

NOGGSOG



**NOTTINGHAM
GAY SOCIAL
GROUP**

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NOGSOG NEWS

To make things easier to follow, all the events are listed together in chronological order whether they are organised by NGSG or not.

JULY

SAT. 31st DISCO at St. Anne's Church Hall, Harrowby Road, Grantham. 8 pm - 11.35pm. Entrance £1-25 - bring a bottle.

AUGUST

TUE. 3rd Nottingham Gay Switchboard meeting. 7.30pm room on left at back of Salutation Inn. There will be a speaker from the Beaumont Society.

WED. 4th Video Night at Andy's, 1, Burnham Lodge, Bestwood Park Drive West, Rise Park. 8 pm prompt.

SAT. 7th Visit to SPOTS Club, Leicester. Meet at Hearty Good Fellow at 8.30pm for a 9 pm start - lifts available.

SUN. 8th Games Day at Russell and Philip's, 10a, The Arcade, Newark. Starts at 11am.

TUE. 10th Swimming at the Victoria Baths. Meet at the Old Cricketers pub between 7.30pm and 8pm.

SUN. 15th Horse riding at the Kirkfield Riding School, Calverton Road, Lower Blidworth. 5pm start. Meet at 4pm at petrol station opposite CVS. This must be booked so those interested must see Stuart for details - it will cost £2-75/hour at the riding school.

SUN. 15th All For Love (ITV: 9pm) programme about mother who discovers married son to be gay.

TUE. 17th Table tennis 8pm at All Souls Community Centre, corner of Lenton Boulevard and Ilkeston Road.

SUN. 22nd Group discussion at Tim's, 15 Mapperley Hall Drive, Mapperley Park at 7pm.

MON. 23rd Programme meeting at CVS at 8pm.

FRI. 27th to Mon. 30th. GAYFEST at Sheffield. Ring Mike (55196) for details.

TUE. 31st Ice Skating. Meet at the Old Cricketers pub between 7.30pm and 8pm.

SEPTEMBER

WED. 1st Video Night at Andy's. See above for details.

WED. 8th Pub Crawl. Start at the Moore's on Mansfield Road 7.30pm to 8pm.

BITS AND PIECES

On page 5 you will find some Press Cuttings which have appeared recently. If anyone sees anything similar which might be of interest then please cut it out and give it to me (David Edgley) or hand it in to the Switchboard Room at the CVS.

The results of the 10 Pin Bowling match are as follows:-

1. Mick 2. Stuart 3. Jerry 4. John 5. Vincent.

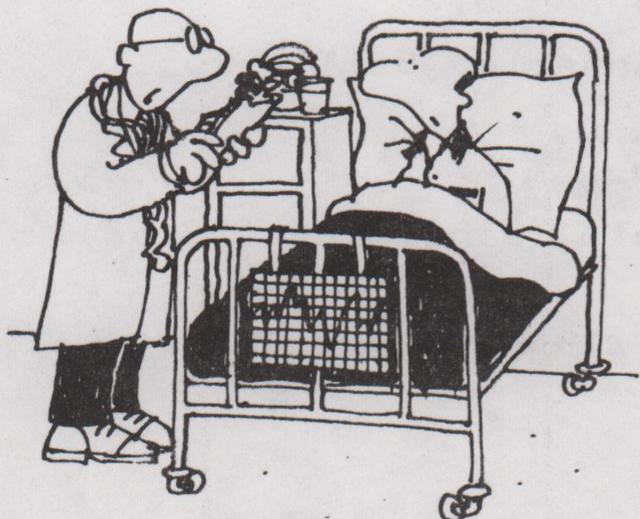
As Vincent will not be able to travel to Nottingham in the future with anything like the frequency that he has been able to until now, he has found it necessary to resign as Social Secretary. Volunteers for this job will be ardently embraced.

