

THAT PAPER

LINKING COMMUNITIES

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CLAREMONT STAYS



Claremont Secondary School will stay. That's the victorious outcome of two months of energetic protest. And there's no doubt it was public pressure that reversed the County Education Committee's decision. Taking time in her Chairman's report to the Thursday 14th February Committee Meeting, Cllr. Caroline Minkley admitted: "It was public opinion that counted in these matters." She also said: "I would like to pay tribute to the residents for the work they have done in providing a very excellent report on what the (Claremont) school means to them. Not only the school but also the contribution it makes to the community."

The Committee had originally decided that falling school rolls and the deteriorating condition of the building meant that Claremont's children would be transferred to Cottesmore. On discovering this, a number of small, then

larger public meetings launched the CLAREMONT ACTION GROUP (CAG).

In the forefront of the local residents and parents objections was the danger to which the children would be exposed from traffic if they had to travel to Cottesmore, and the disappearance of what has been seen as a community school.

How did the CAG win this campaign?

"It was always important to build support in the area - our meetings were open to everyone and the major decisions were made at them", said Leo Keely, Chairman of CAG.

Every single stop was pulled out to muster support for the campaign. POSTERS AND BADGES. No matter where you walked in Forest Fields and Hyson Green during the height of the campaign imaginative posters looked out at you from shops and people's front room

windows. SIGNATURES were collected, opinion was canvassed, door-to-door.

During January, CAG produced their own 'COUNTER REPORT' on the proposals to close Claremont Secondary School'. This carefully examined all the factors relevant to keeping Claremont and came up with the conclusion that Claremont should stay.

CAG published the addresses of all the COUNCILLORS and the MPs concerned with the decision. Hundreds of PHONE CALLS were made, and LETTERS were written.

Eventually everyone in the area backed the campaign, including the local Tory Councillors and William Whitlock, MP. While Whitlock was prepared to criticise Cottesmore School, the CAG never took an anti-Cottesmore position.

The most remarkable event during the campaign was the Demonstration on January 12th. Over two hundred people most of whom had never been on any kind of demonstration before, made their way from the school to the city centre. The banners and placards caught the eye and got the point over without a doubt.

WHAT NOW?

Perhaps now the campaign is won, everyone concerned can sit back and relax. Not so! It seems that a community spirit has developed whilst meeting the day to day demands of the campaign. Many local residents and parents, having felt that standing up in large numbers can have an effect, are prepared to get involved in new directions. The best of luck to them!

CAG wishes to thank everyone who took part.



EDITORIAL

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LINK UP

A new telephone service has just started in Nottingham. We are a group of Lesbians seeking to provide information advice and support to Lesbians, bisexual women or women who feel confused or unhappy about their sexual identity. Our aim in counselling is not to recommend a particular course of action in any given situation, but to discuss alternatives in a way which will enable women to make their own decisions. At the same time we want to present a positive image of Lesbians to counteract the negative feelings and lack of self-respect that women feel as a result of being labelled 'abnormal' by our society.

Besides these calls we expect wide range of others, from simple requests for information such as the whereabouts of 'gay' pubs and clubs, to requests for help with more complex matters (e.g. legal advice in a custody case) as well as calls from women who simply want to make friends and develop a social life with other Lesbians. (N.B. We are NOT a contact service and are not prepared to act as such.)

The service is confidential and calls are never discussed outside the group. We operate on a first-name basis so that women can remain as anonymous as they wish, but we will also arrange to meet women and introduce them to social groups if that is what they want.

Our telephone number is:
Nottingham 410652.

The line is open from 7.00 - 9.00 p.m.
every Monday and Wednesday.



Our readers may be asking "What happened to the ten-page glossy That Paper?" The answer is simple. Lack of money. For some time now we have been subsidising the paper from our running costs to make it cheaper to the reader. In fact, so draining has been the background cost of producing That Paper that until very recently the size of our debts made it seem we'd never put out another issue.

The situation has changed now; most of the last two months have been taken up with fund-raising and re-organisation. So, we apologise for the lateness of this issue and the raising of the cover price to 8p, but hope you will continue to support us in various ways.

Firstly, please sell That Paper. We need to sell all the thousand we print to be viable. Phone or call in and take a handful to sell to your workmates, friends, neighbours tenants association, youth club or similar organisation.

