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## THEY'LL NEVER COME BACK

By JEAN HARVEY

Memories are very personal and special things. The one thing perhaps that cannot be taken away from us - as they stay firmly fixed, if a little enhanced, in our subconscious. Stand at any bar where a group of old friends are having a drink and sooner or later the topic of conversation creeps back to 'the good old days'; and this is not reserved for the twilight club. More and more it seems to apply to late twenties and thirty year olds. Why is this? What is it that makes us want to harp back those few years. A certain record spins on the disco and our minds and memories travel back in time those years to days when - well when and exactly what .....

We hadn't lived so long of course, so every single event was a new and exciting adventure, love was a new experience and certain songs were linked to the man or woman of the moment. Parties were long awaited for and planned down to the last detail. Whether it be a costume do and we begged and borrowed beads, baubles and false boobs or a casual evening when we saved for a new pair of strides and something eye catching in a sweater because 'he' would be there - it was a big occasion. There hadn't been enough previous occasions so these were fresh and made a big impact on us all.

Special nights out - wild early love affairs - the deep deep depression when your lover danced closely with another and gradually disappeared from your sight and you suddenly knew it was over. That sinking, can't eat, can't live feeling which as you get older is either replaced with a more sane way of life or the love of someone you stay with. One's life becomes more orderly (God forbid) life takes on a certain pattern. Even

at the tender late twenties and early thirties one has reached a period when one's tastes have formed, you can now quite look forward to a night in with feet up and telly and you do then have your book of memories gradually starting to fill up.

It is when you meet up with old buddies and that disc spins that you remember. Why don't we do that now - we all say - we don't seem to do mad things nowadays. But you see, youth and that after all is what it is all about cannot be recaptured or indeed bottled and stored for later use. Because once the memories start to form the pattern of existence changes. The hurts, the loves, the disappointments of life takes their toll and one adapts to another way of life. It is like trying to go down an up escalator - almost impossible and very hard on the sense of equilibrium.

So new things take their place. One becomes slightly more sophisticated, more knowledgeable and more at ease. Quick retorts come to the tongue (that would have been useful in earlier days). We can talk with remarkable knowledge about past events, films, pop stars of bygone eras.

We have built up a collection of this and that. We have our favourite foods, and a certain set way of life that is becoming more difficult to change. Ah but those salad days - those dear mates we clung to where are they now. The devastating lovers without whom you couldn't live another day - I wonder just what they are doing and how we could feel if they walked through that door now.

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## BUNNY IS BOX OFFICE

By **JEAN HARVEY**

Bunny Lewis is a household name in Manchester and the North. Recently he appeared at the opening of a Bournemouth Club, one of his too rare cabaret spots in the South.

Bunny's first engagement was as Mr. Vole in a BBC presentation of TOAD OF TOAD HALL; he was then fourteen. For the next few years he was the youngest and trendiest compere on the Rock and Roll scene.

While in the RAF he spent some time with Combined Services Entertainments where he was ordered into skirts! His drag career had started. Demobbed he carried into civilian life his service career. First with the all male show Soldiers in Skirts, later he developed his now famous cabaret act.

Two years ago when the Birmingham Alhambra burnt down Bunny lost a wardrobe value at £9,000, now having replaced this, one of the gowns alone is worth over £1,000. Voted Northern Show-Biz personality of 1972, he has won nine Oscars and collected rave notices in local and national press.

His latest venture is into film with a Bayford production called 'A Couple of Beauties'. A comedy-thriller Bunny is seen in turn as a cocktail jerk, femme fatale, female guitarist, sexy Cleopatra and nightclub star. He is chased by two thugs, harrassed by the law, and while in drag spends a night with two members of an all girl band.

