

## searching for the young soul rebels

On a hot night in July 78 two men, Kevin Rowland and Al Archer left their low-profile Birmingham hide-out to round up a firm of boys. Fed up with petty spoils from their previous team - a small-time new wave group- and disillusioned by the lack of response from the major fences. They knew this one was going to be the big one and if they were going to have it off they would have to be eight handed ... with the hardest hitting men in town.

First stop was a rundown nightclub on the edge of town, well known for it's clientele of hard rock villains from the last generation. The band were in full swing as the two men strolled in. They were a mean bunch of smash and grab artists thumping away and rolling over on the floor, as if expecting a punk revival - all apart from the drummer Andy Growcott who was exceptional and was recruited immediately.

A week later young Pete Saunders armed with a Hammond organ was instated. His only form was having played with a local pop group. The following day tenor sax player JB was kidnapped from the late great "Geno Washington and the Ram Jam Band." Then there were five.

The rest of the team took a bit longer to recruit and some of the boys got impatient. Rowland and Archer assured them that this sound was the big one and was well worth waiting for. The boys cooled down and consoled themselves by listening to records of Cliff Bennett, Zoot Money, Sam and Dave, James Brown and Aretha Franklinitect...

Soon after a young bass driver by the name of Pete Williams walked into the hide-out carrying his tool under one arm and the complete Stax collection under the other. Disillusioned with new musak, he put his soul records on the table and shouted "I want to do something as good as these - only better." The boys knew exactly what he meant and welcomed him with open arms.

The team was completed by the inclusion of Steve "Babyface" Spooner, the alto, who got the word from a local snout and Big Jimmy Paterson who had been laying low in the north of Scotland. He got wind of a big one going off in the Midlands, grabbed his trombone and jumped on the next train. The firm was complete - now for the caper....



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Robin, hope you don't mind me writing It's just there's more than one thing I need to ask you Yes, yes, yes, yes You are so anti-fashion so wear flares Instead of dressing down all the same It's just by looking like that I can express my dissatisfaction Robin, let me explain

But you'd never see in a million years Keep quoting Cabaret, Berlin, Burroughs, J. G. Ballard, Duchamp, Beauvoir, Kerousc, Kierkegaard, Michael Rennie

Robin, you're always so happy How the hell? You're like a dumb, dumb patriot Yes, yes, yes, yes You're supposed to be so angry Why not fight?

Let me benefit from your right You know the only way to change things Is to shoot men who arrange things Robin, I try and explain But you'd never see in a million years

And I don't believe you really like Frank Sinatra

Well, you've made your rule But we don't know that game But then I'd listen to your records But your logic's far too lame And I'd only waste three valuable minutes of my life With your insincerity

You see, Robin I've been searching for the young soul rebels I've been searching overywhere I can't find them anywhere Where have you hidden them?

Maybe, maybe you should Maybe you should welcome the new soul vision Welcome the new soul vision Welcome the new soul vision Welcome the new soul vision

You know the only way to change things Is to shoot men who arrange things Robin, I try and explain And you'd never see in a million years

## on 2 Tone Records I've been waiting so long (so long) For this here time to come (to come) I've been waiting ever so long (so long) For this here time to come But now it's here, do I want it? Now it's here i'm not sure if I want it' Why don't I plump for the easy option? Yes, I could go for the easy option Chorus It could be so easy Life could be so easy It could be so easy Life could be so easy We are near to our equality (equality) We are near to our equenty requenty? Girls and boys get wege parity (parity) We are near to our equality (aquelity) The law says there is equal opportunity But still it's a struggle Yes, life is still a struggle res, ine is suit a struggle I could stay home and play houses Care for my man and press his trousers Repeat chorus Hey girls, it's not too late (not too late) To stay home and vegetate (vegetate) Just like Mama says you should do Like society says you should do is this our natural fate? Were we just meant to procreate? If I didn't have to use my brein (use my brain) f I didn't have to use my brain (use my brain I know that I would go insane (go insane) I refuse, I want to sey no I don't care if it's hard, if it's slow Repeat chorus Words and music by The Bodysnatchers Reproduced by permission Copyright Control

## News At Ten

United Artists Records









Time's gonna make you a man someday And you won't wanna go out and play With your friends You'll just sit at home and watch News At Ten And the pubs'll be closed And you won't have been with your friends And he picks up the paper And appears to be quite serious And you smile at him and agree 'cos he's your old man

Chorus

But still I can't hear you (still I can't hear you) You make no sense to me Still I can't hear you (still I can't hear you) When the time comes I'll disagree With your policy, your policy (Your policy, your policy)

And you get home from work about half past six You've been working real hard and you feel real sick

With the whole world

And your dinner's in the oven and it's all dried up And your mum don't like it 'cos you messed her up For the evening So you pick up the paper

And appear to be quite serious

And you smile at him and agree 'cos he's your old man.

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But you don't wanna sit tight You don't wanna play it cool You don't wanna whole life Like your first day at school And I wanna fight wars And I wanna die young So don't keep saying "like father like son"

Reneat chorus ad lib to fade

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## More Than I Can Say Leo Sayer on Chrysalis Records

Oh oh, yeah yeah I love you more than I can say I'll love you twice as much tomorrow Oh oh, love you more than I can say

Chorus

Oh oh, yeah yeah
I'll miss you every single day
Why must my life be filled with sorrow?
Oh oh, love you more than I can say

Oh, don't you know I need you so? Oh, tell me please I gotta know Do you mean to make me cry? Am I just another guy?

Repeat chorus

Oh, don't you know I need you so? So tell me please I gotta know Do you mean to make me cry? Am I just another guy?

Repeat first verse

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l love you more than words can say More than I can say I love you more than I can say

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But how she was before the tears
And how she was before the years flew by
And how she was when she was beautiful
She signed the letter

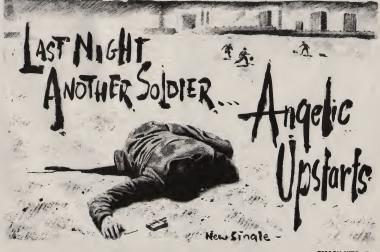
(Fm) All yours, babooshka, babooshka, babooshka, ya, ya
All yours, babooshka, babooshka, babooshka, ya, ya
(Babooshka)

She wanted to take it further So she arranged a place to go For to see it for the first state of the first s

Repeat chorus and ad lib to fade

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## BLACK PAINT AND WHITE MICE

LIKE ONE of their own performances. The Mo-Dettes are an exercise — although an unconscious one — in contrasts, setting off colour and style against each other. In much the same way, their set mixes songs that recall both the raw beginnings of punk and some quite sophisticated songwriting touching on reague and straight touching on reague and straight

ahead rock on the way.
At the same time, however,
there's a common spirit running
through all this diversity. In the
sweaty confines of London's
Moonlight Club, where they
played to an overpacked
audience the night before, it's
good humoured energy and the
bounce of their bass that carry
them along.

In the somewhat calmer atmosphere of a small restaurant close by their practice studios, there's a similar bright eyed and strong willed mixture of personalities, all equally committed to the Mo-Dette future.

RAMONA, THE band's Swiss born singer, sits penning notes in a little diary and putting the waiter through third degree over her choice of food.

"What you want to know, then?" she asks, suddenly finishing her entry in her journal. I ask if they had set out to form

an all-girl band and find out that Ramona and bassist Jane had appeared in all-girl outfit called The Bomberettes at a party last April, but that had been more of a lighthearted joke.

Drummer June and guitarist Kate, however, began to play together with the intention of forming a proper live band last summer, as June explains.

"Our idea of it was completely different. We tried out lots of people, girls and boys and midgets — all different kinds of people. Then I saw Jane playing one night and thought she was brilliant and that! If love her in the band. Not just because she was a girl, but because she was oreat."

Kate had different ideas about Jane:

"I thought, no, she's not the most reliable person in the world, so we'd better forget it."

The two twosomes had already crossed paths when June (who was involved in "The Great Rock 'n' Roll Swindle") had visited Jane's place while looking for sets.

"I had a really old bathroom," Jane says. "June came round to see it with Julien Temple (the film's director), but it wasn't big

enough."
All June recalls, apart from an undersized bathroom, is that Jane was "a complete nutcase!"
— an opinion she took back once she'd seen Jane play.

The Mo-Dettes lay it on thick.

Steve Taylor brings out the highlights.

Ramona's part in all this interconnected activity seems a little hazy so it's suggested she

put that diary down and speak.
"Yes. Aasah. Well, I was born
in Geneva.— sixteen years ago.!
did ballet for ten years. I also
been in rock and roll business
there but it was horrible. In
France as well, like Mafia or

"It depressed me a lot — all that thing. I decided to leave and I came here." Once in London, Ramona

Once in London, Ramona attended school for a few months, worked in a cafe clearing tables and did a stint as an audio-typist.

"I saw her once at a gig," adds June, "And I thought who's that old tart in the big overcoat?

"She was amazing. She had these beautiful legs in really high stilettos and this big tent coat with a big high coller, really thick make up. That really stuck out, because there were all people like The Raincoats there."

The Mo-Dettes image and ideals are hardly compatible with the hippio-ish teshions of other hetter known "gin" bands like The Raincoats and The Silts. Even despite being personal riends with some of these people. Kate found the lack of sympathy mutual.

