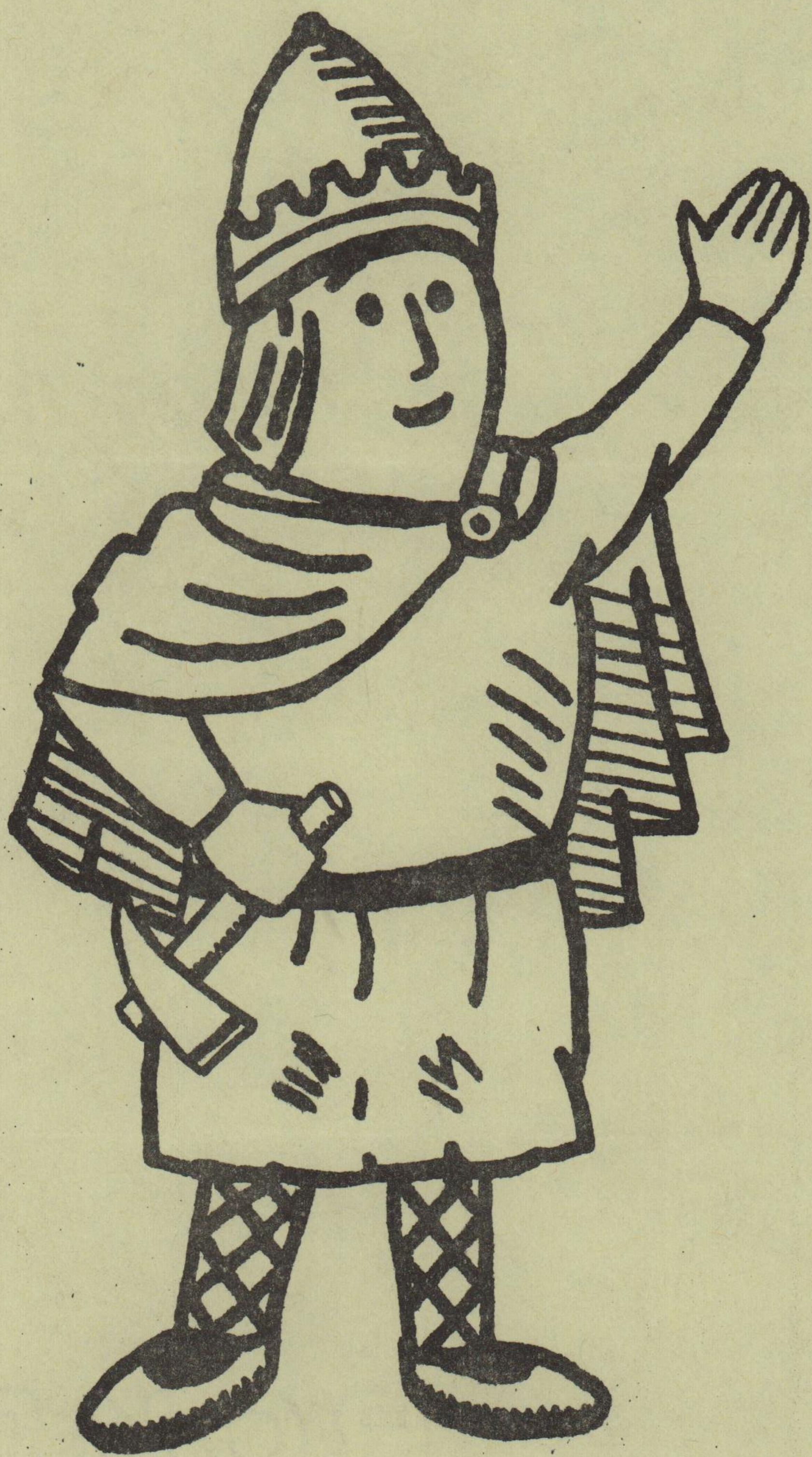


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SOCIAL PROGRAMME

OCTOBER

WED. 6TH Video Night at Andy's. 1, Burnham Lodge, Bestwood Park Drive West, Rise Park. Starting at 8pm prompt. 25p charge.

THUR. 7TH Outing to Goose Fair. Meet at CVS.

FRI. 8TH House Warming Party at Tim's. 15, Mapperley Hall Drive, Mapperley Park. 11pm onwards. Bring a bottle (Last three words were added by the Editor).

FRI. 15TH Badminton from 8-9pm at the Victoria Leisure Centre. 2 courts have been hired. No need for racquets, you hire them at the Centre, no need for shorts - unless you want to display your knees. There is a bar at the centre. Meet at a little before 8 pm in the badminton hall at the centre itself which is just off Bath St. Sneinton.

