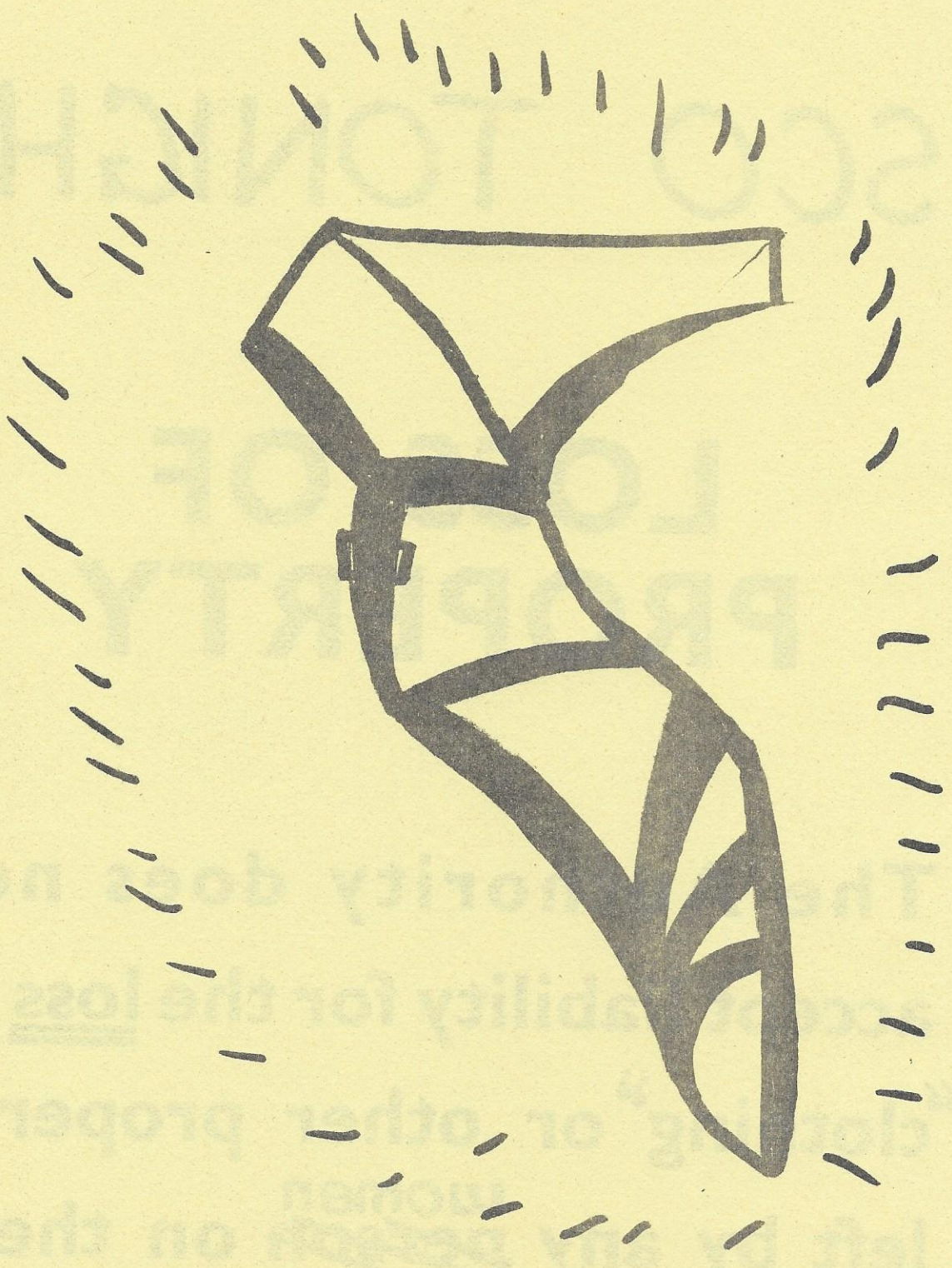


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"DISCO TONIGHT"

LOSS OF PROPERTY

The Authority does not
accept liability for the loss of
"clothing" or other property
left by any ^{women} ~~person~~ on these
premises



Well What did you have in mind?

