



What's doing in Kew FOR MAY

- Thurs. 1
 2 Kew Chess Club - 7.30 p.m., Auxiliary Room, Kew Civic Centre, Charles Street, Kew. (Contact 80 3138.)
 3 Overton Fete - 11 a.m.
 Parish Dance - 8 p.m. - organised by Choir & Tennis Club of Uniting Church, East Kew.
- Sun. 4 OPEN MAYOR'S ROOM - 10 a.m.
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 7 Guide Dog Toastmasters Club - 7.30 p.m. - Conference Room, National Guide Dog Centre, Chandler H'way, Kew (contact 861 8271).
 Kew Branch A.L.P. - 8 p.m., 40 Stawell St., Kew - contact 861 8749.
 Missionary Fellowship "Musical Afternoon" - 1.45 p.m. at Uniting Church, East Kew.
- 8 Kooyong F.E.A. Australian Labour Party - Foley Memorial Lecture - Speaker Don Dunstan - Kew High School, Community Theatre, 8 p.m. Admission free - contact 861 8749.
 Kew Citizens Association - at East Kew Uniting Church Hall, Normanby Road, at 8 p.m.
 Save the Children Fund Meeting at 10.15 a.m. in Auxiliary Room, Civic Centre, Charles St., Kew.
- 9 Kew Chess Club - 7.30 p.m. Auxiliary Room, Kew Civic Centre, Charles St., Kew - contact 80 3138.
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 Sun. 11
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 14 Missionary Fellowship - 8 p.m. - "Life in Kuala Lumpur" at Uniting Church, East Kew.
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 16 Kew Chess Club - 7.30 p.m., Auxiliary Room, Kew Civic Centre, Charles Street, Kew. Contact 80 3138.
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- Sun. 18
 19 The Fellowship & Rowan Club - 8 p.m. Rev. & Mrs. G. Fairservice at Uniting Church, East Kew.
 20 Uniting Service arranged by E.K.I.C.C. at Uniting Church, East Kew.
 OPEN COUNCIL - 8 p.m. All welcome.
 21 Guide Dog Toastmasters Club - 7.30 p.m. Conference Room, National Guide Dog Centre, Chandler H'way. Contact 861 8271.
 Ladies Guild - 1.30 p.m. - Speaker from World Evangelism Conference at Uniting Church, East Kew.
 22 Save the Children fund raising morning - Donation \$1, includes morning tea and will be held at St. Paul's Church, Windella Ave., at 10.15 a.m. - cooking demonstration by "Carnation Milk".
 23 Kew Chess Club - 7.30 p.m. Auxiliary Room, Kew Civic Centre, Charles St., Kew. Contact 80 3138.
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 27 Rheumatism & Arthritis Association of Victoria - Self Help Group - 10.30 a.m. Auxiliary Room, Kew Civic Centre, Charles St., Kew.
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 29 Kew Philharmonic Orchestra Concert - 8 p.m. Contact 29 4697.
 30 Kew Chess Club - 7.30 p.m. Auxiliary Room, Kew Civic Centre, Charles St., Kew. Contact 80 3138.
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50 YEARS Half a century



HALF A CENTURY OF SERVICE - THE BABY HEALTH CENTRE, PEEL STREET
 by Elizabeth Mackie (Kew Historical Society)

On Saturday, 21st June, 1980 the Baby Health Centre at Peel Street will hold a celebration and re-inactment of the founding of the Centre 50 years ago.

The history of post-natal child care in Kew goes back to November 11th, 1919, when a deputation waited on Council to ask for a Baby Health Centre in Kew. A room in the Town Hall was set aside for the purpose and Sister Barnard was appointed, and commenced her duties on November 5th, 1920. Later her place was taken by Sister Turner who retired over 45 years later, a well-known adviser to the mothers of Kew.

Kew is a wide area and to accommodate the mothers in the district of East Kew, the Council opened another Centre in Strathalbyn Street, which was officially opened by the Countess of Stradbroke, O.B.E., on December 16th, 1925.

A third Centre at North Kew was also planned and a house at 50 Willsmere Road was leased for the purpose. Later the Council erected a new building in Peel Street, and the cost of construction was 1,240 Pounds.

In 1939 the Council built another Centre at Denmark Street and the service at the Town Hall was discontinued. In all these Centres Committees of ladies engaged in social events

and fund raising in order to furnish the Centres and helped to supervise their management, giving valuable support and service from the community.

Statistics will show the great decline in infant mortality rate since 1919, due in great measure to the principles of care, hygiene, diet, identification of illness and general nurture of the mother and child in the Baby Health Centres of Kew. There are fashions in child upbringing - The Truby King Method, Dr. Spock and many others, but the basic good care taught in the Centres has encouraged and given confidence to many young mothers uncertain how to look after their first baby. Tribute must be paid to the excellent nursing staff of the Centres, many of whom have stayed for long periods of service and seen generations of children grow up.

