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## Letters

Dear People of Sneinton,

As you may know, by reading the Evening Post, Councillor John Carter has made the claim that I have asked for his photo to be taken down from Sneinton Library. I would like to say that this is not true. What happened was that I asked for a Surgery in that Library which was accepted. I then asked if I could put my photo up as well. I then was told that it is not the policy of Libraries to have photos of Councillors, but Surgery Times are acceptable, so on this basis John's photo had to come down. I would also like to say I am not undermining John's Surgery, I know he does a good job, but I also was elected to represent the community of Sneinton and that I will do. I would now like to get on with this at a time when John's Party is deepening the poverty trap through unemployment, low wages, cuts in the Health Service, State Pensions and schools that affect so many people in Sneinton.

My surgeries are at Greenwood Jnr School, Saturday morning 10.30 - 12 noon, and at Sneinton Library, Monday evening 6.30pm to 7.30pm or phone 845762 anytime.

Roger Stenson.

Dear Editor,

My main concern about the Police Liason/ Advisory committee meeting of 16.5.85 is with the people who attended claiming to represent the Asian community.

My experiences over the last 2 decades is that these people are only interested in seeing their name in print along with local officials to show that they are something! They exploit the Asian community whenever they can whether on issues of immigration, race or housing.

I would suggest, therefore, that the police and the local authority should communicate directly with the people, particularly from the ethnic minorities, rather than using these worthless go betweens.

Mr Bhatti

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Directoress of Secretariat, Marie Jeffery  
Assistant Director of PTS, Latib Ali  
of the World Space Organisation (WS))

Editorial Note:

Dear 'Joseph',

Unfortunately, we cannot print your letter as The Voice has a policy of not publishing anonymous letters. As we believe your's is genuine, we suggest that for information and personal advice, you ring Nottm Gay Swtchboard on 411454 (Mon-Thur, 7 to 10pm) or write to 31A Mansfield Rd or contact "Friend" the Gay Counselling Service on 476714, (Tues only, 7 to 10pm). You will also be welcome to go in and have a chat with them. Also available 'Gay Times' a national monthly magazine. There are a number of gay clubs and pubs in Nottm, some of which are quieter than others, and would be suitable for the over 60's - don't despair!!

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## Toy Library

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The library will be open every Thursday afternoon from 1:30pm in the school hall. A Mothers and Toddlers group will also be in operation so your children can play during the afternoon and parents can have a cup of tea. We will be specializing in toys for toddlers through to age 7 years. If you are interested, want more information, or, would like to help in any way please contact: Marilyn Hyde, Community Teacher, Greenwood Infant School, Edale Rd, tel: 504320.

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At the Police Liason/Advisory Committee meeting of 16th May it was wonderful to see so many people turn up to what they obviously felt was an important and relevant meeting. Naturally there was lengthy discussion on many points but the key result was that the people of Sneinton, with a unified voice, made it quite clear to the Police that they wanted better policing in the area.

The Police reassured the community that they were aware of this desire and that it was now policy to put more men 'back on the beat'. A clear undertaking was given that Sneinton would get a Contact Point (mini police station) and it was revealed that this had in fact been planned for some time. It will be situated on Sneinton Dale, opposite Edale Road, on the site of the empty garage and will last until at least the middle of 1987 when construction of the Sneinton Link road, which passes through the site, may begin.

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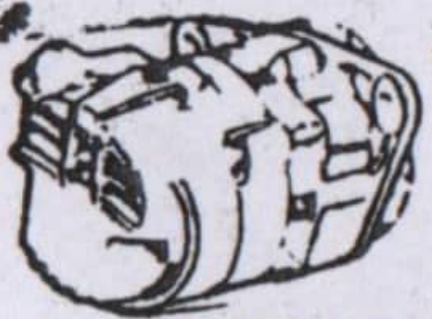
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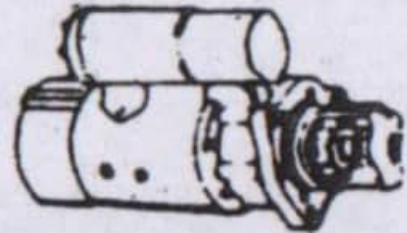


