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## Editorial

In September the Club is to lose its present Secretary. Mrs. Harwood is resigning because of her impending examinations. One needs many qualifications for the post of Secretary, especially in a Club like ours, where each member wants to plough his own furrow and Section Secretaries their Sections, with a complete disregard for the wishes of the Executive Council. Such a state of affairs is just not good enough. It not only places an unfair burden on the officers of the Club, but means that the Club doesn't function to its full capacity. Talking about capacities, this Club must hold a record as the only Club that can run a bar at a loss. Two years ago members were saying that the Club would be alright when we got the bar and a place to meet. We have both now. The Bar is hardly used, and Section Secretaries don't improve the situation by their lack of activities to support the Bar. Come on now, pull your socks up, put your shoulder to the wheel, extract the digit and then try to drink in that position!

**COME**

**SWIMMING**

**IN THE LUNCH HOUR EVERY WEDNESDAY** \_\_\_\_\_

**LIME GROVE BATHS** (small pool)

**or Bloemfontein Rd. if there's a heat-wave!**

Details from **ROGER CARROLL** (280)

### THE SPRING NAVIGATIONAL TRIAL

Only six cars arrived at the start of the Spring trial on Saturday, 14th July. (Did some get lost looking for the map reference?). Full of hope, all teams set off from the starting point (a field somewhere south of Denham.) The High Voltage team were full of confidence until they met the first clue. Following the route card was easier said than done; the route went through some very beautiful Buckinghamshire scenery, but nobody managed to find just that bit that was on the photograph they had been given. All the cars sped(?) through Fulmer, Wooburn Green (where was that station?), Flackwell Heath, Hard to Find Farm (it was!), skirting High Wycombe (home territory for Barry and Betty Howell), around Booker Common and through the Chilterns to Hambledon, a charming village nestling in a fold of the hills. The clues, such as "What's New here"(New Inn); "What does Bert Smith do?" (owns a pub) and the number of the post box (I never know which one to take), kept all on their toes. In addition, bonus points were awarded for collecting: water cress, a six inch nail, yew leaf, oak-apple, a pound note without the numbers 4, 3 and 9 on it, and, easiest of all, a silver 3d.

All teams arrived back in good time - except one - and as this was a mixed team it wasn't surprising!! All competitors retired to the Old Crown in Skirmett, where the beer was A.1 and the sandwiches 1st class.

Winners of the Nellie trophy were Barry and Betty Howell (R. & P.), who can be seen in our photograph explaining to champion navigator (Ron Dunkley), (who came second with Alf Fish) where he went wrong. Their official explanation was that after a heavy lunch they were unable to leave the car to pick up bonus points.



# TENNIS

With examinations over, the number of players attending Wormholt Park every Tuesday evening has increased. In an attempt to make court booking easier, players must inform Keith Elder (274) on Fridays of their intention to play on the following Tuesday. A sixpenny booking fee will be charged.

In the handicap tennis tournament all 13 first round and 7 of the 8 second round matches have been completed; the outstanding fixture being an all Rubber & Plastics clash between 'Johnnie' Walker and Mari West. Of the first round matches played since last month's issue of the Bush Telegraph, the most closely fought battle was between Gordon Couch and Peter Mills. Gordon won through 6-1 in the third set, mainly due to superior fitness, after losing the first 7-9 and winning the second 6-4. In the second round there were two very evenly contested matches. Dai Davies won a close game against Terry Hickey, winning the third set 7-5. In a marathon struggle which lasted over two evenings, Mike Hagger got the better of John Austen by 4-6, 6-3, 6-4. The surprise result in the second round was Alan Ogilvie's 6-2, 6-3 win over John Anderson. Alan now meets the holder, Gerry Dawson, in the third round. Other second round winners were Gordon Couch, Norman Carpenter and Keith Elder. The last two play against each other in the third round.

## TENNIS FESTIVAL

The Tennis Festival will take place on Saturday, 17th August. We have obtained the use of two tennis courts belonging to Latymer Upper School. As a result of having only two courts, the numbers will have to be restricted. Preference will be given to members of the section who have played regularly on Tuesday evenings. The other places will be balloted for. In the evening a social will be held and members who are unable to play in the afternoon will be welcome.

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The popular music section presents another

## RECORD HOP

to be held in the Lecture Room on Friday, 6th September. The bar will be open and there will be prizes. The price of tickets will be 2s. 0d.

Records are required for this occasion. If anybody wishes to bring any in, will they please ring Mick Squelch (249) so that the records can be taped beforehand.

