

# Sneinton



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# Voice

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For a number of years, several organisations within Sneinton have thought that a community newspaper was needed. This year, at last, three organisations (T.R.A.C.S.—Tenants and Residents Association for the Community of Sneinton, W.R.A.A.G.—Whittier Road Area Action Group, and the Sneinton Hermitage Community Centre) got together and formed an Editorial Committee whose task it was to produce this first issue of the SNEINTON VOICE.

Sneinton Voice is your paper. Every month we will try to bring you news and issues affecting the community. Basic problems, like housing and traffic,

will be seriously dealt with, but we also hope to reflect the many aspects of a lively and vital community, more densely populated and cosmopolitan than others, but all the richer for it.

Our aim is to improve the quality of life in Sneinton. To do this we must make our demands heard.

Please give SNEINTON VOICE your support. Send us your ideas, moans and groans, comments and news.

The Editorial Committee  
13 Kentwood Road  
Sneinton



# S.H.C.C.



Sneinton Hermitage Community Centre at Hermitage Square opened its doors in January 1980 and so has been operating for just over a year. Hermitage Square is at the junction of Colwick Road, Meadow Lane and Sneinton Boulevard and the Community Centre is the old Methodist Church, opposite the Bendigo. The Church has been totally renovated and now the Centre contains several small meeting rooms, a sports hall upstairs and a large hall downstairs. The Centre is run by a voluntary committee who employ a full-time warden.

The Centre has lots of regular activities which are listed here and is hoping to start lots of new things this year, including a club for disabled people. The rooms are also available for hire for meetings and activities, the charge for these being £1.50 per hour. The sports hall is available for bookings for badminton - £1.50 per hour - table tennis 50p per hour - volley ball and netball - both £2.50 per hour. Equipment is available for all these things and we charge 10p to hire racquets and bats.

We hire out the big room for Wedding receptions, parties, disco's, plays, concerts and anything else people want to put on. The charge for these is either £3.50 per hour or £35.00 whichever works out cheapest.

Everybody using the Centre has to be a member of the Community Ass. The cost of membership for the year is 50p for adults and 20p for both Senior Citizens and junior members under 18 years of age.

## NEW ACTIVITIES

After Easter, a Yoga class is starting on a Wednesday evening, at 700pm. Yoga is good for people of all ages and all states of fitness. If you suffer from rheumatics

or arthritis or bronchitis or any similar disability, Yoga can help you. The class will cost £1.00 because we will have a proper teacher from college. Don't be put off by people making jokes about standing on your head. The point of Yoga is that you only do what your body lets you do - you can even do it sitting on a chair. So come and give it a try. Please register for the class before 1st. May at the Community Centre.

## YOUTH CLUB

The Centre runs two youth clubs for 8-12 year olds on Mondays and for 13-18 years on a Thursday. Both clubs are thriving, but we are desperate for helpers and fear the clubs may have to close if we don't get more adults willing to help. The sort of activities we have are sports and games, pool, darts, board-games, craft work, needlework, cooking and so on. We go on trips to Derbyshire and during the better weather intend to go swimming and do more outside activities. We are planning a weekend camp and have competitions with other clubs.

Helpers need no qualifications or experience (although of course they are very welcome) just a liking for young people, the ability to get on with them and a willingness to muck in and help out.

## P.S.

We also need volunteers for all our activities, particularly the lunch club, so if you can spare an hour or two, daytime or evening, we'd love to see you. No financial reward - but it can be fun - and we are a very friendly bunch.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Sneinton Hermitage Community Ass., will be held on Wednesday 29th. April at 7.30pm at which reports on the year's work will be given and a new committee will be elected. All members are invited to attend.

For information about any of the activities in the Community Centre or for room bookings, please contact Julie Hilling, the Warden of the Centre, either by calling in, writing or telephoning Nottm 54707.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

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## T.R.A.C.S.



What is T.R.A.C.S.? - The Tenants and Residents Association for the Community of Sneinton.

We are a group of local people who joined together almost two years ago because we felt concerned about our area. We have been involved with a wide range of community issues including housing, traffic and social activities for children. We now have a base at 13 Kentwood Road where we hold meetings every fortnight at 7.30pm. These meetings are quite informal and anyone is welcome.

We have a Welfare Rights Advisory Surgery on Tuesday evenings between 6.00pm and 7.00pm at 13 Kentwood Rd., where anyone can come with a problem of any kind e.g. housing, landlords, pensions and benefits. This service is friendly, sympathetic and strictly confidential.

Last year we held a Summer Fayre at St. Christopher's Church Hall. The proceeds from which helped to supplement our trip to the seaside for local people. As we are planning to repeat this again this year we are now collecting jumble, odds and ends for our next sale, so if anyone has any items they do not want would they drop a note into 13 Kentwood Road and we'd be only too happy to call and collect the said items.



## W.R.A.A.G.



Wittier Rd. Area Action Group.

W.R.A.A.G. was formed in December 1978 to fight on three main issues:

(1) To persuade the Council to declare an housing action area.

This was done on March 8th, partly as a result of W.R.A.A.G.'s pressure.

(2) To fight for play space on the old Trickett's scrapyard site, instead of housing or factories. The Council bought Trickett's last year and they say they will start to develop the site later on this year.

(3) To look into traffic problems in certain areas. We got Whitter Road closed after a long battle and the people we have spoken to say this has made the roads much quieter and of course a lot safer. If you have a housing problem either with your landlord who is reluctant to do repairs, or you do not know how to go about getting a grant contact

W.R.A.A.G. through this paper. Contd...

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Next month we will give you further information on the Trickett's site and how the Housing Association are working in Sneinton.

### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS IN SNEINTON.

The City Council is looking for ideas from residents on ways to improve Sneinton's physical environment. You may already have seen an article in the March edition of the 'Nottingham Arrow' outlining the scheme, but it is worth repeating.

