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THE LINE : 6pm.-9am. during week, 24-hours weekends. Free legal advice on social security, accomodation, mental health and general arrests.....64243

AGE CONCERN : 57 Ditchling Rd. (683275) - Old peoples welfare.

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAUX : 17 Ditchling Rise (61664); 2 St. George's Place: 2.15-4.15pm. daily; Whitehawk Community Centre: Thurs. 2-4pm. No appointments necessary; can be very helpful.

FAMILY PLANNING CLINIC : 18/19 Western Rd. Hove (734258); also a clinic c/o Health Centre, Sussex Univ.

CANCER PREVENTION : Morley St. (29801)

FRIEND : (739729) 9am-6pm. on weekdays; Tel: 61664 on Fri evening - counselling for gays.

NITELINE : Lancaster House Sussex Univ. If you're sad etc...680888 or 'internal phone 8-160, 11pm.-7am. every night.

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR CIVIL LIBERTIES : contact Richard Moseley, 2 Gloucester St. (64243)

OFF THE RECORD : Helps with general problems, sex, loneliness etc. Youth advisory service. (63080) Mon-Fri 8-10pm.

SAMARITANS : 24-hours 733333

YOUTH ADVISORY SERVICE : Sun. pm., Young Adults Centre. Queens Rd.

FURNISHED TENANTS ASSOC. Meets Weds. 8pm. at Young Adults Centre, QueensRd. In an emergency, phone: **THE LINE** : 64243.

"HANDS OFF WHITEHAWK": Campaign to stop any of Whitehawk being sold for private development. Contact: Andy Andrews, 8 Twineham Rd. (687715)

BRIGHTON & HOVE WOMEN'S LIB. Contact Jen de Winter, 154 Harbour Way, Shoreham-by-Sea (87-61680)

"SAVE BRIGHTON STATION" : Contact: Henrietta Dombey, 46 Park Crescent (67035)

BRIGHTON SOCIETY : Active environmental group trying to stop bad planning, on both social and aesthetic grounds. Selma Montford, 10 Clermont Rd. (509209)

UPPER NORTH ST RESIDENTS : Against piecemeal traffic plans in the area: Robert Gregory, 97 Upper North St. (26749)

BRIGHTON LIBERTARIAN TEACHERS: Group of local practising school teachers. Ring 691712 in the first instance.

STOP PRESS HOUSING ACTION GROUP 1st. meeting Thurs 6th June, 7.30pm. Friends Centre.

B.P.A.S. WISTONS : 138 Dyke Rd. (509726) - abortions, vasectomy, free pregnancy testing.

RENT TRIBUNAL : Anston House, 137 Preston Rd. (506381) - they may give rent reductions, security of tenure; second opinions if dissatisfied given by Furnished Tenants' Assoc.

HOUSING ADVICE CENTRE at 73 Grand Parade.

BRIGHTON MARINA: TEACHING KIT : teachers and research students preparing an Education Kit on the Marina as a local case-study for use in schools; anyone interested in joining the group contact: Brighton Voice, Box 2, 111 Gloucester Road, for details.

MARINA ACTION CAMPAIGN : Coordinated research and action against the latest plans of the Marina Company. Contact: Tessa Williams, Rear-Ground-Floor Flat, 6 Arundel Terr. (687792 after 5pm.)

CAMPAIGN FOR HOMOSEXUAL EQUALITY : Roland Stringer, 27 Osbourne Villas, Hove (732550)

THE MARMION CENTRE : Community activities. Marmion Rd., Hove. (731724)

WORKING ASSOCIATION OF MOTHERS : baby-sitting, creche, coffee mornings etc. Pam Smith, 5 Northease Drive, Hove. (772649)

FREE VET : P.D.S.A. 16 Oxford St.(by the Open Market). (63606) Donations are welcomed.

SHELTER: Jenny Backwell (594623)

'SAVE OUR SCHOOLS' CAMPAIGN Against a botched-up plan to put infants from 3 schools into 1 of over 600 pupils. Contact Joe Taylor (67496)

PRE-SCHOOL HANDICAPPED KIDS AND THEIR MUMS : join the Opportunity Group Tues. 1.30-3.30pm. Contact: Mrs S. McCormick, 44 Inwood Cres. (509431)

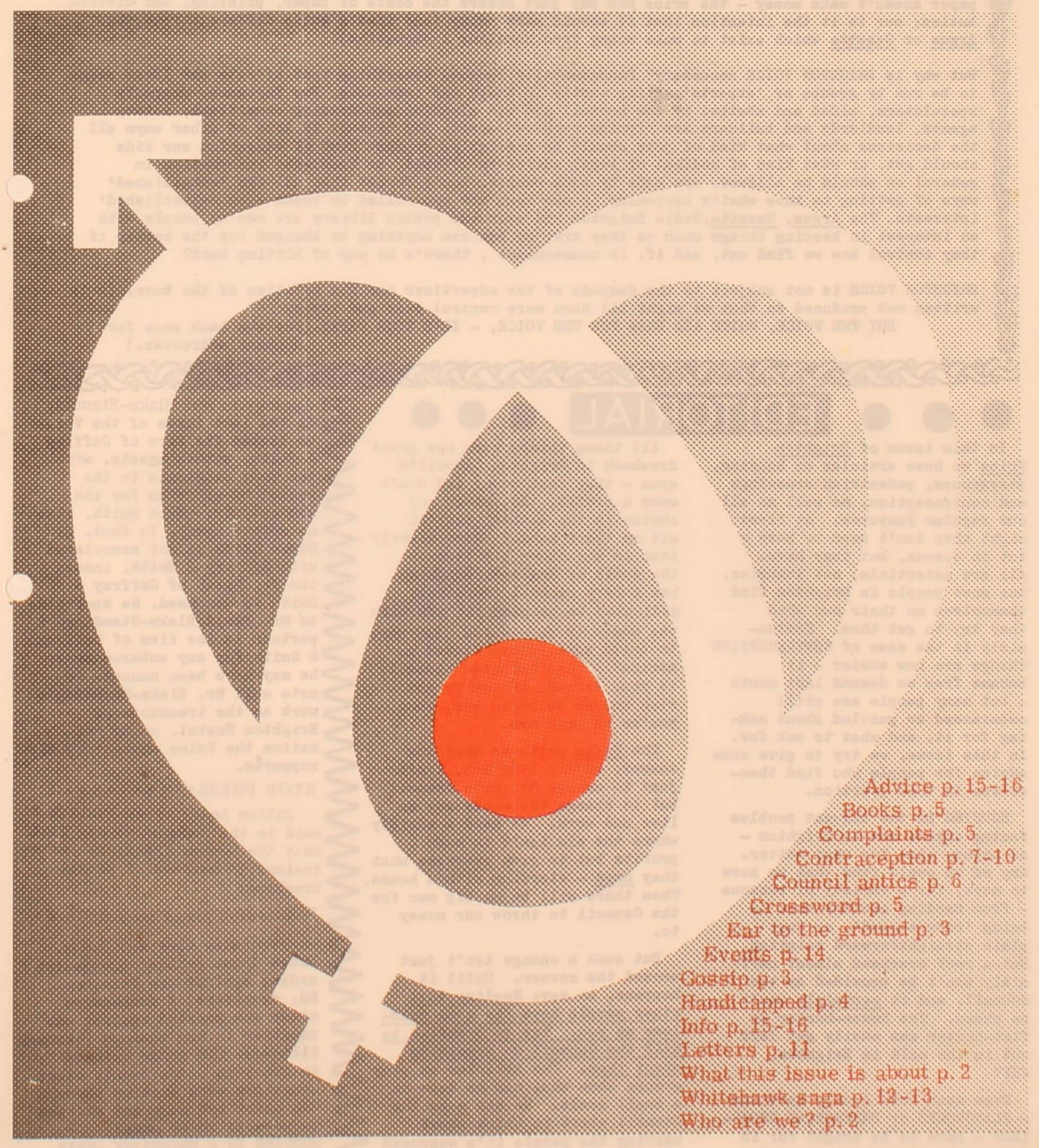
BRIGHTON ENVIRONMENTAL COMM. - Melinda Mellish, 54 Queens Park Road.

BRIGHTON MARINA WATCH COMM. Contact Oscar Thompsett, 20 Ridgeside Ave, Patcham 502103

PRIOR HOUSE : Carlton Hill - Youth & Community Centre - lots of activities (see page 15) Contact: Carolyn Sivers (681925)

BRIGHTON VOICE

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who are we ?

BRIGHTON VOICE has been appearing regularly each month for over a year now. It is produced by a collective of about 40 people who live and work in Brighton, all doing different jobs, but united in a common wish to produce a newspaper for ordinary people to put forward their views. Every month about 1500 copies are printed and sold (and that means over 4,500 people actually read it!) The paper doesn't make money - the price you pay just covers the costs of paper, printing, and distribution; nor is it the intention that it should make money (and that's quite different from the Argus or Gazette which exist to make money from handling information).

But why is BRIGHTON VOICE necessary? Fundamentally because everything that affects our lives seems to be run by groups or 'experts' acting mostly in their own interests. For instance, property speculators, aided and abetted by the council and its planning and housing committees, estate agents, landlords and builders are ripping our town apart. And because in lots of other ways all the decisions about what kind of jobs should be available, or what kind of education our kids should get, or what kind of medical or legal advice is offered, or even what information in general we should be allowed, are made by such people. Don't forget that all the 'established' ways of getting to know what's happening in our town are controlled by those same 'established' interests. The Argus, Gazette, Radio Brighton and even the public library are run by people with an interest in keeping things much as they are; so how can anything be changed for the better if they control how we find out, and if, in consequence, there's no way of hitting back?

BRIGHTON VOICE is not subject to the demands of the advertiser nor the politics of the boss. It is written and produced so that we might all have more control over our lives.

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EDITORIAL

In this issue of Brighton Voice we have articles on housing, playgroups, pedestrian crossings and contraception, as well as all our regular features. At first sight they don't seem to have a lot in common, but they have. All are essentials, not luxuries, but most people in Brighton find themselves on their own when they try to get them. Fortunately in the case of CONTRACEPTION things are now easier - it became free on demand last month - but many people are still embarrassed or puzzled about asking for it, and what to ask for. In this issue, we try to give some advice for people who find themselves in this position.

HOUSING is the biggest problem facing anyone new to Brighton - or anyone else for that matter. Any of us could find that we have to move, for a variety of reasons - from needing another room to being 'redeveloped', or just plain straightforward eviction. But a roof overhead almost certainly won't be provided by the Council, and it certainly won't be cheap. The house-hunter or flat-hunter can easily get left out in the cold in Brighton. WHY?

Even much less costly services - PLAYGROUPS or PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS - have to be fought for in this town. Elsewhere Councils provide them. WHY NOT HERE?

All these things have one great drawback in Brighton Council's eyes - they cost money and don't make a profit. So, given any choice in the matter, they'll sit on their hands. More clearly than in any other big town in the south of England, Brighton has a Tory council completely dedicated to helping the men with the money to make more. You want to build some luxury flats? a marina? - then Brighton Council is your friend; if you're not rich enough to build one, then you're on your own.

The Voice believes that the answer, in the long run, isn't just to change Brighton Council but to change the whole way we live and work. We need a society where the aim isn't to make profits but to give everyone what they need - starting with a house. Then there will be no big men for the Council to throw our money to.

But such a change isn't just around the corner. Until it happens, we say: Realise that other people have the same problems as you. Try to organize to MAKE the Council do something about them. The articles on playgroups show what can be done on a small scale. We can make the Council start to think about serving the people it's supposed to serve.

Apology to Mr. Blake-Standing. In the last issue of the Voice we linked the firm of Gaffrey & Smith, estate agents, with the Tory candidate in the recent by-election for the council, Mr. David Smith, also an estate agent. In fact, Mr. David Smith is not associated with Gaffrey & Smith, indeed the Mr. Smith of Gaffrey & Smith is deceased. We apologise to Mr. David Blake-Standing, a partner in the firm of Gaffrey & Smith for any embarrassment he may have been caused. We note well Mr. Blake-Standing's work as the treasurer of Brighton Hostel, an organisation the Voice wholeheartedly supports.

