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Editorial

This time last year I wrote an editorial bemoaning the fact that our Club was organizing so few events. This year once again there is to be no Boat Dance and no autumn show, infact there will not be a Club event until the inevitable Hallowe'en Dance.

By comparison, however, the London Offices are going great guns. In this issue we are advertising two of their functions to which all our members have been cordially invited. The trip to Boulogne takes place on August 22nd and a Chicken Barbecue on Saturday, July 4th. These two ambitious events command all the support we can give them.

Photo-Comp.

SUBJECT "SHADOWS"

Entries to the Editor by 10th July please.

Apologies - We apologize to everyone who did not receive a copy of the Bush Telegraph last month. We were only able to obtain half our usual number of copies.

JAZZ

Do you watch BBC-2? If you do, don't be surprised to see a few familiar faces on their JAZZ-625 programme. Half a dozen Wood Lane jazz enthusiasts were lucky enough to be part of an invited audience at BBC TV centre for a magnificent jazz session featuring the famous American modern jazz trumpeter Art Farmer. With Art Farmer was that very talented guitarist Jim Hall. The whole session, which lasted about an hour, was really superb jazz and will be well worth watching, it should be screened in about 2 or 3 weeks time, so scrutinize your Radio Times.

Arrangements are being made for more tickets to be made available for future shows. If you are interested contact the Jazz Section secretary Dennis Cooper (280).

Don't forget, he has a regular supply of free tickets for the BBC's sound jazz programme "Jazz Club" every week.



Grand Prix here we come

ROY AMONG THE LEADERS AT OULTON PARK

Oulton Park, Silverstone and Brands Hatch are famous names connected with motor racing. On these tracks, race not only the top stars of the sport but the novices with their home built cars, men with aspirations to become stars of the track. One of the proving grounds for their ability is the 1172 formula Sports Racing Car events. These cars have a Ford 10 side valve engine which has been hotted up to double its brake horse power. The cars have a power to weight ratio equal to a Jaguar and can attain speeds of up to 115 m.p.h.

One of the new arrivals in this class of race is Wood Lane's budding racing driver Roy Serafini, and although he has not had a great deal of success up till now he feels that at least he is in the competitive racing field. I asked how much it cost to run an 1172 formula car and he estimated up to £5 per week. He explained that the con-rods have to be renewed after six races and in addition to this, after every 25 mile race some part of the car has to be replaced. A car can be built for about £300 but a new engine can cost between £60 and £200 depending on who has tuned it up. The prize money is only £10, £5 and £3 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, so that its obvious that there's no profit in the game.

So far Roy hasn't been anywhere near the prize money; in his first two races mechanical trouble forced him to retire, while on his next outing at Silverstone the trailer on which he was towing the car had two punctures and he arrived at the track too late to race (practice laps start at 8 a.m.) In his most recent race he did at least finish but carburettor trouble forced him into the pits: his mechanics jumped on to the car armed with their tool kits and soon put the trouble right. (Actually the sum total of the tools that the mechanics had, were a screwdriver and an adjustable spanner). A pit stop in a 25 mile race (which lasts only about 20 minutes) puts paid to any thoughts of winning.

Roy's ambition is to move up into the formula 3 class but so far, he admits ruefully, it seems a long way off!

Pie In The Sky...by Fred Gauss

There will be dancing in the streets of Denbydale, Yorkshire tonight, for the gloom which has cast down this little village for the past four days has been dramatically dispelled; The Great Pie has been found. It had been feared that the Great Pie had been destroyed when the explosion wrecked the barn being used as an oven to cook it. All the months of work by the whole village seemed to have been in vain; months devoted to the making of this vast eight-ton pie, by far the biggest ever attempted by Denbydale, which has a tradition of giant pie-making going back three centuries. No trace of the pie could be found, and all hope had been given up, when the dramatic news came through. The unidentified object which has been in orbit round the Earth for the past three days is indeed the Great Pie itself.