Sneinton district plan includes proposals for improvements to several derelict sites as part of a general programme of improvements. Some like Lees Hill Footway and Lindum Grove have been carried out but money is short to implement the other schemes.

Now the Inner Area Programme, which aims to boost confidence in areas like Sneinton by providing funds, has allocated £11,500 a year for the next three years to carry out improvement works to the physical environment in the short term. These schemes should have maximum impact in the immediate locality, but be as cheap as possible.

Some of the Sneinton District Plan proposals fit this criteria and they could be carried out with the Inner Area Programme money. Schemes like the landscaped car park at the site of 498-504 Meadow Lane are likely to qualify for this money. But there are other possibilities being considered - a 'facelift' scheme for cleaning buildings in Sneinton Heritage Square for instance. On a smaller scale, tree planting around the district, tidying and fencing of derelict sites and improvements to boundary walls all might be considered.

Other Schemes that the City Council are considering include an improved car park at Upper Eldon St/ Harold St., improvements to the G.P.O. site Newark Street and conversion of the derelict land at St. Stephens' Avenue to garden extensions. There may be other opportunities in the Sneinton area for small schemes - but we need your help to point them out. We can then draw up a list of priorities to implement the schemes that will provide the most benefit. So if you have any ideas about possible schemes, please let your committee know and they will forward your ideas to the City Planning Office.



For your County Councillor now is a critical time. The County Council elections are happening on May 8th, and both parties will be out to get your vote. But do you know what the candidates stand for? what they intend to do to benefit the residents of Sneinton? They will be leafleting and canvassing the area, but often they do not make clear exactly where they stand on a variety of issues. So now's the time to find out.

Your County Council candidates are George Chambers for Labour and Peter Lowery for Conservative. They need to know what are the issues that the residents of Sneinton feel are important to them. And now is the time to get commitments and promises on these issues, as commitments mean votes!!

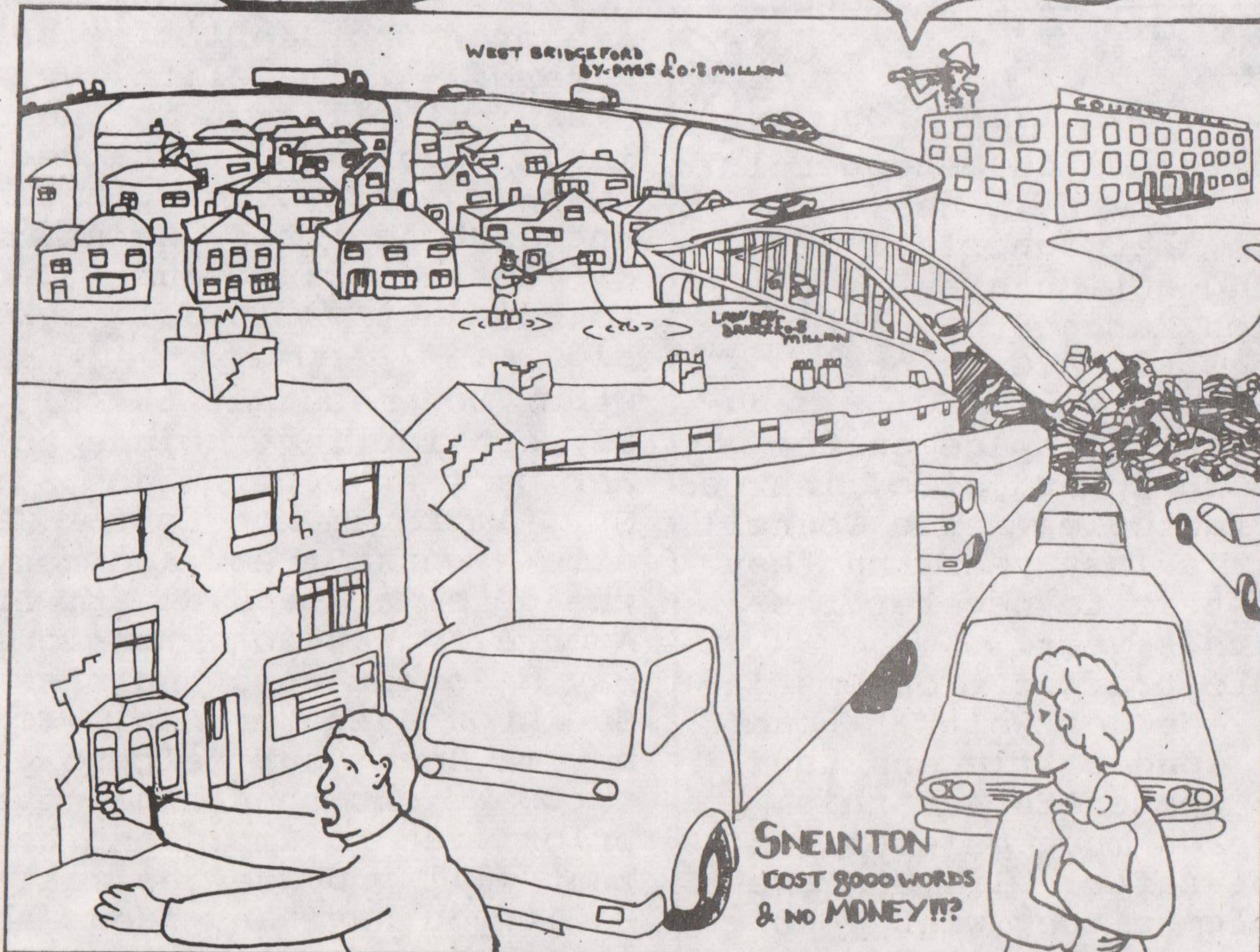
Decisions which affect Sneinton are made both by the City Council and the County Council but each have control over different aspects. These elections are for the County Council and so the issues concerned are those around

- Education
- Social Services
- Leisure Services (including Youth facilities).
- Environment including transportation, roads and traffic.

