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## COAL BOARD UNDER FIRE

# Why was vital report shelved?

ANGRY TENANTS in Nottingham are demanding to know why the National Coal Board ignored one of its own reports when it decided to install Clorius meters in Nottingham's district heating scheme.

In 1964, the NCB commissioned the Heating and Ventilation Research Association to prepare an in depth report on district heating.

District heating is a method of central heating which comes from a central boiler. In Nottingham, the Eastcroft Incinerator burns rubbish to provide heat for houses in St Ann's, the Meadows, and the Victoria Centre, as well as many council offices and buildings.

The Report was published as "A survey of district heating practise in Europe and America" and included a section on different kinds of metering. That section was very critical of evaporative meters of the sort marketed by Clorius Meters Ltd. This report was in the hands of the Coal Board for years before they sold Nottingham the Eastcroft District Heating Plan - which included Clorius meters for most tenants. Even now, the NCB is supporting the use of Clorius meters. There are two questions. Are the meters any good? And why are the organisations involved

so keen on supporting them?

At the beginning of February, the National Consumer Council in London wrote to a total of thirty organisations throughout Britain, pointing out some of the many technical, social and economic objections which have been raised against Clorius meters. They wrote to the Association of District Councils, Department of the Environment, welfare groups such as Age Concern, and tenants' groups, many of whom are against the use of the meters.

## Criticisms

This letter also included a copy of the article which appeared in New Scientist, which again was highly critical of the meters.

The New Scientist claimed that many sources of error could occur in a Clorius meter and claimed that the total error could be as much as 60% in some cases. Another disadvantage of the meters, the article said, was that, because the meters were fixed to the radiators by a single screw, it was possible for dishonest tenants to cheat the meter by (continued on page 2)

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placing a thin layer of insulating material between the meter and radiator. This would result in honest tenants having to subsidise dishonest ones.

These, and other considerations, have led the Borough of Sunderland to take the meters out of their Washington and Sunderland estates.

In a recent interview on BBC radio, the Sunderland Housing Chief defended the decision to withdraw the meters. Among other things, old people may become frightened to turn the heating on (because of the cost), and there was a risk of hypothermia. The use of meters might also cause damage to houses, through condensation, as people turned down the heating too far.

He also pointed out that the meters produce considerable difficulties with bills. The meters are only read once a year and, since they don't have a standard scale, it is almost impossible to work out how much heat is being used.

## Same pattern

The pattern is the same in Nottingham. So, why were these meters used? Before the fuel crisis, the Coal Board was in a poor position compared with oil and gas. Coal was considered expensive and relatively difficult to use. The Coal Board was looking for ways to ensure the continued use of coal. The Coal Board jumped at the chance to become involved with district heating schemes. The use of the meters was a result of many people being convinced that district heating cannot work properly without metering to stop people using too much heat. And this idea has been underlined by the recent "energy crisis".

The fact is that there are no accurate and reliable heat meters which are cheap enough to be installed in everyone's home. The argument is, then, that any meter is better than no meter. But is it? Over half the district heating schemes in operation in 1973/4 were not metered. They relied on tenants paying according to the size of their housing - a fixed cost which did not vary with the amount of heat used.

The cost of meter reading is also very high. The argument about the additional meter reading, which was taken in St Ann's in 1974, took a new turn at this month's Housing Committee. Clorius were asking for a charge of roughly £2 per house and, in submitting a breakdown of their costs, included £1.39 for processing the meter reading through their computer and sending the bill. The City Treasurer noted that he could process readings from water meters for a cost of 7p! Some difference. The Housing Committee decided to offer Clorius 75p.

What they are worried about in Nottingham

is that, if everyone were using the amount of heat they really needed, the total cost of the district heating would be enormous and would show up the Eastcroft scheme for what it is - a disaster.

But, in spite of all the evidence to the contrary, Clorius have continued to maintain that their meters give an accuracy which compares with that of gas and electricity meters. This is just not the case. It may be that Clorius executives have harmed their case by claiming an accuracy which is not there.

The councils which bought the Clorius idea did so because they believed that a district heating scheme had to be metered. They wanted to be persuaded, and persuaded they were by a report produced by the Danish Government in 1947. This report was a lengthy and thorough document crammed with masses of statistics, all of which were correct as far as they went.

But, because of technical problems which existed in 1947, there were aspects of the meters which they were unable to investigate. It is these omissions which have come back to haunt the councils responsible for the schemes. At that time there was no integrating heat meter available to check the accuracy of the Clorius meters. They were only able to check that the different readings on the meters had fallen within certain limits when the tenants had all used the same amount of heat. All the evidence suggests that, where people are using different amounts of heat, the meters introduce substantial errors.

## Fresh look

The National Consumer Council has pointed out problems which the meters create. It is now time for a fresh look at the whole of the Eastcroft District Heating Scheme. And a part of that look ought to be the idea of taking out Clorius meters altogether.

Is it possible that tenants in Nottingham have been cut off for failing to pay for heat that they hadn't even used? It is impossible to know for sure because there is no accurate way of testing the heat meters installed in any house.

All these problems are made worse by the nature of the meters. Clorius only read meters once a year compared with four times a year for gas and electricity and, although they make a standing charge for heat used, they are unable to specify what units of heat people are paying for. There is no way of conducting an accurate check on a Clorius meter. An electricity meter can be checked (and a consumer has the right to insist on it) by wiring a certified meter in parallel to the existing meter. No such right exists with Clorius meters.

Eastcroft is a mess. And councillors are doing the public no service by pretending otherwise. It is time to come clean on district heating.



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## FRIDAY the 13th . . .

FRIDAY THE THIRTEENTH was an unlucky day indeed for a city tenant who tried to establish a Rent Act precedent in the High Court.

The tenant of a house in Basford applied to the Rent Officer to have a fair rent fixed, as he thought that the rent he was paying; £11.93 per week, was too high. The Rent Officer obviously agreed with him, and reduced this to £5.50 per week, including 72p for the provision of furniture. The landlord, however, did not feel that this allowed him to make a suitably handsome profit, and appealed to the Rent Assessment Panel to have the decision reconsidered. The Panel set up a committee to consider the appeal, consisting of a lawyer as chairman, in this case Frank Whitty, senior partner of Eking, Manning, Morris and Foster, Solicitors, together with a surveyor and a layman. They effectively reversed the Rent Officer's decision, and fixed a rent of £8.50 per week, which included a furniture element of £1.30.

It was now the tenant's turn to feel aggrieved. He was fortunate enough to be a

student, with no means other than his grant, and so qualified for full legal aid which allowed him to take Counsel's opinion. The opinion was that he had a case for an appeal, since the Committee had misinstructed itself in law on one important point.

To appeal against the decision of any tribunal is a cumbersome and, to the layman, frightening prospect. An appeal can only be made on a point of law, and the appeal is heard in the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court. Few appeals against tribunal decisions are made by ordinary people since applicants to the commonest tribunals (eg Supplementary Benefits, Rents and Industrial) rarely possess either the skills and knowledge to conduct appeals themselves, or the money to pay a lawyer to do it for them.

### Forbidden

This appeal was heard in the High Court on Friday, 13th February, before Widgery LJ, Kilner-Brown J and Watkins J. Counsel for the tenant and appellant based his argument on the opinion that the Rent Assessment Committee had taken into account "personal circumstances" which they are expressly forbidden by law to do. He also called into question the fact that they had specifically said that it was not necessarily reasonable to determine a fair rent for furnished property by considering what the unfurnished rent would have been, and then adding on an element in respect of furniture.

It was a case of "first impressions" since there had been no previous cases under the relevant law, the Rent Act, 1974.

Mr Justice Watkins gave the first judgement in such a fashion as to indicate that he was totally unfamiliar with the provisions of the 1974 Act, and that he had elected to misinterpret Counsel's argument. He dismissed the appeal with Widgery LJ and Kilner-Brown J in agreement.

