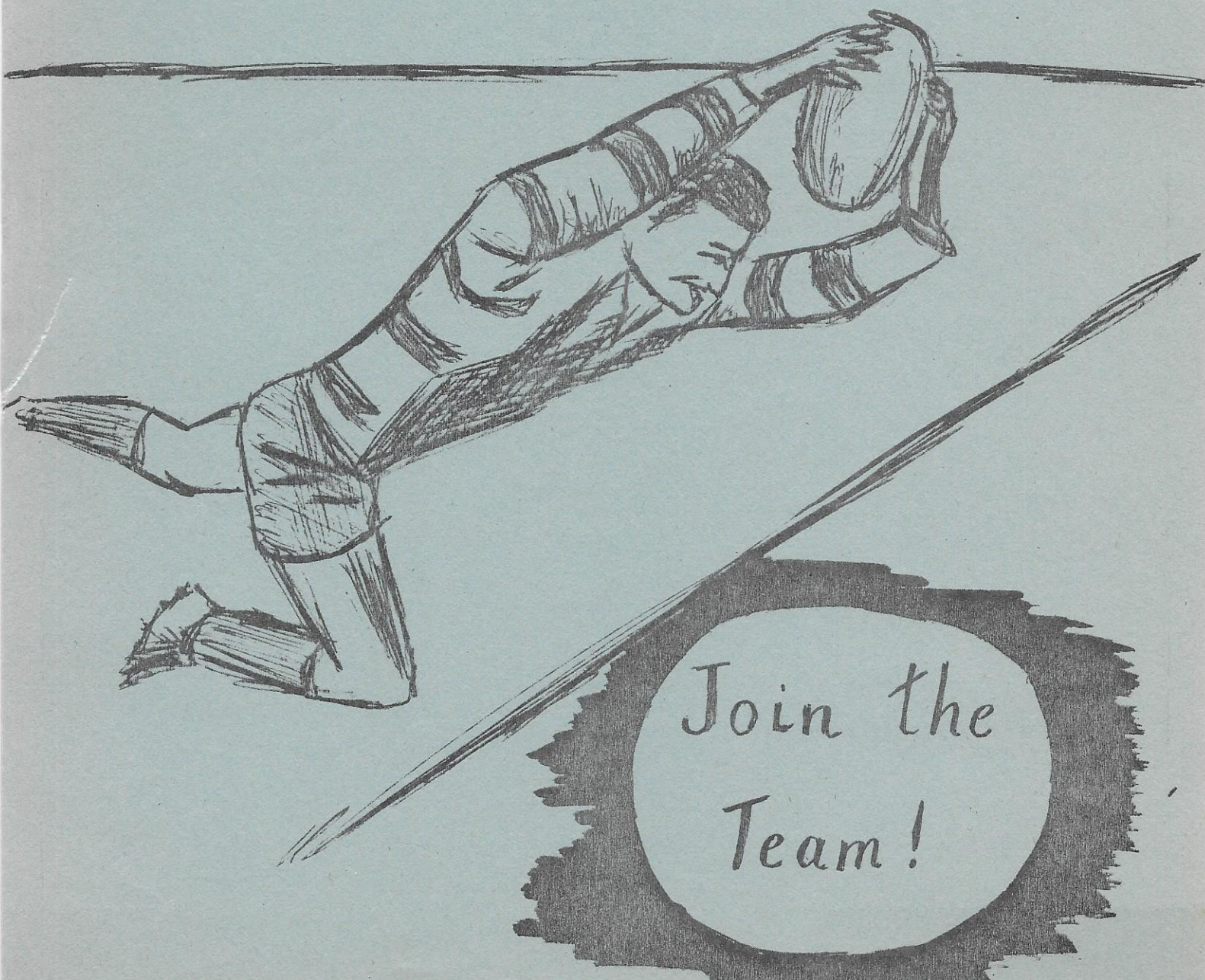


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WHAT'S ON - ENTERTAINMENTS GUIDE

CINEMAS

ABC, CHATHAM

1. Airport 80 Sun. 4.55 : 8.00 :: Week 2.30 : 5.30 : 8.30
2. Rabid X Sun. 4.45 : 8.20 :: Week 1.45 : 5.15 : 8.50
3. Alien X Sun. 2.20 : 5.10 :: Week 2.45 : 5.35 : 8.30