The discovery was made by Sir Bernard Strangelove, using the giant radio telescope at Lloyd's Bank. He told our reporter,

"I expect the Pie to re-enter the Earth's atmosphere in about a week. A number of telescopes, both optical and radio, have been trained on the Pie, and from what we can see it is still rather underdone. However the atmospheric friction should heat it sufficiently to complete the cooking and brown the pastry just nicely".

Unfortunately, as Sir Bernard went on to point out, the Pie is expected to land in Central Siberia. A deputation from Denbydale is on the way to the Russian Embassy here, but so far the only Russian reaction has come from their Defence Ministry, and put out by News Agency Tass. "If this example of gross capitalist extravagance should infringe Soviet airspace, it will be instantly destroyed by our rocket defences".

Reports that large numbers of starving Ukrainian peasants have set off into Siberia remain unconfirmed.

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FILMS

The newly elected film Committee is getting under way. The new Section Secretary, Tom Ruben, said after his election that the new Committee were very conscious of the hard work of their predecessors and hoped to prove themselves worthy successors. Tom also paid tribute to the retiring secretary, Ted Morrison, who had held this responsible post for six years.

There has been a whisper that some of the new committee are intent on screening films with high entertainment rating.

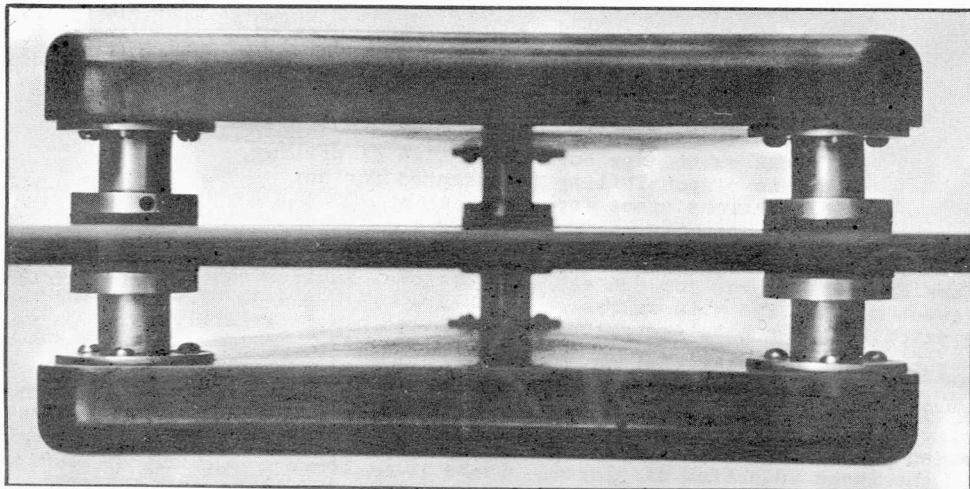
N.F.T.

Tom Ruben has copies of the National Film Theatre programmes and the accompanying illustrated booklet.

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R U an OENOPHILIST?

WHAT IS IT



Our picture shows a really swinging object in Wood Lane. The answer is within everyones grasp. What is it? (answer on page 11)

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Whist

The last whist drive was held on Wednesday 10th June. Once again there were a good number present. Mike Pater was especially welcome: although Mike left Wood Lane nearly two years ago he still enjoys his return visits to meet old friends.

Prizewinners were as follows.

1st.	Colin List	(Mens talc and soap)
2nd.	Mrs. Mackie	(Vanity bag)
3rd.	Gordon Smith	(Bottle of wine)
1st half	Robin Wood	(After-shave lotion)
2nd half	Michael Pater	(Hand cream)
Booby	Ena Prendergast	(Soap and Hand Cream)
Raffle	1st Gordon Smith	(Strawberries)
	2nd Pat Powell	(Chocolates)
	3rd Unclaimed (Ticket No. 189, apply to Shirley Murfitt (233)	

- NEXT DRIVE WEDNESDAY 8TH JULY

BT Guide to Good Eating... Part 1

English and English/Continental restaurants in which meals cost over £1. per head.

Eating out - casual or formal - expensive or moderate - English or foreign - whether you prefer to eat in style or to snatch a quick snack, here are a few hints we hope you will find useful.

Prices quoted are correct at time of writing, but no responsibility is accepted for any alterations since made.