The implications of this case are considerable, and it raises questions about the whole

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tribunal system. What Counsel, in this case, was inviting the High Court to do was to establish guidelines as to the methods used and considerations to be taken when a tribunal assesses a fair rent. This it declined to do.

In law, a tribunal is only required to use "reasonable" methods to assess a rent, and in the past the use of personal knowledge or experience (in some cases the term "prejudice and vested interest" might be more appropriate) has been held in law to be a "reasonable" method. Rent Officers assess fair rents by a meticulous process of valuation and comparison - tribunals can pluck figures out of the air at random. And the City notables who comprise the membership of tribunals are more likely to draw their clientele and friends from the landlord class than the tenant class, and who is to say that this will not or cannot influence their course of thinking. Fortunately, Rent Officers are not formally bound to take Rent Assessment Committee decisions as precedents when considering other cases, but the situation

which obtains at the moment with two different sets of criteria being used is at best confusing, and at worst could bring the whole system of rent registration into disrepute.

Tribunals of similar composition to the one in this case have an increasing jurisdiction over many areas of our lives, from sexual or racial discrimination through to welfare benefits, and they have considerable powers and discretion. In this case it was clear that the High Court did not want to interfere with this wide discretion under any pretext, perhaps for fear that this would open the floodgates to an enormous number of appeals. But although it is cumbersome and expensive the High Court represents the only channel of appeal there is.

The lessons to be learnt from last Friday's case are clear. There needs to be set up an accessible and inexpensive machine for dealing with appeals from tribunals; and Rent Assessment Panels particularly need to be given stricter guidelines on the criteria for assessing fair rents.

IAN CUTHILL

## HOME COMFORTS

WITH UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES careering towards  $1\frac{1}{2}$  million, the attitudes of employers to prospective employees is taking a turn for the worse. When those that know about such things have analysed, categorised and theorised, we can safely subtract 25% as unemployable, 25% as students, 25% as handicapped, 25% who don't want a job anyway, 25% being retrained, and 25% in hospital.

Unfortunately, there are still a few stout patriots who actually want a job but who are finding difficulties with a new breed, the Employment Officer. The Employment Officer has a tendency to confront the candidate with another form that has been prepared psychologically, of course, and a set of sure-fire questions that are guaranteed to bracket and sub-bracket the applicant. And that's when things can go wrong.

For example, we know of someone who was given an interview a short time ago for the job of Assistant Personnel Clerk with British Home Stores in Nottingham. The applicant had looked forward to the interview for three weeks and had thought about what he could offer BHS and how he was going to devote his life to them. He arrived for the interview (about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours early) and was promptly told that the job had been taken two weeks earlier. This didn't appear to worry them at all and they then gave him an interview for a job as warehouseman. A letter was received the following day - "after careful consideration we regret that . . ."

Apart from anything else the approach of

BHS shows a complete lack of common courtesy. But, these days, employers can get away with it. They've plenty of people to choose from.

## AMBITIOUS

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL has failed to make any real impact on housing which badly needs improvement. This is the conclusion to be drawn from a 22 page report presented to this month's Housing Committee. City leader, Big Daddy John Carroll, quickly picked holes in the report and it was left to the officers to try and explain why it was not a full picture of the situation but only a botched report.

The main facts are: there are still hundreds of houses that need improving; and, there is little progress on environmental works. As the report says "there are virtually no environmental improvements" even though the Act controlling improvement areas was passed in 1969.

The Housing Committee failed to take any steps to rectify this situation and even the Chief Executive, Mike Hammond, got away with saying, "I have a feeling that we have been too ambitious in improvement . . . simpler schemes at more reasonable cost are to be preferred". Perhaps he would like to show us all these schemes where the Council has been too ambitious.

Despite Carroll's doubts, the report's recommendations were approved and the officers can continue as normal. The only trouble is that failure in improvement areas now means demolition in fifteen or twenty years time.

# Gutter Press

## Old Misery's Almanac

### PREDICTIONS FOR THE NEXT TEN YEARS

INFLATION WILL ACCELERATE so quickly that five-pound notes will be collected for recycling as cardboard boxes.

Food prices will soar as farmers claim that dry weather is reducing the oxygen in the air and suffocating their cattle.

Postage stamps will be commissioned from famous artists and sold in limited editions of 10,000.

Electricity will be so expensive that houses next to streetlamps will be charged higher rates.

Gas will fall into disuse as gasmen refuse to disrupt their rounds to enter houses.

British Rail will charge £100 return from London to Edinburgh and then close the line on the grounds that there is no demand.

Law and order will disintegrate.

The Football League will be abandoned and at 3 o'clock every Saturday afternoon rival supporters will be allowed into football grounds to assault each other for forty-five minutes each way. When the whistle blows for full-time, those who can still stand will be fined £25 by local magistrates.

Handbag snatching will become so common that old ladies will carry dummy handbags for snatching and hide their pension books in their knickers.

Muggings will become so common that the police will abolish identikit pictures after publishing so many that almost everybody looks like at least one of them.

Juvenile crime will become such a problem that hospitals will be treating the majority of assault victims for injuries to the ankles.

The age of criminal responsibility will be lowered to three.

Pornography will rot the moral fibre of the nation. It will be reported that 95% of all normal people are homosexual.

Discipline in schools will become non-existent. Pupils will riot when education authorities try to reintroduce teachers into the curriculum.

Educational standards will drop so far that old eleven plus papers will be in demand for university final exams.

Divisive socialism will poison society so much that people will have lower incomes than those with a lower income.

A political realignment will take place in which all moderates band together to save the country. A new party will be formed with a programme of law and order, tightening of the belt and general moderation all round.

The new party will immediately begin to make ground in bye-elections and opinion polls, and will finally win a General Election by taking every seat in the House of Commons.

Things will immediately start to get better.

Capital punishment will be introduced for six hundred and ninety-six separate offences.

The Australian government will agree to reactivate the Botany Bay penal settlement.

Compulsory flogging will be introduced in schools. All pupils will be flogged at least once a day on the grounds that if they haven't done anything yet they are obviously going to.

Teachers and policemen will be given immunity from prosecution for assault. Educational standards will immediately improve and muggings will disappear overnight.

Pornography will be declared illegal. All sex crimes will immediately cease. Incurable homosexuals will offer themselves for voluntary castration by the thousand.

All unemployment and social security payments will be abolished. It will be immediately discovered that most disabled people were not as ill as had been thought and that all those on the dole can find work if they really want to.

Servants will be in good supply for the first time for fifty years.

Trade unions will be abolished and strikes made illegal. The National Union of Mineworkers will immediately throw out their national executive and elect Ted Heath as Life President.

Crippling income and capital gains taxes will be abolished and all state industries de-nationalised.

Investment and enterprise will immediately boom and British industry will lead the world.

The Bank of England will make a successful takeover bid for the Gnomes of Zurich.

All past and present members of the British Commonwealth will apply for the British Empire to be re-established. The United States of America will revoke the Declaration of Independence.

The Arab oil states will threaten to reduce oil supplies unless Britain agrees to make them British protectorates. The Chinese will ask for British colonists to be sent in.

Russia will re-establish the Czar and rewrite history to show that the Revolution was a gigantic Stalinist aberration.

Finally, the United Nations will abdicate in favour of the reconstituted British Empire. A new world state will be set up with the Queen as its constitutional monarch.

I.N. FILINGS

# HOSPITAL CASES

ALAN HUDSON'S "EXPENSE ACCOUNT" article last week made interesting reading. It was an excellent demonstration of how the arrogance of experts can lead to all sorts of undignified bungling, as well as public expense. In this case it was the local authority building a home for the handicapped with doors too narrow for handicapped people to get through - but there are worse sinners. The National Health Service, for example.

