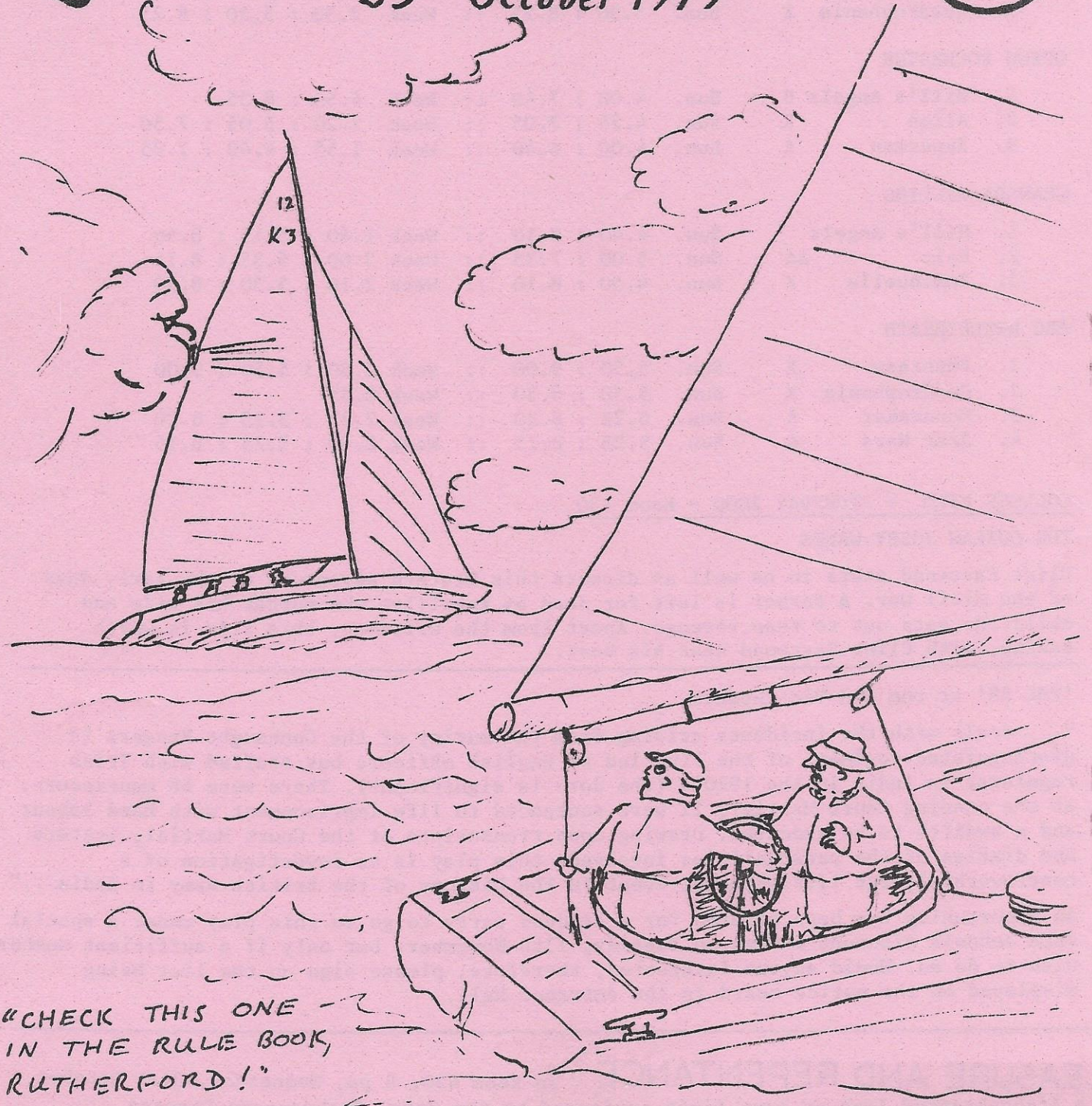


# MNC NEWS

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"CHECK THIS ONE  
IN THE RULE BOOK,  
RUTHERFORD!"



