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# Nottingham Voice

## NOTTINGHAM VOICE IN MULTI-HUNDRED PENCE TAKEOVER SHOCK

### A PLEDGE TO OUR READERS

THE NOTTINGHAM VOICE COMMITTEE announces an exciting new phase in the history of Nottingham Voice. As we have been completely poverty-stricken ever since we started three years ago, we have decided to sell out to the first person who would give us any money.

Accordingly, we have reached an agreement with Mr Sidney Chancer, a local businessman and philanthropist.

Mr Chancer has accumulated his wealth as a result of his disinterested concern for the happiness of mankind, though some of his activities have been sadly misunderstood. Mr Chancer has assured us, however, that his natural desire to correct such false impressions will not interfere in any way with the traditional independence and integrity of Nottingham Voice.

As long as we print the occasional nice story about him and his family, we can say more or less what we like about everything else. (Ed. Agreed. See page 4.)

After giving the matter careful thought, the Nottingham Voice Committee has decided this is the best possible solution to Nottingham Voice's recent problems.

### A MESSAGE FROM MR SIDNEY CHANCER

"NOTTINGHAM VOICE is a nice little paper. I like it. With the right sort of stories and a bit more advertising it could do very well. Not that I'm going to stick my nose in where it's not wanted. I don't know anything about journal-



ism personally. But the odd little human interest story and a bit of tit on page 3 - that could definitely improve it." (Ed. Agreed. See page 3.)

MR SIDNEY CHANCER:  
A PROFILE

SIDNEY CHANCER is a businessman with a difference. Where other businessmen only want to make money, Sidney Chancer also wants to be loved. He was able to assure us, however, that this will not affect the profitability of his business, and therefore his support for Nottingham Voice. As long as we print the occasional nice story about him and his family, we should be all right. (Ed. Agreed. See page 6.)

OUR INSIDE STORY

A DETAILED three-sentence feature on the incredibly interesting history of Nottingham Voice.

No money

WHEN NOTTINGHAM VOICE started three years ago, we didn't have any money.

No money

We've never had any money since.  
Money at last!  
Now we're going to be all right ●



WE HEAR that the City Housing Department, in its customary gesture of Yuletide spirit, will be suspending all evictions from Dec-

ember 15th until after Christmas. They will be asking the courts to instruct bailiffs not to proceed with evictions during this period. It would be such terrible publicity●



A LOCAL MEETING of the National Union of Journalists recently considered at some length the position of freelance journalists - their conditions, pay, and so on. Among those present was Klaus Jacoby, who runs Raymonds News Agency, a freelance organisation.

Naively, Jacoby was given permission to release a statement about the meeting to the press. On returning to work, distressed hacks discovered that Jacoby's agency was selling the story to all and sundry - including their own organisations!●



TO REPLACE last year's "Old and Cold" programme, the Notts. Social Services Department are opting for the less ambitious "Old and Stiff" scheme. In line with the spirit of local spending cuts, they figure that fewer old people will qualify under stiffer eligibility criteria. Naturally, most old people are likely to be cold this winter and Social Services can't be expected to help all of them.

To qualify for assistance



## THE PAGE 3 TIT PHOTO



24-year-old Gladys Boobs is only a dustman's daughter, but these tits certainly aren't a load of old rubbish! We can think of quite a few fellahs who'd like to cart 'em off without stopping to ask where they've bin!

under the new scheme, therefore, old people must be stiff as well as cold. Anyone discovered to have been in such a state for more than two hours will rate a high priority. Those beginning to decompose will rate immediate help.

Community-spirited and socially-conscious neighbours are asked to keep a watchful eye open for cold, but most of all stiff, elderly citizens ●



## Letters

Dear Nottingham Voice,

I am sorry to see that the Nottingham Voice I love is as inaccurate

as Auberon "I-am-not-as-good-as-father" Waugh. The Public Lending Right Bill - which I opposed because it did not apply to poor authors of reference books, but did apply to millionaire Harold Robbins in California - is dead. So much for my dropping my opposition to it.

What really perturbs me, though, is your reference to my pin-stripe suit. Since I have no such suit, I really thought the Voice was going to buy me one to vindicate its twice-told tale that I wear one!

Yours faithfully,  
Michael English.

The following appears to be an anonymous letter from Coun. Ben Allsop.

Dear Cur,

I must violently (gurgle) protest at your inference (gurgle, gurgle) that Coun. Allsop (Up the Reds) is not (gurgle, gurgle, gurgle) looking to the interests (gulp) of the Proletariat.

It may be of interest to you (ugh) that today I (gurgle, gulp) attempted to repair my toilet chain and I am glad to say (gurgle, girgle, gurgle, gulp) that had it not been for my copy of the "Nottingham Voice" which was very conveniently hanging in short squares nearby, I would (gurgle, gurgle) have drowned.

Yours latrinely,  
W.C. PUBLIQUE.

(P.S. I hope democracy will prevail. PRINT IT.)



IT WAS ANNOUNCED today that ex-Cpl Sidney Chancer (AWOL World War II, retd) was taking over command of the Nottingham Branch of the Army Surplus Volunteer Reserve (ASVR).

