

The Jericho Echo

JULY 1982

A COMMUNITY CENTRE FOR JERICHO?

Since the last issue of the Jericho Echo came out, several exciting developments have taken place concerning the future of the Institute. As a result, there is a real possibility that the use of the Institute may be handed over to Jericho as its long-awaited Community Centre.

After a series of public meetings in the Church and the Institute, an interim Management Committee was formed. It commissioned a Feasibility Report on the building's future which was backed by the results of the Questionnaire that was sent out to Jericho's residents and businesses in March.

The Report was submitted to the City Council in May. It called for the complete renovation of the Institute's ground floor and part of the first floor for community activities. In order to help pay the Institute's regular bills, the top floor and the rest of the first floor will need to be let for the foreseeable future, possibly as design studios and small craft workshops. The Report estimates the cost of essential building works to be between £50,000 and £60,000, which the Council is being asked to provide as a grant.

The Council is expected to announce its decision this month. Our Ward Councillors and various Council officers have been very sympathetic, knowing that this is possibly Jericho's last realistic chance to have a proper Community Centre of its own, but the Council has promised nothing definite yet. It is a lot of money and times are hard, and they want to be sure that there is enough local enthusiasm to justify such expense.

As a result, the following activities are to take place and details are given in this issue of the Echo. A temporary face-lift has already been started at the Institute to encourage people to use the building more. A jumble sale has been held this month to raise money for paint and other immediate essentials. And a Community Fair will take place on August Bank Holiday to raise more money and to encourage people to start Clubs and other activities in the Institute. Even the reappearance of the Jericho Echo is a result of this new community effort.

In a nutshell, the Church is offering the use and management of the Institute to the people of Jericho. The Council is being asked to provide the money to make it possible. It is now up to all of us to show that we want this to happen by doing as much for ourselves as possible. Therefore, anyone who would like to donate money, or material, or their time to the Institute face-lift, to Jumble Sales, to the Bank Holiday Fair, or would like to start up any Club or group in the Institute, should drop a note into either the vicarage or the Jericho Echo at 24 Cardigan St.

It is largely in our hands to show that we need a Community Centre and that we are prepared to do something about it. Nigel Hiscock

INSTITUTE JUMBLE SALE

On Saturday 10th July a Jumble Sale was held to raise money for paint needed to give the Institute a temporary face lift. Ann Collinson, Gail Mead, Paul Prentice, Linda Ward, Janice Clasper, Tim Jepson, Mrs. Hunt and Vi Hiscock organised the publicity, collecting and sorting.

They were assisted on the day by Phillip Smith, Mrs. Boswell, Mrs. Rush, Mrs. Driver, Jeanne Needle and Nigel Hiscock.

We raised £135 and still have a large amount of good jumble left, plus some very good items that are better than jumble. And so we have decided to sell the best at the Bank Holiday Fete at the end of August.

Everyone was surprised at the amount of jumble given and the money collected. Our thanks to everyone who supported the sale.

THE JERICHO INSTITUTE FACE-LIFT

Due to the success of the jumble sale and recent contributions to the Institute Restoration Fund we now have some money to enable us to get on with redecorating the building.

Would anybody who is prepared to help, usually at weekends, please contact: Paul Bentine, 49 Cardigan Street, Tel: 514443.

Editor Carol Goberman, 24 Cardigan St., 55618. Please send copy and adverts and ideas and offers of help/brng.

ST. BARNABAS INSTITUTE FUND RAISING EVENT

A fete and fund raising afternoon will be held on August Bank Holiday Monday, August the 30th. on the school field. Please keep this date free, come along and enter the competitions, games etc.

EVENTS WHICH WE HOPE WILL TAKE PLACE:

Vegetable and flower show (entry forms available later)
Children's caged animal show
Children's cooking competition
Children's decorated vehicle's (prams, bicycles, trollies etc.)
Teas and refreshments
Live Music
Stalls and Competitions etc.

IT IS ALSO HOPED TO ARRANGE A LIMITED OVER'S CRICKET K.O.

ANY PUBS OR CLUBS INTERESTED????

Ideas, help, and suggestions that would add to the success of the day would be appreciated.

