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Drinker'
'Morning Glory'
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Dudley Russell, by arrangement with John Miles
presents for
Dolphin Concert Productions

the Wurzels Show

with Dave Butler,
The Sailmakers
and Best of British

March 1977

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THE WURZELS will sing a selection from the following songs, and more.

Combine harvester
I am a cider drinker
Champion dung-spreader
Shepton Mallet matador
Pheasant plucker
Drink, drink thy zider up!
Morning glory
Blackbird
Don't tell oi! Tell 'ee!
Tenderness
Market gardener
Who needs summer
Crab Apple hill
Middle for diddle
Let there not be light
I'm the captain of a dredger
Somerset born and proud
Down in Nempnett Thrubwell



The West Country sound has arrived in the strange shape of the WURZELS. Pete Budd's catch phrase of barely suppressed lechery "Ooh Aaaarh", has become a national catch phrase, and the West's image to the outside world has been confirmed. The Wurzels have done very nicely, thank you, by showing us cider-swilling, grasping creatures endowed with an idiot cunning, the super Country Bumpkins. Not that anyone minds—far from it; the Wurzels' rough ride to success has all the ingredients of Local-Lads-Made-Good, and their triumph gives a boost to their regional identity.

The Wurzels have been playing their brand of country rock for a decade, formerly under the leadership of Adge Cutler, who was killed in a car accident three years ago. As Pete Budd says, "When Adge was killed, it was so sudden we didn't know what to do. But we kept getting calls from people asking if we would be fulfilled booked gigs, so we thought we'd give it a try, and get an act together, and it turned out to be such a success we decided to keep it going. We never seriously considered giving up, but it was a terrible shock when Adge died, it was like losing a brother. He was such a character there was no way we could replace him, so we had to carry on as we were and do something a little different. Now we share the patter between us, and share the

singing, and there's a bit more musically about it now".

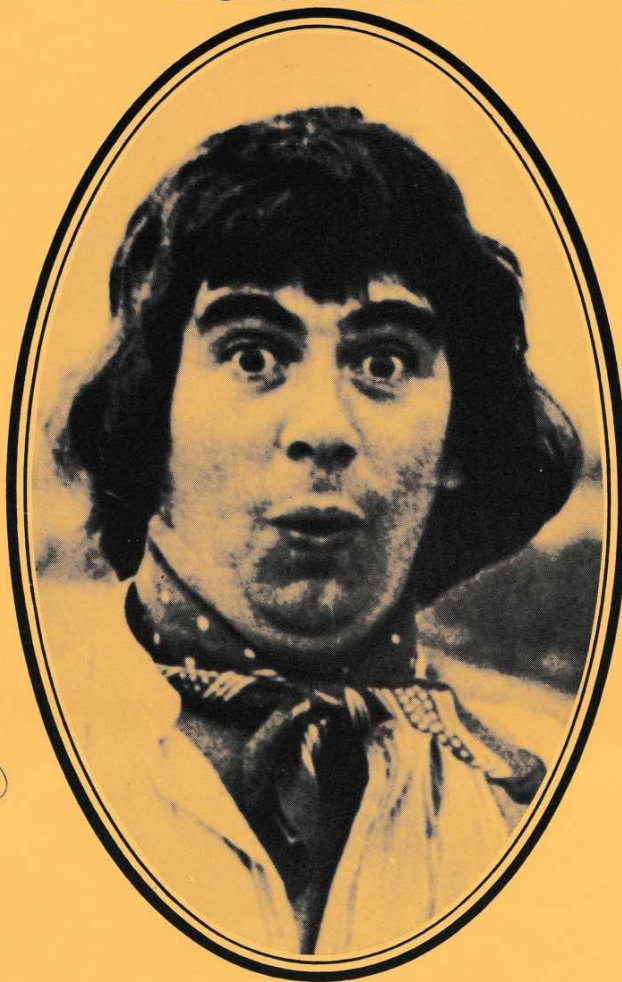
The Wurzels finally hit the jackpot with their hit, 'Combine Harvester'. As Tommy says, "We always make a record in the hope it will be a big success, but we're realistic! A chap in Ireland had put funny words to Melanie's 'Brand New Key', and we heard about it from our producer in London. Pete came up with some good ideas of his own and we released it. 'Combine Harvester' is about a country fella trying to get his hand on a wench's (wait for it) bit of land. Well, at least that's what the record implies. When we heard the demo of the record, we all fell off our chairs laughing". The familiarity of the tune and the jolly sound captured many folk's imaginations and sent the record up the charts. It made No. 1, and sold more than 380,000 copies in the UK alone—the B-side, 'Blackbird', was No. 1 in Canada.