## WHAT'S ON - EVENTS

### CINEMAS

#### ABC CHATHAM

1. Phantasm X Sun. 5.00 : 8.25 :: Week 2.30 : 6.40 : 8.30
2. Elvis Presley programme Sun. only 2.15 : 6.10  
Bedknobs & Broomsticks
3. Winnie The Pooh Week. 2.30 : 5.25  
Quadrophenia Sun. 1.40 : 4.35 : 7.35 :: Week Last week's

#### ABC GRAVESEND

1. Phantasm X Sun. 5.40 : 8.55 :: Week 2.30 : 5.40 : 8.55
2. Hill's Angels U Sun. 5.05 : 8.50 :: Week 1.20 : 5.05 : 8.50
3. Quadrophenia X Sun. 5.30 : 8.25 :: Week 2.30 : 5.30 : 8.25

#### ODEON ROCHESTER

1. Hill's Angels U Sun. 4.00 : 7.40 :: Week 4.50 : 8.35
2. Alien X Sun. 4.25 : 7.05 :: Week 2.20 : 5.05 : 7.50
3. Superman A Sun. 4.00 : 6.40 :: Week 1.55 : 4.40 : 7.25

#### GRANADA WELLING

1. Hill's Angels Sun. 4.40 : 8.10 :: Week 1.40 : 5.15 : 8.50
2. Hair AA Sun. 5.00 : 7.35 :: Week 3.00 : 5.35 : 8.15
3. Emmanuelle X Sun. 4.50 : 8.10 :: Week 2.10 : 5.30 : 8.50

#### ABC BEXLEYHEATH

1. Phantasm X Sun. 5.50 : 9.00 :: Week 2.50 : 5.50 : 9.00
2. Quadrophenia X Sun. 5.30 : 8.30 :: Week 8.35
3. Moonraker A Sun. 5.25 : 8.20 :: Week 2.25 : 5.25 : 8.20
4. Star Wars A Sun. 5.25 : 8.15 :: Week 2.40 : 5.25 : 8.15

### COLLEGE FILM - TUESDAY 2000 - Room 430

#### THE OUTLAW JOSEY WALES

Clint Eastwood stars in as well as directs this Western adventure of the early days of the Civil War. A farmer is left for dead by guerillas who murder his wife and child. He sets out to reap revenge. Apart from the write-up, this film is worth seeing, with Clint Eastwood near his best.

'THE 88' at the Old Vic theatre.

"... deals with the incidents arising from the mutiny of the Connaught Rangers (a distinguished regiment of the line led by English officers but staffed with Irish regulars) in India in the 1920's (the date is significant). There were 88 muntineers; at the ensuing Court Martial, 11 were sentenced to life imprisonment with hard labour and a twelfth to be executed. Drawing upon transcripts of the Court Martial, letters and diaries of the personalities involved, this play is an investigation of a controversial, but little-known, event in the history of the British Army in India..."

An opportunity has been offered for a student party to go to this play under a special ILEA schools discount scheme on Tuesday, 13th November, but only if a sufficient number wish to do so. Would anyone interested, therefore, please sign on the list being displayed on the notice board in the entrance hall.

## PLEASURE AND REPENTANCE

in Room 430, 8 pm, Wednesday, 31st October

A light-hearted look at love first performed by the Royal Shakespeare Company.

Through the eyes of Oscar Wilde, D.H. Lawrence, The Rolling Stones, Sir Walter Raleigh,



## HARK, HARK, THE ARK!

Despite the fact that our College building is still about as new as it is possible for a building to be, there appear to be an alarming number of cracks in the internal walls. We are to suppose that these walls are no more than partitions and not load-bearing, and so that the odd collapse does not matter, but all the same, it does not help to recall that the boat-house, actually completed after the rest of the College, is even now in the active process of falling down - and also that anything built in Greenhithe tends to find itself irresistably drawn towards the river.

Perhaps, then, we should hope for some truth in the rumour now circulating in the village that the aircraft carrier ARK ROYAL may actually be about to find a mooring on the buoys once occupied by the WORCESTER/K.E.VII training ship GLEN STRATHALLAN, and before that by no less a celebrity than the CUTTY SARK herself. Suggestions have been made that ARK should be moored in the Thames as a heliport for London, but the exact site has yet to be chosen, and as she is too big to go very far up, Greenhithe would appear to be an ideal place. Her lower decks, of course, would not be used for landing helicopters, and not many would need to be stored aboard, so there would be a considerable amount of space "going begging". If the College could lease this it would be in an ideal position to carry out many types of training - radar (tracking helicopters coming in), abandon ship (of course!), general ship-board routine, etc., as well as provided with emergency quarters all ready for use if our minor cracks proved to be major, or if, the flood barriers failing to be completed in time or proving inadequate, we should need a place of refuge from an inundation (and what else, after all, is an ARK for?)

