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# THE Jericho Echo

4th  
 FREE  
 ISSUE

Nov. '79

## HOSPITAL BUS SERVICE

In the last two months since the John Radcliffe hospital opened many people have complained about the difficulties of getting there.

It is not just the unreliability of the bus service but the long walk getting to the bus stops. For the people of Jericho/Walton Manor area the walk through to Banbury Road and then the wait for a half hour service is too much for them. The alternative is to wait for a bus down to St. Aldates and change (5p for pensioners but 12p for anyone else, and then another fare to the hospital). True, once you get to St. Aldate's there are three services. That is getting there, then one has to get back and the round journey can add up to nearly two hours.

For anyone not in the best of health it can be gruelling. Even for perfectly healthy visitors it is a long trek at the end of the day and not all visitors are young and active. Old people want to go and see their relations and friends just as much, if not more, than young people.

The Jericho Residents' Association Committee have already written to the South Midland Bus Co. asking if they can help. They got a long letter back pointing out all the difficulties which are why they can do nothing.

What about a minibus service? They are used in some country areas, with volunteer drivers, so there is no legal reason why not.

A minibus running from Gloucester Green, up Walton St., Kingston, Hayfield and Bainton Roads, then Beechcroft Road to the Marden Ring Road would serve Jericho, Walton Manor, St. Margaret's and parts of Summertown. Cost? Well that would have to be looked at but why should a small bus, full of passengers, driven by a volunteer or part time driver cost more than an every half hour, quarter full, double decker driven by a full time driver? We are not asking for a free service. Just four runs a day, there and back. Two in the morning, one in the →

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afternoon and then in the evening.

The big question is whether the residents are prepared for a long, hard push. It is going to take time. Time to get the City Council, the County Council and the Health Authorities to even think about it. Time to convince endless committees. Time to meet all sorts of objections. Time to cost the scheme. Time to reassure the Unions that it is a threat to jobs. Only if we can prove that you want such a service that we have any hope of success.

If you support us please fill in the petition on the last page of this paper and send or give it to a member of the committee ( see front page).

### OVERSEAS POST FOR CHRISTMAS



Quick reminder.

Last dates.	Parcels and Packets		Cards and Printed Paper	
	Surface	Air	Surface	Air
Far East & Australasia	gone	3 Dec.	gone	5 Dec.
Middle & Near East	gone	3 Dec.	gone	10 Dec.
Africa	gone	4 Dec.	gone	5 Dec.
Central & S. America, West Indies	gone	4 Dec.	gone	5 Dec.
Canada & USA	5 Nov.	3 Dec.	7 Nov.	3 Dec.
Europe incl. Cyprus and Malta	26 Nov.	3 Dec.	26 Nov.	10 Dec.

Christmas stamps on sale from 21st November.

### Try making these scrumptious biscuits...

- 4 ozs. wholemeal flour
- 2 ozs. butter or marg.
- 2 ozs. syrup
- 1 oz. brown sugar
- 1 level teasp. ginger
- 1 level teasp. bicarb. soda
1. Rub fat into flour.
2. Add sugar, ginger & soda bicarb.
3. Mix with syrup into a stiff dough
4. Roll out to a roll 1 inch in diameter
5. Cut into even-sized pieces and roll into small balls.
6. Place on a greased tray & bake 15 mins in oven 350 degrees or gas mark 4.

OR leave out the ginger and add a handful of chopped walnuts

PS These biscuits definately taste much better if you use wholemeal flour and dark brown sugar, all obtainable from the wholefood centre on Walton Street. (It's so better for you!)

### How did they know it was Sunday?

When Mr Mullard ran his coal and cab business from 10 Cardigan St his two horses Bob and Old Mare always knew that Sunday was sugar day. When they came down from the stable for their morning drink they came and rattled on the kitchen door. If the door was not open they opened it and came right in to ask for their Sunday treat.

Do you have any interesting tales about children or animals? Do write and tell us about them.

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JERICHO RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION AND OXFORD AREA ARTS COUNCIL

Doors Open  
2.30 p.m.

3.00 p.m. Talk on the purpose of the Centre  
by Mr. Adrian Litvinov (Director)

Tea 3.45 p.m. (5p)  
Discussion

SATURDAY  
10 NOVEMBER

JUMBLE SALE in The Institute, Canal Street  
in aid of Ritchie Russell House

2.30 p.m.

Admission 3p

Refreshments Provided

Jumble please to Mrs. Rush, 47b Great Clarendon Street OR June Hannon, The Institute

SATURDAY  
24 NOVEMBER

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2.30 p.m.