TUES. 19TH Ice Skating. Meet at the Cricketers Pub at 7.30pm to depart promptly at 8pm.

SUN. 24TH A Ramble at Balloon Woods - weather permitting! Meet at the Dragon Pub at 12 am. Depart from Dragon at about 2 pm. Ramble will be about 6 miles long and will end at Strelley, with a pint at the Broad Oak.

MON. 25TH A Programme Meeting (to sort out our events for the next month) at the CVS at 8pm - all welcome.

FRI. 29TH A Pub Evening at the Foresters, Huntingdon St. for drinks and a game of darts. The group may go on to other pubs later on in the evening.

NOVEMBER

WED. 3RD Video Night at Andy's. 1, Burnham Lodge, Bestwood Park Drive West, Rise Park. There will be a charge of 25p for coffee. Films start at 8pm prompt.

SUN. 7TH Group Discussion at Tim's, 15, Mapperley Hall Drive, Mapperley Park at 7.30pm. (Remember that we usually move on to some source of ethanol after these proceedings)

There is a meeting of the CHE group on Thursday October 28th at Mike Raymond's, 19, Thomas Close, St, Ann's, Nottingham.

NOGSOG is going to get its own badges. Design a badge and hand it into CVS. Your efforts will be published in the next issue.

BITS AND PIECES

For those new to Nottingham or to NGS the initials CVS stand for the Council for Voluntary Service whose premises we use on Mondays and Thursdays from about 7.30 to 10pm (N.B. There is a 25p charge to cover coffee and hire of rooms). The address is 31a, Mansfield Road which is also the premises of Nottingham Gay Switchboard. The Switchboard operates on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7-10pm and its number is 46714 - use it if you want to find out any information. Remember that you can buy you copies of Gay News at CVS.

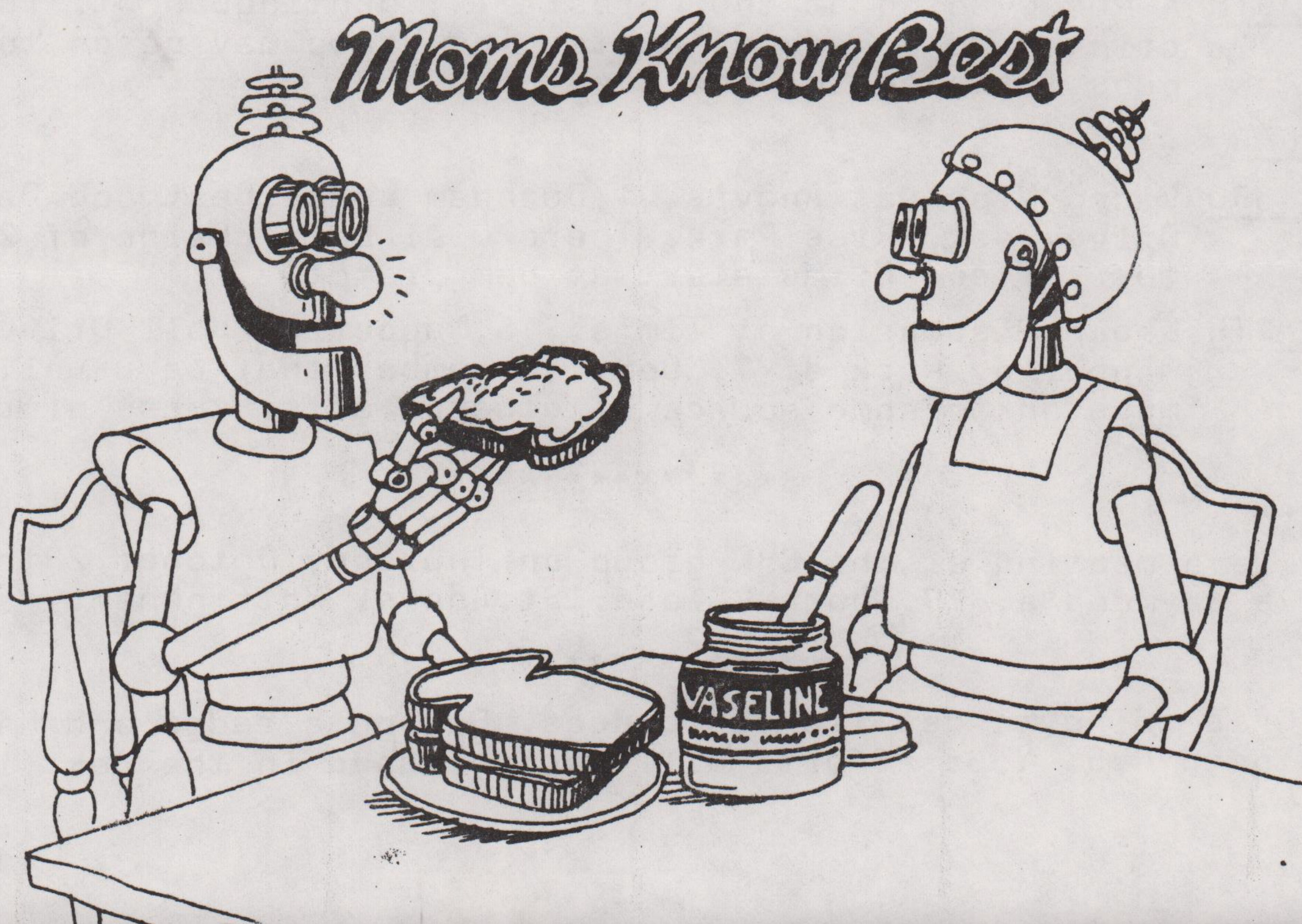
From a golf commentary by Peter Alliss "Mrs. Cooper writes in to say that she is having great difficulty in seeing Greg Norman's orange balls."