A few years ago I spent nine months at the very bottom of the hospital hierarchy. It was an enlightening experience. You may get trampled on at the bottom of the ladder, but you get a good view up the boss's trouser leg.

## Shortage

I was at the hospital because, after seventeen years of almost continuous education, the only thing I didn't want to do for a while was think, so I decided to do something socially useful instead and went along to the local hospital and volunteered to be a porter. (It didn't occur to me, of course, that what I had been doing for seventeen years might not necessarily qualify as thinking.)

In those days there was a shortage of hospital porters rather than a shortage of jobs and the head porter seemed quite pleased to see me. He handed me an ancient brown over-all that bulged and sagged in places where I didn't. This turned out to be the uniform of a stores porter, and he took me to the bottom of a long ramp near the kitchen dustbins and introduced me to Brian, the General Stores clerk.

Saying you used to be a stores porter is a bit like admitting you spent the war pen-pushing in an office at Catterick, but although I wasn't in the blood and guts of the hospital front line, I probably got a sharper insight into how the hospital actually worked.

Purely by chance (and not because anybody noticed I was supposed to be educated) I found myself in charge of the hospital stationery store. This was a branch of the General

Stores, but Brian wanted as little to do with it as possible since he was already reeling under the combined assault of assorted hospital Brunnhildes as well as his own immediate bosses.

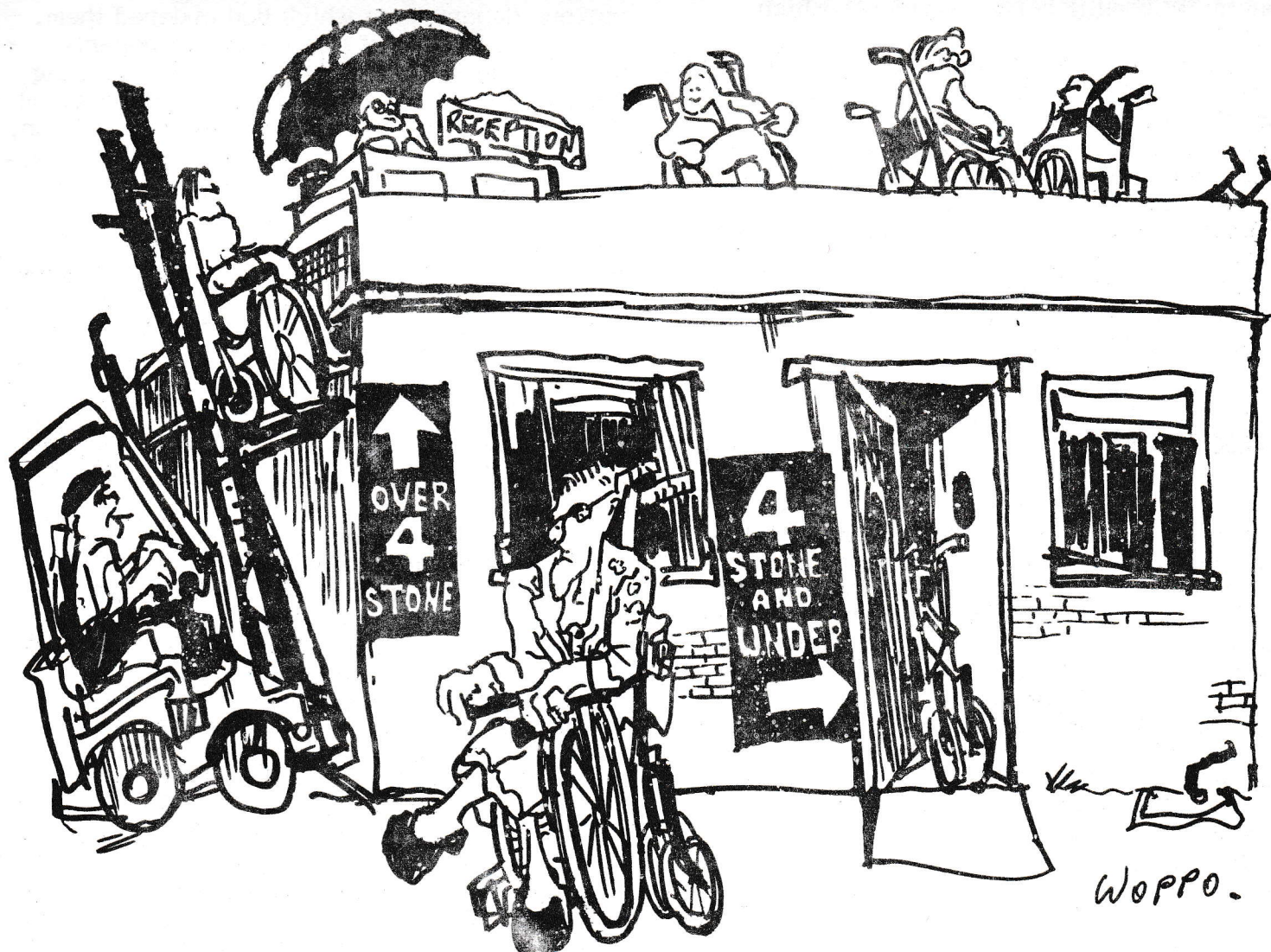
There was the matron of the Nurses' Home, for example, who was in constant terror of running out of toilet rolls for her three hundred nurses and so ordered five hundred every week to add to the thousands already accumulating in her store cupboard - but still had hysterics every time the General Stores ran out. Or there was the matron of the Eye Hospital, who liked to experiment with new designs of specially ordered crockery for her tea-tray, returning various items with such comments as: "The milk jug is too wide and the doctors can't get at the biscuits."

(This was by no means the only example of expensive snobbery in the hospital stores: the whole stock of crockery was divided into at least half a dozen different types for the different levels of the hospital hierarchy, from doctors at the top to porters and domestics at the bottom, while the distinctions were graded finely enough in the food stores for sisters to be supplied with orange squash and nurses with lemonade powder.)

## Organised

The stationery stores had been run by Pete, who left to be a male nurse at another hospital a week after I arrived (he came back from time to time to tell us what old men in the geriatric ward did when they couldn't get hold of a bed-pan). Before he went he gave me a brief run-down on how the stationery stores was organised, which was not at all, and then left me to it with over six hundred separate items arranged in random heaps on the shelves among a waist-high paper-drift of old wrappings.

After three months I had organised the place so I knew more or less where everything was. I had cleared out the cockroaches which were chewing the medical record cards, and



worked out some sort of stock control system so the hospital would never again run out of bed-pan covers (five-week delivery period), or theatre labels (for tying round patients' wrists to make sure the correct limb was chopped off), or Notice of Death Pads (in greatest demand at the convalescent homes).

There was, in fact, a Stores Control Department which, when it had finished organising the other sections of the stores, was eventually going to focus its attention on me. At the moment, however, it was thwarted by its total failure to control Brian's General Stores.

## Problem

The problem was fairly simple. Brian would record (in triplicate, of course) the code number, description and quantity of each item he issued, and send one of his copies to Stores Control. The clerks in Stores Control would then enter these in their ledgers. Unfortunately, they frequently did this on the wrong sheet, and so would reorder according to their wrong entry. Thus the General Stores would receive eight dozen of

something rarely demanded like galvanized mop-buckets - but only two bars of soap.

## Hierarchy

There was nothing any of us in the stores could do about this for a very simple reason - nobody ever took a blind bit of notice of us. We were all too far down the hospital hierarchy for anyone to consider our opinion worth asking. If we showed signs of having an opinion we were looked at with distant tolerance as if chimpanzees were trying to speak French. As I had taken the job specifically to avoid thinking, I could hardly complain about this, but it played hell with Brian, who was, in fact, very intelligent. After various family misfortunes he had left school at fourteen and gone down the pit to support his mother and brothers and sisters, and eventually being called up for National Service, where the RAF had kindly turned him into a junior clerk. He was probably a good deal more intelligent than most of the people who were constantly trying to reorganise him, and from his vantage point in the stores he was

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constantly coming across incidents which confirmed this.