The Hilton The most expensive hotel in London
The prices here are not so prohibitive as might be expected. In the English Taverne you can eat a traditional English fare accompanied by sweet music. The main course costs between 12/6 and 30/-, vegetables are extra. Drinks here are rather more costly than is general.

The Guinea and the Piggy Leicester Square
This is the place to go when you are really hungry. For 25/- per head you can eat as much as you want and the only other outlay is that which is spent on drinks. On arrival you will be served with a clean plate: taking this plate you go and serve yourself with hors-d'oeuvres from the large selection displayed. There is no limit to the number of times you go back and help yourself to more. When you have eaten your fill of hors-d'oeuvre you will be served with another clean plate and you proceed to the entree. This course is again self-service, there are usually about a dozen dishes to choose from; entrees such as duck in orange sauce and coq d'or. Again there is no restriction on the number of dishes sampled. A sweet and finally coffee is then served. The service here when it is needed is good and there can be few people who leave hungry.

Normandie Hotel Knightsbridge
This is a very good quiet restaurant with a continental cuisine. Two people can eat here for between £3 and £4 without drinks. There is also a good set meal for 22/6 per head. Particularly recommended is their lobster in cheese sauce.

For those people who like to go out of town to eat here are some pleasant restaurants and road-houses not too far from home which we recommend.

The Bell Aston Clinton
Said to be one of the best eating houses in the South of England the Bell is decorated in traditional style. Here you can eat well for 35/- per head without drinks. Grilled trout is a dish particularly well cooked.

Bell House Berkhamsted
Here you can eat in style; evening dress is often worn and the cost may be only 30/- per head exclusive of drinks.

Howard's Grill Brighton
This is a quiet restaurant specialising in grills; steak; chicken maryland etc. for about 30/- per head.

Charles' Grill Folkestone
Continental cuisine
A meal for two people costs £4-5 including a liqueur.

The Tiger Chislehurst
This is a public house which specialises in serving good plain English food. The cost is about £1 a head without drinks.

Part II, next month, will deal with inexpensive English and English/Continental restaurants.

Congratulations

We send hearty good wishes to Eileen, our Chairman, on her marriage to Bob King.

To Mac MacAllister (Diffraction & Microscopy) on the birth of a son.

To David Woodward (" ") on his marriage to Clare Conroy.

To Rosemary Ross on the birth of twin daughters - Caroline Anne and Francis Mary.

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ERICA SCURR

Erica wishes to thank all those who kindly contributed to her leaving present.

make a date with ...

The CHICKEN BARBECUE DANCE

TICKETS 4/- each
must be ordered before the Dance

From Barbara Smith.
(295)

ATHLETIC & SOCIAL CLUB
LONDON

Dance
from 8 PM to 11.30
to music by
The ORIGINAL
HOTROCKERS

SATURDAY
JULY
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KIDBROOK
SPORTS
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DAY TRIP TO
BOULOGNE

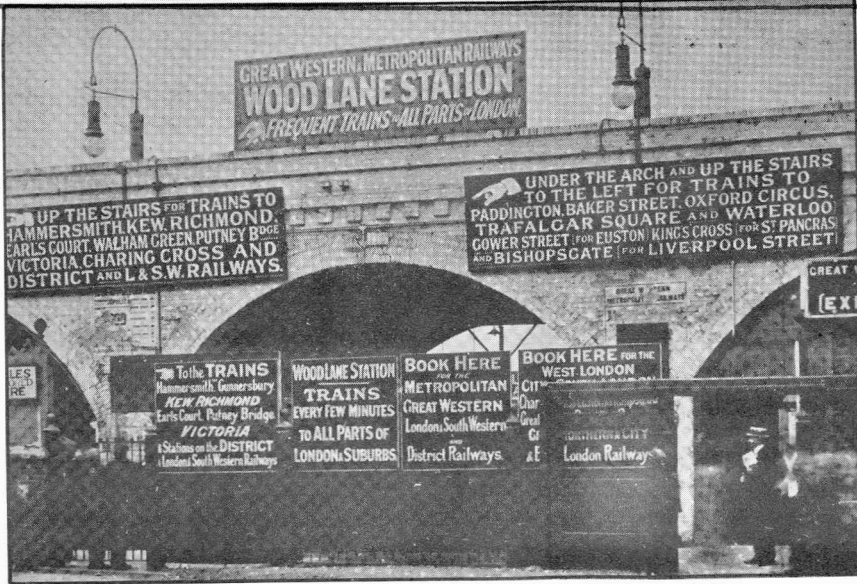
AUGUST 22ND

PRICE 54/-

(but a club subsidy has been applied for)