If you feel that there are aspects of these areas which are important to the residents of Sneinton then you should write NOW to your local candidate explaining your concerns and asking them to reply stating what they intend to do about them.

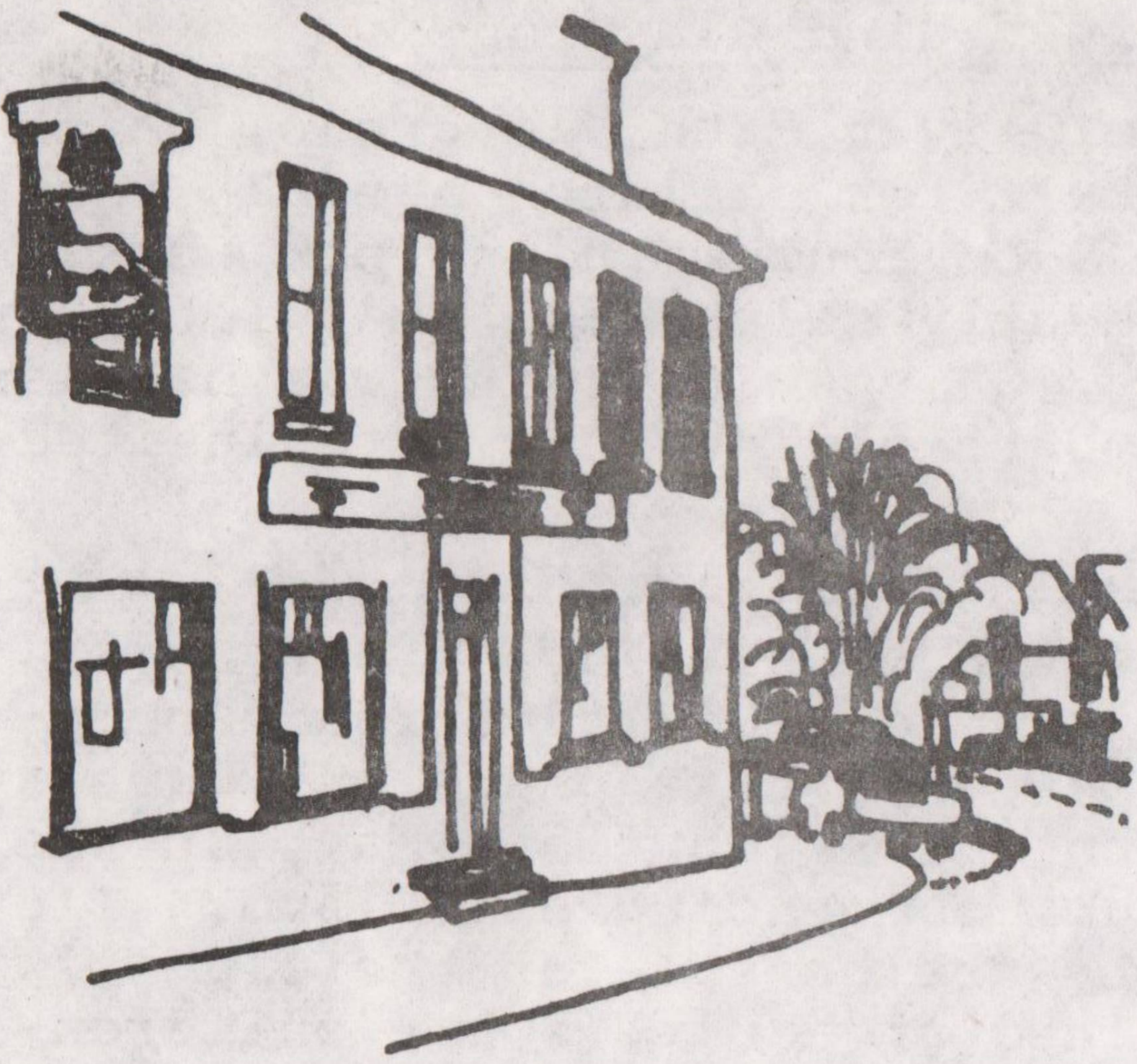


**I SEE NO TRAFFIC PROBLEM!**





## Pub Spot



Since being opened as a Public House in 1760, the Fox, on Dale Street, Sneinton has seen many changes in the area. The building itself has been thoroughly renovated inside, but the exterior remains much the same as in those early days.

Now selling Ansells beers, it, like many Pubs in the area, used to brew its own beer. This practice unfortunately ceased in the last century, but the shell of the old brewhouse still stands to the rear of the premises.

The Fox stands opposite the Parish Church, in the older part of Sneinton, among the early to mid Victorian houses of this area. In the days of Sneinton as a separate village, the three main buildings in the area would have been but a stones throw away from each other - The Manor, The Church and the Pub.

Current landlord, Jeff Blythe, is only the fourth landlord this century, having lived there all his life. His father, Reg, was landlord for about thirty years, up to about 1975. Jeff prides himself on keeping his beers to the best quality, and this and the comfortable surroundings bring people from outside the Sneinton area. Don't however be put off by this, local residents are welcomed, indeed, encouraged.

The Fox used to have three cellars - two of these being caves set into the rock, but now, with the general demise of traditional beers in the industry (and at Ansells in particular) there is only need for one. Despite the normal bitter and mild being served with the aid of carbon dioxide, the Burton bitter is served by handpump. This beer is strong, and I would advise you not to try to quaff your normal consumption, as the strength makes it very powerful.

The full range of spirits, wines and soft drinks is of course served, do not think that this is a 'beer only' pub.

