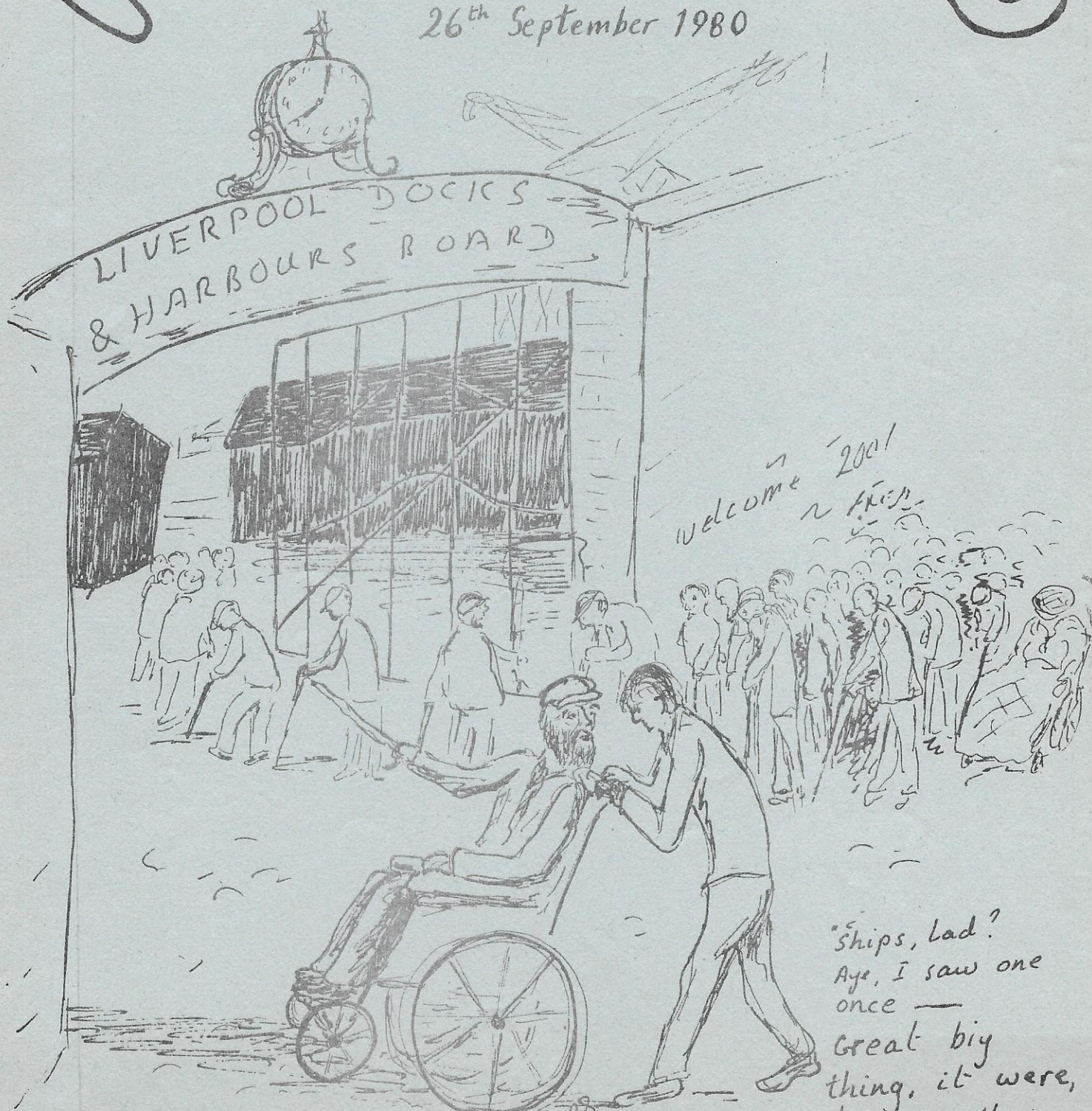


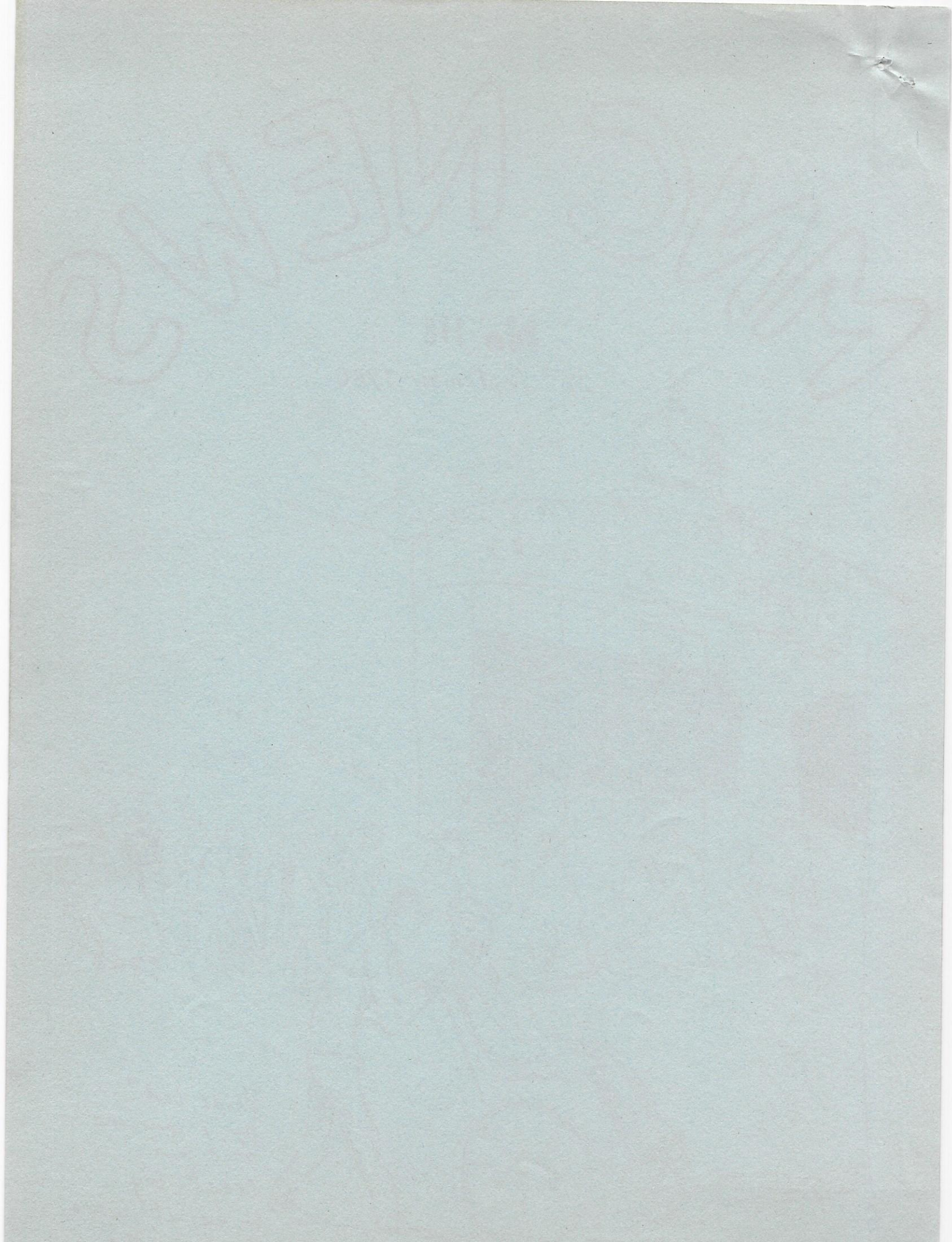
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## EDITORIAL

Dear all,

Thanks for Dave Gordon's ??? triumphant Editorial in the first issue whilst running around the College trying to find an indiscriminating Editor, who couldn't be disguised as himself or Michael Parkinson (sorry Mike).