"If you went to the pub where we all used to hang out, they went, oh, you look different, Kate, if you were all dressed up. How important are the very striking clothes they tend to wear to the Mo-Dette image?

"I've dressed up since I was five," says Jane. "I went to try to be a fashion designer at one time," June

oesigner at one time, you adds, "but after three months they told me to give up and go and work in Woolworth's."

So they didn't decide from the start that fashion would be an important aspect of the band?

"No!" they chorus.
AS FOR the more overtly

feminist-in-rock aspect, Kate soon puts that idea in its place. "People come to us with the idea that women have a hard

idea that women have a hard time in rock 'n' roll because it's a male business."
"We've had no problems,"

Jane chips in.
"It's just a stupid question,"
continues Kate. "What's it like to

be a man in rock?
"We're girls and we're proud of
the fact. And there's no point in
trying to fight it. I think it's
something that should be
noticed, if you're a girl."

This temptation to draw a connection between The Mo-Dettes and the political/independent rock contingent was further increased

last December by the appearance of a single distributed by Rough Trade. But "White Mice" was in fact on their own Mode label, as Rough Trade declined to release

it themselves. As Kate puts it:
"They refused to put it out.
They ser us as being
anti-feminist because we weren't
going around saying 'up
women's lib!' all the time and we
didn't believe in anti-fashion or
whatever, so they didn't want us.

on their label."
To Rough Trade's credit,
however, they did finance the
manufacture and recording of
the single, whatever their
reservations. But Jane calls for a

change of subject. Back to the Mo-Dettes musical development. The Mo-Dettes name, it appears, has nothing to do with Mod at all but is borrowed from

appears, has norming to do with Mod at all but its borrowed from sixties groups like The Ronettes, Marvelettes, etc. Appropriately enough, the band started off playing old Mick Jagger and Keith Richards songs — the current single being one of them.

"We played first in an old Irish pub in West London," Kata recalls. "It never had a music license but we persuaded them to let us play. Joe Strummer saw us and offered us support on two Clash gigs."

us and offered us support on two Clash gigs." Jane's eyes light up: "Only because they couldn't get The Raincoats..."

"We thought, we'll show them," Kate carries on, "so we went and did it. We got sixty pounds — the most money we'd ever made.

"When we met 8ob Black, our manager, and he asked us what we wanted to do, we just said that we wanted somebody to put enough money in so we could make a single and make some money out of that so we could buy gear.

"And that was as much as we were thinking of at the time. Up to that time we could only take gigs where we could play with other people's equipment."
"White Mice" proved to be a

"White Mice" proved to be a good first move, selling 24,000 copies to date without any promotion or publicity. The Mo-Dettee office is still baset by requests for more copies although the single has now sold out. There is talk of re-releasing it, perhaps re-recording it first, on their new label, Deram.

THE EXPOSURE the band were getting from supporting people like Siouxsie and The Specials inevitably led to the big question—to sign or not to sign?

"I'd like to stress this point," says Kate forcefully. "At no time did we ever go to anybody — even Bob — and say 'do you want us?' or 'can you take us?'.

Of course we thought about what a deal might mean to us — a bit of security and the money maybe to get on with some of the things we wanted to do."

Deram, as an offshoot of the once mightly but now fallen Decca empire, might seem a risky choice, even given the band's reservations about some of the more credibility orientated labels.

"They're very small," insists Kate.

"They're new, they're starting out again," adds Jane. "And it feels good. They really involve

Kate cites their artwork as on example, where The Mo-Dettes are continuing their story of "a respectable male groupie" in teeny mag romantic cartoon style from the back of "White Mice". The difference is that David is throwing over Susan and a carser in the bank not for another giff, but for four — The

Musically, the same thing applies — The Mo-Dettes are determined not to lose track of the steady progress they've made from the simple and direct "White Mice"

"I think it's getting less clever," says Kata. "Before, we'd put lots of things into everywhere to make it fuller. Now, just as long as we've got a rhythm there."

"We're not scared of intros or middle bits with no vocals." Ramona continues. "It doesn't matter if there are holes in the songs." The subject matter for their

The subject matter for their songs is as varied as their musical approach. There's "Sparrow" (about singer Edith Piat). "White Mice" (about "the seduction of young men") and "Dark Park Creeping" (about "paople who think that evil is fue").

Then there's "Norman", which features "a bloke who's just ordinary. He doesn't think he has to wear a leather jacket and sneer to get birds. He doesn't bother to be a rebel or different."

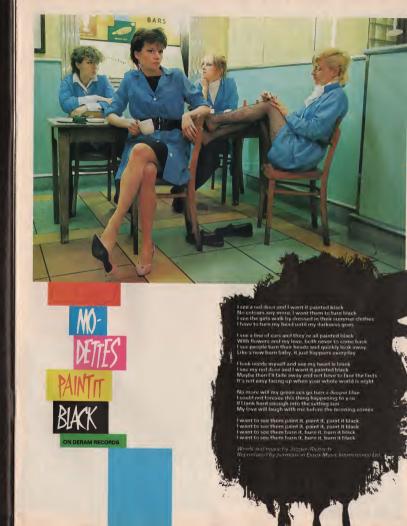
REBELLION clearly isn't The Mo-Dettes' calling card either, though they come over as such strong individuals that it's not necessary to strike poses or mouth empty slogans.

As June recalls from a recent photographic session:

"The guy stood there and told us to put our hands on our hips, told Ramona to pout and look sexy — "Come on, girls!"—I could have kicked him so hard!

"We did everything else before — their idea just isn't as strong as ours. We're going to stay in control."

The Mo-Dettes (opposite I-r): June, Ramons, Kate and Jane.



## RUFF -RUFF

**EVERYBODY KNEW Malcom** Maclaren wasn't likely to stay away for long. Well, The Swindler himself is back with a vengeance as manager and all purpose Svengali behind a new band called Bow Wow Wow whose first single on EMI, "C-30, C-60, C-90 Go" is causing some embarrassment in the hoardroom

The song, which lists the advantages of illegal home taping, cuts straight across the major companies' condemnation of cassette copying as the main reason for the current slump in the record business

Bow Wow Wow were assembled by Maclaren from the ashes of Adam And The Ants. Soon after taking over their management, Maclaren fired Adam and teamed two of the remaining Ants, David Barborossa (drums) and Matthew Ashman (guitar) up with bassplaying Leigh Roy Gorman and a fourteen year old Burmese girl called Annabella Lu-Win. Malcolm discovered young Annabella singing to herself in a launderette. (Oh yeah, Mal?)

Despite predictions of aloom in the record business, the four of them are said to be in Morocco at the moment where they are making a video under the watchful eve of Maclaren Wonder if they'll ever get to be as famous as he is?

## WOBBLE SINGALBUM

JAH WORBLE is releasing a new record on Virgin at the end of the month and nobody really knows whether to call it an album or a single. It's twelve inches across, plays for thirty four minutes and goes under the title of "Blueberry

This track, which appeared on "Betrayal". is accompanied by an alternative version of the same number as well as other previously unreleased material. "Betrayal" was anything to go by, these tracks could well be remixed versions of PiL recordings. But nobady's promising anything.

## **SUN DAY** GIRL

THE LAMBRETTAS have been forced to change the title of their new single because of objections from The Sun newspaper. The Sun took the band to court when they heard they were planning to release a song called "Page Three", a track from their album,

as a 45. The newspaper successfully claimed that the song gave a bad impression of their pin up page and forced Rocket Records to scrap £3,000 worth of picture sleeves and re-schedule the same single under the new title, "Another Day (Another Girl)". A

pretty worthwhile use of public time and money all the way round!



ALWAYS SUCKERS for an imaginative gimmick, certain of the Smash Hits staff have recently been found nodding in approval to Mari Wilson's recent stylish "Love Man" single on **GTO Records** 

A splendidly trashy attempt to recreate the early 60's soul sounds, it comes packaged in a lovingly reconstructed period sleeve, right down to the aminated front and dumb sleeve notes on the back, even boasting a beautifully dated "The Sound Of Young Wembley" slogan. We also understand that this record was recently purchased by Mr.

David Bowie, himself no stranger to recreating sixties soul sounds. Oh, and the music's not bad

"BLONDIE" by Lester Bangs (Omnibus Press, £3.95) is the first 'proper' book to be written about Ms Harry and pals. Bangs is one of the funniest and most readable rock journalists working in America and he's done his best to drum up a few insights into the workings of this particular hit

considered for release

themselves didn't want us to.

Joy Division (left to right): Steve Morris, lan Curtis, Bernard Albrecht and Peter Hook.

IF YOU'RE wondering why we haven't printed the lyrics to Joy

Division's "Love Will Tear Us Apart", the answer is that the band

lyrics, partly because they'd already decided against the idea of

This is partly because they themselves weren't sure of lan Curtis

yric sheets (preferring people to make their own interpretations of what they could hear), and partly because their distruct of the

established music business extends to music papers as well.