STOP PRESS.....

Julian Amery, your local M.P. said in the Commons on May 21st that the troops should be better trained in methods of picket-breaking!

Possession order on Squatters

On Wednesday 22nd May Judge Brian Grant granted possession orders against the Terminus Rd. squatters. A possession order was granted against one squatter in his absence (through illness). The judge refused to grant an adjournment; other squatters were hustled through the court and were not allowed to present their case. HOUSING IS A NECESSITY - THIS MAN IS A DANGER TO THE HOMELESS PEOPLE!

EAR TO THE GROUND

A 'TIDY' HOLE!

At the time of the General Election. Andrew Bowden had banners outside Courtney King House on Eastern Road and on the 'Tidy' site at the junction of Islingword Road and Park Road. It turns out that CKH is a Housing Association block of flats and that, at least if we are to believe the propaganda of S. M. Tidy - the 'Tidy' site is to be used for old peoples' flats, also a Housing Association project. The Tory Party has always been in favour of Housing Associations - our article on page 12 shows why - higher rents for tenants and a lower burden on the rates.

However the 'Tidy' site turned out to be a liability as far as electioneering was concerned - The Voice carried a long article about the delays in developing the site and people became very angry - not a good place to have a Tory poster. Low and behold a large digging machine arrived on the site a week before the election and dug a large hole - progress at last, go forward with the Tories! And just one week after the election the digger returned and filled in the hole!! The site is still vacant.

HOOGSTRATEN HEADS OUT

Brighton's own Rachman, the millionaire Nicholas Hoogstraten, has been released from Lewes Prison on bail of £100,000. Hoogstraten, who gives his address as Intergen House, 65, Western Rd., is charged, together with two heavies from one of his companies, Emkell Builders Ltd. They are Leon Moscrop, of 9, Vere Rd., and Rodney Markworth of 72, Addison Rd, Hove.

They were arrested after the violent and illegal eviction of a young couple from a house in Vere Rd. Other charges include criminal damage and fraud - 20 in all. The unacceptable face of this capitalist includes the usual Bahamas connections: with the Nassau and Hamilton Investment Company.

Their trial will be held shortly at Lewes Crown Court.

NO NEWS ON THE STREETS?

Strict by-laws exist in Brighton which restrict the selling of newspapers in the streets. The Council's Environmental Health and Control Committee recently agreed to extend these by-laws to cover 15 streets previously excluded - this means that street selling is now forbidden on every major thoroughfare. The Labour groups resolution to remove the restrictions altogether was defeated by ONE VOTE - that of the Tory Madam Chairman.

It was also revealed that applications for permits to sell papers on streets covered by the by-law can only be refused if consent has already been given to "a reasonably sufficient number of other persons." Therefore the previous practice of the police investigating the circumstances of applicants was unnecessary since only a name and address is needed.

WHY THEN WERE THE 15 PEOPLE WHO APPLIED TO SELL THE BRIGHTON VOICE ASKED TO APPEAR AT THE POLICE STATION ON THE SATURDAY PREVIOUS TO THE COMMITTEE MEETING?

The only information the police wanted was date of birth - this information could easily have been communicated over the telephone...but why, we ask, why is the date of birth so important? BECAUSE IT IS A SIGNIFICANT IDENTIFIER ON THE POLICE COMPUTERISED RECORDS.

BRIGHTON VOICE welcomes the decision to end police investigations, because they are an unnecessary intrusion on public rights. Let's hope the Licencing Sub-Committee realises ITS RESPONSIBILITY IS TO DECIDE ON NEWSPAPER SELLING NOT TO DIG INTO THE PERSONAL AFFAIRS OF THE PROSPECTIVE SELLERS.



All asleep until it's time to vote,

Then raising right arm according to the party line, The future of Brighton decided - IT'S TEA-TIME!

KEEP THAT BALL SWINGING.

Brighton Council's latest contribution to the housing problem is the demolition of four houses, all perfectly habitable, in Hereford St. And, eventually, 23 families will be put out of their homes to make way for redevelopment. On the site will be built a long-promised Catholic School, and a Church Army Home. But why knock down houses when there are plenty of sites doing nothing? The Council itself has sites in Eastern Rd. such as Kemp Town Station and the old Brighton Junior College. Not to mention hundreds of sites which could be rescued from the greedy hands of speculators by a Compulsory Purchase Order.

BUT, it's a lot easier to push families out of their homes. Despite last ditch efforts by some councillors to get the schemes resited, the demolition goes ahead.

WELL DONE, OUR TORY COUNCIL!

LABOUR AND PARTICIPATION

But what will be done?

On Page 12, we've shown how the Council are deliberately excluding Whitehawk residents from the planning of their estate. Interestingly enough, the Labour group on the Council are just about to produce a policy statement on Public Participation in Planning. The first draft of this document states that the Labour Party must:

"recognise the crucial importance of participation to the existence of the Labour Party. Both elected Councillors and paid Officers have to read-just. Secondly, oblige the Council to produce the social data upon which decisions are based. Thirdly, ensure that when plans are being prepared they are announced, that full publicity is given to them, that meetings are convened in affected areas so that the plans can be discussed and formulated there, that working parties are set up to explore all aspects of planning and that as long as decisions continue to be made by planning committees spokesmen for the community can be fully involved in their deliberations and decisions."

Nice one, Labour Party. Why isn't it happening in Brighton?

PROVISION FOR PRE-SCHOOL HANDICAPPED KIDS

The Dorothy Stringer Playgroup Opportunity Group was started a year ago as a

Mothers' and Toddlers' Club for children with special needs. Although many of Brighton's handicapped children are known to the medical world within their first year and receive regular check-ups and treatment such as physiotherapy, their families need support too, to help them come to terms with having a handicapped child. Our opportunity group gives families a chance to meet together ("mothers" does not exclude fathers, grannies, etc.) and share problems - this early contact lessens the family's feeling of isolation.

Children with any form of handicap are accepted from birth to five, also their pre-school brothers and sisters. Stimulation during any child's early years is important, even more so with a handicapped baby who has difficulties in learning - at the opportunity group we present a variety of play activities and try to help the children learn as they play.

We borrow toys from the Hove Toy Library for Handicapped Children and lend them out for the mums to use with their children at home.

Mums stay at the group and are responsible for their own child, but do have a chance to relax over a cup of coffee, chat to others with similar problems.



children.

Since the group began we have met 18 children with various kinds and degrees of handicap. Some of them are now in local authority provisions; almost all attend the Children's Hospital for physiotherapy. (We try to reinforce what they learn at physio during the afternoon at the playgroup.) At present we have three spina bifida children, four with varying degrees of spasticity, four mentally handicapped children, plus several other multi-handicapped children; the oldest attender is just three, the youngest 8 months.

We meet at the Dorothy Stringer Playgroup premises on Tuesday afternoons, 1.30 - 3.30. For further details, contact Mrs. S. McCormick, 44 Inwood Crescent Brighton, Tel. 509431.

Anyone with a car available to help on Tuesday afternoons with the transport for this playgroup should contact Judy, Tel: 557554.

exchange ideas and information while helpers are around to supervise the

BOOK REVIEW

If you are interested in radical politics and the labour movement in Brighton, read a book by Ernie Trory, "Between the Wars; Recollections of a Communist Organiser" (Crabtree Press, 31 Spring Street, Brighton, 1974, £2.00).

The account of the organising of local left-wing political activity at the depth of the depression, forms the most significant and exciting part of the book. Ernie became Chairman of the Brighton branch of the National Unemployed Workers Movement which definitely eclipsed the Labour Party (nationally in some disarray) and the T.U.C. (the advocate of totally reactionary policies), as the voice of the unemployed. It was the N.U.W.M. that organised and led the "hunger march" from Brighton to London in 1932. This ended in a massive demonstration at Hyde Park Corner, with the streets "black with people". Regular police and 'specials' tried to break up the demonstration, with particularly brutal attacks on the women marchers from Barnsley and eventually Wal Hannington (the national leader of the N.U.W.M.) was arrested.

This episode is only one of many that show how vicious and fundamental were the political battles of the time. The book also deals with local street battles against Mosley's Fascists** and with trade union activities. At 25 Ernie became the organiser of the Sussex District of the Communist Party and helped to organise the "Sussex Peoples' March of History", in 1938. This event was reported with sarcastic comment by the "Brighton and Hove Herald". At much the same time, members of the Anglo-German Friendship Ring were organising an exchange visit of a contingent of the Nazi police force to the town. Again one is impressed with the deep cleavages of political opinion in the town and with the able and selfless way in which Ernie Trory and his many associates on the left fought to mobilise public opinion against fascism, against the heartlessness of the employers and capitalists and against the timidity of the T.U.C.

Modern political activists should all read this book. We have a lot to learn from the struggles of the 1930's.

** For a report of Mr. S. W. Theobald's eloquent speech in defence of a "fascist" party, see "The Brighton Gazette", Saturday, 31st March, 1934, in your local reference library.

How to make a complaint to the Council

Complaining to the council should be easy but to ensure that you obtain the best results the following notes may help:-

1. Before you complain make a list of everything you want to complain about, to give to the officer when he calls. Keep a copy for yourself.
2. The following information will be required when you complain:-
 - a) the address.
 - b) brief details of the complaint,
 - c) the name and address of the owner or agent.
 - d) the name of the person complaining, (and the address if different),
 - e) the time, or dates available for inspection.
3. When you contact the council offices at any time, make a note of the following:-
 - a) the name, designation, telephone extension number of the person to whom you speak.
 - b) what you are told by the person.
 Council officers, especially public health inspectors, will be out making calls after 10.00 am if you want to speak to them, call before that time.
4. Do not ask for opinions before an inspection has been made; the opinion should be based on visual examination, and you may not have given all the relevant details.
5. When someone calls on you from the council it is best to ensure that he is what or who he says he is, so ask for his name or designation, and identification (all council officers carry some form of identification.)
6. The officer will want to see your rent book to verify the name and address of the owner or agent. Under Section 81 Housing Act 1957, an authorised officer can require the tenant to show him the rent book.

Remember - make a note of everything you can. A local authority is not under any obligation to inform you of any action it's taking. (Ref. Section 157, Housing Act 1957, and Section 88, Public Health Act 1936).

FIVEWAYS PRE-SCHOOL PLAY GROUP

In September, 1970, a group of parents at the Fiveways Playgroup held a public meeting to ask for support in building our own premises, on a piece of land in Florence Road to be leased from the Education Committee. There are no Corporation sponsored groups for pre-school handicapped children.

Now in April 1974, after raising £3,500 at various fund raising activities during the past 3½ years we are ready to build our own pre-school playgroup premises. The Corporation are giving us a grant of £1,000, and lending us £2,000 at 11% interest. THIS HAS TO BE PAID BACK MONTHLY. We are laying a drive-way, and installing drains, sewers electricity, gas and water supplies on the site and

putting up a prefabricated building which will be taken over in 7 years and used as a nursery school for the town.

We want to run a Mother and Toddlers group and an Opportunity group for handicapped children (including spinabifida, spastics, etc.) and we should be able to have up to 60 children in the playgroup. (At the moment we run a group for 30 children in the area.)