Anyway, being truly illiterate I found myself volunteering for the job, thinking an Editor had something to do with interviewing Famous Personalities.

So here goes, who can I interview, "Paul Clark" about "turning on" TV sets?

But that's another story which is sure to be published soon.

Anyway, I'm voting for "Hercules the Bear" next S.U. meeting, he has more going for him. The S.U. have been campaigning for years to get soft toilet rolls, and "Hercules" is seen on TV regularly with more than his fair share. Well, now my conclusion for the week.

Radars, Radios and Parallel Rules are definitely out and Asteroid Machines are IN.

ED.

P.S. Keep the paper alive. We need your stories, jokes and any other useful material.

## READERS' LETTERS

Dear Editor - I would be grateful if you would kindly advise me on the following problem; I am 19 years old and have two brothers; one works for Tyne and Wear Council and is an ardent Newcastle fan, the other is in Durham Jail for rape and larceny.

My father is a fine gentleman who lives off the earnings of my two sisters who are on the street, holding good positions in the West End. My mother is pregnant by the next door neighbour and, in view of this, my father has refused to marry her.

Recently I met a lovely girl who is an ex-prostitute, simple, sweet and the mother of three children (two of whom are coloured). My problem is: shall I tell her about my brother who is a Newcastle supporter?

from Happy Home, Tyne and Wear

Reply

Dear Sir - You seem to find yourself in a terrible situation, but if you manage to survive here for six months you are sure to be capable of anything.

Ed.

Car Owners - Do you want to keep your motors where you leave them? If so, I've got several sirens, alarms and immobilisers, including hand-brake locks and bonnet locks for any car on the road. See me, Charlie Stringer, anywhere about, or call at 426 Swale for a price list. Also, I've got some cheap fibre glass parts for cars, e.g. wings, spoilers.

## THE MAD HATTERS' AND CRAZY MASKS DISCO

This is a definite must for anyone who is slightly or completely crazy. A prize of £5 will be given to the most original person. We swing off at 8 pm and finish at midnight. Snacks will be available on the evening as well as our illustrious BAR.

Price 40p - Girls FREE (and I don't mean we serve free girls)

Advertisement in Personal Column of Daily Telegraph -  
"Old trains wanted."  
Try British Rail.

A woman train passenger complained to the guard of a terrible draught coming through the gap under the toilet door. They ought, she declared, to put up a

## **BULL WRECKS CHINA SHOP**

Mr Peter Jordan, a china shop manager, looked up when a customer entered to find himself facing an enraged 18-month-old snorting bull. The bull charged, knocking over cabinets of china, crushing coffee tables and destroying large

The bull had escaped from an auction mart in Otley, Yorkshire. It trampled out of the wrecked shop, Wharfedale Decoration, in Market Street, of its own accord and was caught later.



According to an article in a recent edition of the 'Daily Express', drawn to my attention by a colleague, if our health and happiness are to be preserved, we all need to be touched, frequently. It is an American theory, of course, but founded on observations of orphan babies, which suggest that love and affection is more important to their well-being than clinical cleanliness. According to this theory, our skins are hungry for contact and our blood works better for the stimulation - babies deprived of physical contact will even waste away and die, so therefore anyone who is so deprived must be the worse for it. Marriages would be helped 'along by a good cuddle (surprise!): it is even suggested we might get on better with our bosses if we started the day by stroking them! (Here, Kitty, Kitty, Kitty!) What that might do for the boss's marriage is not mentioned.

But where does all this leave Yours Truly? I have spent my life busily disproving the proverb, "No man is an island," by being just that, maintaining about myself at all times a comfortable little open space - which I seem to remember another researcher a little while ago (American, of course) proved to be vital to peace of mind and mental well-being (something about 'defensible space', I believe). Now I suddenly discover that the one thing I have always sought to avoid - close physical contact with other human beings (nothing to do with companionship, I'm ready enough to welcome that) is the one thing I need, that without it I am not only deprived, I am in peril of going into a decline, of actually wasting away!

