

Playgroup? What was that?

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My family and I arrived in Cardiff in 1969 following a career in Nursery Schools in the public and private sectors. I found a job in an Infant School but did not conform, finding it very formal and ‘stuffy’.

A Church friend asked if I would like to help in her Playgroup. Playgroup? What was that? I decided to give it a try and to my surprise I really enjoyed it and soon settled in.

Very shortly afterwards, a person came into Playgroup to invite us to a meeting to try to form the Cardiff Branch of PPA. Another new term to assimilate! Also this person, one Barbara Adam, said she was an Area Organiser?

However, undaunted, two of us decided to go and listen. My friend decided we should join PPA, if only for the insurance, but she did not want to get involved in a Branch. But I was intrigued, and when a meeting was held to formalise the Cardiff Branch, I found myself voted Treasurer (luckily there was no money!) What did I get myself into?

Years of hard work and many miles of travelling followed. I made lots of new friends all over the UK and enjoyed much laughter.

Those train journeys to meetings at Shrewsbury are a tale in themselves – or being snowbound at Preston Montford – I could go on and on

Happy Days!