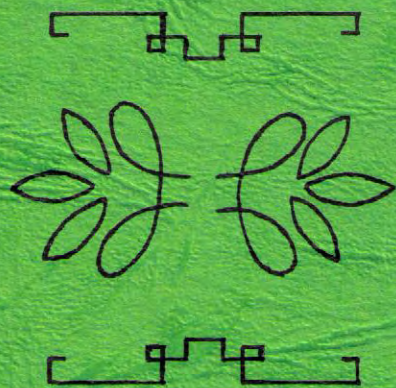


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THE MACCLESFIELD COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER: THIRTEEN YEARS ON -
A RETROSPECTIVE VIEW

Over the years the newsletter has had several problems but with the support of many people we have been able to overcome them. Our thanks must go to both the Meadows and Mount Barker Councils, all our local Councillors, Arthur Edmonds, David Cheek and of course, Patrick Secker. Also to the Macclesfield War Memorial Community Association, the Macclesfield Primary School and its Headmasters, Mr Stocco, Mr P. Hardy and Mr J. Johns, and to the various local clubs and organizations with the Macclesfield Community for their generous donations.

All work for the newsletter is voluntary and it is aided financially through donations from the public and local organizations who sponsor particular pages or advertisements. Typing and printing is shared by the Committee and is determined at each meeting. At times we have found it necessary to censor, alter or delete some of the business for printing to avoid public embarrassment. The newsletter is published fortnightly on a Thursday.

The newsletter was 'Born' after Betty White happened to show Rhonda Davis another town's newsletter, Rhonda then approached the Macclesfield School Welfare Club with the idea and as a consequence a sub-committee was formed. First members were Rhonda Davis, Erica Calaby, Judy Cooper and Terri Anderson. With the help of Mr Stocco (paper supplies and use of the schools spirit duplicator) the first three page newsletter was published on August 8, 1977. This was a good learning experience for Rhonda as she had never typed a stencil before and it took her more than an hour to type the first stencil.

Here are some of the many milestones in the newsletter's history. By November 1977 we were using the school's ink duplicator to print the newsletter which had increased in size to 5 pages. Number of copies being printed was 130 until October, 1978 when the number increased to 150. In December, 1978 the first cover was attached, designed by Colin Arnold and sponsored firstly by the Flaxley-Macclesfield Cricket Club and then the Macclesfield Football club; after this the newsletter absorbed the cost of the cover. With the assistance of Mr Stocco, the Primary School, a \$400.00 grant from the Meadows Council and a \$50.00 loan from Heather Daniels, we were able to purchase a Roneo 475 manual duplicator in October, 1979. In February, 1980 we were informed we would not be eligible for further grants if we were still within the education system, so, at the Welfare Club Annual General meeting we disassociated from them and became a Committee in our own right. Further assistance from grants, ward allowances and donations have enabled us to purchase two Adler manual typewriters and a long carriage typewriter in June, 1980, a storage cupboard also in 1980, and an IBM golfball electric typewriter in July, 1983, also funds for the maintenance and servicing of equipment. In June, 1986 we were loaned a Royal Litton electric typewriter from Redwood Trading Company which was surplus to their needs as they had updated their office equipment. This typewriter became the property of the newsletter this year. In May, 1988 our duplicator broke down in the middle of printing, needing major repairs (finished newsletter at the school). After much discussion on the feasibility of changing to photocopying, we found that it would be too expensive. Because the school did not use their Roneo 750 and had been unable to sell it, this was donated to the newsletter. Also donated to us has been a second hand photocopier from Bob

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Upton in 1989. However due to expensive repairs it was not suitable for our use. Currently on loan to us from Mr David Barber is an electric Roneo 750 and a long carriage typewriter. After a few teething problems with the duplicator due to the differences in ink types (cannot be mixed) we found that the drums of the two 750's were interchangeable. This has been fortuitous as the 475 has again needed servicing and repairs. David has also helped us with general printing tips and finding another supply of quality paper.