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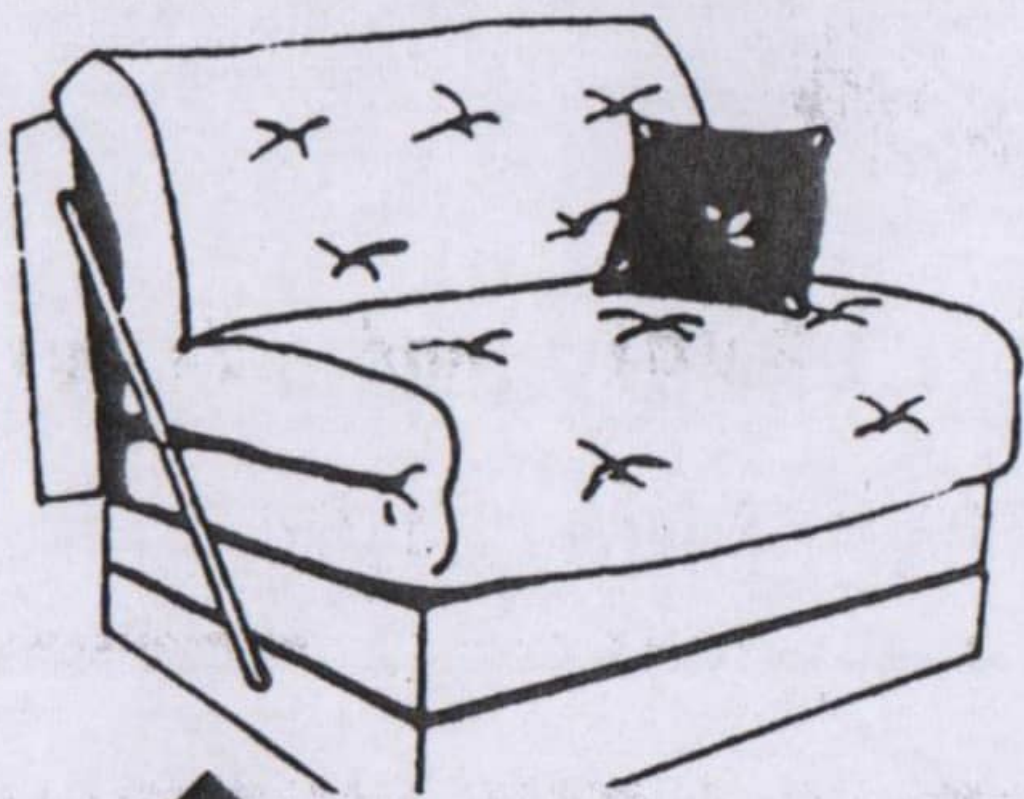
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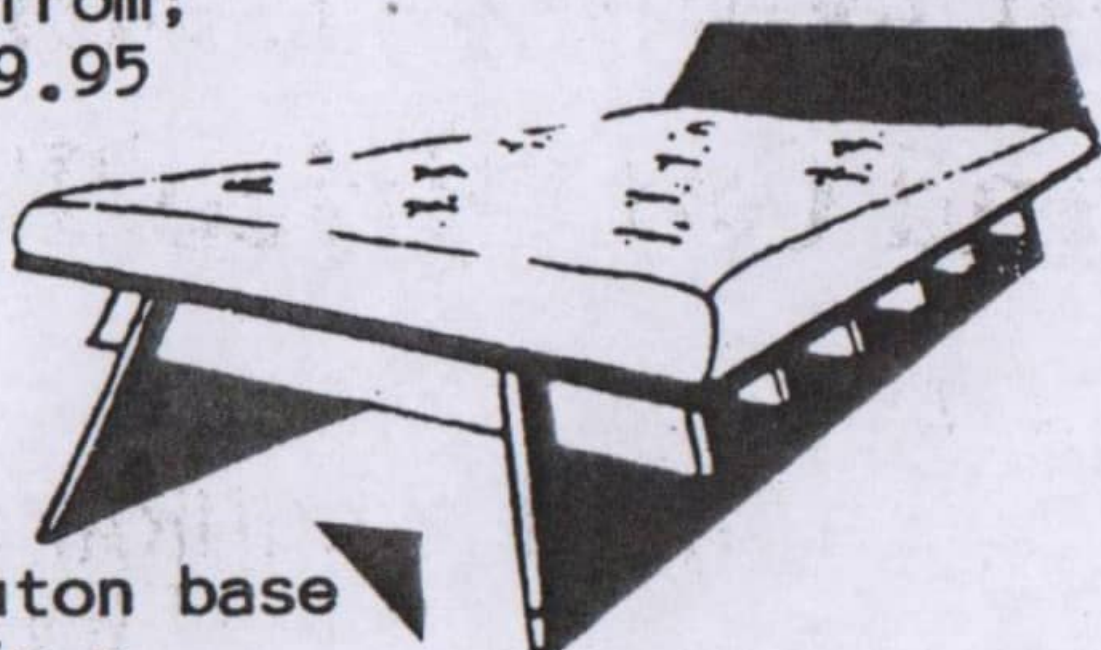
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Meetings until Christmas will be on September 18th, October 16th, November 13th and December 11th, and will include guest speakers to talk about food and diet, stress and relaxation, pre-menstrual tension and wholefood cookery (with a teaching demonstration). This group has been organized by local community workers at the request of women in Sneinton and it is hoped the group will become a self-run, self-help group for Sneinton women.

The first meeting on Wednesday 18th September will be at William Booth Infant School at 1:30 pm.

Come and see what it's all about!  
We look forward to seeing you.