The two rooms in the Fox are both comfortably furnished and decorated. The bar to the left through the front door is rather simply furnished, using traditional copper topped tables and with Tudor-style pannelled walls.

The lounge has original plaster beams, and comfortable seating. Note also the collection of shell cases in the corner.

All in all the Fox is a most enjoyable place, the service is pleasant, the surroundings relaxing and give the drinking public of Sneinton a 'watering hole' to be proud of.

A.G.B.

### GREENWOOD DALE SCHOOL

An Auction to be held in the School Hall

May 31st 1981

Viewing 9.00am-12.00am.  
Auction 2.00pm.

ADVANCE NOTICE GRAND AUCTION MAY 31st.

YOU'VE GOT IT!  
WE WANT IT!



Spring clean your attic, cellar or garden shed. We need: Furniture, books bric-a-brac, kitchen or garden equipment, etc. (sorry-no clothes).

Ring school 55428 for us to collect....



## Events at the Hermitage

Every weekday morning 11.00am to 2.00pm  
Coffee Bar is open with facilities  
for playing pool, darts, cards and  
boardgames.

Monday - 11.00am to 3.00pm - Lunch club  
for the over 60's & housebound - 65p  
7.00pm to 9.00pm - Junior Youth Club for  
8-13 years - 10p

Tuesday - 10.30am to 12.00noon - Mums  
& Toddlers - 20p  
2.00pm to 4.00pm - Fun Bingo for all  
ages (but particularly over 60's) 22p  
6.30pm to 8.30pm - English as a  
foreign language (a class for Asian  
ladies to learn to speak English  
7.30pm to 9.00pm - Keep Fit  
7.30pm to 10.00pm - Old Time & Modern  
Sequence Dancing.

Wednesday - 2.00pm to 4.00pm - Whist  
Drive for all ages - 10p  
7.00pm to 8.30pm - Head to Toe Disco  
Excercise (keep fit to disco music)  
8.30pm to 10.00pm - Karate for 15 year  
old and upwards

Thursday - 7.15pm to 9.30pm - Senior  
Youth Club for 13-18 years - 10p

Friday - 1.30pm to 3.30pm - Mums &  
Toddlers - 20p  
7.00pm to 10.00pm - Karate  
7.30pm - (alternative weeks) Bingo  
or Whist Drive

Saturday & Sunday - Available for  
private bookings.

Other meetings - Lyndhurst Ladies -  
alternative Thursdays 7.30pm

Labour Party - 2nd Thursday in month  
- 7.30pm; Councillor Dinwood's  
Advice Surgery - 3rd Wednesday of  
month - 7.30pm; Community Ass.,  
Committee meeting 1st. Wednesday of  
month. 7.30 pm.

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### ADVERTISERS



An advert in this space will go into  
3,000 households in the Sneinton area.  
Interested?

For further information, advertising  
rates (negotiable) contact:-

17 Hardstaff Rd. or  
13 Kentwood Road, Sneinton.

or see page 7.



## Oliver Hinds Boys' Club

Brief News Items from the club.

### Oliver Hind Playgroup

The Oliver Hind Playgroup, which  
caters for children aged 2½ years  
to 5 on four mornings per week, has  
recently celebrated it's 10th birth-  
day. A special party was held and  
members old and new were invited.

### Annual B.B./G.B. Display

The Annual display of our Boys'  
Brigade and Girls' Brigade comp-  
anies will take place on Thursday  
14th and Friday 15th May, at the  
club, commencing at 7.15pm. Tic-  
kets are on sale at the club  
priced at adults 20p - children 10p.

### Annual Display- Senior Citizens Night

On Wednesday 13th May our annual  
BB/GB display will be performed  
for the benefit of Senior Citi-  
zens. It will commence at 7.15pm  
and admission is free (no advance  
tickets are required). In ad-  
dition to the entertainment there  
will also be free refreshments  
during the evening. We invite all  
Senior Citizens of the Sneinton  
area to join with us.

### Dako 'Red Devils' - Drum & Trumpet Corps

The members and staff of the Dako  
'Red Devils' wish to thank the  
people of Sneinton for their  
support in the recent house-to-  
house collection. A total of £220  
was raised and we do thank those  
who donated so generously to us.

### Dako 'Red Devils' - Next Contest

The next band contest at which the  
Dako 'Red Devils' Drum & Trumpet  
Corps will be taking part, is the  
B.B. National Band Contest on Sat-  
urday 25th April at Bingley Hall,  
Stafford. Special Coaches are  
being organised for supporters and  
if you would like to go please  
contact the club. The cost is £3.

### Activities at the Club

Playgroup - children 2½ to 5 years)  
Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri mornings  
9.00am to 12 noon.

B.B. Anchor Boys 6 to 8 years -  
each Fri, 5.00pm to 6.15pm.



## OLIVER HIND BOYS' CLUB - cont...

### Activities at the club:-

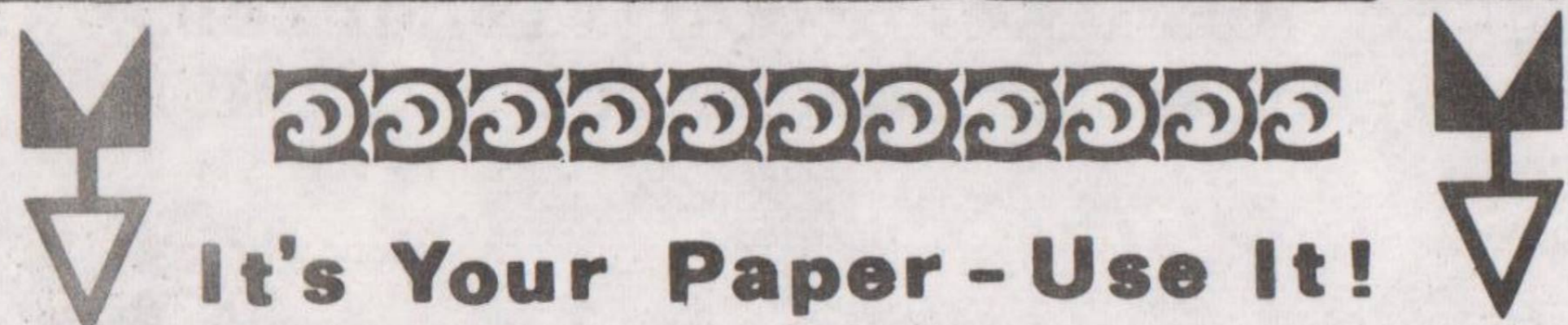
B.B. Junior Section 8 to 11 years  
Fri, 6.30pm to 8.pm ( and Mon,  
6.30pm.)