Better news is that their album "Closer" is now out (on Factory) and that the hard to get French single "Atmosphere" is now likely

to be released here, as a 12 inch coupled with a longer version of "She's Lost Control". More material recorded before len Curtis'

Meanwhile, the remaining band members continue to rehearse

as a threesome. They apparently want to explore all possibilities before announcing any plans, though a name change seems likely

death (including some recordings from gigs) is also being

Unfortunately he seems to have found them an evasive and somewhat superficial bunch. We're not even given the most basic biographical details. Instead Bangs tracks their rise from New York's sleazy rock clubs to the hit parades of the world and expounds his theories concerning the reasons for their success.

Some of these ponderings are very entertaining and extremely plausible. But, as he admits himself, there really isn't that much to understand about Blondie. Their songs say very

little in the most elegant way possible. The pictures, which are scattered liberally and attractively throughout the book, are the most eloquent explanation of what Blondie are about. However, even those don't justify the price.



## RUTS

AS YOU may have heard by now, Malcolm Owen, vocalist with The Ruts, died a couple of weeks ago. Aged 24, Malcolm was found in the bath at his parents' home in Hayes, Middlesex, and pronounced dead on arrival at the local bosnital

to press but Malcolm recently newly kicked heroin addiction may have added complications.

currently reassessing their

THE IDENTITY of Change, whose "A Lovers Holiday" is riding high in the charts, turns out to be the brainchild of Jacques Fred Petrus and Mauro Malavasi, Italy's answer to Chic.

Together they've gathered a pool of musicians in order to break into the international disco market. All the material on the album "The Glow Of Love" is written by Paulo Gianolo (quitar) and David Romani (bass). The vocals are by Jocelyn Shaw and Luther Vandross, who

## DEATH

The exact cause of Malcolm's death was unknown as we went underwent an operation on his throat, and it's possible that his

The remaining three Ruts are future plans. Our sympathies go to them and to Malcolm's femily and friends.

incidentally also worked with

### ALL TIME TOP TEN

Steve Eagles



- 1. THE PINK FAIRIES: I Saw Her
- T. REX: Groover (EMI)
- DAVID BOWIE: Always Crashing in The Seme Car
- **DUSTY SPRINGFIELD: 1 Just** With Myself (Phillips)

- 7. JOHNNY CASH: Song For
- 8. MOTT THE HOOPLE: All The Young Dudes (CBS)
  9. THE DAMNED: New Rose
- 10. LED ZEPPELIN D'yer Maker

Most of these songs are Because there are so many new bands to listen to, more contemporary songs don't seem to stick in the memory the way the older stuff does. However, "New Rose" was of vital importance, just as The Ramones

The rest either contain stunning guiter playing or are just great songs. Although I'm not a country and western fan Johnny Cash remains a favourite because I learnt to play the guitar by strumming along with his records.



A SHARP increase in the number of people taking out insurance policies was reported last week following the news that The 4 x 2s are once again to be unleased on an unsuspecting world. After a brief stay at Island (who released their excellent "One Of The Lads" single), the band have signed with WEA who now release their new 'Frustration" single.

The group (now a six piece) are pictured here outside Wormwood Scrubs Prison, an institution which is believed to house more than one acquaintance of these dubious characters. One of the inmates, in fact, is responsible for the sleeve of "Frustration"

Lined up above are Graham Wheelan (guitar), Jimmy Lydon (vocals), Paul Young (guitar), Ken (Dreary O'Hoodlum) (drums), Jock McDonald (part time guitar and pathological charity football match organiser) plus producer and deputy bassist John Lydon. The females? Your guess is as good as ours!



oventry Theatre (22), Desside Leisure Centre (24), Preston

ulidhall (25), Glasgow Apollo (26), Edinburgh Playhouse (27) and Newcastle City Hall (29).

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and Newcastle are priced at

Hammersmith they are £4.50, £4.00 and £3.50; et Brighton

4.00 and at Deeside Leisure

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single, "I Die, You Die" which will

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tage show even more

appear on August 15th

Centre £3.75

Tickets for the shows in

Birminghem, Manchester,



has attracted enormous attention and the play, which has

been performed with great success in Britain, is currently

being filmed. David's production

will run for a month in Chicago

Depending on the critical reception it meets, it will then play indefinitely

before transferring to Broadway.

Monsters ... (and Super Creeps)" and was produced by David with the aid of Tony Visconti, It includes nine new songs, one of which is a collaboration with ex-Television front man Tom Verlains A single, "Ashes To Ashes' will precede the album on August 1st in addition to Bowie's regular American backing band the album features distinguished London surgeon and subsequently became a leading light of high society. A recent book about Merrick

emerge from a long period of

inactivity with a new album for

appearance in a major stage play

The album, set for release on

contributions from Pete Townshend and Robert Fripp For his straight stage debut, David has landed one of the most sought after roles in the

American theatre. He will take the title role in "The Elephant Man" a new play by Bernard Pomerance, "The Elephant Man is based on the real life story of John Merrick, a deformed Victorian Englishman who was rescued from a freak show by a

much lower than usual.

Don McLean's "Crying" sold

AS THE dispute between the Musicians Union and the BBC reaches the end of its second month, the absence of "Top Of The Pops" is hitting the record industry hard. Acts who rely on visual presentation have been robbed of the usual promotional avenue and, in general, public awareness of chart singles is

very poorly compared to previous number ones and companies are worried that if the strike continues the impetus of various careers may be lost. Whether this temporary disruption will make things easier for the independents remains to be seen. At the moment the end of the dispute seems a long way



# SCOT FREE WILKO JOHNSON, former mad

FURTHER TO our "In The Courts" story in last issue's Bitz, it turned out that the Scottish record dealer who was charged with corrupting e minor because he sold a copy of "Carri On — More Product" to a nine-year-old boy

discharged. label, it features ten original

was found not guilty and

MAGAZINE release "Sweetheart Contect", a track from their "Correct Use Of Soap" album, as a single in August.

Accompanying it as the second disc in a double pack will be three previously unreleased live tracks recorded at Manchester's Russell Club.

exemen with Doctor Feelgood, is currently working closely with lan Dury And The Blockheads. His solo single, the old country number "Oh Lonesome Me", on which he is backed by The Blockheads and produced by Dury, has just been released on

the new Blockhead label. While continuing to work with his own band. The Solid Senders, Wilko is also contributing guitar to some tracks that Dury and Co. have been putting down of late with a view to a new single, their first since "Reasons To Be Cheerful".

It's not yet clear whether Wilko will be stepping permenently into the vacancy caused by the departure of Blockhead Chas Jankel who now has a solo deal with A&M.

SUGGS, MIKE Barson and various other members of Madness were out

in force at London's Hope And Anchor the other week to lend encouragement to Clive Langer And The Boxes whose first album,

'Splash', has just been released on the F-Beat label. Mr Langer, formerly of Deaf School, was chief knob-twiddler and fader manipulator on the nutty people's monstrously successful "One Step Beyond" debut (gone platinum and still rising) and one of his Boxes, keyboard man Ben Barson, is the elder brother of Mike Madness, Bette Bright, fellow Desf School graduate and constant companion of

Suggs, joined Langer and Co. for a couple of encores and a grand time was had by all. Since then Madness and Langer have locked themselves in the studio to lay down tracks for their second album which should see the light of day in September.























IS ON HIS WAY TO FAME. BUT WILL IT LAST? FIND OUT IN NEXT STRANGE TALE

## Upside Down

By Diana Ross on Motown Records

I said, upside down, you're turning me You're giving love instinctively Round and round you're turning me

Upside down, boy, you turn me inside out And round and round Upside down, boy, you turn me inside out And round and round

And round and round Instinctively you give to me the love that I need I cherish the moments with you Respectfully I say to thee

Respectfully I say to thee I'm aware that you're cheating (But) When no-one makes me feel like you do Repeat chorus

I know you got charm and appeal
You slways play the field
I'm crazy to think you are mine
As long as the sun continues to shine
There's a place in my heart for you
[That's the bottom line)

Repeat chorus

Repeat 2nd versa Repeat chorus twice

Upside down, you're turning me You're giving love instinctively Bound and round, you're turning me I say to thee respectfully

Words and music by Edwards/Rodgers. Reproduced by permission Warner Brow. Music Ltd.



### Do You Dream In Colour?

By Bill Nelson on Cocteau Records



Music in the ice box Laughter in the dark Echoes in the silence Waiting for the spark Hold me while I make it Catch me if you can Sulcide statements Are the measure of the man

Chorus
Do you dream in colour?
Do you dream in colour?
Do you dream in colour?
Do you dream at all?

Turning on the TV Helpless to resist Video junkle Looking for a fix Sick obsessions Terminal twist Caught in possession Of an ever open wrist

Repeat chorus

Death by violence
Destiny decrees
A permanent reliance
On the science of extremes
Absent at the wedding
Present at the birth
Turning off the lights now
All across the earth

Repeat chorus to fade

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Every day I get a brand new show Off the TV, records and radio

I breeze with the sleaze on my cassette

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**BOWWOWWOW** 

SEEN "THE Great Rock 'n' Roll Swindle" yet? Well, that's nothing compared to what "the real greatest rock 'n' roll band in the world" have got to offer, or so says Max Splodge, vocalist musical- comedy-revue band Splodgenessabounds (of "Simon Templer/Two Pints Of Lager And A Packet Of Crisps" fame).