Sister Costello is at present at the Peel Street Baby Health Centre and has been there 2 years. Many mothers of Kew will remember Sister Bewshes who was at Peel Street for 15 years, before transferring to Denmark Street. She has only recently retired.

In concluding this tribute, we would like to say "Well done" to the Kew Council and the nursing staff for providing this very important service to the mothers and babies of Kew over the last 50 years.

SUCCESSFUL FUN DAY AT KEW

It was all fun and games at the recent community get-together organized by the Kew Citizens Association. Even an overcast sky, a cool breeze and intermittent showers did not prevent some four hundred people from turning up at Victoria Park to socialise with their neighbours and have fun.

For the children, there were treasure hunts, foot races, sack races and to fill in time between the organized activities, the Kew Council provided a selection of Life-be-in-it Games. Add to this, appearances by the B.P. 'Smurf' and the 'Wombles', courtesy of the Actors Theatre in Richmond, and it's not hard to see why a great time was had by all.

The President of the Kew Citizens Association, Mr. Grant Archibald, was enthusiastic about the success of the afternoon. "The main purpose of the Fun Day was to encourage families to meet with other families from the neighbourhood and generally have a good time. I believe that these aims were achieved and hopefully we can organize similar get-togethers on a regular basis".

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

Kew— Hawthorn Citizens Advice Bureau, City Hall, Cotham Rd., Kew - Phone 861 5244.

Open Monday — Friday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday Evening — 7.30 to 9 p.m.
Free Legal Service and Help.

The Kew-Hawthorn Citizens Advice Bureau is a community based information and referral service. **ALL HELP AND INFORMATION IS FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL.** The Bureau is staffed by honorary volunteers who have been specially trained. Any person wishing to train as a volunteer can receive further information by contacting the Bureau.

OVERTON

In the middle years of this century, Methodist people in Victoria were concerned that although the church had excellent homes for babies and children, little had been done for the care of the aged (apart from small homes administered by the Central Mission). When the Conference decided to take action, the thoughts of the Home Mission Committee turned to "Overton", 19 Pakington Street, Kew, an old mansion purchased for development as a Home Missionaries' Training College with the thank offering of the Home Mission Jubilee. Before it could be prepared for this purpose, Mr. Howard Berry offered his family home "Otua" at a gift price, feeling that it would be more suitable and in 1925 the College in Walpole Street was opened. "Overton" was let, some sections of the land being sold and from time to time consideration was given as to the best use of the building.

The offer of the Home Mission Department to commence geriatric care was accepted by the 1954 Conference and plans were prepared for the old home to be renovated, although it had strict limitations and had fallen into disrepair. Under the Aged Persons Homes Act, the Federal Government made a grant of 20,000 Pounds, the cheque being presented by the Prime Minister, Hon. R.G. Menzies, at a gathering in the Highbury Grove Church, this being the first of many such grants to church and charitable institutions. This, together with an unexpected legacy of 46,000 Pounds made possible the demolition of the old house and the construction of the present building which was opened by Sir Dallas Brooks in July, 1956, Professor Norman Lade being President of the Conference. Since then, loving care has been given to many aged people, including returned ministers and home and overseas missionary workers.

KEW PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY

Concerts this year will be held on Thursdays - the dates being May 29th, September 18th and November 27th, commencing at 8 p.m. in the Kew City Hall.

The Soloist on May 29th will be Pam Bloom in Mozart's Clarinet Concerto. The orchestra, conducted by Melvyn Cann, will also present the King Stephen Overture by Beethoven, the Unfinished Symphony by Schubert and Finlandia by Sibelius.

Tickets will be obtainable at the door. Adults \$2.50, Pensioners and Students \$1.00, Children under 12 years, accompanied by an adult are admitted free. Party bookings can be arranged.

An annual subscription of \$7.50 entitles the member to two tickets for each of the three subscription concerts. Subscriptions may be paid at the door or forwarded to the Secretary - Mavis Washfold, 59 Radnor St., Camberwell - Phone 29 4697.

KEW FESTIVAL COMPETITIONS

by Marshall Inman

The Melbourne Bridge Centre agreed to take part in the recent Kew Festival by holding a Contract Bridge Championship Contest.

The event was organised as a Pairs event attracting players from clubs at Frankston, Glen Waverley, Yarra Valley, Brighton, Geelong, Toorak and the Bridge Headquarters at Prahran.

Players of all ranks participated including Life Masters, National Masters, State Masters and other somewhat lesser mortals.

We are glad to announce that two members of our own centre (both State Masters) just managed to beat the cut off to progress into the Final. It was an exciting contest. They led almost throughout except for a short lapse midway but came on strongly to take the title.

Mayor, Councillor Cole has promised two engraved cups to commemorate the event.