ST. BARNABAS CHURCH FETE

After a week or so of dry, hot weather we were threatened with rain for the annual church Fete on the Saturday after St. Barnabas Day, June 12th. but fortunately it held off until almost the end - just as the raffle prizes were being drawn.

There was an excellent turnout for the Fete and the idea of starting earlier with lunches seemed to meet with approval judging from the number of lunches sold. Home-made produce, plants and other items were on sale all day. Donkey rides and guessing games and bingo etc. were supplemented this year by a fire-eater and an inflatable castle. The Children's Fancy Dress Parade at 2.30 p.m. provided some fascinating sights.

The Inter-pub Football Competition was again efficiently organised by Mr. Simmonds of the "Bookbinders". It was well refereed and played with good sense and discipline. The "Bakers" retained the Cup and the "Bookbinders" got the runners' up 'Jericho Chamber'. This year each player in the winner's and runners' up teams got an individual trophy.

The winner of the first prize in the main raffle was Mrs. Hancox of Leckford Road and we took £1,025 in all which, after expenses, should result in a net profit of about £800. We are grateful to all the twenty firms and organisations who sent donations.

Heartfelt thanks to all who helped to organise the event and to all who supported it. Father Michael Wright

**DRUMS OF
PEACE**

Out of the mire we come
Soldiers for the future
Beating the drums of peace.
From our folly grows wisdom
From our suffering grows strength
From our greed grows a desire for peace

ST. BARNABAS CHURCH

We celebrated St. Barnabas Day (June 11th) in the evening with a visit from Bishop Eric Wild, who was Bishop of Reading until his recent retirement. The Service was as splendid as always on great occasions and the Bishop confirmed seven adults and two youngsters into the Christian faith during the service. The following Sunday (13th) we had our annual outdoor Procession along Canal St. to the Garden at the North end and back again to the church. This annual event is a thanksgiving to God for the gift of Holy Communion and also a witness to Jericho.

But our chief concern recently in the church has been to encourage our members to give generously of their time, talents, and money in support of the church and its work, and my hope is that the members of the congregation will be able to finance the ordinary running expenses of the church completely so that our fund-raising events can all be for charity. I pray that we can succeed in this.

We are just now planning some events to raise money for the work of Christian Aid in the Lebanon. Father Michael Wright

JERICHO PLAYGROUP

The playgroup for Jericho's children was started about ten years ago, by Mrs. Rush, at the Health Centre. It was then moved to the Institute and has been the responsibility of various people ^{at the moment Judith (Ed.)}. The council gave it a special licence to take children under three (the only one in Oxford with this type of licence) so providing a needed service for the community.

The playgroup is a very valuable part of Jericho's community. The children learn to socialise with each other from a very early age. Their involvement with each other helped development in many areas including speech and physical abilities. Many of the children will go on to St. Barnabas school together. The playgroup also benefits the mothers in many ways such as being able to discuss many problems involved in bringing up children and realising we're not alone with our feelings, such as frustration, feeling that our own child has strange behaviour etc.

The playgroup has a committee made up of the mothers. They can decide amongst themselves what they want for their children.

The playgroup is open on Tuesday and Thursday morning from 9.30 - 12.00 noon at the Institute. We have about fifteen children at present.

From scorn we have learned dignity
From anger our compassion is distilled.
Our love of life,
Forged in the depths of despair
Will carry us forward;
We will not be denied.
We will survive
The worst onslaught of destruction

Without hate
And create peace.

**PATTI DALE
15, CRANHAM TCE.,
JERICHO, OXFORD.**

JERICHO RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM was held on 3rd June 1982 at the Canal Street Institute. Thirty-one people were there in addition to the Chairman and Secretary.

The Chairman regretted that the number of public meetings recently had reduced attendance but was glad to see a number of new faces. The main pre-occupation of the JRA over the last year has been with Lucy's developments in Juxon Street. Having had their plans to demolish five houses in Juxon Street and replace them with another block of single person furnished flats rejected by the Council they appealed to the Department of the Environment. The Inspector (bless his innocent heart) thought the proposals would round off that area of development and overrode both the Council and local objectives - this despite Lucy's open admission that they are now into property development. The last, forlorn hope is that they still have to prove that the underground carpark shown on their plans is feasible.