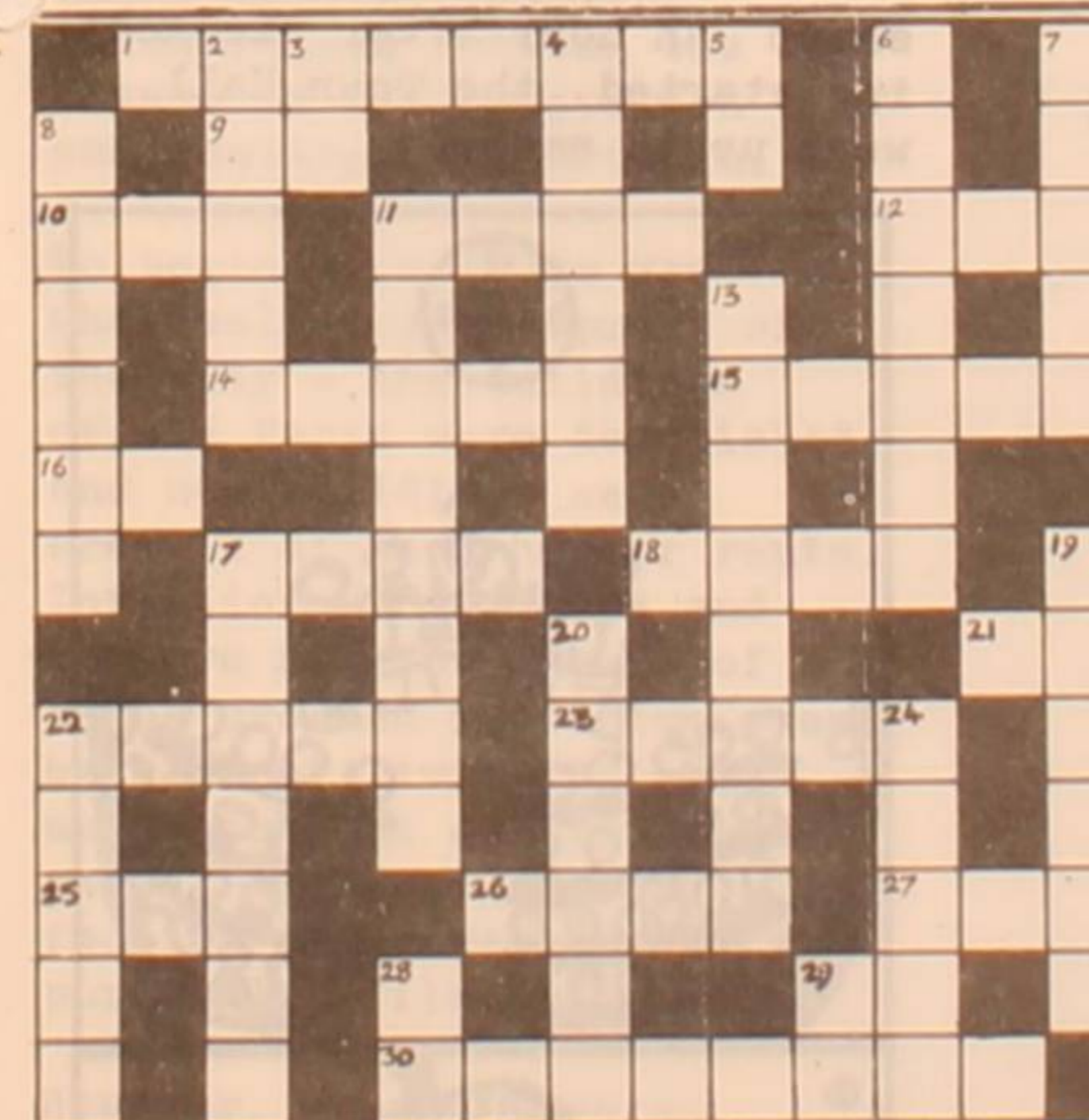
We need help and support to keep the playgroup going in the Church Hall in Stanford Avenue, whilst paying off the loan at £20 per month for the new building. We charge a nominal fee of 20p per session, which doesn't cover the costs of trained staff and of equipment. Many of

the children are from one-parent families which further restricts their parents from helping us.

WE WANT TO SEE THIS BUILDING RUN AS A COMMUNITY CENTRE, HELPING ALL UNITS OF PEOPLE IN THE TOWN, AND NOT SHUT IN THE HOLIDAYS AND LEFT UNOCCUPIED.

We are a registered Charity and we can't do it alone - NOW IS THE TIME for all to try and give us a hand. WE HAVE SHOWN THAT PEOPLE CAN BUILD IN THEIR OWN COMMUNITY, IF GIVEN THE CHANCE AND OPPORTUNITY, TO HELP ALL.

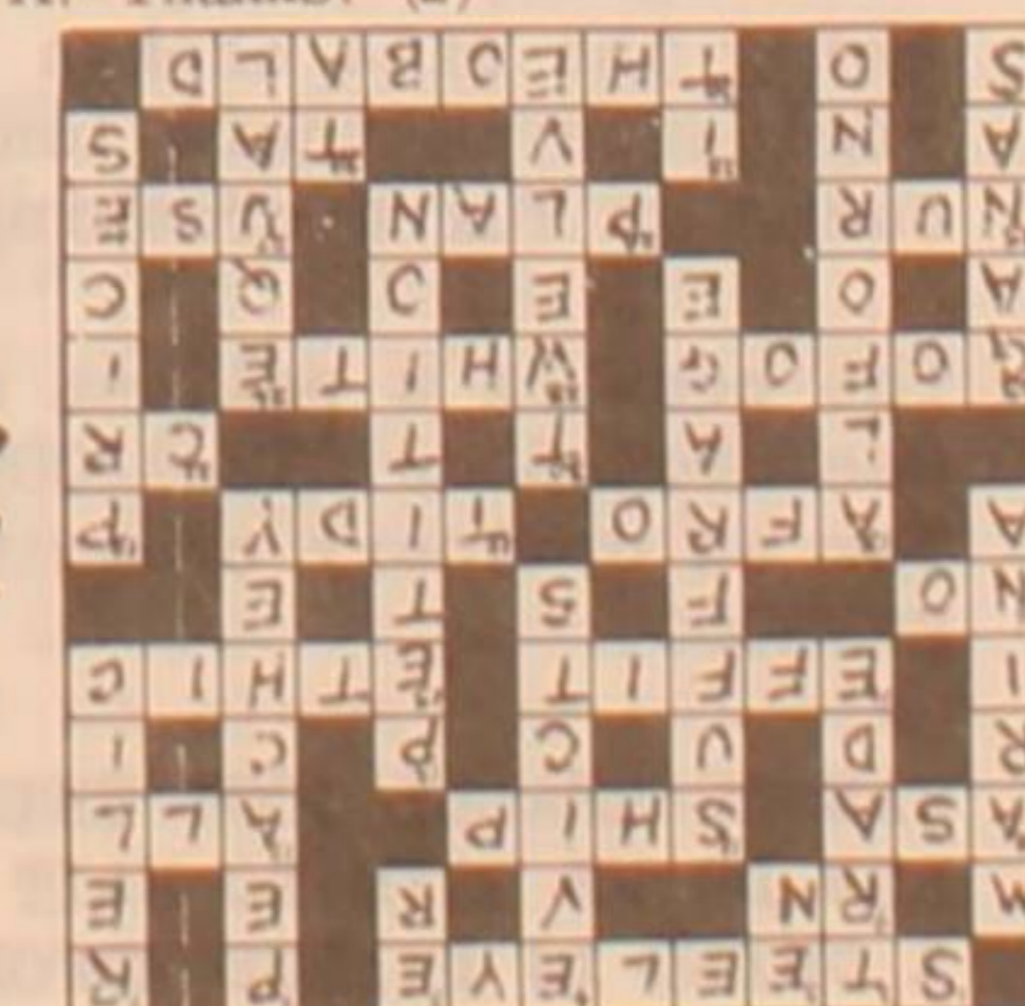
Anyone willing to lend a hand (with Jumble Sales, etc.) should contact Mrs. D. Martin, 1 Knoyle Road, Preston Park, Tel. 507644.



- 25 You can't railroad this union (3)
 26 Structure for a concrete wilderness (4)
 27 True value (3)
 29 See 29 D. Thanks. (2)
 30 Mr Big (8)
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 2 Barter (5)
 3 Headless chicken (2)
 4 Council answer to homelessness (6)
 5 Royal stutter (2)
 6 Delicious development (7)
 7 Past hangover (5)
 8 Rich man's paradise (6)
 11 The right to vote (8)
 13 French small one on, sign it. (8)
 17 Maybe OK for pizzas, but not for wages (2, 5)
 19 2 sisters on hunger strike (6)
 20 Bewitching hour (6)
 22 A Brighton Rachman (5)
 24 Some are more than others (5)
 28 International Times (2)
 29 see 29 A. Thanks. (2)

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1. Span 2 words into a group (3, 5)
 9. See repression? (abbrev., 1, 1)
 10. Striking liberal (3)
 11 This street heads for the sea (4)
 12 Together (3)
 14 Effete (?) but angry (5)
 15 Hectic Code? (5)
 16 Italy's abortive answer (2)
 17 Black beauty (4)
 18 Neat Profiteer (4)
 21 Makes you weep (1, 1)
 22 Out, sea mist? (2, 3)
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COUNCIL PROGRESS?

A Report of the council meeting on 9th May

BRIGHTON STATION - COUNCIL FIXERS STRIKE AGAIN!

The Brighton Station Saga recently moved into its third round, with the passing of a resolution by the District Council on 9th May to set up an Ad Hoc Committee to reopen negotiations with British Rail, and to discuss the council's possible purchase of a portion of the site. At the same council meeting, a Labour Party motion that the Council use the land at the back of the station for council houses was narrowly defeated by the Tories. (Is your councillor a Conservative - if he is, he most likely voted AGAINST building council houses on the station site - remember that next time he comes round for reelection.

Whilst they indulged in this political party squabble at the expense of Brighton homeless families, however, our Councillors had before them a revealing and rather sinister letter from the Chief Executive (i.e. the

Town Clerk). In this letter, R. G. Morgan points out that, following local government re-organisation, the new East Sussex County Council is now responsible for all "strategic" planning in Brighton, and suggests that if the station is such a big development that it is "strategic" rather than simply local. If Brighton Council so desire, then the responsibility for planning the station could be given to the County Council.

Why is this important? Two reasons. First, the protection of the Department of the Environment, which could halt a local plan and call for a Public Enquiry, as happened in the case of the last Station Plans, is really removed by making the planning of the site a "County Council" responsibility. Second, the County Council is largely removed from the anger and protest of Brighton residents. We saw recently, for example, how the County Council could throw out our Brighton

Structure Plan without so much as a by your leave. Finally, the County Council consists largely of the big Tories like Theobald and Jermy, who have made such an appalling mess of running our town over these last few years.

It is obvious what's happening - Brighton people have become so disgusted with the way in which the Borough Council operates that they've started to protest very loudly. This has made it very difficult for the Council to get away with the most outrageous of its proposals, such as the Station redevelopment and the Marina. So now the Council is trying a new strategy, namely, moving responsibility for these decisions up to County level where we, the people affected, have very little say in what goes on. We've said it in the Voice before, and we'll say it again many times - YOU VOTE FOR THESE COUNCILLORS - MAKE SURE THEY REPRESENT YOUR INTERESTS.

This council meeting was the first at which the new "no - smoking for the first hour" rule was introduced. At 5.30 sharp an hour after the meeting started, the Town Hall went up in smoke!

A further argument that the committee had used against providing a crossing was that the accidents that have occurred have been scattered in location and that a crossing at this specific point would thus not have prevented these. But we know that if there was a crossing, pedestrians would be more likely to cross at that particular place rather than anywhere else.

The council eventually agreed to refer this matter back to the County Council (who are now the authority responsible for road safety). On Saturday 11th May, a child was killed at Carden Avenue in Hollingbury - this exact spot being the site chosen by the residents in their long campaign for a crossing.

The cost of a pelican crossing was quoted as £12-14000, and for an ordinary crossing as £2-3000.