The winners were Mrs. Margaret Sully of Camberwell partnered by Mrs. Peg Halkyard of Ivanhoe. Second place went to Mr. Richard Kahn partnered by Miss R. Northrop, both members of the Prahran Club.

For further information on the Melbourne Contract Bridge Centre please contact Marshall Inman on 862 1449.

At first, all the residents were ambulatory although there was a hospital wing with six beds for the temporarily indisposed. The furnishing and equipment of this section being donated by the Women's Home Mission League in memory of a loved President, Mrs. Robert Williams. "Overton" was originally a hostel, but needs change, and the middle wing has been taken for nursing home beds, with plans to construct a new section to accommodate 23 confused elderly patients.

The home has been ably administered since 1964 by Rev. W.J. Johnson who recently retired and now, with other homes in the Moorfields Community it has come under the sponsorship of Bourke Presbytery.

After twenty-five years, modern improvements are needed and the Matron recently called a meeting to discuss the possibility of a fair. The present ceiling lights are not adequate for those residents whose sight is deteriorating and financial help is needed to provide a new system of lighting.

Those present agreed to organise a fair for this purpose to be held at the home on Saturday, May 3rd, from 11.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. Cakes, sweets, work, plants, art, craft and new clothing will be on sale and afternoon tea will be available.

Gifts for the stalls and offers of help will be gladly received at the home, and it is hoped that friends of "Overton" will rally round and give publicity in their churches and Uniting Church Fellowship groups.

COUNCIL NEWS

MAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

The City of Kew will be conducting recreation programmes during the May School Holidays from the 12th May to the 23rd May, 1980. For further information, please contact Peter Butler, Municipal Recreation Officer on 861 6292.

PLAYCENTRE:

This centre will be open from 8.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Staff will be in attendance between these times for supervision of children, with an activity programme being conducted from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (lunch 12 - 1 p.m. - bring own lunch). Parents who wish their children to be supervised for hours outside 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. can ensure that this occurs by speaking to the Supervisor when they bring their child on the first day of attendance. An indemnity form must be completed, (one for each child attending), and handed to the Supervisor on the first day the child attends the centre.

FEE: 75 cents a day Activity Programme (10 a.m. - 4 p.m.)
\$1.50 a day All Day Care (8.30 a.m. - 5 p.m.)
\$2.50 Maximum Charge Per Family Per Day

VENUE: East Kew Primary School, Kitchener Street, East Kew
From 12th to 23rd May.

SPORTS COACHING

KEW TENNIS CLUB:

Monday 12th May and Monday 19th May from 10 a.m. onwards at Victoria Park. (Lunch will be provided by the Club for those wishing to attend). (Please provide own equipment if possible).

TEENAGE DROP-IN CENTRE — SACRED HEART SCHOOL HALL

VENUE: Corner of Cotham Road and Glenferrie Road, Kew.

Programme runs — Monday 12th to Friday 16th May (10 a.m. - 4 p.m.) Activities will include: Snooker - Table Tennis - Pinball Machines - Various Games - Arts and Crafts - Leaders to help organize activities.

Admission 40 cents daily

Age Group 10 — 16 years

FILMS

The following films will be screened at the Kew High School Theatre (High Street, East Kew), from 1 p.m. — 3 p.m. on Wednesday's 14th and 21st May.

14th Echo of the Badlands and The Battle of Billy's Pond
21st Where's Johnny and The Johnstown Monster

Admission 50 cents at the Door.

KEW TRAFFIC SCHOOL

The Kew Traffic School (Grange Road, Kew) will be open from Monday 12th to Friday 23rd May, 1980, from 12.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. (this does not include the weekend).

The Traffic School will be open as a drop-in centre for children to come and use its facilities. **THIS IS NOT A CARE CENTRE**, therefore children will be allowed to come and go as they please.

Some bikes will be available for those children who are not able to bring their own.

Entrance Fee: 20 cents daily.

NEW GAMES TRAILER

A mobile New Games Trailer will be travelling to all parks in Kew from Monday 12th to Friday 23rd May — for exact details please see the Holiday Programme details in the local paper or at the Municipal Offices at the Library.

TODDLER PLAY GROUPS — THE UNITING CHURCH OF KEW

The Uniting Church of Kew will offer Toddler Play Groups at 23 Highbury Grove, Kew — these will take the form of extended Playgroups for up to 10 year olds. Mothers are expected to stay with their children.

MONDAY 12th May and 19th May
WEDNESDAY 14th May and 21st May from 10.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.
FRIDAY 16th May and 23rd May

Admission - 20 cents daily — Please bring own lunch.

WHERE TO PICK UP YOUR KEWRIOUSITY SHEET

Copies of the Kewriosity Sheet may be picked up at the following further locations:

Kew and East Kew Bowling Clubs.

Milk Bar - Cnr. Edgevale Rd. & Wellington Street.

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"Face On", Strathalbyn St., East Kew.