To give us some idea of numbers of women (and toddlers for the crêche) please give your name to:

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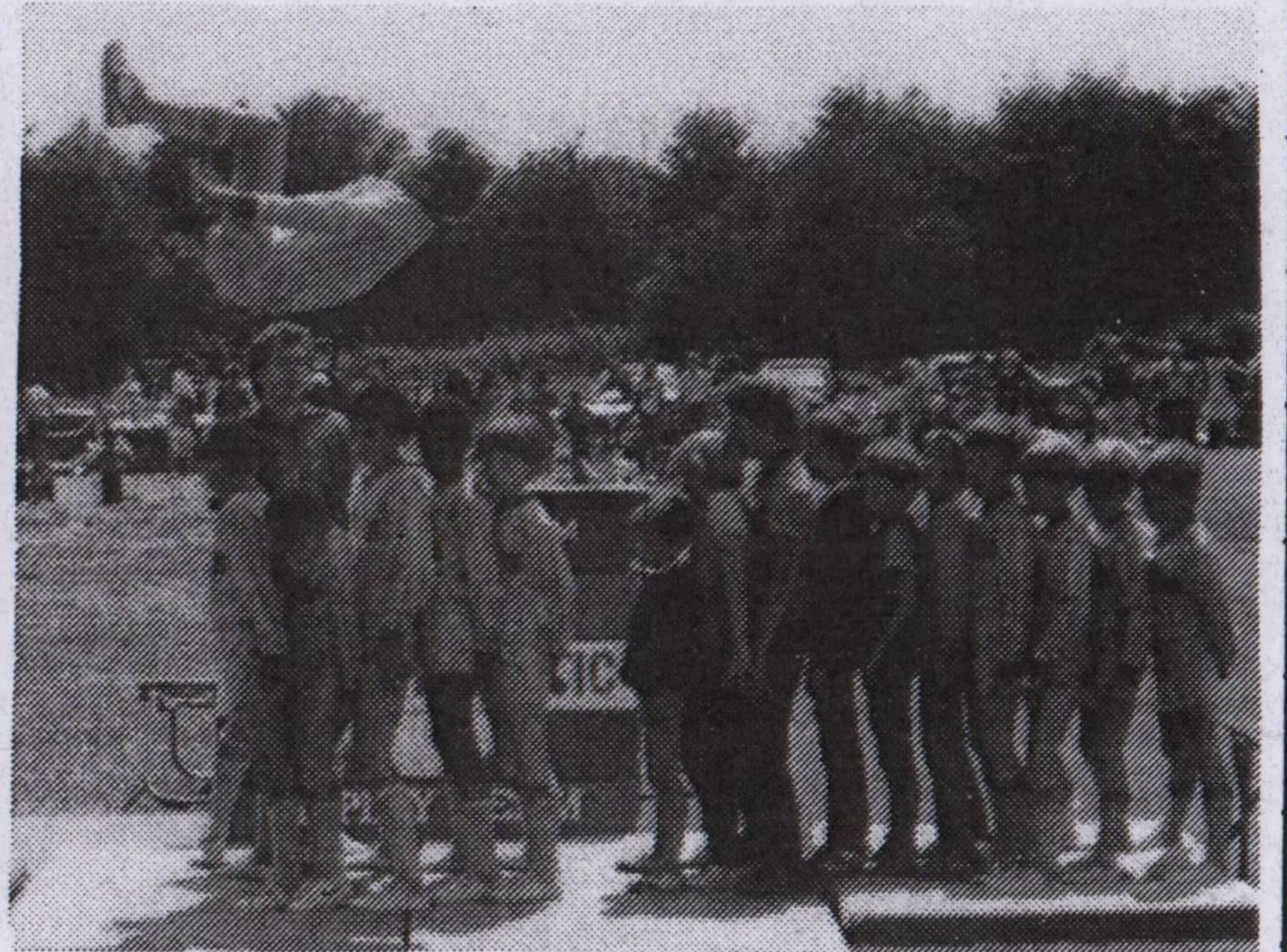


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A video of the Festival was made and is available for hire (50p/day). The Festival Queen is also prepared to attend local events. Contact Marjorie Belshaw, 43 Westwood Rd, tel 584744.

The bunting which was used at the Festival can be borrowed by local groups for galas etc (for a small donation) contact 26 Lyndhurst Rd, tel 584862.

We need to start planning next year's Festival soon...

- \* There'll be an open meeting on Wed, Sept 25th at Sneinton Hermitage Community Centre. 7.30pm.

- We need people to help organise, people to work on the day; people with ideas!!!!

\* "...."everyone who comes to the meeting is on the committee.".....

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# ST. STEPHEN'S LODGE

With the new national policy towards community care and the closure of many Psychiatric Hospitals, The Mental Health Association, or Mind as it is known, has been working for better day care facilities and accommodation for the mentally ill.

St Stephen's Lodge is an entirely new accommodation project which has been set up by Nottm Mind, to provide a home for nine residents with mental health problems.

The Lodge has been completely renovated and refurbished by the Nottingham Community Housing Association in keeping with the character of the building and the needs of the nine residents.

St Stephen's is a beautiful old house and the furnished bedsits are cheerful and comfortable. Shared kitchen, a laundry and communal lounge enable residents to socialise whilst developing social and practical skills.

The aim is to provide long term supportive residential accommodation, for individuals who have lost or have not yet developed sufficient skills and confidence to live without support. A homely atmosphere and, a warm friendly approach by the staff at St Stephen's has already helped our residents to settle into their new homes. The warden Alan Alvey (my husband) and myself live in a self contained flat within the building and we offer practical and emotional support to the residents as does Denis Staniforth our Relief Warden and good friend.



Karen Osbourne, our volunteer, also gives help to the project, working as a befriender both to 'the house and to individuals.

