessons at both Shire Oak and Brownhills Community Schools.

Our thanks are expressed to the host families for joining in this Exchange Programme which we are sure is a really rewarding educational experience.

Brownhills School - 300 Club

Brownhills School's 300 Club draw winners are as follows:

APRIL

£50 - Mrs J Wilson
£25 - Mrs Greenfield
£15 - Mr J Matthews
£10 - Mrs E Hawkeswood

MAY

£50 - Mrs P Westwood
£25 - Mr R Yates
£15 - Mr Beebee
£10 - Mr Fox

Congratulations to all winners - thanks for your support. If anyone wishes to join our 300 Club please contact Audrey Jackson at the School on Brownhills 452886.


School Calendar

16th June	Baker Day (School Closed)
22nd June	Twelfth Night Production
23rd June	New Intake Parents' Night
25th June	USA Students arrive
27th June	Start of Community Fortnight
	Darts Competition
28th June	Netball and Fishing Competitions
29th June	Quiz
30th June	Brownies Sports
1st July	10K Road Race
2nd July	5-a-side Soccer Tournament
3rd July	Year 10 Parents' Night
4th July	Car Boot Sale
6th July	Year 7 parents' Night
7th July	Junior Its a Knockout Competition
8th July	Senior Its A Knockout Competition
10th July	General Knowledge Quiz
	Sports Day
11th July	Raffle Draw, Race Night, Community Fortnight ends
14th July	UDS Students depart
15th July	Concert
16th July	Concert
20th July	Activity Day
21st July	Activity Day
22nd July	School Closes



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EuroDisney - Paris - May 1992

Brownhills Community Association organised a large party of pupils, parents, staff, (including cleaners and clerical staff) and friends of the school to EuroDisney for a long weekend.

EuroDisney came up to all our expectations - the kids - big 'uns and little 'uns all enjoyed the fun of Disney and many had photographs taken with the Disney characters.

A sight-seeing tour of Paris was arranged during the visit and this was also exciting and interesting.

Our thanks go to Pickfords Travel for their invaluable help in organising the trip.



EuroDisney Raffle Prize

Mr and Mrs Bevan of Warren Place, Brownhills were the winners of the Raffle Prize for the Trip to EuroDisney.

Mr and Mrs Bevan are pictured here receiving their tickets from Joanne Pitt, Assistant Manageress of Pickfords, Brownhills and Mr Jarrett, Head-teacher of Brownhills Community School.

Year 10 Community Project.

Pupils currently in Year 10 are working towards achieving their Compact Certificates. (Compact

is a partnership between schools and industry and if the pupils reach certain standards in school work, attendance, punctuality etc then local firms will help them to find employment or suitable training leading to employment). One aspect of Compact is that pupils must have helped the local community in some way.

During two days in the last part of this term (20th and 21st July) all Year 10 pupils will be completing their Community Project. To help to find places for all pupils it would be greatly appreciated if local groups or organisations who feel that pupils could help in any way (clearing up/tidying sites etc) would contact Mr Greaves at school (452886) as soon as possible.

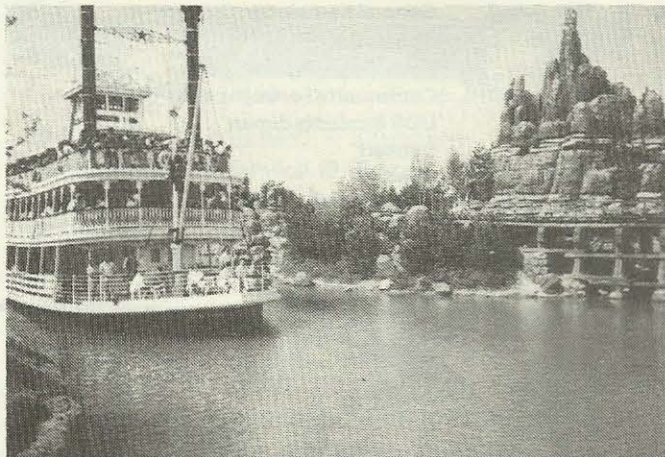
Brownhills School - 1972 - 1992: "Where Are You Now" Book.

After an unfortunate delay in producing the above book, work is now well underway.

Ex-students who have not already submitted details of their present whereabouts are invited to write to the school asking for their details to go into the book.