"We're planning the greatest rock extravaganza this world has ever seen on film." he announces dramatically as he bursts in en hour late for the interview, accompanied by Baby Greensleeves, his fair haired, blue eved, bubbly girlfriend and fellow vocalist, and bass player Roger Rodent.

Temporary guitarist Two Pints
Pearson (no relation) had arrived some minutes before, looking very chic in his pink rimmed plastic sunglasses, an even more bizarre sight than you might imagine, since Two Pints is a small, shaggy, black and white

"He's a real wag," the publicity man had smirked as he showed him in. He has little to say today. however, preferring to snooze on one of the warm leatherette chairs that decorate the offices here in Decca, Splodge's recently acquired record company. Which is just as well really, as Max is so exuberantly vociferous that even Baby Greensleeves and Roger don't get much chance to get a

THE WHOLE unlikely sage of Splodgenessabounds can be traced back to Max (then a drummer) and guitarist Pat Thetic playing under the name of The Faber Brothers at Butlins Holiday Camp in Bognor, Not for very long though, as they were given the sack following an unseemly incident in which Uncle Charlie the cheeky pirate got dunked in the boating lake.

Undeterred by this temporary setback, Max and Pat travelled to London and set about recruiting a band by the simple expedient of stealing musicians from other bands. Roger is the newest member, joining about four months ago although he can't think why now, he says.

"I can't remember why our old bassist left," Max says vaguely, frowning and yawning and eating a ham sandwich all at the same time. "We must have done something to him, I suppose. Our quitarist left recently because we superglued his hand to his guitar, and when he complained I beat him up.

His absence is of little concern to the band, however - they just go sheed playing and recording regardless of how many people there are in the band, or their technical proficiency.

"I mean, there are eight of us, I mean nine, seven - oh, I can't remember," says Max. "More

than enough, anyway. Our guitarist came back the other day actually, but we gave him a bag of crisps with a mousetrap in and it broke his finger. We thought it improved his playing 100%. Now this may or may not be

mouthful? Groan. Ed)

And they've yet to play Holland

and America (or so Max says)

under that banner. What was

The rest of the year is pretty

fact. They've an album to record

early August, It's another EP, this

before Christmas and there's

their second single due out in

eltered version of Rolf Harris's

'Two Little Boys", plus some

To His Horse", with lyrics (as

'Socks" and "Saying Goodbye

enthuses Max modestly. "It's got a really funky backing track, but

basically it's the same as 'Food

Wonderful Food' from 'Oliver'!"

'As the 'B' side of our last

single was the most successful," Roger adds, "We'll probably

make this one a double 'B' side."

side, as we had an 'A' side and a 'B' side last time," ponders Max.
This avalanche of crazy ideas is

second nature to the band. They

they were going to record for the

single when they went into the studio, and when they came out

they had two new numbers, one

MAX IS also quite taken with the

says, and filming should start

any week now (although this will

clash with the band's tour dates.

a spot of elementary detective

work reveals later). The TV advert holds little

interest for Max because the

company just want to use the

song "Two Pints" and would

rather its author kept well away from the proceedings. The

idea of being a film star. He

of which was "Socks".

claims that he has been approached to make television and film commercials for a well

known brand of lager. Negotiations are under way, he

didn't even know which songs

"Or perhaps a 'C' side and a 'D'

time featuring a somewhat

original material, probably

ever) by Max.

that about mad dogs and

Englishmen?

true, since Max has already become notorious in the short time he's been around - the band started gigging around March 1979 - for his wild story

telling and publicity gimmicks. But whether or not you believe him (and it's wise to take everything with a pinch of salt). Max is convincing and funny enough to make you laugh, which is what Splodgeness are

When Max tells a story everyone roars with laughter, at him as much as the tale, It's the way he tells them, so matter-of-factly, his face a cross between studied and quizzical, but breaking into impish grins every now and then. For all his tough boy clothes — well worn leather jacket, fading union jack T shirt and scuffed monkey boots - Max is just a cheeky schoolboy

THE BEST of the band although looking and acting older and more sensible off stage, are fitting accomplices during the set, cavorting around the stage firing each other out of cannons, throwing things (flour, for example) and waving things (bums, for exemple) at the

At a recent gig they even brought a pantomime donkey on singing the popular "Donkey Riding". Things got rather out of hand, however, when keyboards player Winston Forbe (also fondly known as Jockey Gut, being extremely large and hairy) jumped onto the tail end of the donkey as well, thereby dislocating the shoulder of the unfortunate person playing the ass's ass.

It all seems like a Travelling Freak Show, what with the crazy antics and the ludicrous names. Their current tour, for example, goes under the notable title of "Not So Much Time To Wallow In The Pardon Me Boy Is That The Toffee Crisp You Chew Chew Tour". How about that for a

cinema one, however, Max enthuses, is "well out of order" Which roughly translated means they want him in it.

"It's made by the people who made that "bleep" (substitute well known brand of cigarette) advert that's shown at cinemas The one about the Zulus and the British army - lots of fighting and chaos and disorder."

(This is explained from on top of the executive's desk where Max has just climbed, scattering piles of papers as he emonstrates his proposed acting role.)

The idea is that Max is filmed walking into a pub where he demands two pints of lager and a packet of crisps, end as the song

has it, fails to get served. May then charges at the bar, hacking into it with an axe while repeating his order.

Still getting no response. Max takes up a pneumatic drill and starts demolishing the pub. still yelling his order above the din. Still no head is turned nor eyebrow raised, not even when Max eventually reappears with a chainsew and completely demolishes the pub.

Finally Max will utter the magic words "two pints of X" (substitute well known brand of lager) and lo, he gets noticed and

"Actually I've had another idea for that." Max beams, in his element now. "We set up the bar

to look exactly like The Rovers in Coronation Street, then I come in and chop off this girl's head who looks exactly like Bette Lynch they could use a dummy I suppose — and then I give her a pint of X to get her head together again - man."

By this time Baby Greensleeves is slumped right down in her chair fecing the wall, desperately trying to suppress her giggles. This one's obviously new to her, although Max swears

ALL THIS of course makes for under the other, and Roger great entertainment, not to trailing behind. mention hit records. But how "We're going down the pub." long can all this silliness go on? he announces to the publicity Could Max's wit and humour dry man. "Put the record on, will up, or could the audience just get you? Loud."

bored with it? Roger (who, by the

way, has just ennounced he used to be Black Sabbath's bass

"It's getting sillier all the time.

and we work on the principle

and communicating to the

philosophy it's that."

lump it." Max adds.

that if we're having a good time

people, the people are going to

have a good time. If we've got a

"People can either like it or

the offices, Baby Greensleeves

on one arm. Two Pints Pearson

And with that he sweeps out of

player) doesn't think so.





DEUTSCH AMERIKANISCHE FREUNDSCHAFT: Die Kleinen Und Die Bösen (Mute). The last time I wrote about DAF, I got severely taken to task by the Mutants at Mute for failing to appreciate their

Kebabtraume"/"Gewalt" single. While I still don't reckon it's all that impressive, a whole album does make it much easier to understand what this German four piece (their name translates into German American Friendship) are about.

Taking their cue from the title (which means "the small and the evil"), their music is pretty hard

stuff with very little nostalgia for past traditions, going instead for functional lyrics about industry and politics, lust and money. The musical side is similarly rough and emotional expressionism, exploring melodic themes with guitar and synthesiser.

The first side is the more accessible, being reasonably restrained and attractive, but the second side is the real challenge live recordings of an aggressive, distorted assault force which demands your attention rather than seeking your affection. Not pretty but certainly effective - one for those into the harsher side of music. Translated lyrics are enclosed, and there's a good sleeve too.

By complete contrast come THE SILICON TEENS with their "Music For Parties", also on Mute. Four British schoolkids who play around with synthesisers in their spare time, they've made some extremely neat singles recently with synthesised reworkings of rock 'n' roll oldies - three of them are here, including the present one.

SILICON

The Silicon Teens (left to right): Darryl (vocals), Diane (synthesiser), Jackie (electric percussion) and Paul (synthesiser).

These were welcome enough as one-offs, but when a whole bunch are simply strung together like they are here, inevitably some will demand a more human touch than this digital dialling treatment. The whole collection. especially with interpretations so faithful to the original as these, simply invites the comment -

very pretty, but so what? The three original tracks. though not much more daring than the covers, are certainly more interesting and a more even old/new balance would have done the band much better instice

(Both albums distributed by Rough Trade and Spartan; contact: SAE to 16 Decov Avenue, London NW11.J

### singles

First up is "Come Back To Me"/"Misfit" by Bok Bok (Bok Bok Records). This belongs to the same mould - if not the same sessions - as The Teardrops album reviewed last issue. Rough, enthusiastic Mancunian pop with its heart in the right place and its execution not too wide of the mark. Features Buzzcock Steve Garvey on guitar. Likeable

Talking of Manchester brings us nicely to The Fall whose new "How I Wrote 'Elastic Man'" (Rough Trade) is more of their recently improved, more streamlined style. Musically more simple and direct than of old without losing any of its vigour, this features th unsinkable Mark Smith pursuing his own rebellious course with one of his lively melodic monologues, (Or, as the press release puts it, "bringing intelligence and satire to audiences who don't want it."]

is more of the same and performed with equal gusto. Good record. The Prefects were more true punk pioneers who earned my undying admiration for locking The Clash in their dressing rooms on the "Anarchy" tour. "Going

Through The Motions" and

The 'B' side, "City Hobaoblins"

"Things In General" (Rough Trade) are two tracks from a 1977 Peel session and, despite their inevitable musical crudity, they show a real inventiveness awareness and true vitality sadly missing in most of today's more calculated releases. Well observed, slyly witty lyrics as well -- 1977 as it deserves to be remembered, (Sham 69, Cockney Rejects etc, please note). Liliput used to be Kleenex until the tissue people objected (boo hiss). Here the Swiss girls return with two new members Chrigel Freund on vocals and Angie Barack on sax — and bring not so much a breath of fresh air as a force ten gale.