EDITORIAL

"A strongly characterful, unidiosyncratic performance of effortless brilliance and crystalline textural translucency." No! I am not describing my "charming" approach to the opposite sex, just simply wondering how the M.N.C. News has managed to reach its 124th copy.

The new Ed. has still not been found, but I have a scout out in Durham Prison and a mantrap at the back door of Mayfair Publications, so there is still a chance of converting the "News" into an intellectual and literary suppliment involving "no" deviance whatsoever (one can only hope). "Two words" were introduced to the College vocabulary and are now in constant use, especially used in descriptions of myself:-

1. "Cad" - Vulgar - ill-bred person; person guilty of ungentlemanly conduct (someone who swops a half pint for a full one).
2. "Spiv" - One who lives by his or her wits without working, or by dubious activity and usually affecting ostentatious dress and tastes (Gobi).

So we come to a week's summary, and with beer at half price and Hollywood stars becoming Presidents, its no wonder we're all in a state of high anxiety, or have we just drunk too much? Probably the latter, yet again!

And with the Disco tonight you can't, surely, miss out on the fancy dress. Taffy's knees will be on permanent display throughout, and Paul Clark is going as a piece of green vegetation beginning with "C".

Of course, one can't forget the Marathon Row! A hot water bottle containing 4 Bells Rum seems a comforting friend to keep my feet warm in more ways than one, and with Lee Scott as coxswain, a perfect Sunday. Who cares about a sudden drop in temperature and a snow blizzard? 'Tranquility' will reign throughout (and a few blisters).

Well, have a nice weekend,

Love - ED

STAFF NOTICE

If any staff have any information they may regard useful to other members of staff, the Newsletter is a great way of advertising. The Newsletter Box is situated in the Library.

ED

And if that has not got through to you; this from the Principal:

PROMULGATION OF INFORMATION

It is hoped to include in the M.N.C. News an outline of current issues which seem likely to be of interest to the staff in general. A volunteer from the staff is needed to gather and sift the necessary information, and then compile a report for submission to the Editor.

So there you are, Staff, and this would certainly leave me less room to rant about spiders and spout bad verse! Still, I've just seen from the front of today's paper that they've discovered winds on Saturn blow at 900 mph - which certainly puts our breezes of the past couple of days in place! Yesterday, too, Russian scientists were claiming to have discovered complete weather systems circling the world on an 11 year cycle (reminiscent of Jupiter's Great Red Spot?), and on that basis, they blame their poor harvests this year on our hot summer of 1976, and expect America to get it next, before it comes back to us in about 1987 - so make your holiday plans well in advance; 1987, Skegness!

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BOOK DEDICATION

To Joanna - My brilliant and beautiful wife without whom I would be nothing. She always comforts and consoles, never complains or interferes, asks nothing and endures all, and writes my dedications.

SPIDERS IN REVOLT!

'Spiders belonging to two of the 540 species in Britain have started to bite people..... The two species are deep brown in colour and about half an inch long. They generally live quietly in small numbers on fenland or near the coast.'

SUNDAY TELEGRAPH 2.11.80

So it has happened at last! Arachne has laid aside her spinning and has become the Spider Militant. No longer will she allow herself to be dusted and vacuumed away, her whole night's careful craftsmanship consigned to oblivion at the flick of a bunch of feathers; henceforth she will Defend her home and, like the Serpent, will bruise the heel that has for so long bruised her head.

"Spiders of the world," the cry has gone out, "Hence, you long-legged spinners, hence and to your destiny! Let your home be where you weave it, and let none deny you the right! Do not rest until every hedge, every fence, every grass stalk and every window corner supports your place, nor until every lesser-legged creature bows, trembling, at your feet. You are the spinners, by your toil you clothe the Autumn hedgerows, in your snares and by your skill as hunters are the stinging, winged hosts of the flies laid low - go now, demand your reward, your right, true recognition of your worth; let none set you at naught!"

Snowball the Mouse* was right when she beheld in a spider a dangerous enemy, to be leapt on and pounded to death; with keen foresight she saw this uprising many years ahead, yet now should her kindred take care - there are parts of the world where larger than mice are prey for the spider kind!



*A mouse the writer once saw duel with a spider..