More entries for the Sponsor an Opera competition have arrived:-

"The Cunning Little Vixen"	by The Quorn Hunt or 20th Century Fox
"The Turn of the Screw"	by Pozidrive or the Prison Officers' Federation.
"I Puritani"	by The National Festival of Light
"Un Ballo in Maschera"	by Y Fronts
"Noyes Fludde"	by the Meteorological Office
"Mary Stuart"	by the Scottish Widows' Life Assurance Society
"The Woman without a shadow"	by Pond's Vanishing Cream

It has been suggested that we compile a list of group members' interests and possibly their professional occupations - these, of course, to be obtained only from those who want to provide them. The purpose of this is two-fold:-

- 1) To find out just what interests we have and locate those which people share (metal detecting? corndolly making??)
- 2) So that those who want to may offer their professional skills to those in the group who might need them.



"I'm afraid there's been an error, Mr Thackley—you've been cured in mistake for another patient."

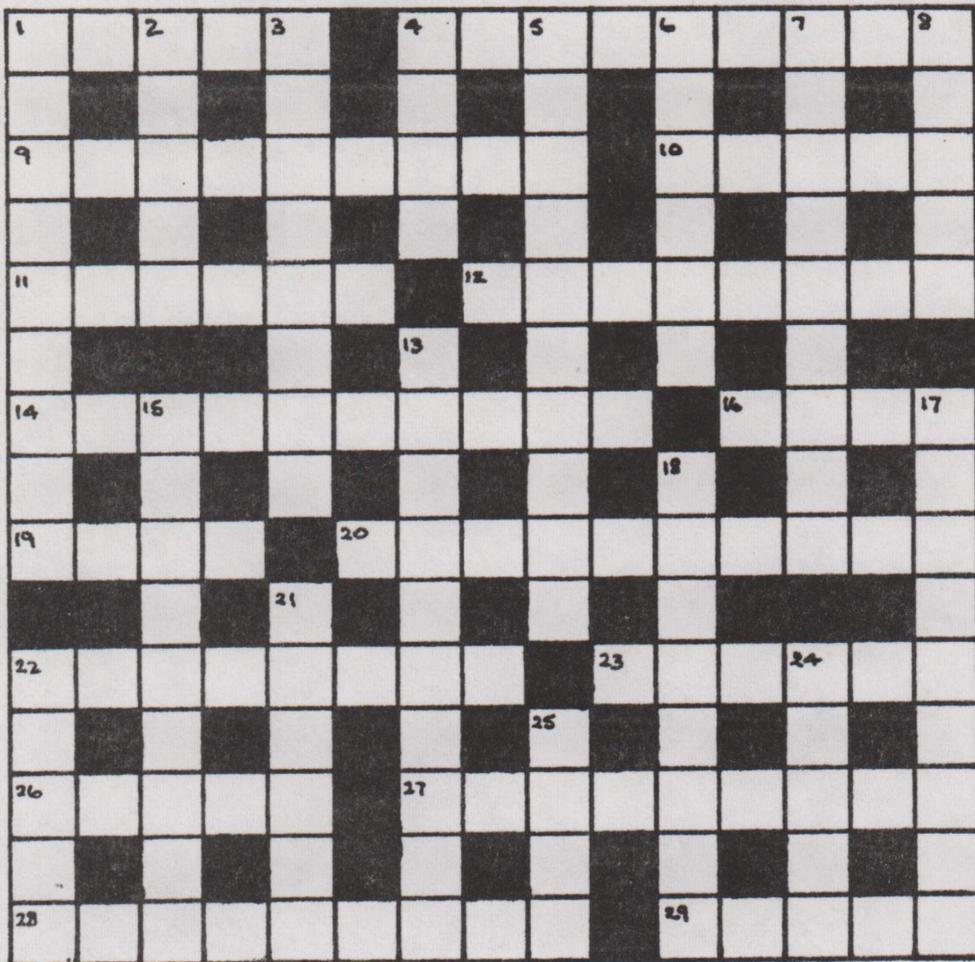
For those new to Nottingham or to NGSG the CVS is 31a, Mansfield Road and is the premises of the Nottingham Council for Voluntary Service. As well as the events listed on page 1, people meet regularly at the CVS on Mondays and Thursdays from about 8pm onwards. Nottingham Gay Switchboard works from the same address on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7-10 pm. Phone 46714.