All three staff are 'Old Sneintonians' and this has proved a great asset, when introducing residents to local services and activities. Already, we at St Stephen's feel part of the local community and our residents are learning just how friendly Sneinton folk are.

Our future plans include residents' holidays, getting the garden straight, and developing the large garage into a workshop, to enable residents to take up hobbies eg. woodwork. Any voluntary help would be appreciated, either as a befriender or to teach practical skills to our residents.

Sal Alvey (Support Worker)

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# 'Situations Vacant'

I have just come across a word, the mention of which strikes terror into the hearts of most residents of Sneinton, young and old alike. If you are feeling extra brave today - read on. The word I mean is - (dare I mention it ) volunteering .....

Did you enjoy the Sneinton Festival? You did! - but thought it could be even better. It might have been, if you had been helping!

What would you do if you or your child had need of First Aid and all you found was an empty tent?...

How many times in a school holiday do your family say "I'm bored, what can I do?" Every morning for two weeks there was a Summer School to send them to. Who looked after them while they were there?....

...A small group of people who are not afraid of the word 'volunteering'.

A few organized the Sneinton Festival. Red Cross workers ran the First Aid Tent, not only at the Sneinton Festival but at many other activities in the area. One or two parents are willing to spend a morning or two helping to look after children at Summer School and that included yours. Maybe you think you have little to contribute, time or talent, but you would be surprised how all the 'little' bits add together. There is a need for many volunteers in Sneinton. Go on, be brave! You will find you have no need to be frightened of that word 'volunteer' any more. You might be missing something you would really enjoy doing, if only you made that first step. It certainly hasn't harmed me. I've just volunteered to write this letter.

Elizabeth Hampson  
Westwood Road

## Help: LODGINGS Needed

by Mr Lees, Caretaker at Sneinton C of E School, Windmill Lane.

Further details from Mr Wall, Headmaster, Tel: 503056.

From the end of August, an ASIAN WELFARE RIGHTS session will be run every Friday afternoon at 26 Lyndhurst Rd. Ring 584862 for more info.

## Tenants and Residents Association for the Community of Sneinton

We are a group of local people who care about our area and would like to see as much improvement in Sneinton as possible.

Years ago, so I am told, Sneinton used to be a very 'smart' area, housewives used to scrub their steps and sweep their fronts, people took pride in being a Sneintonian. Where has all that pride gone?

# Bubble & Speak

MEANWHILE...SOMEWHERE IN DOWN TOWN SNEINTON !

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..I'm bored, there's never anything to do round here.

But there's lots going on in Sneinton.

...like what?

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...Well, for a start there's the youth groups. Tricketts, for example, you could help with the sports or in the coffee bar. Oliver Hind Boys Club, they run a playgroup too ...and the Junior Jazz Bands, don't forget them. You don't have to be a twelve year old drummer to give them a hand!

"What on earth's one of them?" Ed.

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...TRACS, for instance, have done a lot for better housing - there's a group in Bakersfield trying to start up a community centre and people with new ideas are needed to start planning next year's Festival.

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On a larger scale, Sneinton has branches of national groups. The main political parties, the Red Cross and CND.

I never realised...

There are also groups specialising in Asian cultural affairs and even a UFO investigating society!

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But I can't stand kids!

Okay...What about the old and infirm? They always need help. There's a care group who visit people in their homes and there's the Disabled Information Advice Line...

I'm not sure if I could do that..

..Well, there's also the campaign groups.

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Are you interested in printing? You can do that at the Resource Centre - They need people to help run it too.

Printing?... ..mm.. I'd like to work on a paper..

That's it!..... Sneinton Voice always needs more helpers.

Nothing to do in Sneinton? You must be joking!

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We have found out through experience that, if you want to get something done, the voice of one person is not enough, it takes a group to make a big noise. During the last 5 years, TRACS has dealt with many issues, ranging from a landlord who wouldn't get repairs done to intensive work on houses that had a severe damp problem.

We are hoping to hold a Jumble Sale shortly to raise funds, so if you have any unwanted goods we will be happy to collect them. Drop a note into 26 Lyndhurst Rd or ring 584862. We meet every other Tuesday at 7.30pm at Lyndhurst Rd. Meetings are quite informal and anyone is welcome. Carol

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We wondered what it was all about so we had a look inside the new buildings. A friendly voice said "Come inside - nothing to pay. Have a look round, have a go." The voice belonged to a bearded fellow who seemed to be in charge of activities. His name was Ben and he explained that this was Green's Science Museum. The various experiments and displays had been set up for the public to enjoy, and they all had a connection with George Green's work.

We played on a video game shooting protons with photons, tugged at magnets and turned electric motors until we made lights work. Then we saw two kids playing with a glass sphere from the centre of which emanated wavy lines of pink light.

When they touched the sphere the lines were immediately attracted to their hands. One of the lads had his palm on the top which caused the lines to form a thick beam. He stood there showing everyone what he could do. My son was very impressed.

While we played, Ben was busily setting up the star performance. We were soon to find out what the Van der Graffe generator did. It was switched on. At first, there was a humming sound and then suddenly the generator produced a six inch bolt of lightning. Half a million volts - no wonder it was locked inside a cage! It certainly got the adrenelin going and so in order to calm down we looked round the rest of the museum. Ben explained how there were once 3 windmills on Windmill Lane.

