

# CLAREMONT MUST STAY



Every little helps. Money for the campaign to keep Claremont open.

"It would be better for our children to attend the local school in slightly worse premises than to have them run over travelling to Lenton," said one of the hundred or so parents, residents and teachers at a meeting on December 11th to oppose the planned closure of Claremont Boys Comprehensive School in Forest Fields.

#### DANGER AROUND THE CORNER?

On the grounds that the building is beyond improvement the County Council Education Committee have proposed the closure of Claremont and the transfer of its school students to Cottesmore in Lenton. Many voices were raised against this cut. After all, hadn't the Education Committee allowed Claremont's buildings to deteriorate? And, after winning a campaign to lessen the flow of dangerous and disruptive traffic through Forest Fields, why should parents allow their children to be subjected to some of the city's most perilous roads?

#### WE CAN'T LEAVE THE FIGHT TO OTHERS

Several speakers were convinced that Claremont had something of a "community school" about it and one gentleman told the meeting of his time at school in Forest Fields almost half a century ago. Community education has a lot of advantages, providing more communication between staff and

parents. Another speaker was equally convinced that there was no financial justification for the closure. "If we need a school the money should be made available - and there is money in the coffers" she said. It was generally agreed that the fight to keep Claremont must go on until and only until, a new school for the area is built.

#### AN ISSUE FOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY

Although Manning Girls Comprehensive is not immediately effected, Leo Keely, a parent at Manning pointed out their solid support for the retention of Claremont. "Its an issue for the whole community" explained Sheila Marshall and she detailed the five junior school's whose pupils will be effected in the future if Claremont closed.

#### WHAT ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN?

While school students had already begun collating signatures and the Forest Fields Labour Party and City Councilors had already pledged their support, the local Conservative Councillor (Ernest Chambers) recently failed to support a proposal to postpone the closure plans. However, while most agreed that it is important to lobby councillors and MP's several people suggested the need for a 'healthy mistrust' of politicians.

Another issue came up around the message of support from the Trades Council cuts campaign. Many were worried that this would take control of the Claremont campaign out of the area, but at the same time, the sympathy and active support of local trade unionists and other campaigns was something which those concerned with Claremont couldn't turn their back on.

The meeting elected an Action Committee which parents on from most of the local schools and agreed upon a statement. It said

"We, the undersigned, vigorously object to any proposal to close Claremont School or to move any child from the area for the purpose of their education. We also propose that serious consideration be given to the building of a new school to serve this area and that no further consideration be given to this proposal until a new school is built.

This will be used in a door-to-door petition. Residents were also asked to lobby the local MP W. Whitlock and the two heads of Education at County Hall, Mrs. C. Minckley and Mr. J Stone. Another meeting has been called for Thursday January 3rd at the Craft Centre on Gregory Boulevard 7.30. It was pointed out that there is much to be done, before the next full Education Committee on February 14th.



Margaret Thatcher Visits Nottm



#### \*Why All Sales Must Be Stopped Page 8

An investigation into the facts and fiction of Council House Sales

#### \*Bus Timetable Changes Page 7

If you been confused about recent changes in the numbers and routes of buses this article will be very useful.

#### \*They Can Because They Think They Can. Pages 4&5

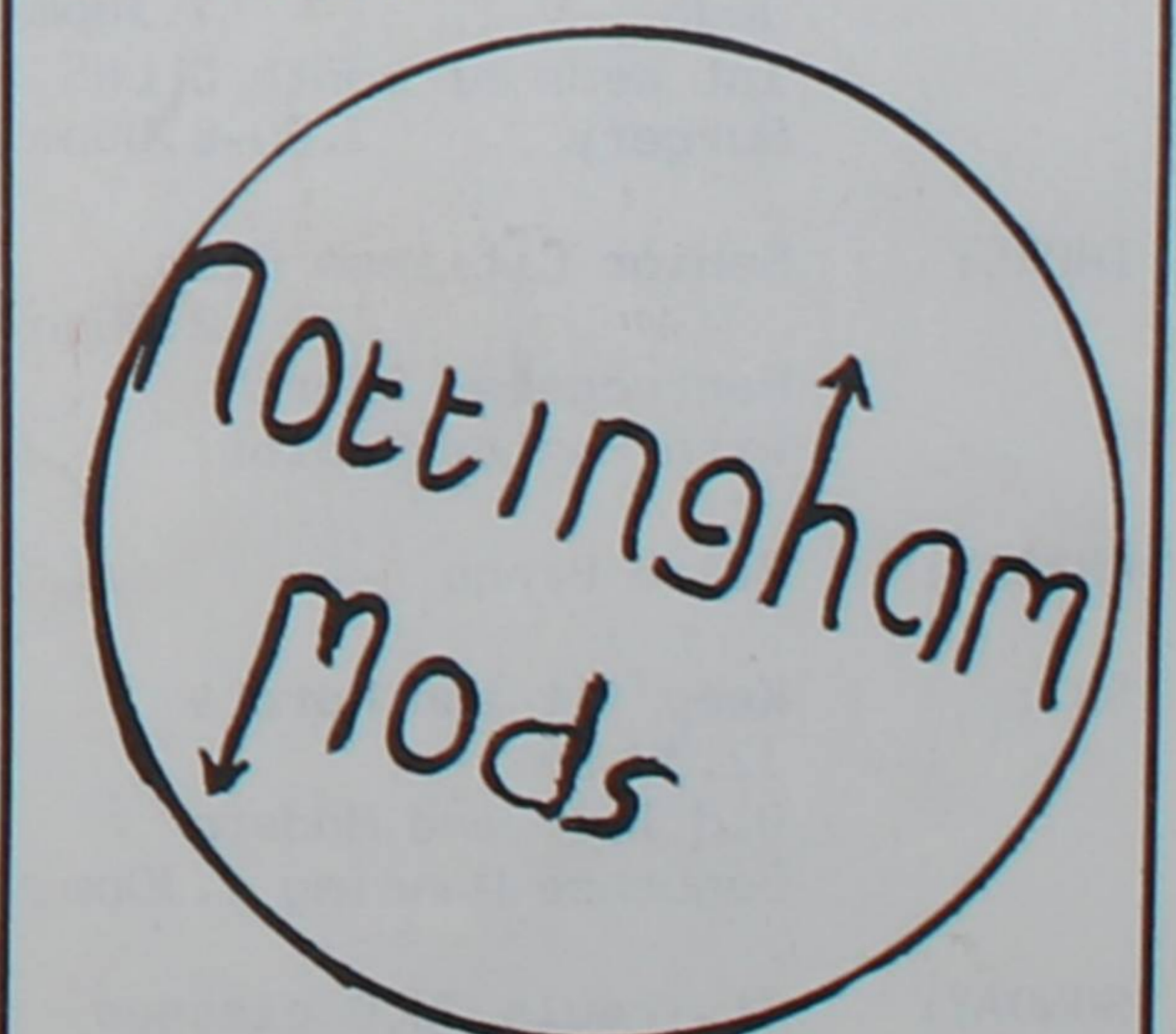
Up to date information on the Hyson Green Workshop Project.

#### \*Cuts Information Pages 3 & 7

Includes articles on nursery, education, and housing cuts. Also article on Page 3 concerning cuts conference.

#### \*Entertainment Page 10

Includes articles on recent Peggy Seeger Concert, and local group Art Failure.



Let the Mods Speak

#### THANKS

: to Roger Suckling and John Birdsall for photographs. (phone 782463)

# EDITORIAL

Our Comeback letter this month is a criticism of our last month's Comeback article from the Gay Humanist Group. Although we may not all agree with the views expressed in the article, That Paper feels that readers should have the right to air their opinions.

This month we feature an article "Where have all the assets gone". We've all known for a long time that Council House sales mean longer waiting lists, less choice, less chance of getting a transfer, and

poor quality housing. This article however, points out the financial losses involved i.e. to the tune of £75m.

The deadlines for the Jan/Feb issue are 11th January for Articles, 14th January for News. Please phone That Paper on Nottingham 787813 with views and articles, and especially if you're prepared to sell five or more copies.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all.

I am an Anglican vicar, consequently I belong to a 'sexist' church, in that women at present cannot become clergy. Nevertheless I hope that true christians seeking a place to worship will not seek the advice of the Gay Humanist Group, since the attitude of humanists to the church is, at best, negative, and at worst antagonistic. About the homosexual question, it is very complex. I support the broad aims of the Festival of Light, but I also say that people with that particular sexual and emotional make-up ought not to be looked on as an automatic threat, but deserve and require the friendship of the community, including the Christian community. It is a sad reflection on our society if such folk find that the only place they can enjoy a social life is within the Gay community.

## H.G.D.T.A. Flat

Following a meeting between Councillor Betty Higgins (L) Chairman of the Housing Committee, and the H.G.D.T.A. Committee, an application was put to the Housing Dept. for the use of a flat, in the Hyson Green Complex.

The application was brought before the Housing Committee on the 8th November, when it was passed.

The flat is to be used for community purposes, and it is intended that it will be well used by all the tenants, from the youngest of babies to the oldest of pensioners.

## SCAG

The Students Community Action Group, at Nottingham University, recently helped to set up and run a club for youngsters in the Meadows. The club runs on Saturday morning at Queens Walk Community Centre. The main activities at the moment are trips, to the cinema, ice-skating the castle etc..., but they hope to direct the children's interest more towards the community.

The group are hoping to help set up another club in Hyson Green, perhaps for after school hours. The club should get off the ground in the new year.