## CONGRATULATIONS to

Dr. & Mrs. Graneau on the birth of a son.

Alan Morriss on his recent marriage.

# FILMS

## BOLD EXPERIMENT GIVES DOUBLE VALUE

As a BOLD EXPERIMENT the FILM COMMITTEE has decided to give DOUBLE VALUE this season. Each future programme will consist of TWO TOP QUALITY FEATURE FILMS. There will be no more support films of limited appeal - every minute will be top class entertainment.

Of course, the programmes will be expensive to screen, but the Committee is confident that the majority of the cost will be met by larger audiences. Why don't you come along and bring your friends to the first show on 19th September (not the 17th as announced), when the films will be:

"TWELVE ANGRY MEN" (Henry Fonda)  
plus  
"WHISKY GALORE"

"The Caine Mutiny", one of the films which the Committee originally decided upon in a three hour meeting, was, at the last minute, withdrawn by the distributors, and negotiations are going on at the moment for a substitute, which will be of the same high quality. However, the programme date still stands at Tuesday, 29th October.

The last film show of 1963 will be "Bell, Book and Candle", starring James Stewart, Kim Novak, Jack Lemmon and Ernie Kovacs, and is on Wednesday, 18th December.

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The National Film Theatre programme summary is given below. Further details from A. E. MORRISON (280).

### NATIONAL FILM THEATRE PROGRAMME SUMMARY

| AUGUST |        |                |   |
|--------|--------|----------------|---|
| 1      | Thurs. | * 6.15 8.30    | Street Scene  |
| 2      | Fri.   | * 6.15 8.30    | Visages d'Enfants                                   |
| 3      | Sat.   | 4.00 6.15 8.30 | Our Daily Bread                                     |
| 4      | Sun.   | 3.30 7.15 *    | Napoléon  |
| 5      | Mon.   | * 6.15 8.30    | Brief Encounter                                     |
| 6      | Tues.  | * 6.15 8.30    | The Citadel   |
| 7      | Wed.   | * 6.15 8.30    | La Femme de Nulle Part & La Souriante Madame Beudet |
| 8      | Thurs. | * 6.15 8.30    | Our Daily Bread                                     |
| 9      | Fri.   | * 6.15 8.30    | Feuille-Master of Terror programme I                |
| 10     | Sat.   | 4.00 6.15 8.30 | The Citadel   |

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| 11 | Sun.   | 4.00 6.20 8.40 | Northwest Passage                                   |
| 12 | Mon.   | * 6.15 8.30    | Top Hat   |
| 13 | Tues.  | * 6.15 8.30    | Feuille-Master of Terror programme II               |
| 14 | Wed.   | * 6.15 8.30    | H. M. Puiham, Esq.                                  |
| 15 | Thurs. | * 6.15 8.45    | Duel in the Sun                                     |
| 16 | Fri.   | * 6.15 8.45    | Duel in the Sun                                     |
| 17 | Sat.   | 4.00 6.15 8.30 | La Femme de Nulle Part & La Souriante Madame Beudet |
| 18 | Sun.   | 4.00 6.15 8.30 | Feuille-Master of Terror programme I                |
| 19 | Mon.   | * 6.15 8.30    | Bringing Up Baby                                    |
| 20 | Tues.  | * 6.15 8.30    | Ruby Gentry   |
| 21 | Wed.   | * 6.15 8.40    | Nana  |
| 22 | Thurs. | 6.15 *         | War and Peace (no 8.30 performance)                 |
| 23 | Fri.   | 6.15 *         | War and Peace (no 8.30 performance)                 |
| 24 | Sat.   | 4.00 6.15 8.30 | Feuille-Master of Terror programme II               |
| 25 | Sun.   | 4.00 6.20 8.40 | Nana  |
| 26 | Mon.   | * 6.15 8.30    | Crossfire   |



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First prize of 10s.0d. this month goes to Eugene Nalon (again!) for this characteristic study of George Foyle, and second prize (5s.0d.) to Graham Wills for his portrait of John Gates (opposite page). Once again, as consolation for the non-prize winners, an exhibition will be held as follows:

|                  |   |                     |
|------------------|---|---------------------|
| 6th - 7th August | - | 4th floor Cafeteria |
| 8th - 9th August | - | 5th floor Main Hall |

Subjects for the next three months:

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| September: | "Summer Holiday" (entries by 13th Aug. please) |
| October:   | "Harvest"                                      |
| November:  | "Feet"   |



## Whist

Last month's whist drive was its usual roaring success and once again made a profit. The usual faces were present as can be seen from the prize list:

1st: Mrs. Dawson (chair back covers). 2nd: Alan Bangay (pillow slips)  
3rd: Jim Condon (glass dish). 1st half: Mrs. Condon; 2nd half: Gillian Oakley (bath towels).  
Booby: Fred Irish (tea cloths). Raffle: 1st: Bob Smith (peaches). 2nd: Mrs. Condon (chocs).