Secondly, you will have noticed many more adverts this time. Please pass on any contacts in this direction.

Thirdly, and this is the same as before, we need information on every subject under the sun. Local facilities and events - or the lack of them. Campaigns. Planning News. Stories. We will either write it up for you, or if you prefer give you some space for your own writing.

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Lastly, there is a new Management Group. If That Paper is to become a long-term venture, useful to the local community the this Group will need to be enlarged and make plans for the future. If your tenants committee, trade union or similar group is interested in joining the Management Group please write to MG, c/o That Paper.

Our thanks to everyone who attended the Fund Raising Social at the Ad Lib - we hope you'all enjoyed it.

And thanks, too, to Roger Suckling and Fotographics (phone 782463) for all the photos in this issue.



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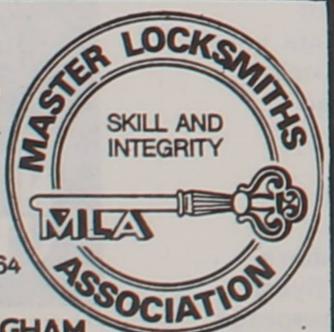
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council estates for sale?



for sale?

It is rumoured that a Housing Association is negotiating to buy blocks of council flats in Nottingham, Liverpool, Tyneside and Oldham. Although no decisions have yet been made, it is suggested that a recent court ruling in Newcastle could have paved the way for the sales.

The effect of the ruling is that basic structural defects in council properties which lead

to problems in the running of the properties (such as very high heating costs) must be repaired at the Council's expense. The Department of the Environment will not finance such major repairs but it seems that Housing Associations can get grants. So, if the negotiations are successful, several hundred more council-built dwellings could be lost to public ownership.

SHOCK INCREASES

Charges for heating, rent & rates have, or are about to rise sharply during the next few months.

Those living in council accommodation will already be feeling the effects of heating and rent increases. Heating charges have gone up by 18%, bringing the weekly heating bill to £4.78 for a 1 bedroom flat, £5.27 for a 2 bedroom flat, and £5.74 for a 3 bedroom flat. Even with these increases the council expect to make a loss of about £100,00 this year on heating and hot water supplied to council tenants. Rents will be increased by 18% from 31.3.80 or immediately in the case of new tenancies. The new fortnightly rent will be £13.52 for a 1 bedroom flat, £14.44 for a 2 bedroom flat, and £14.70 for a 3 bedroom flat.

How does the council justify these increases? Rent paid to the council will not be going toward ensuring new

housing and a better repairs service. Since 1976 the number of new houses being built in Nottingham has dropped from 2,358 to the 225 that it is proposed to built this year. 70% of rent paid into the housing revenue account will go towards the repayment of debts and as interest rates go up so council rents are going up to foot the bill.

Rates are also to be increased. The County Council have announced that their charges will go up from 75p to 85p in the £1 from 1.4.80. The new city rate is up from 10.1p to 13.3p in the £1. Individual increase will be dependent on the ratable value of the accommodation in which you are living. The council also proposes to return to the old system of weekly payment of water rates, for those in council accommodation. Increases in the rates are due partly to the government cut

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BETTER OR WORSE?

A woman in Carrington, having received an improvement grant in May 1978 to get her roof repaired contacted a local builder. After some delay he eventually did the job. But, a month later - drip, drop - the roof began to leak.

The builder eventually replaced the old lead but despite a couple of solicitor's letters and a warning from the council never properly finished the work.

To add to this, the Housing Dept. refused to pass the work in writing but gave the owner a £2,000 cheque to pass on to the builder!and the roof still leaks. The case has now been passed on to the City Solicitor.

MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS

As usual Nottingham Trades Council will be celebrating MAY DAY and a committee is being set up to plan the day. Please get in touch with the Trades Council Secretary, Chris Preston, 12 Emmanuel Ave., Nottingham. phone 51035.

to the rate support grant as well as an increase in the rate of inflation. This will be no comfort though, to us who are paying more to government but getting less in return. e.g. cuts in nursery education and cuts that reduce the quality of education that we can expect our children to receive, to name only two areas affected.

People on a low income might find it useful to consult the Rate and Rebate allowance chart.