There was the view from his office window over the dustbins, for instance. One lunch-time he saw several large trays of freshly cooked fish taken straight from the stove still sizzling and emptied into the dustbins. This, it turned out, was because the kitchen always cooked a fixed quantity of food and then threw away anything not actually required by the patients. On this occasion, we were able to rescue several fish from the middle of the dustbin and eat them for lunch.

## Dustbin

Another day, when the ice-cream delivery arrived, Brian noticed a dustbin being filled with discarded blocks of ice-cream. Apparently, it was the policy of the kitchen to stock up with a fixed quantity every month and throw away what was still in the fridge, whatever its condition. There was nothing wrong with it, of course. Some of it was rescued by Brian. Jimmy Green, who was in charge of the food stores, kept it in the milk fridge until Brian could take it home for his family and it kept them in desserts for a fortnight.

But these were very minor examples

compared with some of the items which arrived in the General Stores for delivery to the various departments which had ordered them. The biggest cause of waste was the departmental budgeting system. This was a cunning NHS device for saving money. If a department didn't spend its full allowance in any one year, the allowance for the following year was reduced to the amount it had actually spent. This invariably led to a desperate spending spree towards the end of the financial year in which every department wildly ordered everything it had never needed and couldn't use, simply to use up the allowance and avoid being cut back the following year.

At this time of the year, the General Stores was cluttered with all sorts of extravagant items, from carpets and expensive arm-chairs to weird and wonderful medical machines.

These, it appeared, were often just as puzzling to the medical staff as they were to us. The perfect symbols of the whole system stood in a back room of the stores rusting, apparently for eternity. These were an elaborate metal device on wheels with all sorts of dials and pipes, and a gleaming upholstered, chromium-plated trolley. Both of these had been specially ordered for the Casualty Department. The Casualty Department had returned both of them to the stores immediately. Of the first the consultant in charge had said, "What the hell's that? I can't use that!", while the second had turned out to be so heavy that it needed two porters to push it and was therefore totally useless. Both of these chromium elephants had been ordered by someone in administration who had liked the look of them in a hospital equipment catalogue. Between them, they cost in the region of £2,000.

## Little book

At one point in my nine months at the hospital I seriously thought of going in for hospital administration. I even got as far as a second interview for a three-year course, but I wrote to them and said I'd changed my mind.

Perhaps what really did it was a short interview I had with my boss the head porter. I'd never worn my shapeless overall. Instead I'd pushed my stationery trolley to the various wards and departments wearing a sports jacket and flannels, looking for all the world like someone from admin. On my arrival I was always greeted with a smile and my little book was always signed immediately.

The head porter told me the lads had been complaining: if I was a porter I ought to wear a porter's overall. So I did, and after that I could wait for a quarter of an hour with my stationery deliveries and my little book, and nobody ever seemed to notice me.

JOE NIGHTINGALE

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# EXPENSE ACCOUNT

## Getting it together

EIGHT YEARS AGO, a big city "somewhere in the North" unveiled a spanking new fire station. This year, it was condemned as a fire hazard. It is to be demolished.

This is a nice illustration of one of the main problems which face local government. Councils have always been divided into separate departments which are difficult to coordinate. The individual departments employ highly-trained specialists to do certain jobs. The Education Department uses teachers, psychologists, etc., to educate children. The Architect's Department uses architects to design and construct buildings. This makes communication between departments difficult because each department is expert in only one subject.

### Failure

The present system has worked well in organising specialised services such as rubbish collection - but it tends to fail when it is called upon to solve problems which do not belong to one department alone. The "inner-city stress areas" (such as the Meadows and the old St Ann's) require the cooperation of Planning, Housing, Social Services, Education, and so on. And from both the City and County Council. This explains why so many of the big housing developments of the last twenty years have been failures.

Because of these problems, a series of reports (the most notable being the Maude Report and the Bains Report) have been produced. These reports have had more impact in government reform than any for the last twenty years. They also show how the Establishment imposes its view on the rest of us. The Bains Committee, for example, was composed largely of "progressives" and from the Department of the Environment and from the local authority associations. They prejudged the issue and recommended the kind of ideas they already had.

And everyone accepted it - although they had different reasons. The Department of the Environment accepted it because they hoped better management would make local government cheaper and more sympathetic to pressure from Whitehall. The local authorities accepted it because they thought it would make it easier to stand up to Whitehall.

Local government officers were for it because it increased their responsibilities. Both the Labour and Conservative Parties were for it because they thought the proposals would make it easier to put their policies into practice. The only people who didn't gain from the jamboree were the poor councillors who got dizzy listening to the benefits of "corporate management" and "operational research".

The Bains Committee Report (1972) said that, because of the vast increase in local government activity, it was important that councillors confined themselves to matters of policy and avoided dealing with matters of detail. To make this easier the report suggested cutting down on committees (some councils used to have thirty or more). They also suggested setting up a central Policy and Resources Committee to decide the main priorities and to coordinate the measures taken by the council to achieve them. In other words, a local cabinet.

It also stressed the need for "corporate management" which means the officers getting together so their activities fit in with other departments. It said that the local officers should form a "management team" which meets frequently and that there should be a Chief Executive as the "head" of the officials. The Chief Executive would not actually have a department to look after.

### Practice

Nottinghamshire County Council, which has a reputation in local government circles as being "progressive", put almost all the recommendations into practice. It set up a Policy Committee, with a Policy Review Panel, and a separate Finance and Resources Committee. The City Council set up a joint Policy and Resources Committee and both appointed Chief Executives and adopted the "corporate management" approach.

So much for the theory. What's been the result in practice? Have Bat-Councillor Wilson and Boy Wonder Michael Cowan rescued Nottinghamshire from the brink of the abyss? Has Clark Kent Carroll escaped the deadly rays of the red Dunnott-Kryptonite long enough to set up a "management services unit"? See next week's Voice for the answers to these and other profound questions.

ALAN HUDSON

# IMPERIAL

## ST JAMES'S STREET

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Concorde? More like Con-trick. £1,000,000,000 (I think I've got the right number of noughts in there) of our money to transport expense account business men to somewhere even they don't want to go. Con-trick uses four times as much fuel as a jumbo jet and carries four times fewer passengers. Who says we've got to Save It? And it gets nowhere in particular a couple of hours earlier. A recent trip back from Bahrein carried only 36 passengers. Each Con-trick in service with British Airways (one of ours - it's nationalised) will cost about £5,000,000 to subsidise.

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## Troops out!

LEAFLETS URGING SCHOOL LEAVERS not to join the army will be distributed at fifteen secondary schools over the next three weeks. This is sponsored by the Nottingham Troops Out Movement with individual members of the National Union of Teachers and National Union of School Students.

The leaflet includes "... It's supposed to be all SPORT, SUN, and FUN! Don't you believe it! In Northern Ireland you'd be on long, brutal 'tours of duty', KILLING PEOPLE like you. Just like you and your friends! Did you know that hundreds of soldiers have DESERTED from Northern Ireland? You can't BLAME them, can you? But what about the career prospects? RUBBISH! How many adverts do you see for rubber bullet operatives? NOT MANY!! Better to learn a trade at Tech. (- You CAN get money for this!) Otherwise you'll soon be ordered to SHOOT 'troublemakers' - ordinary people who stand up for their RIGHTS! Of course the bosses and politicians won't do this - they might get HURT!

They want YOU to do THEIR killing!

Think you will? THINK HARD!!!"

(To offer help, or for more information, contact A Boyd, tel: 601037.)