Speaking of paper the newsletter has certainly been up and down in quantity and quality. From the first 130 copy, three page newsletter in 1977 to 150 copies in October, 1978. This increased again by June 1979 to 170 copies. By December, 1980 the number was the same but the size had increased. A twelve page edition of 170 cost approximately \$8.94 or \$214.56 yearly to produce, a fourteen page edition cost \$10.12 or \$242.88 yearly. 1981 saw another increase to 180 copies of the newsletter each fortnight. Stationery used for the 1980 year was : white A4 (45), yellow (8), green (20), 6 tubes of ink, 2 boxes of stencils and 10 reams of white foolscap. Two increases in numbers occurred in 1982, in February 190 copies were printed and by May this moved to 200 copies per fortnight. Quite a lot of private printing was done throughout the year as well which brought a big increase in the amount of stationery used: white A4 (65), yellow (14), green (18), pink (9), blue (2), 7 boxes of stencils, 10 tubes of ink, 12 boxes of staples and 2 bottles of correcting fluid. 1983 saw another increase to 215 copies but less stationery was used as not as much private printing was done. white A4 (41), yellow (18), green (5-1/2), pink (5-1/2), blue (5-1/2) and 3 boxes of stencils, cost of paper was white \$3.78 and coloured \$4.20 per ream. February, 1984 saw 220 being printed which did not change until June, 1985 when it went up to 225 copies. This fell to 210 by November, 1985. In March, 1986 it again increased to 215 copies and then again fell to 205 copies in July. In 1987 we were unable to purchase our paper through the school and we found that the usual type of duplicating paper was not available and we had to buy mainly photocopying paper which was not really suitable as the ink did not dry as quickly on the paper and smudged which made reading the newsletter difficult. By 1988 the cost of a ream of white A4 was \$6.75 and coloured A4 \$12 a ream which meant that we could only afford to use the colour for the covers. Numbers stabilised for a couple of years until in 1989 180 copies were being printed, this has again increased to 191 copies in March this year, average size being between ten and twelve pages, this has again increased in quantity and at this time 195 copies are published. In 1989 a tube of ink was \$25.00. Prices of paper in 1990 have been white A4 \$12.24 or if 10 to 20 reams are ordered \$9.18, coloured \$13.92 and if 10 to 20 reams are ordered \$10.20. A box of 50 stencils is \$32.10. The new type of paper is called Burnie Bond.

A story or drawing competition was held for the newsletter's birthday every year between 1978 to 1987 except for the 1986 year when the town celebrated the State's 150th Jubilee year and the first Macclesfield 'Olde Worlde Fayre'. Winners were presented during the first few years with either books or book vouchers and in latter years with an inscribed trophy. Presenters have been : 1978 Mrs N. Bartrum, 1979 Mrs H. Peterson (President School Welfare Club), 1980 Mr and Mrs David Cheek (Local Councillor and wife), 1981 Mrs Kath Warthold (On the Grapevine writer), 1982 Mr Patrick Secker (Local Councillor), 1983 Mr Bruce Driver (Principal Education Officer), 1984 Mr Colin Matchoss (local identity), 1985 Mrs Nicki

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Downer (wife of Federal M.P.) and in 1987 were presented by the judges. All the competitors and judges involved in the competition over the years - too numerous to mention individually - are to be congratulated; first for the quality and originality of their entries and second for a daunting task well done. The 12th Birthday Adult Quiz Competition, held in 1989 and judged by the Committee was won by Paul Davis, his prize a \$10.00 food voucher from the Macclesfield Takeaway.

Feature writers and artists have contributed greatly to our newsletter. "Gems of Macclesfield" was the earliest item which was first done by Sally Simmons from 1977 to 1978 then by Terri Anderson until 1980. Other pages or contributions have been the Children's stories, "Kiddies Korner" and lastly from 1983 to 1990 the Children's page done by Joan Ramsdale. Early 'Handy House Hints' were submitted by Faye Davis, then Doris Handke and from 1981 by Betty Wyatt. Who could forget our "On the Grapevine" lady Kath Warthold. The first "Grapevine" appeared on September 22, 1980 and Kath kept the community up to date and entertained through her column; she had the ability of translating a few given lines into something interesting and made delightful reading for us all, she was often likened to a magician by producing a column out of nothing even when news was short coming in. Kath never failed to produce at least one page and would often end off with an Irish joke. Sadly Kath's last column was on July 1 1986 due to her serious illness and she passed away in October 1986. She will always be missed. The "Bush Telegraph" (for teenagers) was written by Jacquie Irvine from December 6, 1982 to August 7, 1984. Also begun during this time was the "A Mac on the Track" column submitted by the Macclesfield Football Club which first appeared on April 12, 1983. In 1986 "Mac" was joined by "A View from the Hill" and "Overheard" and these continued until the end of the 1987 football season. Other features have been the tennis news by "Love-All" from October 23, 1984 to March 5, 1985. "Love-All" was also known as "The Rainmaker" or alias "Uncle Roger" who had filled in for Kath's column occasionally. "Uncle R" was also connected with the Outreach Service page and would assist us whenever approached. Another periodical page has been the "Greenfingers" column by Glen Kelly of the Macclesfield Nursery from July 1, 1986 to April, 1988. Our little snippets of history named "Glimpses of the Past" have come from Betty White since 1983. Current columns include the "Chatterbox" started in March, 1987 and "Bets Bits" by Betty Wyatt which started in March, 1988. Betty has also been our main cover designer since March 1988. The new Business Directory began in June, 1989 and the Useful Information page started in October, 1989. The fortnightly school news and the interesting contributions from the children are a welcome addition. The reports received from the various community groups and sporting bodies keep the residents up to date with community activities.

