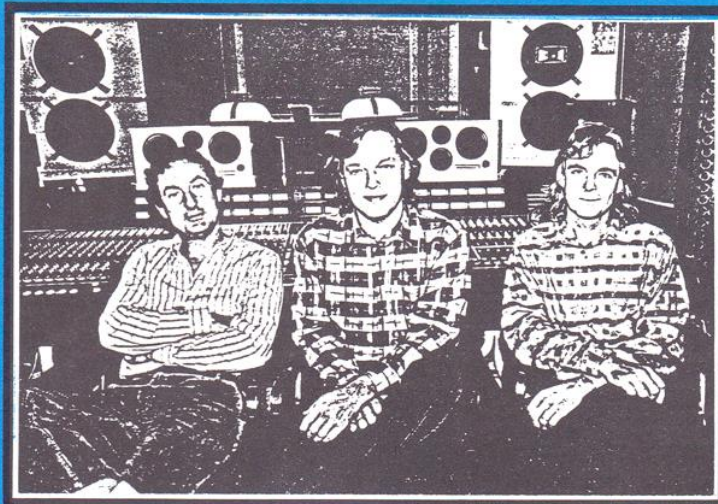


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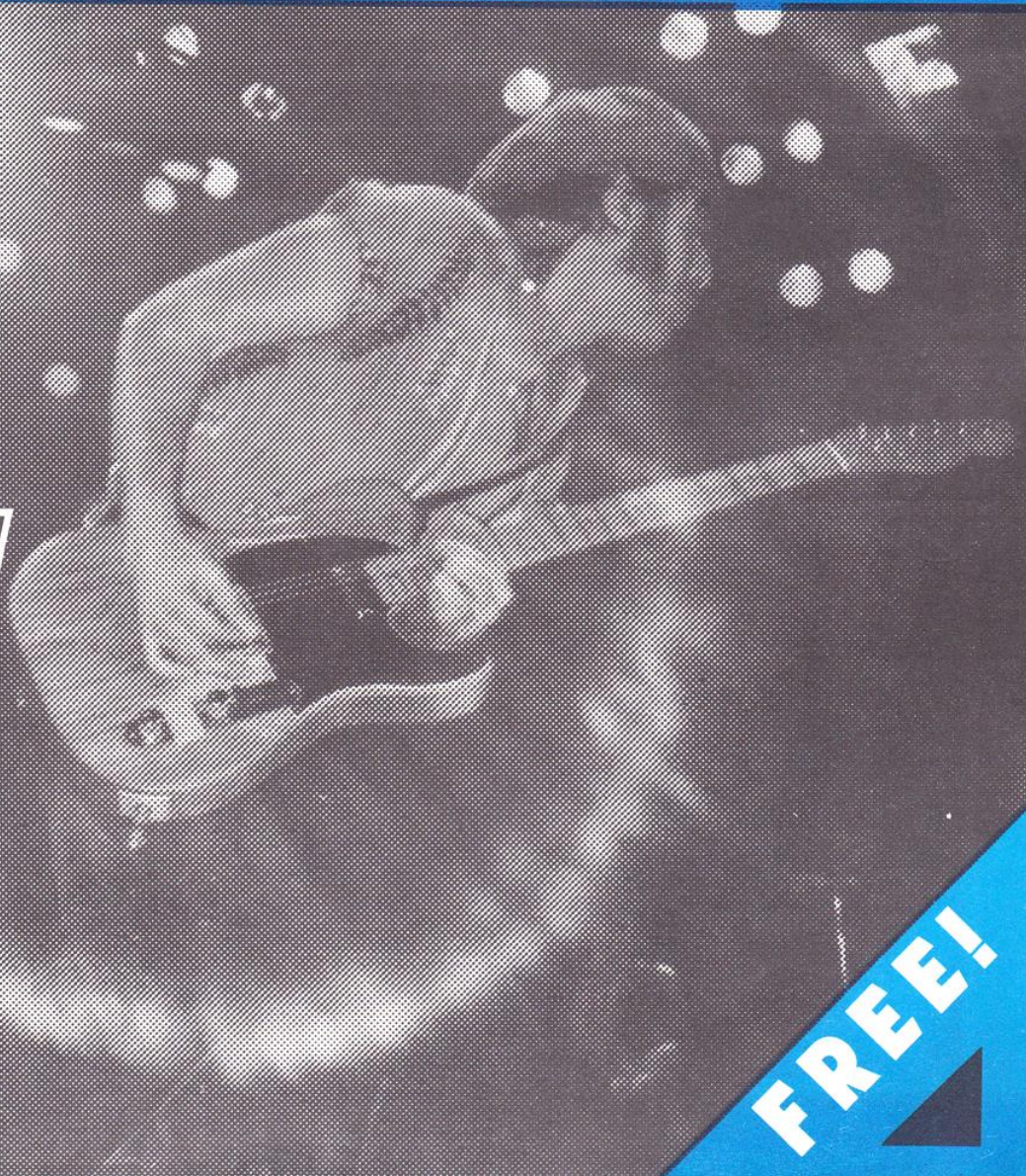
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BOOKS FIZZ