ARC GRAVESEND

Unavailable at time of going to press

ODEON, ROCHESTER

1. Alien Sun. 4.00 : 6.55 :: Week 2.00 : 4.50 : 7.45
2. Blue Passion X Sun. 5.10 : 8.10 :: Week 3.00 : 6.00 : 9.00
3. Blazing Saddles Sun. 4.25 : 7.45 :: Week 1.50 : 5.15 : 8.35
- Monty Python Holy Grail Sun. 6.00 :: Week 3.30 : 6.50

GRANADA, WELLING

1. Alien X Sun. 2.15 : 5.00 : 7.40 :: Week 2.55 : 5.40 : 8.20
2. Blazing Saddles Sun. 4.40 : 8.00 :: Week 2.10 : 5.35 : 8.55
- Monty Python Holy Grail Sun. 6.15 :: Week 6.45 : 7.10
3. The Erotic Exploits of a Sexy Seducer Sun. 4.45 : 7.55 : Week 2.20 : 5.30 : 8.40

BEXLEYHEATH

1. Airport 80 A Sun. 4.45 : 7.40 : Week 1.30 : 4.40 : 7.40
2. Blood Brothers X Sun. 4.30 : 8.40 :: Week 4.20 : 8.35
3. Midnight Express X Sun. 8.00 : 7.40 :: Week 2.30 : 5.10 : 7.50
4. Inlaws A Sun. 5.00 : 7.40 :: Week 2.30 : 5.10 : 7.50

KIDBROOK CONCERT HALL, Corelli Road, SE3

The Dream of Gerontius - Elgar - Sidcup Symphony Orchestra - in aid of Vietnam boat children. 10% Educational discount and party rates available.
13th Oct., 8.00. Tickets £1.00, £1.50, £2.00
Phone 01-300-1978. Day 01-987-1883 Ext 43

LONDON THEATRES Most offer student discounts just before performance.

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| ADELPHI | Charley's Aunt - John Inman | 01-836-7611 | |
| ALBERY | Oliver! Lionel Bart | 01-836-3878 | |
| CRITERION | Bent Martin Sherman | 01-930-3216 | |
| DUCHESS | Oh! Calcutta! (Adults only) | 01-836-8243 | |
| FORTUNE | Murder at the Vicarage Agatha Christie | 01-836-2238 | NO DISCOUNT |
| OLD VIC | The Old Vic Company in repertoire | 01-928-76-6 | NO DISCOUNT |
| SAVOY | Whose Life Is It Anyway? | 01-836-8888 | |
| STAND | No Sex, Please-We're British | 01-836-2660 | NO DISCOUNT |
| WYNDHAM'S | Once A Catholic | 01-836-3028 | |

THE MUSEUM OF LONDON in the Barbican. London Wall, London, EC2Y 5HN Phone 01-600-3699
mounts a variety of exhibitions, mainly centred on London and its history.
On at present - Photographs of the East End during the 1930s by Humphrey Spender
London Craftsmanship 1680 - 1780

The Lord Mayor's Show is on Saturday, 10th November. For details, phone the museum,
Ext. 265

ADVERTISEMENT

FRIDGE FOR SALE - Anyone interested contact N. Dolan TFC2

EDITOR'S THOUGHTS

Nicky Lauda announced his retirement last weekend and was quoted as saying, "There is more to life than driving round in circles". How true! But how many people who aren't retired drive round in circles, and how many need to retire to stop driving round in circles.

Also last weekend, the Pope visited Ireland, the first time a reigning Pontiff has visited the country, which in itself is surprising, considering the strength of the Catholic Church in Ireland.

Although Britain, so I am told, is not a Catholic nation, the amount of TV coverage given to the event I found hard to believe.

Approximately 7 hours of coverage was set aside for his (or should it be His) visit, and that does not include the programmes running overtime and the news coverage.

Millions of people gathered to see the man, while millions more watch on TV.

Why?

Was it the thought that, perhaps, this man had the power to stop the violence of Northern Ireland?

If it was, surely these people must be trying to see something that could not possibly happen.

Maybe they thought the Pope could deliver a new approach to the thinking of the Roman Catholic Church towards the Pill, abortion and divorce; offer them a way out. He did not.