They storm though the bouncy "Split" (Rough Trade) with unstoppable energy - lyrics in German, not that it matters before running confidently through "Die Matrosen" (lyrics in English!) with its brilliant whistled hook line. Both tracks are insanely catchy and so completely lacking in any pose or preening element that they are entirely irresistible. You'd have to have a heart of stone not to like this - one of the best singles of the year and unreservedly recommended. Great sleeve as

Finally, belated congratulations also to Rough Trade for rescuing and re-releasing Pere Ubu's
"Final Solution". This is simply a classic song and performance that belongs in every self respecting record collection. As good now as it was when recorded in 1976 - buy and see who's been influencing who in the gritty industrial stakes Melody and magic: true genius. (Contact for all above singles SAE to Scott, Rough Trade, 202 Kensington Park Road, London

And lastly, there's The Cigarettes with "Can't Sleep At Nights" (Dead Good), Steve Bush really likes this lot though I really can't see why, despite the worthy anti-nuclear theme. To me it just sounds like any old three piece thrash with no particular gifts for melody or lyrics. You decide. (Contact: SAE to 292/3 High Street, Lincoln.) Red Starr

## independent singles top 30

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1		TITLE/ARTIST	LABEL
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3	_	HOLIGAY IN CAMBODIA Dead Kennedys	Cherry Res
1		HOBGOBLINS Fall	Develop a
5	9 1	BLOODY REVOLUTIONS/PERSONS UNKNOWN	Crass/Poison Girls Crass
8		FIGHT BACK (EP) Discharge	Clay
7		MY WAY OF THINKING UB40	Graduata
9		JUST LIKE EDDIE/SUN FLIGHT Silicon Teens	Mute
9		EALITIES OF WAR Discharge	Clay
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17		EALITY ASYLUM Crass	Crass
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15	- G	GING THROUGH THE MOTIONS Prefects	Rough Trade
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17	14 Y	DU CAN BE YOU Honey Bane	Crass
18	_ U	KE THIS FOR AGES Cupol	4AQ
19	10 FI	NAL DAYS Young Marble Giants	Rough Trade
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22		OT READY Sector 27	Panic
23		NAL SOLUTION Pere Ubu	Rough Trade
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5	_ 6	TOTALE'S TURNS (IT'S NOW OR NEVER) Fall	Rough Trade
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8	_9	DIE KLEINEN UND DIE BOSEN DAF	Mute
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Fancy a video entertainment computer? Then here's your chance to win one. What the lucky winner of our Crossword Competition receives is as follows (a) a video computer unit measuring approximately one foot square by three inches deep, complete with power trensformer and instructions on how to plug into your TV set (colour or black and white). (b) two handset controls which can vary game time and speed as well as stop and start; and (e) two pre-programmed cartridges giving you a total of sk different games to play. You even get the appropriate sound effects! On top of that, there'll be a copy of "From A To B", the edbut album from New Musik which includes their current hit "Senetuary." Which includes their current hit "Senetuary conductive of the programmed after the closing date (August 8] cops the video set and a copy of "From A To B". The next 25 correct entries opened will such receive e New Musik album. Now read on . . . .

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## A Lover's Holiday

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That very night in oral, black city.
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In each other saw a chance to start a new thing Mere we sae inside all that's best And in his hand he held a ring

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How does it feel having the disce page LIVE from Carnaby Street then? (Think time). Answers, on

a postcard only, to Pull yourself together Beverly, and sort out the junk from the funk (good, eh?)

One that you should have no trouble remembering the title of is "Oops Up Side Your Head" by The Gap Band (Mercury) which is It's basically a rapping sound containing a few naughty words here and there, about Jack and Jill's escapades up the hill (bit risky that!)

Stewart and Johnny Bristol have teamed up and produced a great version of "My Guy"/"My Girl"

on Atlantic Records. Their voices seem to be made for each other and if it's not a hit, I'll be most

One of the basic drawbacks with disce acts is that so many of them are faceless wonders (session musicians!) who come and go before you even knew their names. One act I've never come across before are Rene and Angela who have a record entitled "Free And Easy" (Capital). This little masterpiece kicks off with Rene singing whilst Ange repeats the title in the background, then they swep round. The highlight of the song comes when they combine and sing the title together (wow

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Also this week I received a re-mix version of "I Ain't Never by Isaac Hayes (Polydor). The only difference I can spot though is the misprint on the label which says play at 45rpm instead of the 33rpm it should be. I wonder how many re-mixes are issued purely to earn an extra few bob in these hard times

Although one of the best bassists around, Stanley Clarke's new single "We Supply" (Epic) isn't up to much. The spoken intro tells you that if you're tired

of the same old funk, wake up as he will supply all your funky needs. Well I am, but he didn't Still, let's hope there's better things to come on the album

Just time to mention Tom Browne's "Funking For Jamaica" (Arista). If this sample of his Jamaican funk is anything to go by, he's come a long way since his school days!!! (Exit with broad grin).

Bye. Beverly







## EVERYBODY'S GOT TO LEARN SOMETIME

The Korgis tell Fred Dellar how they too discovered three-minute pop songs.

assistance, finally supplied Rialto WE'VE BEEN out and about on a photo session, its involved a wander round to the local skateboard park, now a decrepit slab of bumpy concrete next to the canal. The three Korgis have been posing, sometimes seriously — "I'll put on my scientology stare," says James Warren - or merely acting the goat, according to the whims of photographer Laurie Evans. More recently, the band's But now we're making our way through the burnt out shop that hides the entrance to The Korgis'

climb the creaky stairs. "I elways have a sense of deep foreboding when I climb these things," remarks Stuart Gordon. He's right. Hitchcock would have loved the place. Once inside, we settle down and discuss the obvious question - what's happened to Andy Davis?

publicist's office and begin to

ANDY WAS a founder member of The Korgis. Both he and James Warren once formed part of Stackridge, a rather oddball West Country outfit that finally split in 1976, following a five album career. Its members went their separate ways but Andy and James, after various abortive projects, eventually got back

They cut some demo tapes and later, after getting some financial Records with an album on which the duo shared the songwriting

and vocal duties. When the album, simply titled "The Korgis" was released last year, the pair also appeared on the front cover, looking much like a couple of out of work Mafia hit-men. And hit-men they proved to be - thanks to "If I Had You", penned by Andy.

second album "Dumb Waiters" an immaculately conceived pop package, arrived on our depicted a trio of Korgis, namely James Werren, singer, bassist and writer of "Everybody's Got To Learn Sometime", Stuart Gordon a multi-instrumentalist, and Phil Harrison, another man of many parts, most of them to do with keyboards.

So what did happen to Andy Davis? it's James, Bristol born, mild of manner and precise of speech,

who elects to answer. "Basically, he just wanted to do other things. He thought the idea of The Korgis was omewhat limiting. But he wrote half the songs on the new album and was on the recording sessions through to the mixing stage, at which time he decided to leave. He's now with a band

celled the V Chickens, though I

only learned that today."
Andy always was restless.
With Stackridge he constantly yearned for novelty, always calling for personnel changes in he band with the result that James himself was thrown out at one point. And when there were no more switches to be made, Andy, then the band's guitarist, eventually sacked himself, thought better of it and finally returned as a drummer!

STUART AND Phil, a Bristol based duo, came in as session men on The Korgis' first album, stayed for the second and finally ended up as James Warren's new partners in pop. They share hilarious memories of the way the first album was recorded.

"It took nearly as long as 'Dumb Waiters' to make," they recall. "But it was done in someone's apartment rether than in a studio. When James was doing one of his lead vocal overdubs, he had to sit on a window ledge at the back of the

"There he was, perched four floors up - and then he had to get some lady to stop mowing her lawn because the noise of her mower was coming through onto the tracks. That was while we were making 'If I Had You', so if you listen closely you'll probably hear a lawn mower in there somewhere."

The threesome claim that though the second album was recorded in a fully equipped, 16 track studio, their five month long stay didn't cost them a

"We did it at Crescent Studios in Bath. It's not all that expensive there. David Lord, the chap who owns the studios, is also the main engineer there. He helped us produce the album. He's fantastic, and we regard him as the fifth Korgi."

It also turns out that James and the two newcomers aren't exactly new to each other. Newcomers, did I say? Well,

"We've been playing professionally for ten years," Phil says. "It's just that we've never been in a band that's particularly famous so nobody has heard of us. We had a single out on Pye last year and James played on that session for us.