What's new in print with Kevin Wilson

SIMPLE MINDS (Sidgwick and Jackson £7.95) is Adam Sweeting's attempt to heap legend status on Jim Kerr and his merry men and, guess what, he succeeds! Formed in the hedonistic euphoria of a punk-inspired late 70's, Simple Minds (would you believe né Johnny and the Self Abusers) were, at one point, labelled the new Genesis (poor sods). Their emergence into the bigtime coincided with the futurist movement and 'I Travel' was as fine an example of the genre as any Spandau or Duran ditty of the period. The Minds seemed to attract critical acclaim but deflect fan adulation, something that has only changed with the post New Gold Dream success. Adam Sweeting charts every step on the ladder to the top, never easy, always walking the temperamental tightrope that talent invariably throws up yet Simple Minds are one of our top exports, close now to emulating U2's god-status in America, still striving to succeed and not resting on any laurels.

One of the real inspirations of the punk movement; that's Iggy Pop so his new biography, **THE WILD ONE** (Omnibus £6.95), by Per Nilsen is more than interesting as it comes when the Ig is in an unusually quiet time of life. To many, Iggy Pop and the Stooges were the only true punk band, all aggression, sweat and a self destruct fascination that often left Iggy literally bleeding and battered. In 1977, saved from a drug obsession Iggy turned to Bowie who produced two classic albums, 'The Idiot' and 'Lust For Life'; a new Ig emerged, still angry but now channelled and more refined. Bowie responded in like kind and embarked on a new side to his career too. The rest is history. 'Blah Blah Blah', released in 1986, was the lighter Pop, a near 40 year old rock star coming to terms with himself. But it's the Stooges, 'Raw Power', that's the real Iggy Pop and thankfully the author concentrates on that fact.

YESTERDAY (Sidgwick and Jackson £12.95) is subtitled 'The Beatles Remembered' and is written by one time personal assistant to Brian Epstein, Alastair Taylor. It's a well written account of some of the lesser known happenings in the life of the fab four; we learn that 'Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds' does not refer to LSD but to a picture brought home from school by young Julian Lennon. The connection? Read the book! Taylor spent ten years with The Beatles and it shows. His style is affectionate but never sychophantic and that helps! A good read and informative along the way.

IRON MAIDEN, A PHOTOGRAPHIC HISTORY (Zomba £8.95) is a photo-history of the band compiled by leading rock lensman Ross Halfin. It starts in '79 and works its way to '87. In between we travel the globe and see IM in various poses, playing instruments, playing the fool or play-acting. Get the picture? Maiden fans will... and plenty of them too.

the section with no name

It hardly seems like a wise move to start covering the folk and country/acoustic music scene in *Brum Beat* at what is potentially the end of the indoor concert season. By the way — Lord, preserve me from the trendy who thought up the term "roots music." The music has always been there. It's the change in fashion that you have to watch out for. Well, now that I've got that off my chest, here goes. This new monthly column will hopefully inspire some of you Midland promoters in this field to contact me and inform me of your planned activities. That way, we can probably do each other a favour.