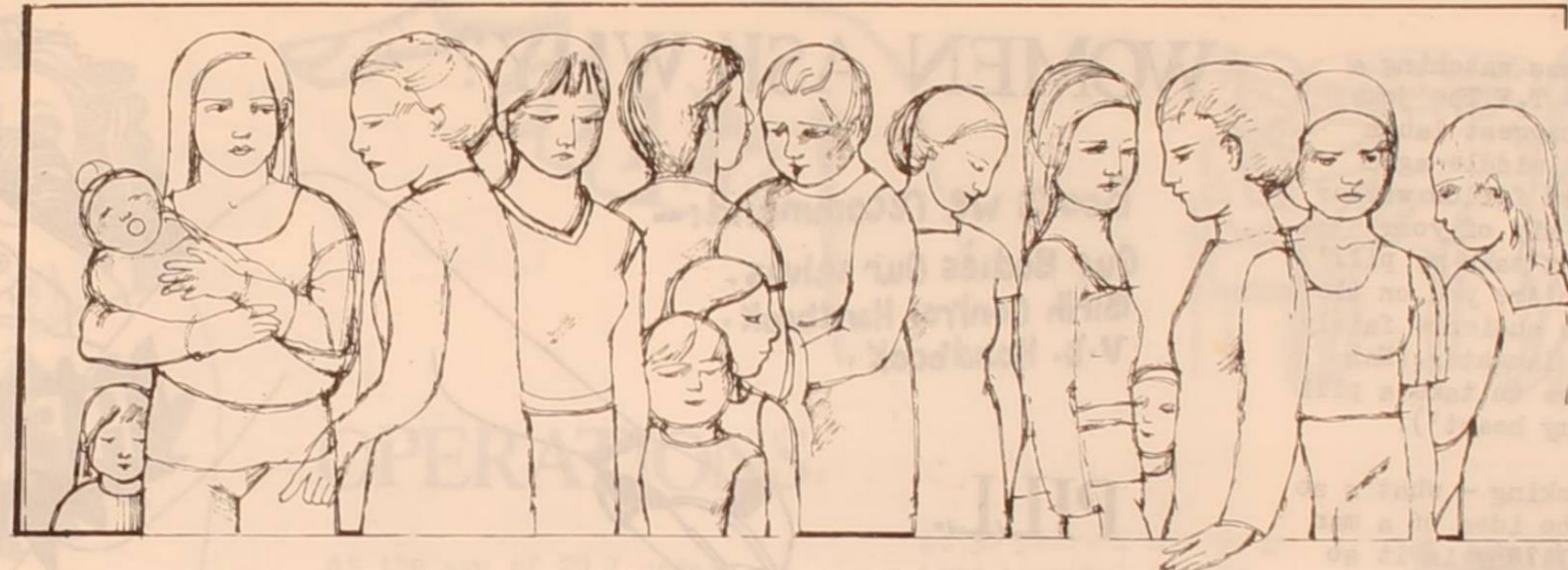
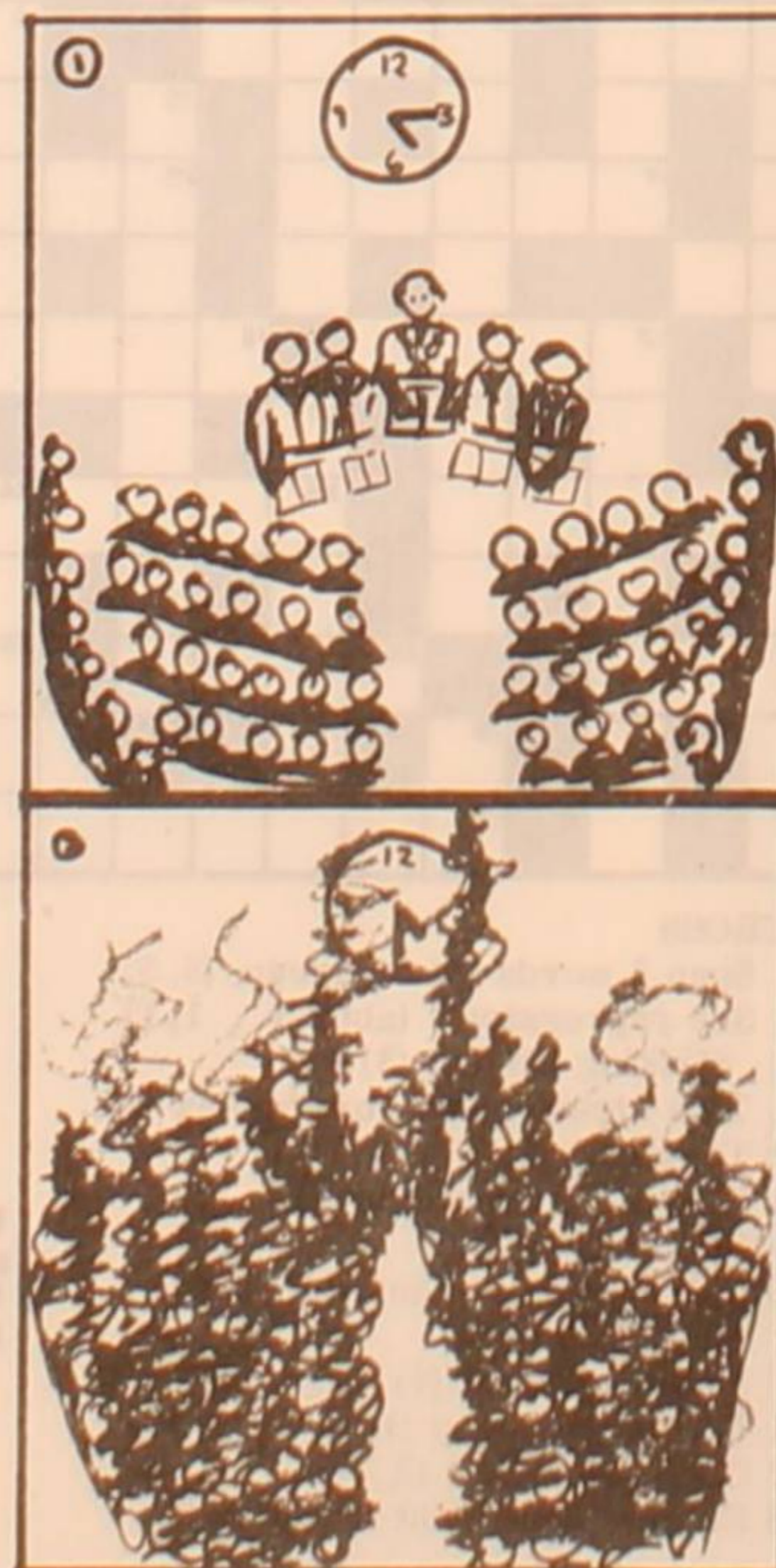
CAN IT REALLY COST THIS MUCH, AND DO WE HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL A CHILD IS KILLED BEFORE THE COUNCIL JUMPS TO ITS SENSES?



At the Brighton Borough Council meeting on 9th May, the Highways & Transport Committee recommended that the council take no action on the provision of a pedestrian crossing in the Upper Lewes Road. The committee presented the councillors with the latest traffic count, which were below the Department of the Environments recommended numbers needed to warrant a crossing.

But a closer look at the traffic count reveals that it was taken on a Wednesday in February, at various times between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.; - but we know that:

- a) the heaviest traffic is between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m.
- b) mid-week is a quieter traffic period than, say, a Friday.
- c) Brighton as a whole suffers from much heavier traffic during the tourist season than in February.



THE PILL

Birth control advice and contraceptives are now free to all men and women (married or single) who live in the Brighton area. Your doctor or local Family Planning Association Clinic (18-19 Western Road. Tel. 734258) can tell you about the different birth control methods, help you decide which method suits you best and then supply you free with the contraceptives you need.

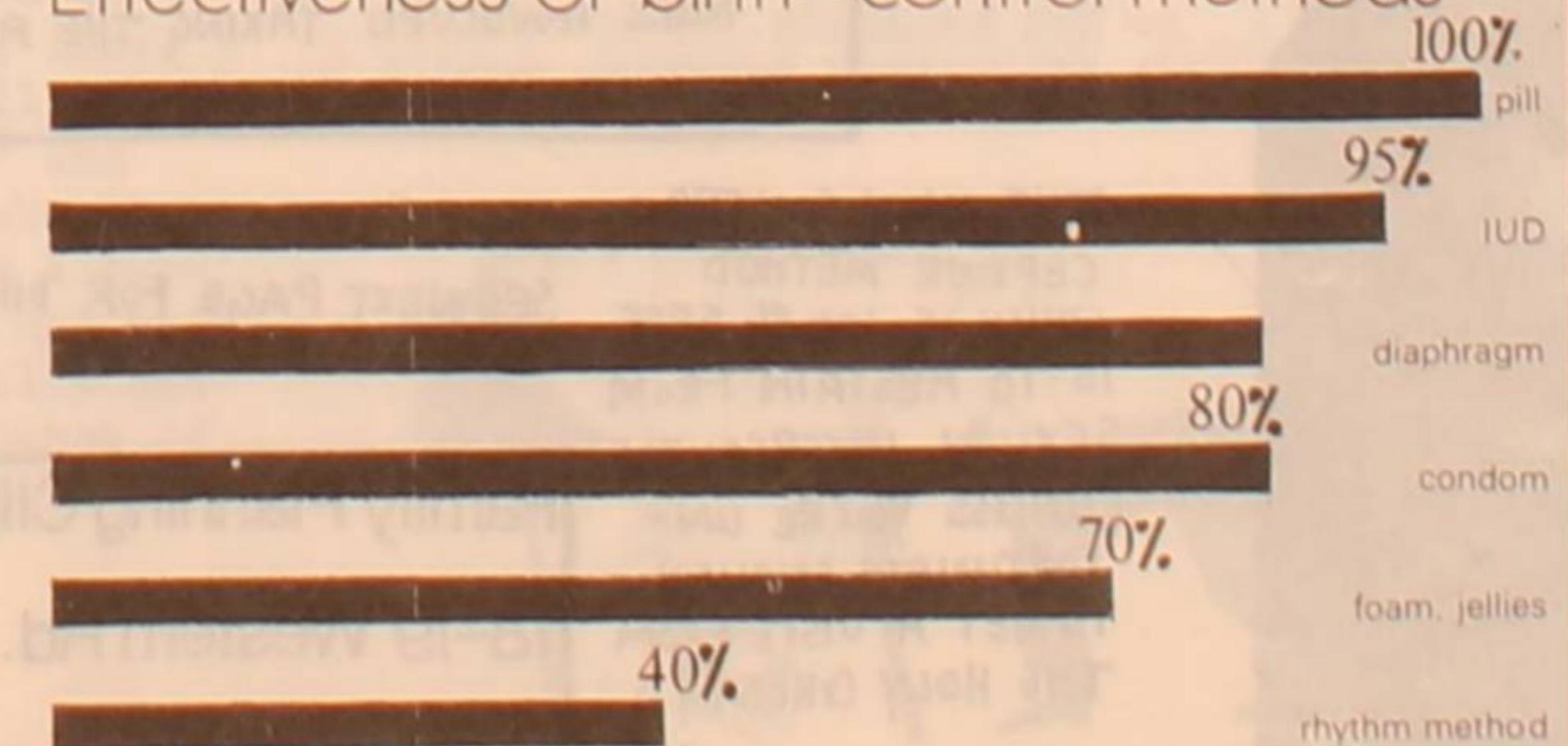
The service says it's for men and women but most of the safer methods can only be used by women and so it is often women who have to decide what to do. Although some married women are able and happy to stay at home and have lots of children, more and more have to work or want to be able to get out of the house. For them and for single women it is better to have the slight nuisance of having to ask a doctor for some sort of contraceptive than to worry about having a child which we don't want or can't look after in the way we would like.

At first it is difficult to decide what to do and of course as with most things in life there isn't just one answer. To give you some idea of the different kinds of contraceptives available we have made a list of them and how they work. It may take time for you to find the method that suits you best, but don't be afraid to go back to the doctor until you are completely happy.

All the birth control methods work by preventing the man's sperm from reaching the egg cell that the woman produces each month. Except for sterilisation the methods we describe allow you to conceive whenever you decide. Sterilisation and the sheath or french letter are the only methods that men can use.

If the instructions are followed carefully this is the safest method of birth control. All the woman has to do is to remember to take a pill every day for 3 weeks and then to leave a gap of 7 days before starting again. It works because it causes slight changes in the woman's hormones (substances which control the body's sexual cycle), making them similar to those she would have in her body during pregnancy. This means that she doesn't produce any egg cells and cannot become pregnant. There are several kinds of pill, each containing different amounts of the substances used, so that by trying 1 or 2 types you can usually find one to suit you. Some people worry about the pill because like all drugs there may be harmful side-effects. However, only a very small number of women have ever been made seriously ill by the pill, for instance a much lower number than those who get cancer because they smoke. To cut down the chances of any trouble even further, doctors suggest that a woman stops taking the pill after 3 to 4 years and uses another method of birth control for at least 6 months.