"We also nearly got roped into Stackridge at one time by the bend's then manager. So our paths have crossed from time to time. I mean, I can remember James phoning me about three years ago and asking if we needed a bass guitarist because he was out of work, but we

couldn't afford him! pounds upfront," exaggerates the keyboard man.

'And a bag of chips," adds his fair haired friend. TRYING TO bring matters back to

a more serious level, I ask if their name was evolved from that of the Korg synthesiser, one of the many different types used by the hand to create the electronics that dominate the album.

James adjusts his spectacles and remarks that this isn't so. "Originally we spelt the name with a 'C' — then we decided a 'K' looked nicer. Anyway, we don't use a Korg all that much. The main synthesiser we use is the Fairlight CMI that we borrowed from Peter Gabriel.

That can synthesise anything!"
"The CMI is really a computer, Stuart explains. "You can programme any noise into it and turn that noise into a musical sound.

"We used the CMI on every track on the album and it provided a lot of sounds that you wouldn't think were done by a synthesiser. A lot of the drum sounds and tom-toms came out of that instrument, and some of the guitar sounding things aren't by guitars at all."

It all sounds like a far cry from Stackridge's second album when the band were given just ten days to complete the disc. In fact, the band worked on such a low budget that they had to get George Martin, producer of many of The Beatles hits, to mastermind their third album in

order to get the finance they bariupar

"And then he got ten times as much as we did," James says ruefully. But Stackridge — whose fan club was known as The Rhubarb Thrashing Society were a fine rock band though prone to whimsy, recording such ditties as "Dora The Female Explorer", "Percy The Panguin" and "Keep On Clucking" —
which is why they sometimes
lost out in the credibility stakes.

But in their day they recorded seny a melodic song. Why then has it taken so long for Warren's tunes to make any real impact? James looks thoughtful.

I think maybe we did write melodic songs, but they were never pop songs as such. There was always something very unacceptable about them, something inaccessible. Now our songs are pop of the Top 20 sort." They changed, James says, because they simply thought they were flogging a dead horse.
"We didn't want to write any

more material that was going to keep us on the dole. We wanted to write songs that people were actually going to buy and like.

Anyway, I do like pop songs (James lists The Beatles and The Beach Boys among his greatest influences) so it wasn't just a

matter of selling out. "It's just that we never got around to doing this sort of thing in Stackridge. This time we've worked at it."

THE IDEA of printing the lyrics to The Korgis' hits amuses the band no end. James freely admits that the latest album includes no lyric sheet because the lyrics are "incredibly embarrassing."

"What usually happens is that I sing some words as soon as I think of a tune. Then, when the time comes for me to submit a complete song, I either write an entirely new lyric the night

words I wrote at the start. The words of the current single are the demo ones, the ones that first came into my

I suggest that James' writing often reflects something of the past, the current single being basically a '50s type ballad dressed in '80s gloss.

"We're all very old fashioned," James grins. "We're all getting on a bit - Phil's 30, I'm 29 and Stuart's 29 - it's old age pension pop really!"

What seems certain is that Stuart and Phil will provide some songs for the next album, though they say that they'll tread warily

evolve naturally. Andy was involved in this album and so his nfluence is strong. He may be involved in the next one as a writer - we hope he is - but he won't have so much influence because he won't actually be there. What about touring?

"Going out on the road is something that's dependent on sales of the album as well as the singles. It's possible that we may go out at the end of the year, but we'd have to add a couple of new instrumentalists before we go on stage - and we'd have to play concert halls because anything else would be a waste of time, due to the amount of equipment that's necessary." Not that James regrets this.

"I prefer to do things well, so I want to play in a good concert hell rather than in some grotty club in Sunderland or elsewhere I've been playing clubs up and down the country for ten years and it would be nice to do things in really good halls from now on. "However, all three of us are so used to being unsuccessful that it's all a fleeting flash at present. don't know about Phil and Stuart, but I don't look very hard shead."

THE INTERVIEW over, I make my way out into the London rain. The sound of "Everybody's Got To Learn Sometimes" issues forth from a passing radio. The radio's owner begins to sing

suddenly there seems no doubt about The Korgis' future.

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I'm all lonely
Is there anybody out there who feels the same? Every time I turn on my TV I see somebody loving somebody

### Charus

Are you getting enough happiness? Are you getting enough of what makes you happy? Are you getting enough happiness? Are you getting enough of what makes you happy?

Every time I open a book or read a magazine There's happiness everywhere I look
Every page I turn I can read between the lines
That the boy's gonne get it tonight
Well, what's the matter with me? Am I the only one?
Or is there somebody out there who feels the same?

Every time I turn on my radio I hear a love song playing on every show

### Repeat chorus

I need excitement in my life I need happiness, happiness every night I need someone to call upon When the need is strong for loving, loving

### Repeat chorus

Are you getting enough kissing, hugging, loving? Are you getting enough of what makes you happy?
Are you getting enough loving?
Are you getting enough of what makes you happy?

Repeat chorus to fade

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I miss you more and more

Heart of my heart
I'm feeling so lonely

All I can do Is dreaming of you

Repeat chorus

I still remember the very first time I saw you and your eyes met mine I wish it could happen again All over again All over again

Repeat chorus

Maria dame

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Repeat chorus

I still remember the very first time I saw you and your eyes met mine I wish it could happen again All over again All over again

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This issue's quiz centres round that leading lady of films and stages both theatrical and musical — ladies and gentlemen, let's hear it for Toyah!

We'll be giving away twenty five prizes in all, divided between (a) The first five, who will receive a

the first five, who will receive a copy of Toyah's latest album "The Blue Meaning", an autographed poster, a T shirt and badge, and a Toyah songbook featuring the lyrics and music to some of Toyah's best known songs; and (b) The twenty withours in who will leach proceive. runners up, who will each receive the album, autographed poster and badge

If you fancy one of these prizes, then fill in your answers to these then fill in your answers to these six questions below on the entry form and send it to arrive by August 7 (the closing date) to: Smash Hist Toyah Competition, 14 Holkham Road, Orton Southgate, PETERBOROUGH PE2 OUF. The first twenty five rrect entries opened will receive prizes as above

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it? B) Name the punk film in which Toyah played the part of Mad C) Name the mod film which starred Toyah along with Sting and Phil Daniels

D) Name the new film adapted from Shakespeare in which Toyah plays the part of Miranda. E) Toyah's first LP and 6 track AP shared the same agricultural title. What is it? F) Is Toyah's age (a) 16 (b) 22 (c)

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J think he's dead, an a door ward.

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But don't be alarmed, it was the right thing to do.

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I think and disorderly was his crime.

I think and the should be doing time.

But he's doal the should be doing time.

He was drunk and disorderly and now he's dealed.

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Police have the answers
But they haven't got the right to kill a man
To take away his life
Perhaps I'm not too bright
But I think your verdict was just a lie, a lie, a lie, lie
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## SINGLES

By David Hepworth

GRACE JONES: Private Life (Island). As singers go, Grace Jones is a good model and a fine clothes horse. One of the many things she has no business doing majestic heat of The Pretenders' the kind of vocal delivery that

THE SEARCHERS: Love's Melody name of The Motors The Searchers, who are far better nowadays when nobody's listening than they were back in the sixties when they were teen sensations, lend it their best pristing treatment; top down lashing the whole thing together humour. Bet this is the last you

MARTHA AND THE MUFFINS: About Insomnia (DinDisc), I've no Martha And The Muffins will cut a record so thin and so lacking in substance that it'll no longer be there when you get up to take it off. This second attempt to go where "Echo Beach" went



being a fair bit less memorable than "Saigon". And you know how impressive that was.

THE SPECTRES: This Strange Effect (Direct Hit), First foray into Matiock's new ensamble is en evasive, almost satirical obscure that it's doubtful whether Rev Davies can recell ghostly saxophones wail round the back while ear piercing and Matlock dislodges tongua from cheek in order to Intone the fashion. The name of the label is singularly inappropriate, I fear.

If You Let It (Epic), Forging a career out of a few simple variations on a theme of The Who and The Beatles is not the easiest songwriter person Rick Nellsen in particular) make it look simple. adjustment and bags of old fashioned gusto they manage to sell this rousing fusio soundtrack of "Roadie"

JONA LEWIE: Big Shot wishing Stiff had dusted off "Goo last single but one and es good a song as ever failed to crawl on to the Radio One playlist, I can't deny an ounce of the deffy charm that comes waddling off "Big is a joy, keyboards of all shapes and sizes play tag in the background while Jone, sleepy as ever, sings of the danger of from time to time in a chord

THE PIRANHAS: Tom Hark (Sire). and I passed an absorbing few minutes the other day trying to old tune or whether it just sounded like one. After

we abandoned the research and conceded the fact that The Piranhas have knocked together a record that rolls barrel organ style and ought to be attracting over the country.

