# BRIGHTON VOICE

## community paper





Services Social of the Chairman Committee. Councillor, Mitchell is the member forHove (Wish).



Councillor Stanley Theobald, Vice-Chairman of the County Council. new Brighton District Council. Councillor Theobald is a chartered surveyor and lives in Hove.



Councillor Aubrey Vickers, Chairman of the Finance Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee. Councillor Vickers is member for Eastbourne (Meads). Councillor Vicker's main interest is in local government financial affairs.



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Councillor Peter Gladwin, Chairman of the Education Committee.

A building contractor, Councillor Gladwin is member for Hove (Vallance).



Councillor David Green, Chairman of the Coast and Countryside Committee. Member for the Pevensey Division,

Councillor Geoffrey Theobald, Chairman of the Highways and Transportation Committee. Member for Brighton (St. Peter's) Councillor Theobald is also a member of Brighton County Borough Council and the new Brighton District Council. The son of our Vice-Chairman, Councillor Stanley Theobald, he is Chairman of the County Borough's Legal and Parliamentary Committee - at 29 he is the youngest Chairman to hold office this century - and a member of the Education, Highways and Parks Committees. Councillor Theobald is also a member of the Land Sub-Committee and Amenities Committee of the Brighton District Council. He is also a member of the Sussex Police Authority. A Chartered Surveyor, Councillor Theobald, has recently married, he lives in Brighton.

A Chartered Surveyor, Councillor Green lives in Russells Green, Ninfield

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# CUR BIRTHDAY

BRIGHTON VOICE IS ONE-YEAR-OLD with this , issue. To have come out every month for twelve months, with increasing size and growing circulation, is slightly astonishing to the Collective and absolutely unbelievable to our critics. In some ways we are very successful - the Collective has encouraged the participation of people in the making of the paper to such a degree that we now have size " problems; and recent newcomers have been people with solid working histories to draw on for their writing and comment. But we all realize we have a long, long way to go before we are more than a shadow of what we want to be. Particularly we are conscious that the material in the paper isn't yet the right mix of subject-matter or approach. So we would especially like many more people to write for us on topics they feel strongly about, and which likely wouldn't get a hearing otherwise. We believe that in the coming year we will move in this direction, and on our second birthday we will have even more 1 reason to be satisfied than on our first.

Meanwhile, let us tell you again who we are.

Brighton Voice is a community paper for the Brighton area, put together and printed by local residents. The VOICE comes out every month about the 15th. It seeks to air the views and problems of ordinary people, that 'other' side of Brighton which is effectively blanketed by the Council power structure and the local press.

We are also interested in any community activity in your locality, or in any local problems which you feel need some action.

We also wish to publicise movement events. We reckor we are seen by around 4500 people in Brighton, and numbers are rising fast. Access to all these people is yours for free. Our columns are open for your meeting or other events and announcements - but we can only do this if you write in.

All readers are invited to contribute articles or letters and graphics or cartoons. It is impor tant that you write for the VOICE. Since we are now getting squeezed for space we may have to cut articles. The chances of this being necessary are greatly reduced if you can keep them around 500 words or less. We will do our best to get your agreement to any cuts but, to be realistic, we cannot guarantee this. If you prefer your piece not to be used if it is necessary to reduce its length, please say so on the manuscript.

Take an active part in producing the paper by joining the collective. We welcome your ideas and comments.

Collective meetings are held every Sunday evening. The location circulates, so please phone 500698 (Carr-Hill) to check the address.

We would like more distributors who would sell to cheir immediate neighbours Phone in if you are ... interested. Try to get your newsagent to take it as well.

The next issue will centre around housing in Brighton. Copy date is the 5th of the month.

BUY THE VOICE, SELL FOR THE VOICE, DRAW FOR THE VOICE, IT IS YOUR PAPER.

Marx said 'The true freed-. om of the Press consists in not being a business.' WE ARE NOT A BUSINESS.



As such, Brighton Voice is one among many attempts to keep communal ideas alive and flowing which needs the support of everyone who is concerned with extending peoples' control over their own lives. The Public House bookshop set up a fund at the end of January to support such attempts. As a first step they are putting a voluntary tithe of 1p on books or pamphlets sold, and at the end of the

to the total. At. the moment they are dividing the proceeds (which in the first month of operation was £7) between Brighton Voice, and The Line. Other groups could and will be added as the fund grows and perhaps the fund could be used to support ad hoc groups, with new ideas and inspirations. It would be nice if other shops (whether or not 'alternative culture') felt they could do the same





tation by the many property dealers working in Brighton.

This small cartoon comes from the valuable first edition of the Evening Argus of February 26th.

RARE - because as soon as the editor saw this page, the edition was pulled off the streets, and all the remaining copies impounded.

WHY - because the entire page was an advertisment, bought and paid for by BUT - this is anathaema to the Evening Argus, whose owners well represent the property dealing groups.

FREE PRESS - never! The media are firmly controlled, and used to insidiously infiltrate the minds of those they reach.



#### SONG OF THE GUARANTEED WAGE

I'll tell you the story of Jonathon Tweed Who had a good wife and four childten to feed His wages bought food and a place they could bunk But during a lay-off poor Johny was sunk, Yes, during a lay-off poor Johnny was sunk.

When Johnny Jus working he'd get along fine. But when he was laid off he'd worry and pine. He didnot got paid, but his bills did not cease. No wonder poor Johnny could not sleep in peace

Now Johathon Tweed said there must be a way To guarantee workers a regular pay.

Said Jonathon Twoed, now there's one thing quite The bosses get paid every week of the year. \queer: But now when we ask for a guaranteed wage They rant and they roar and break out in a rage.

Now wife if we win it, our future is clear. We'll draw up our budget with confidence dear, And children at last you can live unafraid When you know that your daddy will always get paid.

Come all of you workers, pray Listen, take heed For this is the message of Jonathon Tweed. Though big corporations may bellow and rage And that's when he thought of the guaranteed plan, We'll stand up nd fight for a GUARANTEED WAGE.