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Lets hear from you!



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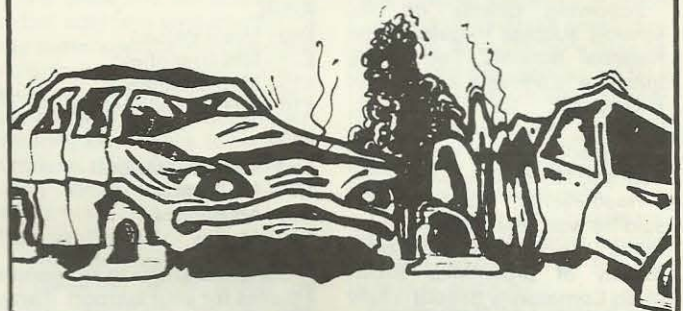
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Sponsored Lessons

Keith and Mick joined Year 7 at Brownhills Community School for 2 days of sponsored lessons. The boys took part in all the classwork and even did the homework with the rest of the

year - without receiving a detention!

All money collected will be donated to BCASS, the disabled group formed by Brownhills Community Association, and to be used in their new premises in Linden Road.

CELEBRATING AGE

FESTIVAL

Friday June 26th. 10am - 4pm
Walsall Town Hall, Leicester Street

A FREE day especially for the over 60's featuring:-

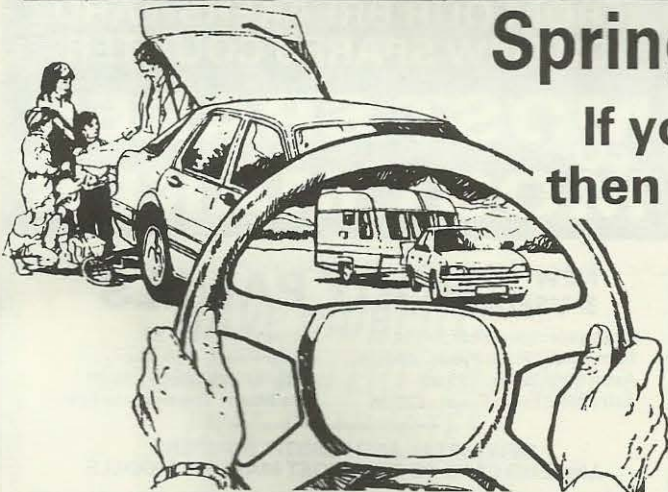
- ◆ Antiques Roadshow with Walsall Antiques Centre
- ◆ Gardening Advice from Homebase
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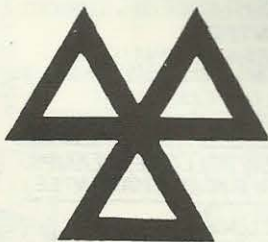
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In the Garden - June

June the month that most gardeners enjoy, with most of the heavy work out of the way, with more time spent relaxing and mainly light maintenance to be carried out. With regular weeding, grassmowing, and the occasional spray for the control of such pests as greenfly, blackfly, caterpillars and other crop damaging insects. However, with gardens as we all well know there are always plants that need extra attention especially climbing subjects such as Lonicera (Honeysuckle), Clematis and climbing Roses. All needing extra support as they develop as these particular group play an important part in geening up "hard areas" of your garden such as walls, long boring fences, garages and sheds etc..

Try planting two plants together which very often works very well giving obviously a much longer flowering period, such as Climbing Rose, Golden Showers and Clematis, Jackmanii, Superba, a duet of rich gold and dark purple. Using your love of certain colours and imagination you can transform what may seem a "boxed in" environment into a floral haven with privacy, especially if you incorporate one or two wall planters and wall baskets with your favourite Fuchsias, Geraniums, Petunias, Lobelia, etc.. Whilst mentioning Clematis many people experience problems with mainly the large flowered Hybrids (Nelly

Moser - The President - Hagley Hybrid - Jackmanii - Countessa De Bouchard - etc) which can occasionally be affected by Clematis "Wilt" of which over the years has caused great distress to many owners of seemingly superb specimens one day and a drooping and dying one the next. Unfortunately having had yet no success in finding a magic cure to this infuriating problem, which seems to me to affect the "Hybrids" and not so much the "Montana" varieties, my suggestion is to remember that Clematis are a naturally shallow rooting plant and if surface roots are exposed to sharp sunlight can be affected by dramatic changes in temperature. So when planting a new one give a little extra depth with a small amount of "Bonemeal" covering afterwards with a few stones, giving shade to the roots and also giving the plant the opportunity to break again from probably a couple of viable "eyes" on or just below soil surface, and after cutting back affected foliage to about 2ft - 3ft above ground level it is quite likely the plant will "take off" again a few weeks later.

