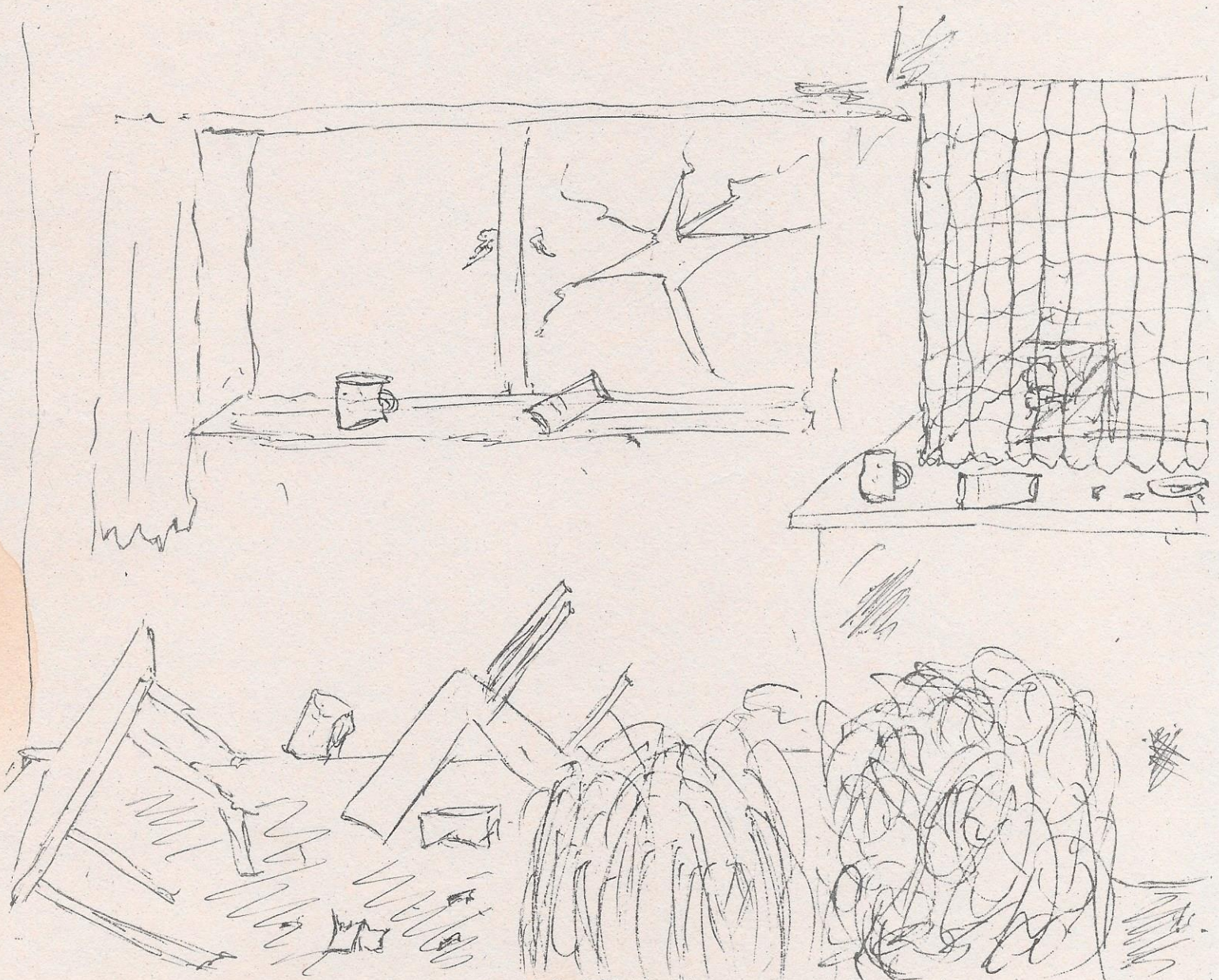


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"'T'was never like this when I were a lad!"