He begged for the violence to stop. He upheld the Church's ruling toward the Pill, abortion and divorce.

What then did he hope to achieve by his visit?

What did he do for the people?

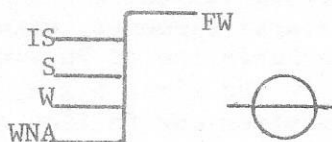
He brought them together, he spoke to them calmly, offering words of comfort and direction, he showed them the way. Not just Catholics, but anybody who was watching the TV or looking over the heads of the thousands who had come to hear him in Ireland.

He asked for discipline in our lives, the discipline to do what is right, not by us but by everyone. He was asking for moral standards to be observed and that thing which is most precious to us to be held high and cherished, LIFE.

To live in peace and comfort for each other, not just for ourselves.

The Pope pointed the way not just to peace, comfort, love and joy, but to the fundamentals of life - survival - for with violence the chances of survival are diminished until life is no more.

Extracts from Nicholl's Seamanship and Viva-Voce Guide



What is different about the above load line from load lines today?

BOTTOMRY BOND A bill, by means of which a ship or the freight she earns is pledged in return and as security for money advanced. A bottomry bond must only be raised when it is impossible to obtain credit, or to raise money by giving bills on the owners. It must be clearly a case where the money is necessary to enable the ship to proceed to her port of destination. Money advanced to the master on a bottomry bond must only be expended on what is necessary for the continuance and completion of the voyage.

DEAD FREIGHT Freight paid on vacant stowage space, i.e., when the amount of cargo shipped is less than the amount specified in the Charter Party. The shipowner is entitled to freight on the shortage, just the same as if the ship carried it, and this is termed "Dead Freight".

MARITIME LIEN The lien which the master and crew have on a vessel for their wages. The master also has a lien for any necessary expenses he has incurred on behalf of the vessel.

HYDROGEN! - WHO NEEDS OIL?

When the airship "Hindenberg" met her spectacular end, she demonstrated something which seems to have been neglected in the rush to tell the World that heavier-than-air craft were infinitely safer than lighter-than-air ones, namely that hydrogen functions much better as a fuel than as a passive lifting agent. It is as if, having discovered that petrol floats on water, people had taken to using it to give ships buoyancy, and then had forgotten all about the stuff after the first, inevitable, disaster.

Yet it is now generally accepted that petrol is the ideal agent for transporting about the countryside one's precious wife, children, aged parents, family dog, even one's own infinitely more precious self - that it can be poured into an aircraft into which one's self is then embarked, and the whole lot heaved into the air and maintained there at cost of a vast amount of effort and often, one suspects, no small amount of luck, as a disaster struggling not to happen - all in complete safety. When car or 'plane' crashes in flames it is an "accident", not the logical outcome of confining an inflammable liquid giving off an explosive vapour in a small space and then subjecting it to a violent shock, almost inevitably accompanied by sparks and probably by one sort or another of electrical discharge as well.

Now, I am not an expert at anything, but I am prepared to listen to experts, and even, when it suits me, to believe them, and experts are beginning to say things like "Ah, but although 'Hindenberg' burned, the disaster was nowhere near as bad as it might have been". Apparently, in spite of the vast crowds gathered to see her come in, only one man on the ground was killed, and a large number of the passengers also escaped. Imagine survivors of a jumbo crashing in flames! Petrol, you see, is a liquid - even I do not need experts to tell me that! - and when a liquid escapes from containment it flows, and it does not flow any the less for burning fiercely at the same time. Wherefore, any accident involving petrol in any quantity is liable to result in the victims being trapped in a sea of fire - and being on fire themselves if the petrol has got onto their bodies or clothes.

A lighter-than-air gas, on the other hand, if it escapes goes straight upwards, even when burning. The 'Hindenberg' blaze was spectacular - but it was confined to the ship and to the air immediately above it.

The experts, then, are looking at hydrogen. And more than looking at it. There are already some cars in America converted to run on it - an engine that burns petrol can be made also to burn hydrogen, and to do it far more cleanly. Only two problems remain - to find a quick and easy method of loading several 'gallons' worth into a vehicle at a filling station - surely not insurmountable - and the problem of making the stuff.

