

NOTTINGHAM COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE



There are workers at this Centre on Gregory Boulevard who are skilled in a range of arts activities including:- silkscreen & offset printing, photography and drama. We have the relevant materials and equipment and our aim is to pass these skills on to members of the community, and to use the skills in activities of benefit to the community - including the design/production of this newspaper.

Forthcoming Events/activities

ALL DAY PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Saturday July 14th - 10am onwards

Spend the day taking photographs, processing and printing the film. A mainly practical day which will also have a space for discussion on the uses of photography.

Charge - to cover cost of materials used.

OPEN PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Every week at the Centre on:-

TUESDAY AFTERNOON 1.30 - 4.30pm

Those wishing to have advice & information on the use of cameras and the processing & printing of black and white films can come along at any time during these sessions. It is also hoped that this will provide an opportunity for people interested in photography to meet and share ideas with others.

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITIONS AT THE CENTRE

June 15th - June 30th: Too Much Pressure work by local community cartoonist John Clarke

July 1st - July 15th: Nicaragua - produced by Isthmus Film Group

July 16th - July 30th: Black Arts Group work by 2 young photographers.

Hyson Green Community Centre - Activities

Mondays: Old tyme dancing lessons, weight training group, judo, self defence group, table tennis, Labour Party, Hyson Green Care group

Tuesdays: Open dance, over 60 club after schools club, weight training

Wednesdays: Open coffee morning, dress making, O.A.P. federation, judo club, war games club, councillor advice surgery (1st wed in month)

Thursdays: Friendship club, 45 club, after schools club, Church of God, Jeet Kune Do, Peoples Democratic Front, Drama Group.

Saturdays: War Games club

Sundays: Church of God, Pathfinders group monthly afternoon tea dances.

For further details of any of these activities please tel 783568, or pop into the Centre on St Pauls Avenue.

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SATURDAY JUNE 23RD - 2.30PM

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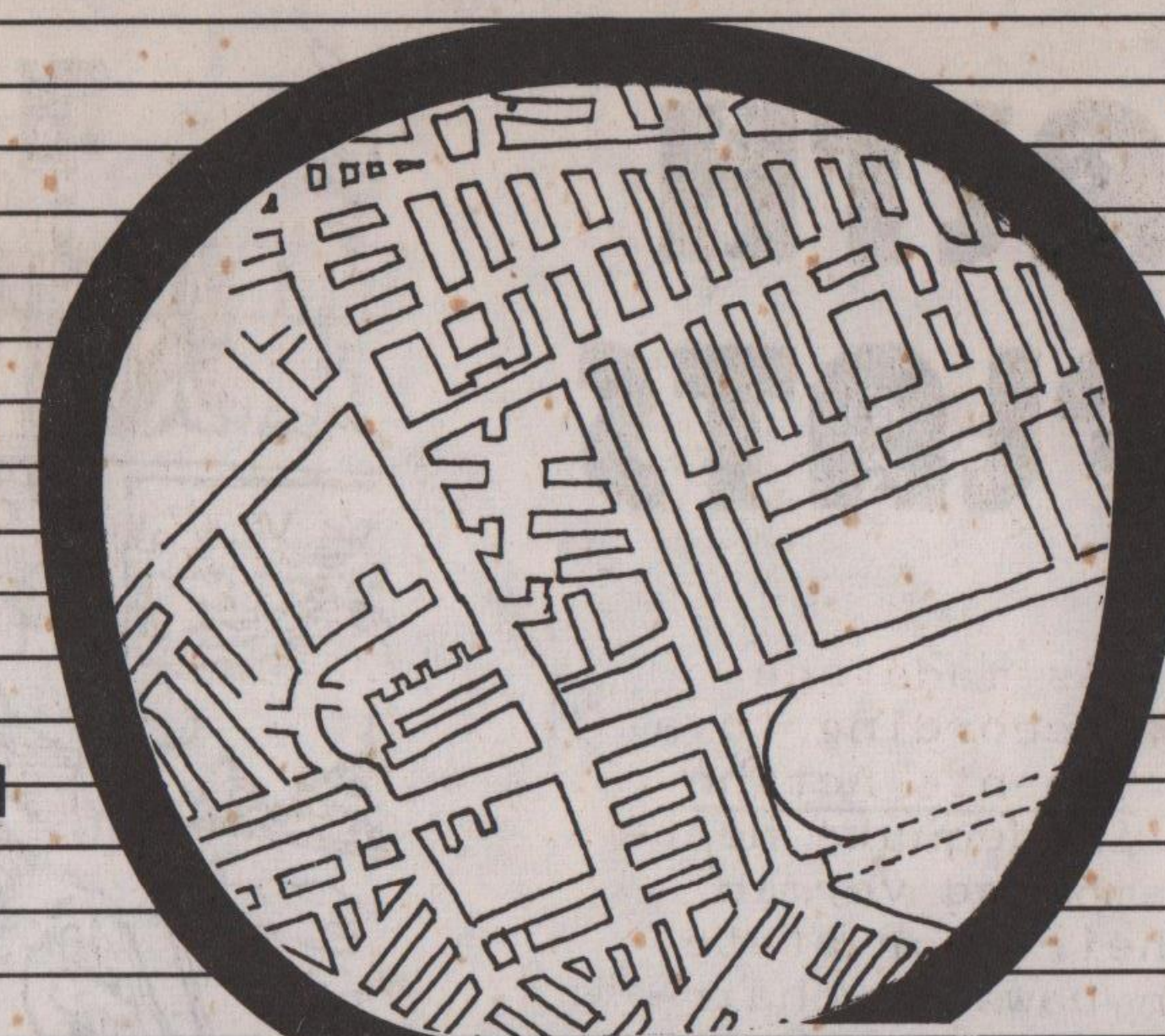
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ADVICE SESSION
1st Wednesday of each
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Hyson Green Community
Centre, St Pauls Avenue
Radford Road.