#### And the boys on the union backed him to a man.

SIDNEY TIDY is one of . Brighton's best known citizens. President of the Boy Scouts, a magistrate in Hove, he does much other public work.

the TIDY

SIDNEY TIDY is one of many examples of Brightons blight - the property speculators. In this case, Tidy has speculated, not for himself but for his children. They are the beneficiaries of the S.M. Tidy Trust, which has made a profit of nearly £50,000 by buying two pieses of land for less than £20,000 and selling them to the Kemp Town Housing Association for £65,000. The two sites are:-



(1) St Lukes Church Hall, Queens Park Road. Cost; Sept, 1967; £8,650

(2) Yard adjoining 31, Toronto Terrace, formerly Co-op Dairy. Cost; 1971; less than £10,000

The chairman of the Housing Association, founded in 1970, is S.M.Tidy.

ELECTION RUMPUS - SITE LIES DERELICT FOR SEVEN YEARS

During the election, prospective Labour MP Dennis Hobden held a meeting on the site to protest over the lack of development of the Church Hall site. The night before Hobden was due to speak, Tidy hastily erected a small sign. It read:-"Flats for elderly people to be erected on this site"



The neighbours could hardly be criticised for being sceptand its people may be retical, as planning permission had first been granted in 1968. But, the next day, the purchase of the site a mechanical digger arrived. A large hole was dug, and flags placed round it. Were things moving at last? No two days after the election a bulldozer filled in the hole. Things were back to normal!

Dennis Hobden issued a leaflet - "A Tidy Frofit" which described Tidy's activities. He was immediately to be disused, rat-infesthreatened with a suit for libel, mainly because he sug children. Eventually, it

the amount of money paid to the Tidy trust for the land by the Brighton Corporation Loan. The profit is consid- got the site. Instead, erably greater than that sug the Association would build gested by Hobden. ( £15,000) 20 flats and 18 car park TIDY REFUSES COUNCIL OFFERS

Tidy's attitude to Brighton, its council, vealed in the history of St Lukes Church Hall. After in 1967, planning permission was obtained for flats and shops. Nothing was built. In 1969, he applied for and was refused permission to use the Hall for storage. Disobeying the council, he did just that until an enforcement order was served in June. The Hall continued ted, often set on fire by

led permission to build 20 flats for old people.

Part 1

saga ....

So, the council never spaces for a cost of £205,000. The money will be loaned by the council and the loan has been sanctioned by the Department of the Environment. But,

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by the end of February 74, no building work had been done. The land had not yet changed hands, and the loan had not been taken up. In 1972, the Borough Valuer valued the St Lukes site at £24,000. The additional site cannot be worth more than £10,000. So, why in Nov 1972, is the Housing Association paying £65,000 for land whose market value is not more than





Mr Ganas owns property lots of it . He is needless to say a landlord . Mr Ganas loves to help people - and the people he likes to help most are his many tenants. However he is often to be heard complaining loudly, to all who care to listen, how ungrateful some of his tenants are - and how little people appreciate him .

But now some of Mr Ganas' tenants and the Furnished Tenants Associa tion have approached the public what a helpful and considerate landlord they have . The Voice , besides heralding Mr Ganas' accomplishments , wishes to nominate him for the award of 'Brighton's Landlord of the Year'- how ever Mr Ganas will be facing strong competition from everybody's friend , Mr Hoogstraten. THE FACTS- Some of Mr

Ganas' tenants have been approached by their landlord with a tempting proposition. The wife has been asked to apply for Social Security at the same time saying falsely that their husband has left them leaving her with no adequate means of support. They are usually families with young children. The benefits are obvious for the tenants, a greater income. For Ganas the rent comes in regularly from the DHSS, he gets co-operation from the tenant - the enant has no choice if he goes through with the scheme. Ganas has a potentially very effective hold over the tenant.

Other stunts Ganas has tried to persuade his tenants to partake in include telling the DHSS that their rent is higher than it is, so that the SS pay Ganas moremoney. Ganas is very keen that his tenants go on social security -often offering them better flats



No answers are presently forthcoming. But there may be. The DoE is reviewing the loan, and a new loan may be made at an open meeting of the Housing Committee.

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SIDNEY TIDY is in a difficult position. His natural interest in the Trust give rise to a severe conflict with his responsibilities as Housing Assoc. chairman, and his work for S.M.Tidy Ltd. In such a situation, an important public figure could best demonstrate his honour by dissociating from the conflicting parties.

KEMP TOWN HOUSING ASSOCIATION

Kemp Town Housing Association, Ltd has completed one development; Courtney King House near Eastern Road This too was financed by a Council loan. A stipulation of such a loan is that 50% of the places must be available to old people on the housing waiting list. There are 48 places in Courtney King house - 8 of them were filled by people at the top of the council waiting list. A " very high proportion" of the places were filled by people who sold their own houses after moving in. The stated purpose of Kemp Town Housing Association is to provide housing for elderly people "in neccessitous circumstances".

as an inducement.

Some of those tenants who have refused Ganas assistance have been subjected to various forms of harassment - for example he has threatened people with violence in the form of his heavy 'Sid the Wrestler'. He has entered some of his tenants flats without their permission and continually harassed them, interfering with their personal effects . Some have been subjected to abuse and threats .

There is also evidence that on at least one occasion he has tried to persuade tenants into a belligerent attitude against the other tenants who have annoyed him. In Mr Ganas' St Michael's Place properties there are

often vermin, such as rodents and fless. Some properties suffer from the damp, the

In the public interest, we suggest:-

(1) He resigns as chairman of Kemp Town Housing Association Limited.

(2) The trustees of the S.M.Tidy Trust donate their fortuitous profits to a deserving childrens charity.

In this way, good will could be assured.

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And he should get on with building the flats. Its been seven years a'waitin'... In fact, a large number of these tenants were so well off that they could not go on the Council waiting list. The housing standard is indeed luxurious - even the lift is carpeted.