## FILMS

AGAIN, there is only one new film this week, "Carry on Behind". Will they "Carry on" for ever? Surprisingly this is one of the best of the series for some time. If you like the typically earthy humour, and can cut out on the rampant sexism which informs it, this is for you. Otherwise there's always Jaws, Rollerball, The Return of the Pink Panther, Walt Disney, etc. (Sounds a bit like last week, doesn't it?)

Meanwhile, the Film Theatre continues to show some fine films: this weekend Bunuel challenges the conventional, and next weekend there are three Russian films from different periods. "The Cranes are Flying" was at the Cannes Grand Prix 1959 and won the best actress award: an excellent weepie; remember to leave your mascara at home.

## PLAYS

For the next three weeks the Playhouse is showing "Pygmalion" and "Entertaining Mr Sloane". We haven't seen "Pygmalion" so we can't comment on it. "Entertaining Mr Sloane" is a black comedy which is often very funny and at times quite frightening. When a middle aged lady, who leads a quiet life with her aging father, meets an attractive man in the public library she invites him home to share her house. Mr Sloane soon becomes a "much loved" member of the family. All four members of the cast give performances which make this a play that is not to be missed.

Also this week, the Nottingham Theatre Club presents "Tis Pity She's a Whore" in which an incestuous passion between brother and sister ends in their destruction. Did John Ford really live to be 107 years old? That's what the programme says, and who are we to argue?

## MINING

Why do young people still go down the pit? Is it in their



All dates run from Sunday, 22nd February, to Saturday, 28th February.

blood, or do they do it for the money? For those few of us who are awake at 10.30 on Sunday morning, Trevor Dann and Mike Owen present a local documentary on Radio Nottingham. They interview an 80 year old miner from Gedling Colliery and two young miners, one from a mining family, and one who's in it for the money. And the programme includes folk music about mining.

## WAY AHEAD

Joining "Liquorice" on the magazine stands is a new locally based rock magazine "Way Ahead", edited by former Voice rock correspondent Dave Brett. It contains concert and album reviews and lengthy features on Banco, Procol Harum and local group Wheels, as well as competitions to win no less than six LPs. It's a lively looking, well laid-out paper and costs 20p from most of the main news and book shops.

## DOWN WITH UNEMPLOYMENT!

Over 13,000 people are unemployed in the Nottingham area. This includes 1,500 on the "Professional and Executive Register", and 220 school leavers from last year. 1½m people in Britain are being denied the right to work.

Unemployment and allied social security benefits cost the taxpayer £2,000 million a year. Britain's lost production because people are not working is £4,000 million a year. Unemployment is not an act of nature. It is the result of wrong economic policies. Next Saturday, the local Trades Council is organising a demonstration to demand the right to work.

## ODEON

Angel Row (47766).

### Odeon 1

\*Carry on Behind (A)

Sun. 4.40 8.00

Week 2.15 5.40 9.00

(A new "Carry On" - one of the best)

\*Fraud (A)

Sun. 2.50 6.15

Week 3.50 7.15

### Odeon 2

\*Return of the Pink Panther (U)

Sun. 2.35 4.30(5.05)

7.05(7.40)

Week 2.30(3.05) 5.00(5.35)

7.30(8.05)

(One long string of Peter Sellers' sketches - ok if you like him.)

Note: times in brackets are for the main feature.

### Odeon 3

\*Sharks Treasure (A)

Sun. 4.35 7.55

Week 2.05 5.30 8.50

(Underwater adventure film.)

\*Sleeper (A)

Sun. 2.50 6.10

Week 3.45 7.05

(Woody Allen.)

### Odeon 4

\*The Best of Walt Disney's True Life Adventures (U)

Sun. 4.30 7.55

Week 2.00 (Sat only) 5.25

8.50

\*The Absent Minded Professor (U)

Sun. 2.35 6.05

Week 3.35 7.00

### Odeon 5

\*Rollerball (AA)

Separate performances.

Sun. 2.45 6.30

Week 2.30 7.30

(Game of death to replace war.)

## ABC

Chapel Bar (45260)

### ABC 1

\*Jaws (A)

Sun. 5.15 8.15

Week 2.10 5.15 8.15

### ABC 2

\*To the Devil a Daughter (X)

Sun. 4.55 8.05

Week 2.30 5.40 8.50

(Dennis Wheatley: black magic with Richard Widmark and Christopher Lee.)

\*Candy Stripe Nurses (X)

Sun. 3.30 6.35

Week 4.05 7.15

### ABC 3

\*La Bonzesse (X)  
3.10 5.50 8.35  
\*That Girl is a Tramp (X)  
4.40 7.25

### SAVOY

Derby Road, Lenton (42580)  
Savoy 1

\*Fist of Fury (X)  
5.40 8.50 (Bruce Lee.)  
\*The One Armed Boxer (X)  
4.10 7.20 (Another Kung Fu.)

### Savoy 2

\*Love Story (AA)  
5.15 8.50 (Girl contracts  
leukaemia and dies.)  
\*Paper Moon (A)  
3.25 7.00 (Story of a  
confidence trickster and a  
young girl.)

### Savoy 3

\*Spanish Fly (AA)  
5.50 9.00 (Comedy with Terry  
Thomas.)  
\*Golden Needles (AA)  
4.05 7.20 (Espionage in  
Hong Kong.)

### CLASSIC

Market Street (44749)

### Classic 1

\*The Decameron (X)  
4.15 8.15  
\*The Canterbury Tales (X)  
2.15 6.15

### Classic 2

\*Love in a Women's Prison (X)  
2.45 5.40 8.35  
\*Sins Within the Family (X)  
1.30 (not Sun) 4.25 7.20

### All night showing

Sat 21st - one night only.

\*All "X" programme. 11pm-  
7am. £1.35.

### Tatler (members only)

\*Class Reunion, Trucker's  
Girl, continuous from 12.30.  
Cabaret Mon & Thurs, 3.05  
5.05 8.35

### ELITE

Parliament Street (43640)

\*Confessions of a Male Escort  
(X)

Sun. 3.10 6.00 8.50  
Week 3.40 6.30 9.20

\*Give 'Em an Inch (X)

Sun. 4.25 7.20  
Week 2.10 5.00 7.50

### FUTURIST

Valley Road, Basford (77016)

\*The Klansman (X)  
5.30 8.47 (Lee Marvin and  
Richard Burton against the  
Ku Klux Klan.)  
\*Triple Echo (X)  
7.12 (Glenda Jackson and  
Oliver Reed in a war story.)



### FILM THEATRE

Broad Street (46095)

Fri & Sun, 7.30. Sat, 5.00  
and 8.00. 45p.  
20th, 21st, 22nd

\*The Phantom of Liberte (X)  
(Bunuel, France, 1974.  
Challenges conventional  
attitudes to sex, religion,  
politics.)

### Fri 27th

\*We from Kronstadt (A)  
(USSR 1936, 96 mins. The  
defence of Petrograd in 1919.)

### Sat 28th

\*The Cranes are flying (A)  
(USSR 1957, 92 mins.  
Excellent weepie; story of  
civilians in the rear in World  
War 2)

### Sun 29th

\*A nest of Gentlefolk (U)  
(USSR 1969, 106 mins. From  
a novel by Turgenev.)

### POLYTECHNIC

Union Building, Shakespeare  
Street (Union members only.)

\*Wed 25th: Cops and Robbers  
(X) 3.00 and 7.30 (Looks at  
the Mafia.) 25p. Followed by  
Disco until 12 midnight. 20p.

### LINCOLN HALL

Nottingham University.

\*Mon 23rd: Thomas Crown  
Affair. 7pm, 20p.

\*Thurs 26th: Spies. 7pm,  
20p.

### BYRON

High Street, Hucknall  
(35 2278)

### Sun & Mon

\*Turkish Delight (X)

5.00 8.25

\*Blood Mania (X)

6.45

### Tues & Wed

\*Breakout (AA)

5.10 8.35 (Charles Bronson.)