The Other Paper



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YOUR LOCAL
COMMUNITY
NEWSPAPER

GRAND OPENING AT THE HYSON GREEN PLAYCENTRE

The Hyson Green Playcentre, situated in the middle of Hyson Green Flats, will have its

GRAND OPENING DAY on SATURDAY JUNE 23d

The Centre has been open for about 9 months now, catering for children aged 5 to 13 years old, but this event is to mark its official 'opening' and hopefully the completion of all the construction work on the site.

The honours for the day will be done by Councillor Betty Higgins, the leader of the City Council, who will unveil a plaque at 2pm. There will be a fair with stalls for cakes, plants, crafts etc starting at 1.30 plus a tombola and displays of things done by the children and Playcentre workers.

The Playcentre provides a wide range of activities including:- arts & crafts, den building, sports, camping etc. Its opening times are:-

TERM TIME:- Tuesday to Friday 4 till 8pm
Saturday 2 till 6pm
Sunday 1 till 5pm

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS:- Mon - Friday 10 till 5pm

As well as providing for 5 to 13 year olds the Centre has plans to run a parent & toddler group.

PLAYCENTRE A.G.M.

The Playcentre's Annual General Meeting will be on Wednesday 27th June at 7.30pm at the Playcentre.



If anyone would like to become involved with the Playcentre then come along to this meeting or contact:-

Yvonne Senior
1 Oadby Walk
Hyson Green Flats
Tel 705711



YOUR Paper

This is the first edition of 'The Other Paper', a community newspaper serving the Hyson Green area. 'The Other Paper' offers everyone the chance to swap information about the things that directly affect their lives, reaching the issues other papers ignore.

It has been formed by local people like yourself and if you would like to get involved in anyway then please come to our OPEN MEETING

TUESDAY 26TH JUNE AT 7.30PM AT THE
NOTTINGHAM COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE,
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Any contributions of articles or information for the next paper should be sent to the Community Arts Centre, marked 'for the Other Paper'

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BAD HEALTH IN THE FLATS

Life in Hyson Green Flats has made one tenant in every three ill, according to a survey carried out by the Tenants Action Group. High noise levels, inadequate heating, structural cracks, damp and vermin have all contributed to their poor state of health. To quote Maureen Dawson, chairperson of the Tenants group and a recent sufferer from sewage flooding.

"This is the 4th time I've been flooded out, I've been ill a lot lately, but I didn't know why. Then, the other day, it just flooded into my bedroom. It could be smelled on the other side of the flats... it is disgusting."

The Action Groups findings have been presented to the City Council with various demands attached including:-

- * An immediate medical investigation
- * The safe removal of all asbestos
- * Full compensation for damaged decoration
- * Transfer for those suffering most from ill health and for those in high risk groups like the elderly and young kids
- * Massive rent and rate reductions until alleged health risks are eliminated, or until tenants are rehoused
- * Heating subsidies for tenants forced to pay above average heating bills because of defects.