BROADSIDE MOBILE WORKERS' THEATRE

AT: WEA, 16 Shakespeare St,
Nottingham (opp Fire Station)

ON: Friday 28th March at 7.00

present

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Schools turned into factories

Local residents are worried about plans to turn the old school buildings of Sidney Pearson Hill and Radford Primary Schools into "light industrial use." Although it is agreed that the schools need replacing the Director of Education has not been able to say when this will happen because of the cutbacks in public spending. However, it has been agreed to fence and landscape part of the site as soon as possible. Some parents are asking "is this the compensation for having your local school turned into a factory?"

Poor response: New Basford

Plans for New Basford Improvement Area will go ahead, but only after more consultation with local residents.

A poor response to the City Planning Officer's questionnaire about the future of the area has lead him to only recommend the widening of pavements and creation of parking bays on Durnford Street, Egypt Road and Zulu Road to allow tree planting; the landscaping and screening of the E.M.E.B. sub-station on Radford Road and the improvement of Irene and Chelmsford Terrace.

Although the 54 residents who did reply were clearly in favour of street closures to exclude through traffic in certain areas, it has been decided to seek more opinion before going ahead with them.

Inconvenience for claimants

There are fears that local Post Offices could close down because of Government plans to pay family allowances monthly and pensions fortnightly.

If this did happen, pensioners and those claiming family allowances would have to travel further and manage the little income from these sources over a longer period of time.

For Sub-postmasters, since the number of 'dockets' they process would go down, their income would plummet and many of the smaller ones could well go out of business.

Make your views known by writing to your local M.P.

HOMES FOR SINGLE PEOPLE

DEMOLITION

In Radford, on Forster Street opposite Sidney Pearson Hill School, there's a piece of empty land. The clearance programme has been going ahead quite quickly. The terrace of a dozen houses that used to be there was knocked down last August as part of the Council's plan. The Council's District Plan says that the land should be used for a shoppers' car park and/or for housing.

WHAT THE COUNCIL DID

As Sutton Housing Trust are the housing association 'zoned' to build new houses in that part of Radford, the Council asked them if they would like to build houses there. Sutton said 'No'. The Council forgot to see whether other housing associations were interested in building on the site. (Perhaps one that deals specially with housing for elderly or handicapped people). They forgot that the new Labour Council was elected on a pledge to build more homes itself. Somebody, somewhere, decided to sell off the land instead of going to the expense of building houses or a car park. The Tories, when they were laughed at when they suggested the land might be used for 'more remunerative' uses. In plain English that means making a quick bob or two now - for best financial rather than community benefit.

WHAT THE OFFICERS DID

At this point, the Jehovah's Witnesses, who rent a hall in Bilborough appeared saying that they wanted a hall, and they wanted it in Radford, and they wanted to use it for themselves and nobody else. Local people were upset about this. The Radford Phoenix Tenants' Group said they wanted the land used for local people. The Department of the Council responsible for land deals (DTS) tried to sell the land to the Jehovah's Witnesses. They tried to do this the quiet summer months when nobody was taking much notice. They didn't ask the views of the tenants and residents of Radford. But local people were on the ball!

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

The Council have probably got plans for your area, whether to demolish houses, close schools, close roads or whatever. Perhaps you could find out about them and tell the Council what you think of them. (Don't use too many rude words!) A better thing to do would be to ask around your area to see if anybody else knows what is happening. If they do,

they can tell you. If they don't, you can tell them when you've found out. Get together with other local people who are concerned about the plans. Join the tenants' association if there is one, or start one if there isn't one. Make your views known. The Councillors make the decisions but they have officers to advise them. How many live in the streets around Forster Street.

WHAT PHOENIX DID NEXT

After the petition, Phoenix got hold of the papers that were going to the Council Committee to be considered, Phoenix thought that the facts that were being presented to the Council were only half the story. The report (written by Council workers) made out that money for housing might very difficult to get. Phoenix contacted the Housing Association who wrote a letter showing that the money would be available. Phoenix wrote to every member of the Committee giving the facts that the officers had missed. Then five Phoenix members went along to the meeting.

WHAT THE COUNCIL DID NEXT

The Council's Land Committee decided that the land should go for HOUSING! All Phoenix's hard work had paid off! The City Council supported what local people wanted. A few weeks later, Phoenix heard that the Council does not yet actually own that piece of land on Forster Street that it tried to sell so quickly. The arrangements for compulsory purchase have not yet been completed, so not much will happen for some time yet.