It would also make it possible to test the efficacy of another survival training technique said to be in use aboard one of HM destroyers - that of making recruits go "into the drink" by employing a gang of petty officers to run them off the end of the deck, much as American Indians used to slaughter buffalo by stampeding them off the edge of a cliff.

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## SAILING CLUB GENERAL NOTICE

For membership of the Sailing Club please see Brian Dickinson (Duty Officer). Members who want to go sailing at week-ends, should sign the list on the main notice board before Friday morning.

For those members who are a 'little rusty' on their sailing (and don't mind getting wet occasionally) there are Mirror dinghies to practice in. Motor boat coxswain practice will take place on request (see me) and/or during sailing.

Sailing this weekend:

Saturday 27th Oct., 13.30 to 17.00

Sunday 28th Oct., 14.00 to 16.30

Coffee will be available to members on the pontoon after sailing.

D.E. WOOD, T.E.C. II, Commodore

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## BREAKER! BREAKER! BREAKER!

To all R.S.G.B. members and other Radio Amateurs (and anyone else who wants a read)

If (Heaven forbid!) you were listening on that vile, disgusting, obnoxious, not to mention ILLEGAL, Channel 14 at the beginning of the year, you might have heard a man inviting certain people with strange car radios round for a quiet evening at home.

Though I didn't go, about 350 others did, more or less in convoy, sprouting a veritable forest of base loaded antennae. A splendid time was had by all; eating, drinking, and ... well, and things. Nobody got raped, robbed, beaten or pillaged, but, best of all - nobody got busted!!

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## FACT FOR THE WEEK - How Labour have run the country on H.P!

Borrowing abroad since the War	1945-51	Labour	+ £1,938 m
	1951-64	Tory	(-)£ 489 m
	1964-70	Labour	+ £1,124 m
	1970-74	Tory	(-)£1,172 m
	1974-78	Labour	+ £4,900 m

P.J. PANNETT



Part 3 London Digs

At the end of my second voyage I returned to Marconi House to qualify for my P.M.G. radio certificate which I eventually obtained after the average period of two months. No British text books on radio were then available, though an excellent one was published soon afterwards. But with the aid of wiring diagrams which were extremely simple compared to a modern radio set, it was not difficult to memorise the complete wiring of a then standard set.

Theory too was also comparatively easy in those days, but if we shaped well at telegraphy, knew the regulations thoroughly and cleared the "faults" put on the set we were passed out as qualified men.

During this period I again took up residence at the same digs in Roupell Street, just off the Waterloo Road. Not, perhaps, a very salubrious neighbourhood but it suited my pocket and I was able to get home for the midday meal as it was only a short walk across Waterloo Bridge. If one felt jaded there was a horse-drawn vehicle which plied across the bridge to the Strand at the princely sum of one halfpenny.

When I first went into these digs there were only three of us lodging there, but by the time I had got my "ticket" the number had increased to nine. The landlord and his wife took their three children into their bedroom while two men shared each of the other two bedrooms. I was in the back sitting room with another chap and three others slept in one bed in the front sitting room. Somewhat overcrowded, perhaps, but we were young then and all pals, so any little inconvenience was not noticed.

The landlady must have been a great organiser and a good cook to feed this hungry mob which she did very efficiently for 15s. a week per man. The bulk of us managed to feed in the kitchen and the overflow in the back yard, part of which had been covered with a glass roof, but it was May and June at the time and no discomfort was felt.

The landlord was a dog breeder and so what was left of the back yard was devoted to kennels. As for the little house at the bottom of the yard with 14 of us using it, it was tough on any one in a hurry. There were, of course, no bathing facilities but occasionally a couple of us might manage a sluice down in the scullery while our landlady was laying in supplies.

Generally it meant visiting the public baths and on a Saturday, after the midday meal, you could see many a man counting his coins and debating whether to take a bath or go dirty for another week and invest the money elsewhere.

While I was obtaining my radio certificate some of my old colleagues came up for the entrance test and those who passed insisted on my celebrating with them. I had been brought up in a strict total atmosphere and the evils of drink drilled into me from childhood. So at last I broke the pledge with a port and lemon which appeared to do no harm and it was quite palatable. But alas it cost 4d. and when I ordered some at any future occasion I frequently got nasty looks and in the end was pointedly told to modify my taste in liquor and drink penny glasses of beer like the common proletariat.

With today's enhanced prices it is difficult to realise we could once get a glass of mild for a penny. Bitter was 2d. and a mixed 1½d., and good cigarettes could be bought at 10 for 2d. So a shilling went a long way.