Admission 5p

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RAFFLES

REFRESHMENTS

followed by

4.00-5.30 p.m. BINGO

PRIZES

TEA

ALL PROCEEDS TO GO TOWARDS THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY . . .

DO COME AND MEET FATHER CHRISTMAS

SATURDAY  
15 DECEMBER

JERICHO PLAYScheme CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY  
followed by a disco for the older children

3.00-6.00 p.m.

Names please to:- Wendy at V.G. Stores

Mrs. Rush, 47b Great Clarendon Street

June Hannon, The Institute

ANY HELP WITH THIS PARTY WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED

## JERICHO (BARNEY OLD BOYS AND GIRLS) REUNION

Nearly 400 former pupils, residents and friends spent an enjoyable evening on Saturday, 6th October at The Town Hall and Assembly Room for the second reunion party, organised by the small committee formed after the Jubilee Street Party. Old friends, some of whom had not met for 15 - 20 years, chatted away and examined the scrap books and photos of the old Jericho, and School days.

Many thanks to all concerned, and another booking is being made for 1980.

A.J. Upstone

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### FORTNIGHTLY SENIOR CITIZENS TEA PARTY

alternate TUESDAYS, 3.00-4.00 p.m. at THE INSTITUTE

Details from:- Mrs. Hunt, 47 Cardigan Street

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**THOSE FUEL BILLS**

Winter. Christmas. Frosty days. Snow. You can enjoy winter if you are warm but it is hell if you are cold and worried to death about how you are going to pay. What is more there is not going to be any discount scheme for your electricity bills this year, only a flat rate on supplementary and other benefits.

So what can you do about it?

The City Council have asked us to draw your attention to the Pay-as-you-go schemes run by the Gas and Electricity Boards. There are four difference ones and the staff at the Showrooms will help you decide which is best.

- 1) You can pay an agreed amount each week, or month, towards the bill.
- 2) You can buy saving stamps at the Showrooms.
- 3) You can arrange to pay what you can, when you can, towards the next bill. Not for everyone but it may suit some people.
- 4) You can have meters installed, if it is safe and practicable. Warning. This can cost more.

These schemes are designed to spread the cost but of course they don't help when you really cannot pay. If you are a breadwinner getting Supplementary Benefit or a household of OAP's you may get help from the Social Security Office. Families with children under 11, or getting Family Income's Supplement can go to the Council's Social Services Department. They will look into your case. But PLEASE tell the Gas or Electricity Board too. It stops them getting the wires crossed

**Afraid of Being Cut Off?**

If you have agreed to make regular payments and keep you bargain without running up a bill you cannot possibly pay you are O.K.

You can have a meter installed, adjusted to clear your debt.

A household of OAP's cannot be cut off between 1st Oct. and 31st March unless they are wilfully refusing to pay.

You cannot be charged with someone else's debt if you took the supply over properly. You cannot be cut off for a hire purchase debt. The Board's have to have an Entry Warrent if you are not at home so you will not come home and find it is off.

If you are unhappy about the way you have been treated you can write to:  
Electricity Consultative Council: Chairman Mrs. Haynes 21 Selwood Rd. Abingdon  
or Mr. E. Lacy, Cherry Holt, Thornbury Road, Eynsham Oxford 880699 or  
Councillor Mrs. T.A.T. Yardley, 9 Belbroughton Rd. OX7622 Oxford 54831  
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or Councillor R. Bond, 237 South Avenue, Abingdon or Councillor W. Burrells,  
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**MOTHERS AND TODDLERS - MONDAY 1.30-3.0pm**

**in the Institute, Canal Street.**

**DO COME ALONG**

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**Miss C. Cowham gets all copies  
of the Planning Committee  
To see the please ring her  
Ox. 55901 (evenings)  
or call - 15 Guy Court**

**CALLING ALL WOMEN.....**

**weekly meetings on Tuesdays**



# RUBBISH RUBBISH RUBBISH RUBBISH RUBBISH

Residents of Jericho might like to know of a waste saving scheme being tried out in West Oxford. People living in Osney and off the Botley Road have started collecting newspapers, rags and scrap aluminium. We put notices in everybody's door and collect on the evening before dustbins are emptied. After a bit of asking around, we've found a local garage to store things in until we can take the bulk to dealers. Newspaper is taken to Sandford Paper Mill, is pulped there and used to make paper for schools.

With the money we get we hope to put it towards environmental issues and eventually to hold public meetings for the residents to choose projects to spend THEIR recycling money on.