Nottingham Gay Switchboard has updated its information sheet and a copy has been incorporated into this edition of NOGSOG News.

PRIZELESS CROSSWORD

Note: punctuation may be misleading.

CLUES ACROSS



1. Guevara takes a boat with fighting men on board (5)
4. Dual motor arrangement to regulate the waves. (9)
9. Change seat after Act Four if play is so stimulating (9).
10. Take an article to the marines for a hot wash (5).
11. Flower for an aggressive woman? (6)
12. Can a single seat of Higher Education wield such economic power? (8)
14. Delivered meals on wheels irregularly, yet ate roll (3.7)
16. Theatrical trifle? (4)
19. Bird that can be black, pied or white in 1 across (4).
20. Used right speed variation and was replaced (10).
22. Weather description at 12.52? It's pointless! (8)
23. Let aid be dispensed to this small body! (6)

26. Those characters have moral significance (5)
27. Express regret that an oriental game is followed by soldiers going to the East (9).
28. Just that sort of thing for little Edward to carry about! (5.4)
29. Servants lose their twitches in these raised structures (5).

CLUES DOWN

1. Each crate contains ingredients of peculiar quality (9).
2. More can be found in the next railway compartment (5).
3. A visa mix-up turns sour - rescuers are at hand (8).
4. What your 19 may do if you 16 1 across (4).
5. Found where the old coin is concealed (10).
6. The first under the hammer takes on a liquid appearance (6).
7. Worked around the little whistler with three leaflets (9).
8. Spirited deck game? (5)
13. Perhaps aunt Millie could treat capital thus! (10)
15. Has boiled confection been done away with? (10)
17. Eyes droll fantasy of falsetto singers (9).
18. A hormone for a small planet? (8)
21. With wet ground like this you must take a club that's about right (6)
22. Toothache? If hot, nothing is extracted; the effect could be deceptive (5).
24. Mix a cipher, mix again, and arrive at an assumption (5).
25. Journey in the opposite direction from Abraham (4).

QUICK CROSSWORD

The answers to these clues will fit the grid for the PRIZELESS CROSSWORD, but the two sets of clues are NOT interchangeable.

ACROSS

- 1 Small person (5)
- 4 Evidence (9)
- 9 Receptacle for votes (6-3)
- 10 Hidden store (5)
- 11 Gas (6)
- 12 Support for mattress (8)
- 14 Punctuation marks (10)
- 16 Ragout (6)
- 19 Christmas time (4)
- 20 Large churches (10)
- 22 Foot care (8)
- 23 Mire (6)
- 26 Algerian cavalryman (5)
- 27 Passed by (9)
- 28 Identification of malady (9)
- 29 Part of step (5)

DOWN

- 1 Suspicious way to act (9)
- 2 Metal mixture (5)
- 3 Italian city (8)
- 4 Cylinder (4)
- 5 Fractions (10)
- 6 Cut (6)
- 7 Concert performers (9)
- 8 Surrender (5)
- 13 Toilets (polite) (10)
- 15 Sensational play (9)
- 17 Occidental (9)
- 18 Fanatical worshipper (8)
- 21 Lawsuit (6)
- 22 Maintained attitude (5)
- 24 Noblemen (5)
- 25 Dregs (4)

HEAR! HERE!

Miles Kington has selected some words with similar sounds but quite different meanings.

PIAZZA: a large open space filled with small boutiques.

PIZZA: a large open space filled with the occasional mushroom;
the Italian art of flour arranging.

TE DEUM: the opening words of a long Latin text.

TEDIUM: a feeling of sleepiness brought on by a monotonous activity
e.g. the singing of a long Latin text.

PRIVATIZATION: the application of Tariq Ali's ideas, but in reverse.

PRIVATE EYE'S ASIAN: Tariq Ali.

Report on sexuality divides Methodist meeting

By Martyn Halsall,
Churches Correspondent

The Methodist Church yesterday concluded a six-year study of human sexuality by declining to adopt a divided report or agree on pastoral guidelines to implement it.