The other two were post mills and a different structure to Greens mill. One stood opposite the Queen Adelaide pub and the other near the Red Cow. These can be seen in old landscape pictures of the area. He also told us that Greens mill was turned into a leather tanning factory and that a fire destroyed it and melted the copper top off the windmill. It stood like this for many years until a fund was set up to restore it. The sails are in the yard and will soon be fixed into position.

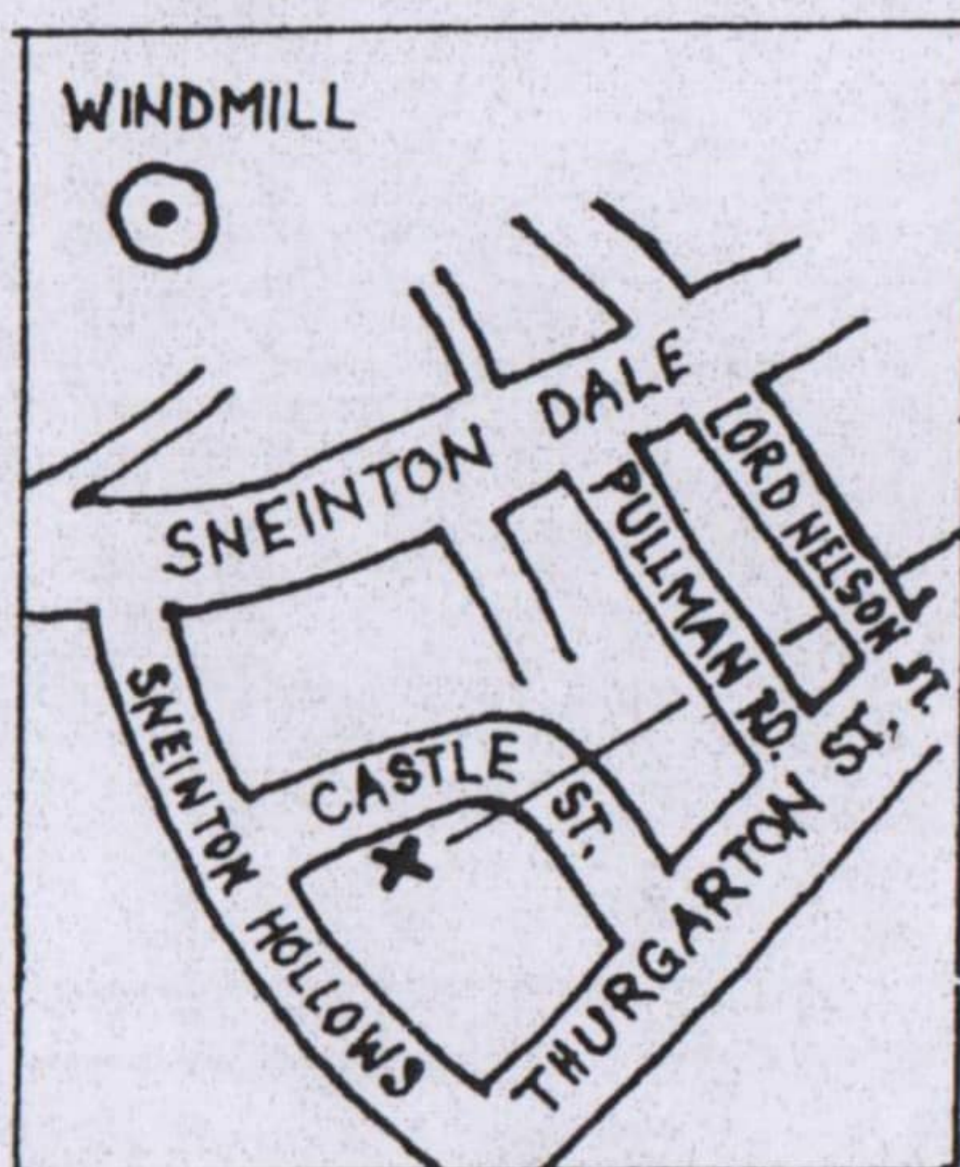
Well, time had passed us by, we had to go. We'd spent most of the afternoon there and it had been good fun.

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In mid-December, the City Council were persuaded to remove an internal wall in the one-bedroomed flat and a successful Christmas party was held, and this was followed by a New Year's party!

On 15th July 1985, the Community Centre received a letter from the Housing Department congratulating them on their success and giving permission for the continued use of the flat as a community centre.

Also in July, was the first day-outing into the Derbyshire country-

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side, it is hoped that there will be at least 1 or 2 similar trips each year.

Every Tuesday morning, a housing inspector calls in at the community centre to receive information on housing repairs etc. If you'd like any more information, ring:- Mr Mawby (secretary) or Mrs Mawby (warden) on 581124.

