

ADGE CUTLER AND THE WURZELS FAN CLUB

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NEWSLETTER

Dear *Norah*,

I hope you all enjoyed reading about 'the only Scottish Wurzel in the world', in last months newsletter. Well, this month it is the turn of Reg Quantrill. As I have mentioned before Reg is extremely interested in the banjo, and it was this instrument that started Reg off on his musical career. When he was sixteen years old he taught himself to play the banjo, and it was n't long before his playing gained him his first job, with the Crane River Jazz Band.

At this time Reg formed the very successful Bristol Jazz Club.

Many of Reg's relations have been entertainers. His grandfather Eddie Que, was well known in the West Country as a comedian. Perhaps that is where Reg gets his sense of humour from.

After leaving his first job, he joined various London Jazz Bands before he formed his own band, which proved to be very successful. Reg ran this Band for many years until he joined up with Adge in 1966 to become one of the Wurzels.

Reg is also well known in the music business for his skill in building banjo's.

Some of you have probably heard stories about Adge's Wurzel Stick being stolen. I asked the boys to tell me something about this incident, and this is what they told me.

Adge and the Wurzels had been doing a performance in London, and decided to stop over-night, all except Reg that is, he decided to return home to Bristol. Adge and the boys went to a jazz show at 100 Oxford Street, and parked the Humber, containing their equipment outside the premises. In the early hours of the morning the theft of the car was discovered and reported to the police. An accordion, a bass amplifier, the famous Wurzel Stick, and Wurzel gear were among the things stolen with the car. Nothing was reported about the missing car until three months later, when it was discovered abandoned at Finchley. The equipment left in the car was never found. The Wurzel Stick in this case was the original one which was insured for up to £100. Since then Adge has had as many as twelve Wurzel Sticks made for him, by Roly Ansell, of 'Couldn't Spell @+&' fame.

As many of you are probably aware on Sunday 3rd May, the Historical Commercial Vehicle Club, held their rally from London to Brighton. I am very pleased to tell you that Adge's Coach which was entered was placed first in the class for passenger carrying vehicles of twenty seats and over.

Congratulations Adge!

The following Monday afternoon, Tommy turned out to play outside right for Easton-in-Gordano's football team. I'm sorry to say I can't offer congratulations to Tommy's team for a fine win, because they lost 11- 0 to Knowle. Tommy's comment after the match was 'they were just lucky'.

To any fans who can get to Cheltenham on the evening of May 21st, Adge and the Wurzels are appearing in concert at the Town Hall.

Here are a few more Wurzel dates for June:-

June 1st Ginos Club, Cardiff.

June 10th-13th Toll House Restaurant, Stratford-on-Avon.

June 20th Congresbury, Nr. Bristol.

June 27th Thornbury, Glos.

There will probably be additions to this list later on.

Each month I am going to send you the words to one of Adge and the Wurzels songs. If there is any particular song that you would like the words to, please let me know.

Before I end this news-letter I must mention a very important date this month, May 25th - Tony Baylis's birthday. I'd be pleased to pass on to him any birthday cards that you might like to send.

That is all for this month,

My best wishes

Pat