APPLY TO BARBARA SMITH
BEFORE FRIDAY JULY 24TH

CENTENARY OF THE HAMMERSMITH AND CITY LINE

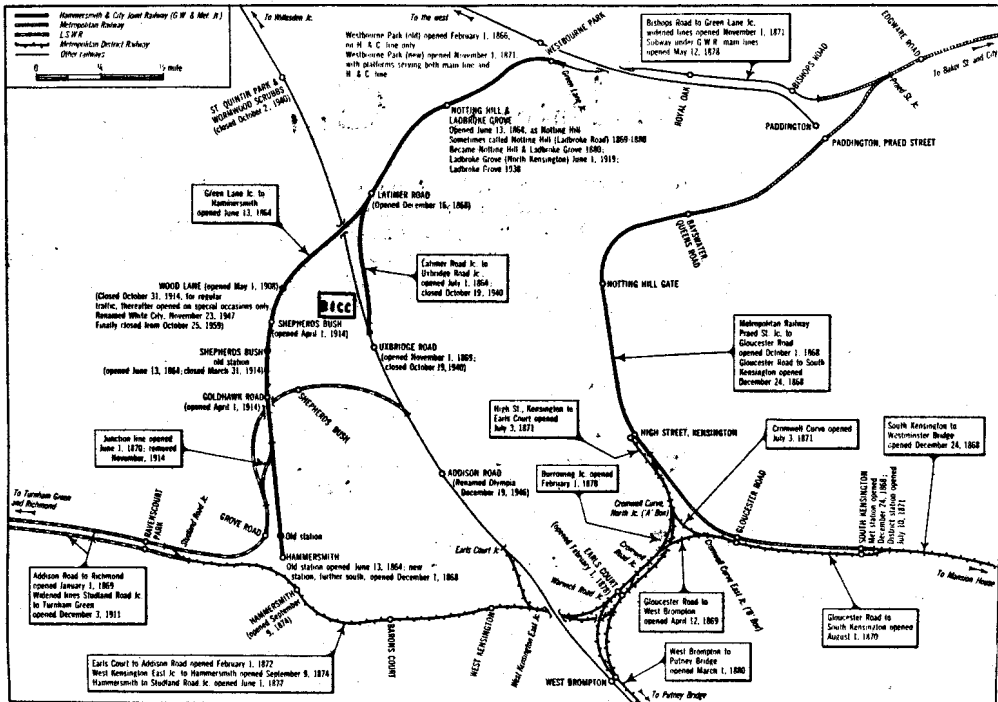


A familiar sight to the inhabitants of Wood Lane are the trains running on the tracks which more or less surround our site - The Central Line to the west, the West London Line (W.R.) to the east, and the Metropolitan to the north-west. The part of the last-named which runs from Hammersmith to Westbourne Park has been in the news recently as it was opened in 1864, just one hundred years ago.

The Hammersmith and City Railway was incorporated by an Act of 1861, supported by the G.W.R. and the Metropolitan. As befitted a joint venture, the line was of mixed-gauge, constructed to accommodate both the 7ft 0 $\frac{1}{4}$ in. broad gauge of the G.W.R. and the 4ft. 8 $\frac{5}{8}$ in. of the Met. It extended from Green Lane Junction (near the later Westbourne Park Station) to a station near Hammersmith Broadway, a few hundred yards to the north of the present station and fronting on to what is now Glenthorne Road. Intermediate stations were at Notting Hill (now known as Ladbroke Grove) and Shepherds Bush. The original Shepherds Bush station was about half way between the present station and Goldhawk Road, and was served by a private road, now used by Shepherds Bush Street market.