Bunny Lewis is now entering an exciting period in his career. With a film to his credit

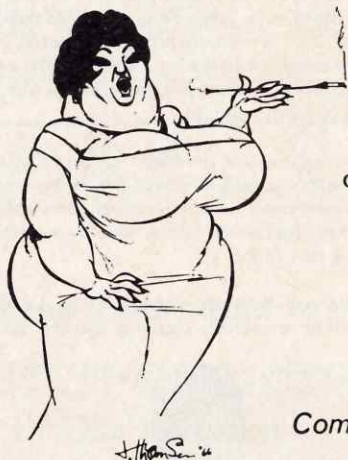
and the extension of his cabaret appearances this is a name we expect to see becoming more apparent down in the South and at well known cabaret spots all over the country. His act is slick and well timed. Dressed beautifully which in his business is a must.



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Christmas and New Year is of course the camp party time. Not only the fabulous private parties but all the special events the clubs run over the holiday time. It would be impossible to write up every one but I feel sure this is the time on behalf of us all to thank all the club owners and staff who tottered on top of ladders with decorations, washed endless glasses and smiled to the end, giving lots of fun to many of us.

The Toy Ball held December 6th at the Porchester Hall, London, W.2. by Mr. Jean Fredericks was very successful and enjoyable. Everyone brought a toy to donate to underprivileged children and the raffle realized £28.00 which is going towards an OAP party at St. Martin's in the Field Church on Jan. 2nd at 2 p.m. under the direction of Miss Louise who was responsible for organising the raffle. Individual prizes were also donated. Pictured with some of the toys are left to right Mr. Steve Francis (compere) 'Stella' Crabtree, Peter Martindale (disc jockey) Mr. Jean Fredericks (hostess) and Mr. Barry Scott. Photo by Don Mahoney. Future Porchester dates Feb. 17th Aquarius Love Ball. Mr. Pussy, who emigrated to Dublin in Eire, will be welcome back to assist with judging at this Ball.

Pantomime: Mention: Steve Frances and



Dec. 6. Porchester Christmas  
Doll Dance

Laurie Phillips are playing Ugly sisters at the Daventry Theatre Stockport with Charlie Drake. If you are anywhere near the area you must see this show.

The Paint Box party was a fabulous success with Max Raman winning the Queen of Christmas 1972 first prize. There were some stunning entries and the standard was extremely high. Also at the party were Shane, Ron Storne, Glitterbugs, Lee Tracy, Sandy Graham and Tony Page did his usual fabulous job of compering and keeping it all going.

Gigi's in Bournemouth had a stupendous week-end with parties going almost continuously over the holiday period. A very special vote of thanks to Jim and Julian for all their hard work making this a very super southern club.

At my own club Harvey's in Southampton we had a fabulous Christmas and with us opening every Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday as from January 10th we are looking forward to a great 1973. On Wednesday January 10th we are featuring Lee Sutton in Cabaret and on Wednesday February 14th we have a special Valentine's party with a Miss Queen of Hearts parade.

Lee Sutton packed the New Curtain Club in Brighton for his appearance on the Friday before Christmas. I don't think another body could have got into the place, nice to see Lee working this town.

At Bishops Waltham Country Club Lorri Lee had an absolutely stunning four day ap-



Max Raman winner of Paint Box  
Competition

pearance just before Christmas. This artist is a very glamorous and professional act and was a tremendous success at the Country Club. Over Christmas and New Year Adrian Wells and Doreen Bartlett gave special cabaret shows and this pair never cease to delight myself and the audience.

The Don-Jon in Doncaster was packed to overflowing and lilac express coaches seemed to arrive from everywhere over the Christmas time. Talking to Don he tells me that on February 23rd they have their 18th Drag Contest. The first Drag in the area was introduced by Don at the club, then called the Masquerade, in 1967 with Neville St. Claire as the act. Followed by Terry Durham, Johnny Dallas, Bunny Lewis and a personal friend of Don's who unfortunately passed away last year, Jackie Lewis, ex-Soldier's in Skirts show. So the North has quietly been 'at it' for a number of years.

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Best of Luck: SMG



This month sees the start of a new feature on antiques and collecting. This column is meant for those with a general interest and we will endeavour to bring you a pot-pourri of subjects which we hope will be of interest to many.

