

# Teen Scene Confidential!

Gossip, news, views . . . all that's happening in your world today

**We want better pop TV!**

**Oh yes we do!**



**R**IGHT folks, it's campaign time. We want better pop TV . . . and we want it soon! Do the ITV companies and the BBC think they can get away with only two pop shows a week (provided they're both being shown that is)? Do they honestly think that we can be satisfied with 'Top of the Pops' and 'Lift Off'? We'd include 'In Concert' and the 'Old Grey Whistle Test' except that they're put on far too late.

Right girls, stand up for your rights. We want better pop TV and we're prepared to do something about it. It seems that the Boob are more likely to do something about it than the ITV stations because the Boob at least put Top of the Pops on. So write in all you girls who want better pop shows on TV and we'll take all your letters down to the Television Centre and demand that something be done. OK? Write to: We want Better Pop TV, The Director of Light Entertainment, c/o Melanie, PO Box 21, Tower House, Southampton Street, London WC2E 9QX. P.S. If the BBC won't do anything we'll take them to the ITV people. Keep your fingers crossed.



## WHISPERS FROM YOUR STATESIDE STARS

**T**HOSE twinkle-eyed twins Andy and David Williams were so knocked out by your warm and welcoming reception that they just might be back this summer . . . the Mum of those lovely Os brothers is starting to write their life story (oh! hurry, hurry Mrs. Os., we just can't wait!) . . . Donny told us that they're now looking at a *second* film script that's even better than the first . . . the Osmonds may have to leave their L.A. home 'cos the fans have found out the address and the Os neighbours keep complaining. (And to think we'd swap any day, with no complaints!) . . . David C. is building a secret hideaway home in the Hawaiian islands, let's hope he can get some rest and quiet there.



## Teens in the News

- meet the smiling, singing Handleys

**O**NE minute the happy Handley bunch were just a talented brother and sister group singing for some extra cash. And then Wam Bam - they were stars! It all happened so fast that they still can't really believe it. The Handley's - that's eighteen-year-old Molly, Tommy aged sixteen, Wendy, fifteen, thirteen-year-old Julie and Billy, aged twelve, were discovered on Opportunity Knocks. (Hurray for Hughie!) They were spotted by a record company chief and chosen to launch a brand new record label with their first disc, Wam Bam. Now everybody's watching to see just how well they do. Our guess is that it'll be very well indeed!



**a great place to live or a graveyard with lights?**

**I**T'S time to wake up the towns of Britain. Your town can be as much fun as you make it! You don't need a neon-lit luxury ballroom to have a good time; it's the people who make a place enjoyable. So don't give up on your town before you've given it a fair chance. Take a really hard look at what there is to offer and then see how you and your friends can really make the place jump. To find out what's going on already, apart from the obvious places like cinemas, ice rinks and dance halls, go along to the local town hall or library.

And why not be the bright spark of your group and set up your own activities. It needn't be too adventurous. One evening could be set aside for a teach-yourself-to-sew night, or beauty night or even a dress-up and drama night! If nothing else it will be good fun! Become more aware of your town. How about weekend hikes to the next district or bus rides into the country. The main thing is not to sit at home and blame your town for being the worst place on earth to live. Get out and about and make the most of it!

## Do fan clubs give fair deals?

We investigate the fan clubs you pay your money to . . .

**W**HAT do you expect from your fan club? Of course you expect a fair deal, but what else? Would you like free colour posters, lots of free pics and surprises at Christmas for the money you pay? I'm sure that everybody would. Unfortunately fan clubs have to be run as a sound financial proposition, unless the star, whose fan club it is, is prepared to foot any extra bills. What is fair though? We reckon here at Melanie that a fair deal consists of a badge, membership card, signed photo, fact sheet, biography, discography and at least four newsletters per year (preferably with photos) is good value for money and

a fair deal. Any extras like stickers, extra photos and fan club notepaper all add up to a better deal. We also reckon that 60p is about right for all the things we mentioned above. If a club offers T-shirts and posters at reduced rates for club members then this, too, all makes for a better deal. Remember though, just make sure that you're joining an official fan club and don't send any money straight away because all of the official fan clubs we've had contact with ask you to send a stamped addressed envelope first, for an application form. We think therefore that fan clubs - official fan clubs - do give value for money.