B.B. Company Section - 11 plus  
Tues & Thurs 7.pm.

Girls Brigade 5 and upwards -  
Wed 6.15pm.

Mixed Youth Club - Mon 7.pm to  
10.pm.

Band Contest on Saturday 25th  
April at Bingley Hall, Stafford.  
Special coaches are being or-  
ganised for supporters and if  
you would like to go please  
contact the club. The cost is  
£3.00.



**It's Your Paper - Use It!**

If Sneinton Voice is to be a  
success it needs help in many  
ways.

### **CONTRIBUTORS**

Fancy yourself as a journalist?

"LACK OF PLAY SPACE IN SNEINTON  
SHOCK HORROR PROBE".

Do you have an interesting hobby?  
"How to breed racing stick in-  
sects".

Want to publicise a local event?  
"Secondhand alligator Sale to be  
held in Church Hall".

All these ambitions and more can  
be realised through Sneinton  
Speaks. We need contributions  
of all sorts and any length that  
could be of interest to or used  
by the residents of Sneinton.  
Drop your ideas or written art-  
icles and items into any of the  
addresses given at the bottom of  
the page.

## **LETTERS**

### Keep Sneinton Tidy.

On my walks around the Sneinton  
Dale area I have noticed the way  
people throw their litter about.  
I would like to say the amount of  
council bins that are placed  
around I think that we could make  
a Speical Effort to KEEP SNEINTON  
TIDY.

It is in your own interest if we  
want a nice area to live in.

S. Capsey - Member of T.R.A.C.S.

### Nuclear Weapons.

As Nuclear weapons become more and  
more sophisticated and the poss-  
ibility of nuclear war looms ever  
nearer, ordinary people are be-  
ginning to realise that the answer  
is NOT to think of ways of coping  
after a nuclear attack, when life  
will hardly be worth living anyway,  
but of stopping the threat of war  
in the first place by means of dis-  
armament here and now.

Local groups exist all over Notting-  
ham for Nuclear Disarmament in an  
effort to discuss and spread the  
issue locally.. In Sneinton we hold  
meetings once a month (normally the  
first Thursday) at 8.00pm at 13  
Kentwood Road.

For further details of the groups  
or of the arguments the local con-  
tact is Caroline Thorpe, 5 Sneinton  
Hollows - Tel: 598908.

### **DISTRIBUTORS**

There have been 3,000 copies of  
this paper which makes distribu-  
tion a big job. The work load  
must be shared and if people take  
on the responsibility for just  
one street it only means about  
half an hours work once a month.  
How about it? If you would like  
to become involved in this or any  
other way, then make contact at:-