There may also be help available for Playschemes, as many students stay in Nottingham during the holidays.

If your group would like help with either a Summer or Easter play-scheme, contact Penny Plowman on 55912 ext. 1, and she will help put you in touch with interested students.

## COMMUNITY CENTRE DIARY

THE WEEKLY ACTIVITIES OF HYSON GREEN COMMUNITY CENTRE.

- MONDAY:** Old Tyme and Modern Sequence  
Dancing (Senior Citizens) 1.45 pm  
Karate 7.00 pm  
Judo 7.30 pm
- TUESDAY:** Overs 60's club 2.00 pm  
Karate 7.00 pm  
Keep fit and slimming 7.00 p.m.  
Old Tyme and Modern Sequence Dancing 7.30 pm
- WEDS:** Dressmaking Class 10 a.m  
O.A.P Federation 2.00 pm  
Dressmaking Class 7.30pm  
Karate 7.00pm  
Judo 7.30pm  
1st Weds of month CLLRS Surgery 7.00-8.00pm
- THURS:** Senior Citizens Club 2.00pm  
Pentecostal Church with Pastor Senior
- FRIDAY:** Prize Bingo
- SAT:** Keep fit and Karate 12.30 pm  
Old Tyme and Modern Sequence Dancing 7.30pm
- SUNDAY:** St. Pauls JUCC classes for children 10.00a.m.  
Pentecostal Church with Pastor Senior

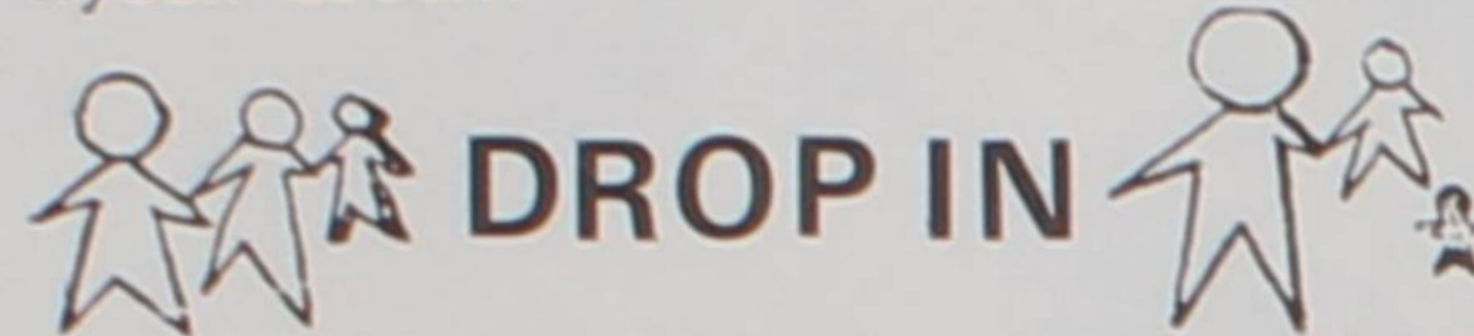
PLEASE PHONE 783568 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, OR CALL IN THE HYSON GREEN COMMUNITY CENTRE, 3, ST PAULS' AVENUE

## comeback

I am hoping that 'That Paper' will seek informed advice before publishing controversial material like that which appeared under the vague heading 'comeback' in the November issue. In this a group calling itself the 'Gay Humanist Group' is alleging that the Festival of Light, the Mormons and the Jehovah's Witnesses 'and other churches of this type' have strong connections with extreme right-wing parties. Well, Mormons are generally connected with Salt Lake City in the United States, Jehovah's Witnesses (I understand) repudiate any association with any political organisation whatever, and the Festival of Light is not even a Christian organisation, let alone a church. It is a movement aimed at promoting standards of decency in public life in this country, those values which it believes are the values commonly and traditionally held by the people, and not just the right-wing extremists. Its supporters number many Christians, and also non Christians. It is totally non-political and includes among its supporters trades union officials and some Labour MP's, and no doubt some on the other side of the political spectrum. I am sorry this humanist group is unable to answer their arguments as such, and in the absence of rational debate, is only able to resort to smear tactics.

Nevertheless people's attitudes are as they are. The Gay Liberation movement gets a reasonable amount of publicity through the media, probably more than the Festival of Light. Both groups are entitled to try to influence public opinion, but not, please, by using the kind of innuendo contained in your November article.

Charles Hall,  
Vicar of St. Paul's  
Hyson Green.



Mums, what do you do on Thursday mornings between 10-12 am? If you'd like to meet other mums for a chat, with space and toys for the children to play, you might be interested in the Thursday morning Drop In recently started at the Hyson Green Community Centre St. Paul's Ave.,. As well as coffee and a chat you can get legal and welfare advice if you want it, or take part in one of the craft activities. There is also a nearly new clothes stall.

Mums already involved in the group look forward to welcoming you, so don't be shy. After all, it'll make a change from looking at your own four walls.

## Festival '80

This year's Festival in Hyson Green attracted four thousand people a day

A film of the Festival, made by Stanford Bartley, is to be shown in local pubs to arouse local interest in next year's Festival. There is also to be a raffle to raise funds. The raffle prizes will be a Raleigh bike, a bottle of whiskey and Festival T-shirts (designed & printed by Ray at the Nottm Comm. Arts & Crafts Centre).

Say's Ray, "This year's Festival was a great success. We hope that next year's will be bigger and better, with more participation from local people, particularly small scale events, street parties and inter-pub competitions!

Anyone interested in getting involved with next year's Festival contact Ray at the Craft Centre telephone: 782463



Festival '79

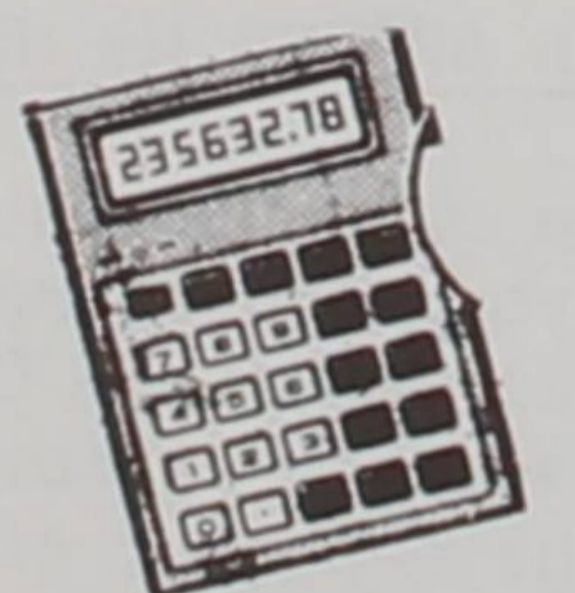


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The MALIK FANCY GOODS COMPANY IS A RECENT ARRIVAL in Hyson Green. Manager of 'The Cheapest Shop in Nottingham', Mr. Malik, presents quite a selection. If you are still looking for the elusive Christmas gift and have an eye for a bargain then Mr. M feels sure you can solve that small problem together.

WELCOME, Mr. Malik, to Hyson Green - heres' to a happy and mutually profitable relationship.

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ملک نمبر لڈز کینی راد فورڈ روڈ  
میں جاں آپکو ہر قسم کی تحفے کی خریدی جو لڈز  
اور اپنی قسم کی انڈین پاکستانی چیزیں  
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آزمائے دیکھئے۔

# EDUCATION

200 school, further and higher education students lobbied the County Education Committee on Nov 29th then marched from County Hall to Slab Square. They made an appeal to the public which said.

Learning is for life, not Unemployment  
The dismantling of equal educational opportunities for the young people of this country, is being done in your name. The education of the future generations is being eroded through these cuts. The future of your children and their children is being decided NOW. All of this is being justified in your name. If you want to prevent this, write a letter a week to one of the following and tell them what you think about this;

Your County Councillor,

Member of Parliament, or the Prime Minister.  
Local Headmaster or College Principle.  
The local newspaper, radio or television station.

Make your voice heard, don't let them destroy the future prospects of the young people of this country. It is your children, grandchildren, young relations who are being affected NOW. These cuts will not go away unless you make your voice heard, there is no fat to cut away, there is just the flesh of a child's education. Think on it, talk about it, but do something about it. Write that letter each and every week for 8p.