WHAT PHOENIX DID

The Phoenix Group asked Nottingham Community Housing Association to have a look at the site. They said they could build between 11 and 14 homes for single people on there. Phoenix called a meeting of local people, which decided to back the plan. So then the Phoenix Group organised a petition of local people. Some of the local ladies went round getting signatures. The petition said "We would prefer to see housing for single people on Forster Street rather than another place of worship". 75 people living near the site signed the petition. The petition was presented to the Council. The aim of the Phoenix Tenants always has been and always will be to get what Radford people want.

Radford



Phoenix

Woman's self-defense group



It is well known that aggression against women has increased in the last few years. Women know well enough the humiliation afflicted on us by curb-crawlers, building-site worker, or the closing time mobs of drunk mates, and can imagine easily the pain an attacked woman has to go through.

Growing up with it as a child and seeing it all around you especially in the way the media use it or the police react to it, is enough to scare you forever from going out. The fact that a group of women living in Hyson Green and Forest Fields area decided to do something about it had nothing to do with the bad publicity these areas were subject to in the past.

These women are just determined to get back their confidence in going out alone and walking back home late or not so late. They simply want to learn to live without the fear of being harassed just because they are women.

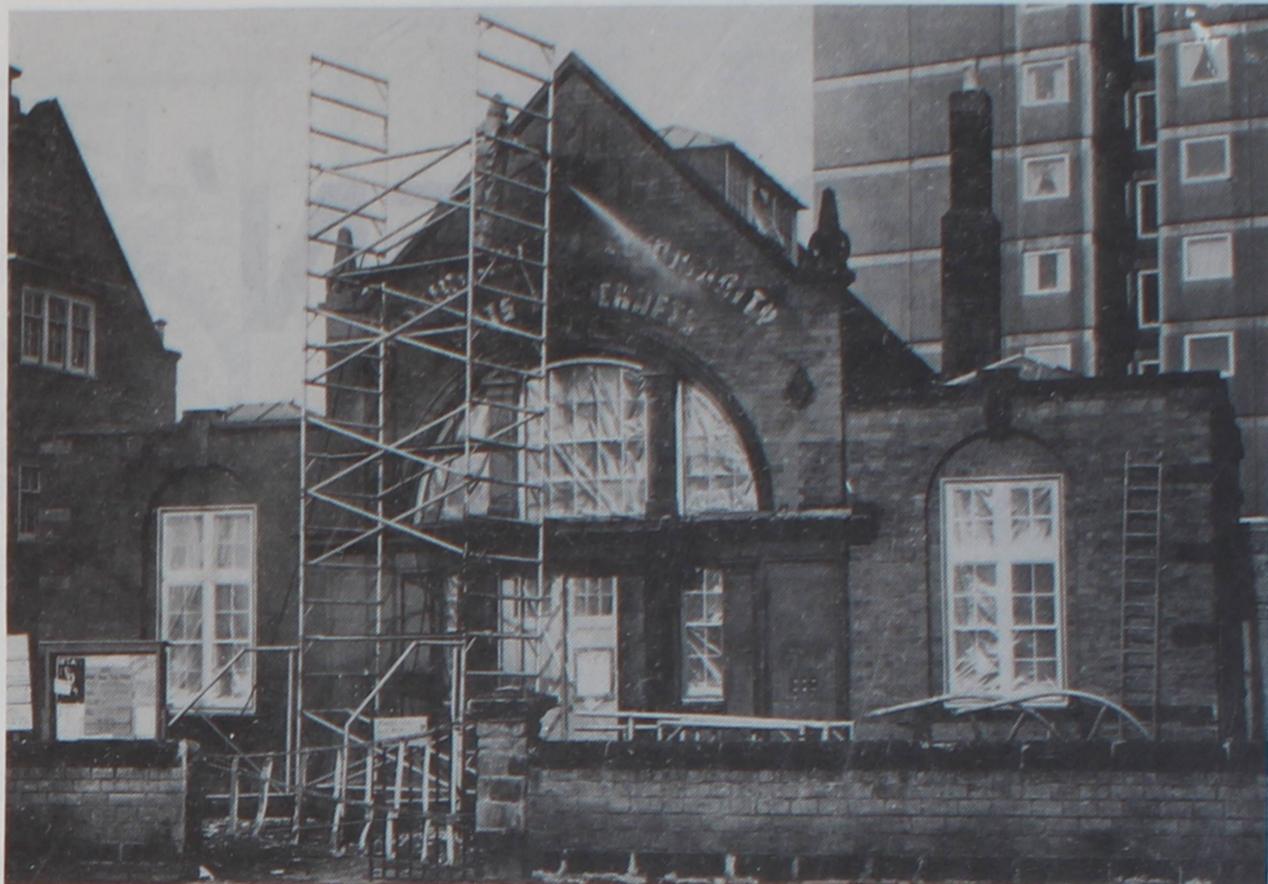
One of us knew a women teacher, sympathetic to our views who possessed the art of Karate, Judo and Aikado. The word went round and we started to meet a few weeks ago at the Hyson Green Probation Office every Thursday.