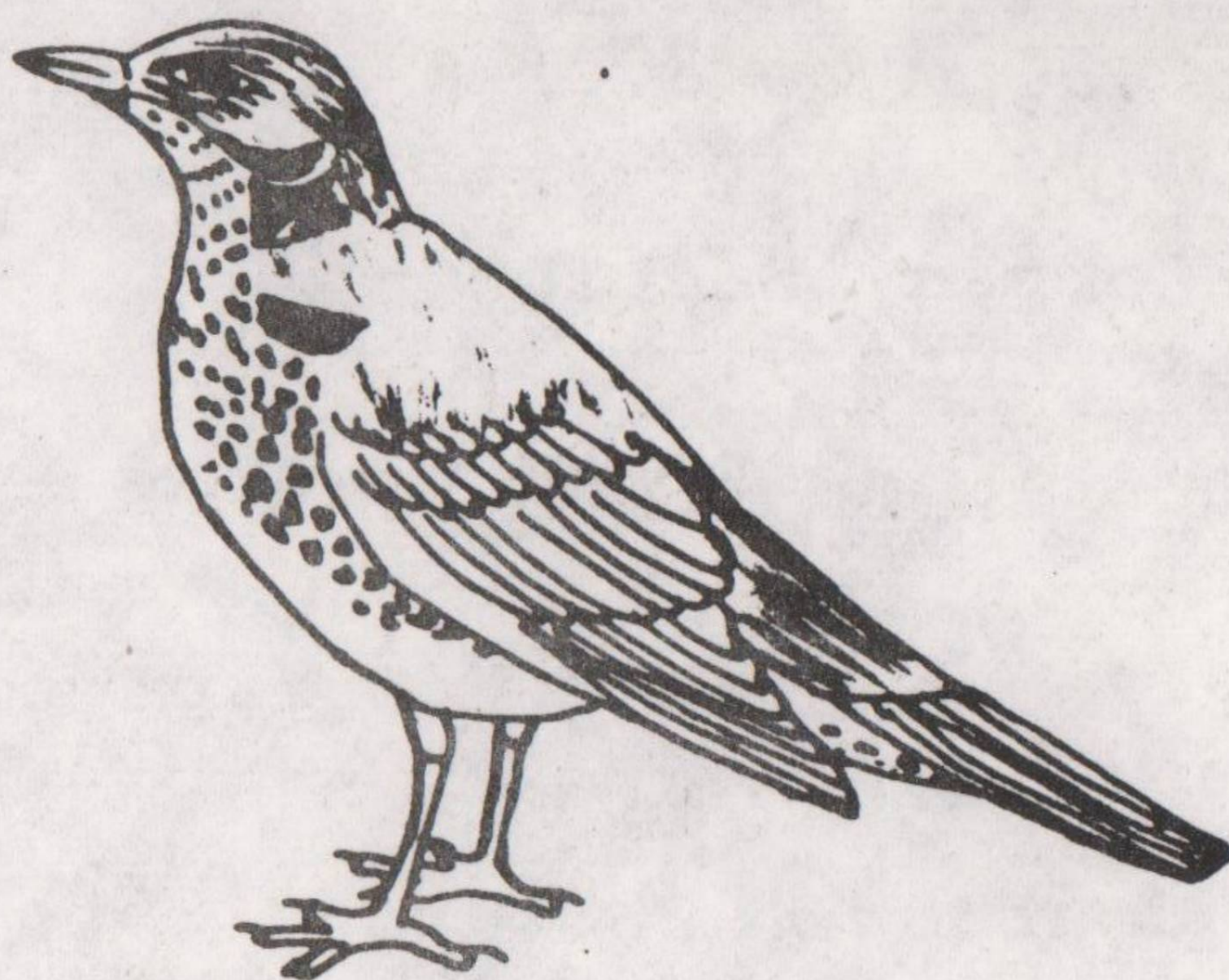


# RECREATION

Although a wet winter, as winters go it was a comparatively mild one with the direct result that the lakes in Colwick Park saw little of the usual wintering wildfowl. Thus the main occupants of the lakes were Mallard, Tufted duck, Canada Geese and Coot, with only the occasional visiting Teal, Pochard, Wigeon and Gadwall. The usual large numbers of gulls continued to come in at dusk using the lakes for their overnight roost. The surprise winter visitor being a rare vagrant migrant to the country, a Purple Sandpiper which stayed over for a few days. The wooded areas of the park remained alive with thrushes tits and finches whilst in the sparser regions especially around the lakes always to be seen were Reed Bunting, Skylarks, Meadow Pipits and Pied Wagtail. Occasionally Lapwings were around and in the waterlogged and flooded land areas small groups of Snipe. It is worth noting that again presumably due to the general mildness of the winter period very much reduced numbers of the winter visiting Fieldfare and Redwing were seen.

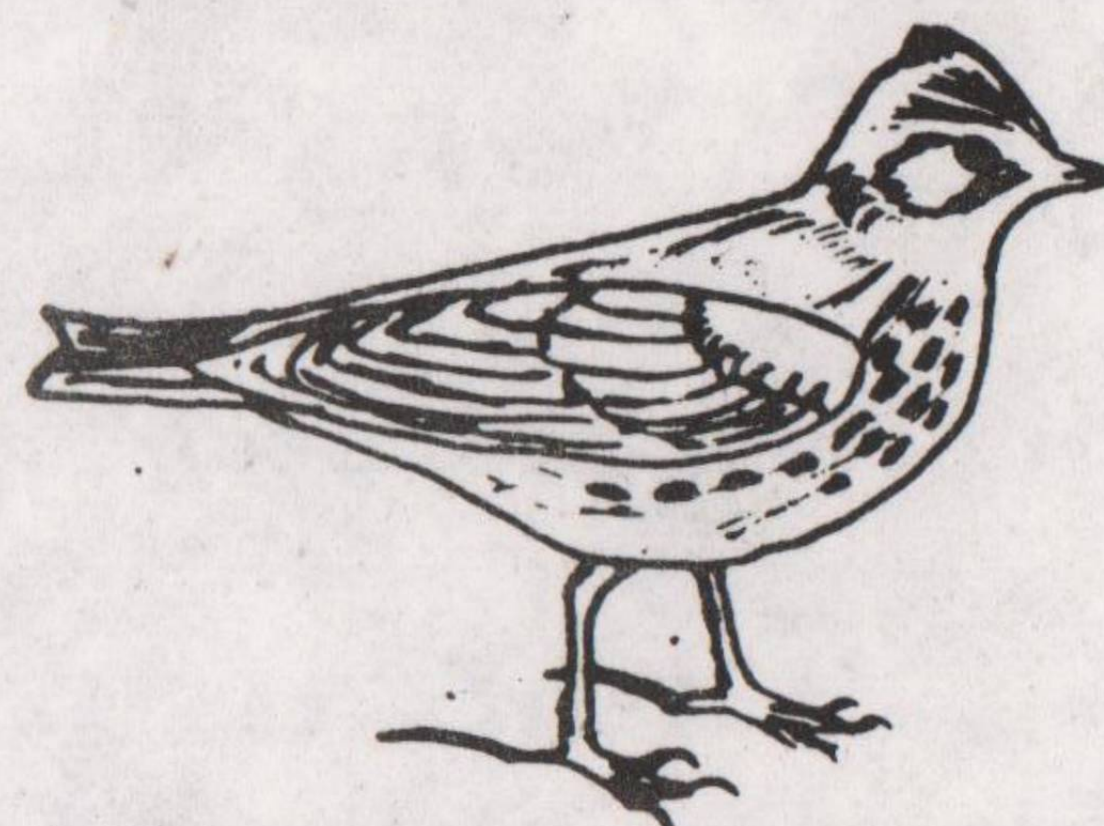
The first Sand Martins have just arrived (late March) and we can soon expect their numbers to increase and be joined by House Martins, Swifts and Swallows. During April we can expect to see many of the other summer visiting migrants arrive. The Main species for Colwick being Warblers, Yellow Wagtail and a passage through period of the Wheatear. An increase in the numbers of Finches will also be seen especially of Goldfinch and Bullfinch.

