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"IN HAMMERSMITH PARK"

by Richard Grigsby

EDITORIAL

The Quiz on Page 10 inevitably starts one thinking on the lines of "How much do the people who work at Wood Lane really know about the place?" For many of you, the answer is "Very little", to judge by some recent conversations. If your curiosity is aroused to a sufficient extent for you to attempt to answer the Quiz questions, then you may be interested to know that there is in existence an unofficial "History of Wood Lane", compiled by two members of the Staff and some years ago serialised in the Bush Telegraph. Though some small details are now out-of-date, due to the changes between departments, the main "History" contains much of interest to the curious, and we would be willing to lend a copy to any who care to apply to the Editor.

We need a new cover-design for the Bush Telegraph. Any artists among our readers are invited to submit their ideas. A small prize is offered for any designs which may be adopted.

WANTED

A kind hearted person to look after a little ten year old lady. Her skirts are a bit shabby, but her heart beats strong - and her limbs are sound, having had preventative medicine at regular intervals. The present incumbent must sadly leave the post and is willing to sell the practice for only £60. Further details from Dr. Melville on 316.

the FILM column

EVE

The feature of our next film show, on February 28th, will be 'Eve'. Set in Venice in the Winter, it tells of a Welsh novelist (Stanley Baker) who has stolen his brothers identity and who loses his soul to Eve (Jeanne Moreau). The director, Joseph Losey, who has also made 'Blind Date', 'King and Country' and 'The Servant', still considers 'Eve' to be his best film ever.

The supporting programme is 'Ballon Voté' - in which a football, used in a lunch-time game by factory workers has a will of its own, and embarks on a hilarious itinerary, punctuated by highly amusing incidents - and the classic comedy 'All Aboard', made in 1917 and starring Harold Lloyd, Snub Pollard and Bebe Daniels.

THE NATIONAL FILM THEATRE

At present the NFT programme has been published only up to February 18th. Full details of films to be shown after this date will be placed in the Film Programme File in the Library as soon as they are available. The films to be shown by the NCC in February and March are listed with the NFT programmes. Further details about these films and about membership may also be found in F.P.F.

THE PARIS PULLMAN CINEMA CLUB

Membership of the P.P.C.C. is available at the reduced annual subscription of 5/- through the Film Section. Membership forms may be obtained from Mike Dennis (357). Full details of facilities will be in next month's Bush Telegraph.

FILM MAGAZINES

Do you want to read "Films and Filming", "Sight and Sound", "Continental Film Review", "Film Artiste" and "Films"? These and other film magazines are regularly seen by members of the Film Magazine Circulation Scheme. Your name can be added to the circulation list for less than a penny a week. For details contact Tom Ruben (212).

FILM RECOMMENDATION

'Point Blank' starring Lee Marvin, Angie Dickinson and Keenan Wynn at Ritz, Leicester Square. An unusual tale of intrigue and revenge in the underworld that pulls no punches.

NEW CINEMA CLUB DIARY

Friday February 2nd Nat. Film Theatre 24.00	THE CHELSEA GIRLS RELATIVITY, SCORPIO RISING
Friday February 16th Cinema 16 18.30	PORTRAIT OF JASON
Friday February 16th Cinema 16 21.00	THE BRIG
Saturday February 24th Arts 18.00	ZAGREB
Saturday February 24th Arts 20.30	SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR
Saturday February 24th Arts 23.00	WALKOVER
Saturday March 16th Arts 18.00	SOMETHING DIFFERENT
Saturday March 16th Arts 20.30	WALKOVER
Saturday March 16th Arts 23.00	SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR
Friday March 22nd Nat. Film Theatre 24.00	THE CHELSEA GIRLS
	RELATIVITY, SCORPIO RISING
Friday March 29th Cinema 16 18.30	BARON MUNCHHAUSEN
Friday March 29th Cinema 16 21.00	PORTRAIT OF JASON

NATIONAL FILM THEATRE PROGRAMME SUMMARY

FEE	BRUAR	Y					
1	Thurs	3.	6.15	8.30	Sherlock Junior	PA	p. 23
2	Fri.		6.15	8.40	Objective Burma		p. 7
3	Sat.	4.00	6.15	8.30	Steamboat Bill, Jr.	PA	p. 29
4	Sun.	4.00	6.15	8.30	Go West	PA	p. 30
5	Mon.	-	6.15	8.30	A MAGIC LANTERN ENTERTAINMENT (All seats bookable)		p. 42
6	Tues.		6.15	8.30	The Navigator	PA	p. 24
7	Wed.		6.15	8.30	The Private Lives of Elizabeth and Essex		p. 14
8	Thurs	S.	6.15	8.30	Our Hospitality	PA	p. 21
9	Fri.		6.15	8.30	Stage Struck		p. 15
10	Sat.	4.00	6.15	8.30	Go West	PA	p. 30
11	Sun.	4.00	6.15	8.30	42nd Street		p. 6
12	Mon.		6.15	8.30	RAILWAYS: The Tittield Thunderbolt (All seats bookable)	-	p. 43
13	Tues.		6.15	8.30	Old Acquaintance		p. 16
14	Wed.		6.15	8.30	KEATON SHORTS Programme III	PA	p. 31
15	Thurs).	6.15	8.30	The Unsuspected		p. 12
16	Fri.		6.15	8.30	Seven Chances	PA	p. 27
17	Sat.	4.00	6.15	8.30	Three Strangers		p. 7
18	Sun.	4.00	6.15	8.30	Steamboat Bill, Jr.	PA	p. 29

P.A. denotes piano accompaniment.