For although hydrogen exists on this planet in almost limitless quantities, it is always with something else - most commonly combined with that essential adjunct to combustion, oxygen, to produce the most incombustible of all natural elements, water. Energy is needed to separate the two; and there is the rub. The basic law of Physics is that more energy cannot come out of a system than went into it in the first place, but what we need hydrogen for is as a primary source of energy to replace our failing stocks of 'fossil' fuels (stored prehistoric solar energy).

The only 'new' energy on this planet must come from outside. Solar power is the up and coming thing - harnessing the energy of the Sun directly to produce heat and electricity. The other source currently well favoured is the waves - a lunar powered generator that will exist for as long as the moon remains in the sky, and the idea is to use their energy, acting on bobbing platforms floating offshore, to drive generators to make electricity. The problem I can see there is that of getting the electricity ashore (I was on the 'Worcester' and remember clearly the trouble she had with her service cables running under a couple of hundred yards of river!) However, one school of thought suggests that electricity could be used to extract hydrogen from water.

So here, for what it is worth from a totally unscientific mind quite blind to problems, is a suggestion. Use the floats to make electricity offshore, and as part of the same installation, convert water (plenty of that at sea) into hydrogen and oxygen, one or both of which gases, as required, could be stored in contiguous floating tanks or barges, which could either be towed ashore in their entirety or offloaded into visiting tankers. An accident, or the venting into the atmosphere of excess production, would only be releasing elements that exist naturally in any case, while hydrogen's

Address to the Devil
To those with transmitters and morse keys.

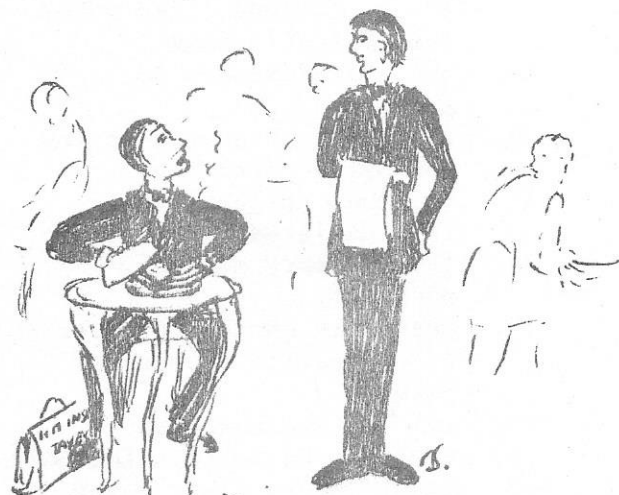
Great in thy power and e.r.p.,
Far kenn'd and noted for f_c,
Makes spots and splurges on TV,
Stops housey housey
But faith thou are baith lag and lame,
Your morse is lousy.

The Exciseman
To the hams among us

CQ' among the QRM,
Captured by the DX man,
'His XYL cried "it's only a G",
Why don't you sell you TX, man.

Your M.O's off tune, your aerial's doon,
Your feeder's mis-matched, DX man,
Why don't you sign off, you muckle great
loon,

And try out a new CX, man.



"Cooking the books, sir?
Why, whatever gave you
that idea?"

PHEW!

Advertised for sale in a national daily paper:-

"Comprehensive and interesting collection of old eggs."

TO PLAY OR NOT TO PLAY?

Unfortunately, your illustrious football team did not return triumphant this week, nor did they return in defeat; they just didn't go.

It seems that one week our team can be released from classes to go in search of glory for M.N.C. and yet the next they cannot.

It seems a pity that after the effort has been made to obtain fixtures for the College and the players encouraged to practice and improve their game, that the rug is pulled from under them, so to speak, when they are not released from classes.

Leaving aside the argument of whether the players involved need those classes, perhaps a more practical solution would be to have one afternoon in the week as a sports afternoon for the College? All teams, not just football, promote the College and help forge links with other Colleges so that closer co-operation and activities may be set up.

BLOOD TRANSFUSION UNIT

The Principal has received a letter from the Blood Transfusion Service, thanking everyone who contributed during last week's session, and hoping to see us again in March. Apparently 53 units of blood were collected, "which is good par for the course".