March saw the end of the coarse fishing season and the commencement of the game fishing season, so when visiting the park, please take note of the warning signs advising to keep clear of the Trout anglers "back casting" as they fish Colwick Lake. The trout season at Colwick Park lasts until mid October. Three



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types of trout are stocked in the lake these being Rainbow, Brown and the relatively new introduction to British trout fisheries, the American Brook Trout. N.E.



## DID YOU KNOW?

That the largest iceberg on record was bigger than Belgium.

That all Polar Bears are left-handed.

## J O K E S

Why does the patient cough better in the morning?

He'd been practicing all night.

What is the best thing to put in pies?

YOUR TEETH.

MAKE SOMEONE HAPPY - STRANGLE BUZZY.

What's worse than an Indian on the Warpath?

A banana on a footpath.

How do you milk a Hedgehop?

VERY CAREFULLY.



# Competition



Open to children of all ages. Each month we will print the best drawing to a theme announced in the previous issue of SNEINTON VOICE.

Name and age of child will appear with the drawing for example:-

# Writers!

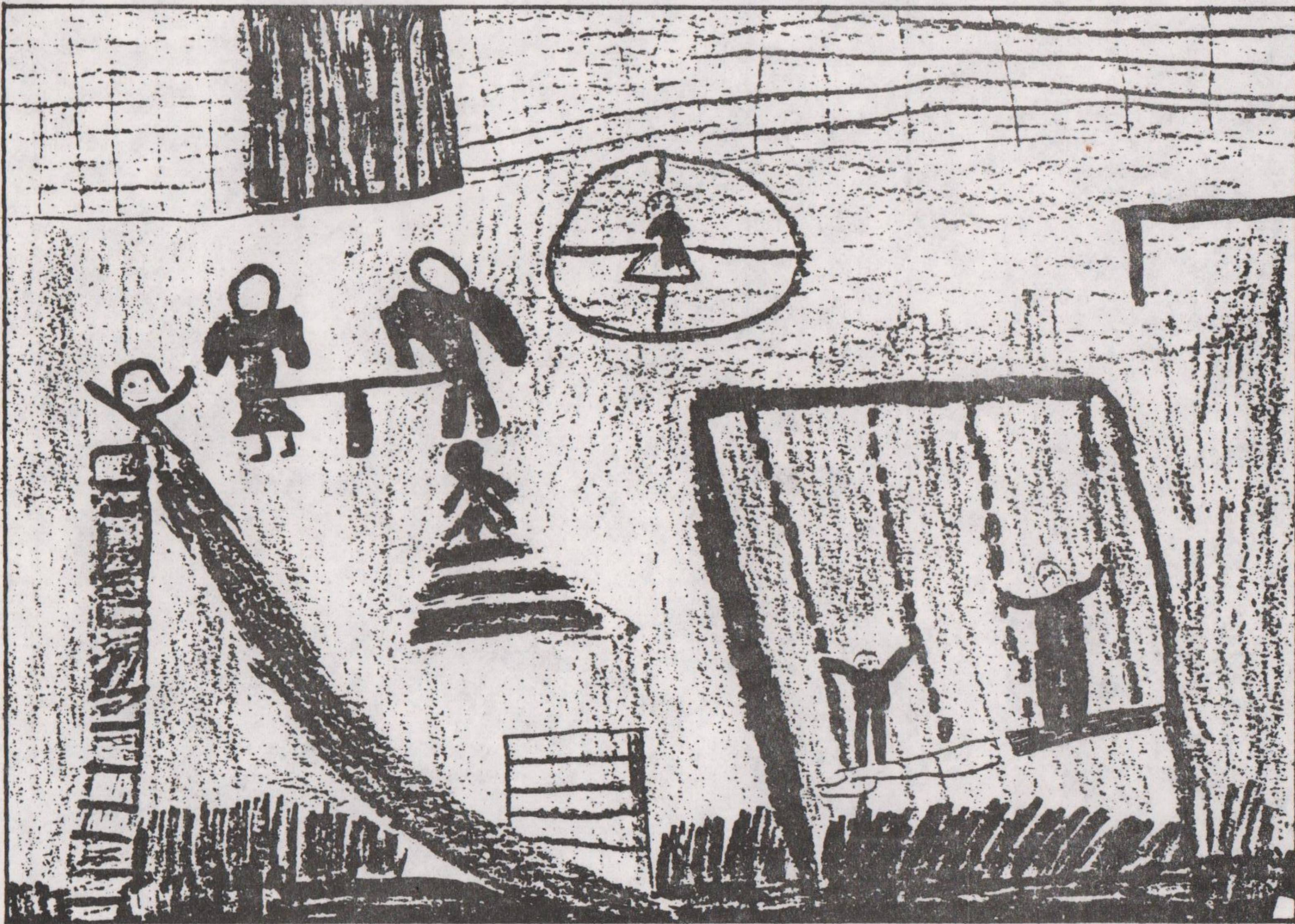
Many thanks for all the contributions received.

Unfortunately we could not print everything in this first issue.

However, no articles have been rejected, and they will be published in future issues.

PLEASE KEEP WRITING!

The Editorial Committee.



Next months theme: What I like best about living in Sneinton.

Every Tuesday evening between 6.00 & 7.00 at 13 Kentwood Rd. This service is local, friendly, and confidential.

## WELLWARE RIGHTS ADVICE SERVICE

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etc.

کڑاؤوں سے یہ کوشش کی جا رہی تھی کہ سنینٹن کمیونٹی کا اپنا کوئی رسالہ یا اخبار ہونا چاہیے۔ اس آفر کار سنینٹن ایئر یاگی  
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دی ایڈیٹوریل کمیٹی 13 کینٹ وڈ روڈ سنینٹن



USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS  
AND ADDRESSES

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Sneinton Health Centre:-

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Dr. Saunders 51854

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Drs. Durcan & Reid 50044

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Dr. Bharadwaj 55985

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Dr. Kolinsky 55275

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Drs. Alt & Knapp 874773

POLICE

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Meadows Station 581721

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

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Guildhall, City Treasury 48571  
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Table Enquiries) 53665  
City Transport Office 55745  
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Skip point-Greenwood Rd.  
Sat. Mornings 7 am-12 noon.