Jericho also suffered a reverse at the hands of the Council who had allowed 170 Walton Street to be turned into a hostel for elderly homeless under the care of the Simon House. They say 'no alcoholics'. They had promised that the property would be returned to domestic housing when the Borstal boys left!

The Vicar reported progress on the Canal Street Institute. Plans for the rehabilitation have been drawn up and will be presented to the Council in July. Meanwhile volunteers have already started the great clean-up so, if you want to see a real community centre in Jericho come and join them.

An appeal was also made for an editor to get the Jericho Echo back in circulation. Thank you Carole Guberman.

The committee of the J.R.A. then resigned pending new elections. Five members have retired completely, notably Maurice Marchbanks who was Secretary for so many years. The ill health of both himself and his wife made it impossible for him to carry on. We shall miss him but are truly grateful for his long and faithful service to Jericho. Sarah Strawson fortunately has agreed to serve in a co-opted capacity.

The new committee comprises:
Edwin Ardener - Chairman
Christine Cowham - Secretary/Treasurer
Jan Needle - Planning Applications
Sally Foord-Kelcey, Carole Guberman (editor Jericho Echo), Geoffrey Gum
Wendy Matthews, Auriol Milford, Dan Tarzey, Jane Turner, Father Wright
Co-opted members: Cynthia Bates, Sue Hearne, Brian Nutt, David Short, George Slack, Phyllis Starkey, Sarah Strawson.

Financial Report.

The J.R.A. account stands at £17.56.

1981/82		£
Brought forward	£5.13	Rent 1981- Feb.1982 17.89
Collection AGM	£12.37	Post & publicity 5.00
1981		
J.R.A. Stall		
June Fair	£12.13	£22.89
J.R.A. Stall		
Jericho	£6.26	
JRA stall June		
Fair	£4.56	
	£40.45p	
Balance	£17.56	

The Committee thank the efforts of everyone who has contributed so generously to the Residents' Association stalls. This money goes back into the community in the shape of rent for the use of a committee room in the Institute.

Christine Cowham

JERICHO FISH SCHEME

There are some thirty "Fish" and "Good Neighbour" Schemes in and around Oxford. The first was started in Headington twenty-one years ago.

They are groups of people who offer friendly, practical, short-term help to the sick and disabled, the elderly, mothers with young children, people living alone and newcomers to their neighbourhood. They may be able to help by shopping, fetching prescriptions, transporting, minding children, or visiting and by doing various odd jobs.

In spite of all the good neighbourliness in Jericho Fish Scheme volunteers still find many needs that they can help to meet in emergencies or in cases that might otherwise escape notice.

If ever you need such assistance, or know of anyone who might, - or if you would like to offer help to someone living in your neighbourhood if need arises of which you otherwise might not know, - do not hesitate to get in touch. The main "contacts" in Jericho are:

Robin Whitworth. 9 Richmond Road, Tel:50147
Mrs. Caroline Heyns.28 Great Clarendon St.,
Tel: 511427
Mrs. Muriel Hunt. 47 Cardigan Street,
Tel: 511836.
Father Wright. 15 St. Barnabas Street,
Tel: 57530.

You may wonder why these Good Neighbour Schemes adopted this name. The Fish was used by early Christians as a sign to help them discover and keep in touch with one another in ancient Rome. More recently it has come to be used as a symbol of Good Neighbourliness in general.

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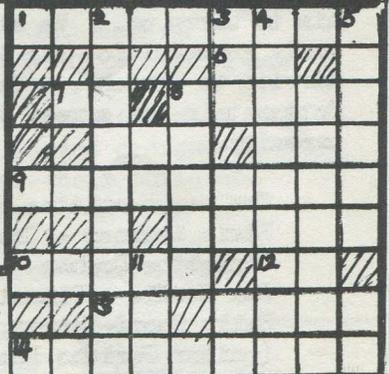
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 6. Useless? Not fair to an ally (2)
 7. That is (2)
 8. Say but not so (5)
 9. Centre for summer sport
 10. Gang march (5)
 12. Side opposite outside (2)
 14. There, there not here (9)
- DOWN
2. Greedy loves (9)
 3. Wordless song when full fed (3)
 4. Spanish slipper Save 50 on it (9)
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