Following up 'Combine Harvester' was a problem. The Wurzels were a bit worried about releasing another parody, but all agreed it would be the best thing. It was just a question of coming up with something funny with a recognisable tune. It happened in a single evening after the Wurzels had done a gig. The record company had sent down crates of champagne to celebrate the No. 1 with 'Combine Harvester'. They were kicking around with the tune

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Pete Budd



Pete Budd

Pete is known affectionately as 'Rose' (Budd), and is the newest member of the Wurzels. He is the only genuine West Countryman of the threesome, the band's guitar and banjo player. Although an accomplished musician who has been in the business for years, he only joined the Wurzels four years ago.

Pete is the only married member of the band, and he lives with his wife Christine and 12 year-old daughter Julie in a little village near Bristol.

Tommy Banner



Tommy has been with the Wurzels for ten years—and is the accordian, piano and organ player. Tommy was born in Penicuik, Midlothian, and speaks with a broad Scottish accent. The boys call Tommy, “the Tom Jones of the group—he’s good looking and the gals go for ‘im . . .” Fortunately for the ‘gals’ Tommy is still a bachelor. He is a sports fanatic and insists on taking all his sports equipment with him on every trip, just in case he gets the chance to play golf, football or squash.

Tony Baylis



Tony who was born in Hertford, lived in London, and now lives in Bristol, is the bass and sousaphone player of the band. He has been with the Wurzels for about eight years, and before that was a full time jazz musician. Although he seems to be the most serious member of the group, in fact he is the joker. Although, as Pete says, “most of his jokes are about 50 years old—as old as their clothes”. Like Tommy, Tony is still a bachelor, and like Pete he enjoys fishing.





of 'Una Paloma Blanca' when Pete just came out with 'When The Moon Shines On The Cowshed'—and it just went on from there. All three put bits in, and then recorded it straight away. 'Cider Drinker' rocketed up the charts, giving the group a No. 3 hit, and their second silver disc for sales over the 250,000 mark in a matter of weeks.

Their third single 'Morning Glory' sold 40,000 in the first week, just before Christmas. They were not going to release a single until early 1977, but the record company had so many demands from record shops for a Wurzels' Christmas song that they decided to go ahead. 'Morning Glory' is a change of mood for the Wurzels; however, it looks as though it is a popular mood.

The Wurzels really do drink cider, and they believe 'Zummerzet' is the only place to live. Although they have a real straw-in-the-hair image, don't be fooled into thinking they are country idiots. They are just as happy sipping chilled wine in the trendy wine bars of Bristol. However, Tommy Banner explains that he and Pete both come from "right out in the sticks", and identify strongly with the farming, yokel image that they've cultivated so strenuously. "Scrumpy and Western" is how they describe it, or 'Drink up and fall down music, not too blue, but saucy and very silly, with the sousaphone player often going berserk, especially one

Jack Hargreaves, Deputy Controller of Programmes for Southern TV, and the Wurzels' manager John Miles at the

night when he had a bit too much cider!"

One thing that amazes the Wurzels is that they have become trendsetters with their outfits. On stage they carry pitch-forks instead of electric guitars, and dress in 'fab gear' consisting of Oxford shirts, waistcoats, red neckerchiefs, and corduroy trousers. They buy their neckerchiefs at 40 pence each from Bristol. They don't spend much money on their stage costumes. Most of their clothes came from a Bristol pawn shop—and no one can remember when they last bought any! Some of their gear is around 50 years old. When asked when they would be in glitter waistcoats, Pete replied "Ooh Aaah!"