\*The Lords of Flatbush (AA)

6.50

### Thurs-Sat

\*Doc Savage the Man of  
Bronze (A)

1.30(Sat only) 5.00 8.40

\*Golden Voyage of Sinbad (A)

3.10(Sat only) 6.40

## CLASSICAL

### Sun 22nd

\*Nottingham Symphony

Orchestra: MacCunn, Dvorak,  
Beethoven, Butterworth. 7.30,  
People's College, Maid Marian  
Way. 50p.

\*City Waites: medieval popular  
song, dance, and poetry. 8pm,  
Cripps dining hall, Nottingham  
University. 50p.

### Tues 24th

\*Timothy Walker: guitar. 8pm,  
Cripps Dining Hall. 60p.

### Wed 25th

\*Porgy and Bess (Gershwin).  
7.30, De Montfort Hall,  
Leicester (0533 27632).

Concert version with  
Leicester Philharmonic  
Society and City of Birming-  
ham Symphony Orchestra.

### Thurs 26th

\*Jack Brymer: clarinet,  
sonatas by Poulenc, Stanford,  
Brahms; and other works.  
7.30, Co-op Education Centre,  
George Street. £1.

\*Freshers Concert. 1.30,  
Great Hall, Nottingham  
University. Free.

### Fri 27th

\*English Sinfonia (conductor -  
Neville Dilkes, soloist - John  
Lill): Beethoven, Rossini,  
Elgar, Haydn. 7.30, Albert  
Hall. £1-£2.

### Sat 28th

\*English Sinfonia (conductor -  
Neville Dilkes, narrator -  
Richard Baker): Families  
Concert, Poulenc, Holst,  
Saint-Saens, Ibert. 11am,  
Albert Hall.

\*Lieder recital: Satie,  
Goddard, Brahms, Schumann  
(Dichterliebe). 8pm, Cripps  
Dining Hall, Nottingham  
University. 40p.

### Tickets:

For Albert Hall, from Clement  
Pianos, Derby Road (47912).  
For Cripps Hall Festival, from  
Anthony Pristavec, Cripps  
Hall (56101, ext 2006/2463).

## ROCK etc.

### Sat 21st

\*Emmy Lou Harris, De  
Montfort Hall, Leicester  
(0533 27632).

\*Jack the Lad + Arbore, 7.30,  
Portland Building, Nottm  
Univ.

\*Sound Advice, 8.30, Albany Mint Bar.

\*Woman, featuring Ray Phillips (ex Budgie), Nottm Boat, Trent Bridge.

\*Bitter Suite, 7-10.45, Grey Topper, Selston Road, Jacksdale.

\*Satin, 9-2am, Hilcote Country Club, Blackwell. (Collar and tie.)

\*Roy King Duo, 9-2, Storthfield, Storth Lane, South Normanton.

(Smart dress, members only.)  
\*Kokomo, 8.30, Loughborough University Union.

Sun 22nd

\*Gaffa, 12-2.30pm, New Unity Club, Middle St, Beeston.

\*Mr Big, Nottingham Boat.

\*Cisco, Imperial, St James's Street.

\*Sandalwood, New Britannia, Trent Bridge.

\*Greenslade + Roaring Jelly, 8pm, Derby Playhouse. £1.50.

\*Yakety Yak, 7-10.30, Golden Diamond, Stoney St, Sutton-in-Ashfield.

\*Academy, 8.45-10.45, Festival Inn, Trowell (A609). (Collar and tie.)

Mon 23rd

\*Great Eastern, 8pm, Test Match Hotel, Gordon Square, West Bridgford.

\*Krazy Kat, Golden Diamond, Sutton-in-Ashfield.

Tues 24th

\*Staple Diet, 8.30, Trent Bridge Inn, West Bridgford.

\*Burlesque, 9-2, Scamps, Wollaton St. (Members only.)

\*Magnum Opus II, Springwater Social Club, Calverton.

\*Alan Price, De Montfort Hall.

Wed 25th

\*Alan Price, 7.30, Albert Hall, Nottingham. £1-£1.50.

Tickets: Clement Pianos

(47912).  
\*Julie Felix + Prelude, 8pm, Trent Poly Union, Shakespeare Street. 65p.

(Members only.)

\*Slender Loris, Imperial, St James's Street.

\*Family affair, 9-2, Parkside. (Smart dress.)

\*Nicol, Swarbrick, and Pegg + Hedgehog Pie, 8.30,

Loughborough University Union.

Thurs 26th

\*Mensch, Imperial.

\*Tatum, Trent Bridge Inn.

\*Colin Staples and Friends



(Blues). 8.30, Albany Mint Bar.

(Accomplished musicians wishing to play, phone 260240 or 52242.)

Fri 27th

\*Miami Sunset, 8.30, Old General, Radford Road.

\*Matarka, 8pm, Test Match.

\*Desperate Dan, 8pm, Imperial.

\*Bavarian Bier Keller evening, 8.15, Lincoln Hall, Nottingham University.

\*Galaxis (from Holland), Golden Diamond, Sutton.

\*Sandalwood, 8-11.30, Festival Inn, Trowell. (Collar and tie.)

Sat 28th

\*Medicine Head, Nottingham Boat. (to be confirmed).

\*Staple Diet, 8.30, Albany Mint Bar.

\*Man, Loughborough University.

Leicester, De Montfort Hall  
(0533 27632)

Deep Purple (Mar 11, Granby Halls), Man (Mar 15),

Stylistics (Apr 4), Rick

Wakeman (Apr 20), Elton

John (May 5), Leonard Cohen (May 13, on sale now).

## FOLK, C&W

Sat 21st

\*Brandywine Bridge, 8pm, Cropwell Bishop Folk Club, Wheatsheaf, Cropwell Bishop.

\*Ceilidh with the Ripley Wayfarers, Dancing Slipper, West Bridgford.

Sun 22nd

\*Singers night, 8pm, Co-op Folk Club, Crown Hotel, Western Boulevard.

\*Two Beggarmen, 8pm, Southwell Folk Club, Admiral Nelson, Westhorpe.

Mon 23rd

\*Singers' night, 8pm, Burton Joyce Folk Club, Wheatsheaf, Burton Joyce.

Tues 24th

\*Arnold Folk Music Society, 8pm, Arnold Hill Comprehensive, Gedling Road.

\*Singers night, 8pm, Hand and Heart Folk Club, Hand and Heart, Derby Road.

\*John Shelton, 8pm, resident singer, Lowdham Folk Club, Magna Charta, Lowdham.

\*Jeremy Taylor, 8.15, Lincoln Hall, Nottingham University. 50p.

Wed 25th

\*Singers night, 8pm, Beeston Folk Club, Three Horseshoes, Middle Street, Beeston.

\*Derek Brimstone, Ripley Folk Club, Victory Hall, Nottingham Road, Ripley.

Thurs 26th

\*Singers night, 8pm, Carlton Folk Club, Windsor Castle, Carlton Hill.

\*Singers night, 8pm, Lambley Folk Club, Robin Hood and Little John, Lambley.

\*Arf Billington, 8pm, Clarendon Folk Club, New-castle Arms, Sherwood St. 20p.

\*Albert Hall Trio and guests (Country), 8pm, Beechdale Hotel, Beechdale Road.

\*The Shreveport Country Sounds, and guests, 8.30, Gregory Hotel, Ilkeston Road. 10p.

Fri 27th

\*Fred Jordan, 7.45, Nottingham Traditional Music Club, News House, St James's St.

\*Derek Brimstone, 8pm, Hemington Folk Club, Three Horseshoes, Hemington.

\*Tommy Landon and Duo, 8.30, Country Music Club, Horse and Jockey, Mill St, Old Basford.

Sat 28th

\*Singers night, 8pm, Cropwell Bishop Folk Club, Wheatsheaf.