Paddy fell 300 feet down a well. Murphy shouted, "Have you broken anything Paddy?" Paddy replied, "There's nothing down here to break."



'ORRIBLE CROSSWORD

Clues Across

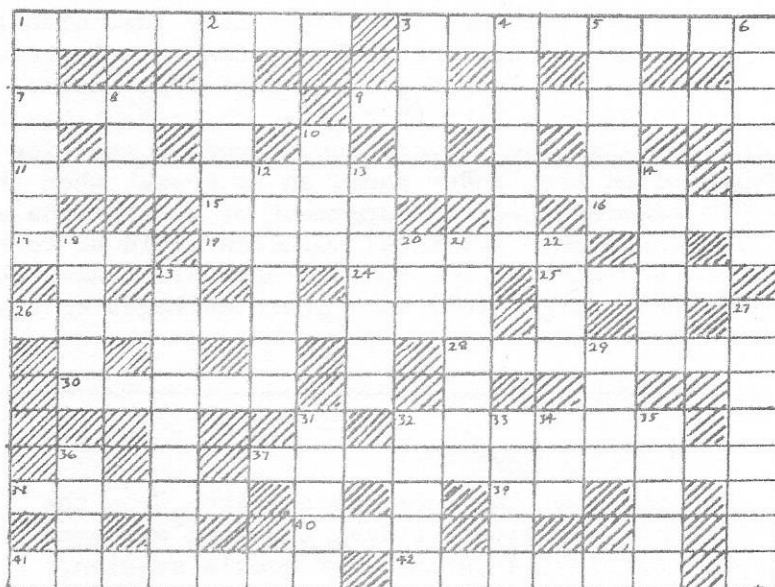
1. (7) Break up - like crushed biscuit.
3. (8) Waved on.
7. (3,3) Abscond, like water from a duck's back.
9. (9) Fired broadside, maybe.
11. (6,2,3,3) Promoted in Law for ballet practice?
14. (4) Back upright.
16. (4) Christmas
17. (3) Primary mutton producer.
19. (8) Wise choice for Everard?
24. (3) Imperial measure of fashion.
25. (4) Little nesters.
26. (10) No failure in following.
28. (4,3) Hasty floor cover of reeds.
30. (5) Celtic priest at the eisteddfod.
32. (6) Donkey, sick, attack.
37. (4,7) Happily, the strong stuff's out of reach of little ones.
38. (5) Unsmiling end of ship.
39. (1,1) Initially top car.
40. (3) Eggs
41. (7) Weighty reason for being stable.
42. (3-3) Excavated for tribal craft.

Clues Down

1. (7) Basket boat.
2. (7) Final way to stop train.
3. (5) Beauty's sweet-heart suggests cannonisation.
4. (7) Permission given.
5. (3,3) Have right to follow individual course?
6. Better RED or DEAD? Both were feared.
8. (3) It's nothing.
10. (4) Where to act, out East. Bambi, perhaps.
12. (4-3) Lifeless termination perhaps marked by 2D.
13. (7) No food, making a speech about it.
14. (3-3) Colic, by the sound of it, is just the thing for a row on the Thames.
18. (5) Injury needs dressing.
20. (3) Deceitful guidance.
21. (7) Going in by right, to the Abbey?
22. (4) Goes off course.
23. (9) A thorough rogue.
27. (4-4) Triangular canvas to aid stopping?
29. (4) Home produced head cover.
31. (5) Little whale takes ship in.
32. (5) Leading perch for a hat.
33. (5) Little twig hammered home headless.
34. (3) Express view - view is better if it's clear.
35. (5) Illuminatingly short of weight.
36. (4) Greek porch.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

C L E A N S H E E T S S U
 O O A N U N H A N D
 S N E E R B D S E D
 C S H I P S P A R R O W
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ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S WORD PUZZLES

ENC(RUST)LES FE(FEND)ER DEC(LINE)AGE BAL(LAD)DER TR(END)IVE EX(TENT)ACLE
 SP(IN)CH ST(RIP)PLE APR(ON)ION PAR(ROT)TEN COM(MENT)OR FOOT(BALL)AD

THIS WEEK find a complete word synonymous with those on either side of it.

NEW () IMPUDENT NOTCH() CATCH ACCOUNT() BREAK CHAFF() STAG