

MARSHA HUNT WALK ON GILDED SPLINTERS  
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It was by a stroke of luck that Adam Faith first heard SANDIE SHAW and set her on the road to fame. By similar chance Sandie Shaw discovered HEATHMORE and recommended him to her manager Eve Taylor. In Sandie's Palladium dressing room she talked about her discovery to NICK LOGAN.

# I PESTERED EVE TO PROMOTE MY SUPER HEATHMORE — SANDIE

I FIRST saw Heathmore when I was working up north in the clubs. I used to go round the other places and saw him singing in one. The club was almost empty, just a few drunks and their birds, who couldn't care less who was on. But they were listening.

I thought he had a fantastic voice and super stage presence — and I am hard to impress. He was not even a star but in his stage presence he acts like one and he also has the advantage, from being in the business for so long, of having the experience.

He was singing then under the name Johnny De Little, but his real name is Brian King. He was born in Wales, on Penrhinweiber, four miles from where Tom Jones was born. He's now 28 and had been working in clubs and ballrooms for 12 years.

After I saw him I went back and did my act and thought I would forget about him. But I didn't. Next morning I rang Eve and said I had seen this fantastic boy.

## Went on and on

I went on and on at Eve for weeks about him and finally convinced her. He is the first artist she has taken on for five years — since me!

Eve then took over. A song had to be found but after looking without success, Mitch Murray and Peter Callender were asked to write him a number. They came up with "Home In! Home Any More."

I didn't hear it until I came back from a trip abroad and it was already out. I thought it a very commercial number and an obvious choice to make. £800 was spent on the record and another £500 on the right clothes.

Jeff (my husband) took him out for suits, shoes and shirts and I took him to my ladies hairdresser to design a new style haircut for him.

It was quite funny that day. The Hollies were there too and Heathmore was getting fed up with all the photographs. I kept stuffing



SANDIE is behind HEATHMORE a 100 per cent — even to washing his hair after his new hair do, designed by La Shaw.

cucumber sandwiches into his mouth.

I also chose his car — an Italian model — out of the showrooms where we get our cars from.

It was Adam's wife Jackie who suggested the name. First it was Heathcliffe, from the character in "Wuthering Heights," because she thought he was all dark and romantic and moody. Somebody else had already got that name so Eve changed it to Heathmore.

As a person, he really is very, very nice. Eve says he is "schinabish," which means just that in Yiddish.

He is the type you want to mother; you want to cuddle him when he is

sitting there. Then when he gets up he is very dependent.

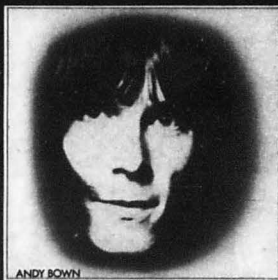
He's a very introverted person; not the sort who jumps up and shouts from the rooftops when he is excited.

I don't think he had given up hope of being discovered but I do think he never thought in his wildest dream that he would ever meet somebody like Eve, who would take 100 per cent interest in him.

I really think he is fantastic — after all he must have something to get drunks to clap and applaud for more. You can judge for yourself by watching Simon Dee's show this Saturday. You'll see Heathmore and me then.

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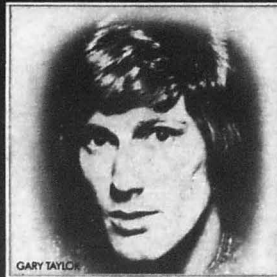
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