"Basically," Mr Chancer explained, "we are a benevolent society for the redistribution of War Department surplus to deserving charities. For example, we want to make sure that no kiddie in Rhodesia has to go without a Centurion tank this Christmas."

The ASVR was formed by a group of old comrades who shared dangerous times during the last war operating at supply depots deep behind allied lines.

Mr Chancer has fond memories of those days.

"Most of us were in the Royal Army Ordnance Corps or the NAAFI," he remembers. "There was a wonderful spirit at that time. Everybody pulling together, nobody trying to take more than his fair cut. Things are a lot different today. Too much selfishness about. And none of us is getting any younger. Sad to see so many familiar faces go.

"Why, only last month my old mucker Max 'The Axe' O'Shea disappeared without trace after a little seaside outing with the boys. It's a melancholy job for me, taking Maxie's place at the head of our little charity."●

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A CLASH of interests in the University Students Union. The Union is planning to buy and convert property for students to rent. But at the last Union Council meeting, president Stuart Bayliss said than an "economic rent" might turn out to be higher than a "Fair Rent" as fixed by a Rent Officer.

The Union has been taking an interest in the level of student rents and - while not conducting a militant Fair Rent campaign - keeps an eye on local landlords who rent to students. But it may be in the embarrassing position of advocating Fair Rents for other landlords and charging over the odds itself. And to stop its own tenants applying for a Fair Rent, the Union is considering a "licensing" agreement (which removes a tenant's protection under the Rent Acts) so no-one can apply for a Fair Rent.

If the economic rent does turn out to be over the odds, a Union spokesman told the Voice, "it's either a licensing agreement or drop the scheme".

(Irony: the University always fixes a Fair Rent on privately rented property.) ●



### Gift suggestions for Christmas: Part 1

For Mum: A charming little posy of Indonesian orchids in hard-wearing polyurethane: lights up at dusk (two penlight batteries

with optional mains adaptor) and plays excerpts from "633 Squadron". With three pic 'n' mix fragrances: Iso-Butyl 3, 5 Hexachlorophine; 7,2-6 Heptapropylene; or Rod Stewart's armpit. Fully machine washable, iron dry. £18.95 from One Flop.

For the Kids: New labour-saving toys from Rippoff - try the Richard Baker Newsreader - with six scripts, moving blue eyes (batteries extra) £8. Or the New, New, New Andes Plane Crash Survivors Accessory Kit - 8 corpses in 61 pieces - £12.75.

Next week: Dad, the Wife, and Hubby.

P.J. GROB WORTH



THE NOTTINGHAM COUNCIL for Voluntary Service - which organises voluntary work - is experiencing union trouble. Staff have joined a subsidiary of the T & GWU which now wants union recognition.

However, this move is being opposed by, among others, Labour councillor Peter "I-regret-that-it-was-thought-desirable-to-involve-the-Union" Miller. As a devoted representative of the people, Cllr Miller thinks union membership by his staff "is not in the interest of the NCVS".

And what dreadful deeds will the union be up to? Since NCVS is financed by local councils, it wants to negotiate salaries in line with local authority scales ●



## At Home in Nottingham

### Number 1: Mrs Marjorie Chancer

LIKE HER HUSBAND (local businessman and philanthropist Mr Sidney Chancer), Mrs Marjorie Chancer spends much of her spare time in charitable works. Recently, for example, she has launched a one-woman campaign to save Home Ales from bankruptcy.

Headquarters of the campaign is the Lounge of the Ball and Whippet, where we met her for our "At Home" feature ("I feel more at home here than anywhere else, dearie," she told us).

The Ball and Whippet is one of the oldest public houses in the city centre. Built in 1973, it

has recently been modernised by Home Ales in the "Swinging Nottingham" style of the late sixties ...

(Ed. Do we have to print this sort of drivel? This used to be a respectable alternative paper.

Author. Well, you said ...

Ed. I know what I said, but this isn't the Nottingham Observer.)

THE END

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LONG KNIVES ARE being sharpened again by the weaselly clique of Tories in charge of Nottingham's City Council.

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scarred back of Gerry Elliott,  
last year's larger-than-life  
Sheriff of Nottingham.

It now seems certain that the  
High Court will order a re-run  
of the Radford Ward election in  
which ex-paratrooper Gerry was  
narrowly defeated - thanks to a  
fistful of unfranked ballot papers  
- by people's friend Ben Allsop.

And this prospect has thrown  
corpulent shopkeeper Jack Green,  
myopic leader of the City Council,  
into a state of paranoid hysteria.

For Fat Jack fears that a win  
for Gerry would soon be followed  
by elevation to the group  
leader's throne leaving its pres-  
ent occupant to go home and  
fumble in his till.

And so, in a bid to prevent  
this unthinkable event, the  
Tories - who gave the Hon.  
Gerald the brush-off following  
his unfortunate but typically  
entertaining run-in with the law

last year - are planning to give  
the party nomination to another  
candidate when the by-election  
is declared.

It remains to be seen whether  
this mean strategy works. Cert-  
ainly, Fat Jack is trumpeting  
even more loudly than usual about  
his unassailable position at the  
top of his castle.