Effectiveness of birth-control methods



CENTRE PAGE PULL-OUT ON CONTRACEPTION

This month I was watching a 'funny' on the T.V. The joke that got the biggest laugh was when a fat, middle-aged man said to his fellow worker 'May I have a sip of your coffee - I must take my pill' she replied 'Oh! Are you on the pill?' and the audience fairly screamed with laughter. (Man replied 'I have to take a pill each day for my heart').

It set me thinking - what's so funny about the idea of a man taking The Pill? Why is it so unthinkable that it causes people to fall about at the mere suggestion? Some women in Brighton Voice Collective began to discuss The Pill, some of us have had unpleasant side-effects while taking it and are all agreed that we are uneasy at the thought of filling ourselves with synthetic hormones day after day. (VERY LITTLE IS UNDERSTOOD ABOUT THE HORMONES, HOW THEY INFLUENCE THE BODY FUNCTIONS AND HOW THE BODY FUNCTIONS IN TURN INFLUENCE THE PRODUCTION OF HORMONES).

We agreed that if the fear of conceiving an unwanted child is going to be replaced by a fear of 'What does the Pill do to me' then the pill hasn't moved much of the tension from our sexual relationships.

Our discussion about the pill led to discussion about other bad experiences with contraceptives and the unpleasant treatment we have received when we've sought advice, treatment or help about gynaecological matters. We've put this page together because we feel that women must protest at off-hand, unsympathetic treatment. We plan to put together a future supplement concerning childbirth experiences post and ante natal care in Brighton.

How can your mum make you pregnant?



QUESTION

THE ONLY CONTRACEPTIVE METHOD WHICH IS 100% SAFE IS TO ABSTAIN FROM SEXUAL INTERCOURSE (UNLESS YOU'RE UNFORTUNATE ENOUGH TO GET A VISIT FROM THE HOLY GHOST!).

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR DIFFERENT METHODS.

Family Planning Clinic (Brighton).

18-19 Western Rd. tel. 734258.

mon-fri 9.30-5.00.

WOMEN ASK WHY?

Books we recommend:- Our Bodies Our selves. Birth Control Handbook. V.D. Handbook.

PILL.

The Pill is produced by big drug companies and since there are vast profits to be made from the production of most drugs you realize why so little is known about The Pill and its effects. Doctors and the F.P.A. rely on research done by the drug companies and since they want to sell their products they're not going to be keen to admit there are risks involved in taking the Pill.

A PILL CALLED ENVOID WAS WIDELY USED IN BRITAIN UNTIL MANY DOCTORS REPORTED CASES OF THROMBOSIS IN WOMEN AND IT WAS WITHDRAWN FROM THE MARKET.

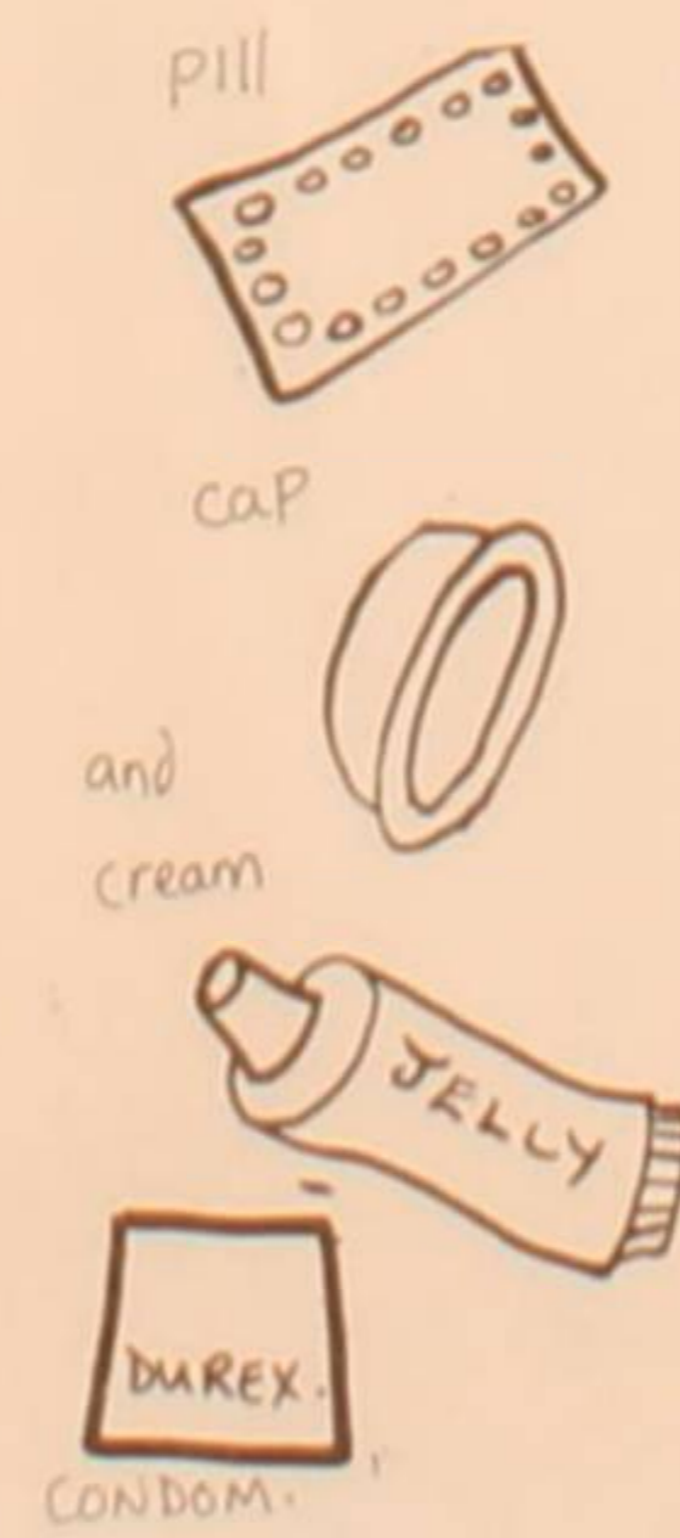
'On my pack of pills it says 'you must cease taking the pills at least 40 days before a surgical operation' - how many women even notice this? I had only 20 days warning before I had an operation and when I mentioned it to the doctor he said 'You've been reading too many womens magazines and think you know it all don't you? We're not bothered about that...' But I was very bothered about it - I kept worrying like hell I'd get thrombosis'

from N.P.

IN SPITE OF THE SIDE EFFECTS FOR SOME WOMEN - THERE ARE SEVERAL MILLION WOMEN WHO ARE SATISFIED WITH THE PILL AND IT IS A FACT THAT THE RISKS OF PREGNANCY AND CHILDBIRTH ARE GREATER THAN THE RISKS INVOLVED TAKING THE PILL.

ANSWER

BY OFFERING YOU BAD ADVICE AND WRONG INFORMATION.



A MOTHER



OPERATIONS.

At the age of 29 I underwent a major operation. Before the operation I was told by the consultant (male) 'YOU WILL PROBABLY NEED A HYSTERECTOMY' (in the same sort of casual voice he might say 'you need a new pair of shoes'. I was so shocked and frightened that I began to cry, the consultant looked astonished and said 'WHAT ARE YOU MAKING SUCH A FUSS ABOUT - MOST WOMEN WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO GET RID OF ALL THAT AND ANYWAY MOST WOMEN DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT A HYSTERECTOMY IS' I was very frightened before the operation. I felt that I was too young to lose my womb and I was afraid I'd feel like a freak afterwards, I imagined a sort of brutal instant menopause. I had the operation and afterwards I was treated like some sort of loony idiot. 'Please what have you done to me?' I asked a nurse when I came round 'she wasn't allowed to tell me I had to ask Sister' 'Don't trouble your head about what's there or not there - it's not for you to worry about' I began to wonder whether there was anything of me left below my belly button. I panicked, I imagined all kinds of horrific mutilations. Eventually after 3 days the nurse told me I hadn't had a hysterectomy after all! I can truly say I was very well cared for in hospital but WHY was I treated as such a moron all the time. They'd give me a pill and I'd say 'What's it for?' and they'd reply 'Just take it, we know best' Why wasn't I permitted to know what had been done to my body until I had made a complete nuisance of myself by asking questions all the time.



At 30 years I had to go into hospital for an ovarian operation. I requested that while I was 'opened up' the doctor would sterilize me at the same time. (I have 2 children and am unable to take 'The Pill') 'Out of the question' said the doctor 'you're far too young and the psychological complications too risky' I argued that the psychological complications he anticipated were nothing compared with the psychological anxiety I was experiencing every month not to mention a total dread of future unwanted pregnancies for the next 20 years (and my husband will not consider vasectomy). However sterilization was refused me.

A.H.

From Mary.

They never tell you what to expect when you have a hysterectomy. I was 40 when I had my womb and ovaries removed. Ever since then sexual intercourse has been very painful for me because the tissues of my vagina seem to have no secretions. The doctor said he could give me hormone tablets but they made no difference and I could tell he was fed up with me complaining. My marriage is now very strained and we were so happy before all this!



Perhaps the saddest comment on the lack of information we receive comes from Vera (age 68) who was in the gynaecological ward of hospital with one of us:-

'I come in to have me prolapse done and they take out me perishing womb - I suppose me prolapse is still up there? - Gawd help us women...'

Well He might not Vera, but we can certainly help ourselves...

WOMEN DEMAND INFORMATION!



THE CAP

Caps have been used for many years, they are completely harmless and very safe if used correctly. The woman places the soft rubber cap (covered in special cream to kill the man's sperm) in her vagina, so that it covers the cervix which is the entrance to the womb. This prevents pregnancy because it stops the man's sperm from reaching the womb which contains the egg cell. There are many shapes and sizes of cap so that a woman can try several to make sure she gets the one that fits her properly. This method is a good one because it doesn't affect the body chemically. However, there is the problem of putting the cap in the vagina before sex and taking it out 6 hours after - you need to have your wits about you!

THE LOOP OR COIL (I.U.D)

The I.U.D. is a small coil made of plastic or stainless steel which the doctor places in the womb for as long as the woman wants - for years if need be. Once it is there the woman will not become pregnant. Doctors don't really know why this is but it works well. This method is usually only used by women who have had at least one child. It is a very easy one to use - nothing to remember or worry about. But there are some problems. Often women who have an I.U.D. fitted have period-like pain at first or find that their periods become heavier than normal, also women have been known to conceive when using an I.U.D. and then to abort.