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## RADIO CAROLINE

To all those who loved Radio Caroline, especially the "Nicks" of the World - tuff luck - because as representative of the law-abiding folk of this College (yeah?), I say thank you to Mother Nature for ruining a lot of rubbish and also leaving decent folk (?) to listen to the more pleasant side of radio, which includes Capitol Radio. I have heard that a new radio station - pirate of course - is coming on the waves, and is called Swimrift Radio.

On the other hand.....

of course I hated Radio Caroline as well. I think it's great news for any ship to sink, especially a 50 year old ship like the "Mi Amigo". They had only been broadcasting since 1964 anyway, and had only supplied most of today's best disc jockeys. What a bore being the first all-album station and having Europe's biggest night-time audience.

Does anyone go to the Capital Roadshows? Y'know, where "real music" is played, not this jazz/funk/soul garbage. (Home come Radio Caroline didn't catch on?)

Anyway, thanks again, Mother Nature .....

Loving Awareness? Huh! What's that!

- ED

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## LIBRARY BOOKS

Students are reminded that books on loan must be returned to the library by Wednesday March 26th or renewed for the holiday period.

I regret to inform all you good people that this is the last mag. of the term. Having just scraped through this week, let's hope that there's more available material ready for next term!

I suppose it would be inappropriate not to say farewell to the departing Phase III. So: Farewell, departing Phase III.

EDITOR

Congratulations to Russell Hey for winning the College Table-Tennis Tournament. He beat Ian Creary 3 games to 1 in an exciting final.

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## DID YOU KNOW?

One of the most remarkable coincidences in history is an 1898 novel by Morgan Robertson that "foretold" the sinking of the 'Titanic' 14 years before the disaster occurred.

There is astonishing similarity between Robertson's fictional ship and the real 'Titanic'. In the novel, Robertson describes his ship as having a displacement of 70 000 tons; the 'Titanic's' displacement was only 4000 tons less. The two ships had similar passenger capacities (about 3000), top speed (25 knots), length (800 feet vs. 882.5 feet) and they shared numerous other features, including the lack of a sufficient number of life-boats.

In the novel, Robertson's ship, which has a passenger list filled with wealthy and powerful people, is on its maiden voyage which it strikes an iceberg in the North Atlantic on an April night and sinks.

The 'Titanic', which was also on its maiden voyage, struck an iceberg in the North Atlantic on the night of April 12th, 1912, and sank, carrying some of the most prominent people in the world to their deaths.

The name of Robertson's fictional ship? ..... 'The Titan'.

(Dreadful thought - could it be we can bring things about by 'prophecy'ing them? MS)

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Notice posted in a church hall at Hoylake:

"Will ladies kindly empty tea-pots, rinse round, and, before leaving, please stand upside down in the sink."

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In some respects arrangements for dealing with the Engineers remain fluid. It seems likely that a Conference of Training Officers will take place in the College on Monday, April 21st



To help you digest your Easter-eggs, a bit of official burble from a lengthy and expensively-produced pamphlet of obscure and indecipherable meaning called "Developing Social and Life Skills," recently received from an Official Body.

the term "Social and Life Skills" is used to label

- (a) curricula whose objectives have been primarily derived from a real or imagined analysis of the social demands made on people at work and in the everyday requirements of life in the community

rather than

- (b) curricula whose objectives have been primarily derived from the basic tenets of the relevant academic subjects.

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Of course, one can avoid seeing the curriculum in this way by becoming the disciple of a particular approach, and remaining committed to it until/unless it becomes discredited.

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"When you're dead, that's it, the end. Hole in the ground - rot - nothing more, and anyone who thinks otherwise wants his head examined. Dead men do not reappear; how can they, they've ceased to exist. Kings, peasants, judges or hanged criminals who pretended to perform 'miracle cures', it makes no difference, when they're dead, buried, and gone, they can never be seen again, remember that.