EDUCATE US DON'T DECIMATE US

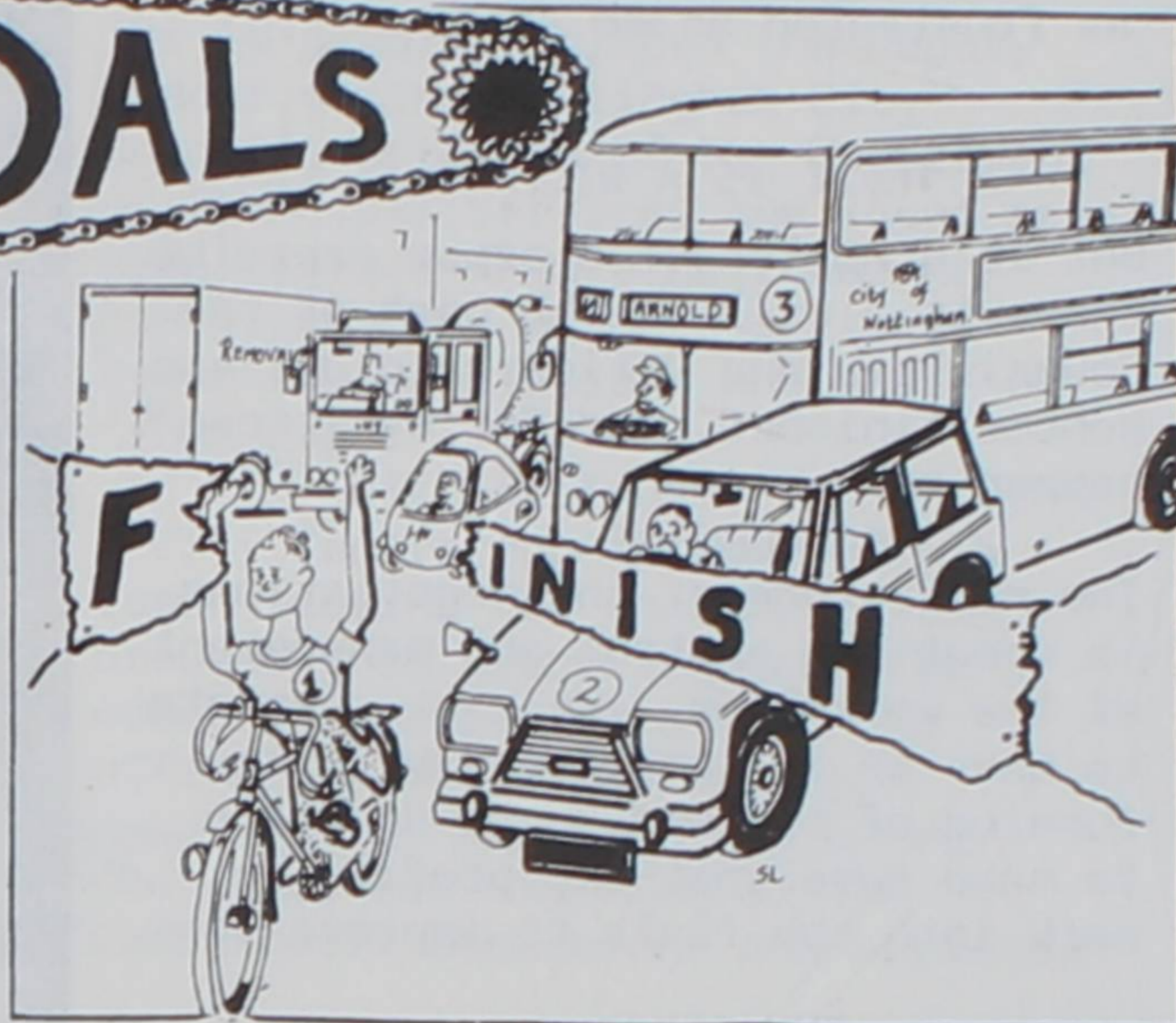


Students at recent Education Cuts demo



Bikes

Win Race To Work



You may have heard of Pedals. This campaign for better and safer cycling in the Nottingham area made the headlines when cyclists consistently beat car drivers and bus passengers in a race to work.

Each race finished in BBC Radio Nottingham's studio during the Morning Report show and whether the contestants began in Sherwood Mapperley, Wilfred, West Bridgford or Dunkirk the cyclists always come first, the car driver second and the bus passenger third.

Well, Pedals have a monthly meeting at 110 Mansfield at 7.00 on the first Monday of the month and have produced the newsletter called "Pedals".

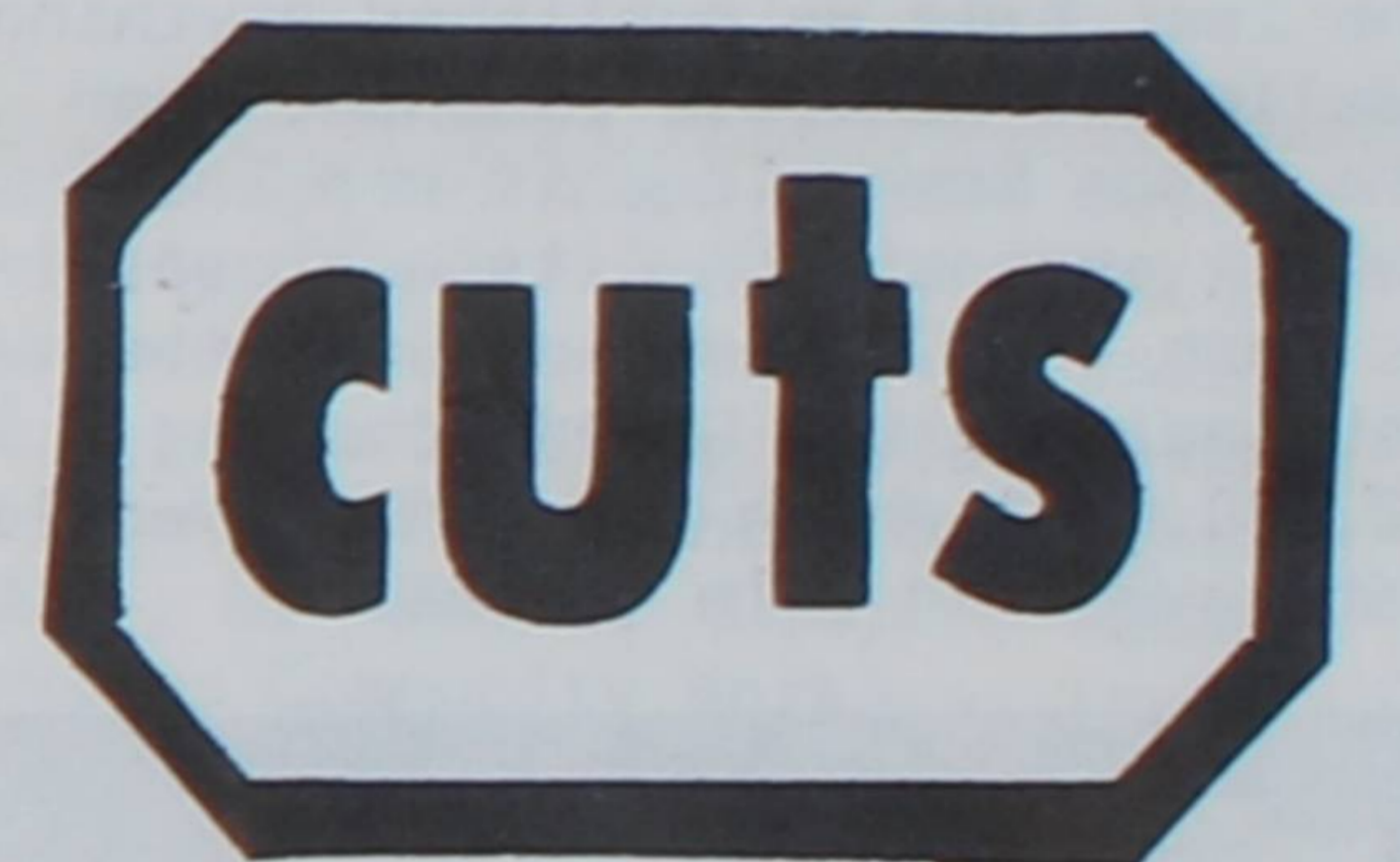
## Andrews Closure

The complete closure of Andrews Engineering, a family firm in Bulwell, early in the New Year will mean the loss of around one hundred and fifty jobs (see That Paper no 1). And with the jobs will go the thriving social club that is within the works.

The reasons given for the closures are that the size of the site is uneconomic for the value of work taking place there, although Andrews do have an option, for a new site 'sometime in the future' on Bleheim Industrial estate.

The Dyers and Bleachers Union spokesman, Mr. Les Skinner pointed out that in the current economic climate there seemed little prospect of saving the jobs and, for most people the possibilities of alternative jobs in the same industries are few. Not a very nice Christmas present.

## IMMIGRATION PROPOSALS CAUSE CONCERN



The Pakistan Friends League, the Indian Workers Associations and many other organisations are alarmed at the Government's latest proposals on Nationality and Immigration. At a recent open meeting at the Friends League Centre on Woodborough Road, Ian Martin, General Secretary of the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants explained the proposals.