Construction was completed by March 1864, except for signalling at the G.W.R. end. Eventually the public train service started on Monday, June 13th, 1864. The junction with the West London Line, (which can be seen from the eastern side of our site - the grass-grown bank beyond the present tracks) was opened on July 1st, 1864, and Latimer Road Station on December 16, 1868.

The initial services were worked from Farringdon Street by the G.W.R. on the broad-gauge, at half-hourly intervals, to Hammersmith and Addison Road, (now Kensington (Olympia)). Through coaches for Addison Road were detached from, and attached to, Hammersmith trains at the junction. On April 1st,



Chronological map of the Hammersmith & City Joint Railway and adjacent lines, showing pre-grouping ownerships

1865, the Metropolitan took over the Hammersmith traffic with standard-gauge trains, and the broad-gauge trains were confined to a half hourly through service between Addison Road and the City for the next four years, when the broad-gauge ceased to function.

On November 5th, 1906, some of the trains began to be operated by electricity, and the whole service from December 3rd.

Our photo shows the exterior of the Wood Lane Station in 1908 when it was opened, primarily to serve the Franco-British Exhibition at White City. The station was closed for regular traffic on October 31st 1914 and thereafter was opened on special occasions only. It was renamed White City on November 23rd, 1947, and finally closed, following a fire, on October 25th 1959. It was demolished in 1961. The original Shepherd's Bush Station was closed on March 31st, 1914, and replaced by the present one and Goldhawk Road the next day.

Since the opening of the Hammersmith and City Line, there has been a regular service from Hammersmith to Farringdon Street, which has been extended variously to Aldersgate, Moorgate Street, Aldgate, New Cross, Bishopsgate (now Liverpool Street), and Barking, and up till 1940 there was a regular service from either Edgware Road or the above termini to Addison Road, which for a time was extended over the District Railway.

Although in recent years the line has been treated as part of the Metropolitan Line, as recently as April last the name "Hammersmith and City" reappeared on route diagrams, so that the original title has survived in public use to achieve its centenary.

The photograph and map are taken from an article entitled "Mixed Gauge to Hammersmith" by Charles E. Lee which appeared in "Railway Magazine" June 1964.

Miniature Golf

The B.I.C.C. Miniature Golf Stroke Play Championship will take place on Monday 6th July at Gunnersbury Park. Will all those who wish to enter, please contact Keith Elder (Tel. ext. 274), before 3.00 p.m. on Monday 6th July. Partners will be drawn for and the winning partnership will be the pair with the lowest aggregate over 9 holes. If time allows, 2 rounds will be played and the best aggregate only, handed in. All cards must be filled up and signed by an opponent.



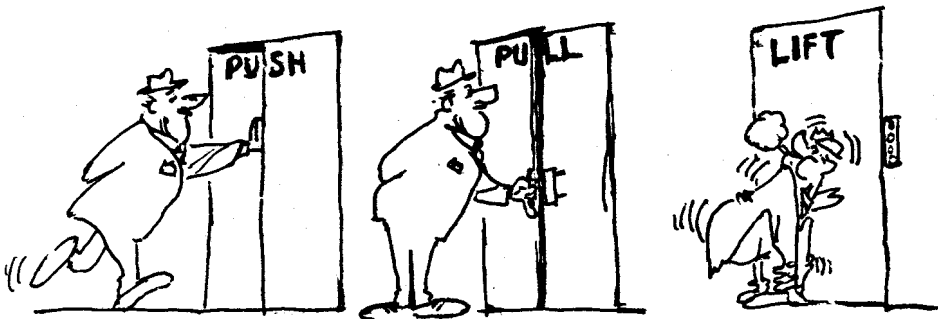
From The Council Table

At the May meeting of the Executive Council, the following dates were fixed in the Club Diary for 1964:-

Tennis Festival - 5th September, Hallowe'en Dance - 30th October,
Dinner-Dance - 11th December, and Childrens Party - 19th December.

The S.F.S.C. reported that a Miniature Golf Stroke Play Championship had been arranged to take place in July and that an evening of Sports Films will be arranged in September.