STERILISATION

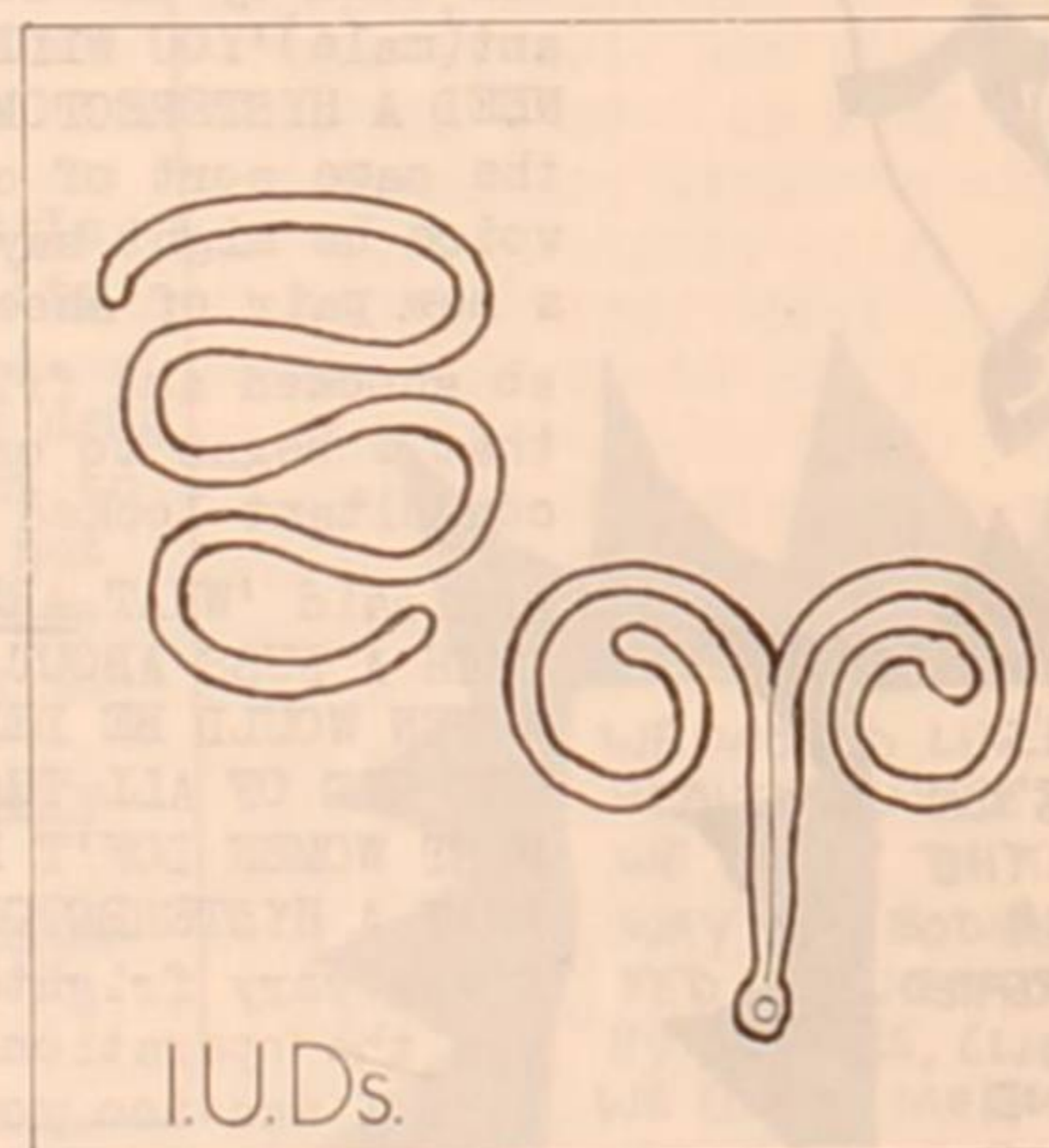
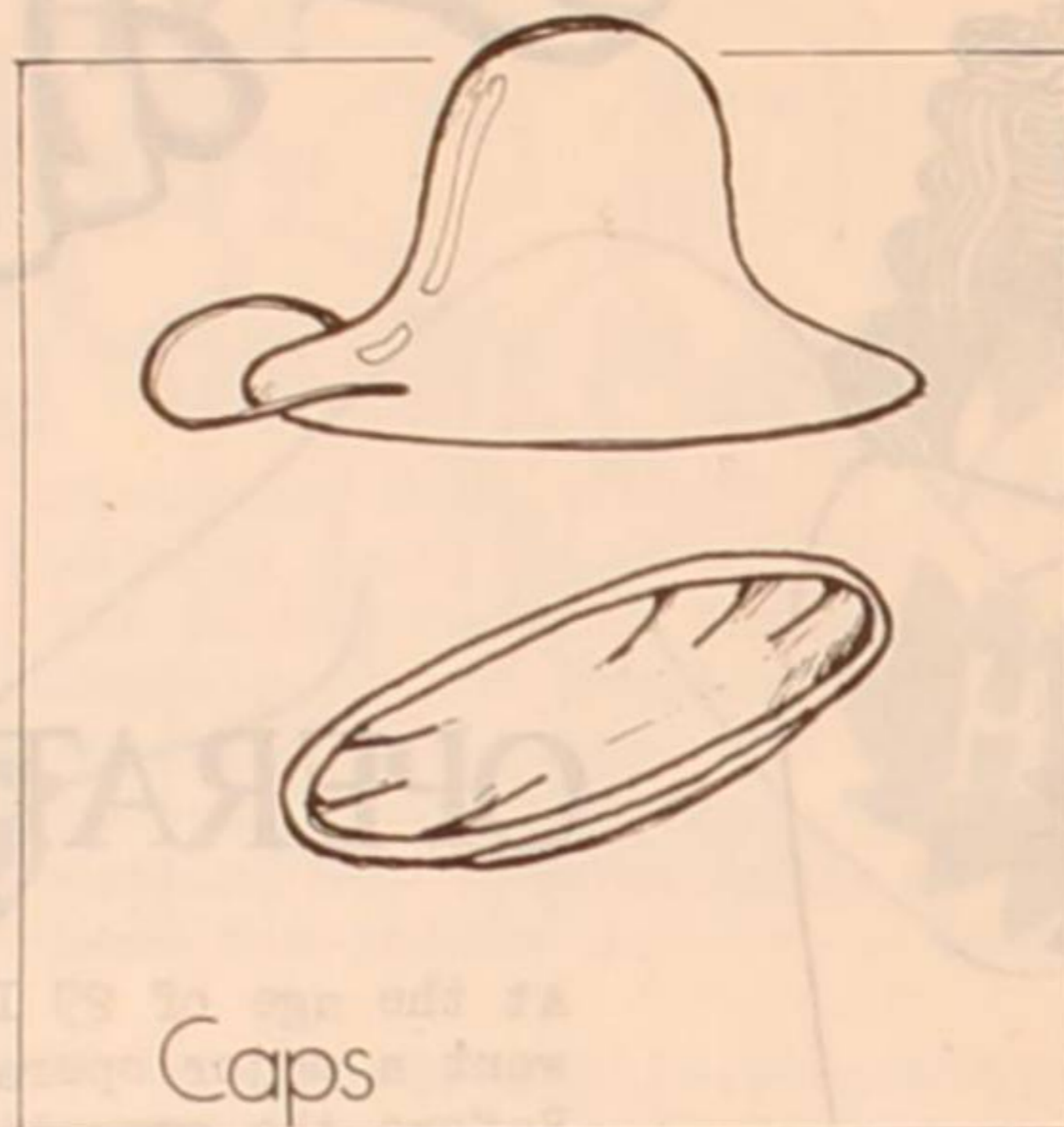
In sterilisation the doctor (surgeon) cuts and ties the tubes which the woman's egg cells or the man's sperm cells normally pass through. This stops them from ever reaching the other person's sex cells and prevents the woman from becoming pregnant. Sterilisation can be done for either a man or a woman but is much more easily done for the man. The operation should make no difference to the health or sex life of the person but it cannot be undone, and so it is only suitable for men or women who have already had all the children they want or when it is dangerous for the woman to have more.

THE CONDOM OR SHEATH

This is the most often used contraceptive because anyone can buy them from the chemist. It is shaped like the finger of a glove and must be fitted onto the man's penis just before sex. It is not as safe as the method already mentioned. Also it needs some thought to use it and may interfere with sexual pleasure.

We haven't bothered to list using spermicidal jelly on its own or the safe or rhythm method because they are not safe and as for standing on one leg, washing afterwards or holding your breath, they never work.

Most people who have been to hospitals or clinics know only too well how often people are treated as numbers and pushed around by the doctors



and nurses. In the past the Family Planning Association Clinics have been very narrow-minded in their attitudes, but hopefully things are gradually changing. For some time now, single women as well as married ones have been able to get advice and now the service is free. Lets make use of our rights to get the health service we need. Remember that those who run hospitals and clinics are all paid out of our taxes and rates and so, it is we who employ them.

Men

"It's the Rich wot gets the pleasure

Women

and the Poor wot gets the blame"

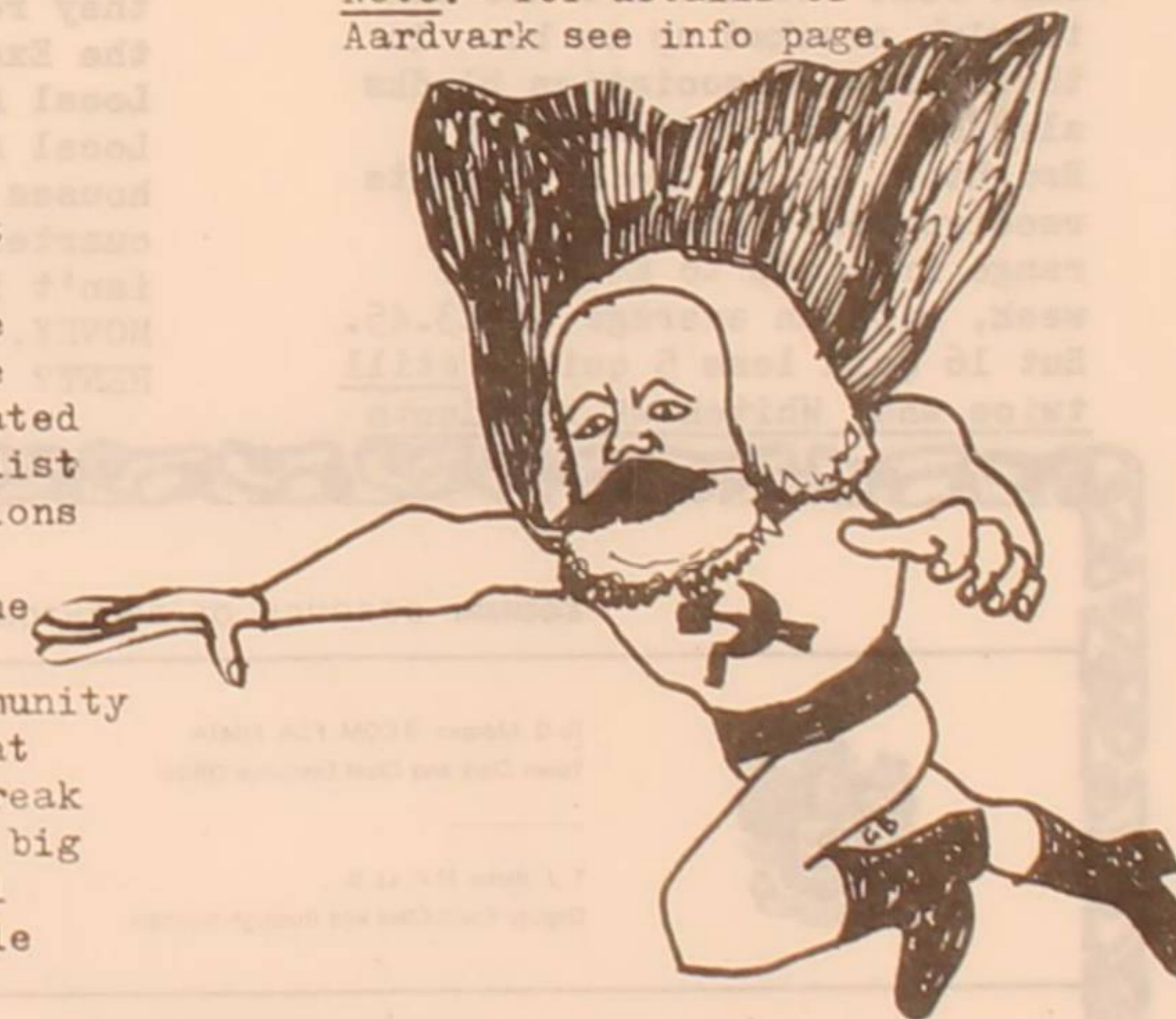
Aardvark is a comic book with a difference - it presents the events of the past in a graphic form which is easily understandable in the present. The aim of Aardvark is to try to help people to think of history in socialist terms, not in the way that the capitalist history books say. It is necessary to think in libertarian socialist terms to bring about a libertarian socialist society.

Note:- for details of Aardvark see info page.



contributions to 'BRIGHTON VOICE' 111, GLOUCESTER ROAD

Dear Brighton Voice. One of the many problems of living in a capitalist society is that our very thoughts are based on the definitions of the people who run it. We are educated in the history of capitalist society and we form opinions based on what we read in the capitalist press. The importance of Brighton Voice and the entire community newspaper movement is that they are attempting to break the news monopoly of the big newspaper combines - "all the news that's profitable to print."