The new proposals will keep out

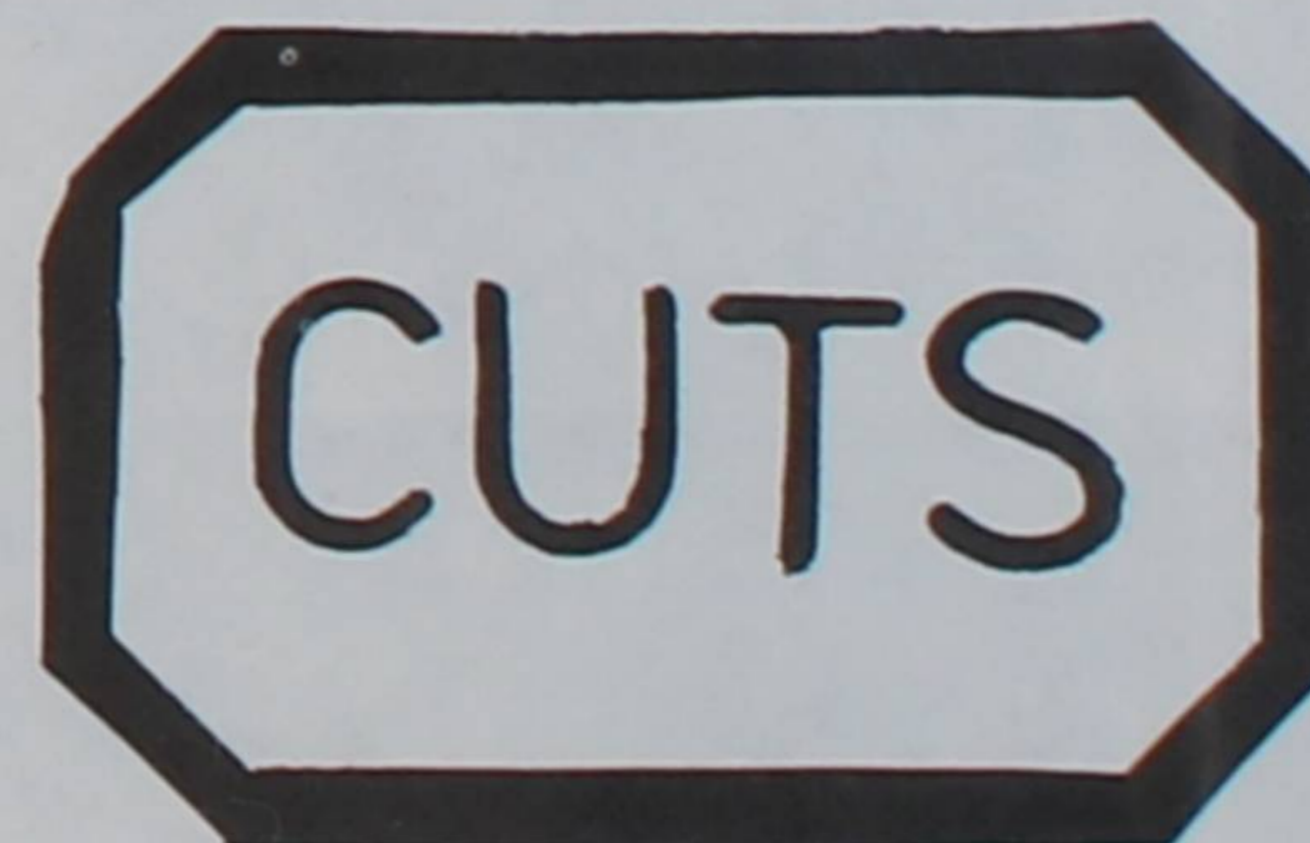
- \*husbands and fiancées of women not born here
- \*dependent children and the elderly will only be able to enter if they can prove 'a standard of living below that of their own country'.
- \*other dependents, overseas students and business people.

Further, the new British Nationality Act intends to "remove some of the possible sources of future immigration" and it may do this by severe restrictions on work permits, preventing long-term 'temporary' residents from becoming permanent while introducing a new immigration 'quota'.

It was clearly pointed out these proposals will particularly affect black immigrants and apart from severely restricting rights to enter the UK, there will be many controls inside the UK. The proposals will also mean an increased amount of police time spent 'investigating' black people making life always subject to the attentions of the police. Members

of immigrant organisations believe the proposals will only make the racial climate more tense. A national campaign has been formed to oppose these laws and a local branch has formed, sending several coaches to the recent demonstration in London.

More information is available from The Indian Centre  
Rawson Street,  
Forest Fields  
Nottingham.



Information from the Trades Council Cuts Committee shows four alarming trends in council housing. First, council housebuilding is the lowest since the war; Second, the switch to improvement is not likely to maintain the quality of housing stock; Third, the sale of council housing means longer waiting lists, less choice and financial losses, and fourth, repair standards have declined. To add to this, there's likely to be a rent increase of £150 per week soon, less spent on housing and the rocketing of interest charges, will mean more council spending will go on debt repayments.

Sixty people from a couple of dozen trade unions, tenants and community groups met on November 17th to build a broad-based campaign against the cuts. The aim was to unite workers in the public sector with users of the services which are at present being massively cut back. Workshops on health, education, social services, local government and the civil service followed speakers:

Tony Morris (NUPE) outlined the urgent need to fight cuts, Candy Udwin (National Fightback) shared her experience fighting cuts in the health service, building a militant grassroots movement that united all affected by the cuts and Ted Knight (Lambeth Labour Council Leader) showed how a vigorous mass campaign, both inside and outside and inside the Labour Party could commit some Labour Councils to a position of 'No Cuts'.

Above all, the Conference was an attempt to learn the lessons of the campaign so far and to plan a new stage of action against the cuts. A local demonstration is planned for the New Year and the Cuts Campaign holds monthly open meetings. For further information write to Cuts Committee, 118, Mansfield Rd or phone 582369.

The conference closed at 1.30 and all the delegates proceeded to join the Picket of Margaret Thatcher's visit to the National Federation of Conservative Trade Unionists Conference, held in the Sherwood Rooms.

# THEY CAN BECAUSE THEY THINK

## WHY WORKSHOPS?

Why turn the garages into workshops? Over the last 12 years only about 19 of 500 garages have actually been used as garages. The rest have actually been used as unsupervised play areas by the kids, which is understandable as there is no-where else for them to play except in the flats.

**ATTACKED**  
Children have been molested and women attacked, cars stolen in the city have been left there and set on fire, Industrial Waste has been dumped there.

**EMPLOYMENT**  
The result is that the garages present themselves as the worst aspect of the Flats. To change that, not only was it desirable to change the use of the garages, but to turn them into something productive and useful to the tenants. The Workshops will provide employment and solve the problem that the derelict garages now present.

**BOWLING GREEN**  
The last time we published anything was in the Koncrete Elephant when the Hyson Green Tenants won the battle against the City's proposal to turn the Garages into an International Bowling Green, costing £2,000,000, which the tenants would not have been able to use!

When we asked the Council to consider the Workshops scheme again, (the first time was in May 1978) and negotiations progressed reasonably well.

**START AGAIN**  
Then in May the local elections were held, and Labour won. We had to start negotiating all over again! But the new Council seemed keen and instructed the Officers to draw up plans and designs for the Workshops. These first Council Plans were finished in August. We met the Council in October to discuss their proposals. We weren't too happy as they suggested only 16 workshops out of 200 garages.

**GOOD CHANCE**  
A delegation then visited Brussels to see the European Commission about funding the wages of those who take up work in the Workshops. We were told that there was a good chance.

## BACK IN NOTTINGHAM

Back in Nottingham we told the Council that we didn't like their plan because it provided too few and too large workshops. Our original plan provided twice as many workshops at far less cost (because it did not involve the removal of load bearing walls).

**COMPROMISE PLAN**  
Things began to hot up. We had five meetings with Councillors and Officers in a fortnight, and achieved a compromise plan - the City kept eight of their large workshops and we got 26 small workshops. The cost was also reduced.

In addition, in principle, although negotiations are still going on, it was agreed to brick up the garages while new plans are drawn up. This does two things; it removes the problem of the garages and provides the builders of the workshops with a safe, secure 'shell' to work in.

**D.O.E.**  
The revised plan will go to Committee next month, and then to the Department of the Environment for approval.

**150 PEOPLE**  
We know that this project has been talked about for nearly two years now, and that the 150 people who said that they would like to work in the workshops in a survey carried out in the flats, are now probably as frustrated as we are!

**THERE IS A WILL**  
But it's no longer a paper exercise. There is a will on the part of the Councillors and Officers to get the scheme finished, and for us it can't happen soon enough.

**MANAGEMENT**  
The next stage of the negotiations is about the control and management of the workshops. We want Tenants to have an influential say in the running of the workshops and also to make sure that any profits go back into the flats to improve them.

**OWN EFFORTS**  
We feel that this is an opportunity to turn the worst aspect of the flats into, perhaps, the best aspect. They will create employment and a better image of the flats, showing that the tenants are constructive and can, by their own efforts, make the flats a better place to live.

## THEY CAN PARTY TO LONDON

Photo E.E.C. T.A. with Michael Gallagher, E.M.P. in Brussels



The 15th November was the day Hyson Green Development Tenants' Association took a mixed party to London, to see the Clerkenwell Workshops.

The 14 people included the Deputy Leader of the Nottingham City Council, officers of the Department of Technical Services the local representative from a national Resource Agency, members of local Tenants' Associations and staff of 'That Paper'.

**DIFFERENT DAY**  
A City Centre appointment with a coach leaving for London at 7a.m. brought this group together for a somewhat 'different day at the office' to meet an 11 o'clock deadline in London's EC1, where the group was expected by the Clerkenwell management and workers.

We greeted our affable hosts at 31 Clerkenwell Close and began to enjoy a remarkable experience.

**LESSONS**  
Organised into two groups led by Valerie Duhoit and Neil Jackson (both Clerkenwell Directors), the party set about examining the Clerkenwell organisation for lessons which could be applied to the impending 'Garages to Workshops' programme in the Hyson Green Flats.

**HARDSHIP**  
With nothing but an ideal to work with the originators of the Workshop enterprise had clearly suffered much personal hardship to achieve the considerable success the continuing scheme indicates.

### Dept. of Employment

Much encouraged by the talks, H.G.D.T.A. negotiators are now to visit the London offices of the Department of Employment: here E.E.C. funding applications from Britain are processed for approval.

### Local Interest

Locally, momentum for the scheme has picked up. Major city institutions are watching the process with interest. Support is evident in many areas.

### Optimism

Patient through experience, H.G.D.T.A. negotiators are nevertheless increasingly optimistic for the workshops schemes success. Believing success will benefit the community at large and help point the way for the future, they pledge continuing vigilance and effort to the workshops realisation.

### Other Directions?

Never ones to let the grass under their feet, this vital group of forward thinkers are already applying themselves in other directions on the workshops plans.

