

EDITORIAL

Well, you are now reading Bolton's new rock magazine, "Town Hall Steps". If you're wondering why it's called "Town Hall Steps", you obviously don't frequent Bolton Town Centre, and if that's the case, well I'm not telling you why: you'll have to come up to our merry little village and find out yourself. What with 1984 finishing and "Rock Life" struggling, the role of promoting rock music in Bolton is left to me and this jolly little fanzine. Thanks for buying it, but if you're reading someone else's, buy your own! Will all groups who are reading this, please send me your gig lists and photos of yourselves. If you think your group should be featured or you have any ideas or articles for the magazine, all contributions are welcome and should be sent to the following address:- Town Hall Steps,

The Editor,
Marc Gibbons.

The Reporters are the next local band to bring something out in vinyl form. Their first single will be released on May 31st and it will feature "Office Staff", "Lady Luck" and "Cinema". It will be issued on their own label in a picture cover.

TWISTED ACE look set to make it big. They will be signing to Motorhead's management if there are no setbacks when Doug Smith gets back from America. It seems that he saw them when they played at Hammersmith Odeon recently with Girlschool. Twisted Ace also have a track on a compilation album on Heavy Metal Records. The album will be called "Heavy Metal Heroes" and their track is "I won't surrender".

Troubles at the Swan: someone is spreading the rumour that discos and gigs are definitely finishing, because he doesn't like the type of customers - this is NOT, repeat NOT true. They will continue, but only as long as you support them. Last Sunday, only about 25 people came down to see Crystal Ridge.

True, there were a lot of gigs on over that weekend but that's never stopped you going before. It's bloody ridiculous, so get down there or Bolton will lose its most prominent venue.

Gigwise, THE AUTOZE have nothing 'till the end of June, but they are spending all this week in recording studios, hopefully to bring out an album in the not too distant future. They are definitely going to bring out a single though, possibly featuring "Hope & Glory" and "Freedom."

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WIFFER

Last week, John Scanlon, a roadie with Wiffer, had a serious accident at work down in Wales. It looked like he was going to pull through, and so at Silverwell Street on Saturday, the group dedicated their last song to him telling him to come back soon as they missed him. On Tuesday at 4.00, he died. The group were shattered by the news. Dave, the bassist writes: "John has gone but he will be with Wiffer in thought for a long time. We had the best road crew of any band. You can slag the band off but not the crew; they really work hard. Sean will struggle for the moment until a replacement is found. Scanny will not be forgotten."

There will be a moment's silence before this Sunday's gig at the Swan as a mark of respect. (3)