If you have any information on the activities of property speculators and others in Brighton, the Brighton Voice would be glad to hear from you. Contact us or phone 691712. general condition is poor, hygenically unacceptable the density of residents in some of the buildings concerned is dangerously high.

These are FACTS, each allegation is supported by signed statements . THE VOICE DEMANDS

1) that the full facts which are available from the FTA be looked at by either the DHSS or the DPP or both with a view to prosecution.

2) Brighton District Council compulsorily purchase Mr Ganas ' properties.

ACTION MUST BE TAKEN NOW TENANTS MUST ORGANISE. YOU CAN HELP BY JOINING' THE BRIGHTON FURNISHED TENANTS ASSOCIATION -MEETINGS, EVERY WENSDAY 8.00PM, YOUNG ADULTS CENTRE , QUEENS ROAD (NEAR THE CLOCK TOWER )



The Brighton Marina campaign public meeting was held on 12/3/74 to organise the fight for the public inquiry - a decision which was announced on Friday, 1st March, the day after the General Election, and IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CIRCULATION OF THE BRIGHTON VOICE PAMPHLET "THE BRIGHTON MARINA OUTRAGE".

The attendace was just under 100. Robin Murray (Mullery to the Argus!) flew in from Geneva just too late to take the platform from Prof. Lipton, who must have been the most biased Chairman that ever managed to chair a meeting. Audience participation was kept at a minimum by our Chairman regurgitating any suggestions into his own views or ignoring them completely with a little help from our friendly neighbourhood solicitor. a Mr. Tony Allen of Lewes, who announced that he should really be charging a fee for his presence! What a bring-down that such an important issue had fallen into the hands of a couple of morons blowing their own trumpets. Most of the evening was devoted to the question of legal representation - how we should pay for it, whether we could get it free, and whether we should have it at all. One naive suggestion was that we should ask the Corporation, and, - wait for it - THE MARINA COMPANY to cover our legal costs.



PROPERTY NEWS The proposals were eventually passed unanimously -(with the exception of a certain gent who objected to everything - rumours spread that he was either a Marina Company Rep. or a National Front guy, or both.

Anyone knowing the identity of this man should contact the Voice.) The proposals were:-

1) That every person present should write to their Councillor. (assuming the unlikely situation of everyone knowing who their Councillor is!) requesting the Council's financial support for legal representation.

brighton station

Meanwhile back at the Station, the Peachey Property/British Rail/ Brighton Corporation team continue with their plans to knock down the existing building, and put up an hotel offices , vast hypermarket and equally vast car-parks, plus yet another conference centre. Alternat-

2) That someone should try and recruit the necessary legal assistance and preparation free of charge, by next week, and failing this,

3) That Mr. Tony Allen will handle the case for not more than £500!

Seven working groups were then set up to cover the campaign: they were, legal, finance, engineering and architecture, social consequences. fund-raising, canvas, and publicity.

The next meeting is on 8th April, at the Anglican Chap 2 12 Hanover Crescent, and, here's hoping the Chairman isn't you know who!

ive plans to use the 25 acre site for council housing for some of the 1500 families on the Brighton waiting list have so far been rejected . However the Peachey scheme has run into trouble - no office developement permitand a public enquiry in the offing. Now we, the people of Brighton , have a chance in this breathing space to say what we, not the developers, want on our Station site . But we need to act quickly . Save Brighton Station Group want help . Contact Henrietta Dombey, 46 Park Cresct. 67035, and look out for their pamphlet, price 10P et in touch with them now, and help to stop this stupid plan before it goes any further.

Even the Marina Company wouldn't be as stupid as to help us bring them down!

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To the electors of Brighton,

As you will know, the ways in which certain services are provided for you will change on April 1st.

The main significance of the changes to you is that the power and resources of your local Council will diminish. But the new County Council, run from Lewes, will have a much greater influence on your everyday life.

As a consolation to you under these changed circumstances, I can assure you that many of the Councillors from your old local Council will be in important positions on the new County Council. People of the calibre of Stanley Theobald Esq., and his well-groomed youngster. They will obviously continue to represent your interests as in the past. They will, however, be supported in their new tasks by some very sound chaps from Eastbourne and Hove and

similar progressive places.

But things can't obviously be quite the same as in the past. For one thing, Brighton is really sewn up and your local representatives will be looking for the as yet unexploited, and potentially fruitful, County-wide deals. As just one indicator of the outward-looking perspective of your new County Councillors you can see that well-groomed youngster is fixed as Chairman of the County Highways Committee.

If you feel that these major and far-reaching changes are just old wine in new bottles, you're quite right. The way in which the lads control the Standing Orders of the Council (and hence the actual procedures), the allocation to key committees (quite independent of your vote), or the real opportunities for democratic participation and control, all, all remai . the same.

So just keep putting your little crosses on bits of paper every few years and we can all be sure of secure and profitable future. Or some of us can.

Yours sincerely,

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The long awaited Structure plan for the Brighton area has just been published by Ken Fines and his team of planners, who have put 3 years work, and £74,000 of our money into predicting . how the area should develop in the next 30 years. The Structure Plan is a general plan for the whole area, and tries to work out how population should grow, how many jobs and houses we're going to need and so on. It says

nothing about the details -where the jobs and houses will be put, how each street will change - these things will be decided in Local plans which are to be published within the next 2 years. Basically, the Structure Plan says 4 things. First, Brighton should lot grow rapidly, but should try to preserve the pleasant environnent which already exists.Second, public transport should be improved and motorists should be

for providing a good oublic transport system and for building homes for Brighton people - and could make Brighton a nuch safer, more convenient and more pleasant place to live in. But the plan doesn't say much about unemployment, types of houses, where schools will be built, or how to stop property speculators ripping down the station or the centre of Whitehawk. It needs to be changed to deal with these things, and the Director of the Structur Plan team, is asking people to write to him, giving their suggestions. So far so good .... But, on April 1st the local government setup in this area changes. A new County Council for the whole of East Sussex comes into power, and, underneath them, the old Borough Council in Brighton is replaced by a new District Councilwell a new name anyway: the Councillors on the new District Council are pretty much the same