# SILHOUETTE'S By COBWEB

In most antique shops one will find on browsing at least two or three miniatures of silhouette or shadowgraphy. Profile portraits range from head, head and shoulders to full length, singly and in groups. The actual word silhouette had nothing to do with contours. It arose from the name of Etienne de Silhouette (1709-67) who became, by the Pompadour's influence, Comptroller-General of Finance in 1759. In this capacity, he inflicted so many, needless economies on the French to make him a byword for something cheap and stingy, hence the name silhouette became synonymous with the profilist art which incidentally was a hobby of his.

Sticking plaster portraits of which Thackeray wrote, originated by the use of cutting black sticking plaster out with scissors and many profilists started in this way. Not all profiles were cut. Very many of the best were drawn or painted on paper, card, plaster, wax, ivory or glass. You will also find them on jewellery, fans and particularly hand-screens.

After years of the silhouette being a small specialist collectors item there has been a resurgence in interest. London particularly is finding a demand and where once one could pick up a small framed item for £1.75 or thereabouts one is now hard pushed to unearth a worthwhile item under about £4.00. Shadow portraits enhance a room whether it be lounge or bedroom, they can be arranged in sets or one stunning item sited in a very special position.

Below is a rather nice item - cut paper on card of Dowager Lady Brisco. Good hunting

See illustration on page 7.



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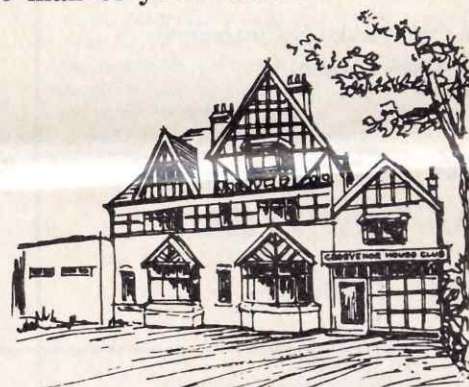
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Of course your folks mean the very most to you but surely after a certain age when you are absolutely sure of yourself and your feelings you owe it to yourself to live the kind of life you want to live for the rest of your time on this earth. By not saying you are very probably committing yourself to many years of double talk, borrowing girls for the yearly office dinner/dance. Hiding away special friends in case everyone catches on, and partings at special times when you need your lover close to you.

Naturally for some it is easier than others. One can easily understand that Mums and Dads have hopes and plans for us all and set their sights high, not the least grandchildren. But perhaps by keeping them out of your life you are making their existence more difficult as well. I honestly believe that in most cases one if not both parents know. They can't possibly have borne and brought us up without knowing how our minds and hearts work. They must know the tell-tale signs of love creeping in to our daily lives.

So how do you go about it. The pattern can't be the same for everyone of course. The one thing that is certain is that having once got it over with, however difficult and upsetting it may be your life will be your own and there will be no more need to make up elaborate stories or justify yourself. Timing is of the essence - like everything else one has to pick the best possible time. Having established that I think one has to create a certain confidence and esprit de corps. Make them feel you want to be a part of the family and call on their love for you. Then try to explain that this isn't a whim of the moment, isn't just a passing fancy and that you have thought about all aspects of it, marriage, children, career, everything. You have the courage to see it through - have they - will they give you the extra strength and love you need. Really Mum and Dad - think of your own love can't you see that it is possible to feel this way about someone of your own sex - think about people they see on the box, go back in history, someone close to home they know.

I realise this all sounds easy written on pa-

per and not facing two stunned if not outraged parents, let alone brother's and sister's. In lots of cases it might help to get a brother's or sister's alliance in advance so you have someone on your side. Try to differentiate between love and sex; it is the latter they will have to the fore of their minds. Differentiate between Sunday paper stories and how you feel for so and so. Above all introduce them to the word Gay (or perhaps Larry Grayson has done this part of the job for you). Explain how detrimental poof and queer is to your way of life. Tell them that in this sudden second you haven't changed. You're the same son you have always been but you are now sharing a secret you have held for many years.