As time went by our group grew our knowledge grew and we soon had to face the need for a bigger place and more adequate equipment.

So now the group meets at the Hyson Green Community Centre, 3 St. Pauls Avenue in the Judo club.

If you want to join all you need is a loose jumper, a loose pair of trousers and 50p in your pocket. Most of all you need determination to learn almost instinctive reactions if you want to be successful in defending yourself if attacked.

The atmosphere is very friendly. We are also taught the art of relaxation before and after the exercises. The evening finishes always around a cup of coffee at somebody's place or at the pub. So if you feel you want to master the old male art of going out at night on your own, join the club



The Arts and Crafts Centre is under going a face lift both inside and out so it will be closed from 28th Feb - 17th March.



Arts and Craft Centre Exhibition

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Have you got a Hobby, Craft, or an interesting collection of things which other people might like to see? Anything from knitting to a collection of old photographs or exotic snakes!

If you have, and you live in the Hyson Green, Forest Fields, Basford or Radford area, you might be interested to know that we hope to put on an exhibition of people's hobbies etc.

in Hyson Green. Hopefully, the exhibition could be shown somewhere in the City Centre later on.

And if you think you could make some money from your hobby or craft you could advertise this at the exhibition and take orders from people.

Come and chat to me about it as soon as possible if you are at all interested, at the above address.

Mural of the month



Deadlines

The deadline for the next issue is April 8th 1980. Please submit any news or information to That Paper 3 St Paul's Avenue, Hyson Green, Nottingham.

THE 'GREEN'

SHOPPING CENTRE

Things have changed a lot, and not necessarily for the worse. That's the conclusion of That Paper's investigations into Hyson Green - The Green - Shopping Centre.

Stretching from Bentink Road, along Radford Road towards Wilkinson Street and from the Forest along Gregory Boulevard past Mary Potters Health Centre, 'The Green' has a long and esteemed reputation as a shopping centre.

"At one time," said Freda, whose greengrocers shop is on Radford Road, "you had to walk on the road. There was no room on the pavement for shoppers". "The Green used to be the shopping area in Nottingham," explained George Phillips, who is one of Nottingham's two Master Locksmiths.

But now, many find the bus fares for a special trip to 'The Green' just too much, and the city centre has lost. What else has changed over the last few years?

EMPTY SPACES

Certainly the surrounding environment and population is now vastly different. Great empty spaces stand where housing and shops used to be, and clearance programmes have whisked away what used to be the regular customers.



NEW SHOPS.....

The number of Asian and West Indian people who've come to Hyson Green over the last 20 yrs. however, was seen as an asset by everyone That Paper's reporter

spoke to. The Royal Sweet shop on Gregory Boulevard is one among many who cater for the needs of this new influx, but many white people also enjoy being customers of Asian and West Indian food shops.

While the population changes, 'The Green' remains a shopping centre with a rich variety of shops. Wallace Sports, the Reject Shop and Garfinkel are all proof that within a few hundred yards you can get everything from a tin opener to a dining room chair and a football.

MONEY MADE

The Tesco on 'The Green' closed down recently. Many asked, 'Is it because 'The Green' is no longer a good place for making a living'. The Manager of the new Shoppers Paradise disagreed. "Business is booming!" he said.

The big shops are doing well, but that doesn't take away the idea that local service is still very much in demand. Stefan, for example caters for local business. 'The Green' is part of a local community and it's not just the shops that serve it. The Arts and Crafts Centre offers resources for that community, and will be contributing to the Hyson Green Festival in early summer.

BAD NAME

Such community events seem to be particularly important, if only to counter the terrible and inaccurate reputation recently gained for Hyson Green by irresponsible television reporting.