After I had paid my 15s. weekly for digs and 4d. had been deducted for a National Health stamp, I had 4s. 8d. left out of my £1 weekly salary. We took girls to the pictures for 3d. and occasionally went in the "gods" at a West End theatre. Even if completely broke there was always something to see and do in London and the view of the shipping from Tower Bridge was always of great interest. Those were happy days and I was almost sorry to go back to sea again.

Next week - "An Important Ship"

*"Adam! Put these  
on at once, before  
you catch your death!"*



PLEASURE AND REPENTANCE -  
a light-hearted look at  
love - Room 430, Wednesday



ROYAL NATIONAL LIFE-BOAT INSTITUTION

MERCHANT NAVY COLLEGE BRANCH

SPONSORED 'SIT-IN' IN THE SWIMMING POOL ON 1st - 2nd NOVEMBER 1979

The ONC 'I' students are planning to hold an overnight sponsored "Sit-In" in the swimming pool, aboard a life-raft. They have been kind enough to nominate the R.N.L.I. as the charity to receive the proceeds of their efforts, so please support them, and us, if they ask you to sponsor them. The sponsorship will be based on the number of hours spent in the life-raft. It is hoped that the local paper will cover this event.

I would like to correct an error in last week's News-letter. Our Christmas Bazaar will be held on Thursday 15th November, from 1000 to 1400, not December as printed last week. There will be Cakes and Cookies on sale, also Handicrafts and R.N.L.I. Souvenirs, Christmas Cards and Calendars, so please make a note of the date. If anyone has any merchandise they would like to donate for sale it will be very gratefully received by myself in the Duty Office, or by Mrs Carole Seaward in the General Office. There will also be a Christmas Raffle, tickets for which will be on sale very soon.

The bonfire will be held as previously advertised on the Foreshore at 1930 on Monday, 5th November. There will be hot soup and hot dogs on sale, proceeds to go to branch funds. Unfortunately, owing to the proximity of the Paper Mill and also to Port of London Bye-laws, we are unable to allow fireworks. Those people who volunteered their services to help move wood to the scene - the labour gang will be required on the weekend of 3rd/4th November, so please, anyone who can spare half an hour, do come and join us; wear some old clothes - the stuff is dirty.

Anyone who has some paper-back books for which they have no further use, will they please bring them to me at the Duty Office.

Thank you all for your support - BRIAN DICKINSON

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30.9.79

<u>INCOME</u>		£.	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	£.
Balance b/fwd.			Remittance to H.Q.	
at bank	nil		May 1979	£200
in hand	nil	Nil	June 1979	<u>£700</u>
Sponsored Row 1978	36.	35		900. 00
Sponsored Row 1979	46.	38	Summer Bazaar Expenses	201. 10
Sponsored Knit-in	181.	78	Purchase of RNLI Souvenirs	183. 29
Christmas Raffle	15.	00	Branch Expenses	3. 21
Christmas Bazaar	90.	60	Cash at Bank c/fwd	392. 72
Barn Dance	143.	00	Cash in hand c/fwd	NIL
Summer Bazaar	750.	92		
Sale of RNLI Souvenirs	195.	91		
Donations	16.	56		
Collecting Boxes	79.	90		
House to House collection	123.	92		
		£1680. 32		£1680. 32

CASEWARD.

Hon. Treasurer  
10 October, 1979

Last Saturday afternoon, while Damien Wood and Geoffrey Kemp were manning a safety boat for the College Sailing Club, a seaman on a shell tanker on one of the buoys, the m/v HARTY, suffered a severe injury when he cut his hand on an oil drum. Since our boat was nearby it was hailed and asked to assist in getting him ashore, which it did, Kemp and Wood having stood by while essential first-aid was administered, and the College has since received a letter thanking the two young men concerned, and assuring us that, thanks largely to their aid, the seaman concerned is now out of hospital and convalescing at home.