For all their success, their totally down to earth attitude, looking at the world slightly tongue-in-cheek, endears the Wurzels to so many followers throughout the country. As Pete says, "We're just going to carry on and better ourselves. We want to branch out and establish ourselves in all the farmyards throughout the world. They turned us down for Princess Anne's wedding . . . said we weren't musical enough for the job. We don't get frustrated or feel confined by this country yokel thing. On our albums we do a few nice songs just to show that we're capable of doing other things. But once we put the Wurzels gear on, we feel part of it and get carried away in the mood of it all".

Francesca Randell

presentation of a silver disc for sales in excess of 250,000 of their number one single "Combine Harvester".



Dave Butler



Dave Butler is probably best known from his appearances in the very popular TV series 'The Comedians', in which he was one of the regular cast. When the Comedians was transferred into a theatrical presentation, Dave was asked to take part in the British Tour. The show climaxed with a 5 month season at the London Palladium, where he appeared in the Royal Gala Variety Performance and was presented to Her Majesty the Queen.

Dave has appeared in summer seasons in Skegness, Clacton, Bognor Regis, Margate and Filey. Pantomime appearances have been in Chester, Ramsgate, Hull and Windsor.

He has also done several tours with Combined Services Entertainment, entertaining the troops in Cyprus, Malta, North Africa, The Persian Gulf, West Germany and Northern Ireland.

Although hailing from the West Country, Dave now lives in Blackpool where he is married with two small daughters.

Best of British

Best of British is a band of five boys. They are Micky John Bull who is the lead singer, Tim Lockyer who also provides vocals as well as playing banjo and guitar, Dave Radford on bass guitar, Pete Haile on drums, and Rod Owen on organ, piano, synthesizer and guitar. They have appeared with the Wurzels on many occasions.



The Sailmakers

The SAILMAKERS are a duo, John and Rozanne, who sing a wide variety of songs featuring banjo and guitar. The name SAILMAKERS originated from John's 12 years in the Navy.

The duo have played in many top venues in the UK, and have appeared often on television with personalities such as David Jacobs, Lois Lane, Tommy Trinder, Jasper Carrot, Hope and Keen, John Dunn and Cyril Fletcher. They have appeared many times with the Wurzels.



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The Wurzels Spring Show

March 1977

March			
Wed. 2nd	Oxford, New Theatre	Tue. 15th	Bradford, St. George's Hall
Thu. 3rd	Taunton, Odeon	Wed. 16th	Llandudno, Arcadia Theatre
Fri. 4th	Gloucester, Leisure Centre	Thu. 17th	Oakengates, Town Hall
Sun. 6th	Bournemouth, Winter Gardens	Fri. 18th	Nottingham, Playhouse
Mon. 7th	Preston, Guildhall	Sat. 19th	Lewisham, Concert Hall
Tue. 8th	Edinburgh, Usher Hall	Sun. 20th	Slough, Thames Hall
Wed. 9th	Glasgow, Kelvin Hall	Tue. 22nd	Eastbourne, Congress Theatre
Fri. 11th	Middlesborough, Town Hall	Wed. 23rd	London, New Victoria Theatre
Sat. 12th	Southport, New Theatre	Thu. 24th	Portsmouth, Guildhall
Sun. 13th	Newcastle, City Hall	Sat. 26th	Birmingham, Town Hall

Other tours to be presented by Dolphin Concert Productions during
Spring 1977 include:

Pam Ayres' first national tour:

March		April	
Sun. 20th	Bournemouth, Winter Gardens	Sun. 3rd	Bristol, Hippodrome
Fri. 25th	Manchester, Apollo Theatre	Sun. 10th	Preston, Guild Hall
Sun. 27th	Birmingham, Hippodrome	Mon. 11th	Slough, Thames Hall
Tue. 29th	Croydon, Fairfield Hall	Wed. 13th	Portsmouth, Guildhall
Wed. 30th	Eastbourne, Congress Theatre	Sat. 16th	Coventry, Coventry Theatre

French singing star **Sacha Distel** during April and May:

April		May	
Fri. 22nd	Barrow-in-Furness, Civic Hall	Sat. 21st	Wolverhampton, Civic Hall
Sat. 23rd	Preston, Guildhall	Sun. 22nd	Ashton, Tameside Theatre
Sun. 24th	Bletchley, Leisure Centre	Mon. 23rd	Glasgow, City Hall
Mon. 25th	Bradford, Alhambra Theatre	Tue. 24th	Aberdeen, Capitol Theatre
Wed. 27th	Bournemouth, Winter Gardens	Wed. 25th	Inverness, Eden Court Theatre
Fri. 29th	Eastbourne, Congress Theatre	Thu. 26th	Edinburgh, Usher Hall
Sat. 30th	Slough, Thames Hall	Fri. 27th	Bridlington, Spa Theatre
May		Sat. 28th	Cambridge, Kerridge Hall
Sun. 1st	London, Palladium	Sun. 29th	Great Yarmouth,
Fri. 20th	Croydon, Fairfield Hall		Wellington Pier Pavilion

and from America the legendary **Glenn Miller Orchestra** under the
direction of Jimmy Henderson, during May:

May			
Thu. 19th	Newcastle, City Hall	Wed. 25th	Bristol, Colston Hall
Fri. 20th	Perth, City Hall	Thu. 26th	Bournemouth, Winter Gardens
Sat. 21st	Glasgow, Kelvin Hall	Fri. 27th	Eastbourne, Congress Theatre
Sun. 22nd	Stockport, Davenport Theatre	Sat. 28th	London, Royal Festival Hall (2 shows)
Tue. 24th	Dudley, Town Hall	Sun. 29th	Slough, Thames Hall

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Victor Borge

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There are prizes to be won in our exciting Wurzel competition. All you have to do is to complete the crossword correctly—most of the clues refer to the contents of the programme—and think of a caption, with a suitable Wurzel flavour, for the picture of the scarecrow (below). The caption should be based on what the crow is saying to the scarecrow.

The winner will be the one adjudged to have sent in the best caption for the picture, together with the correctly completed crossword.

The prizes for the winning entries are:

1st Prize: A set of 3 Wurzel record albums, and a Wurzel Tour souvenir tee-shirt.

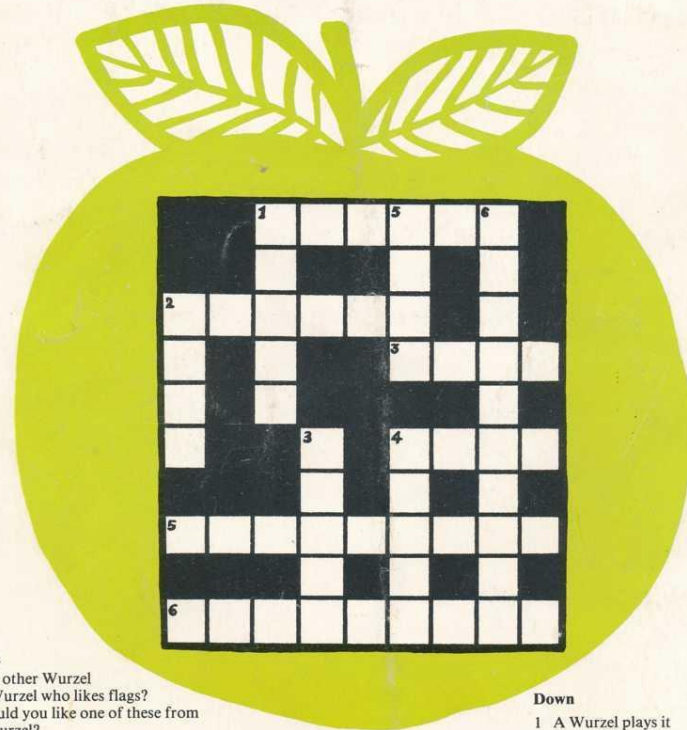
2nd Prize: 10 runners-up prizes of a copy of the new Wurzel record album, and a Wurzel Tour souvenir tee-shirt.

3rd Prize: 15 prizes of a Wurzel tee-shirt.



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WURZEL COMPETITION
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to arrive no later than
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Across

- 1 The other Wurzel
- 2 A Wurzel who likes flags?
- 3 Would you like one of these from a Wurzel?
- 4 Tops everything
- 5 A Scot playing this instrument!
- 6 Zider comes from 'ere!

Down

- 1 A Wurzel plays it
- 2 Rose by any other name
- 3 Weather unfit for a Wurzel
- 4 Wine of the Wurzel homeland?
- 5 Early morning songbird
- 6 Unusual instrument for a Wurzel