NEXT DRIVE: 7th August. See you there - don't be late.

# Calling All Photographers

## PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITIONS

The tremendous popularity of photography during the holiday season has not been lost on the "admen" of today. Each year many thousands of tax-free pounds are handed over to amateur photographers in return for good pictures of everyday subjects. The season starts in about June and continues until September or October. During this period many manufacturers, newspapers and photographic journals offer substantial prizes for photographs which cover a wide variety of subjects.

The conditions of entry vary widely, and it is usually required of the photographer to submit a "coupon" with his photographs. The "coupon" usually, but not always, has to be obtained by purchasing some small item made by the manufacturer, or by purchasing a copy of the magazine concerned.

It is a common failing amongst amateur photographers to assume that the outcome of these competitions is a foregone conclusion. They assume that the prize money will go to a select band of amateurs who grimly set about winning the prizes and that the less energetic types have no chance of success. There is a grain of truth in this reasoning. Certain good amateur photographers make a practice of entering for most of the major competitions each year. Just how many entries they submit no one knows. Perhaps indeed they end up with cupboards full of toothpaste, cat food and the like, but they often collect between £50 - £500 into the bargain! For each "regular", however, there are a great many more amateurs who win for the first time, and it is unreasonable to suppose that they are equally addicted to purchasing more toothpaste than they require, or will buy more than a single copy of the journal which contains an entry coupon.

No, in their case success is due to good luck, common sense and a willingness to spend just a little time on the problem of securing the right type of photograph. The first of these, good luck, is not the prerogative of any photographer. No picture can succeed without it, but this does not mean that competition photography should be left entirely to chance. This is where common sense comes into the picture; study the rules of the competitions and find out what type of picture is required. Then take yourself and the camera to where the particular subject matter is most likely to be available. Find the most suitable points of vantage for the photograph you require, make sure your equipment is functioning correctly, and then wait for Lady Luck to appear. Don't stint yourself on film - it is not all that expensive; but don't blaze away haphazardly either; good pictures seldom result from wild shooting.

Finally, if you have been lucky, either make, or get made, some good enlargements of the best pictures. Follow the rules; label them clearly and pack them safely so that they will reach the judges in good shape. Dog-eared, scruffy prints which have been mangled in the post are hardly likely to impress anyone. Luck does not figure in this part of the business at all. You have complete control here, so don't throw away your chances for the want of a little care and attention.

Where does one find the details of these competitions? Keep your eyes open - they are widely publicised. Newspapers, such as the "Manchester Guardian" and the "Observer" run a competition each year, as do many of the women's magazines. A quick look over the local bookstall will help, or better still, ask the proprietor to reserve for you a copy of any magazine which mentions a photographic contest.

Good luck, and would anyone like a hundredweight of cat-meat at half price?

By the way, in case it should have slipped your notice, the "Bush Telegraph" also gives modest prizes each month for photographs - and you don't have to buy anything to enter!



## "THE SOUNDING OF THE ALARUM"

Long ago, with a melodramatic regard for the safety of all and sundry, the Gods did install a Fire Alarum, the same to be sounded upon the occasion of any excessive outbreak of incandescence, or at any such time as the Oligarchy felt like playing a game of pretend.

The rules of the game now apparently forbid real fires, but pretend ones are not unknown. Indeed, men still talk of the sunny Friday afternoon long ago when the Alarum did sound; rumour has it that the prophet Haggai has submitted his official record of events for late inclusion in the New English Apocrypha.