Dear Brighton Voice,

Al Forno's is one of these typical, charming and sophisticated Italian restaurants. Perfect for those little twosomes, perfect profits for the owners too. The discrepancy between labour extorted and wages paid must make them quite happy.

About a year ago I took a casual job there for two nights a week to supplement my student income. I worked behind the counter - pouring wine, making coffee and drinks, pulling up

History gives some depth to the problems of the present by a comparison with the problems of the past. Research for Aardvark on the Paris Commune of 1871, shows some interesting resemblances between the France of Louis Napoleon and contemporary Britain.

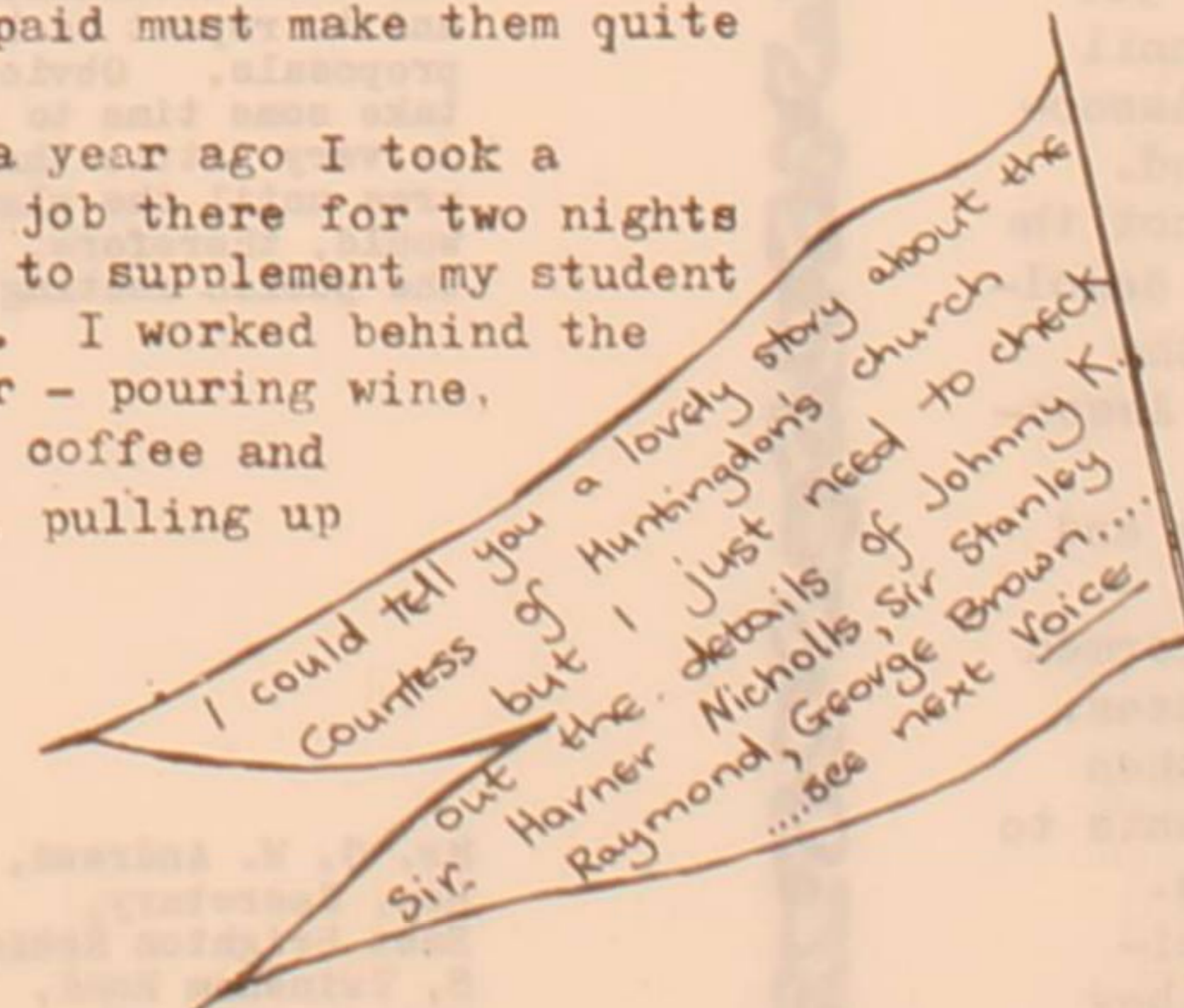
To begin with there was wholesale redevelopment of the city - the buildings of old Paris were demolished and new buildings were erected at much higher rents. Inflation was rampant and workers had the choice of being crowded into slum areas or else of living in brand new blocks at exorbitant rents. Do you get the feeling you have seen this particular film before?

However, events took an unusual turn. A disastrous war with Prussia and the anti-worker laws of the new right-wing republican government led to a violent class conflict that was resolved only by the savage repression of the workers of Paris. The Paris Commune, the Opium Wars and other interesting strips are featured in the first edition of Aardvark.

excessively busy. This went on for six or seven hours a night (no tips) and at the end of each evening I'd collect the generous sum of two pounds.

Some nights were easier - I'd be on the salad and chopping detail - making all the salads and chopping the ingredients for the hundred or so pizzas turned out each night. This was quieter and cooler although I also got to clean the kitchen floor. In my time there I had a fine view of the staff turnover which was very high. The owners constantly complained about this turnover, chatting about the terrible problems of getting people to do a decent day's work. Familiar comments that they were all too lazy and happy on S.S. to work, were common. Given my experience it's not hard to understand why this high turnover exists. One night (a Tuesday) they asked me to come in specially as they were desperately short of people (someone else opting for the S.S. where you can at least pay your rent). I did all the usual stuff but harder. After six and a half hours of really rough work, I went to collect my money. They said that being a weeknight, they only paid half of the weekend's wage. They calmly handed me a pound. I was too shocked to abuse them as fully as they deserved, walked out, and haven't been there since. Besides, they tell me the food's not too good for the price you pay the owners.

K. J.



the dumb-waiter and pulling out the plates, shouting orders down, mediating arguments between cooks and waiters, washing all the cups and glasses, sending all the dirty plates back down to the dumb-waiter. I also got to clean the toilets and waitress when things were



WHITEHAWK REDEVELOPMENT; people will face higher rents

This letter is the latest round in the battle between the Whitehawk residents and the Borough Council over the scheme to demolish and rebuild the Whitehawk Council estate. The tone of the letter is typical of the Council's response to repeated efforts by Whitehawk people to find out exactly what the Council is planning to do to their homes. The Council have all along maintained that they have 'no detailed plan' for the re-development, and have consistently refused to allow Whitehawk residents any say in the production of these plans.

However, the Whitehawk residents have managed to find out a few details about the type of redevelopment the Council is proposing. We've come to know this situation only too well in Brighton - closed books, secret negotiations, plans revealed only when it's too late for us to do anything about them. It seems likely that just under 1,000 houses will be demolished, and will be replaced by 982 Council houses built by the Council, and about another thousand built by a Housing Association, though the exact figures are unclear at a housing committee meeting on 15th May, a plan for 900 council houses, 100 council flats, and 600 Housing Association flats was proposed. The important point is not the numbers of houses to be demolished and rebuilt, but the introduction of Housing Associations into the area. Housing Associations, by and large, are a rip-off. A Housing Association is formed to build a number of houses, borrows the money, and then charges tenants fancy rents to pay off mortgage charges. Sometimes, Housing Associations sell the houses they build to the people who come to live in them, sometimes they rent them off. The important point is that THESE RENTS ARE VERY HIGH, - about £16 per week on average. At the moment, rents in Whitehawk are about £4 - £6 a week - so the people who end up living in the Housing Association houses in the new Whitehawk will be paying THREE TIMES AS MUCH RENT.

Of course, the Council smoothies have a ready answers - rent rebates will be available, they cry. Unfortunately, from a report to the housing committee by the Borough Treasurer in January this year, we learn that rent rebates are not all they're cracked up to be. In the Housing Association blocks already built elsewhere in Brighton, 28 of the 49 tenants receive rent rebates, which range from 88p to £5.20 per week, with an average of £3.45. But 16 quid less 5 quid - still twice what Whitehawk residents

pay now.

So why Housing Associations if they're so expensive? The Borough Treasurer's report also has an easy answer to this one - Housing Associations save the COUNCIL money. Why? Because they receive subsidies from the Exchequer, not from the Local Authority, whereas if the Local Authority itself builds houses, it has to foot a quarter of the bill. Easy isn't it - THE COUNCIL SAVES MONEY, THE TENANTS PAY MORE RENT?

EDUNBY BOROUGH OF BRIGHTON



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Town Clerk and Chief Executive Officer

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TOWN HALL
BRIGHTON
BN1 1JA
Telephone 0273-29801

Your Ref. My Ref. DOL/TPC HO450/109/2 Date 29th April, 1974

Dear Sir,

I have your letter dated 1st April addressed to the Chairman of the East Sussex County Council over the question of Central Whitehawk.

You have, I believe, heard from Mr. May the Housing Manager informing you that a Working Group of Officers has been established to plan the redevelopment in detail and to report back to the Committee with its finalised proposals. Obviously a task of this complexity will take some time to complete and it would seem that there is very little that could be said to the residents of the area until the plans are further advanced and that there would, therefore, be little advantage at this stage in the public meeting which you suggest.

Yours faithfully,

R.G. Morgan
Chief Executive.

Mr. G. W. Andrews,
Hon. Secretary,
East Brighton Residents Association,
8, Twineham Road,
Whitehawk,
BRIGHTON BN2 5LF,
Sussex.

Another aspect of the Council's plans which worries Whitehawk people is that the Council persists in talking about the redevelopment of Central Whitehawk when in fact, as our map shows, the redevelopment covers nearly the whole estate - 7,600 people. Could it be that the Council are deliberately trying to play down the extent of redevelopment so that people won't get worried and angry? What is certain is that Whitehawk people ARE angry - they

formed an Action Committee, and they want to KNOW what's going to happen to their homes. And they have concrete proposals of their own to put forward.

1. Whitehawk residents should have representatives on the Corporation Working Committee
2. Whitehawk residents should be involved in all the plans as they are discussed, not just asked for their opinion when the plan is complete.

3. Densities must be carefully controlled.
4. No high-rise flats must be built.

'Brighton Voice' supports the people of Whitehawk in their demands for a fair deal from the Council, and for greater involvement in the planning of their estate. It's about time Brighton Council remembered that they're there to serve us, not to rule us, and started being a bit more responsive to the real needs of the people of Brighton.

Newsflash from WHITEHAWK ACTION COMMITTEE

The East Brighton Residents Action Committee has today obtained a document which is a joint report, compiled by the Borough Treasurer and the Housing Manager. We are unable to print the entire detailed facts but we have tried to compile the relevant points into the following. The document is dated January, 1974, and deals with the implications of the use of Housing Associations in the Redevelopment.