### Shoot for The Moon!

Look out, Patrick Moore! - If the 'Something Different' in that night sky is not "GREEN CHEESE" then at least the colour may provide a clue as to who might be responsible - with this group the sky is the limit!

## EURO-MONEY

The intrepid Hyson Green Development Tenants Association are news-worthy material, again. Their continuing "GARAGES TO WORKSHOPS" campaign took them to Brussels recently.

### EURO-M.P.'S SUPPORT

Supported by Nottingham's Euro-M.P. Mike Gallagher, of Mansfield an elite 'Task-Force' (including Robin Robinson and Stan Starkey) met with E.E.C. 'Social fund', officials on October 17th, to discuss 'possible funding for Pilot Schemes'.

With local City Council plans for conversion of the Hyson Green garages, progressing, T.A. leaders are looking ahead to completion. They propose taking up some small units as a local 'Start-Up' project in the workshops. This was the project discussed in Brussels.

### 'Pilot Scheme' AGREEMENT

Social Fund officials in Brussels agreed that the rules do provide for cash-aid for such schemes. This cash-aid would help the local project to operate, independently, as a programme within the workshops.

There have certainly been individual successes. One young man, an early tenant user, arrived with £20 working capital and determination to prove his ideas. Working with a minimum of facilities, that young man has now achieved an international reputation and outlet for his project (waterproofing climbing boots). He is now in competition with large, nationally organised companies in the same field. From a small corner in the building, he has expanded into four complete workshops and looks like increasing his success.

### PENALTIES

The function of Clerkenwell is to provide opportunities for experiment without the severe penalties normally experienced by 'the little man' trying to raise himself out of the mire.

Other examples served to reinforce the belief that this Workshop concept is 'a life time opportunity' system geared to a real and continuing need - with application throughout many communities.

**SUCCESSFULLY**  
Following an enthusiastic question and answer session, we went to see the workshop units and their occupants at work. Shoemaking, macrame, optical lens grinding, button making, wood working etc., etc., these are just some of the activities being successfully carried out in small workshop units, by people who have responded to the opportunity to 'make it on their own'.

During the break for lunch, the opportunity to talk and exchange views was not wasted. The 'Coach and Horses' was unusually animated by the excited talk of the Nottingham party. A tight schedule cut the break short for the trip across the road to the Clerkenwell Green Association of Craftsmen.

Pennybank House was different from 31 Clerkenwell Close in that the local authority has taken the initiative to provide purpose-built workshop units.

This project was explained by Manny Shane, a former Local Authority Officer, who talked the language of officers and City officials, bringing our own City officials into the area of technical discussion and understanding.

**POTENTIAL**  
Another question and answer session was held before a conducted tour through the building to see the type of units which were in such demand. Here, the Pennybank workshops made us realise the potential in the Hyson Green Garages Conversion programme. Again, the success of the venture was encouraging.

Armed with first-hand experiences and knowledge of technical and human potential, and the examples of two distinctly different types of workshops, there was a much more positive and talkative group of people going back to Nottingham.

The most appropriate way of remembering November 15th is to recall a poster in the office at 31 Clerkenwell Close. It portrayed two gulls in flight, with the quotation from Virgil - "They can because they think they can".

**KNOWING**  
Hyson Green can take to the skies, too because there are now more people around who think that way - with the added advantage of now knowing they can.

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Photos: Hyson Green Garages as they are now.

Photos: Clerkenwell Workshops, what the garages could be.



"BROTHER CAN YOU SPARE US FORTY EIGHT POUNDS."

BY NAVVIE BRICK

IN THE SAME WEEK THAT THEY CUT MILLIONS FROM THE HOUSING, EDUCATION, TRANSPORT + SOCIAL SERVICES BUDGETS AND GAVE MILLIONS TO THE POLICE AND ARMED FORCES, A BLOKE CALLED PROFESSOR TONNSEND PUBLISHED A FRIGHTENING LITTLE REPORT ON.....

# POVERTY



POVERTY IS NOT SOMETHING QUANT DREAMT UP BY CHARLES DICKENS. IT IS SIMPLY A FACT OF LIFE FOR MOST OF US, INFACIT MORE OF US THAN MOST OF US ARE AWARE OF!



OKAY, WE KNOW THAT THE MILLION OR SO ON THE DOLE ARE HAVING IT ROUGH.....



## Let The Mods SPEAK

Today's mods are up against it! i.e. Punks, Rockers, Teds, and Greebos, in other words clean cut boys against Animals. These anti-social groups persist in going round looking for trouble with mods, they are always causing trouble when the mods are out numbered. Also most mods are young youths age between 16-19 so when there is any trouble its men fighting boys. When the mods came out again after the film Quadrophenia we were out for a good time, going round in the old 60's way of dress, enjoying the new and old mod music and customising scooters. But recently since people have turned mod because of the recent trouble with gangs of Rockers and punks, this has spoiled the true mod image that we wanted to impress upon the public. But now because of these few trouble causes we have been rejected by the public.

### WHAT ARE MODS?

All mods are clean cut lads who go round smartly dressed in Italian-type suits wearing fred perrys, Levis, suede shoes, inch-wide ties and parkas. Some have got Joshua-type scooters and bri-type trilby hats.

### Description of basic mod.

A lot of people say mods are out of date. This is true only because we are a minority group, Nott'm is well into the mod scene, a large number of mods from around the country have visited Nottm in the past 6 weeks. What do we think of punks and Rockers?

### ROCKERS

child-like men, who go around wearing decomposed Jeans and scruffy leathers with long greasy hair spread every were.

### PUNK

they come from middle class familys spoiled to death and persist being silly

### COMPOSED BY SHERWOOD MODS:

Bri, Bonk, Steve, Shaun, Joshua, John, Mano, Whay, Big Trev, Wayne, Delroy, Horuath, Ernie.

...BUT DID YOU REALISE THAT 33% OF THE POOR ARE AT PRESENT OUT AT WORK! (WHAT AN INSULT, EH!)



ACCORDING TO THE PROF, 73% OF FULL TIME WORKING WOMEN AND 12% OF WORKING MEN EARN LESS THAN £45 P.WEEK!



FOR A FAMILY WITH TWO KIDS, THE POVERTY LEVEL IS A WEEKLY INCOME OF £48 (AND THAT'S AFTER STOPPAGES). SO A FAMILY ON THE SS GETTING £36 A WEEK CAN ONLY BE CALLED DESTITUTE!!!



WHAT MAKES THE PROF'S REPORT REALLY ZING ALONG THOUGH ARE THE LITTLE TIT BITS HE THROWS INTO FUEL THE FIRE.



... THAT THE RICHEST PEOPLE IN BRITAIN RECEIVE FOUR TIMES MORE SOCIAL SERVICE BENEFITS THAN THE POOREST.



... THAT MORE THAN HALF THE POPULATION SUFFER THE BREADLINE AT SOME STAGE IN THEIR LIVES, AND OVER HALF OF THOSE NEVER GET OFF IT.



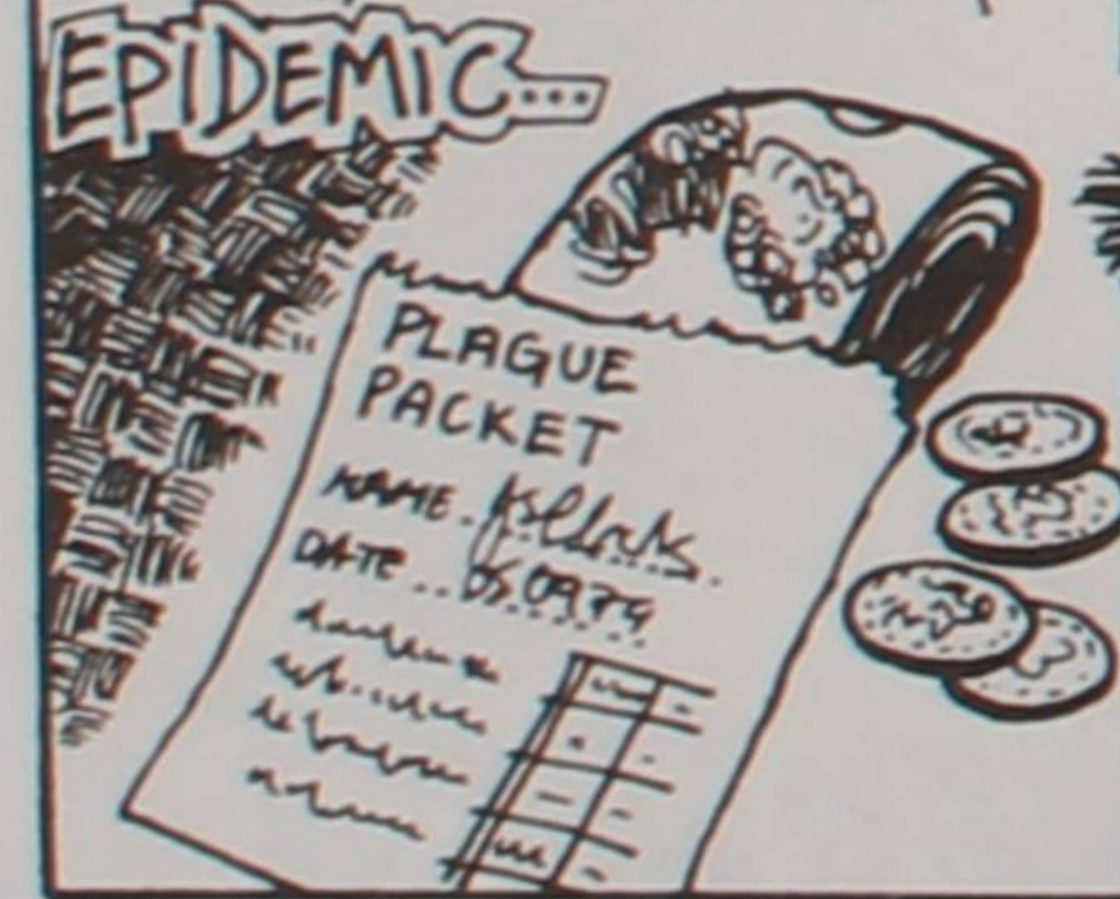
... 44% OF US HEAT ONLY ONE ROOM AT A TIME IN WINTER.