At the first sound of Doctor of Psychiatrist - tell them in a very definite way that you are not ill and this is not a mental or physical derangement. Tell them about Troy Perry the American evangelist and invest in a copy of his book 'The Lord is My Shepherd and He Knows I'm Gay' which perhaps will help them.

Above all be honest, be prepared to explain and share with them. Try and make them see that homosexuality is a way of life just like everyone's elses. It is not necessarily drag, or bleached hair, or painted nails it is love of a fellow being. But above all this be prepared to put out your arms and hold them close as you want them to hold you. Ask their help and their love and tell them you need them too - very much.

J.H.



## THIS IS LOVE

Mum and Dad, I've got to talk  
I've a problem on my mind.  
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I've met a boy, he is so sweet,  
My love for him is true.  
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We want to live together.  
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But I'm under age and need consent  
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## BEAU EGO

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It is said a happy human being never drinks to excess, not by Virtue of self control, but because he doesn't want to. A couple of drinks relaxes his inhibitions and lightens his cares. Many drinks in excess not because of a craving for alcohol, but because of a craving for escape. It's no cure for anything, but moderate use by the average man may give the outlet he needs.

Good luck with the resolutions and a happy and healthy New Year to you all.

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## THE MICK SANDWELL SPOT NEW YEAR RESOLUTION

Formy money, he or she who says there is no difference between men and women is a blind idiot. 'Vive la difference', say I with conviction, yet I am as gay as you like! But the question whether biological (and hence 'social') differences should be recognised at law is one to watch not only Women's Lib give a firm answer, "No".

I believe the New Year 1973 should see us confirming this 'No' with all the nonviolent resolution we can muster. An offence against a child or juvenile is an offence whatever the sex of offender or offended. Unwilling acquiescence in sexplay remains unwilling whatever the sex; to take advantage of another man or woman's weakness is either way to hurt another person.

To be physically adult is not always necessarily to be emotionally or experientially 'adult', and it is reasonable to realise that these 'adult' states may be attained at different rates by different individuals whatever their sex - indeed any of us may ourselves still be seeking true adulthood.

British law makes the male/female distin-

ctions it does for reasons of historical emotion rather than contemporary intelligent argument. But today it is only consistent intelligent argument before the electorate that will rationalise and update the law. We want to apply pressures, yes - but let's apply the right pressure in the right places to get the right results. On these campaigning issues, neither promiscuity nor permissiveness are relevant; indeed the gays' case could be permanently damaged in this old-fashioned country by apparent overdoses of either!

In England and Wales, these are the law's curiosities which the Campaign for Homosexual Equality is directed against.

Sexual acts between a male of any age and a female under 16 are illegal, yet are allowed between a female over 16 and a male under 16; and, while legal between two females of any age, they are illegal between two males if one or both are under 21.

In Scotland and Northern Ireland, sexual acts between males even over 21 are still illegal.

Whether homosexual or not, will you resolve this year to campaign that reason should enlighten Britain's moth-eaten laws of sexual behaviour which are so important socially and personally?





New Years' resolutions such as 'I'm going on a diet', 'giving up smoking', 'I'm not drinking so much in '73' or 'I'm going to have a few early nights in the New Year', all sound very worthwhile to me. Although the chap with pointed ears and tail may say 'why bother?' I agree to make a resolution and not keep it, is really not much help at all, but perhaps if we made these resolutions a little easier they would not be so soon broken.

Without trying to depress too much I must say I feel in this highly technological time of stress and strain, air pollution, denatured foods, status symbols, and the rat-race to keep up, some positive effort has to be made to combat the wear and tear of everyday life on our bodies. With the increase of problems as alcoholism, drug addiction, coronaries and the damaging effects of smoking it is surely time we took stock of ourselves.