The report, the third produced by Britain's largest Free Church in the past four years, was simply noted and commended for study, without plans for future debate. That decision leaves the Methodists without a policy beyond acknowledged "that no definitive judgment is yet possible."

Most of the dissatisfaction about the 22-page report, covering the whole range of human relationships, concerned a short passage on homosexuality.

The working party which drafted the report declared unanimously that there was no reason to deny church membership, office, or ministry to those who were homosexually orientated, but it was divided about whether homosexuality should be physically expressed.

Several speakers at the conference, meeting in Plymouth, warned of defections from the church if the report was adopted. The Rev Arnold Skelding, from Lincoln, said: "I don't think anything is more disturbing to the Methodist people . . . than the fact that this appears to be the definitive statement of the Methodist Church."

"There is a deep disturbance: I wonder how many have already resigned on this issue."

The Reverend Hoare, from Sheffield, said the report's adoption would give the impression that the church was supporting the majority on the working party.

The majority argued that the physical expression of homosexuality within a committed relationship "is to be accepted as a choice which Christians may responsibly make."

The Reverend Ian Lunn, from Bristol, the working party chairman, said the church already included those homosexually orientated as members, local preachers, and ministers "often among us at considerable personal cost of stigma, loneliness or stress."

Police to end 'spy patrols' on gays

By Alan Dunn.

Police in Greater Manchester will no longer use plain clothes officers to patrol public lavatories in the search for homosexuals committing indecent acts.

Professor Michael Jarrett, chairman of the Campaign for Homosexual Equality said: "This new policy will be welcomed by everybody who feels that police time would be better spent on trying to solve more serious crimes."

But a police spokesman said: "This does not represent a fundamental change in policy. All our activities are under constant review and this is the result of one of them."

Plain clothes officers loitering in public lavatories in search of homosexuals have attracted controversy over the years. Gay groups have alleged that some officers have behaved provocatively.

Courts have heard stories of officers climbing on walls to peer into cubicles, and allegations that spyholes have been drilled in walls.

Professor Jarrett said: "We have felt for a long time that the Manchester police have been bloody-minded in their surveillance of lavatories."

A Supplement to the Oxford English Dictionary. Volume III, O-Scz, edited by R. W. Burchfield (£55).

Dr Burchfield and his team have granted the poet W.H. Auden's "great ambition to get into the OED" as first user of two words for homosexual practices. They are "plain-sewing" and "Princeton-first-year."

The dictionary warns, however, that the first word should not be confused with a different form of plain-sewing which is common among nuns and "is still looked upon as an important part of a girl's education."

Cardinal flays the Gays

From George Armstrong
in Florence

AFTER a truce lasting for at least two decades, the archbishop of solidly Communist Bologna has attacked the city fathers for having given two rooms to the local gay association, to be used by their 625 members as a social centre.

The two rooms are situated in a tower next to the mediaeval Porta Saragozzo, one of the old city gates. It was at that gate that Mayor Renato Zangheri welcomed Pope John Paul to Bologna last April.

However, each year a locally venerated portrait of the Virgin Mary is carried in procession and traditionally it stops at the gate to receive homage. That could be an explanation for the archbishop, Cardinal Antonio Poma, feeling impelled to break his truce with the Communists.

"We find ourselves faced with the decision which in itself is a grave insult to the religious feelings of many Bolognese," the Cardinal said in his telegram to the mayor.

Homosexuality, he went on to say, "is objectively immoral and in conflict with authentic human dignity. The exultation and the exhibitionism of such behaviour only increases its gravity."

When it was suggested months ago that the Bologna gays should be given those facilities, some people in the area said it was unwise, as there was a school close by and "they might give the children sweets containing narcotics."

In yesterday's march, to celebrate Gay Pride Week, the marchers handed out sweets to passers-by of all ages.

Sex change for opera conductor

HAZEL Vivienne, the 48-year-old conductor who is head of the English National Opera's music staff, has changed her sex and will conduct next month's revival of Rossini's Barber of Seville as Victor Morris.

Miss Vivienne has been with the company for 23 years, becoming head of the chorus in 1964 and of its music staff in 1975.