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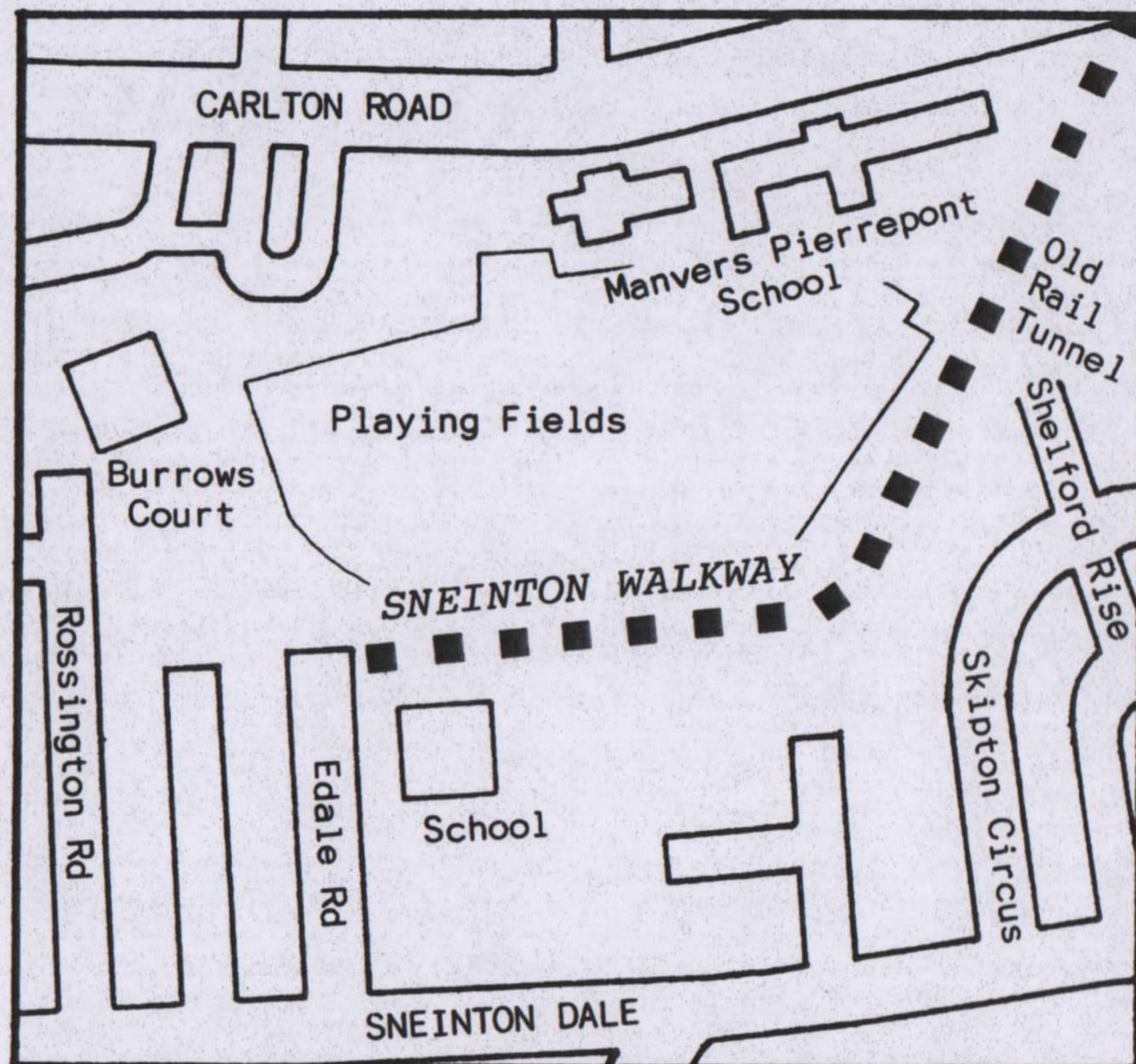


## Sneinton Walkway

Good news for walkers and bikers a walkway and cycleway is to be constructed between Carlton Road and Sneinton Dale by the City Council.

The first phase, starting in this financial year, begins at the old railway tunnel near Manvers Pierrepont School and involves levelling the ground for the path and repairs to the tunnel brickwork. This would be followed by construction of the walkway beside the school to link up with Shelford Rise where there is already access to the area.

Landscaping and planting trees around the site of the walkway is planned, and this is particularly important for the residents on Shelford Rise where it is proposed that there should be a screen of trees between the houses and the



path. There are hopes that an informal nature reserve could be established on the site in time.

In the next financial year lighting will be installed on the walkway and further landscaping carried out.

Finally, by 1988, the walkway would be extended around the perimeter of Manvers Pierrepont School playing fields to link up with Edale Road behind the Greenwood Infants School.

Jack Rotherham

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# Green Fingers



When I first met Mr Baptiste of Colwick Road he had a back yard on stilts - raised boxes for his plants to catch more sun. Since then, most of his garden has come down to earth, but he still has an apple tree in a container on the kitchen roof.

Somehow, in a small plot, he grows as much as many people manage on an allotment. There are a dozen spring cabbages, a square of carrots, hundreds of parsley plants in window boxes along the top of the wall and baby lettuces poking out of the drainage holes underneath.

His "running beans" grow up a lattice of old cable above the alley wall and over the gate. When the binmen come he has to lift the bean aside. Even the space where the dustbin stands isn't wasted - it's covered by a concrete slab with plants on top.