Even the best constitutions will show some signs of neglect, and the value of exercise as a relaxant is not fully realized. Exercise will relieve tiredness and mental tension in many instances. Whilst dancing is undoubtedly one of the finest of exercises the main reason that the majority of people dance is to enjoy the

social contacts and a happy atmosphere, this is in itself beneficial for a healthful and relaxing influence, but I'm afraid the lazy dancer who merely shuffles around the dance floor is missing out on the exercise available to him. There is no set number of hours of sleep

necessary to health, you should sleep as much as your body feels it needs. Insomnia as such is not a disease, the more you worry the less you sleep, and soon you begin to worry about not sleeping. Then you've become an insomniac, depending on the extent of this condition it would help to have psychiatric or other medical help to get back to normal sleeping routine.

It is not necessary to add vitamin concentrates to a diet which is well balanced with such foods as eggs and fish, meat, vegetables and fruit, wholegrain breads and milk, butter and cheese. But it is easy to destroy vitamins in food by improper cooking such as boiling in too much water, over cooking and salting or adding of soda. Eating salads, fruits daily and raw vegetables will always help to maintain a healthy body.

If your smoking has got to the extent where you have a coughing fit every morning then surely it's time to give up smoking or at least cut down. It was suggested to me that if for the first week you smoke your first cigarette one hour later and the second week one hour later still, in only a few weeks you will find it possible to go right up to lunch-time without a cigarette. Eating peppermints or chewing gum to satisfy any temporary nervousness is also a help to some.

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Well our first horoscope column in the December issue seems to have been accepted rather nicely, and quite a few readers wrote in to say that they liked it ... though one reader did wonder why I still went about my business on a broomstick instead of a modern carpet sweeper!

Remember I am an old fashioned witch, and not that 'switched on' you know. In fact I have only just learned that 'sequins' are NOT the five daughters of a mermaid!

So let me shoo Vinegar Tom off my lap and get down to some serious horoscoping.....

**AQUARIUS.** (January 20th to February 19th)

For Aquarians the end of last month should have begun to build up a bit - so keep it going, and you should glisten like the water you carry. You should be at your best in the early part of the day from the 2nd of February until the 14th, and with the moon in Aquarius on February 3rd your senses should operate almost to perfection, and it could be a perfect day for being well balanced. So select good companions and take on some varied interests and if you were born on the third - well, I raises me glass of hemlock and looks towards you. But if you were born on the 18th then watch out for a few squalls. There could be trouble with partners - either business or personal.

**PISCES.** (February 20th - March 20th)

This month you might be the subject of a little parental or family influence. In fact anyone very close to you could tend to tell you what to do, or how to live your life. Oppose this quietly without resorting to deceit, because you will be quick to sense the moods of others and can act accordingly. February 6th should be a moderately good day, specially in the afternoon when a surprise may come quite unexpectedly. The 10th of February and the 14th are pinpointed as joy days. If you were born of the 22nd or the 26th of February - then like the Aquarians I raises me glass of hemlock and looks towards you. Here .....hang on a minute! I'd better put a drop more water with me hemlock, or me steeple hat could wilt.

**AIRIES.** (March 21st - April 19th)

Last month could have been a bit of a thinny one for all Arians; but February will probably pick up for you from the 18th to the 22nd. Earlier in the month - the 7th - the moon is in your sign, and on that day sensations could reach your mind so quickly, that you could be inclined to dash off and act upon

them right away without a second thought. But be careful, for these sensations could apply to someone very close to you, and you have to think about them too. But like the Ram representing your birthsign you could probably go your own way as the leader of the flock - and if you do - just look back to see if they are following. If they are not - well - pull in your horns!

**TAURUS** (April 20th - May 20th)

On the 11th of February the moon is in Taurus, and at that time she is said to be in her exaltation - which gives a careful, steady, outlook with increased powers of concentration. This should give you a charming way with people - though at times you may be stubborn in your opinions, and show a strong interest in material possessions. So - use Sunday February 11th as a relaxing and somewhat pensive day - so that you can use to the full your prime beef days of February 14th and 26th to their fullest.