PUBLIC REACTION AND THE MEDIA

Have the media overplayed their hand in their sensationalising of the Tresstrail resignation? Perhaps I am not getting an overall view, but from the responses of friends, people at work, neighbours and people that I hear talking in the street, it seems to me that many are questioning whether it should have been thought necessary for Commander Tresstrail to resign. What is more, every fulmination of the Flog 'em and Hang 'em branch of the Tory Party, every slur of the John Junor school of journalism and every pathetically inept cartoon like that in our own dear Evening Post adds to people's anger at Tresstrail's treatment. I found it interesting to learn that letters protesting about the Post's cartoon had not only been sent by CHE but by outraged local gays whom one would never associate with campaigning for gay rights.

After that, dare I admit that I do find the Guardian's cartoon (shown here) rather funny.



"I'm heartbroken. Eugene has gone to live with the chap who positively vetted him."

As an example of what the average gay-on-the-scene can do when sufficiently incensed might I cite the following example:-

A man informed the Switchboard that the Police were blocking off the wash basin area of a local toilet to construct a hideaway from which they could entrap gays. They were even going to the trouble of improvising a pseudo workmen's conversation of the "Hand me the monkey wrench, Maurice" type whenever they were interrupted during construction of the hideaway. The man was sure that such behaviour by the police could not possibly be legal and he wanted verification of this. He was given the Gay Legal Advice number, but was told by the Switchboard that it almost certainly was legal and that a possible ploy might be to embarrass the police by making their subterfuges more widely known. In this instance the Press seem to have been on our side, because after informing a newspaper in the Chesterfield area the story was covered under a large headline which read something to the effect

of "What the Police were doing during the Jewellery shop theft".

DID YOU KNOW

That "Ian Botham possesses a variety of balls to choose from" (2nd Test Match Commentary)

That on covering the Pope's visit the BBC Outside Broadcaster stated "Look at the crowd! They're waving absolutely EVERYTHING!"

That at my school the Head of History has a dentist called Mr. Twist, the Head of Music had a dentist called Mr. Pullet and my dentist is called Mr. Snapper.

That the following are genuine extracts from letters received by the Gas Board during conversions to North Sea Gas:-

"It has got slack with use and my husband can't make it tighter no matter how hard he tries, so for the time being we are making do with an old gas ring."

"I told my husband it was safe to leave it in at night, but he won't. If he comes to the showrooms can the lady satisfy him from behind the counter and talk him into it."

"I was told mine is no good, but if it is altered I can get the North Sea in."

INFORMATION SHEET

GAY SWITCHBOARDS Provide help, information and advice for gay women and men. All calls are treated in strictest confidence.

NOTTINGHAM: Nottingham Gay Switchboard: Tel. Nottm 46714 (Mon/Wed/Thur 7-10 pm excluding Bank Holidays) or write c/o 31a, Mansfield Rd. Nottm.

BASSETLAW: Information via Lincoln Gay Switchboard (see below)

BOSTON: Tel. Boston 60167 (John) or 67527 (Bernard) Wed. 6-10 pm.

DERBY: Gay Information Service: Tel. Derby 752260 Fri. 8-11 pm.

LEICESTER: Gayline/Friend: Tel. Leicester 826299 Mon.-Fri. 7.30-10.30 pm.

LINCOLN: Lincoln Gay Switchboard: Tel. Lincoln 40533 Wed. 6-10 pm.

SHEFFIELD: CHE Information Service: Tel. Sheffield 307142 Mon-Fri from 6pm

LONDON: London Gay Switchboard: Tel. 01-837-7324 or write BM Switchboard, London, WC1N 3XX.

CAMPAIGN FOR HOMOSEXUAL EQUALITY Aims to end legal and social discrimination against gay women and men. Arranges a programme of meetings and social events.

NOTTINGHAM CHE: Address: c/o Nottingham CVS, 31a Mansfield Rd., Nottingham
 Convenor: Mike Raymond (Tel. Nottm. 55196)
 Membership Secretary: Tony Barker (Tel. Nottm. 49137)
 Contact Convenor or Membership Secretary or Nottingham Gay Switchboard for details.