Oh Dear!

To change the subject completely; an article in another newspaper, written on the matter of national defence, suggests that modern aircraft are too fast and too sophisticated for some of the roles they have to play. Almost forty years into the jet age the problem that now, apparently, confronts designers is how to make 'planes fly slowly enough to be able to hit accurately small targets on the ground. More and more expensively sophisticated aiming and guidance systems are one answer that apparently does not always work, as the carnage in Vietnam proved - at what eventual cost to the West we still do not yet know. Another, this writer suggests, is small, fairly slow but agile single-seat aircraft, capable of slipping under radar cover, hedgehopping to their target, destroying it and not something else instead, and then vanishing again as inconspicuously as they approached, and his conclusion was that the best design for this purpose was not a jet fighter at all, but a small propeller driven aircraft - cheap to produce, easy to maintain, needing the minimum of expensive and vulnerable airfield facilities, easy to fly and almost invisible to modern heat-seeking anti-aircraft missiles (no hot jet). Such a plane, he thinks, would be better than many times its number of tanks, and it would appear to be on his suggestion that the Americans are now building, in quantity, just such a plane, based on an airframe originally designed for the Mustang fighter of the last War.

So it is possible that, perhaps as a part solution to our nuclear/defence controversy, forty years and more after 'The Few', we might even see some direct descendent of the graceful Spitfire take again to our skies?

### THE BEAR NECESSITIES

".... What I need, after all, is just to be left alone. Seven times a day, every day, I have to put up with being looked at, examined, assessed, sometimes poked fun at, and it's no joke. I suppose they must get some pleasure, but it beats me how they enjoy seeing me caged up in here. Do you wonder that I long for a little peace and quiet so I can do my own thing? Can you blame me, really, for looking for a bit of an escape? But if I do, what a fuss! It seems I have to be able to perform all the time no matter how I feel about any of it. I have to go on, no matter what mood I'm in. What do they think my name is, Hercules? ....."

## Anti-collision radar device by Racal-Decca

THE FIRST FRUIT for Racal from its £114 million takeover

United Nations plans to make such equipment mandatory on 10,000 vessels.

It has taken eight years to develop at a cost of £2 million, with the Government providing a loan.

David Paculabo, commercial director of Racal-Decca, says the automatic radar plotting aid is the first "genuine all-weather

birds and rough seas.

How serious such radar pictures can be is shown by the current inquiry in London into the world's biggest-ever collision, involving the 292,000-ton tanker Atlantic Empress and the 210,000-ton Aegean Captain. One ship mistook the other for a rain-cloud.

The production line will create



## Citadel of Time

### Part 1 - The Feeling

A new Identity, a man reborn?  
Was he the controller, or the controlled?  
A man of time, or a lifetime span?  
Was he the answer, or the questionnaire?

### Part 2 - Understanding

He remembers vividly from his childhood days,  
His youth, his teens and adult time,  
Yet, an inner voice questions his ways,  
His dreams, and recollections must be a sign.

He had a special awareness, they called him freak,  
He could read their minds, personality.  
"Was it I who was strong, or they that are weak,  
Can I see through them, or them through me?"

He was at home half asleep,  
When a vision appeared in his room,  
"O come with leader of the meek,  
Your long asked questions will be answered soon."

He was in a void where all time  
Had come together and stood still,  
"The dreams I sent you were a sign,  
This will be your final hill!"

### Part 3 - Explanation

"I am you, you are me,  
We are part of each other, aeons old,  
We have joined together at last to see  
The Universe's future to be told."

"It has taken a millenia to bring us here,  
We are at last in a cosmic line,  
Don't worry brother, nothing to fear,  
We're in the Citadel of Time."

### Part 4 - Answer

A crackling noise, then a voice,  
"I've brought you here, it was my duty to do,  
This Citadel is a wise choice,  
To say that the future is both of you!"

### Epilogue

The past had died,  
And a new world had begun.

ANON

"Parallax - the point where the body passes the surface of the Earth at right angles to where you observed it from."