Anyone interested in starting a similar scheme in Jericho can contact: Mike Filgate, 25 Henry Road, Tel. 46017 or John Carpenter, 8 Holen Road.

BUT WE ARE DOING SOMETHING HERE IN JERICHO ALREADY! ONLY IN A SMALL WAY I ADMIT... THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR NEWSPAPERS WHICH YOU HAVE LEFT AT MY HOUSE. Two carloads were taken to be recycled recently and the cash raised went to 'The Club' (for young disabled and fit people in Oxford).

Unfortunately I only have my sitting room to store them in so offers of storage space would be gratefully received!

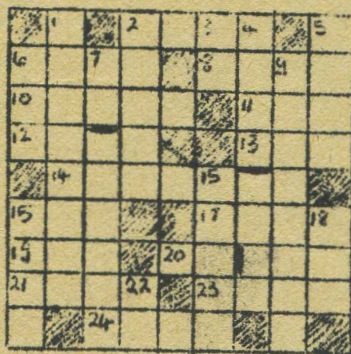
If anyone would be interested in collecting on a larger scale here in Jericho please let me know/or if anyone is willing to help.

For the present please bundle your newspapers securely and bring to 28 Victor St. (Any papers with staples eg. Exchange and Marts, Radio Times, need to be in separate bundles). Many thanks, Sarah.

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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE ↓



### Clues Across

2. Daily post (4)
6. Scottish bank (4)
8. To stop a monk smoking (4)
10. Fruity crusts? (5)
11. The cat's mother? (3)
12. Woodwind (4)
13. Maggie's house number (3)
14. Good picking? Caught on? (7)
16. In the army he played soldiers (3)
17. Swiss or Rock? (4)
19. Society concerned about it? (3)

### Clues Down

1. Peg game? (8)
2. Jason's wife (5)
3. In charge in short (1.1)
4. Romance on the wrong road (4.4)
5. Campbell's valley? (5)
6. Brothers in business (3)
7. Painful trial (2.6)
9. Free. No pedal pushing (8)
15. Burnt into an advertiser (5)
16. Make an appointment (4)
18. Sheltered side (3)

20. Ooh la la! That's the life (2.3)
21. Bats at 4.0 (4)
23. River in E. Anglia (4)
24. Peer's title (4)

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And Now for something different.....

The stores were already decked with artificial Christmas trees. Every corner shop in the town had their complement of 'Xmas' cards and the usual paraphenalia of brightly coloured Father Christmas sweets to attract the eye of any child that walked into the store. Gaudy presents were flooding into the shops and there were all the offers of Offers to reduce the amount of money that one had to pay for the extravagantly boxed games that our Grandparents used to make for us from bits of string and cardboard on the spur of the moment.

Yes, Oxford was ready for the Yuletide season. And the date?  
October 1979!

Wandering quietly along the less crowded streets that Saturday afternoon was a small elderly man. He attracted no-one's attention as he gazed at the glowing colours of the autumn trees which with their reds and browns and oranges formed a riotous flame of colour on this incredibly fine October afternoon. A gentle plucking at his sleeve brought his gaze earthwards to find a small girl looking entreatingly into his face. 'Please...'

'Yes, my dear?'

'My Mummy-' her eyes filled with tears-'I've lost my Mummy!'  
He knelt beside her and asked where she and her mother had been going.

'We were going down there to buy some more Christmas presents and I stopped because -----'

'Because?'

'I saw a feather that I wanted to pick up to give to Jesus on his birthday but Mummy's gone,' the tears brimmed over and began to leave large wet drops on the front of her dress. His heart contracted suddenly- the joyous pain at her words stabbed. He wasn't forgotten.

'There you are! You naughty girl. I told you to hold my hand; and I told you not to talk to strangers.'

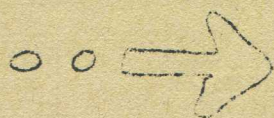
A harassed looking woman grabbed the small girl and glared accusingly at the old man. Pulling her away the woman marched off, the little girl being tugged hard in her rear- her words floated back..

'You ungrateful child. There'll be no presents for you this Christmas if you do that again-- You know how I march round every year thinking of what to buy you all.....'

A small brown feather edged with blue lay in the gutter.

Swaby Raynor.

### CROSSWORD SOLUTION



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\* HELPFUL HINT!

\* Try cleaning dirty  
\* glass or windcreens  
\* with a little  
\* toothpaste....  
\* (honestly!)



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.....

24 Canal Street  
St. Barnabas  
Oxford OX2 8BH

From Residents of 21-24 Canal Street.