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EAST MIDLANDS ELECTRICITY

Emergencies/Service 291151

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Emergencies/Service 45555

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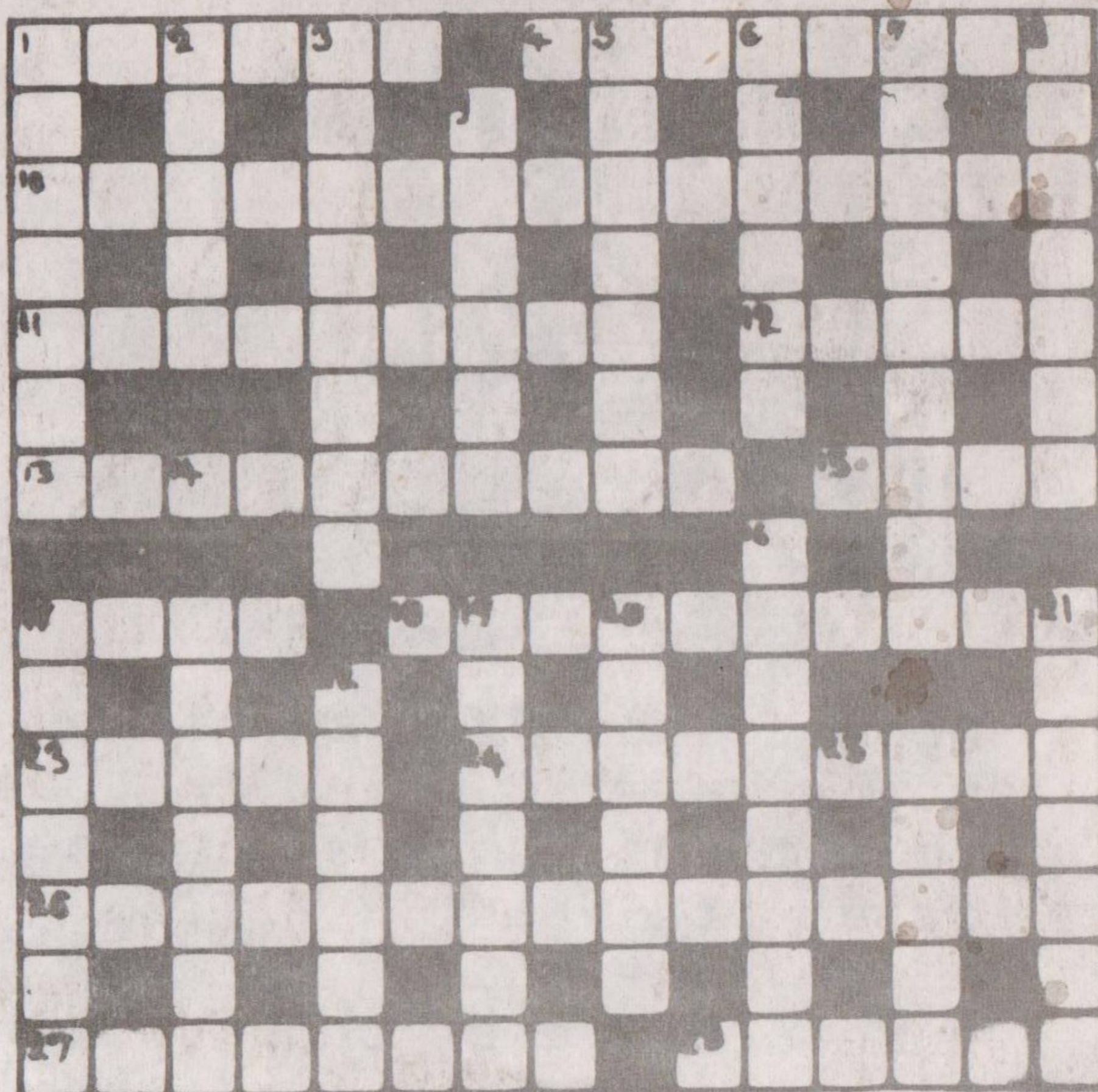
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Shakespeare Street 46101  
Station Street 56221

Citizens Advice Bureau 411781

Councillor Dinwoodie 241007

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ACROSS

1. Harm produced when you stop the years
4. Anglo-French agreement in the air
10. It helps a driver see where he's going in the wet.
11. He gives his name as security.
12. Home to your roots, but rearranged.
13. Something fishy to put you off the scent.
15. Assuage, smoothness, quietude, inexcitable, relieve.
17. Does Johnny sing about money.
18. Stuck for words, do you hope some politicians were this.
23. In front, but winning by a short margin.
24. Bring in a newcomer, show him round.
26. Stories from Kent.
27. Pawn shop gave back goods on payment.
28. Victorian lady who "booked the cooks.."

DOWN

1. Widowed lady, instruction to gamble.
2. Paranoia perhaps, a main rearrangement surely.
3. Flimsy thread, perhaps the Spinners have been at work.
5. Six balls and a score in cricket exceed the allotted time.
6. Small company and a hospital dormitory combine to give a faint heart.
7. A scoundrel, about the proving of a will.
8. Printing error makes maturer.
9. Speech maker, certainly not 18 Across.
14. Made out the record with Ernie & Edward.
16. Choke, but not in a car.
17. Perhaps a Kentish storyteller.
19. Flexible, malleable.
21. Can this American hat hold 80 pints.
22. Glue the advertisement on this place.
23. It's dark until changed.