... MORE MONEY IS SPENT ON "ANTI-SCROUNGING" CAMPAIGNS THAN IS SPENT ATTEMPTING TO GET SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFITS TO THE 2.2 MILLION WHO DON'T REALISE THEY SHOULD HAVE THEM.



SO NEXT TIME SOMEBODY TRIES TO MAKE YOU FEEL INADEQUATE (YOU KNOW HOW THEY DO!), REMEMBER THAT THERE ARE MORE OF US THAN THEM (WE OUGHT TO GET TOGETHER SOMETIME....) AND THAT POVERTY IS NOT A PERSONAL FAILING, BUT A FLAMING EPIDEMIC...



ACCORDING TO OUR MAGGIE, "SOCIAL DILAPIDATIONS CAN BE ATTENDED TO ONLY AFTER SOME RENAISSANCE IN THE PRODUCTIVE SYSTEM," HENCE THE CUTS.... OR, IN PLAIN ENGLISH...



FOR YEARS THE IDEA IN THIS COUNTRY HAS BEEN TO SAY POVERTY DOESN'T REALLY EXIST AND KEEP HANDING OUT JUST ENOUGH FRINGE BENEFITS AND SOCIAL SERVICES TO KEEP PEOPLE UNDER CONTROL....



BUT IT DOES EXIST.....



## BENDY BUS VISITS NOTTM

On Friday 12th October shoppers using the city line service had a chance to relive the past and to gaze into the future. They were able to ride free of charge as in previous years on the experimental 'Bendy Bus' - an articulated single decker carrying up to 150 passengers at a time.

In the New Year, Nottingham City Transport would like to do a full trial, to test the buses manoeuvrability and its mechanical and service usefulness. If it passes the test, we may soon be travelling around the city centre on a bus with a bend in the middle,

Information on Bendy Bus from 'Terminus', the independent Transport and Environment Magasie.



RADFORD SOCIAL CLUB

Plans are being made to find a more suitable place for the Boden St. Social Club. At the moment the social evenings are being held in a wooden hut which is not suitable for these occasions.

## XMAS WORD SEARCH

ANGELS  
BAUBLES  
CAKE  
CAROLS  
CARDS  
CHILDREN  
CHRISTMAS  
CHRISTMAS TREE  
DONKEY  
FAIRY LIGHTS  
GREETINGS  
HOLLY  
IVY  
JESUS  
JOSEPH  
MANGER  
MARY  
MINCE PIES

MISTLETOE  
NATIVITY  
PARTY  
PRESENTS  
REINDEER  
RUDOLPH  
SANTA CLAUS  
SHEEP  
SHEPHERDS  
SLEIGH  
SNOW  
STABLE  
STAR  
TINSEL  
TOYS  
TURKEY  
WISE MEN  
YULE TIDE



# cuts

## WHERE HAVE ALL THE ASSETS GONE?

## Opportunity Knocks

### The Campaign Goes On

The County Council have ordered Mat ons of the Day Nurseries to list their children in an order of 'priority'

1. Battered babies
2. Children in risk
3. Bad social environment.
4. Physical or Mental Hardship
5. One parent families
6. Children needing temporary care.

The purpose of this is to strictly exclude any child outside the 'top six' and, in fact, to be able to vet mothers and children, only allowing places for the top couple of categories, S.O.N. campaign is asking social workers, health workers, matrons and others not to co-operate with this.

### BUT WHERE CAN IT GO?

Like most Councils, Notts Tory County Council, want to see public services taken over by private, enterprise. The West Bridgeford Nursery is likely to go that way and the County Council have offered Sycamore Nursery to the S.O.N. mothers. However, there's no money, wages or any grants yet and S.O.N. (and friends) are debating what to do.

FURTHER DETAILS S.O.N.,  
28, Bramble Drive  
Porchester Lodge  
Nottingham.

The authors of 'Where have all the Assets Gone?' dispute the usual claim that Council House sales make money for the public purse and provide well-researched arguments to prove that

- \*Nottingham will make a net loss of £75 million in the long-term by selling 5,356 houses the last three years.
- \*Current Labour City Council policy will cause an extra loss of £2m.
- \*Proposed Conservative Government policy will cause an ultimate loss of £1,200 million for every 100,000 council houses sold.

Their figures are based on a detailed study of 1,583 council houses sold by Nottingham City Council in the financial year 1977/78. The initial advantage of the 5,356 council house sales between May 1976 and May 1979 of £1 1/4 million a year will be rapidly reduced and after seven or eight years the yearly gains turned into losses. It is on the new houses that the council will make the biggest losses, each new house eventually netting a loss of around £35,000.

Councillor Bradbury, the previous Finance Chairman of Nottingham City Council, stated in December 1977: "I am convinced that on financial grounds, our policy makes very good sense..." He was echoed by Michael Heseltine, secretary of State for the Environment in April 1979, who said that sales produced "a substantial surplus to the community". He singled out Nottingham, arguing "Selling Council Houses saves public money. Since 1976 Nottingham's Con-

servative Council have sold £40 m worth of council houses and made a profit of £18m over the cost of building them". But he was looking at the past cost of providing houses and ignored income from rents.

What this study shows is that there will be a huge financial loss to the public in selling houses. The authors explain that nationally this loss is equivalent to selling off North Sea Oil and is more than Britain's yearly contributions to the Common Market. They argue that not a single council house should be sold.

This booklet is available for £1.15 (includes postage) from N.A.P. 83



The "Inner Cities" have problems. They are identified as increasing unemployment with a mismatch of skills, old housing needing improvement or clearance, poor environment from dereliction, or the intrusion of traffic and industry, overburdened health and social services, lack of leisure and community facilities, migration of the more able and active households.

THE INNER AREA PROGRAMME PROVIDES A LITTLE MONEY TO LESSEN THESE PROBLEMS. This money is supplied jointly by local and central government: the City and County Councils pay 25% of the cost, with the remaining 75% coming from the Department of the Environment.

### Opportunity Knocks?

After considerable pressure, discussions and negotiation the voluntary and community groups will now be able to have a say on the spending of the whole grant from central government to the inner city. The Council have agreed to this principle.

What will this mean? Now, the whole programme will be up for consideration and this will demand the development of a fairer set of ideas about which projects should get funding and which shouldn't. For community groups there will be more open decisions made, rather than what sometimes happens now which is those groups who have "the ear" of the Council may be able to get preferential treatment. And the Council too won't be able to sneak its pet schemes in; all schemes will be inspected by the community groups.

### It's O.K. but keep an eye on the Council

At a meeting of inner city groups on December 1st it was decided to give the new approach and its new decision-making structures a try, but to reserve the right to criticise the Council. There were fears too, that the new structure might demand too many meetings and too much precious time.

Decisions about spending will pass through a 'Steering Committee' of senior Councillors, officers and the Inner City Executive up to the appropriate Policy and Finance Sub Committee. However, the main involvement of community groups will be lower down in WORKING GROUPS and ISSUE BASED MEETINGS. The former should give community groups an opportunity to outline what policy they want in some detail and in a way that the higher bodies must take account of, in the areas of 1. Employment 2. Housing and Transport 3. Leisure and Facilities 4. Education, Health and Social Services.

The latter will be able to call useful, well-prepared-for meetings on particular issues or in particular areas. Perhaps this will break the cycle of Public Meetings where residents of an area have little real say.