Dear Editor,

May we, the above residents take the opportunity of thanking you for printing our letter in the second issue of 'The Jericho Echo'.

You may be pleased to hear that we had an immediate response to our call for help.

Councillor John Power of West Ward answered the call and gave immediate help and sound advice to our problem, for which we are extremely grateful.

It was through his determined efforts that we were able to arrange a meeting with Representatives of the Council and the Contractors to put our case before them. May we also thank Councillor Olive Gibbs and Councillor R. Dudman.

Yours sincerely,  
J.B.Marshall

## HIGH ST. JERICHO.....

Do you remember Mr. Gilmore from Birmingham asked where High St. Jericho was? A reader did. It was Great Clarendon Street. She found it on the deeds of her house.

## From Our Ecology Correspondent.....

You may have heard that there is a plan by a private consortium to develop Gloucester Green as a second Westgate! Boots The Co-op Debenhams and British Home Stores would like to take over the green and build huge stores, a multi-storey car park, 'improved' bus station and a few token 'public areas'. They claim that it will not add to the rates, but there are hidden costs.

Traffic around Beaumont St, Walton St, George St. etc. will increase and cars will have to compete with buses and pedestrians.

Many small businesses, offices and surgeries will be affected and/or closed. The consortium buildings are CONCRETE BLOCKS, with little relation to the Oxford scene. AND WHAT ABOUT THE GREEN AREAS THAT AN OPINION POLL SHOWED TO BE THE PUBLIC'S MAIN IDEA FOR THE AREA?

This planning application is only the first for the green. We must support our Council in seeking alternative development plans that can really improve the bus station; ease car congestion and pollution in central Oxford; provide a pleasant small park with leisure and arts facilities, provide small scale housing if the need exists, with a pleasant setting for existing small businesses.

We don't need another Westgate. Please write to your Councillors; to City Architects and planners Dept, St. Aldates, and to Michael Heseltine, Minister of State for the Environment, Dept. of the Environment, London asking him to hold a planning inquiry into the development of Gloucester Green.

THE DEADLINE FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEXT ISSUE IS NOV. 28th

Let us have your ideas for the Jericho Echo!

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# BRITISH RAIL AND JERICHO

Did you see the article about British Rail's ideas for the development of the land west of the canal. See the map below. It was in The Oxford Times of 13th October.

What do you think about it? At least they are honest about it. Its the money they are after. Commercial development 'with maximum sale or rental value and, if possible, one that will generate rail traffic. We need as much money as possible to invest in a station worthy of Oxford'. They also feel that 'It would be appropriate for a third party to build some form of visitor accommodation, perhaps a conference centre'.

What does all that add up to? Maximum sale or rental value that will generate rail traffic. That has to be industry. Fairly heavy industry at that if they need to move the goods by rail. The third party to build the visitor accommodation? Could that be the Americans, or Jans, or Arabs that they have sold the sites to? Though what we want with another Conference Centre is a puzzle. With all the Colleges letting rooms for conferences during the vacations surely Oxford is amply provided. They are not thinking of having the political ones here are they? A station worthy of Oxford. The mind boggles. St Pancras with multi-storey car parks each end? All the people of Oxford ask is clean trains, running to time, clean loos and clean, eatable snacks. Not a shopping concourse with three prices of British Rail catering and soft-pron bookstalls.

What could such a scheme mean to Jericho? No open spaces to the west of us. No direct access to Port Meadow. Factories, traffic, new approach roads, more traffic, more trains, more noise. No canal to take the dog along. They may leave the path but you bet they will landscape it. You know. Cut down the willows and replace them with depressed looking trees in wire cages and litter bins spilling rubbish. Then of course industry will want better access roads. Through Jericho? More parking. In Jericho? More housing for workers. Multi-storey blocks in Jericho?

So far the City Council have turned down all BR's plans but for how much longer. We need positive action to avert this threat. Education is Oxford's biggest and most profitable industry and students travel and Oxford is always short of space for them so why should not the City Council and the University join together to buy the site. After all it is one of the last big central sites left. Then they can build all the student accommodation, graduate flats, language schools and other institutions which are, at present, gobbling up our homes and living spaces. Ruskin College, for example, could take their extension there, its not too far for the students to walk.



## JRH MINIBUS SERVICE

As a Jericho resident I ask the City Council, the County Council and Health Authorities to give serious consideration to providing a minibus service between this area and the JRH.

Name	Address	I visit the JRH	
		Regularly	Occasionally
1			
2			