A recent edition of My Music mentioned the chaos that can be wrought by a printers error whereby one letter is changed for another in the title of some musical work. They mentioned "Doris Godunov" but how about:-

Just a snog at twilight
Tainted Vole
Bless this mouse
I've got you under my sink

Any further ideas along this nile will be published in the next edition.

Thanks to those of you who attended the Gay Switchboard Benefit at Part II on 1st October. It was quite a good night - very tiring for the organisers, pleasant for those who won raffle prizes and most importantly raised about £200 for Nottingham Gay Switchboard.



Wanted: A gay governor

by LIZ LIGHTFOOT

A LOCAL authority is to advertise for school governors in the ethnic, feminist, and gay Press because it believes school governing bodies are unrepresentative.

Mr Bryan Stark, education chairman of the Labour-controlled London Borough of Brent, said yesterday: 'We want to attract those sections of the community who do not usually come forward to get a balanced viewpoint in our schools.'

'It will be made clear in this way that Brent does not

discriminate on racial or sexual grounds.'

The move has been opposed by the Conservative spokesman on Brent's education sub-committee, Councillor Roger Stone, who supports the idea of advertisements in the ethnic Press, but is angry at the attempt to recruit feminists and gays.

'If you have two governors, one feminist and one homosexual, they cannot possibly be considered a true representative of the local community,' he said.

'I am certain that parents would object most strongly if their kids went to school to

be instructed in the gay philosophy of life.'

Mr Stark said: 'The majority of children in most of our schools are black but the governors are predominantly white. Black people as governors would be able to influence those practices they feel are not right.'

'We feel our educational system is too sexist. If we want to give girls proper opportunities we need women who understand these issues on governing bodies. If we are serious about our equal opportunities policy, we would not want to discriminate against gay people

Council drops 'Gay News' ad

by LIZ LIGHTFOOT

A LONDON council last week reversed its plan to advertise for school governors in the homosexual magazine *Gay News*.

Labour-controlled Brent rejected the scheme after a furious row in which the Minister for Schools, Dr Rhodes Boyson, accused the council of 'threatening the moral standards of the classroom.'

Dr Boyson, MP for Brent North, said he was inundated by calls from protesting constituents who read about the plan in *The Observer* last Sunday.

The rest of the £2,000 publicity campaign in the feminist and ethnic press, including the *Irish Post*, will go ahead.

Mr Ron Anderson, chairman of the sub-committee on school governors, was unable to muster enough support for the *Gay News* advertisement and it was lost by one vote. The chairman of education, Mr Bryan Stark, who originally supported it, changed his mind and voted against.

'I felt we didn't need to advertise in *Gay News* to show that we are not discriminating. We don't ask people if they are gay when they apply to be governors or take any account of it,' he said yesterday.

Mr Anderson, a teacher, said: 'The campaign will not end here. We will now have to look at whether job advertisements should be placed in the gay and feminist press. We should also think about building into the curriculum something which enables children to leave school with a more tolerant attitude to gays.'

Dr Boyson said: 'I am delighted the decision has been reversed, as it was an affront to the decencies of the vast majority of local families.'

