



# Lounge Act

By Mike Nicholls



Lounge Act and a rusting Rolls Royce

For the past ten years the dirt track opposite East Finchley underground has been home to an abandoned Rolls Royce. Since the road is unadopted no-one has found an excuse for towing the rusting relic away, the price of restoration probably running into thousands.

So what better use for the hapless vehicle than as a prop in a photosession. Sitting astride the one-time dream machine are local band Lounge Act. From left to right in the picture: Grant Taylor (bass), Dan Hill (guitar), Joel Hussey (drums) and Clive Kentish (guitar/vocals).

They met at school in Essex but moved to East Finchley a year ago for closer proximity to gigs and recording studios. All still in their teens, they spend most days writing songs but are in no hurry to sign to a major record company. They have already released Harness, a 4-track single on an independent label, Ghostwriter Records.

"It contains the cuts which go down best at gigs," explains Grant. "Although we've got a lot more material, our next step is to find a producer who can make it a bit more radio-friendly."

Lounge Act describe their sound as being a combination of "melodic grunge and hard rock. We started getting into music through bands like Nirvana and Smashing Pumpkins at the start of the 90s", adds Clive, "so that's probably reflected in our sound. But we write all our own songs and the idea is for them to

be as original as possible."

You can judge for yourself when they play their next two London shows this month:

The Laurel Tree, Bayham Street, Camden Town. 11th March.

Splash Club at the Falcon, Royal College Street, Camden. 22nd March.

Further details of record and gigs, contact Mike Nicholls on 883 6397.

# Love in song

Music by Purcell, Handel and their English contemporaries was featured in the latest concert of the current Music in Muswell Hill series, held in the Muswell Hill United Reformed church on Saturday, 8th February.

Artists Alistair Bamford (baritone) and Brian MacKay (harpsichord) introduced and performed an all-English, pre-Valentine's programme of songs associated with love.

A light, warm tone from Mr Bamford suited the style of this music well, and his clear diction enabled the audience to savour the words too. This was particularly apt in the six Amoretti (love sonnets) of Spenser set by Maurice Greene, Handel's London contemporary and rival. These were substantial songs, sometimes recalling in musical style the earlier era of Spenser's words.

### Handel with care

Brian MacKay provided well-balanced accompaniments on a fine-toned single harpsichord. His playing of the Handel D minor suite was a fitting illustration of that composer's power of invention at the keyboard, as well as a contrast of medium appropriate to the performance practice of the time.

Music in Muswell Hill deserves praise and continuing support. The next event is a flute and harp concert on Saturday, 15th March at 8pm. Tickets at the door or in advance from Les Aldrich Music Centre, 98 Fortis Green Road, Muswell Hill.

# Church News

Churches Together are planning to hold a pre-election public meeting inviting the main political candidates to give their views on various topical social issues.

The meeting is planned for the second Sunday after the election date is set, and will be held at St Margaret's URC Church, Victoria Avenue, Finchley N3.

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1. VANESSA REDGRAVE played the female star of Antonioni's film BLOW UP.

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