**ANY TROUBLE: 2nd Choice** 

(Stiff). An almost record. The line that starts "a simple life is all I need" shows just how capable a songwriter Clive Gregson can be and beers out the good things Manchester, All of their songs Unfortunately they let obvious when something more radical is called for. That said, this is a fine effort, and the live treatment of Abba's "Name Of

TALKING HEADS: Cities (Sire). So what's new? I can't believe company really thinks this kind of highly strung stuff is going to be live version of the same song plus a vastly superior run through "Artists Only". New

WILKO JOHNSON: Oh Lonesome Me (Blockhead). With The Blockheads dropping into their standard in cautious feshion, to raise the whole affair above

CHIC: Rebels Are We (Atlantic). The same non-tune that's played the starring role on all their previous money spinners gets jerky rhythm framework. The

STIFF LITTLE FINGERS: Back To Front/Mr Fire Coal Man (Chrysalis), I'm told Stiff Little Fingers are a grand bunch of lads. Why they have to mess up what could be a beautiful friendship by making records don't know. The front side of this double feature is their usual rumpled thresh with Jake Burns' as soon as it's required to retain a note for more than two seconds. 'Mr Fire Coal Man" is an old reggae song which is mainly notable for some of the slackest drumming ever to attempt to keep up with the rest of the band.



INVISIBLE GIRLS: Dream Sequences (Illusive) Producer Mertin Hannett seems to specialise in giving form to songs lines. While the finished article does have a certain demure appeal, it's difficult to understand what it's supposed to be doing on a single.

THE BLADES: Hot For You (Energy). I'm all in favour of and sharp songs. But the trouble sound exactly like every other tough, economic and sharp song This sounds as if it was assembled from a do it yourself

THE BOOKS: Take Us To Your Leader (Logo). Many clever touches do not a great record make



ANDY FAIRWEATHER LOW: Let Ya Beedle Lam Bam (Warner Bros). Pliss, what is dis beedle we are instructed to lam bam? Gratel and I are much tickled with these naughty sexophones and drums man sure knows how to om pom pom, you betche bud. Those all surely sound to be having hot take a case of whatever they're are wondarful.

SCIENCE: Look Don't Touch (Risito). That's what I like to see: a nice unassuming kind of name. The trouble with all this scampering colour supplement synthesiser music is the way it tempte people to write songs about as personal, humourous and involving as the technical specifications printed on the base of a food mixer. Bring back the Human League.

TELEX: We Are All Getting Old (Sire). Tea break's over lads, back on your heads.

**ROY HILL: From The Bottom Of** My Heart (Scratch). Despite a full stretch chorus with more than a little aggression, this is a comparatively subdued release from the man who has previously made a virtue out of advanced cynicism. Well produced and sung, it could possibly make a market.

MAGAZINE: Sweetheart Contract (Virgin). I get the feeling that Howard Devoto puts more thought into the titles of his songs than he does into the tunes. This does no more for me than its predecessors; most of the effort is spent on pumping life into the all important air of mystique. A double single with three previously unreleased live tracks.



DETROIT SPINNERS: Love Trippin' (Atlantic). As vocal groups go, The Detroit Spinners are possibly one of the best around. Like most acts that rely on other people's material, however, they are at their best on singles and seem to find it hard to make a really worthwhile elbum. Three recent singles are included here — "Body Language",
"Working My Way Back To You"
and "Cupid" — so if you've already got these then you can give this M.O.R. disco album a miss. (5 out of 10).

ATHLETICO SPIZZ '80: Do A Runner (A&M). Something of a disappointment this, mostly due disappointment this, mostly due to lack of any real distinguishing features, leading in turn to overall monotony. Like Devo, they seem unable to follow up their early killer singles (none included here), and no amount of busy



arrangements, choppy rhythms or sly humour can disguise basic melodic weakness. This does grow on you — thanks mainly to the science fiction lyric sheet but the best track remains the inventive, long, neer-instrumental "Airships", (5 out of 10).

CLIVE LANGER AND THE BOXES: Splash (F Best). A modest, tuneful debut album from the ex-Deaf School man which finds him operating for the most part in territory somewhere between Madness and Squeeze.

He specialises in a similar kind of deteched cockney delivery and his songs are tight and well observed. The best of them genuinely deserve to be hits. The album tends to lose focus in places but overall it shows great promise (61/2 out of 10). David Henworth

DEXYS MIDNIGHT RUNNERS: Searching For The Young Soul Rebels (Late Night Feelings). A series of interesting ideas misfire. Their determination to fashion compulsive, contemporary music using sixties soul as a reference point stumbles over a whole Gola bag full of pretensions and attempts to be profound. Potentially good songs are dragged down by mannered vocals and would-be epic arrangements. The three singles provide the high points while the rest ranges from the intriguing to the unlistenable. (5 out of 10). David Hepworth

KID CREOLE AND THE COCONUTS: Off The Coast Of Me (Ze/Island). Weighing in somewhere around where calypso meets funk, Augusto recent "I'm An Indian Too" gem) shakes his heady cocktail of irresistible dance beat, fiendishly catchy melodies, natty arrangements and some superb boy/girl tease lyrics. Add an overall coat of sassy, knowing class reminiscent of Chic and you get this liqueur chocolate box affair. Fine album - treat yourself! (8 out of 10).

CARLENE CARTER: Musical Shapes (F Beat). Produced by Nick Lowe and featuring backings courtesy of the mighty Rockpile, this hugely engaging elbum confirms Carlene as the female artist best equipped to drag country rock into the Eighties. Her singing is never less than skilful and funny (sometimes it's sexy, but that's another story) as she rips through a succession of tightly packed end very knowing original compositions with the emphasis firmly on robust, good natured entertainment. Great sieeve too. (71/2 out of 10).

David Hepworth

JOY DIVISION: Closer (Factory): 'Possessed by a fury from inside" says one of the songs, and this is an exercise in derk, controlled passion as well as showing a more melodic side (eg. the mesmerising "Decedes").
Unfortunately the cover (chosen before lan Curtis' death) is only going to reinforce the worship of the man at the expanse of the music. A pity, because the music stands up on its own as the band's epitaph. (8½ out of 10).

Alastair Macaulay

ANY TROUBLE: Where Are All The Nice Girls? (Stiff), Quietly impressive first album from a Midlands four piece which is fated to be compared to
Costello's first. Instrumentally they have a kneck for spare. melodious rock 'n' roll, while singer/writer Clive Gregson has one of the most attractive and distinctive voices of the year. Mostly they turn out fast, nifty numbers but each side features one lovely belled which hints at the class they have in store. (8 out of 10).

David Hepworth

CHIC: Real People (Atlantic). The product of The Chic Organisation is their sound and Chic are all about style, class, sophistication end polish. Close your eyes and Room At The Top becomes Studio 54 and Southend seems like the South Of France. Some songs ere a little under par but all still beer that easily recognisable Chic stemp. The great title track plus "26" and "Rebeis Are We" are all examples of Chic at their best. (8 out of 10).

ECHO & THE BUNNYMEN Crocodiles (Korova). Proof positive that there's just no substitute for a good song delivered with power and imagination. This extremely talented Liverpudlien outfit deliver addictive melodies with dark and moody (but not obscure) personal lyrics, all turned into compulsive listening by a driving beat, ringing guitars and a hauntingly emotional voice. Pity about the short playing time because this is brilliant stuff. Album Of The Year? (91/2 out of

lan Cranna

SMASH HITS 29

## NEON KNIGHTS

By Black Sabbath on Vertigo Records

Oh no, here it comes again Can't remember when we came So close to love before Hold on, good things never last Nothing's in the past

Nothing's in the past It always seems to come again Again and again

Again and again, again Cry out to legions of the brave

Time again to save us From the jackals of the street Ride out, protectors of the realm Captains at the helm Sail across the sea of light

Circles and rings Dragons and kings Weaving a charm and a spell Blessed by the night Holy and right

Called by the toll of the bell Bloody angels fast descending Moving on a never bending light Phantom figures free forever Out of shadows, shining ever bright

Neon knights Neon knights, all right

Repeat 2nd verse Again and again Again and again and again Neon knights, neon knights Neon knights, all right

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I wanne be loved
Don't wenne be teased
Don't want no women
Getting down on her knees
I'm ready and willing
To reach for the sun
So I can get me some loving
Before i'm gone

I want more, more, more, more I want some more of that sweet satisfaction To soothe my soul

I want you to rock me all night long Rope and ride me baby, do me wrong Roll me over, make me bleed I'd dance with the devil To get what I need

I need more, more, more, more I need some more of that sweet satisfaction To soothe my soul

I get this crazy feeling inside my soul And it's driving me insane I get this crazy feeling Can you feel it baby? It's driving me out of my mind It's driving me out of my mind I'm telking about sweet satisfaction Ready and willing, sweet satisfaction Ready and willing, sweet satisfaction Ready and willing, sweet satisfaction Sweet satisfaction, I'm ready and willing

I get this crazy feeling inaide my soul And it's diving me insene I get this crazy feeling. Can you feel it baby? It's driving me out of my mind I keep on looking for Sweet satisfaction, ready and willing Sweet satisfaction, ready and willing Sweet satisfaction, it's ready and willing Repeat and a dill bit o fade

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ONCE UPON a time, there was an ace mag called Smash Hits. I used to buy it regularly and spend hours reading the lyrics. features, etc. But the highlight of my simple existence was the letters page where WITTY remarks were exchanged between readers. Ah - those were the days.