MPS SHOCKED BY SEX PAMPHLET

A STRIDENT campaign to win more freedom and rights for homosexuals is threatening to undermine the respectable image of the Labour Party at Blackpool this week.

MPs and trade union delegates have been shocked at the tirade of abuse from Gay Rights campaigners, accusing Michael Foot and the Labour establishment of watering down their sweeping demands.

Labour's National Executive has been accused of 'butchering' the homosexual lobby's proposals to cut the age of consent for homosexual practices from 21 to 16 and to allow homosexuals to serve in the Armed Forces and Merchant Navy—currently against the law.

Among the other demands of the Gay Rights campaigners are: special housing for homosexuals and equal rights over the custody of children; allowing gay teachers to give homosexual lessons in school; propa-

ganda time on TV and radio to explain the gay way of life.

And this morning, as the Labour conference opens, 3,000 delegates will be bombarded with copies of a special edition of the Left-Wing London Labour Briefing which contains an eight-page supplement aimed at making policy towards homosexuals a dominating issue of the conference.

It includes explicit articles on transvestism, lesbianism and homosexuality. Some Labour MPs who have already seen copies have been revolted by the language.

London Labour Briefing, a monthly 36-page black and white publication selling at 30p, was founded nearly three years ago and

By GORDON GREIG
Political Editor

is financed by the London Labour Party.

The leading figure behind the publication is GLC leader Ken Livingstone, who is largely responsible for its hard-line Left views. He and Lambeth's Ted Knight and Mr Anthony Wedgwood Benn are regular contributors.

Mr Livingstone is to take part in a 'Gay Rights' rally in Blackpool tomorrow night with Peter Tatchell, the Left-Wing candidate for Bermondsey who is a gay rights campaigner. Others taking part in the rally include Left-Wing MPs Joan Lester and Jo Richardson.

Last night Mr Tatchell denied being involved in the supplement's publication. He said he thought the aims in it 'go too far'.

For Mr Foot the belligerent and sordid style of the campaign threatens trouble.

Five years ago the Liberal Party was torn apart by an infiltration of Gay Rights campaigners to a point where their activities became a scandal.

Liberal leader David Steel managed to get rid of the element that was scaring a lot of people away from his party.

Now it looks as if it is Mr Foot's turn to bear the brunt of a new drive by Gay Rights campaigners planning to use the Labour Party against what they see as discriminatory laws.

GAY BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

Have you read and enjoyed any books lately with gay themes or characters? If you have, CHE would like to know of them so that County Library Service can be asked to list some of them in leaflet form as they do for other books related to a specific theme.

You may have seen the leaflets published by the County Council entitled "Positive Image" (non-sexist books for children), "Black Roots" and "Black Echoes" (novels and non-fiction on life in the Caribbean) in the foyer of the library on Angel Row. CHE would like to compile a similar leaflet on books with positive gay themes which can then be put to the Library with a request for publication.