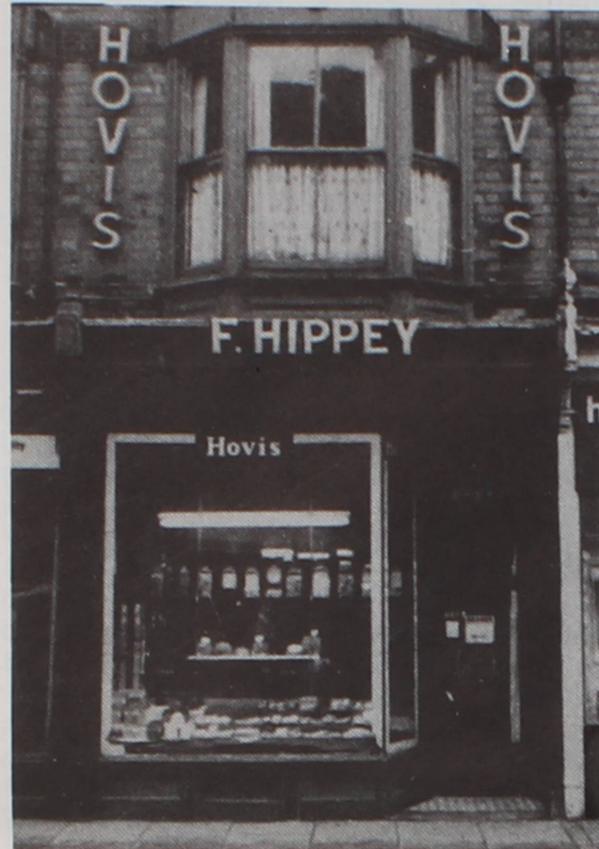
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Whatever else is the case, many would agree with Freda that for "civility, bargains and service" you can't beat 'The Green'.

DETAILS OF HYSON GREEN FESTIVAL

Weekend of 6th and 7th June on the Forest. With stalls, events and a fairground. The week before has been declared "Hyson Green Crazy Week"!

For further information and offers of help, write to Hyson Green Festival Association, c/o 15 Birkin Avenue, Hyson Green Nottingham.



AND NOT SO NEW



Basford Flats

TAG

BASFORD PLAYScheme

This will take place at the tenants hall from April 7th to the 18th, 10 til 4.00.

BASFORD YOUTH CLUB GETS A VISIT FROM THE DRUG SQUAD

Last Monday (18th February) Basford Youth Club was packed out at its regular meeting place, the Tenants Hall.

The local band, Drug Squad, played for them, lifting the roof and perhaps the eyebrows of the older tenants in Basford.

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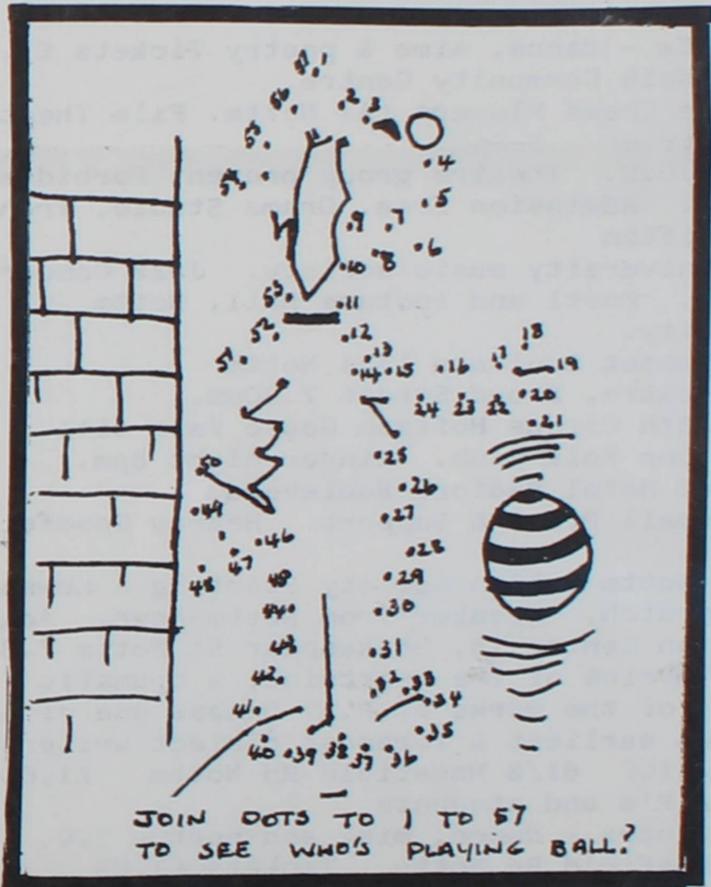
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JOKE

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the alphabet?