It was decided that the following articles should be purchased from the capital grant, an 8mm projector, a television set, spot lights and some photographic equipment.



LAST WORD FOR MIGRANTS

Now that the brouhaha about the brain drain has been drowned by the hullabaloo about Cyprus and the royal baby, there may be breathing-space to ask the migrant professors whether they've fully considered their duty to posterity. It's probably all very cathartic shouting from the rooftops that unless you're given an IBM 7090 of your very own, you're going to up and take your bat and ball and expanding universe theory to America, but such self-exposure of your dependence on these intellectual crutches can play hell with your pretensions to immortality.

As far as popular fame is concerned, Newton did it all with an apple, Galileo had nothing but a leaning tower and two lumps of lead, Franklin got by with a kite and a thunderstorm, Watt just watched his mother's tea-kettle and all Archimedes needed to astound the world was a bathful of warm water and a towel to cover his excitement. What chance has a clean-shaven biophysicist of joining them in the children's encyclopedia if everybody knows, on his own confession, that he can't think a single earth-shaking thought without the help of magnetic memories, data processors and a bank of computers as big as a bus? Where are his great-grand-children going to turn for their twentieth-century apocrypha?

The departing scientists are under-standably desperate after years of working in converted telephone-boxes, rinsing out their annual filter-paper, and putting their own shillings in the slot for the bunsen burner. But couldn't they try, just once, before they go, getting back to the simple life like the old-timers?

It might even pay some bolder PhD to attempt a bit of sympathetic magic and take a warm bath under an apple-tree in a thunderstorm, with a tea-kettle in one hand and a couple of sash-weights in the other. There's no telling what stunning discovery he might come up with. Maybe the new contracting universe theory in which all matter proceeds in ever-decreasing spirals, the philosopher's stone or a cure for the common cold. Even if all he surfaced with was Ohm's Law, he'd be a dead cert for apocrypha alongside Trismegistos, Merlin and Oz.

From the "New Scientist", 19th March, 1964.

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What is it Answer.

The picture taken by Johnny Walker of the Rubber and Plastics Department shows an end on view of the handles on the main doors to the McFadzean Laboratories.

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HOCKEY

Two fixtures were played during last month and the results were as follows:-

B.I.C.C.	0	-	Lyons	0
B.I.C.C.	2	-	Milk Marketing Board	1

TENNIS

Enthusiasm for this year's tournament may be described, like the horse-power of a Rolls-Royce, as "adequate". At the time of writing four 1st. Round matches remain undecided, mainly due to examinations and holidays. In the matches played Carol Soilleaux put up a determined struggle before going down 6-2, 7-5 to John Anderson, and Roger Seebold did well to take a set off Robin Wood. Mike Hagger surrendered the chance of a revenge match against Mari West by losing to Norman Carpenter, but Norman was made to work hard for his 2-6, 6-3, 6-1 victory in a game which lasted nearly two hours. Also worth special mention is George Gunn's first ever appearance in the 2nd. Round. This he achieved with a typically powerful walk-over against Gerry Tan which must have had some people wondering how much longer this amazing little man can be kept out of Canada's Davis Cup team. Others eliminated to date are Mike Squelch, Eric Chawner, Terry Webb, Bob Flunder and Colin Brown.

Support for Tuesday evening meetings has reached an all-time high, and the generally good adherence to the ruling about Friday afternoon booking has helped the secretary enormously. It is hoped that members will continue to co-operate in this way.

Two matches have been arranged. On Tuesday July 7th. a men's team will play Barnes 'B' at Barnes, whilst an inebriated chemist who dared to question Rubber and Plastics' supremacy has agreed to allow his department to be annihilated at a later date.

26 members and friends have arranged to visit Wembley for "The Golden Racquet" tournament on Tuesday July 21st. where the chief attraction will be the reappearance of Pancho Gonzales. Wembley advise us that tickets are still available from 5/- to 42/-.

It is hoped to hold this year's Tennis Festival on Saturday September 5th., so make a note in your diary NOW. Further details will appear in next month's Bush Telegraph .