"appalling decision" as an "insult to the Brighton public. Strong stuff, this. The Tories, led by your old friend and mine Stan " Mr. Big" Theobald (yes, he's still around folks -now Chairman, no less, of the new District Council, and Vice-Chairman of the County Council) have denounced planning in general and the Structure Plan'in particular as a waste of time. But both these gents miss the point. The County Planning Committee, led by one Andrew Thorburn watch out for him in later issues of the Voice), have

taken an aggressive and

and anti-deomcratic decision -they've thrown out the Structure Plan before we've had a chance to say what we think. BE WARNED. This is just thefirst of a series of decisions we can expect the County Council to take. The County of East Sussex is ripe for exploitation, and powerful men on the County Council are obviously willing to brush aside local opinior in their rush to power. THIS MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO HAPPEN. We in Erighton have a right to say what we want in our town. We want the Structure Plan, with some changes perhaps but we want to KEEP IT as the basis for the proper planning of our town.

Write your comments down and send them to-Ken Fines, Director, Structure Planning Team, 7 Middle St., Brighton.



encouraged not to take their cars into the town centre. Third, the Council should buy up all land which is suitable for housing, and should make sure that the houses built are for people who live in the area and not second homes for rich Londoners. Finally, all development in the area should be balanced- the population mustn't grow unless houses and jobs are available, and transport and social services are improved.

Some parts of the plan are very good- the proposals for conserving the centre of Brighton, bunch who have made such a grand job of running Brighton over these last few years. But the <u>County</u> Council seems already greedy for power - already their Planning Committee have

thrown out the Brighton Urban Structure Plan as something which has beer "overtaken" by local government reorganisation. "A fruitless excercise". £75,000 down the drain. Reaction from Brighton has been swift. Cllr. Ian McGill -the Labour group spokesman on planning, tipped to succeed Dennis-the-Menace -Hobden in the electoral

The Department of the Environment, 2 Marsham St., Lomdon S.W.1

County Planning Officer, East Sussex County Council, 182 High St., Lewes.

County Planning Officer, West Susse County Council, County Hall, Chichester.

Write too to your local Councillor (get his name & address from the Town Hall- Brighton 29801).

Write NOW and help to plan Brighton for yourselves



## how to get yours

WIND OF CHANGE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

On April 1st, local government in Brighton will change and the old County Borough Council, and all its Departments, will become the new Brighton District Council. EastSussex County Council, which will have 21 councillors from the Brighton District Council sitting on it, will take over the running of some services, but these still have area offices in Brighton.

Confused? So were we. The Town Hall helped a little bit by giving addresses and telephone numbers for the new services.

#### \*Area Education Office

Environmental Health (Clean Air, Noise Control, Food Safety & Hygiene, Nuisances, Shops Act, Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act, Factories Act, Drainage).

Personal Health Services (under the new Area Health Authority) \*Youth and Community Office

#### ALL AT:

ROYAL YORK ELDG Old Steine Brighton. Tel. 29801

Building Control Estates Department Planning (Information service, Local Structure Plan, Development Cont		
and Housing).		
Refuse Collection		
Roads Street Cleaning		
*Central Library		AT:
Central Museum and Art Gallery		CHURCH STREE Brighton. Tel. 63005
Rates Office and Investments		AT:
Mortgage Inquiries		REGENT ARCAI Brighton.
Harrassment Officer		, Tel. 29801
*Careers Cffice A	T: 9/10 QUEEN SQ. Brighton. Fel. 29529	Rama heltrai Michiga
Cemeteries. Crematorium & Mortuary	TEWES BOAD	





### AND WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO SOCIAL WORK?

We talked to Janet Clough about this. Jan will be responsible for the social work services of one of the three area teams in Brighton, answerable to the East Sussex Social Services Committee. She's young, attractive and very well qualified and she's fairly optimistic about the new set up. For one thing Brighton will have something it really needs, a Community Worker to forge links between the official Social Services and all the voluntary bodies in the town, which Jan says have often been more imaginative in their approach to community problems than the professionals. His name is Chris Miller. Watch out for him. He's a friend of Brighton Voice.

And Jan adds that problems due to eviction from property bought up by developers have increased enormously. Take Regency Square for example. Eviction of old and powerless people makes social workers really angry. And Brighton also needs more money and facilities for old people and the mentally handicapped, though compared with some areas its residential and day care isn't too bad.

Actual housing problems will still be at the District level. Jan

PRIOR HOUSE See info. page.) New activities now going on at the Centre require lots of organisation and help. A lot of voluntary help could make all the difference to the success of the place. You don't have to be an "expert", just pleased to give some of your time to helping out. Contact Carolyn Sivers if you can help her ... especially if you can help with the



Another thing -East Sussex holds forum discussions between its social workers and the elected councillors. Does Brighton? Not yet, out after April 1st it probably will do. That means with the six Brighton councillors who will be on the county committee, four of them Labour and two Jonservative, swamped rou might think by Junty from the rest of the area. But again Jan is hopeful. She thinks there will be a lot of devolution, and that Brighton will be left with a fairly free hand to meet its special problems. Brighton's problems aren't hard to find. The town's at the end of a railway line: deprived, unhappy, lonely people just get on a train and come here. They need help and acceptance. There are a scandalous number of children either in care or living with their parents in

sees the possibility of crossed lines here. Clients won't be too sure who's dealing with them. More telephone calls to make across red-tape boundaries. But one reassurance, the social workers themselves will be the same so we'll still get the same people coming to see us or helping us out. Mind



you, they will still be grossly overworked. Recruitment is a real problem in Brighton. It's difficult to attract social workers due to the high cost of housing and living. And there's not much noney around to pay them anyway. Recent legislation has brought social workers ---a lot of extra work but no increase in numbers to deal with it. They could do with the help of more part-time people, untrained as well as trained. Jan thinks the new set up will be more on the lookout for them. Brighton hasn't used them as much as it could have done. There's something for us to do too. We'll make sure that Brighton Voice keeps those six councillors well informed of the community's needs. Jan knows what they are, and so does Chris Miller which is a good start.

following new activities:-

## SOCIAL SERVICES

Junior Club (6-12+ age group) 60 kids on Wed: 5.15-6.45 pm. Fri. 5.30-7.30 pm. Drama (under 10 year) on Sat. 10-11.30 am. Mums & Toddlers on

Thurs 1.30-3.30 pm (another day is planned for if sufficient help can be found to get it going).