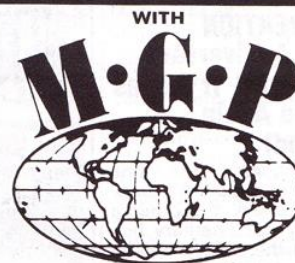
If things go as planned, Bob Moore ex-landlord of the Radcliffe Arms, Oxford, should be opening his doors to the public at his new pub during May. On that basis, there are plans

afoot to feature John Stewart at Bob's new establishment (The Bredon Bar, Pershore Road) on either the 18/19th of May. Watch out for further details in the local press. If that particular gig doesn't come off, we have at least gained a "time served promoter" of this type of music, as a resident of the West Midlands. Bob, I only live just "round the corner," and I can hardly wait for the autumn to come.

Finally this month, "the boys from Kingswinford" promote their final game of the season, at the Trysull Village Hall on Saturday 21st May. As usual an 8.30pm start is anticipated. On the bill is Andy Irvine (of Sweeney's Men, Planxty and Patrick Street fame), performing in a solo capacity. This is a rare opportunity to hear and see one of the finest traditional musicians to be produced by the Emerald Isle. Tickets can be obtained from "Acoustic Roots", 22 Buckingham Grove, Kingswinford, West Midlands DY6 9EA at £4.00 each (remember to enclose a SAE).

ARTHUR WOOD

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in
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★ Pink Floyd
in
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★ Iron Maiden
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★ ROCK AM RING FESTIVAL June 4th

(line up as previously detailed) Coach/one night hotel/2 day ticket.....£ 99.00 RAR

★ STRANGLERS/GODFATHERS/ RAMONES - June 13th

DUSSELDORF
Skipper trip£ 59.00 SS
Hotel trip£ 89.00 SH

★ BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN - June 19th

PARIS
Skipper trip£ 59.00 BSS
One night hotel trip£ 89.00 BSP
Two night hotel trip£109.00 BSET
Flight/2 night hotel£169.00 BSFF

★ BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN - July 12th

FRANKFURT
One night hotel trip£ 89.00 BSF

★ BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN - July 16th

MUNICH
Flight/2 night hotel£199.00 BSMF

★ BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN/PINK FLOYD - June 19th/21st

PARIS
Coach/2 nights hotel/tickets for both concerts£139.00 ADP

★ PINK FLOYD - 21st June

PARIS
One night hotel£ 89.00 PFP
Flight/2 nights hotel£199.00 PFF

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The above list is still under reservation.

★ PINK FLOYD - 29th June

DORTMUND (INDOORS)

One night hotel.....£ 89.00 PFG

★ MICHAEL JACKSON - 27th June

PARIS

One nights hotel£ 89.00 MJP

★ MICHAEL JACKSON - 23rd August

BRUSSELS

Skipper trip£ 49.00 MJB

★ TORHOUT & WERCHTER

FESTIVALS - 2/3 July

Line up as previously detailed

Coach/hotel/ticket for both days£ 99.00 TW

Coach/hotel/ticket for one day£ 89.00 WO

★ PRINCE - 10th July

PARIS

Skipper trip£ 59.00 PPS

Hotel trip£ 89.00 PPH

★ NORTH SEA JAZZ - 8/9/10 July

THE HAGUE

Flight tour incl. ticket and 3 nights hotel£249.00 NSJ

Line up to follow

★ MONSTERS OF ROCK

30th August Bank Holiday Weekend

WEST GERMANY

Line up Iron Maiden, David Lee Roth, Kiss,

Anthrax

Hotel trip£ 89.00 MOR

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Name.....

Address.....

Daytime Tel. No.

Band/Artist.....

Destination

Tour Ref..... No of Places required.....

DEPOSIT £20 PER PERSON

Total enclosed £.....

Access/Visa no.....

National Express Coach Travel required from

● I understand that I will receive my Travel Pack with full details within seven days.

Signed..... Date.....