This is what he wrote:

1. It was a hot day, and being about 15.30 (Western Region time) the servants of the Gods were dropping peacefully off to sleep when there came a hooting and a clanging from beyond.
2. And the servants of the Gods did awake and murmur amongst themselves as to the meaning of such noise which was like unto nothing before it.
3. And none knew as to its meaning.
4. And lo and behold there came running men in red crash helmets carrying long white hoses.
5. And the servants of the Gods cried "FIRE" in a loud voice and did not panic.
6. So they all went out into the great courtyard and sat around the lake which shimmers at the side of the Palace of the Gods.
7. And they did leave open all windows and all doors, and did leave on all Bunsen burners.
8. And the servants of the Gods did smoke Woodbine Tipped and the Demigods did smoke Havana cigars.
9. And a short-sighted, grey-haired Demigod did come running like a cassowary with a brief-case in his hand.
10. And all the multitude did laugh.
11. And lo, the Gods did appear at the gates of the Palace and did bless the multitude and bid them return from whence they came.
12. So the servants of the Gods returned to their slumbers and no more work was done that day. Amen.

But what of the time since that memorable day? Alas nothing, save a little man in a cloth cap who diligently records each month the weight of the cylinders containing fire fighting fluid. They never seem to lose any weight; perhaps there's nothing in them.

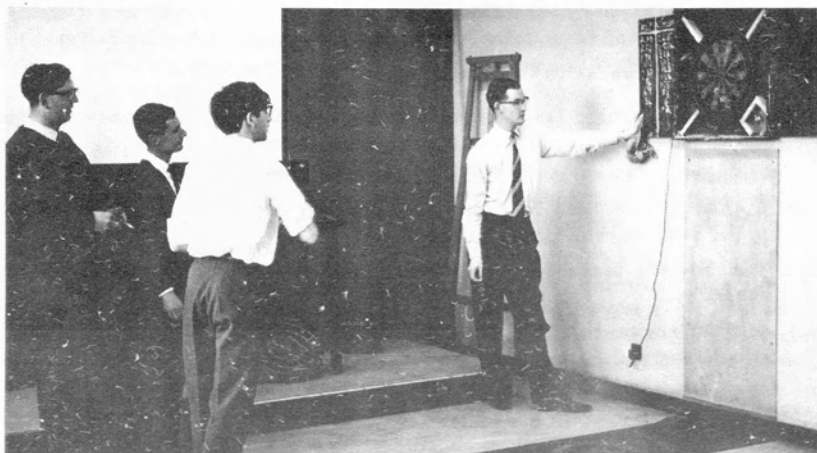
"NEPOS"

### THEATRE VISIT

A few tickets are left for the Visit to CINERAMA - "The Wonderful World of the Brothers Grimm" on Friday, 9th August. Tickets are 12s.6d. reduced from 17s.6d. All enquiries to Eileen Bell (233).

## DARTS

The Lecture Room was hushed at 5.45 p.m. on Tuesday, 16th July, when Rubber & Plastics Darts Team met the Chemistry Team. The bar wasn't open, and so we had the unfamiliar sight of Mr. Victor James Hughes-Francis throwing a dart without a pint in his other hand. Keith Elder, the renowned Scotch man, and Mike Hagger were the first R. & P. team to throw, in their game against Roger "Spectrum" Millward and John Murphy. The ignominy of being beaten in two straight games sent Keith off to play tennis at a fast rate. The second teams VJHF and Dennis (The Hair) Cooper, versus John Street and Graham Taylor were a very undistinguished lot; the scoring was slow, both teams crawling from 301 to "double one". Once on double one both teams seemed content to stay there, and it was at this tense juncture that our photograph was taken, Dennis being just about to throw the winning dart. With the scores equal, a Captains match of 501 was played. Mike Hagger needed 100 when John Street (imported specially for the occasion) threw the winning dart.



## HOW DO YOU DOODLE ?

Here are a few more word-cartoons inspired by the "How do you Doodle" feature in the Spring edition, from several contributors to whom our sympathies are extended. If anyone else wishes to rid their system of any more such, please do so at the earliest opportunity! To delay could be dangerous!

ECHO-O. SNOKERED. JUMPER. SHELTER. HORATIO NELSON.

STUJIPED. CYCLOPS. KU-KLUX-KLAN. LEGPULL BITE.

SINKING CRASH! TMMTH.



## From The Council Table

Two meetings of the Finance Committee and Executive Council have taken place since our last edition went to press. At the June meeting the most startling disclosure was that the Bar had made a loss of £54 between January and June. Although £45 of this was a bill left over from last year, the position was regarded as unsatisfactory. In future, drinkers will have to pay a little more at our bar. Ted Morrison asked if the Club could have a summer outing, and suggested a trip on the Thames to Southend. The outcome was that Ted and Eileen (who was absent) were lumbered with the organization.