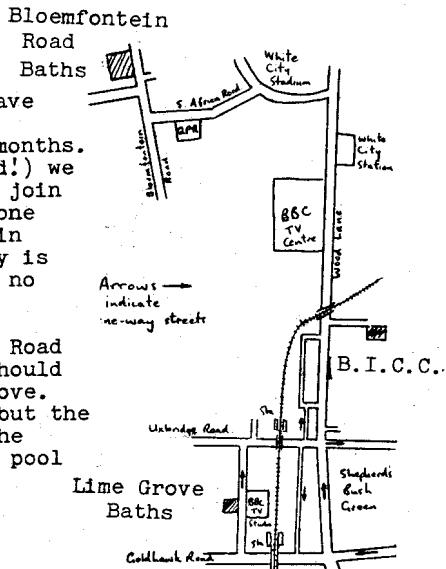
R. & P trio on the court. Bob Flunder, Mari West and Mike Hagger (Section Secretary) up at the net.

SWIMMING

A small number of enthusiasts have been going swimming in the lunch hour regularly every Wednesday for the past 3 months. Now the warmer weather is here (touch wood!) we hope that more people will come along and join in the fun. If you feel like a dip, a phone call to Roger Carroll (280) will put you in touch with people of like mind. Wednesday is our regular day, but other fine days will no doubt tempt us, too!

During the summer, Bloemfontein Road open-air pool is the regular venue, but should the weather turn cooler, we go to Lime Grove. Here the small pool is always available, but the larger pool usually will be open during the school holidays. In term time the latter pool is reserved for school parties.

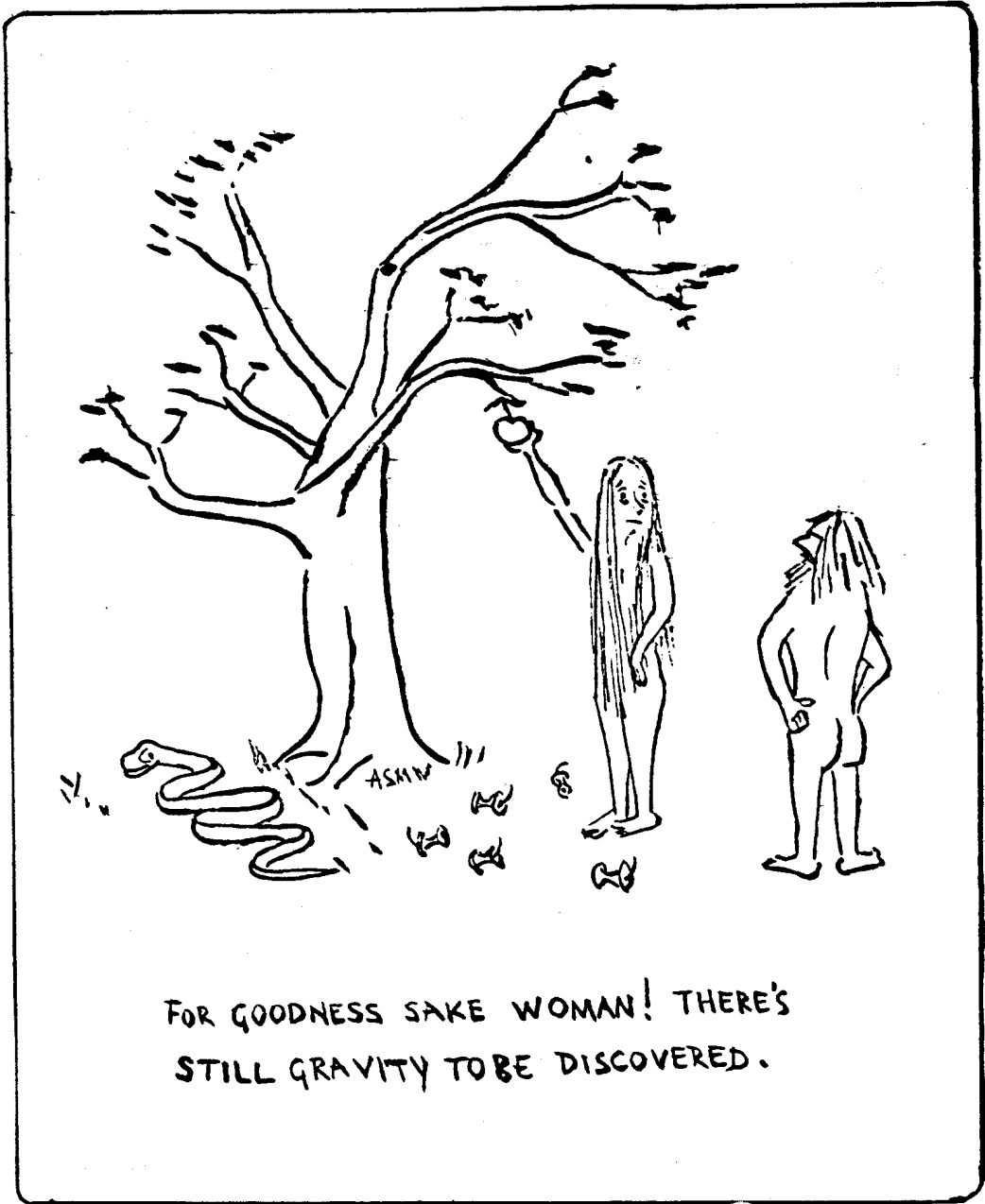
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FOR GOODNESS SAKE WOMAN! THERE'S
STILL GRAVITY TO BE DISCOVERED.