DERBY CHE: Convenor/Mem. Sec: Jeff Blood (Tel. Derby 664234 Thursdays 7-11pm only)
 Meets weekly. Details from convenor or Derby Gay Information Service.

LINCOLN CHE: Address: Lincoln CHE, PO Box 12, Lincoln LN5 7PE.
 Convenor: John Ockenden (Tel. Metheringham 20851)
 Meets each Tuesday. Details from Convenor or Lincoln Gay Switchboard.
 Women's Group meets at the Horse and Groom 8 pm, first Friday of each month. Details from Lincoln Gay Switchboard.

BOSTON CHE: Address: Boston CHE, PO Box 4, Boston, Lincs.
 Convenor: Bernard Thorley (Tel. Boston 67527 Wed. 6-11pm)
 Meets weekly; details from Convenor or Boston Gay Switchboard.

LEICESTER CHE: Convenor: Arthur (Leic. 432430). Meets the last Friday of the month, Friends Meeting House, Queen's Road, 8pm and weekly at different venues.

NOTTINGHAM GAY SOCIAL GROUP Meets Mondays/Thursdays 31a, Mansfield Road 8-10pm and at least once a week elsewhere. Details from Tim (Nottm. 602894) or David (Nottm. 216447) or from Nottm. Gay Switchboard.

GAY NEWS OUTLETS IN NOTTINGHAM

Nottingham Gay Switchboard - sells copies at Switchboard and in Hearty Good Fellow. Profits go to Switchboard.

Whispers, Stanford St.
 La Chic Part II, Robert House, 5-13 Canal St. (Profits to Gay Switchboard)
 Briddocks, Parliament St.
 Newspaper Kiosk, Theatre Royal underpass.
 Newspaper Kiosk, Broadmarsh Bus Station.

NOTTINGHAM ORGANISATIONS

Lesbian Link (Nottingham area) Tel.Nottm.410652 Mon,Wed. 7-9.30pm
 Nottingham Friend Tel.Nottm.46714 Tues. 7-10 pm or
 write c/o 31a Mansfield Rd.Nottm.
 Gaysoc (University) c/o Students Union, Portland Building
 Gayline (University) Tel.Nottm. 50421 (external) or 3474
 (Internal) Mon.during term 8-12pm
 Quest (Catholic Group) Tel.Nottm.49137 (Tony,6-7pm weekdays)
 or 812741 (Wally)
 Gay Christian Movement Tel.Nottm.206775 (Mike)
 Samaritans 18,Clarendon St. Tel. 40506
 Marriage Guidance Council 84,Mansfield Rd. Tel. 57836

GAY VENUES

NOTTINGHAM: Hearty Good Fellow, Maid Marian Way, Basement Bar.8pm mainly
 men. Open Sunday Lunchtime.
Foresters, Glasshouse St., (Behind Victoria Centre) Mainly
 women.
The Dragon, Long Row (opposite County Library) Back Bar. Tends
 to be mixed during week. Free food Sunday Lunchtimes.
Whispers Club, 8 Stanford St. (Tel.55736) Membership £8 p.a.
 Closed Tues. Admission variable-check with club. 9pm-2am
La Chic Part Two, 5-13 Canal St. (Tel.558866 or 583425)
 membership £10 p.a. or £3/quarter. Closed Mon. Admission
 free to members on Wed/Thur/Sun. Cabaret Tues/Fri.
 9.30pm-3am.

DERBY: Pavilion Club, 123, London Rd., Shardlow (Tel.792581)
 Friday to Sunday 8-11pm.

LINCOLN: Falstaff Inn, 270 High Street. Mixed.

LEICESTER: Dover Castle, 34, Dover St. Disco Wed/Fri/Sat/Sun
Spots, St.James St. (Tel.50785) Mon. to Sat. 9-2, Sun 9-12.

MANSFIELD: Red Lion, Bancroft Lane, Sutton Rd., Drag shows Tues-Thurs.
White Hart, Church St., Upstairs disco/lounge Thurs-Sun.