At the July meeting Mrs. Harwood announced that she would be retiring from the post of Honorary Secretary in September. All members of the Council agreed to try and find a new recruit for the post. Insurance for Club members was discussed and, although there are no insurances covering Club members at the moment, some estimates had been obtained and the matter is to be investigated.

The untidy state of the Lecture Room and equipment was discussed. If matters do not improve then the Lecture Room is to be closed for a month. The organisation of the Dinner and Dance, the Hallowe'en Dance and the Children's Christmas party, are to be put in hand without delay.

Miss Shirley Murfitt was an extremely attractive visitor to the Council, and she gave a report on the Ladies Keep Fit section of which she is the new Secretary. All the Council were extremely appreciative and congratulated her on her appointment. The Hockey Section Secretary (Dai Davies) came next, and discussed his section's application for £66 grant to cover activities for the year 1963-64. All the Council were extremely appreciative of the efforts of the section during its first year. Unfortunately, it was felt that with only £195 in the funds, not more than £26 could be allotted. The whole situation is to be discussed with the Hockey Section officers. A strong letter is to be sent to Section Secretaries because they do not have their activities noted in the club diary.

## **THE BAR**

The Bar is open on Thursday Evenings. Members requiring bar facilities for special functions on other evenings should contact the Bar Secretary (A.J. Thomas, 272).

### OFF-SALES

Beers, Wines and Spirits can be obtained at any time at trade price. Common items can usually be supplied direct from stock - other items can be obtained in approximately one week from date of order.

Bottles of the following Table Wines are in stock at present:

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| Spanish Sauternes | 5s. 11d. per bottle |
| St. Julien Claret | 8s. 6d. per bottle  |
| Tavel Rosé        | 9s. 0d. per bottle  |

For all Off-Sales orders, phone A. J. THOMAS (272)

# News in Brief

## TABLE TENNIS

The table tennis tournament final was a rather disappointing one. The two finalists, Derek Smorhtit and Peter Corbett, were combatants who knew each other's form from the numerous games they have played together, and therefore should have given a worthy final. But no; just one of those days - the blame lying on Peter Corbett I'm sorry to say. Derek played competently and took the winners laurels 21-11, 21-6, 21-7. It's a wonder there's any table tennis equipment left after the loser's fits of tantrums.

## MUSIC (Jim's out)

No doubt due to the ignominy of a faded section, Jim disappeared, silently, unJimlike. First we knew was when making enquiries for monthly Music Section report. Toured whole of Department M--, he's gone, seconded to Telcon.

No one likely to take his place - however, anybody want to try? Deep love and knowledge of classical music unnecessary. Most of section's activities were concentrated on organising visits to the Opera or Ballet. The tickets for these are obtained at stupendous reductions in price, and are instantly snatched up by eager members of the staff. We need someone to take over where Jim left off.

## BOAT TRIP TO SOUTHEND

HURRY - HURRY - HURRY !!! Only a few tickets remaining for the boat trip to Southend on Saturday, 14th September. Requests for tickets must repeat must be made to Eileen Bell or Ted Morrison today, (1st August) at the latest, together with the necessary cash!! For members, the cost is only 12/-, whilst non-member tickets will be 15/- each.

|                                   |           |                   |             |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|-------------|
| Sailing Details: Leave Tower Pier | 9 a.m.    | Arrive Southend   | 12.00 noon. |
| Leave Southend                    | 6.00 p.m. | Arrive Tower Pier | 9.00 p.m.   |

## BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER

At present, nobody is responsible for the care and maintenance of this equipment. If anyone who prefers to play with cues with tips, on a table that has been brushed (and perhaps even levelled), would care to take on the job of looking after the equipment, they will be guaranteed the gratitude of most of the other billiards and snooker players and the support of the Executive Council. Volunteers are asked to contact either the Secretary (314) or Alan Thomas (272).

## MANY THANKS

Two members of Wood Lane staff would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for collections that have been made. Alan Morriss (Joiners) received an electric clock and a compact for his bride as wedding presents. Stella Redgwell received £16 as a leaving present. Stella is saving hard to get married and the money will be most useful.

## BRIDGE

There's no captain on the bridge at the moment. An excusable pun but not an excusable state of affairs. It is obvious that no matter how well supported a section is (and the Bridge section has solid and enthusiastic members) it needs a secretary if it is to continue to function at all. The section's most successful season ought to be completed by the appointment of a new section secretary.

## HOCKEY

In a match at Thames Ditton on Thursday, 4th July, the Wood Lane hockey team lost to the Milk Marketing Board by 4-1. Wooda Lane-a lose - again!