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Notices

The next meeting will be held on Saturday 24th February at the Montem School Annexe from 3pm to 5pm. The Annexe is situated on Hornsey Ready Holloway, London N.7. There will be a committee meeting at 2pm as usual.

Have you paid your subscription yet? Only £2 should be sent to John Hutcherson at the above address. You have until April, and it's not much to pay - just over a half-penny a day!

A date for your diary: the next Festival will be held on 27th October 1979. Further details will be published when they are available.

News

First membership news: I'm sure we all send our sympathy to Mr. Albert Crook, whose wife died two days before Christmas.

New members:

Steve Turner, 1 Harold Street, Failsworth, Manchester M35 0AQ.  
My apologies to Steve for not putting his name and address in the last issue, and who thought he had had his subscription lost in the post.

Keith Higham, 21 Rosemary Crescent, Bottling Wood, Wigan.

Mr. R. Brown, 111 Fordel Road, Catford, London SE6 1XT.

And a change of address for Alf Edwards, who is now at

St. Bernards Nursing Home, 8 Mill Road, Worthing, W. Sussex.

Now for events:

The Yorkshire Concertina Festival has been postponed until the autumn for lack of a suitable venue. I will publish more details when I receive them.

For those who are interested, there will be an early music weekend at Pendley, Tring, Herts on March 23-25th. This will deal with music of the Commonwealth and Restoration periods. I work that out to be from about 1650-1700. Further Details from the Workers Music Association, 236 Westbourne Park Road, London W11, 01-727 7005.

You may remember my mentioning a World Concertina Convention to be held in this country to celebrate 150 years since Wheatstone patented the concertina. I regret I have no dates for this at present, but here is a rundown on the present situation: it was proposed that Neil Wayne organise the British end of this event. Unfortunately, he is unable to do this. However, Mr. Nixon, a new recruit to the ICA and the committee, has undertaken to help. He has connections with the Musicians Union, and hopes to use these connections as well as he can to help us organise the convention. That was the situation up to the AGM. I will, of course, keep you informed as I receive more information.

Other news:

Arthur Mills has sent me a cutting from his local paper about a stolen concertina. There are no details about the type of 'tina, only that it was in a square, brown leather case, and it was stolen along with a gold watch from an address in Beckenham. A reward is offered.

Arthur Clements has sent me a newspaper cutting about John Timpany, who is starting to make concertinas under the name 'Shire'. I have mentioned him before, but no one knows about the quality of his work. Mr. Clements says that he will be paying a visit as soon as it is convenient, so I look forward to hearing from him, and Mr. Timpany's concertinas.

Finally, a 'cri de coeur from Eileen Jones of 46 Mercia Way, Warwick, CV34 4QB. She plays with a small group at the local college, and is having trouble with syncopated rhythms. Can any one give her a crash course of lessons in this type of music? If she has to travel, all

she needs is somewhere to park her Dormobile, and she can sleep in that. Eileen is also trying to form a local branch of the ICA. She has advertised in the local paper, but has had no response. I know I have mentioned this before, but I feel it is worth mentioning again.

#### Annual General Meeting

This was held on Saturday 27th January at the Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London. The meeting started a bit later than advertised, but the number of people there was about average. Accompanying this Newsletter, you will find a balance sheet, which shows a slight excess of income over expenditure for last year. Because of the lack of nominations, all the present members of the committee were re-elected on nominations from the floor, and Mr. Nixon was voted on to the committee as well. He is full of ideas and energy, and I hope he will be able to serve the ICA for many years to come.

A full account of the AGM will be published in the Newsletter when Jim Harvey has transcribed the tape he made of the proceedings. I know from experience that this is a hard task, so please do not be too impatient.

#### Editorial Pleading

I know this might be getting repetitious, but do not forget that all I really do is assemble and type what you send me. I know I do not reply to letters very often, but I still depend on you to provide the meat of the Newsletter, so let me know what is happening in the various local groups, such as Yorks, Newcastle, Lancs & Merseyside; scan your local papers for any items that might be of interest, and send me the cuttings. Even if it doesn't appear in the next Newsletter, it is not thrown away, but kept either to fill a space when available, or it goes into my file, to be passed on to the next editor. Every editor of a newspaper or newsletter needs a stock of these bits and pieces, as I am sure one or two members can confirm.

Finally, thanks again to all my contributors, and if you are still looking for a New Year's Resolution which it isn't too difficult to keep, why not decide to become one of the growing number of contributors.

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