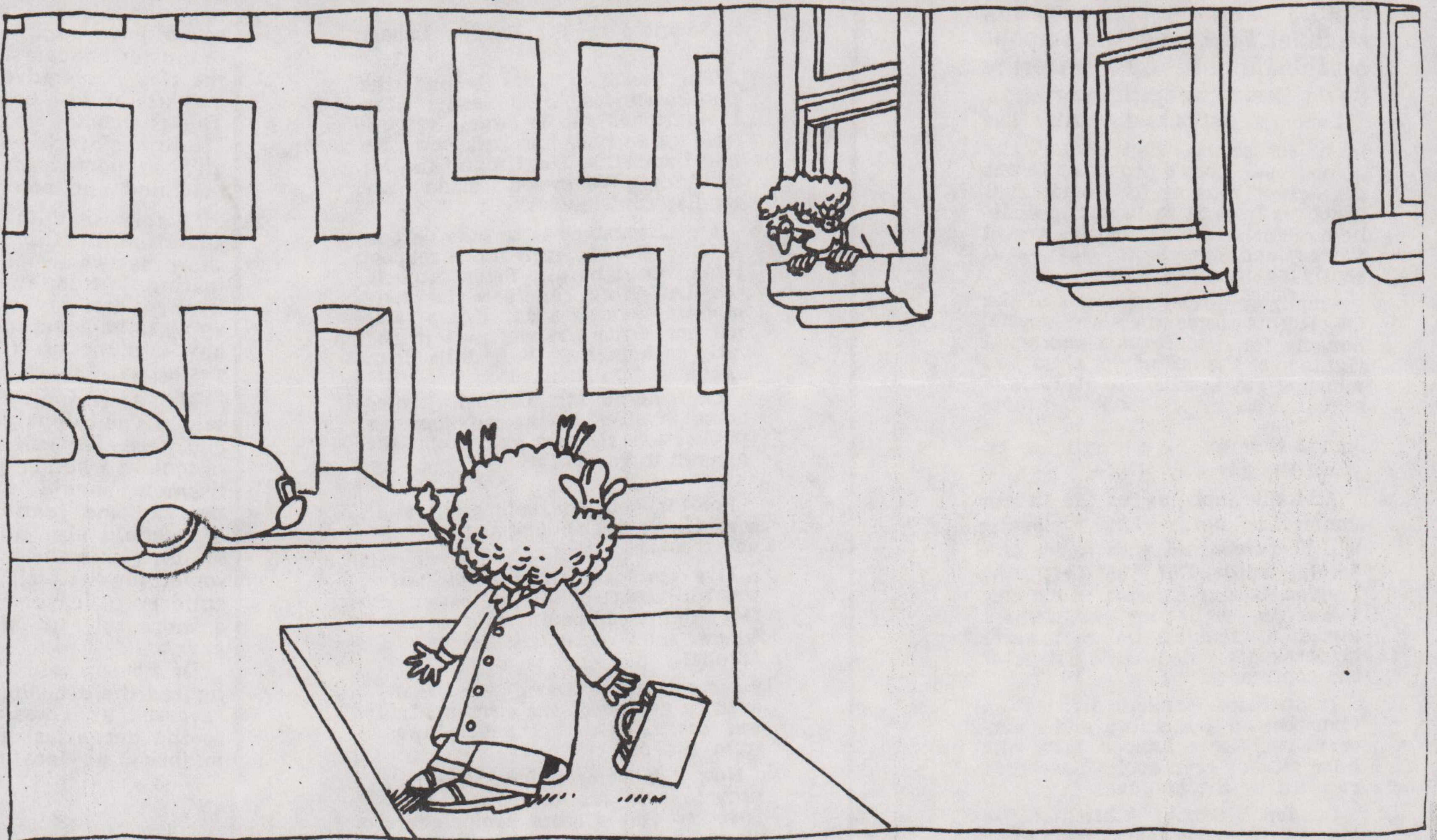
All you need to do is make a note of the title, author and publisher of books you recommend and a brief note about its subject and then pass it to CHE. It doesn't matter whether the Library already stocks it; that we can check out later.

Your help in this CHE campaign will be much appreciated. Book lists should go to CHE at 31a, Mansfield Road, or to Chris Richardson, 21, Devonshire Promenade, Lenton, Nottingham, NG7 2DS.

Chris Richardson

CHE has succeeded in getting Gay News restored to the newspaper stands in County Library.

MANY PEOPLE ARE INJURED EACH YEAR BY FALLING SHEEP



To bring universal enlightenment and to answer all those questions on everybody's lips (Are angels waterproof? Is John really going to keep his money in the fridge?) it was suggested that we start a gossip column. Bloody silly idea, if you ask me and I've certainly no intention of printing such drivel. Nevertheless David has asked me to mention that now that he has his contact lenses if he still seems not to notice you, then he really is being rude. There is, however, no truth in the tale that in former myopic days he was seen talking to a petrol pump.

What we lack in order to provide a genuine gossip column is someone to take local events and knit them together with the skill that Philip's mother applies to her son's sweaters. All you are likely to get in this mag. are enthralling references to NOGSOG badge-making competitions. If I entered the world of small businesses it would be in terms of the Garden Gnome. I feel that there are areas of the human psyche as yet unplumbed which could be set free by a suitably sited gnome. A Flashing Gnome in a group of conifers, a masturbating gnome cavorting near a small pool, leather gnomes on the rock garden indulging in gnomic S and M amongst the alpines. Do you think it might qualify for an Arts Council Grant?

Did you know that Steve's surname was Mogadon (he keeps you in bed for 22 hours) - or perhaps it is curry that induces somnolence. Vincent wants to hold a cookery demonstration. I think that this is to demonstrate some of the culinary secrets he has picked up on his world travels. He says that he will need 3 dead Yaks, a pair of spurs and someone with a large Aga.

The Wit of Raymond bites again. "Even gets picked up occasionally," said Stuart. "Only by a crane" said MR.

Finally, let us return to the misprint theme that was mentioned earlier in the newsletter. Did you hear of the Lonely Heart who advertised for "Someone to come and shave the more enjoyable parts of life."

No Loitering