The Garden Pool is where a lot of interest is this month with all healthy fish "surface cruising"

and taking food handed to them. It really is amazing how tame and friendly fish can become if fed regularly from the same spot everyday. I keep "Koi Carp" and on approaching our pool they usually swim towards me to see what tit-bits are on offer! These fish can be kept for years and make wonderful pets that you can get really attached to, so when considering building or modifying your garden water feature aim to get it right first time with the help of your local Garden/Aquatic Centre. There are certain "Do's and Don'ts" that are difficult to rectify afterwards, such as incorporating an effective filtration system in the construction process. Good fishkeeping is a fascinating and rewarding pastime and hobby giving you and the family many years of pleasure. Enhancing your garden with running water through a pump to waterfalls and fountains, Water Lillies and Marginal Plants shallow moisture loving subjects to nature garden, water in a garden can give so much especially when lit in the summer evenings with subtle lights in colours of your choice.

The Vegetable Plot needs continued attention with the hoe on a regular basis with Brassica

crops and Lettuce, benefiting from a top dressing of Nitrogen Fertilizer such as "Nitrate of Soda" to boost growth of foliage, with a potash based fertilizer being best for "Root" crops, (Potatoes - Carrots - Parsnips - Turnips etc).

Remember the key to successful growing is weeding - feeding and "Pest Control", as a chap came into our Garden Centre last week and said he had invested in a tin of PBI, slug pellets and he found it more cost effective than feeding his slugs with his bedding plants.

"HAPPY GARDENING FOLKS"

Roy Aston, Willow Vale Garden Centre, Norton Canes.

N.B. Readers are invited to write to the Brownhills Gazette with any plant problem of which I will endeavour to solve through these columns.

Romanian Appeal

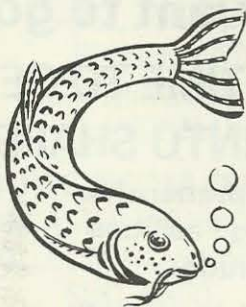
The Brownhills Operatic Society have volunteered to put on a show in aid of the appeal at Chase Terrace High School, details as follows:-

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OUT OF THE WOOD

Training Starts

New manager Michael Speake is to begin training for the new season on Sunday morning June 28 at 10.30 a.m., and will be pleased to see any player who is interested in joining the club and would like to join in the pre-season training at Oak Park.

Walsall Wood will continue to have 2 teams next season and manager Micky Speake has already made what he considers to be excellent signings, and his appointment has certainly paid

dividends with the number of players who have decided to stay with the club.

Micky Speake told the Gazette he is confident the Wood will have a good season in the new league and supporters can look forward to an entertaining team who will play football.

Pre-season friendlies arranged are:- Polesworth (A) August 4, Sandwell Borough (H) August 6, Paget Rangers (H) August 8 and Boldmere St. Michaels (H) August 11.

Football Challenge Shield

Sunday 3rd May saw the Football Challenge Shield Competition take place in the Aldridge Police Sub-division.

Invitations to this had been extended to all junior schools for the second year running.

There was no overall winner last year and another keenly fought contest was happily anticipated this time.

The average age of the boys and girls (no sex discrimination here!) was 10 and the determination and enthusiasm shown by the youngsters would put their seniors to shame.

Professional footballers find it difficult to play two games a week, the finalists this day played seven games between 10.00 and 15.00 p.m.

This year's winners were

Greenfields School from Sheffield followed by Leighswood, Aldridge, Millfield, Brownhills and St. Michael's.

Superintendent Evans made the presentation to the winning captain Craig Bamm.

The whole event had been arranged and run very competently by Aldridge Sub-Divisional Police personnel and the prize for the winning team was a trip to Wembley to see the schoolboy international between England and Italy on June 6th.

The winning manager Mr. Dennis Green was so confident his team wouldn't win he foolishly promised to have his moustache and hair shaved. I must remember to check.

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