NOW, when I turn to the aforementioned page, what do I find? A load of morons mouthing off about people who don't share their musical taste, and writing generally boring letters that us ordinary plebs don't care two hoote about

Well, I just thought I'd join you. Jose, Vicars Cross, Chester,

THANKS A lot for the recent Undertones article and for trying to show the group as they really are. Apart from their music, the reason they're so good is that they're not afraid (or too self important) to stay on the same level as their fans.

With other groups I can always sense the barrier between us but talking to Mickey recently, I felt as if I were talking to an old friend,

not an idol. This unstandoffishness(?) comes out even on record. If they ever see this, may I thank them for a great gig at Hammersmith?
Ally, Cockfosters, Herts

DEAR TOTALLY Disillusioned Buggles Fanatic On The Verge of Suicide

Please do write to The Buggles to make them change their minds - then they might not ruin one of the most fantastic groups ever Although Jon Anderson and Rick Wakeman have left, surely more suitable replacements could be found? It's like I ena Martell joining Queen! Totally Disillusioned Yes Fanatic Just Recovering From The Verge Of Suicide, Bradford.

DEAR MOLE Freak (issue June

You must be really lucky to think that there are no "skinettes". There are skin girls who have just as little intelligence as skinheads. In fact, these girls look more masculine than the blokeel

They, like skinheads, enjoy nothing more than threatening people, causing trouble and generally acting like ignorant prats. The reason you have never seen a letter in this excellent mad from a Skinhead/girl is because, suspect, most of them can't write Their vocabularly is limited to "Moonstomp", "People Having Fun — Kill" and "Me Tarzan".

If you haven't seen these female zombies, my answer is: come to Wembley! Captain Incredulous of Middlesov

GREAT CARTOONS - congrats to Mark Casto Stella (who wishes she was Sonia Kristina)

FORGET ABOUT the sexist lyrics in "Roxanne" etc., what about the very sexist lyrics in "Two Pints Of Lager And A Packet Of Crisps Please", "One Step

Beyond" and most important, "Toccatta" and "Morning Dance"? Has the world gone blind or deaf even? I don't live in Ireland for nothing, you know. Yours anti-disco. Peter Jones, Sutton, Dublin

DEAR SMASH HITS

Would you please pass on a message for me to Stewart Copeland and tell him to stop impersonating me? It can get very hairy being a super crime fighting hero, and I wouldn't like to see anyone killed on my behalf. (That Cat Woman can be very sly, you know.) Your ever faithful servant. The Real Klark Kent (Superman). PS. Sorry about the web on this paper but Spiderman slobbers

TO THE person who asked which shampoo Motorhead used (issue June 121

They don't use shampoo they use Domestos! lan Bellan, Connah's Quay. Clwvd.

PLEASE, PLEASE tell me, has Dave Hughes left Dalek i to join Orchestral Manoeuvres In The Dark permanently? Dedicated Orchestral Manoeuvres Fan.

The word is that Orchestral Manoeuvres will remain just Andy and Paul but they'll be helped out from time to time by people like Dave Hughes. The real heart of Dalek i, Alan Gill, has just joined Teardrop Explodes as guitarist, however, and parts of

The Teardrop album are now being re-recorded for autumn release. According to their manager Bill Drummond, Alan Gill will continue to be Dalek i "in his bedroom in the evenings!"

COULD YOU tell us if The Undertones have got a fan clair? If so, what is the address? Two Undertonettes, S. Wales.

There's no Undertones fan club as vet, but one is being set up and we'll announce details when they're ready. Meanwhile you can write to the band c/o Nancy Phillips at their management: Cracks Ninety, 131/4 Liverpool Road, London N1, enclosing SAE please if expecting a reply.

I WOULD like to thank the Musicians Union because if they weren't on strike, we would have to suffer Olivia Neutron Bomb and ELO on Top Of The Pops. As I am of a nervous disposition, the excitement would be too much for me. Thank you, thank you. Manon, Skelmersdale, The North West

INDIRECTLY TO Deanne Pearson, Maybe you can forget the Klark Kent single (issue June 12) or would like to, but at least you don't have to struggle as with other songs to understand the "deep meaning" of the misunderstood or suicidal. You don't have to work hard to enjoy "Away From Home"

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I AM EXTREMELY unhappy about the way Piss Artist Pearson dragged Sad Cafe's new single "Nothing Left Toulouse" down to its level. This track from the "Facades" album is easily the best from some very good tracks. know it definitely does not deserve to be reviewed by a mindless moron like Pearson. This woman(?) does not deserve to have a christian name remotely like mine. Dean Moore, Biddulph, Stoke.

V DO you pronounce Deanne as in Deanne Pearson? Is it De-anne, or Dean, or Moron? Rose-hip Jones, Leicester.

RED STARR is a complete and tter prat and should be hung om a block of flats by a delicate part of his anatomy. His review of Toyah's "Blue Meaning" (issue June 26) was decrepit and leads me to ask if he has even heard the album! He obviously has no taste (or is totally deaf). This album is absolutely brill and I don't think Red Starr knows what he's on

Adrian Brennan, Smethwick. P.S. Do I get any money for writing this master, masterpes, er letter? (No! Scottish Ed with melock on his wallet.) :P to David Hepworth:

eena Easton does NOT oduce two-three-kick music. After all, she is Glaswegian. Angela The Angel, Just Outside The Valley, Glasgow

DEAR DAVID HEPWORTH. I don't understand what any

about

magazine has a reviewer for. This is true - I honestly don't understand. What is the point of having someone who is obviously biased against certain artists and will put them down without mentioning their song's good points?

Each time Paul McCartney has a single out you have picked it to pieces. OK, so everybody likes and dislikes certain groups but then if that's all you've got to put in a review, can we all have a go and earn some money like you

Russell Bell.

AFTER HEARING a selection of tracks from The Photos' album, I must agree with David Hepworth's comments about them attempting to sound like Blondie. Seeing them on TV, Miss Wu even tries to act like Debbie Harry. The band obviously has some talent but this is totally

wasted if, like so many other bands around, they just don't bother to be original. Lisa, Earl Shilton, Leicester

THERE I was thumbing my way through issue June 26 when I hit the page on which there was a picture of Joe Jackson and two fans. Stood behind them, with what I think was a smile on his face was a handsome individual. Could this be David Hepworth? I asked myself and Yes was the answer I got. He's great - nearly as nice looking as Paul Weller! Yes, he's definitely very hunky Love from,

An Avid Paul Weller Fan.

TO THE one who thinks Rick Derringer is fit (issue June 26):

Surely your Bible reference proves that God thought rock was only good for building houses on - nothing else. Jet (SLF Fan).

I WOULD like to apologise for the Bo Peep letter my twin sent in (issue June 26). You will be happy to know that she is still taking the tablets and our family are now looking for offers for a second hand strait-jacket. Helen George, please accept

my apologies and you are quite welcome to hit my sister with a passing leek. Look forward to seeing you, Lisa, Chaddesden, Derby.

P.S. How's your hand?

HAS ANYBODY yet realised that next year, when metric measurement officially replaces old imperial measurements, our 7 inch singles will becme 17.7 centimetre singles as will 12 inch records become 30.4 centimetre records? No doubt they'll cost more.

K. Gillingham, Emsworth, Hants.

DEAR SMASH HITTERS, Didn't you realise that hens are into pop music too? Yet you have never once featured the Pop Hen chart I So, for all those deprived chicks out there, here it is: 1) Six Peck (including

Roxhenne, So Lonelay, Squawking On The Moon, Nest's Too Big etc.)

2) Xhenadu 3) Egyptian Eggie 4) Two Pints Of Lager And A Peck Of Crisps Please

S) Mesennes 6) Lay The Game 7) What's Another Egg?

8) Fool For Your Laying 9) You'll Always Find Me With A Chick At Hen Parties

10) P-e-eck! Step-hen Peoples, Fylingthorpe, Nr. Whitby, Yorks.





## **PUZZLE** ANSWER



## Compiled By Bev Hillier check locally before setting out in case of late



Friday July 25

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Jayne County London Music Machine
Dexy's Midnight Runners Cork City Hall
Lambrettas Bradford St. George's Hall

Pink Floyd's Roger Waters prepares for the national tour of Wembley.

Rainbow/Judas Priest Leicestershire Castle Donnington Racing Circuit Darta/Marchbox Mildenhall Speedway Stadium Athletico Spizz '80 Dudley J.B.'s Merton Parkas Coventry General Wolfe

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Monday July 28

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Tuesday July 29

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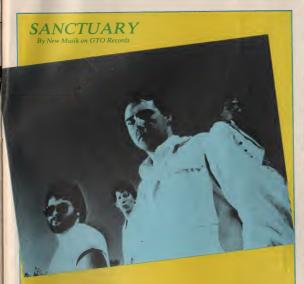
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Hiding comes easy We hide everyday I've still yet to find

Nothing can change it now I'm still looking I'm still looking, looking 'sanctuary)

> So follow the rivers And follow your dreams It's just what it seems Whatever they care Sanctuary

Nothing can change it now Nothing can change it now I'm still looking, looking (sanctuary)

I'm looking at you We look for another sanctuary But everyday We look away We think this is really sanctuary

Repeat Chorus

We think this is really (sanctuary)

Whatever it is Whatever you find Just reach out and take Your piece of the cake

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