Our first cover was drawn by Colin Arnold who then did them for numerous years, his pictures being of historical interest in Macclesfield. Other artists include Rose Unwin, Bill and David Taylor and Ken Bryant. In 1983 Grant Schofield took over as our main cover designer until he left to take up his teaching appointment in 1987. We have also featured some of the winners of our birthday competitions and some other designs from school children. Various members of the committee have also "tried their hand" at designing covers and advertisements or cartoons in the newsletter over the years. Two other people who have assisted us by photocopying covers have been Laurie Wendleborn and Craig Lomman.

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Our committee have always tried to be innovative and try new ideas, some have worked and some not. We have started two diaries over the years, one to keep a list of the functions in Macclesfield and one for birthdays and Anniversaries with the public co-operating by placing their dates in the box at the shop. The latter has worked more successfully. We have also tried to recycle the newsletter in 1982 due to the rising costs. In 1983 the committee catered for an auction at Lou Moreau's in an endeavour to raise money for the Newsletter making a profit of \$165.24.

Credit must go to Rhonda Davis who instigated the newsletter and was a member of the committee from 1977 to 1985 in varying capacities. Although not currently on the committee Rhonda still keeps an interest by 'caretaking' all the copies of the newsletter. Mention must also be made of Maxine Taylor who was our President from 1979 to 1987 and steered us through some difficult times, printing of the newsletter was done at her home during most of these years. Maxine always made us welcome and provided many cups of coffee, tea and lunches, if we were running late with the printing, she also did a lot of private printing which helped our finances considerably.

Various members of the committee have 'baby sat' pieces of our equipment or provided a meal or pavlovas while we were duplicating the newsletter and although members have changed over the years we have enjoyed a happy camaraderie and this shows in the achievements we have had. In 1988 we changed our printing day from Monday to Thursday and this year the committee divided into two groups to alleviate the work load, we also acquired a post office box (242) so that our address would not have to be altered if the committee changed. We hope that the Macclesfield Community Newsletter will be with you for many years to come.

Committee members are listed with their years of service :

Rhonda Davis - Founder July 1977 to 1985, Erica Calaby 1977, Judy Cooper 1977, Terri Anderson 1977 to 1979, Sally Simmons 1978, Maxine Taylor 1978 to 1987, Kay Bowey 1978, Sue Schneemilch 1979 to 1990, Maureen Richardson 1979 to 1981, Helen Daniels 1979, A.B. Davis (Gus) 1980, Noreen Wendleborn 1980 to 1982, Lynne Pridham 1980 to 1985, Judy Ryan 1980, Betty Wyatt 1981 and 1990, Cheryl Hopgood (now Gillies) 1981 to 1990, Cheryl Chapman (now Milton) 1982, Pat Frances 1982, Julie Burdett 1983 to 1987, Wendy Giles 1983 and 1988, Michelle Haywood February 1983 to March 1983, Fienny Pope 1983 to 1987, Pam Hoffrichter 1985 and 1986 (assisted with printing two years before joining committee), Jane Lomman 1985 to 1990, Maralyn Jarred 1987, Rae Werner 1987, Maria Ferguson 1988 to April 1989, Nicki Howard 1988, Gail Astbury 1988, Doris Handke 1989 and 1990. Liz Holden 1989 and 1990, Betty White 1989 and 1990, Judy Nolan 1990.

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Secretary	Liz Holden	
Treasurer	Jane Lomman	
Committee	Sue Schneemilch	Betty Wyatt,
	Betty White	Judy Nolan.

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