NOTTINGHAM ASBESTOS CAMPAIGN

Aims

- a) To provide an information and practical resource on asbestos for local tenants groups unions, and other organisations concerned over asbestos.
- b) To publicise the dangers of asbestos in Nottingham
- c) To campaign for proper tenant and union representation on committees where decisions are made on asbestos in housing.
- d) To establish proper procedures for the removal of asbestos, and to ensure that the recommendations of the Working Party on asbestos are implemented.
- e) To establish proper information, consultation and complaints procedures between tenants, workers and the council.
- f) To monitor asbestos work in the city.
- g) To establish contact between workers, tenants and residents.
- h) To campaign for Central Government action to finance the removal of asbestos, and to make the asbestos companies pay towards it.

FURTHER INFORMATION - CONTACT:-

M.E.Martin - 27 Vincent Gardens, Hyson Green



"NOW HOW MANY OTHER COUNCILS WOULD
SPEND £17,000 ON A DROP-IN CENTRE
FOR LEAD SNIFFERS?"

- THE FACTS

Between August 83 and February 84 the Hyson Green Tenants Action Group carried out a Housing Condition Survey of nearly half the 700 flats in the Hyson Green complex. The results are a devastating condemnation of the state of the buildings and their design.

- 86% of tenants complained of a NOISE nuisance due to poor construction of the buildings
- 84% said they had noticed black dust coming from the HEATING system. Generally the heating was criticised for being dry & stuffy, and for being too hot in summer, too cold in winter, especially in the bedrooms.
- 79% of tenants were worried about the presence of Asbestos in the flats
- 77% said their flats had CRACKS in the floors, walls or ceilings.
- 64% said they had one or more rooms which were DAMP and that their flats were infested with VERMIN such as cockroaches and silverfish
- 18% complained specifically about dog faeces, rotting piles of rubbish and exposed rubbish chutes

Perhaps most alarming of all was that 57% of the tenants said they suffered from some form of ill health, and that 1/3 of these thought that living in the flats made their health worse.

ACTION IN THE BEDSIT

NEWS FROM THE LAW CENTRE

Many people in the Hyson Green area live in multi-occupied bedsit/flats, hostels and lodging houses that are squalid, over-crowded and unsafe.

Fire-trap attics, insanitary basements, cramped bedrooms, hazardous landing/kitchens are home for people with no alternatives. Single people. Families with children. One parent families. One in four bedsit tenants is a retirement pensioner.

It is estimated nationally that a staggering 80% of the country's 180,000 multi-occupied houses need action by local councils to improve their conditions.

Over the past two years groups nationally have been campaigning to have the law about such houses tightened up. Local authorities have various powers to inspect in order to ensure that houses in multiple occupation have satisfactory standards. Unfortunately most of these powers are discretionary: in other words, the council does not have to use them. However, if persuaded, say by a local Houses in Multiple Occupation Group, they can act to carry out regular inspections and can insist on satisfactory standards of fire, safety, amenities, repairs, overcrowding and management of such houses.

Hyson Green Law Centre in conjunction with the local CHAR group is at present trying to set up a local campaign to press the following demands on the council: (1) to set decent minimum standards for multi-occupied houses; (2) to inspect all such houses in their area at least once every two years; (3) to enforce minimum standards in all premises; (4) to publicise the rights tenants have to landlords to take action and to deal with harassment; (5) to rehouse anyone made homeless when standards are enforced; (6) to replace sub-standard houses with a range of decent houses.

If you would like to help with the campaign or would like to know more about it, please contact either Garry Robson at the law centre (Nottingham 787813) or Rita Alkal of Nottingham CHAR (Nottingham 580525). We would particularly welcome hearing from anyone who lives in a house in multiple occupation, and of course any information given would be in the strictest confidence.

This article is the first of a series that the Law Centre will do on welfare issues affecting the local community. If there is anything in particular you would like us to write about, please let us know. The Law Centre's opening hours are;

For drop in callers Monday 1-5
 Tuesday 1-5
 Thursday 6-8
 Friday 10-2

At all other times we are closed except for appointments

However, we do have a phone advice line which runs every weekday from 9-5. We offer free legal and welfare rights advice on a variety of topics including landlord/tenant disputes, repairs, immigration/nationality, supplementary benefits and national insurance, family rights, unfair dismissal, redundancy, discrimination (racial & sexual), juvenile crime and debt counselling. Come and see us at the open sessions or if possible ring for an appointment on Nottingham 787813. Our address is:

65 Birkin Avenue
Hyson Green
Nottingham NG7 5AW



THE ADULT LITERACY SCHEME

The Literacy staff offer help and advice to people who want to brush up on basic English; reading, writing & spelling.