Y
'Cause I want to know.

How does a cat get down
the motorway?

Meeeeeow!

Knock Knock,
Who's there?
Moss.
Moss who?
mosquito.

Knock knock
Who's there?
A little man who can't
reach the doorbell.

How do you start a teddy race?
Ready, teddy, go.



PIGMENT THEATRE GROUP

Pigment are a small travelling theatre group consisting of eight professional actors and actresses from varying cultural backgrounds. We interviewed them amidst brightly coloured sets of palm trees and sunsets which they are using for their latest production, four short plays adapted from The Arabian Nights.

The company visit schools, libraries, community centres and homes for the elderly throughout the East and West Midlands. They concentrate on giving their audiences the chance to experience the many different cultures of the world.

Although Pigment are one of the step schemes shortly to come to an end, they hope to receive a grant from the East Midlands Arts Council to enable them to carry on.

Members of the group said that they preferred working in a small company where they could gain valuable experience, rather than attending drama schools. They would like to see more theatre groups set up in Nottingham as there are very few at present. This they say could be a great asset to alternative theatre.

DAIRY

FEBRUARY

29th- Caribbean evening. Dance, drama & live music. 7.30pm. - 1.30am.

Adults £1, children 50p. ICC 61/A Mansfield Rd
29th- Inta in performance. Dance, mime and poetry. Tickets £1.00 Queens Walk Community Centre.

MARCH

1st- Inta - dance, mime & poetry Tickets £1.00 Queens Walk Community Centre.

1st- The Chess Players (A) Nottm. Film Theatre, Broad Street 5-8pm.

3rd- I.O.U. Theatre group present Forbidden Riddles. Admission free. Drama Studio, Trent Poly Clifton

6th- University music society. Jazz Concert 1.30 pm. Portl and lecture Hall, Nottm University.

7th- Sunset Boulevard (AA) Nottm Film Theatre, Broad Street 7.30pm.

8th- 15th Circus Hoftman Goose Fair site

9th- Coop Folk Club. Singer night 8pm. Boulevard Hotel Radford Boulevard.

9th- Small Print & Support. Hearty Goodfellow 8.15pm.

14th- Nottm Jubian Society Starting a newspaper from scratch. Speaker from Nottm News. Adult Education Centre 16, Shakespear St Nottm 7.30pm

21st- Lyrics of the Heartside, a dramatic reading of the works of P.L. Dunbas one of Americas earliest & foremost dialect writers. 7.30pm. ICC 61/B Mansfield Rd Nottm £1,00 75p O.A.P's and students

28th- Intra - dance, mime and poetry ICC, 61/B Mansfield Rd Nottm Tickets £1.00

29th- Image - Ireland The Media and Northern Ireland. 4 day event Midland Group Gallery, 24/32 Caulton Street, Nottm

APRIL

1st- Nottm Industrial Archelolgic Society reserve group. Adult Education Centre. Shakespear St Nottm

8th- Feminist Cinema - News from Home. £1.00 80p O.A.P's students, claimants. Midland Group Gallery Caulton Street, Nottm 7.30pm

Jumble Wanted

In order to raise funds, That Paper is holding a Jumble Sale in the near future. If you have any jumble in good condition please contact That Paper phone 787813 to arrange collection.

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Flowers
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Garden

Green
Hedgerows
Lambs
Leaves
Mothers Day
Painting
Spring
Spring cleaning
Snow drops
Sun
Sunshine
Trees
Tulips
Walking
Warm
Rabbit
Hare

Old Time Dancing

This is held every Thursday night at the Hyson Green Community Centre. 7pm 'til 9.45. price 25p

Scrabble Team

A new team is about to be started at the Hyson Green Community Centre. St Paul's Ave. Anyone who is interested please call in at the Centre.

NEW sports shop

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Nottm: 708702

Plus full stringing service