The Elderby Club lots of help for 2-4 pm groups. If you are elderly, or know of any in the area near to Prior House, spread the .word about the club.

WANTED... if you have an old sewing machine you don't want but still works, Prior House would be pleased to receive it for use in its activity groups... If you have anything else you think may be useful, contact Carolyn ... Have you a secondhand



Dear Voice collective, Last Sunday's meeting was the last Voice meeting which I shall be attending. Frankly the gap between myself and the rest of you is too great and just results in arguements every time.

LETERS

Whereas middle-class teachers and academies in left-wing groups used to talk about the 'proletariat', it' seems they now involve themselves in 'community' papers and talk about trying to involve the 'community' (i.e. working-class) in such a paper will start. If it starts it will be planned with a dummy run, and an adequate cash flow. That's why CLAP may well be carrying an entry for a new paper in Brighton in due course.

I'll continue to sell the Voice for you, and maybe I'll pass on corrections and additions for the back page, but otherwise count me out.

Solidarity and similar Sullshit, JUHN NOYCE.

VOICE REPLY. O.K. Good Luck with your paper, we'll look foward to seeing it, and thanks for offering to sell ours.

Dear Voice, I found No.11 Voice very satisfactory, and I assume seeing there was a Praxis supplement it was a bit more Socialist than usual? My only criticism is that you take for granted that everything Tory or authoritarian is wrong. If Brighton Voice is a community paper surely there are people in the community who have slightly less 'revolutionary' motives who may look for a paper with their sort of ideas. On the other hand, I have yet to read a paper that can possibly be on

running their paper. Times obviously don't change.

Your whole attitude to the paper is far too casual for my liking. The internal censorship ,the casual typing and abysmal proofreading, the frantic search for articles at the last moment, etc. That sort of thing is something to be expected from a paper in the first few issues but you're still doing it with no.12 coming up.

Now you're a registered company (wow!)your accounting will have to improve or else Company House will be down on you. You might also consider registering with H.M.Customs and Excise with a view to claiming VAT on the paper you buy.

#### Tc Brighton Voice:

Mr R.R.Conway, the director of JARMANS had a notice in his Trafalgar St.shop saying that no journalist has seen fit to write the true story of cotton. He says that 1974 will bring about the real truth of the price in cotton. It is fast becoming the Luxury fabric of tomorrow. both sides at once??

Ernie.

BRIGHTEN FROM OUR READERS

It has risen in its raw state by 64% and is still rising.Already manufacturers are quoting for long deliveries.He states that there is a cotton shortage not experienced in 40 years trading. Prices of stocks on the shelves today, according to JARMANS, will not be seen again.

Mrs Morley. 32 Lincoln St, Brighton.



This morning I received the first copy of the CLAT Catalogue in which Brighton Voice has an entry: great stuff chaps, but how about telling the truth next time? So you all reckon you're "libertarian anarchists"? More like 'Labour Party and fellow travellers'. So you're fighting sexism? In which case how come the Voice collective is totally dominated by men; how come when a gay article gets . written the wording gets changed and a fatuous comment gets put on the same page? So you're attacking capitalism? In which case why are you a registered company? There are too many inconsistencies. I have a strong feeling that a new local paper is needed. when I encounter others with similar views maybe

I regret that following the censoring of my article in Voice no. 11 and the evasive discussion held about that censorship at the last Collective meeting, I shall not be submitting any further material to you.

John passed me a copy of your entry in GLAP yesterdays I read it with realings that varied between humour and disbelief. So, Brighton Voice attacks sexism, does it? Ch, yeh? Now THAT is lunny.

Yours gayly and ... ith pride,

Sean Aubrey

No. as you recken to be writing for oppressed people, it occurred to me that you might like to hear a poem in which you are featured - as oppressor:

#### GAY PRIDE

Don't ask us to love you . or try to understand you have beat us and burned us the blood is on your hand.

We have shed our blood we have shed our tears don't ask us to forgive .ou it's been too damn many years.

(Ronald Endersby)

i.ow how does that compare with "discrimination against homosexuals is one of a whole series of oppressions bullshit oullshit bullshit..."?

come out and grow : be who you are



# Q POCKETS DON



WE HAVE THREE INCOME GROUPS. THE WEALTHY, THE PROSPEROUS, WEALTHY, THE PROSPEROUS, AND THOSE WHO SHOULD CONSIDER THE NATIONAL INTEREST



Contrary to general public opinion. picketing at Shoreham Harbour is not the most exciting way to spend a day. There is no mass picket wielding pick-handles or even laying down in the road in front of 30 ton lorries. On the contrary picketing is a very monotonous but nevertheless necessary job. The picket at Shoreham consists, in full, of 16 men who between them work a 3-shift rota system giving a 24 hour coverage of the area. At the moment with cooperation from other unions in the power station, 3 colliers are strike bound alongside the Wharf. the James Rowan, Sir John Snell and Sir William Walker. One British ship carrying Polish coal has been prevented from unloading at Corralls' wharf, - again with other union co-operation, and has departed for an unknown destination. Most of the time on the picket is spent talking about anything that crops up, sex. football. politics. even the strike. The police have been on site all the time and in general have been very friendly although how they would react if trouble blew up is unknown. They reckon to be able to have the place blanketed with policemen within 5 minutes of trouble breaking

Now and again there is a little light relief when a tanker comes along the road.

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"What you carrying mate?" "Sherry!"

"Did you say sherry?" is the puzzled reply to that. "Yes".