**GEMINI** (May 21st - June 6th)

Still good trends for all Gems - in fact your luck should have been picking up quite nicely since before Xmas, and now in February you should be at peak push power during the day, with accents on the 10th and 20th of February. With probably something extra special on Feb. 11th. But it will be something about which you may change your mind - a thing most Gems often do in mid-air as it were - a typical Gem trait! But if it concerns travel or a change of scenery - then make up your mind to accept the change and the travel. Could lead you into many delightful Geminian situations upon which your mind thrives. So put a line under that date in your diary - not hard to do - all Gems love underlining things.

**CANCER** (June 21st - July 22nd)

Should be an exceptional month for all Crabbies too! With perhaps the 15th of February as a bit outstanding with what comes to you, because it could bring a deep interest in your friend, or perhaps relatives - and you may find yourself very domesticated upon that day. A new flat? A dinner party? Romance? Whatever it is you will sit back completely relaxed and happy with those around you.

**LEO** (July 23rd - August 22nd)

February 6th - 10th - 22nd - and 26th ALL good days, with the 17th thrown in for good measure as the best of the lot, when you should feel very confident and have great un-

bounding vitality for whatever you do. So, if you should have to make a decision on that day - stick to it resolutely, once you have looked around and sized it all up. Then be your usual Leo self - warm - open - confident - and take on more wide creative interests. If you have anything gold, or scarlet - wear it boldly, and roar like the lion you are.

**VIRGO** (August 23rd - Sept 22nd)

The whole month of February seems to be aspected; but with rather more stress on the first few days of the month when you might find yourself embroiled in early evening activities, whether business or pleasure, which should start in the early evening of that date and should reach its climax on the late evening of the 19th, when you should have learned something new and exciting which can be turned to your advantage.

**LIBRA** (September 23rd - October 22nd)

Like the Crabs, The Lions and The Twins - this should be quite a good month for most Librans, with the 21st of February marked as an outstanding day. Possibly to do with your home life, and the acquisition of something you have always wanted for that home! Something which will suit your distinctive personality - neither passionate nor crude - for your sign is a Balance, and balanced you certainly are this month.

**SCORPIO** (October 23rd - November 21st)

You seem to be a night owl this month - so don't forget to say hello if you see me passing on my broomstick with Vinegar Tom riding pillion - and we'll be delighted to join you wherever you are going! AND - should you meet us on the night of February 23rd - DO invite us along. It should be quite a night, and if me steeple hat has not wilted by the morning, it won't be your fault or mine!

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22nd - Dec. 21st)

It rather looks as if I could become involved again, for you Sagittarians seem to have it rather good as late/early birds after a rather quiet start to the month. But from February 22nd up until February 26th could be zizam days, with a lot happening on the 25th when you will be blessed with a great imagination which could almost amount to second sight - lucky you! I'll pop round with my crystal ball for you to have a gaze, for your judgement should be superb!

**CAPRICORN** (December 22nd - Jan 19th)

After the 7th of February your month may not be so good, and you should closely watch your personal affairs during those early days - for there may be some hostility between yourself and a partner or loved one, particularly about the 9th of February when the moon will almost have passed through your sign. So guard against being disenchanted and moody - for it could be a state of mind which could last the whole month through. Also if you are prone to any skin complaint this should be a period when you should take great care. Try to be warm and friendly to those about you (even if you feel just the reverse) because it could help your mental outlook a lot this month.

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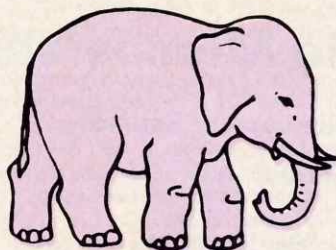
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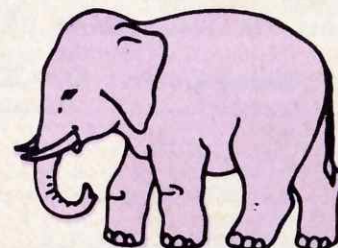
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