We apologise for there being no report of last Sunday's Rugby match. Lack of space



## Clues Across

1. (6) "The Quality of mercy is not strained", she said. (Merchant of Venice)
4. (4) Rub ragged, there's a boast in it.
8. (7) Charged - to defend the walls.
10. (6) Deer spotted in India.
12. (5) Keep, in order to sell here.
14. (3) In the Sargasso find possible constituent of air.
16. (3) Shelter - not really a house.
17. (8,5) Where Richard cried in vain for his mount.
19. (4) Carry for a bet.
- 20 & 23. (6,3,4,2,5) Warning Great Caesar ignored to his cost.
23. See 20.
24. (5) Means to control the team.
27. (5) Polar direction in the Sunday joint was intended.
30. (3,5,5) "A plague on both your houses!" Hope not this sable pestilence!
33. (4) Turn the tide and prepare to publish.
34. (7) Beech wood only sounds perilous to Macbeth.
36. (4) Auks turned still feathered.
- 38 & 39. (7,11) Gentleman partly to blame for this puzzle!
39. See 38.

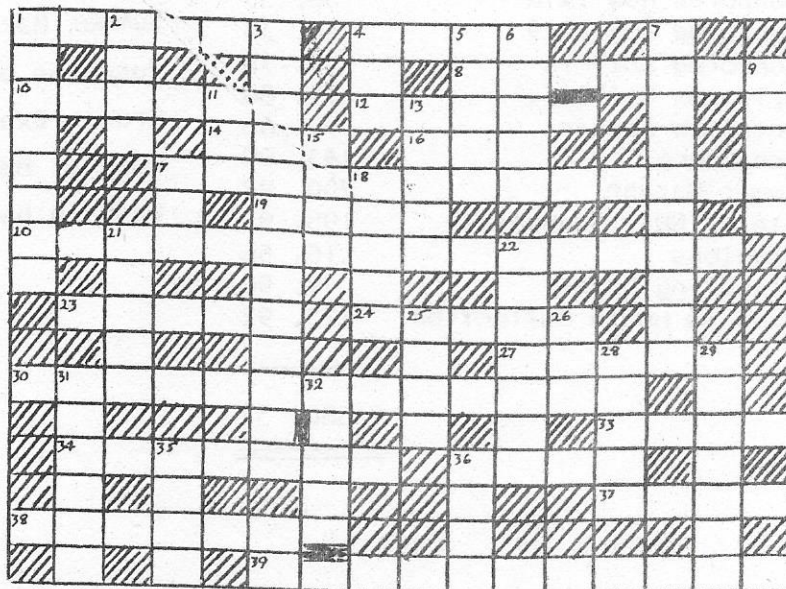
## Clues Down

1. (4,4) Choose to go underground.
2. (4) Wet blessing in a dry spell.
3. (1,7,5) Place of fateful meeting for a Scottish Lord.
4. (3) Alternative to 1D.
5. (5) Around, in a ring even.
6. (5) The beggar that yields up a yard.
7. (6,4) Prevents from closing, with a foot in the door perhaps.
9. (5) Three-foot lengths aloft.
11. (1,2) What you pay for at the fair.
13. (5) Smallest odd number to assemble.
15. (4) Work hard to learn.
17. (3) Featherly about the neck - if serpentine be careful.
18. (5) Rot he provides alternative.
21. (5) Jonah's choice for sea-trip.
22. (7) Where Hamlet lived in Elsinore.
25. (4) Dead? It's in the form of old Icelandic literature.
26. (3) Harden the whole lot.
28. (5) In the lead - but only by a neck without one.
29. (4,3) Rarified atmosphere spoken of by Prospero (The Tempest)
31. (6) Little fellow from Middle Earth and nothing to do with the Bard.
32. (5) Amulet casts spell.
35. (4) Part to play.
36. (4) Royal address for father.
37. (4) Waggon could be bringing the beer.

(I haven't bothered to point out the anagrams this week!)

## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

BEHIND THE LINES S  
 U A E R A NOON  
 BANK STATEMENTS I  
 B S T D A E P  
 LOON WEEPS ARC  
 F M O L E P TOMB  
 C CARAVANS ERAI L  
 AGA D N I E INCA  
 RUBBISH DUMP N C  
 N N A LIVE OAK  
 ORE ALSORAN R I  
 U A T H O G S N  
 ONTRIP GUSTO COG  
 N TOR REMORSE O  
 E N O I MEAN U  
 CRAB ASDIC SWEAT



## ANAGRAMS WITH RIDDLES

### 1. POTTOFESS

It's rather odd,  
 But, true, you'll find  
 The more you take,  
 The more you leave behind.

### 2. WHESTICS

We have our ups, we have our downs,  
 But you must admit,  
 It's when we're down we're at our best,  
 And gloom and darkness quit.

The missing letters in last week's puzzles were - ARK : IPS : OCK : INT  
 and apologies for running the print off the end of the page - it's a tight squeeze