(Note - to allay panic; only two localised species are involved - the revolt does not appear to have spread to the ordinary common or garden and house spiders - yet.)

R. N. L. I. M. N. C. BRANCH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

THURSDAY

13th NOVEMBER 1980

RNLI Souvenirs, Small Cakes, Handicrafts

Raffle - 10 Prizes - 5p a Ticket

Come along and buy your Christmas cards and stocking fillers and our mouth watering
Home Made Cakes

Donations of goods and cakes will be very welcome in the General Office or Duty Office
on or before the day.

R.N.L.I. FILM AND SOCIAL NIGHT

Tuesday, 11th November, 1980, in the Planetarium

If you're at a loose end on Tuesday evening, 11/11/80, come and join us for a chat, a cup of coffee, and watch two excellent films on the work of the R.N.L.I.

All welcome - No Charge

Hope to see you there

CHILLING QUOTES OF THE WEEK

1. A friendly, benign looking American Rear Admiral on ITV debate on USE bases in Britain:
"We fought World War I in Europe, we fought World War II in Europe, and if you dummies let us, we'll fight World War III in Europe...."
2. Voice, on seeing suspended student disappearing over horizon:
"Where's the fireworks, I want a holiday."
3. "Ex" Editor: "Don't worry, I'll do this week's edition."

WANTED

Volunteers for Rugby Club Cheerleaders. It has been announced that a male computer programmer from Florida has filed a sex discrimination suit against his local football cheerleader group. Apparently he wants to take part in what he feels is the American way of life, to show his lovely legs and bounce about and chant songs to raise the morale of the players. "Why deny the right to wear pantihose, leotards and bobbles, to wave a shako and twiddle one's stick." It should be open to any accomplished dancer and the women fans also should get the same treat that the men do.

Paul (Lionel Bart) Clarke, ex fan dancer at the Greenhithe Tap and Clog dancing club, has promised to put on his bunny suit (after his successful one night stand at the Railway, Meopham) and initiate all you tempted tempted terpsichorean titillators in the noble art of cheerleading before the next Rugby Club practice. See you there, you saucy men, you.

Fifthformers at a school in Essex changed places with the staff one day last week to learn something about exercising responsibility and authority. Teachers arrived wearing gymslips and school uniforms. An issue of white coats will be available to students wishing to participate in our college's version, to be announced shortly. Volunteers to prepare one day TEC Course and assessment for staff and students wanted, please.

Oddest title of the week - "Dead Men Don't Need Haircuts" - eh?

Oddest offer - car sticker 75p - "Restore National Pride, Run a Japanese Car off the Road Today"

Did you read in last week's Sunday, about the new Anti-Smoking game à la Monopoly? You collect "Koff" cards and the winner is the one who survives longest. Among the brands are "John Slayers", "Burns on and Stenches", "Sick Gut", "Endmessy", "Wreathmans", "Graven Play" and "Pale Male".

We don't know any other details but the mind races with possibilities. How about, "Communcal Cancer Chest" and "No Chance" cards?

- "You have just lit your first cigarette before getting out of bed ...; go back Three Koffs and start digging."

- "Doctors's Bill, pay £500 for oxygen tent."

- "Go to undertakers; go directly to undertakers; do not pass hospital."

Give me a good digestion, Lord,
And also something to digest.
Give me a healthy body, Lord,
With sense to keep it at its best.
Give me a healthy mind, Good Lord,
To keep the pure and good in sight,
Which, seeing Sin, is not appalled,
But finds a way to set it right.
Give me a mind that is not bored,
That does not whimper, whine or sigh.
Don't let me worry overmuch
About that fussy thing called "I".
Give me a sense of humour, Lord,
Give me the grace to see a joke;

DISCLAIMER

The E.E. Lecturer seen leaving the College on Thursday evening carrying a book entitled, "Prayers for Children" wishes it to be known that there is no direct connection with TEC 2.

Please note that from 7th November Dr. Green's Surgery will be held at 9.30 am instead of 11.30 am EVERY FRIDAY MORNING.

If you require an appointment, please, if possible, notify Sister by 5 pm, Thursday.