"Oh well, carry on, that won't replace coal" Made fools of ourselves that time. Still, not to worry, it passes the time.

Even the occasional Tory has stopped and talked. "I\*ve never seen or spoken to a picket before," he says, "you're all right really." Not the monsters he quite expected, just 3 or 4 blokes doing what we think is right to secure a reasonable wage for the work we do.

#### FAWCETT FAIRNESS?

Or 27th February it was arranged for a party of bcys from Patcham Fawcett to see the film 'Lord of the Flies'. On that afternoon however, a number of boys turned up not wearing school uniform (they had not been told this was necessary). Four of these boys were picked out and sent home, the others were allowed to see the film. One of the boys who was sent home had worn school uniform regularly, and had gone home to change that dinner time specially as he was going to see the film.



After 8 hours, it's with welcome relief that the next shift is seen coming up the road. Make a report on the non-events of the shift and off we go.

D. BOOTH. NATIONAL UNION. OF MINEWORKERS



This is the kind of advertisment being put out by your Friendly Estate Agent to attract "Young Couples." Brighton Voice asks How MANY YOUNG COUPLES CAN SAVE BETWEEN \$1,500 AND \$2,000 HERE IN BRIGHTON WHERE THE AVERAGE WAGE IS ABOUT \$237 HOW MANY OF THESE 'YOUNG COUPLES' CAN POSSIBLY AFFORD TO PAY OUT \$24 A WEEK TO A BUILDING SOLIETY ? And for those young couples who do struggle to get this sort of money together (because there's no alternative in our town due to the virtual standshill in council house building) they will pay out £27,000 (that's £24 a week over 25 years) and for \$ 27,000 they will be proud owners of a





OUT, OUT, OUT!

## THURSDAY



## OH I DO LIKE TO BE BESIDE Roving Reporter.

You will doubtless have read of the record-breaking popularity of TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE DOME with Dougie Reeve

## DOME

AT

locking independent who polled all of 400 votes thanks to his fascist manifesto and his pathetic and tasteless constant reminders of his connection with the Maria Colwell memorial fund.

and his electric organ, but Dome attendance figures reveal that by far the biggest-smashhit attraction at the theatre is <u>ELECTION NIGHT AT THE DOME</u> when 7,000 or more people flock there for a Happening of mammoth proportion, a rabelasian evening of pure participatory theatre - reminisc nt of the bawdy days of Elizabethen playhouse and cock-fights.

## PUNCH UP

All eyes are watching the cabaret - 5 large colour telly sets lent by Scotts of Sydney Street. The leading players are the Police, patrolling along the front of the stage and up and down the gangways casionally clipping Norman Munnery the odd blow as he sits in the front row with members of the C.P. )A fresh-faced Young Socialist keeps trying unsuccessfully to organise community singing and friendly punch-ups break out all over the floor with groups of Police rushing from scuffle to brawl. And all the while the Voice of Big B.B.C. drones on about Votographs and Swingometers and predicts the outcome of the election after one result is announced.

Not for us, the people of Brighton, a polite smatter of applause or a restrained round of 'Hurrahs'like they do in Surrey, here in Brighton we. get down to the real nitty gritty of political response, The Dome echoes with deafening howls of 'AMERY OUT' and 'FASCIST FIG'(and worse). Amery further endears himself to us by calling us 'IGNORANT APES' and we fling screwed up poll cards at him and yell 'OUT OUT, OUT'. In the general me e a National Front supporter -waving 1 of a tattered Union Jack, is set upon by a group of International Socialists. The stage is cleared and we have a repeat performance this time starring Bouncing Bowden (hot from his sick . bed)and a crestfallen Dennis Hobden and wilted John Buckle (CPEML).

Then the climax of the evening the 'piece de resistance'if you like. The tellys are switched off. The audience is hushed. The arc lights come up and the Man from Radio Brighton trips over his microphone lead, and onto the stage walks the Rt. Hon. Julian Amery, his blue rosette joggling in jubilation, closely followed by a dejected Tonks and a loony-



ANDREW BOWDEN.

## ANARCHY AT LAST!

With both Kemptown and Pavilion results declared, the tellys start up again, the announcer patters on about 'DEADLOCK' and 'NO MAJORITY' and a lone voice from the back of the Dome shouts 'ANARCHY AT LAST' -he is jumped on by two Police and warned for selling Brighton Voice without a licence.

Election Night at the Dome is a spectacle not to be missed Folks!And remember - it's all FREE.See ya in October?

F.S. I forgot to mention the Liberals.





## allotments-

#### THIS MONTH:

#### Compost Heaps.

One of the joys of organic gardening is the money saved; the Sunday Times magazine has recently been running a glossy column on how to build a garden for only two hours and £2 spent a week. This is a typical example of money wasted on gadgets-an organic garden need only cost £2 a year; where you save the money is by producing your own fertilizers from your com-

Under these conditions, a heap will ripen in a year. When the compost is ripe it will smell sweet and consist of a warm rich soil full of humus. There is a herbal ingredient called Q.R.-(Quick Return) which greatly speeds up the decomposition of the heap. This activator is sprinkled on the heap as it is built up and is very effective, reducing raw compost to fine powdery humus in fourteen days in the height of summer. A packet, enough for two tons of compost, costs 14 pence and can be obtained from Chase Organics, Gibraltar House, Shepperton, Middlesex.An excellent pamphlet on compost making, calles Compost Making, can be obtained from Infinity Foods, North Rd., for 17p. Horticulturist Horace.

and have many different aspects: illness, housing loneliness, employment and so on. Eleven years ago the basis of the organisation now called Age Concern was formed to a attempt to coordinate the activities of all the various organisations (about 70 in all), both statutory and voluntary. which were concerned with the welfare of old people. The aim of Age Concern is to attempt to meet needs unmet by existing organisations, to seek out any gaps and try to fill them Their activities range from organising lunch

clubs, running an employment agency for part time work, maintaining for five days a week an advisory desk dealing with any problem cincerning old people, arranging visits etc. They also exist in a kind of ginger group capacity on both national and local levels. They run from 59, Ditchling Rd. (683275) and , as with all other groups, could always d with offers of help or money.

post heap.