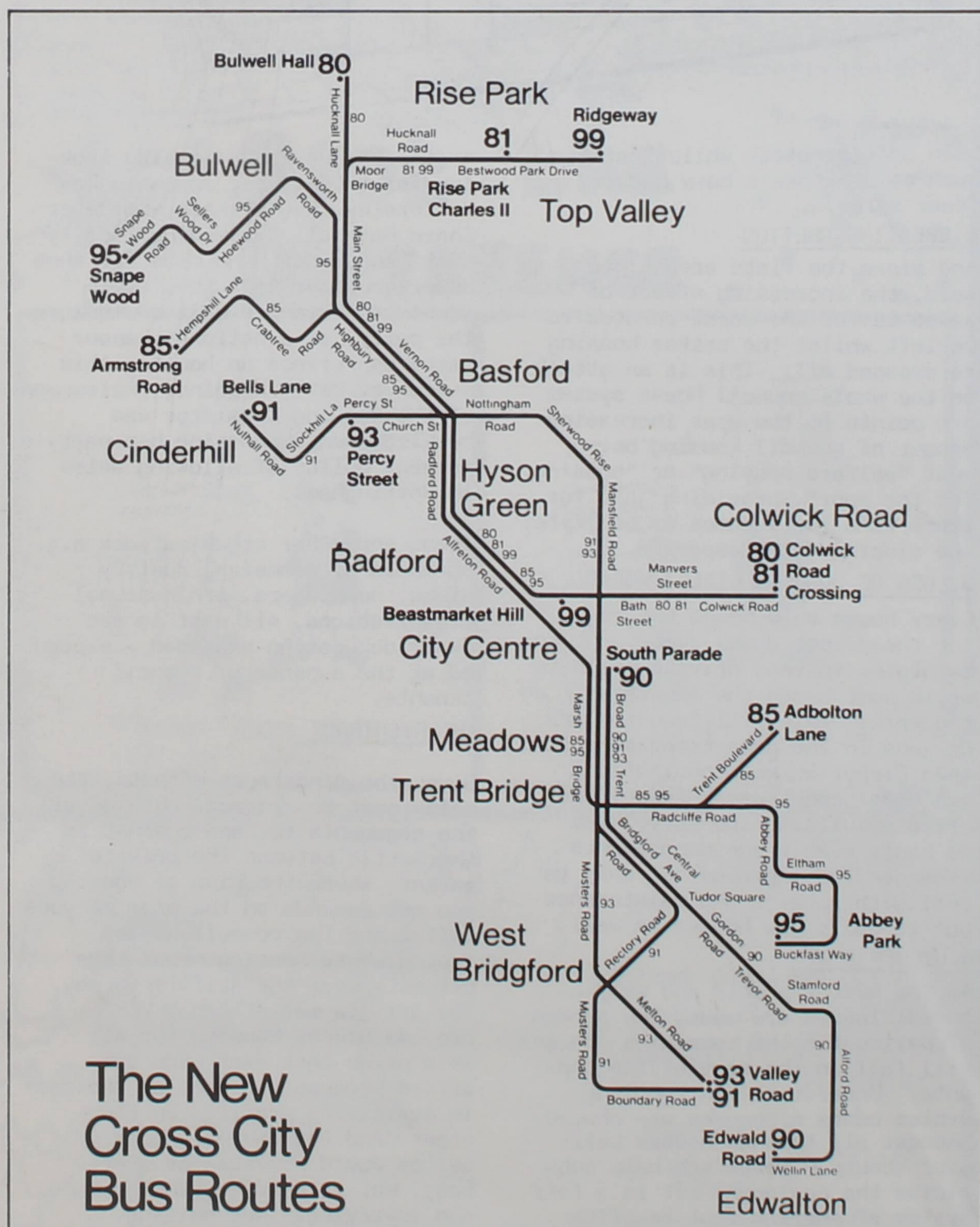
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## Baffled By New Numbers ?



City of Nottingham Transport has made a major change in the cross city services between Bulwell, Cinderhill, Basford and West Bridgford. They hope to provide a simpler system where buses on each service will show the same route number in both directions. On top of that, evening and Sunday services will now be at least every half hour and there will be extended services in the Bulwell area to serve the new housing.

### Crabtree, Hempshill Vale, Snape Wood and Hoewood Road Estates.

Two new routes (numbered 85 and 95) will replace the existing routes (35, 75 and 85)

### Bulwell Hall, Rise Park and Top Valley.

The present routes (44 and 71) will be renumbered as 80 and 81. A new service 99 will go from Top Valley to city.

### Bulwell Town Centre

Services between Bulwell and City can be summarised as follows:

To and from Bulwell Bus Station - Services 84, 85, 86  
To and From Bulwell Main St - Services 80, 81, 82, 95, 96, 99

### Colwick Road.

Services 80 replaces 44, and 81 replaces 71. Buses not travelling full route will show 82.

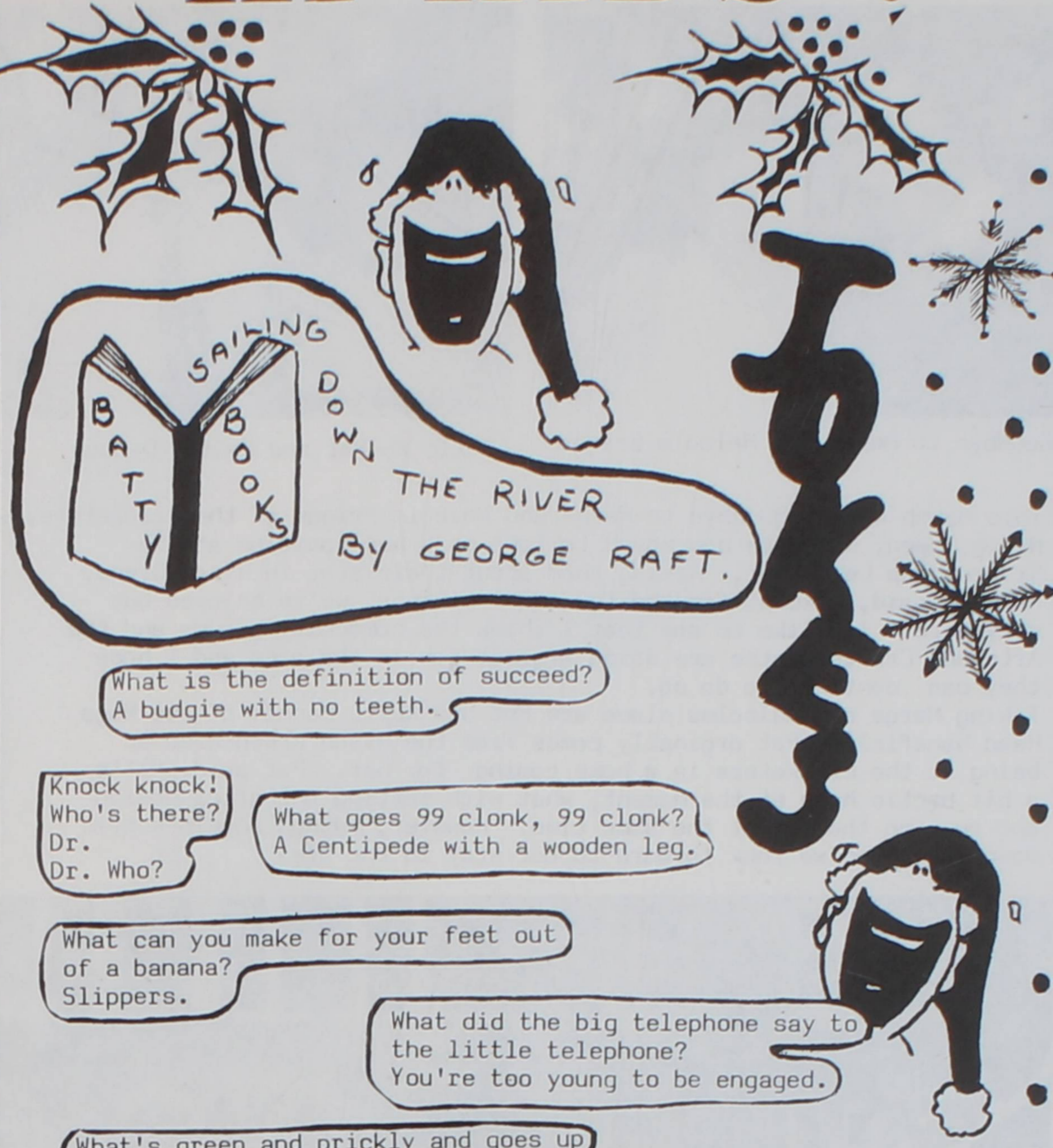
### Cinderhill and Basford

Services 36 and 37 will be replaced by 91 Cinderhill and West Bridgford, 93 Basford and West Bridgford

Buses not travelling full route will show 92 or 94



# HI KIDS !



SAILING DOWN THE RIVER  
BY GEORGE RAFT.

What is the definition of succeed?  
A budgie with no teeth.

Knock knock!  
Who's there?  
Dr.  
Dr. Who?

What goes 99 clonk, 99 clonk?  
A Centipede with a wooden leg.

What can you make for your feet out  
of a banana?  
Slippers.

What did the big telephone say to  
the little telephone?  
You're too young to be engaged.

What's green and prickly and goes up  
and down?  
A goosberry in a lift.

What's black and white and goes  
through letterboxes?  
A newspaper.