Animal Life

FILM SHOW June 8th. The section's first function had a rather disappointing attendance, eight members and seven guests turning up, with three others for the first half only. But these few were able to enjoy an entertaining programme of 6 films (the less said about the seventh the better!) while the bar was an added attraction, Vic Francis and Vince Murphy perching themselves within elbow reach and watching the films from time to time. The two last films were popularly voted the best of the bunch, Armand and Michaela Denis being up to their usual high standard, and the photography in the South African film "Big Game Country" being so truly Oscar-worthy that Ron Hall simply sank lower and lower into his arm chair muttering "I give up! I give up!" Our thanks for a pleasant evening's entertainment go to Mike Squelch (projectionist) and Barry Howell (barman), with the hope that they do as well at the next show, on Wednesday, July 8th, when it is hoped a few more members will take the trouble to attend.

TOURS

Only a small number of members responded to the circular, and it has been suggested that it would be better to fix the date and venue, so that members could decide definitely one way or the other. Subject to sufficient response, then, (about 40 people are required to fill a coach) there will be an outing to Delstone Cliff, Swanage, on Saturday July 18th. Fare (provisionally) 12/6. Please complete and return the attached form.

To the Secretary, Animal Life Section: (J. Lyford, R.V. Laboratory): Please include my name for the outing to Delstone Cliff on Saturday, July 18th.	
NAME	
DEPARTMENT	
Number of seats required.	

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COACH TRIP TO THE BLUEBELL LINE

SATURDAY 12th SEPTEMBER

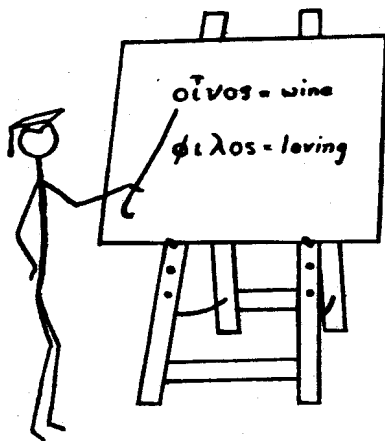
All members are invited to come on a day trip to travel on the Bluebell Line - the "living" museum for historic railway engines and rolling stock.

Present proposals are a trip on the railway and visit to the museum. After lunch on to Brighton for the afternoon and evening.

PRICE APPROXIMATELY 19/11d per head.

(If there is insufficient support to fill a coach a similar excursion to the Bluebell line by rail will be arranged costing the same).

Apply to Ted Morrison. (280)



OENOPHILISTS!

Please Ⓞ 249 (BGH) B 4 10 a.m.
and collect your orders at 1-15 p.m.