Although compost making is a great art(like growing prize pumpkins) it is basically very easy, the golden rule being:keep the heat in the rain out, and let the heap breathe.

All household organic wastes can be used on the compost heap:vegetable peelings(except orange and lemon peel-too acidic),egg shells,coffee grounds, dust from the vacuum cleaner etc. A bucket kept under the sink provides a container for these before transfering them to the compost heap; this not only saves blocked sinks, but also keeps your dustbins emptier and cleaner.

The compost heap should be made in a bin-a box without a bottom, roughly\_ 2ft. square ,with ,most importantly, good drainage at the bottom. Here in Brighton the chalk makes a good base, but if the soil is clay the bottom should be lined with twigs to allow good drainage (never put a compost heap on concrete). The bin should have air-holes in the side, so a wooded slat box would be ideal. The compost heap s'ould be built in layers 4-6 ins. thick with a sprinkling of soil over each layer. The more varied the composition the better besides household waste, all garden wastes (weeds, lawn clippings, autumn leaves, bracken etc.) should be used. The compost heap. should be kept covered with a sack to keep moisture in, and under a sheet of corrugated iron, to keep

Next month:organic pest cont ol.

EAST BRIGHTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION The E.B.R.A. is working to protect the interests of all residents in Whitehawk, Manor Farm & Bristol Estate. The East Brighton Action Committee is part of the E.B.R.A. and is fighting the Brighton Council's decision to lease off half the land at Whitehawk to housing associations.

Although at the moment our fight is only involved with the Whitehawk redevelopment we would NOTE: They do publish an excellent booklet called simply 'Your Rights' (10p) explaining simply the rights of pensioners with pensions, rent rebates, supplementary benefits etc. If you're a pensioner, get one; if you're not, get one for someone who is.

advise tenants on other estates, i.e. Moulsecoombe, to be on their guard and watch closely the moves made by the Council. This

fight concerns every-one who cares about the apalling housing situation in this town. And the Action Committee would like to ask for any help that anyone can offer. At the moment this would mainly mean collecting signatures for the petition which we are doing.

Anyone interested please phone Mr. Andy Andrews, 8. Twineham Road. 687715.

#### Age Concern

The problems of old age in Brighton, where some 20 20% of the population are



ASK A POLICEMAN ?....

again" he said. "We're out of touch with people, and I've always believed that a good copper should get out and be**at** the folk in his area"

Daily Mirror, 10th January.



## **IS** Bank Holiday Project

As spring threatens to blossom forth, Brighton prepares for the start of the holiday season. Brighton is a good place to go for a holiday if the weather's fine and you have plenty of money to spend. On the other hand. it's not such a great place to be if you have no money and/or no-where to sleep Over the Bank Holiday the town's visitors will include people of both extremes, and many in between.

Back in history, in the

The project simply provided a place for these kids to go. Somewhere they wouldn't be constantly hassled and watched suspiciously; somewhere to sit and talk - to have a cup of coffee, and later to go to sleep. The project was there for anyone who wanted it, and many did; not just the kids but old dossers, homeless families holidaymakers who missed the last train home - they all came in. And they still do.

The project is still operating every Taster, Whit. & August bank holidays. It takes over the Union Hall, Air Street (by the clocktower) from the Friday night of the holiday, and stays open 24 hors a day until the Juesday morning. There are free hot drinks for anyone who wants them, and a leit-luggage counter, information about Brighton and people are able to sit around in a relaxed atmosphere, talking, playing cards or musical instruments and just generally having a good time ....

At night we open up a couple of other church halls, for people to sleep in - they are charged for a couple of blankets-just a few bob if they have it, but if not they get it all the same.

The big trouble with the project is that very few people from the local community are involved in working on it - which is a

sad reflection on the people of Brighton - for we are sure that there are people. facing this page who have the energy & ideas to help & improve the project rathor than relying on a slowly diminishing hard core of people who come from all around the country each Bank Holiday to work on the project. If any of you think you can help (the next project is at Easter-April 12th-16th) please write to Marc Wolstencroft, 93 The Gardens, Southwick, BN4 4AR, who'll let you know what it's all about and explain to you how you can help

middle sixties, Brightor was the scene of the Mods & Rockers clashes. Over successive bank holidays, the media built these publes up to such an tent that more and more young people came down to see what was going on. The troubles escalated, with the police using dogs to escort groups of kids around the town, making sure that no two groups should meet. It was in tis situation that the Bark Holiday Project started.





#### 105 Islingword Road.

This is a 3rd tier residential hostel for the single homeless. It provides accomodation for 6 men, and now has a fairly stable contingent of residents. The day to day running of the Fostel is carried by 2 wardens whose policy is to try to encourage residents to help in the running of the hostel the -selves. In the future, they hope for the formation of a small network of similar small, tolerant hostels all over the town, as the present statutory, and small number of voluntary facilities that exist hardly cater for the need. They also see the need for the development and establishment of a wet shelter,

as corron lodging house accomodation is closing down and the chronic alcoholic has nowhere to go. Brighton Hostel sees itself very much as an integral part of the community; in some ways it is, e.g. residents who visit the local pub are well liked; but there is also a lot of latent hostility, especially over the meal sessions for outside 'dossers' twice a

much I've been here ever since."

week. We feel there is an enormous fund of good will towards the single homeless if only this can be tapped. Can you help by publicising what we are trying to do? Funds and help with soup runs, organising the shop etc. are desperately needed. AMERY SENSATION... When asked to comment on the argument put forward by Left Wing groups that 'Blue Streak' was the most disastrous money-losing scheme ever dreamed up by a tory government, the Rt.Hon Julian Amery replied.... continued some other time.....