He has his own way of starting off seeds. He takes a plastic pop bottle and cuts it in half, fills the bottom with earth and plants the seeds in it, then pushes the two halves together and seals them with insulating tape. He does no watering and puts no holes in the bottle but sometimes unscrews the top and blows in smoke to give them plenty of carbon dioxide. "In five minutes the bottle starts to sweat. When the seeds decide to burst I take

the top off or they grow and become feeble". At the moment, he even has some dates swelling in one of his bottles.

He hasn't learnt gardening from books, but from talking to people, and thinking it out - he's heard that if you put sugar water round an apple tree, it will make the apples taste sweeter. He's from Dominica, and like all small islands, it has salt in the soil from the wind off the sea, which makes the fruit and vegetables taste better, so he wonders if sprinkling salt round his lettuces will have the same effect. In England, He's seen gardeners put dried blood around roses to make them redder and round tomatoes to make them ripen, but in Dominica, they recommend bat manure! "It's the most important and strongest in the world".

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Rev John Tyson and local residents Pat Hay and Iris Smith accompanied the organiser, Joe Dale, to County Hall to deliver the petition in person.

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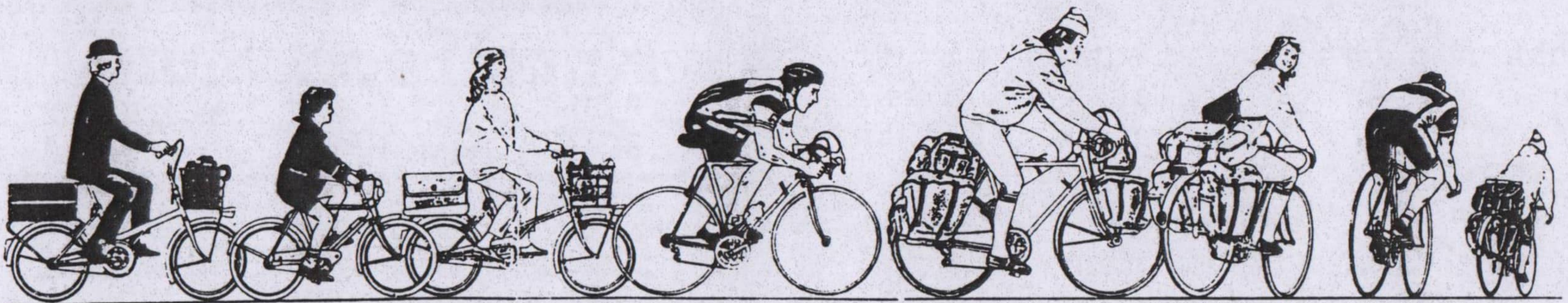
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- \* ASIAN GIRLS CLUB Sneinton Youth & Community Centre Beaumont Street: Sat 2-5pm
- \* BADMINTON Sneinton Youth & Community Centre: Mon & Thur 7-9pm  
Facilities also available Tues & Wed 9-10pm
- \* BANDS ETC. Dako Band - Oliver Hind Boys Club: Tues & Fri 7-9.30pm  
Bendigo Band - Tricketts Hall: Mon & Wed 6-8pm  
Jolly Jack Tars - Tricketts Yard: Tues & Thur 6-8pm  
Shades of Grey - Scout Hall, Windmill Lane : Fri 5-8pm
- \* BINGO Sneinton Hermitage: Tues 2-3.30pm; Wed 7.30-9pm (fortnightly)  
Fri 7.30-9pm
- \* BOYS BRIGADE Albion United Reform Church: Pre-junior Section (5½-7yrs)  
Fri 6-6.40pm; Junior Section (7-11yrs) Fri 6.45pm;  
Company Section (11-15yrs) 7pm  
Oliver Hind Boys Club: Wed Explorers (5-8yrs) Juniors (8-11yrs)  
6.30-7.30pm; Seniors (11-14yrs) Brigaders (14+) 7.15-9pm
- \* BREAK DANCE & DISCO Sneinton Youth & Community Centre: Mon-Thur 7-10pm
