

SHOCKWAVE

Halley's Comet has been sighted again and is on its way, usually accompanied by civil unrest, wars and other disruptions. However, another cataclysmic event is due before the end of this year....

Those of you out there who haven't heard of Ted Twigg, Phil Kershaw and Mick Singleton are probably either dead or into the Nolan Sisters (there's a difference?). Phil was the guitarist on the Anthem



PHIL
MICK
TED
GEOFF

"England" single, Mick is ex-Mean Street, Ted is ex-Mean Street and Mad Racket.

The band was originally put together by Ted "for a laugh" as everyone else concerned was involved in other bands to varying extents. However, everyone got so interested in what was happening that the impromptu liason took precedence over existing committments.

Ted explained, "Originally, the idea was to get together with people who could play what I wanted, a few cover numbers and so on, basically just to have a good time. It's good for any musician to play with different people, you can always learn new ways to do things. As Phil and Mick (and myself) got more into what was happening, we found ourselves adjusting to each other's styles, and discarding aspects of our own playing which didn't work

or were becoming a parody of what we had done before. Mick's drumming, for example, is really rock solid now, it's like working with a different drummer but the old telepathic bit is still there between us (ie we both cock things up at the same time).

"I must emphasize that this band is nothing like anything we have done before. There are a few covers of things we like to play, like AC/DC and Saxon, and some original material, the majority of that coming from Phil. What we don't intend to do is to drag up anything we've played in the past. This, as they say, is something else".



Fronting the band will be a dynamic young fellow called Geoff Tudge, who everyone knows, only they didn't know he could sing. Unfortunately, Geoff sometimes has a moustache but at least it's more use than a hair dryer (private joke).

"One more thing", continued Ted (does he ever shut up? - Ed... No, not even when he's ill - Jill) "the thing that gave us most hassle, not counting Roger, and Brenda's dog, was coming up with a name for the band. We went through various names such as Mechanism and Earthforce, but we

eventually settled on Shockwave. We were thinking of holding a competition to find a name with some form of prize for the winner. It wouldn't have been much of a prize, certainly not Steve Morrissey's yellow plastic trousers but it would have been a) useful, b) almost worth having, c) it might smell of fish a bit.