



Adam's

Ants  
are tops

THE Year of the Ants. That's the verdict on rock and pop in 1981.

At a gala dinner in London's Lyceum last night, Adam Ant and his band were announced as Best Group in the British Rock and Pop Awards, and Adam himself was the Daily Mirror readers' choice for the Outstanding Music Personality.

The Awards were organised jointly by the Daily Mirror, BBC-TV's Nationwide and BBC Radio One. You can hear the highlights on Dave Lee Travis's Radio One show at noon today and see the ceremony on BBC-1 at 7.20 tonight.

Adam wasn't the only one who had a great 1981. Shakin' Stevens, with three hits last year and a number one already in 1982, won the nomination of Best Male Singer. But he didn't have it easy, beating off a late challenge from Cliff Richard.

**Tour**

Toyah, however, had all her own way in the Best Female category. She polled more votes than the second and third (Kim Wilde and Sheena Easton) put together.

Ultravox, just finishing a world tour, won the award for Best Single with Vienna. Human League, were runners-up to Adam and the Ants in the Best Group section, but their LP Dare beat Adam into second place in the Best Album title.

The Nationwide Award for All Round Entertainment went to Bucks Fizz, last year's Eurovision Song Contest winners, and the Radio One disc jockeys decided that record producer Martin Rushent made the Most Outstanding Contribution to British Music last year.

**£13,500 A WEEK TO WIFE**

A WIFE of an oil sheik was awarded alimony of £13,500 a week yesterday.

Belgian-born Dena Alfassi was awarded the money for three weeks while she fights a divorce action in Los Angeles against Saudi Arabian Sheik Mohammed Alfassi.

**Tin openers**

FIREMEN had to cut free toddler Rebecca Sligie after she rammed a bottomless cake tin over her head at home in Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear.

# HEADMASTER 'SHATTERED' BY TEENY TERRORS

## He gives up lifetime job 'in despair'

THE headmaster of the primary school shut down by classroom vandals has asked to be retired early.

Colin McLoughlin, who is in his fifties, is "a shattered man," said an education chief yesterday. If his request is approved he will retire in July, and he will probably be given sick leave until then.

Mr. McLoughlin is head of St. Saviour's Church of England School in Toxteth, Liverpool, which has been ravaged by classroom riots for several weeks.

By FRANK CORLESS

"He is a sick man, said Liverpool's education committee chairman Michael Storey.

"The last few weeks have been absolute hell for him and he is shattered. The trouble has driven him to despair.

**Blow**

"It is a great blow for a man who has given a lifetime of service."

Mr. McLoughlin and his wife were not at their home in Huyton, Liverpool, yesterday.

Friends said they had gone to the Lake District for "a breather."

During the weeks leading up to the half-term holiday, Mr. McLoughlin ran St. Saviour's with the help of seven women teachers.

His deputy head 34-year-old Peter Pritchard was off ill suffering from high blood pressure.

**Stress**

Liverpool NUT secretary Jim Ferguson said last night: "The teachers have been under incredible stress and are very near to having nervous breakdowns.

"They have been going home absolutely shattered every day and simply can't believe what has been happening.

"In fact I think teachers in all schools in the inner

city are screaming for help."

St. Saviour's caretaker Cyril Kami, 25, said: "The kids will be just a couple of feet away from me, then they'll smash a window, turn round and laugh in my face.

"The teachers go home at 4 o'clock, but I live on the premises with my wife and two children and I am here in the lion's den 24 hours a day. "The

teachers seem to be scared of the kids. It's me who is always telling them off. I think the other staff are frightened that if the ringleaders are expelled they will bring in older heavies.

"I have been trying to get out of the place since last July, but they won't give me a transfer because they know nobody else will do this job."



HELLO AGAIN: Liz Taylor arriving in London yesterday.

## Liz drops in for a quiet birthday

ELIZABETH TAYLOR flew into London last night to celebrate her 50th birthday at the Dorchester on Saturday with 120 guests. She will also start rehearsals for her British stage debut in the Broadway hit The Little Foxes. On the way to the Chelsea home of a friend, Liz dropped off at The Feathers in Hammersmith. "I felt like a quiet beer," she said.



DIANA: Wouldn't give her age

## Diana is fined for not giving her age

ACTRESS Diana Dors was fined £20 yesterday for refusing to give her age to a "fresh-faced" bobby. Diana clashed with 26-year-old Pc Robert Deegan after she drove the wrong way down a one-way street minutes after being moved on for blocking traffic.

Pc Deegan told her "You're not doing too well today"

When asked for her age she said: "What's that got to do with it. I'm not telling you."

The incident happened in Camberley, Surrey.

Diana, of nearby Sunningdale, told magistrates by letter yesterday that she was at a "complete loss" to understand the summons.

She said she told Pc Deegan that everyone knew her age and she could not possibly have kept it secret. She then gave her birth date.

Diana was also fined £15 for the motoring offence.

The Daily Mirror's Marje Proops believes a woman's age is a personal matter.

She said: "I'd give it to a policeman if asked, but a lot of women don't think it is relevant."

**PS:** Diana Dors is fifty

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