- \* BROWNIES Sneinton C of E School: Thur 6.30pm
- \* CAR BOOT SALE Oliver Hind Boys Club: First Sunday every month 9.30am (Indoors)
- \* CHILDMINDERS Contact Mrs Haywood 619153 [Bakersfield]
- \* CND Contact Tim or Liz 584569
- \* CUBS Windmill Lane Old School: Tues 6.30pm
- \* DISCO NIGHT Sneinton Youth & Community Centre: Every third Saturday 9pm-1am
- \* DRESSMAKING Sneinton Youth & Community Centre: Tues & Fri 10am-1pm
- \* FOOTBALL Sneinton Youth & Community Centre: Tues 7-9pm; Wed 7-8.30pm  
Tricketts Yard: Tues 7-9.30pm; Sun 3-5.30pm
- \* GIRL GUIDES Sneinton C of E School: 18th Nottm Tues 6.45pm
- \* GYM CLUBS Dako Gym Club - Oliver Hind Boys Club: Tues 7.15-9.30pm  
Dale Gym Club - Greenwood Dale Comp : Mon & Fri 7-9pm
- \* INFORMATION ON JOBS Sneinton Youth & Community Centre: Mon & Fri 10-4pm; Wed 10-1pm
- \* JUDO Coach David Lawrence (3 times British Open Champion) The Olympic  
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- \* KARATE Sneinton Hermitage: Mon 6-7pm; Thur 6.30-10pm; Sat 10-Noon (Jnrs)  
Sneinton Youth & Community Centre: Sun 10-Noon  
St Christophers Church: Mon & Wed 7.30-9.30pm
- \* KEEP FIT Greenwood Infant School Hall: Tues 1.30-2.30pm  
St Christophers Church: Fri 2-3pm  
Sneinton Youth & Community Centre: Thur 10am-12noon  
Scout Hall, Windmill Lane : Mon 8-9pm
- \* LANGUAGE CLASSES Sneinton Youth & Community Centre: Urdu/English for Asian Women  
Wed 1.30-3.30pm. Urdu for Asian Children 5-14yrs Sat 10am-1pm
- \* LUNCH CLUBS (OVER 60s) Sneinton Hermitage: Mon 11-3pm
- \* MUMS & TODDLERS St Christophers Church: Take-a-break Thur 10-11.30 (term time)  
Sneinton Hermitage: Tues 10am-12noon  
Sneinton Youth & Community Centre: Tue 10-noon; Fri 1-3pm
- \* NETBALL Sneinton Youth & Community Centre : Wed 8.30-10pm
- \* OLD TIME DANCING Sneinton Hermitage: Tues 7-9.30pm
- \* PRACTICAL ROLE PLAY Sneinton Youth & Community Centre: Mon 11-4pm; Wed 10-1pm
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- \* SCOUTS Windmill Lane School: 79th Group Wed 6.45pm
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- \* WELFARE RIGHTS 26 Lyndhurst Road: Mon 10-12.30pm; Thur 6-7.30pm
- \* WHIST Sneinton Hermitage: Wed 2-4pm; Fri 7-9.30pm
- \* YOUTH CLUBS Sneinton Hermitage: Junior Youth Club Mon 7-8.30pm  
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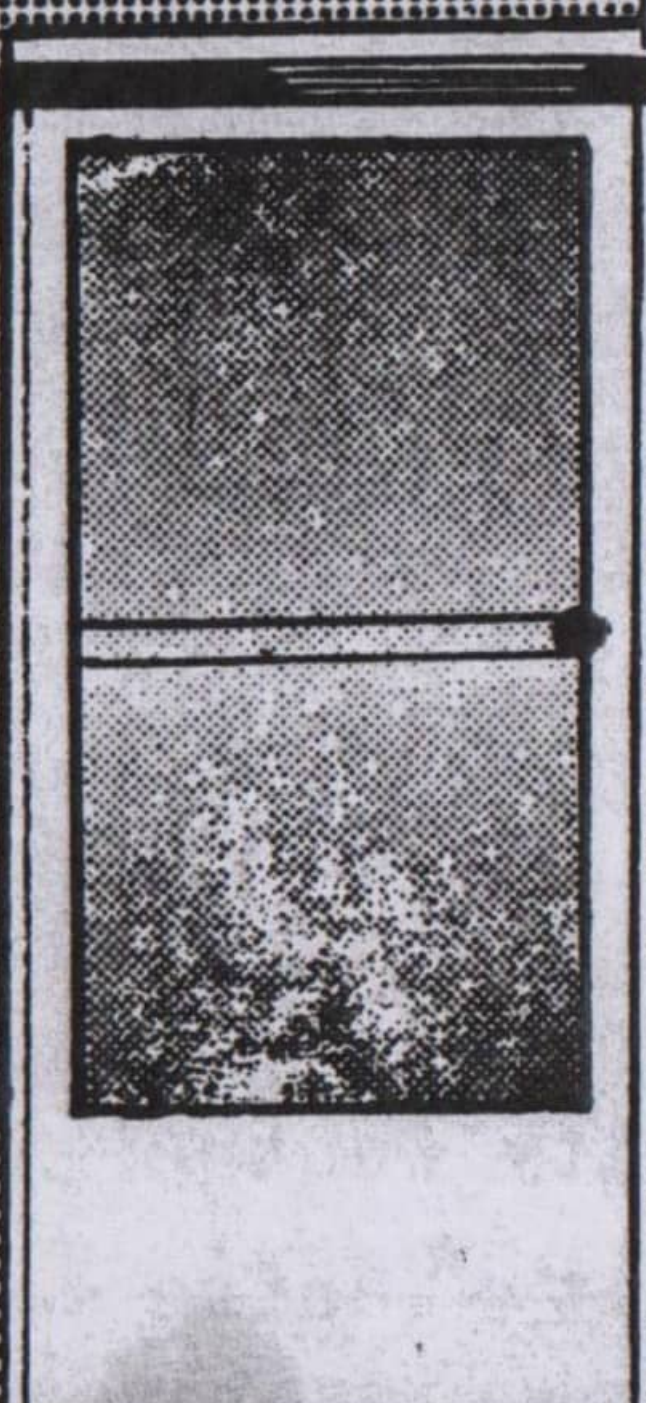
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