\*Folk Dance Party, Plum Tree Band and Roaring Jelly, Dancing Slipper, Central Ave, West Bridgford.

## JAZZ

Sunday lunch

\*Trad Jazz with the Foot-warmers, Bell Inn, Angel Row.

Sunday evening

\*Harry Brown Trio, 8pm,

Green Dragon, Oxtou.

\*New Crescent Dixieland Band,  
8.30, Earl of Chesterfield,  
Carlton Hill.

\*Nottingham Jazz Orchestra,  
8.30, Old General, Radford  
Road.

### Monday

\*Harry Brown Quintet, 8pm,  
Warren Arms.

\*Johnny Hobbs Trio with  
Annie Hawkins on double bass,  
8pm, Blue Boar, Nottingham  
Road, Hucknall.

### Tuesday

\*Mercia Jazz Band with Fred  
Fay, 8.30, Rutland Hotel,  
Ilkeston.

\*Guest band, 8pm, Warren  
Arms.

\*Nottingham Youth Jazz  
Orchestra, 8.30, Old General.

\*Trad Jazz with Ken Eatch,  
8pm, Bell Inn, Angel Row.

### Wednesday

\*New Crescent Dixieland Band,  
8.30, Albany Mint Bar, Maid  
Marian Way.

\*Swing Quintet, 8pm, Warren  
Arms, Stapleford.

\*Phoenix Jazz Band, 8.30,  
Old General, Radford Road.

\*Johnny Hobbs Trio with Annie  
Hawkins on double bass, 8pm,  
Blue Boar, Hucknall.

\*Mercia Jazz Band, 8.15,  
Tally Ho, Oakdale Road,  
Carlton.

\*Big Band records, Swing  
Society, 8pm, Federation  
Club, Claremont Road,  
Sherwood.

### Thursday

\*Harry Brown Trio, 8pm,  
Green Dragon, Oxtou.

\*Jazz and Poetry, 8.30, Old  
General.

### Friday

\*Chris Burke's New Orleans  
Music, 8.30, Albany Mint Bar,  
Maid Marian Way.

\*Swingtet, 8.30, Earl of  
Chesterfield, Carlton Hill.

## DISCOS

### Moor Farm Inn

Off Coventry Lane, Bramcote  
(259669). Gun Deck Disco:  
7 nights. Also: Thursdays,  
country & western; every other  
night - record chat show.

8-10.30. All free.

### Nottingham Boat Club

Trent Bridge (869032). Fri,

Sat, Sun, 8-12 (doors close  
10.15). Fridays, Soul Disco.

Sat, Sun, - see Rock section.

### +Union Rowing Club

Trent Bridge (863848). Thurs,  
Sat, Sun, 7.45-11.00.

### New Britannia

Trent Bridge (862167). Wed,  
Fri, Sun, 7.30-11.00.

### +Scamps

Wollaton Street (43890).

Tues-Sat, 8-2. Thurs, ladies  
free ("It's a silly law, anyway",  
said a spokesman).

### Tiffany's

Victoria Centre (40398).

Mon-Wed, 9-1, Thurs, 9-2,  
Fri & Sat, 8-2. Tues, Soul  
Disco. Mon, half price  
feminine attire.

### Dancing Slipper

Central Avenue, West Bridg-  
ford (811022). Mon & Wed,  
7.30-11.

### +Ad Lib

St Mary's Gate (52682).

Mon-Sat, 9-2, Sun, 9-12.

### +Sergeant Pepper's

Commerce Square (51178).

Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat, 9-2.

Sun, 9-12.

### Sandpiper

Broadway, off Stoney Street  
(54381). Mon & Tues, 10-2,  
Wed-Sat, 9-2, Sun, 9-12.

### +Nottingham Forest Club

City Ground (862961). Sat,  
8-10.30.

### Palais

Lower Parliament Street

(51075). Mon, 7.30-11,  
Teenage Disco. Tues, 8-12,  
Ballroom Dancing. Wed, Fri,  
Sat, 8-2, Band+Group+Disco  
(Wed, over 21 night).

Wed 25th: Nottingham heat of  
Miss England 1976.

### Sherwood Rooms

Broadmarsh (50556). Sat,  
8-1, Group+Band. "Music to  
suit all tastes."

### +Heart of the Midlands

Goldsmith St (49282). Sun,  
7-12. Mon-Sat, 7.30-2.

Book meals 48 hours in  
advance.

22nd-28th: Black Abbots.

+ Members and guests only.

## COUNCIL

### County

Meetings: County Hall, West  
Bridgford (86336).

\*Tues, 2.15: Full County  
Council.

\*Wed, 11am: Development  
Control sub-committee.

\*Thurs, 2.30: Resources  
Committee.

### City

Meetings: Council House  
(48571).

\*Mon, 2.30: Transport  
Committee.

\*Thurs, 2.30: Leisure  
Services Committee.

\*Fri, 2.15: Plans sub-  
committee.

## ADVICE

People's Centre (Independent)  
33 Mansfield Road (411227).

General advice, legal advice,  
tribunal representation, gay  
advice, health advice.

Mon-Fri, 10.00-6.00.

Citizens' Advice Bureau (Coun-  
cil and Government)

Beastmarket Hill (411792).

General advice, solicitor,  
financial advice.

Mon, 10.00-7.00. Tues-Fri,  
10.00-5.00. Sat, 10.00-  
12.30.

### Beeston CAB

Library, Foster Avenue  
(221074).

General advice.

### Eastwood CAB

Library, Nottingham Road  
(Langley Mill 68065).

General advice.

Consumer Advice Centre (Coun-  
ty Council)

Beastmarket Hill (411741).

All consumer problems.

Mon-Fri, 9.00-5.30 (Wed,  
6.30). Sat, 9.00-12.30.

Information Bureau (City  
Council)

Milton Street (40661).

General information.

Mon-Fri, 8.30-5.30. Sat,  
9.00-12.30.

Housing Advice Centre (City  
Council)

Upper Parliament Street  
(40814).

Housing advice?

Mon-Fri, 8.45-5.00.

Community Relations Council  
(Government)

61B Mansfield Road (49861).

Advice on immigration,  
housing, race relations.  
Race Relations Board (Govern-  
ment)

Birbeck House, Trinity Sq.  
Complaints of racial  
discrimination.

Toc H free legal advice (Law  
Society)

31 Shakespeare Street  
(43316).

Thurs, 7.00-9.00.

Off the record (Independent)

33 Mansfield Road (44246).

Youth counselling.

Mon, Wed, Fri, 7.00-9.30.

Indian Workers Association

International Centre, 61B  
Mansfield Road.

Sun, 2.00-4.00.

Pakistan Friends League

International Centre.

Sat & Sun, 2.00-4.00

Members of Parliament

\*Jack Dunnett (East Nottingham  
phone 40555).

Fri 27th, 6.00, 59A Derby  
Road.

\*Michael English (West Notting-  
ham - phone 48087).

Sat 28th, 11.00-noon, 218  
Mansfield Road (subject to  
availability).

\*Bill Whitlock (North Notting-  
ham - phone 48087).

Sat 21st, 10.30-noon, 218  
Mansfield Road.

Sat 28th, 10.30-noon, Hyson  
Green Community Centre, St  
Paul's Ave.

## MEETINGS

Sun 22nd

\*Why nurseries are so  
important - Margaret Purdy;  
Cosmopolitan Debating  
Society. 2.30, ICC.

\*Leveller - a new national  
independent socialist magazine  
- local meeting. 7.30,  
Peacock, Mansfield Road.  
(Details: 01-703 8998.)

Mon 23rd

\*National Childbirth Trust -  
exercises, discussion, etc.,  
before and after birth.  
6.45-9.45pm, ICC.

\*English for Newcomers.  
10-noon, ICC.

\*English for Asian ladies.  
(Mon & Thurs) 6-8pm. ICC.