## SHOPS.

ANANDA: 111 Gloucester Rd. (Tel:67772)Odds and ends to make your life good. Uncle Sam's Hamburger Express with everything & chips, Montpelier Road. BRIGHTON WORKERS BOOK-SHOP: 37 Gloucester Rd. (C.P.B.M-L). Open 2-6pm weekdays, all day Sat. THE GARDEN: 22 Trafalgar St. (vegatarian/meeting, eating) INFINITY FOODS: 25 North Rd. Organically grown food. PUBLIC HOUSE BOOKSHOP. 21 Little Preston St. (28357). Books and mags. SYMPOSIUM BOOKSHOP: 12 Market St. (28142) WRAGGLE TAGGLE WORKSHOP: 27 George St.All sorts of things to brighten you and your home.

YOUTH ADVISORY SERVICE: Sunday afternoons, Young Adults Centre. Queens Rd, (Nr Clock tower).

BPAS/WI STONS: free pregnancy tests, abortions, vasectomy etc 138 Dyke Rd(509726)

Welfare Rights Information Centre at Whitehawk - free and confidential ,info and help at Community Centre, every Wed Ipm to 5 pm.

RENT TRIBUNAL: Anston House, 137 Preston Rd.

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR GIVIL LIBERTIES: Contact Richard Moseley at 2 Gloucester St. (65706). Claimants Union c/o Ian Miles, SPRU, U of Sussex FREE VET.P.D.S.A. by the Open market(63606).Donations welcome.

FURNISHED TENANTS ASSOC-IATION: Meets Wed 7.30 at Young adults centre, next Virgin Records, nr clocktower. In emergency phone The Line 64243. <u>THE MARMION CENTRE</u>: community activities. Marmion Rd, Hove. (731724). <u>SAVE BRIGHTON STATION</u>: 46 Park Crescent. <u>SHELTER</u>: Jenny Backwell, (594623) <u>SPA CAMPAIGN</u>: 62 Bentham Rd. <u>TRADES COUNCIL</u>: c/o 65 Stanford

BRIGHTON VOICE - can also be bought at: KEMPTOWN BOOKS, St Georges St. ST.JAMES ST NEWSAGENTS. Schofield's, Lewes Road LUMLEYS: Eastern Rd. UNIV.OF SUSSEX: Social Science Common Room. COMPENDIUM BOOKS: 240 Camden High St.London. EAST OXFORD ADVERTISER: 34 Cowley Rd, Oxford. RISING FREE: 197 Kings Cross Rd. London.

## GROUPS AND

## GATHERINGS.

Prior House, Carlton Hill Youth and Community Centre(see p 10 for wide range of activities).Contact Carolyn Sivers on 681925

"Hands off Whitehawk"Campaign,thru East B'ton Action C'tee,to prevent any of Whitehawk being sold for private developement. Contact G.Andrews,8 Twineham Rd., Phone 687715

Anyone interested in forming a home wine making group phone Whitehawk Community Centre 686793 or write or call Fred Netley, 57, Manor Road. BRIGHTON ENVORONMENTAL COMMITTEE: Melinda Mellish, 54 Queens Park Rd. BRIGHTON HOSTEL: 105 Islingword Rd. (686320). Meals and soup run. Gives and needs clothes, food and help. BRIGHTON MARINA WATCH COMM-ITTEE: contact Oscar Thompsett. 20 Ridgeside Ave, Patcham. BRIGHTON SOCIETY: Selma Montford, 10 Claremont Rd. (509209) Environmental group. CAMPAIGN FOR HOMOSEXUAL EQUALITY: Roland Stringer, 27 Osborne Villas, Hove, (732550). CENTRE FOR INVESTIGATION OF PROPERTY SPECULATORS. coordination of research on major speculative developments in Brighton(691712) A COMMUNAL VAN? Anyone want to share costs and use of a van or station wagon? Contact Keith at the Printing outfit 2 Gloucester Rd

Rd.

#### WOMENS LIBERATION.

24 Freshfield Rd - no phone as yet - or phone Penny 585431.

WORKING ASSOCIATION OF MOTHEP Pam Smith, 5 Northease Drive, Nove.

DRAMA WORKSHOP FOR KIDS: Sat mornings.10 a.m. Prior House, Carlton Hill.

Exhibition of B'ton Labour Movement T890-1970 22nd April-3rd May.Open 8am-9pm and Sat eves at Art College, Gd Parade.

RADIO BRIGHTON (jits trying!) Programmes on Planning called Now is the Future on Weds. 6.55 repeated Fri. 3.40pm. until 5th April (VHF 95.3; and 202 med wave).

BRIGHTON PAVILION AND KEMPTOWN LPYS. Meetings each Tues 8.00 pm. 179 Lewes Rd. Contact John Balance 64 Coleman St: CPB(M-L)DISCUSSION GROUPS: phone 684404 for details.

## Advice.

AGE CONCERN: 57 Ditchling Rd. (683275)Old peoples welfare. CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAUX: 17 Ditchling Rd. (61664) 7 Town Hall, Hove (734811) FAMILY PLANNING CLINIC: 18-19 Western Rd, Hove(734258)also a clinic / Health Centre, Univ. of Sussex. CANCER PREVENTION. Morley St. (29801)FRIEND: (739729)9am-6pm weekdays. (61664) Fri. evenings. Gay counselling. THE LINE: 6pm-9am weekdays, 24 hours weekends. Free legal advice. NITELINE: Lancaster House, Sussex Univ.11pm - 7am, every night (680888 or internal phone 8-160) OFF THE RECORD: 6 Marlborough Pl (63080)SAMARITANS: 24hr. (733333).



DATR: 67 Vere Rd. Poetry mag. LIBRARIANS FOR SOCIAL CHANGE: 67 Vere Rd. Radical library paper. NEWSWAVE: 63 Gleton Ave, Hove. free radio mag. QUEENSPARK 14 Toronto Terrace.

'SAVE CUR SCHOOLS' CAMPAIGN -action group in the Queen's Park area to prevent the Queen's Park Sec. Mod. buildings being taken over for Queen's Park First School. Jce Taylor, 57 Queen's Park Terrace, tel. 67496; cr

Mrs. E. McRorie, tel. 65990.

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