But he is growing increasing-  
ly short of friends as even the  
appalling crowd of suburban  
cronies who form his group are  
dismayed by his inept perform-  
ances - and pugnacious miner  
Gerry is just the man to put over  
their sour and short-sighted  
policies with some flair. Unlike  
Jack, whose chief contribution is  
to be consistently wet and petty ●

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## The Voice Do-It-Yourself Guide to Council Tenantry

### Part 2: Do's & Don't's of having a bath

YOU DO NOT have to look dirty to need a bath. It may be enough that your friends are avoiding you.

You probably know how to take a bath already - but here are some common problems and what to do about them.

The water will not stay in the bath: you have not put the plug in.

The bath is very small: you are in the wash basin.

Your socks are wet: you have still got them on.

The water has gone black: you have left the coal in the bath.

Finally, don't forget to wipe the bath when you've finished. A useful tip can be found in the GLC handbook for council tenants.

"Cleansing should always take place while the bath retains the heat from the water. The film of insoluble soap plus any grime which is deposited on the sides of the bath along the water-line is easily removed by prompt action at this stage."

We agree - but do keep a chisel in the bathroom cabinet for those cold winter mornings when the bath cools off so quickly.

Next week. Using your surplus grime to start an allotment ●

## CORRECTION

In our last issue we said that John Peck was one of the tenants rehoused from the Kendale Court flats when the Council made offers of rehousing in 1969. John Peck informs us that he was never a tenant - the confusion arose because one of the tenants was a lady who subsequently became Mrs Peck ●



## SMALL AD

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## R.I.P.

FROM THE SUBLIME - last week "The Comedians", a memorable Playhouse première, opened on Broadway - to the ridiculous ... Karl Sternheim's "Knickers". In fairness, I admit to collecting a free drink and quitting at half-time - no more leaden Teutonic mixtures of non-humour, anaesthetised fetishism (the knickers) and stage farts could I stand.

Risqué as a rice pudding, this turgid dollop of boredom hiding beneath a (thin) skin of "social criticism" is a non-event - NOT funny, NOT erotic, NOT interesting, and NOT, definitely NOT, a realistic "denunciation" of bourgeois life.

PJ



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**RUGBY PLAYERS WELCOME**

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JUICY CARRION for the county's political crows in the move by Ashfield MP David Marquand to become special adviser to new EEC president Woy Jenkins. The by-election will be early next year, and the lucky Labour candidate is guaranteed a Westminster ticket - the bland right-wing Marquand generated a massive 22,915 majority in the second 1974 General Election.

With such high stakes, the mercilessly ambitious Michael Cowan, chairman of the County Finance Committee, will face fierce opposition even if he can find someone to put his name forward. Time is not on his side - and with every passing month his lust to become a bright young "whizz-kid" thing in Commons financial debate fades into vain hope.

He will have to reckon with "Mr Ashfield", the cunning Clarrie Booter, Ashfield Council's Labour leader and husband of county councillor Sylvia Booter, one of the education "heavies".

Other covetous County Hall eyes will be turning towards the northern outpost, among them Frank Higgins, the man who brought Nottingham the Zone and Collar experiment, and the man most vulnerable to a personality-cult backlash in next May's county elections. He knows the ropes - he has unsuccessfully contested Grantham and narrowly missed selection for the safe Labour seat at Sheffield Brightside.

More local talent includes

County Hall chief whip Michael Gallagher, who pulls powerful strings in Mansfield through the NCB, the East Midlands Tourist Board and the pro-EEC European Movement.

The European Movement is dominated in the East Midlands by another county councillor, Jim Cattermole, and his wife, Dr Joan Mitchell, a Nottingham University academic and one-time personal economic adviser to Shirley Williams.

Cattermole was East Midlands Labour Party Regional Organiser for over twenty years. He is Gallagher's Leisure Services Committee vice-chairman and, as well as being director of the European Movement, he is chairman of the East Midlands Regional Council for Sport and Recreation, a member of the East Midlands Sports Council and director of the Sinfonia Concert Society Ltd.

And even the wily city Labour leader John Carroll cannot be discounted. His own confused presentation may just be enough to throw the opposition into disarray. He could turn to his advantage a close-run battle between two more obvious prospects.

He's apparently short of a job at the moment and, along with Len Maynard, he will not be standing for the county elections next year, because he "doesn't like the way things are run over there".

Developments are awaited with interest!●



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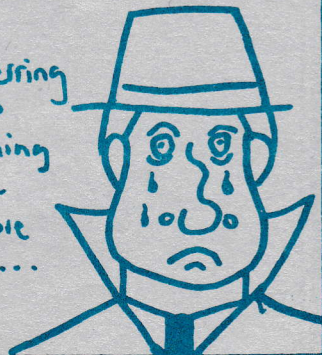
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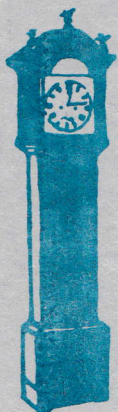
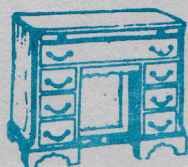
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