\*Gingerbread (one parent  
families). 7.30-9.30, ICC.

\*Lesbian Group. 8pm. Phone  
75985.



Tues 24th

\*West Indian Women's Associa-  
tion. (Tues, Wed, and Thurs)  
7-9.30pm, ICC.

\*Senior Citizens' Lunch Club.  
12-2pm, ICC.

\*Everest expedition. 7.30,  
Albert Hall - sold out.

Thurs 26th

\*Fascism - The Electoral  
Threat. Nottingham anti-  
fascist committee. 8pm, Lion  
Hotel, Clumber St.

\*Folk Dance Group. 7.30-  
9.45, ICC.

\*Alcoholics Anonymous. 7.30,  
People's Centre, 33 Mansfield  
Road (also, Fri, 7.30 and Sun,  
2.30; ICC).

\*Women's Group - report on  
Working Women's Charter and  
other campaigns. 8pm,  
Women's Centre, 24 Newcastle  
Chambers, Angel Row.

Fri 27th

\*Tea for over 60's. 4pm, ICC.

Sat 28th

\*Down with Unemployment!  
March and demonstration,  
organised by Nottingham  
Trades Council. Assemble  
10.30am in Victoria Park,  
Bath Street. Meeting in Old  
Market Square at noon, approx,

with Ken Gill, General Secre-  
tary, AUEW (TASS).

\*Campaign against a Criminal  
Trespass Law - national  
demonstration in London (Tel:  
411227 for details).

\*Editing an Anthology - Norman  
Hidden. Nottingham Poetry  
Society. 2.30, New  
Mechanics, Birbeck House,  
Trinity Square.

(ICC = International Community  
Centre, 61B Mansfield Road,  
49842.)

## RADIO

Radio Nottingham

(197 Medium, 95.4 VHF,  
Rediffusion Channel C.)

\*News: Mon-Fri, 6.30-9am,  
12.45-1.30pm, 5-6pm.

\*Sport: Fri, 6-6.45pm, and  
Sat, 2.40-6pm.

\*Open Line (44444): Mon-  
Thurs, 9-10am. Tues:  
Eyesight with a consultant  
ophthalmologist and an opti-  
cian.

\*Sun, 10.30-11am: Dark as a  
dungeon - local documentary  
on mining, with folk music.

\*Mon, 10-10.30am: In my  
opinion - discussion on the  
para-normal and some aspects  
of psychic research. Panel  
includes the Controller of the  
Nottingham Society of Psychic  
Research.

\*Tues, 8-9.15pm: Soccer  
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or from Greater Nottingham  
Co-operative Society,  
Public Relations Department,  
243 Derby Road, Lenton,  
Nottingham. Telephone 44021.



## Radio Trent

(301 Medium, 96.2 VHF.)

\*News: Mon-Fri, 12.30-1pm and 6-6.30pm.

\*Sport: Fri, 6.30-7pm, and Sat, 2-6.30pm.

\*Graham Knight's Open Line (581881): 6.30-8pm.

Mon: Collecting.

Tues: Dialects.

Wed: Antibiotics.

Thurs: Current Affairs.

Fri: A local MP (7-8pm)

\*Records: (Mon-Fri) 6-9am, John Peters; 9-12.30, Peter Quinn; 1-3pm, Chris Baird; 3-6pm, Kid Jensen; 8-10pm, Guy Morris; 10-1am, Jeff Cooper.

## **SPORT**

### FOOTBALL

Sat 21st

\*Notts County v Chelsea, 3pm, Meadow Lane, Nottingham.

\*Mansfield v Grimsby, 3pm, Field Mill, Mansfield.

\*Nottingham Forest away to Bristol City.

\*Derby away to West Ham.

Mon 23rd

\*Mansfield v Bury, 7.30, Field Mill, Mansfield.

Tues 24th

\*Notts County v Hull City, 7.30, Meadow Lane, Nottingham.

\*Forest away to Charlton.

Wed 25th

\*Derby away to Manchester United.

Sat 28th

\*Nottingham Forest v Oldham, 3pm, City Ground, Nottingham.

\*Derby v Liverpool, 3pm, Baseball Ground, Derby.

\*Notts County away to Portsmouth.

\*Mansfield away to Preston.

### RUGBY

Sat 21st

\*Nottingham RFC away to Hartlepool Rovers.

Tues 24th

\*Nottingham RFC v Leicester, 7.15, Ireland Avenue, Beeston. (John Player Knockout)

Sat 28th

\*Nottingham RFC away to Hull and East Riding.

### HORSE RACING

\*Mon 23rd: Nottingham Racecourse, Colwick, 2pm.



### GREYHOUND RACING

\*Mon 23rd & Fri 27th: Long Eaton Stadium, Station Road, Long Eaton.

### TENNIS

\*Mon 23rd: Great Britain v Italy, 6.30, Ice Stadium, Lower Parliament St (51938). (King's Cup indoor tennis.)

### CYCLISTS TOURING CLUB

Sun 22nd

\*Family and Junior Section (Tel: 864232). Tour to Farnsfield. 9am, Daybrook Sq.

\*Intermediate Section (284449). Right of Way clearing. 9am, Trent Bridge.

## **EXHIBITIONS**

### Midland Group Gallery

11 East Circus St (42984).

\*Life Codes and Behaviour Parameters, by Steve Willats. 7th-28th Feb. (Visitors

record their reactions to social situations displayed. There is a console on which two people compare their reactions. To participate on this machine, phone to arrange an appointment.)

### Castle Museum

(43615) 10.00-4.45, 7 days.

\*Tantra Art.

7th-29th Feb. (A waste of time.)

\*Cut, folded, and tied, by Richard Smith, from the Arts Council.

14th Feb-7th March.

### West Bridgford Library

\*Arts Panel Exhibition, by Rushcliffe Arts Council.

9th Feb-8th March.

### Cripps Hall, Nottingham

University. 7-9.30pm.

\*Exhibition of Fine Art, by Gavin Robson.

22nd Feb-9th March.

### Lace Market Theatre

Halifax Place (57201/233695).

\*Paintings and Collage, by Trent Art Group.

## **THEATRE**

### NOTTINGHAM PLAYHOUSE

Wellington Circus (45671). (We apologise for printing some incorrect times for the Dance Theatre last week - this was entirely our fault.)

\*London Contemporary Dance Theatre.

Open Forum: Sat 21st, 5pm. Last performance: Sat 21st, 8pm.

\*Entertaining Mr Sloane (Joe Orton).

Mon, Tues, Wed, 7.30. (A funny, frightening, black comedy - recommended.)

\*Pygmalion (George Bernard Shaw).

Thurs & Fri, 7.30. Sat, 4.30 & 8pm. (The original "My Fair Lady".)

### THEATRE ROYAL

Theatre Square (42328).

\*Babes in the Wood continues with Leslie Crowther until Feb 28th.

Matinees: Mon, Wed, Sat, 2.30. Gallery seats only, 30p.

Evenings: Mon-Sat, 7.00 (Fri & Sat, gallery only).

### LACE MARKET THEATRE

Halifax Place (57201/233695).

\*Tis Pity She's a Whore (John Ford, 1586-1693).

Mon-Sat, 7.30. (In which an incestuous passion between brother and sister ends in their destruction.)

### HAYMARKET THEATRE

Leicester (0533 52521).

\*A Midsummer Night's Dream (William Shakespeare). 25th Feb-13th March. (With Mia Farrow as Puck.)

### DERBY PLAYHOUSE

Derby (96 363275)

\*Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are dead (Tom Stoppard).

Mon-Sat, 10th-28th Feb.

### NOTE

These dates are as reliable as we can make them, but we cannot accept responsibility for inaccuracies or alterations. We hope you have a nice time wherever you find yourself.

Dates deadline: Monday for the following week (Phone: 411676).