SHEFFIELD: Cossack Hotel, Howard Street.
Salutation Inn (club), Attercliffe Common (Tel.449550)
 Mon. to Sat. 10pm-2am.

NATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

Lesbian Line 01-837-8602 (Mon & Fri 2-10pm; Tues-Thur 7-10pm)
 London Friend 01-359-7371 (nightly, 7.30-10pm) 274 Upper St. N1.
 Icebreakers (counselling) 01-274-9590 (nightly, 7.30-10.30 pm)
 CHE National Office 01-359-3973 274 Upper St. London N1.
 Parents' Enquiry Rose Robertson, 16 Monley Rd, Catford, London.
 Gay News 01-381-2161 1a Normand Gardens, Greyhound Rd,
 London W14 9SB.

Labour Campaign for Gay Rights Secretary: 1, Westbourne Ave. London, W3 6JL
 Conservative Group for Homosexual Equality 01-994-4399
 BM/CGHE, London WC1N 3XX.

Liberal Party Gay Action Group David England, PO Bo 86, Bath, Avon,
 BA1 2YQ.

Gay Social Democrats Paul Cheesman, 50 Edencourt Rd, London SW16 6QT
 Gay Legal Advice (GLAD) 01-821-7672 (nightly 7-11pm) BM Glad, WC1N 3XX
 National Council for 01-403-3888 (9-5pm) 21, Tabard St., London SE1.
 Civil Liberties

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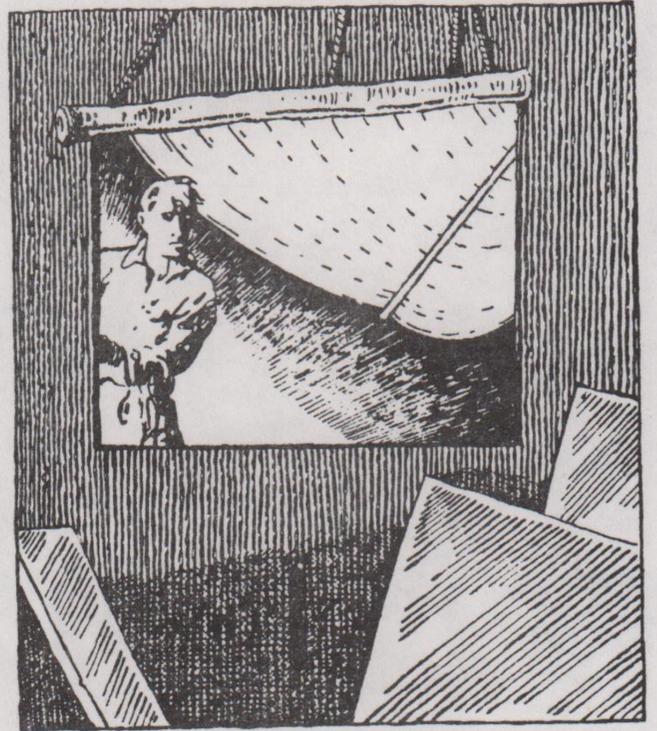
Is Noggin on the cover pointing at something? Possibly he's indicating the swarms of bees that seem to be gathering ominously in four of the letters above his head.

At a recent discussion we spent a short time contemplating whether he should be given something to hold in his hand. Any suggestions will be gratefully received. Or perhaps he could be given a different message to hold or a different thought bubble ("I've got the scrolls") each issue.

Humour is a very individual thing. I wonder whether the following cartoons appeal to anyone else? They are pictures from comic strips with the captions altered.



THE LOMAX BOYS KEPT UP AN ALL-NIGHT VIGIL ON THE NOUGAT.



IT WAS HORRIBLE. FROM MY VANTAGE POINT I COULD SEE THE STRUGGLING FIGURES BEING CARTED INTO PROFESSOR TREMBO'S STRUCTURALIST FILM SEMINAR



"TO ME THE WINDOW IS STILL A SYMBOLICALLY LOADED MOTIF"
DRAWLED CODY



"SOME ARE HAM AND SOME ARE CHEESE AND PICKLE" CONFIDED PANDOWSKI