'ORRIBLE CROSSWORD

Clues Across

2. (7) One could be to blame. Believe so.
6. (4) Male singer hits the high notes.
8. (5) Stop! at sea.
10. (11) Saying, imperfectly heard fragment?
11. (4) Sets course, plans small-holdings.
12. (3) Fit herb for the regretful.
14. (4) Join on to, singular conjunction.
15. (6,3,4) Place of ordinary seamen, when sail hadn't even been thought of!
17. (4) Cry of triumph for old black bird.
19. (7) Reap in dry to make hangings.
20. (5) Pair provide support.
22. (7) Half a crown? For less than a king.
24. (4,3) Duty per head.
25. (8) Going in a single line, and fouling.
27. (5) Finishing touch for cake, could also finish high-flier.
28. (8) Set rider in order for old war horse.
30. (4,6) Cycle two together, but not abreast.
31. (5) Put down, with blow apparently.

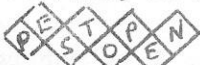
Clues Down

1. (1,6,5) Rich protection the iron hand wears.
2. (2) Little way for the canonized.
3. (5,2,9) On parade maybe, on your feet and take note!
4. (6) Repeat, or put the middle in?
5. (3,5) Unstable, but far from light headed.
6. (1,5,6) Charted roundabout route for direct course.
7. (7) Tortoise - as formed by Roman defence -
9. (3,2) - drop two from that, change, and begin battle.
13. (5) Dark shade of the eclipse.
16. (6,5) Carried at anchor to be easy on the horse.
18. (3) Cry grief!
21. (8) Wine carriers not venturing far out to sea.
23. (6) Royal hunting park, maybe.
25. (5) Less wet - meant to make so.
26. (4) Lied about having no work.
29. (3) Unlawfully deprive - like Turpin.

TRELLIS PUZZLE

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

"STOP you PEST, it's OPENing"

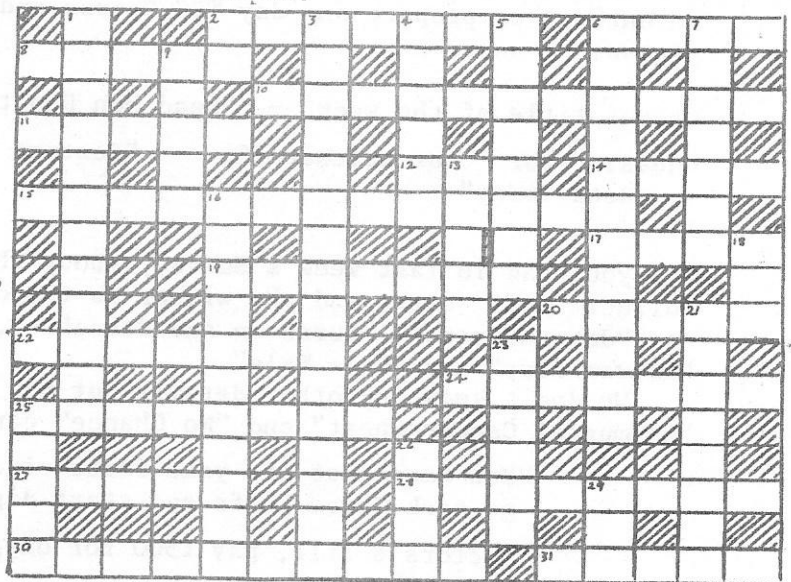


If you are parched, at the end of the day, and alone, then a nice delicious cuppa, celery gathered early in the season, or a white melon slice, will do you more good than wine, it will restore the mirth to your heart, the light to your eyes, the iron to your will; but if you go to an inn with friends who pick up the CHIT and say, "This one's on us," that must always be best.



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

Last week's Trellis: FAR Changed are the hills where I once used to ROAM and wander at my EASE, the glades wherein the fawn and its dAM IDled away the summer noon, the marshes where the sEDGE warbler had its nest and the discreet coot would hIDE Away from the intrusive wanderer, while parachute SEEDs wafted away to conquer fields afar off - suCH IN summers past I knew, where now I, the queue-jammed tripper, grind my GEARS amid belching exhausts and wind-borne sweet-bags!



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

C S P A T T E R D A S H E S
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B L A C K D E A T H E M I T
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