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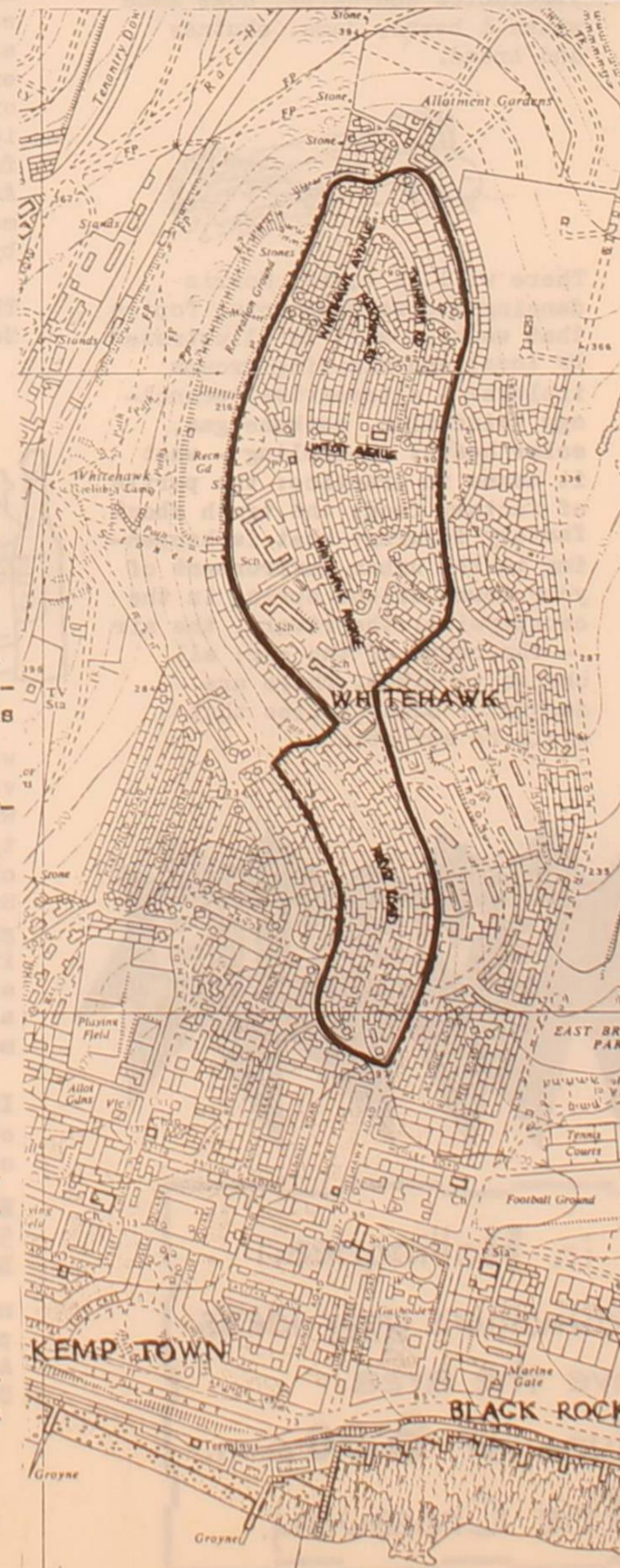
It is hoped that the Redevelopment will permit the number of units of accommodation to be doubled, but there are no detailed figures as of yet. The number of existing units on the site is 982 and it is anticipated that Housing Associations would be expected to provide 1,000 units and this could be achieved with no loss of Corporation rented homes. (AND NO INCREASE OF COUNCIL ACCOMMODATION.)

CHOICE OF HOUSING ASSOCIATIONS

The council in the past has assisted a number of Housing Associations, these have been locally based. As the project is so large it is suggested to call in the larger National Housing Associations. (So they bring in the big boys from outside of Brighton.)

PROVISION OF CAPITAL FINANCE

Housing Associations either borrow from the local authority or from the Housing Corporation and it is recommended that the council continue this help. Council rents are still rising to what is termed a 'Fair Rent' but have not yet reached that



level. Therefore as new council dwellings are let for the first time (which will be the new development on Whitehawk) the rent will be fixed by reference to the nearest comparable dwelling owned by the Corporation.

This does NOT apply to Housing Association accommodation the 'Fair Rent' is charged from the outset and this will mean higher rents than comparable council accommodation. The excuse given for this higher rent is that by the time the first of the Housing Association dwellings are ready, council rents will have risen under the 'Fair Rent' act. Does that mean Housing Association homes will peg their rents? I don't think so.

The East Brighton Action Committee and Residents' Association is working on your behalf, to safe guard your interests and to see that we all get a fair deal from the council. We agree with this Redevelopment but we do not favour Housing Associations on this estate or any estate owned by the Corporation. We need your help and suggestions if you wish to participate in what happens to your home please contact the secretary as below.

DON'T LEAVE YOUR ACTION TOO LATE. GIVE US YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT NOW. IT WILL BE NO GOOD CRYING ABOUT IT AFTER EVERYTHING HAS BEEN SIGNED AND SETTLED.

The Secretary.

Contact: Mr. Andrews,
8 Twineham Road, Whitehawk.
Phone: 687715.

Council Coffee Mornings

(and afternoons)

All these meetings are open to the public.

May

24th County Social Services Committee
10.30 a.m. Pelham House, Lewes

30th County Council meeting (to discuss merger of the College of Education with the University or the Polytechnic)
2.30 p.m. Pelham House, Lewes

June

4th Highways & Transport Committee
10.30 a.m. Pelham House, Lewes

5th Borough Policy & Resources Committee
3.30 p.m. Town Hall, Brighton

7th Education Committee
2.30 p.m. Pelham House, Lewes

12th County Planning Committee
10.30 a.m. Pelham House, Lewes

20th Brighton Borough Council meeting
4.30 p.m. Town Hall, Brighton

The 1st Environmental Fair

Place: University of Sussex
Date: 15th June
Time: noon



The Fair will be an outdoor event on the University campus and will be something of a combination of an environmental projects exhibition, a village fete, and a childrens party. Many groups from outside Sussex are being invited; one sphere of interest will be small scale crafts and horticultural produce - we are inviting local Sussex craftsmen to exhibit their wares and there will be displays of organically grown vegetables and herbs, home made wines & beers, jams, chutney and bread.



There will be music, Morris dancing and refreshments. Topics that we hope will be illustrated by local and visiting groups include: - alternative technology (windmills, methane gas, solar heat); re-cycling - what it means in practice; the perils of factory food; the truth about factory farming; what is happening to the urban environment of your town; silent spring in the countryside; the rivers, the air - the curse of the car; all change to bikes. There are dozens of other topics that would be suitable.

The idea is that each visiting group should bring its own exhibit or stall. We hope that there will be lots of really imaginative things - something more than just a pile of leaflets on a table - think particularly of children as a great many will be attending. Be simple, bold.....lots of nice big pictures, diagrams, mobiles and models or walk-through sets

Any power needed by a stand must be provided by its own self-contained supply. Groups are asked to bring their exhibits in an advanced stage of completion, so that all that is required is an hour or two for assembly on the fair site. Any necessary tools and equipment required must be provided by the group concerned.

The stands will be erected on Saturday morning and the fair



will begin at noon. People from various parts of the country who are involved in similar types of projects will get the chance to meet and chat on Sunday morning. The talk-in groups are expected to include: - waste re-cycling schemes, organic gardening and allotment projects, environmental pressure groups.

If you want to display, or can offer us help - we need plenty of it - please contact:

Environfair Committee
54, Queens Park Road
Brighton

not later than June 8th and preferably by the end of May. And come to the fair on Saturday June 15th!



info... shops

THE PUBLIC HOUSE BOOKSHOP :
21 Little Preston St (28357)
Alternative/Radical/Freak books, mags. and coffee too

SYMPOSIUM BOOKSHOP :
12 Market St. (28142) - books, mags...the radical stuff....

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ANANDA : 111 Gloucester Rd. (67772) - odds and ends to make your life good.

UNCLE SAM'S HAMBURGER EXPRESS :
Montpelier Rd. - has everything-and-chips.

BRIGHTON WORKERS BOOKSHOP :
37 Gloucester Rd. (684404)
C.P.B.M.-L. - open Tues., thur., Fri. 2-5pm.; Sat 9.30-6pm.

THE GARDEN : 22 Trafalgar St. - Vegetarian cafe, and some meetings, poetry.

THREE ROOMS CAFE : 14 Blatchington Rd., Hove (779933) - Vegetarian lunches Mon-sat. 10-3pm. OAP & students' 3-course lunch 25p. Take-away service available.

WRAGGLE TAGGLE WORKSHOP :
27 George St. - all sorts of things to brighten you & yer one

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politics

ANDREW BOWDEN : CONSERVATIVE M.P for Kemp Town...for whatever you may wish to contact him for. He will meet you at the TORY H.Q. (Kemp Town), 51 Preston Rd (67747). (Home no. 62855)

LABOUR PARTY : Kemp Town :
179 Lewes Rd. (62592)

LIBERAL PARTY : Pavilion. Contact Frances Hix, 143a Western Rd., B'ton (26560; office: 27960)

BRIGHTON PAVILLION & KEMPTOWN LABOUR PARTY YOUNG SOCIALISTS :
Meets Tues. 8pm. 179 Lewes Rd. Contact John Balance, 64 Coleman Street.

COMMUNIST PARTY OF BRITAIN MARXIST LENINIST - Discussion groups etc. 684404 for details.

COMMUNIST PARTY : Secretary: Marjorie Chaplin, 83 Edburton Av

TRADES COUNCIL : Contact Dennis Hill, 65 Stanford Rd.

INTERNATIONAL MARXIST GROUP :
20 Milnthorpe Rd., Hove

INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS : The Secretary, 33 Ventnor Villas, Hove.

RANK AND FILE - I.S. based group of Teachers within the N.U.T. (735925)

SOCIETY FOR ANGLO-CHINESE UNDERSTANDING : John Lloyd, 5 Belle Vue Gdns., Kemp Town (63705)

...and there are a few other political groups around but they seem to keep themselves to themselves....

papers

QUEENSPARK: Street newspaper of Queen's Park area; originally the paper of the SPA CAMPAIGN but now into some wider issues: 14 Toronto Terr., 62 Bentham Road (68380)

NEWSWAVE : Free-radio mag. 63 Gleton Ave., Hove.

LIBRARIANS FOR SOCIAL CHANGE :
Radical library paper. 67 Vere Rd

AARDVARK : New revolutionary comic book; radical/political. More researchers, graphics people needed. Contact: George Barratt (553607)

THE ORCANTSER : through the Trades Council. 63 Stamford Rd.

LITTLE DIGGER - Kids paper produced by primary schoolkids. Available 117 Hartington Rd 5p.

etc.

TEACHING IN BRIGHTON : Working group and a new magazine for local teachers centred on the classroom teacher, relevant curricula for his pupils, Unions and the teacher etc. Contact: Brighton Voice, Box 1, 111 Gloucester Road, for details

TROOPS OUT MOVEMENT : calls on all teachers not to co-operate with recruitment to the armed forces. Contact: Tom, 28 Lamas Rd., Ealing W5.

BRIGHTON, HOVE & DISTRICT PENSIONERS AND TRADE UNION ACTION ASSOCIATION : John Strickland, 144 Hangleton Valley Drive, Hove (412265)

THE FRIENDS CENTRE: Wide range of courses, some with creche provision. Contact: Alan Tuckett (27835) or call into Centre in Ship St. (closed during afternoon)

PRIOR HOUSE
W.A.M.+Parents-without-Partners meet Sun 3-6.30pm.

Mon-Fri. Playgroup 9.30-12. for 2 1/2 to 5 years

Snr Youth Club (14+) Mon 7.30-10.
Youth Club 12-14yrs. Tues & wed 7-9pm.

Junior Club: Wed 5.15-6.45 and Fri, 5.30-7.30pm.

Mums & Toddlers Club: Thur 1.30-3 + The Elderly Club
Ring 684925 for more details.

BRIGHTON HOSTEL :
105 Islingword Road. Gives out meals Sun. & Weds 2-5pm ..tea, toast, stew, etc.at other times if possible. Needs clothes, food and HELP esp. for fund-raising.

BANK HOLIDAY PROJECT :
Volunteers needed for the WHIT project (Fri-Tues). The Project is run at the Union Hall in Air St., to provide very cheap places to stay overnight during the holiday period. Contact : Marc Wolstencraft (591647) for further details.

WOMEN'S FAIR...at Sussex University on Sat. 1st. June, all day. Films, theatre, art and craft exhibitions, poetry, disco Sat night; food & creche. EVERYONE WELCOME

S.O.S....DISABLED GRADUATE NEEDS WRITERS, to take down dictation Wanted now. Contact John Williams via Miss Lindsay, Lancaster House, University of Sussex (67247, 66174)

COMING EVENTS

Public Meeting in Hollingdean
Come and give the Councillors your ideas on how to improve the area.
Wednesday 5th June at 8.00 p.m.
St. Richards Hall, The Crossway.