"Because there are rumours about, stupid rumours; a dead man still alive, a 'ghost' seen in daylight and people claiming to have talked to it. Stuff! Either he's dead or he's not dead. If he's dead, well, as I've said, he can't return, while if he's not dead someone's been very lax and there'll have to be an enquiry, but meanwhile steps must be taken before this madness gets out of hand!

"Even some friends of mine, whom I'd always thought sane and sensible enough for anyone, have been affected by this .... mass hysteria - I can't call it anything else. Saying they've seen this man, in their own home. I told them it was foolishness, a trick of the light and self-deception - they had been very cut-up about his death; but they insisted: they still insist. He came in - with the doors closed and barred, mind -talked to them, just as I'm talking to you now, and then went again - I suppose through the key-hole!

"What do you do with such people? I didn't abandon them at once; I did my best to explain, to reason. "Tricks of the light", I said, "Or even of your own mind. The mind can play strange tricks. You can't accept the death, therefore your mind insists it has not happened and tries to prove it by producing false images. Tell yourself firmly, 'He is dead', and it won't happen again, I promise you". But it didn't work, so I gave up in the end. They thought I was accusing them of being mad and just got even more upset.

"I tried though, you can't deny that. And they can happen to anyone; illusions. Even to me. The other day I was walking along the road and I could have sworn that he was beside me, the very man my friends say they saw. It gave me the shivers for a moment - especially when 'he' seemed to look at me and I thought 'he' was going to say something. But fortunately I'm sensible, so I said to myself - in my mind, mind, not out loud; people look at you if you talk to yourself out loud - "Can't be, you're dead - hanged weeks ago - and buried", and then, nothing. Just a trick of the sun through the trees, which was all it had been all the time.

"I really must see if I need glasses!"

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From a U.S. Coast-Guard specification for cold-water exposure suits:

"The wearer must be able to self right within ten seconds and have a 'freeboard' of 4 in or more, when bladder is inflated."





# 'ORRIBLE CROSSWORD

## Clues Across

7. (12) Introduction - or it could be a gift of a gold watch.
8. (4) Brink or rim sharply defined.
11. (8,5) Liable to come to grief, being in the position of having done so.
14. (4) Gymnastics by radio telephone? Cheeky!
15. (3) Overhead's the limit they say.
17. (4) Give out, back, read from the clock.
18. (4) Quote as an example.
19. (4) Put in order, but not on even keel.
20. (4) Lose colour, perhaps from the sun.
22. (4,3) Must have been time when smiths were busy.
24. (7) Of touching, starting with suggestion of diplomacy.
25. (3) Modest little American company.
26. (5) Charged to travellers.
29. (6) Order next Ed. to stretch out.
30. (5) Shower, but finely.
33. (6,4) What we are, or could be Manx TT.
34. (4) Fish with a sulky expression?
35. (4) Smile, but not nice way to look.
36. (6) Sensitive endings suffered from by neurotics.
37. (5) Sea water? Could be.

## Clues Down

1. (6) Fault, desert politically.
2. (3,7) Soviet Naval Officer to the summer garden.
3. (7) A choice of saints? How odd!
4. (5) Marmalade tom? Striped, certainly, but bigger puss!
5. (3) State of singularity.
6. (6) No lack, even with Lent in the middle.
7. (5) Stage before perfect insects.
9. (4) Acts for females.
10. (4-3) Kick the lad, and he only wants to clean shoes.
12. (5,6) Heading for disaster with hurried learning.
13. (4,3) Arctic hazard suggests way to ensure cold drinks on a picnic.
14. (8) Party business.
16. (4,7) Down South, ruler of 13D?
20. (4,4) Thread fit to win literary award?
21. (8) The one to guard with his arms.
23. (4-3) Gardener's pride, but thorny to sleep on.
27. (6) Give back, or cut back wood.
28. (6) A daze - from drink perhaps.
31. (4) Heap, could be atomic.
32. (3) Drink that in quantity could cause 28D.

## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

O S I R I S   C R I B B A G E  
T I P   U O M L  
P A N D O R A S B O X   I E  
F I I   B   C A R V E  
F I N A N C I E R   B E  
O G G   R E D O L E N T  
F I L E D   T D R E D O  
L I R R L A E M U  
R I N G S I D E S E A T   N C  
F H V A T E T H  
T E N T P E G S   T   S A G A  
E O N U P E N D   T N  
S E D G E   R R E M E N D  
T O   G R E N D E L   G  
E F O R A Y   A T A N G O  
R I F F   P E N N Y   A

## TRELLIS PUZZLE

Four-letter words hidden in the sentence below fit into the grid as shown:

"STOP you PEST, it's OPENing"



PEST, STOP, OPEN

Sir: we were charmed by the Town Crier; he was so archaic he was incredible, an appearance which owed a great deal to his gear, but it is a pity one has to wait for this rite when uncomfortably WEDGED in a crowd; he should call the latest news as soon as one arrives.



To help, the middle word is given  
Find the other eight.



We have had a letter of thanks from the South-East Thames Regional Health Authority Blood Transfusion Service. 64 units of blood were collected at the session of March 7th and they are so pleased they want to come back in October! Something to look forward to for after the summer, those who will still be here then; but it is very worthwhile, and none of us can ever know when we might have cause to be grateful for someone else's gift.

#### RNLI NEWS

The Chairman and Committee of the College Branch wish to thank all those who helped in any way to make the Barn Dance such a successful and happy evening. Profit on the event was £175. It is hoped that the Northdowners can make a return visit. Thank you again.

The RNLI Headquarters are seeking used Christmas cards, and collecting boxes will be placed in the Main Hall of College during the first week of the summer term, so when Spring cleaning, don't throw away old Christmas cards, bring them to college when you return.

If anyone has any feasible money making suggestions for the Branch please let us have details in the General Office. It is proposed to hold our Summer Bazaar on the 31st May, so any ideas for money making stalls?

To tide you over the Holiday, a few more from our collection of very old Howlers.

Question - Give the title and a short description of any Statutory Instrument.

Answer - A description of the Hydrometer.

Horse power is the term given to the work that an average horse can do in unit time.

A Banana ship is a ship which is used solely for the use of transporting Bananas. When ordering a new Banana ship this should be born in mind.

A trawler carries two horse shoe shaped galaxies on each side. But on modern trawlers they only have galaxies on one side.

Flies across your bows throttling backwards and forwards.

The following is a list of the cargo mangling gear on this ship.

Port hand buoys are canned.

A body will be circumpolar as long as its polar distance is less than the observer's meridian. The same effect can be seen in high latitudes with the sun, which does not set for half a year.

The loadlines are placed on a vessel's side because that is the lowest part of the ship in the water.

On arrival at the smoke helmet, I would place myself under the 3rd officer.

Question - How would you change to hand steering?

Answer - Close valves D, F, G and E in Nichols' Seamanship.

Re: "Dead Man" On the wire is hung old wires and spare blokes.

Worm Gearing. This type of gearing is not reversible owing to the worms having no end to their turning.

#### SOLUTIONS TO THIS WEEK'S PUZZLES

(We would not keep you in suspense until after Easter, but please, no peeking!)

the latest news as soon as one arrives.  
uncomfortably wedged in a crowd; he should call  
a pity one has to wait for this RITE when  
which owed a great deal to his GEAR, but it is  
so ARCHAIC HE was incredible, an appearance  
SIT. WE WERE CHAINED BY THE TOWN Crier, he was

U F D R G E D G E  
P E A A E B O N  
A C C I D E N T P R O N E T  
P E R T M G A O S K Y  
O A R I M E C I T E I  
L I S T R K B N  
I H F A D E I R O N A G E  
T A C T I L E C O Y P  
I O N F A R E S S E  
C U E E E E X T E N D  
S P R A Y N B B U G  
I S L A N D R A C E P O U T  
L E E R E T D O I  
E N E R V E S B R I N E