And getting to the bottom of it - "You ask me to indicate the arse of a block. Well, I have gone into this pretty thoroughly, and even asked the Captain, and nowhere can I find the arse of a block."

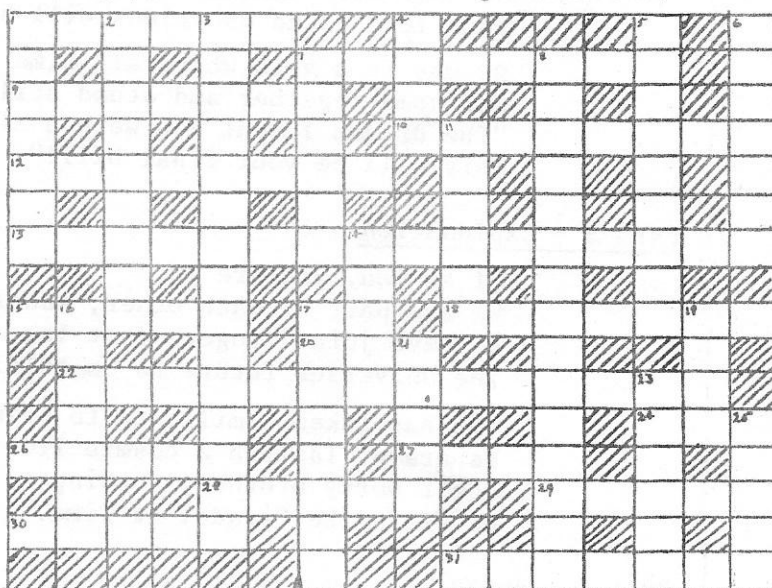
# 'ORRIBLE CROSSWORD

## Clues Across

1. (6) Stern ornament for lady in a hurry?
7. (8) Originator of trunk call from the jungle?
9. (7) State of being free from infection - no state for bug hunters.
10. (3,5) Amateur playing lead in "Animal Farm"?
12. (4-4) Pace-setter for march.
13. (4,3,9) Bring in stormy harvest having been rash enough to sow the elements.
15. (5) I believe in Latin.
17. (2) Company, in short.
18. (7) Back pits, stop - could be pay for parson.
20. (3) Numerically single being.
22. (7,3,4) Cause of disappointed learner.
24. (3) Little Edward's to make hay.
26. Stave turns to goddess with virgin servants.
27. (4) Eagle is good friend of Morcombe.
28. (5) I spell, and wrongly with letter missing - but it sounds good.
29. (5) Single bar is level at sea.
30. (5) May wear ermine, but only in winter.
31. (7) Sack stoker who should quell the blaze?

## Clues Down

1. (7) Paying guest - but not at sea!
2. (9) Question - shall I play the Stock Exchange?
3. (4,3,3,5) Not inconsiderably brings up the rear.
4. (4) He's M, reformed, but could be net to snare Bond!
5. (5,4) US Boundary is call for prompter.
6. (7) Fought to carry sail.
7. (6) Fit promontary to East by South for getaway.
8. (1,6,2,3,3) Dreamy construction, sort of flying fortress.
11. (6) Forces, i.e., in arms.
14. (5) Can never be even half right.
16. (7) Consider mirror image.
17. (8) Clash of interests, and of weapons, perhaps.
19. (4) Just a minute, maybe, quickly written.
21. (5) The French back surrounding the English to find the girl.
23. (6) Right in hot water - a river of it.
25. (5) Fiend at centre of pandemonium.



## TRELLIS PUZZLE

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

"STOP you PEST, it's OPENing"



Stewed prunes are far cheaper than cubed pineapple, we remark, and because of the collapse of our fortunes we prefer NEXT best, particularly when such appears to be nearly as good.



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

Last Week's Trellis:-

SOME ATtempt will be MADE, AND by thaT I MEAN thaT OPPortunities will not be missed, to secure any ANTIques found bearing A LEGend, but the deAL Gate-legged table offered was a BAD Example, its lettering sO PALE as to be barely readable.

## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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