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#### MUSIC ON FRIDAY

## IS PUNK SO SHOCKING?

WHAT'S all the fuss about, that's what I want to know. Call it what you like, punk or new wave, it's certainly causing shock waves.

There have been rumours of councils up in arms and banning gigs because of punk horror stories and this current atmosphere showed at the recent gig given by The Clash at Nottingham Palais.

The Clash had already cancelled one appearance at the Palais because of illness in the band and it was doubtful whether the band would appear this time.

The music papers were full of new wave gigs being banned after The Clash played at the London Rainbow Theatre and seats

Rainbow Theatre and seats were ripped out.

Since then bands such as The Damned and The Stranglers have been having trouble all along the line — audience numbers

**Asks Elaine Williams** 

Why ban The Stranglers? a bunch of unemployed teachers who got together to play some honest to goodness dynamic music. A few naughty words?

Fortunately The Clash were allowed to play at Nottingham but police were ready for trouble outside, bouncers looked on suspiciously and there was only coke to drink at the bar.

They need'nt have gone such trouble because

They need nt have gone to such trouble because everybody went there to enjoy the music.

As soon as Joe Strummer (best rhythm guitarist in the business by the way) struck up that first chord, the audience were away, jumping up and down, shouting out the words to the songs singing along in complete abandon.

Nottingham's Palais was

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Open air concert off

TOMORROW'S proposed concert at Derby Market Place

which was to have featured three bands has been called off.

Organisers now say it will be held on July 16 when new wave band The Victims, rockers Starbreaker and rock'n'rollers Flash Cats will perform for free. Two summers ago a successful concert — the first of its kind — was held in the market place and featured heavy rockers Barabas.

have been limited and gigs banned for something which wasn't even their doing.

Police and management, prepared for a frenzied onslaught of raging punks looked on redundant. They needn't have worried themselves

Chart of the week

NEW WAVE

1 SEX PISTOLS God Save The Queen

2 CLASH London's Burning

3 CHELSEA Right To Work

4 JAM In The City

Fascist Dictator 6 SAINTS

7 RADIATORS FROM SPACE

8 STRANGLERS

9 HEARTBREAKERS Chinese Rocks

10 BLUES I Ain't Your Son

top L.P.s

1 CLASH

3 STRANGLERS
Rattus Norvegicus

4 TELEVISION

Maquee Moon 5 RAMONES

6 SAINTS I'm Stranded

7 IGGY POP

8 JONATHAN RICHMAN Rock'n'Roll

9 MCS

Kick Out The Jams
10 FLAMING GROOVIES Chart supplied by leading Derby record shop



GIRL IN a man's world of seasoned musicians is 16-year-old tenor sax player Wendy Hurst.

Eyebrows never cease to raise when visitors to the sessions of big band nostalgia by the Kyte-Hopkin Band at the Saxon Arms, Sinfin, Derby, see Wendy in the ranks of the saxophones.

Yet she blows like a rofessional on second enor with Alan Hopkin, co-



WENDY HURST

leader with Harold Kyte, who leads the line-up on alto.

alto.

Wendy, of Walnut
Avenue, Alvaston, has been
playing saxophone for six
years. It all started in a
wind band at Alvaston
Junior School when she
played a simple straight
reed instrument.

"I suddenly wanted to play flute," she said, "but I took up alto sax and then went on to tenor."

Now she is studying clarinet and has been playing for about a year.

An odd progression, really, because reed players mostly set out on clarinet before turning to the brass models.

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Asked how she liked playing the great standards from the Glen Miller library, plus Baste, Ellington, Dorsey and Kenton classics, Wendy said she hadn't heard the music before she took up work in the band.

"It's good fun, but I wish there were some more girls in the band," she confessed, adding: "They make fun of me."

way of encouragement, for the whole band have a soft spot for Wendy. After all, with her shape and visual attributes she must be one of their vital assets.

ALAN SMITH