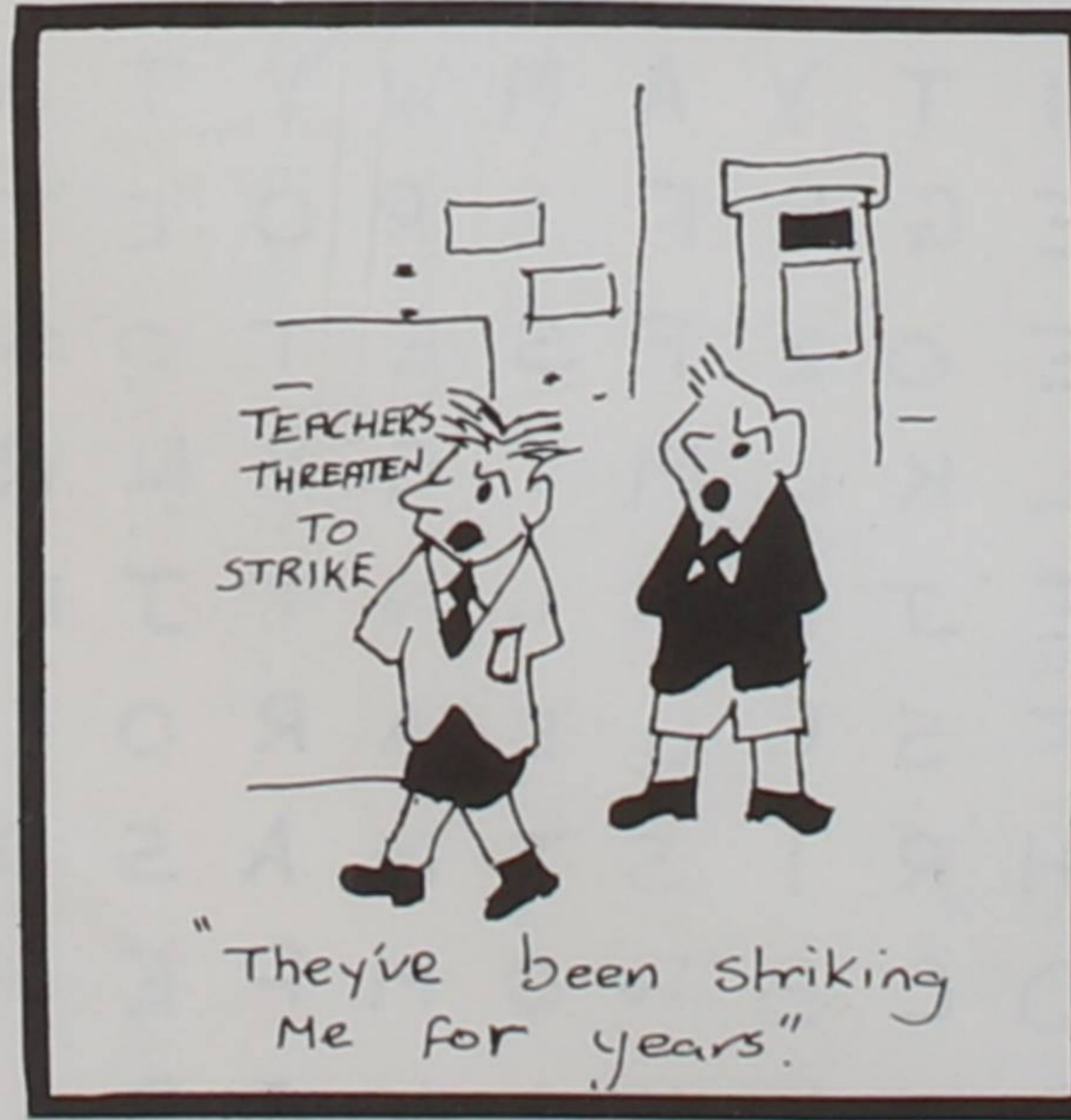
Knock knock.  
Who's there?  
Police.  
Police who?  
Police can I come in?

To market to market with my uncle  
Jim,  
When somebody through a tomatoe at  
him.  
Tomatoes don't hurt, he said with a  
grin,  
But this one did, it was still in a  
tin.

Knock, Knock  
Who's there?  
Egbert.  
Egbert who?  
Egbert no bacon.

By Jane Elliot  
aged 6.

## SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



**WINTER WISE.**  
Walk Fast in Snow,  
In Frost Walk Slow,  
and still as you go  
tread on your toe;  
When frost and snow  
are both together,  
sit by the fire,  
and spare shoe  
leather.  
TRADITIONAL.

# GRAND PRIZE DRAW

John Holmes of Radio Nottingham and Tommy Wilkins deputy Lord Mayor of Nottingham picking the winners for the Grand Prize Draw organised by the Nottingham Community Arts and Crafts Centre. The draw took place on Thursday night 1st of November at the Cricket Players in Hyson Green. The first prize a week's holiday in Amsterdam was won by R. Nardi of Denman Street ticket number 1927. Second prize a Raleigh bicycle went to J. Mcoll of Stapleford, ticket number 0171. There were 28 prizes in all other winners will be notified by post. The centre would like to thank Malcolm, Margaret and all the staff at the Cricket Players and the many firms who donated the prizes.



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|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1st. Ric Nardi<br>225, Denman Street,<br>Radford.   | Winter Holiday,<br>Amsterdam Hilton |
| 2nd. J. M. Coll<br>16 Moorfield Court<br>Stapleford | PRIZE LIST TO DRAW<br>Raleigh Bike  |
| 3rd. Marc Ward<br>63, Gregory Blvd.<br>Hyson Green  | Table for 6 at Commodore            |

A full list of the Winners can be obtained, from the Arts and Crafts Centre. Gregory Boulevard, Hyson Green.

# MAN IN SPACE



Ray a community artist from the Art & Crafts Centre with his latest creation, at the Hyson Green Flats.



# Peggy Seeger & Ewan MacColl

Aided by their two sons Calum and Neill, put on a folk concert to be remembered on November 9th at the International Community Centre. They sing songs that deal with 'political matters' but 'for those credulous souls who believe that political songs are part of a world-wide communist conspiracy we would point out that the practice of writing and singing political songs is one of our oldest traditions' (to quote the sleeve notes of their recent L.P. HOT BLAST).

During their two hour session they performed songs old and new, including, legal illegal, The Tenant Farmer, The Fathers Song, Lady - what do you do all day? Nine month blues and many more. But what impressed me so much was their tremendous musical prowess, singing over an incredible range, varying the style, pace and key.

Further, they made one realise how rich is the stock of song and ballad from the English working class over the last eight centuries. However, in ending the concert with the 5 stage cantata, White Wind - which is about the destruction of Africa by white settlers - Peggy and Ewan drew out the links between the exploited of different countries.

By singing for free to a very full audience, Peggy and Ewan made £450 that night for Zimbabwe - Rhodesian refugees.



## WHO HAS SMEARED THIS BLACK ON OUR FACES?

What of it, if we sleep by day?  
Our days are like the nights  
Here in this land we use the nights -  
Our faces too are like the night.  
What of it, if both may hands are black with grime?  
What of it, if my eyes are still full of sleep?

What of it, if my hands are cracked?  
Pain has no voice.  
I eat sand and dust  
And drink the flying sparks  
And push a trolley  
Too heavy for my strength.  
We are a strange kind of tireless worker  
We have clothed ourselves in pound note  
What are you saying about us?  
We work from seven to seven  
Seven nights of the week  
The cold air wrapped in snow  
Blows against us, as we go on  
With lowered heads.  
For money  
We have made ourselves strangers to our own land  
And do not even want to know  
Who has smeared this black on our faces?

*Avtar Sadiq*

# ON THE BANDWAGON LOCAL BANDS Art Failure

This months Bandwagon, features another band from Nottingham.

They are Art Failure.

We interviewed Art Failure at the Sandpiper club, where they were playing to a small but very lively audience.

The band, which consists of Graham Lees, guitar, William Redfearn-Vocals and guitar, Rob Dakin, drums Pat Allen- Keyboards and backing vocals, and finally Tim Fenton Ward, Bass. The band, who all live in the Nottingham area, have been friends for years and have been together since January this year after having had no influence by anyone. Graham Lees said, "We are doing our own thing, and all the songs except for the Marc Bolan hit, Ride a White Swan, are all our own material". None of the boys, with the exception of Tim Fenton Ward, who was taught the Classical guitar by his grandfather, have had any musical experience, and have all taught themselves to play. Their Songs, including their Single Scream of Pain which is on the Vague Record label, has already sold 60% of the 2½ thousand cut, and can be bought at Virgin Records have all been written Jointly. Luckily they are all ready to accept each others criticism, with out arguments, Graham said, "This set up works out fine". Already a few record companies are interested in them, and at the moment they are playing for make or break. None of the band have full time Jobs at the moment, they spend most of their time making music. This did not seem to worry them too much, just as long as they could make enough money to live on they were happy.

When asked about the future, the band said they would carry on playing regardless of making it or not. So lets hope Art Failure can manage to Scramble to the top of the Bandwagon.

Art Failure, play every thursday night at the Sandpiper, why not go along and see what you think?

# DIARY

December

20th - The Birds, a comedy by the multi racial group Pigment. 7.30pm ICC 61 (b) Mansfield Rd Nottm

21st - Disco, 10pm 1.30pm Held by the National Assoc. for Multi Racial Education ICC 61 (b) Mansfield Rd Nottm  
- The Birds (see 20th Dec)

22nd - The Birds (see 20th Dec)

January

21st - Talk on The Policies of Nottingham Council and how they affect getting a council house or a transfer. 7.30 pm 66 Radford Blvd. Nottm

28th - How to get repairs and Improvements done by Housing Assocs and the Council. 7.30 pm 66, Radford Blvd. Nottm

# GOODBYE AND HELLO



Goodbye to Marge and Malcolm Briggs



Hello to Pat and Keith Denham

This month we say goodbye to Marge and Malcolm Briggs of the Cricketers, Hyson Green, who have now moved to take up a new position at The Stirrup Cup Leicester. Asking them about their stay in Hyson Green, Malcolm said, "Except for the few odd incidents, we've enjoyed our stay here. I'd like to say that I think the community groups and the Arts and Crafts Centre are doing a great job in the area and I hope they can continue to do so.

Taking Marge and Malcolms place are Pat and Keith Denham of the Nags Head Mansfield. Pat originally comes from the Hyson Green area so being at the Cricketers is a home coming for her. Pat said, "it's a bit hectic here at the moment, what with sorting out after moving and running the pub at the same time. However, things should settle down soon, and we look forward to our stay in the area".



## CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH

HIDDEN in this Square there are 36 words hidden. The words run in Straight lines, across, down, up, diagonally, and backwards.

Answers on page 7.