We run small, friendly groups in the day (Mon - Fri) and in the evening (Mon - Thurs).

We also have classes in everyday maths, including help with metric measurements.

Students work at their own pace and classes are run at different levels.

If you would like to know more about this scheme, please call in for a chat with:

Terry Riley; Peter Beynon; Pat Lloyd

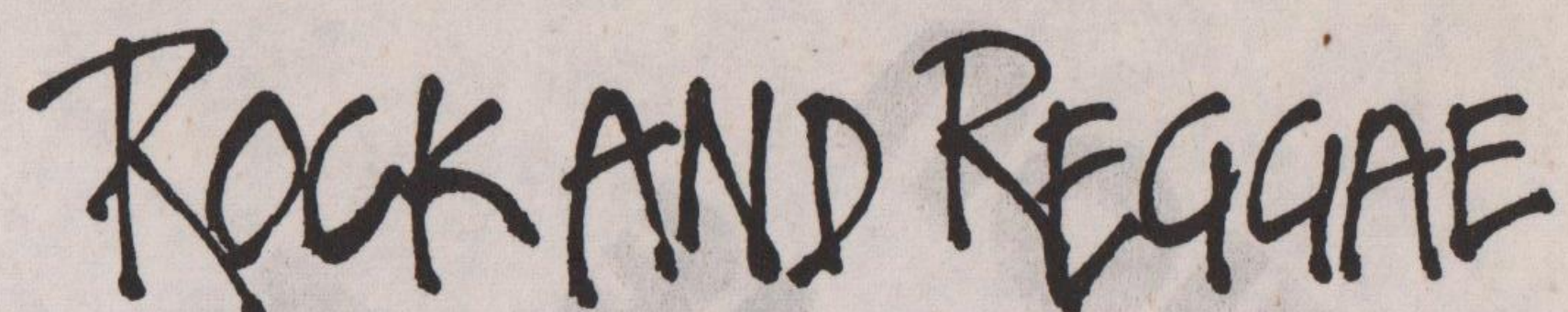
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Hyson Green Boys' Club.

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APPLICATION FORM

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS THURSDAY 5th JULY 1984.

Conservation in Urban Communities

The British Trust for Conservation Volunteers is a registered charity set up to promote conservation by encouraging volunteers to perform a wide range of conservation tasks. Our aim is to preserve or create a wide range of wildlife habitats in both rural or urban environments.

In addition to the preservation of wildlife for its own sake, much of our work is directed towards the creation of nature areas in the city; on waste ground, in schools & in church yards; as an amenity for local people to enjoy.

- The limiting factor in everything we do is the availability of willing volunteers, We need your help! If you have spare time during the week and are interested in:
- planting trees and wild flowers.
 - clearing trees and scrub
 - clearing ponds, canals and rivers.
 - building footpaths, fences and dry stone walls
 - typing and helping with office work
 - or helping with publicity

we would love to hear from you.

We are particularly interested in involving unemployed people in conservation as we feel they can benefit in a number of ways. Conservation work provides the opportunity to gain a wide range of outdoor (and office) work skills. It also provides good company

and new friends, improves communication skills in a working environment, is great fun and gives a great sense of achievement.

We also provide a service to community groups who wish to improve their local environment; for example improving derelict building sites, church yards and old railway lines. This service varies from giving specialist advice, putting people in touch with local groups who can work regularly on major sites, to providing training, tools, supervisors, trees and plants. We can also provide advice on fund-raising.

If your community group has any ideas for conservation projects in your area we would be pleased to talk it over with you.

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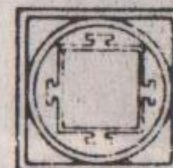
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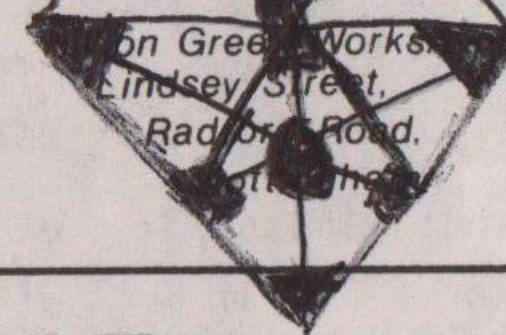
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23. To make different
24. Dept. of information
25. Slow down
26. Arctic

DOWN

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2. Girl friend
3. Restaurant
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5. Gin Measurer
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15. Sheepy noise
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20. On where we live

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