Page numbers refer to the illustrated booklet, describing the films, which is in the Film Programme File in the Library.

Remember: Free Associate Membership of the N.F.T. available through Film Section. Contact Mike Dennis (357).

Table Tennis

Since the Christmas Edition of the Bush Telegraph, B.I.C.C.'s team in the 6th Division of the North Acton League have moved into top position in the division, with wins over F Division Police III (6-4, at home, January 1st) and Brentford Police (6-4, away January 17th). In addition, the team have reached the 3rd round of the Junior Cup, beating U.D. Chiswick III 9-0 away, on December 18th.

<u>Late Result</u> Thursday January 25th vs E.N.V. II Won 9-1. WOOD LANE TOURNAMENTS

We appeal to all players to get these tournaments, singles and doubles, moving again. Since Christmas things seem to have been almost at a standstill.

Hockey

After six weeks of cancelled matches, due to adverse weather conditions, it was a very unfit team which we managed to scrape together to play our first match this year, against Glaxo.

Right from the start we were forced back to play on the defensive and only managed to make a break a very few times. But it seems that our forwards had lost none of their goal hunger and after a while we were 1-0 up. Our goalie was then placed under heavy pressure and although he played brilliantly he was caught off guard twice before half time. The second half both teams had an equal share of the game and only towards the end did fitness begin to tell and once again the goalie was overworked but he played brilliantly till the bitter end.

Result Glaxo away lost 1 - 4

Dear Sir,

In answer to the football team's letter in the Christmas edition of the B.T., we, the Hockey Team, can only offer a comparison of results.

Football					Hockey	L
Lost Lost Lost Lost Lost Drew	0-6 0-8 0-7 0-10 1-11 0-3 2-2	(cup	match)		Won Lost Drew Drew Won Lost Won	1-0 4-5 1-1 1-1 3-1 0-1 3-2

Need we say more?

The Hockey Team

LETTER

Dear Sir,

I was greatly amused by the contribution of your football correspondent in the Christmas issue of the B.T. It had a definite impish flavour about it. On closer inspection, however, I could not help wondering whether it was completely original, or perhaps owed something to our worthy Prime Minister. Try and substitute, as I did Sir, the word government for section, cabinet for team or side, politics for football, ministers for footballers, home affairs for the league, and foreign affairs for the cup. I think that you will find the outcome enlightening.

Whilst on the subject of football may I ask whether your readers know anything of the eleven dishevelled individuals seen heading for Wornwood Scrubs last Saturday afternoon. They were dressed in a collection of torn and patched pyjama tops, moth-eaten stockings and rotting plimsoles that were more hole than rubber or canvas, and they were carrying four short poles and two long ones, a bucket of whitewash and a punctured beach-ball. Were they perhaps the collective signatories of last month's page 6 letter?

I am Sir, yours in search of a suitable adverb,

Argus (Name supplied)

BADMINTON

FINAL OF THE AMERICAN TOURNAMENT

The final took place on Wednesday 3rd January between 'Mac' McAllister and Mike Squelch winners of section I and Keith Elder and Roque Menezes winners of section II.

The first game was a close fight, each pair scoring point for point. Hitting several fine smashes Keith brought the score from 11 all to 13-11 before dropping service after a tremendous rally. After a desperate fight with Mac and Mike serving the score became 14-13 in their favour before Mike smashed into the net. With service over Roque served out, but Keith after serving delivered a brilliant smash to bring the score to 14 all. A bitter struggle commenced to gain the last point, and Mac and Mike emerged the victors of the first game. The second game started similarly to the first, but at 9 all Mac and Mike broke away to win 15-12.

Final P.B. McAllister & M.J. Squelch bt. K.R.M. Elder & R. Menezes 15-14, 15-12.

BADMINTON MATCH REPORT

Since our last match report two more matches have been played. The first was a league match and B.I.C.C. seeking revenge against Chiswick Products were reinforced by the return of Suhas Kulkarni. The score was completely reversed B.I.C.C. winning by 6 rubbers to 3. The second match was a friendly against Kodak. In past years Kodak have been strong and we have only just beaten them. Reinforced by Robin Wood, we fielded our strongest possible team and after a very close match B.I.C.C. lost 6 rubbers to 3.

Sits.Vac.

Two active sections are still without section secretaries, namely Snooker and Tennis.

Many people use the snooker table both during the lunch-hour and after work. How about someone volunteering to look after the equipment and run the tournament? Gratitude would be forthcoming from all those who have had to gaze at tip-less cues and spot-less spots.

It's not long to the tennis season and the section lacks a leader. Tennis has always been one of the most active summer sports at Wood Lane, for which a succession of hard-working secretaries must take a great deal of credit. No particular qualifications are required for this post, save possibly the determination to get the tournaments finished before the end of the year!

Applicants for either post should contact Brian Tilbury (295).

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL BY-ELECTION

Only two of the three Executive Council vacancies were filled as a result of the recent "By-Election". The new members are Helen Harden and Mike Hagger. The annual election will be coming up shortly, together with A.G.M., and it is to be hoped that there will be sufficient nominations for an election to be held. (Not many years ago there were two nominations for every one vacancy). So don't just think about it, STAND FOR ELECTION.

Whist

The results of the last Whist Drive were as follows:-

1st Mr. Baake (Bath Towel)2nd Mr. Mackie (Towels)3rd Bob King (Pillow Cases)1st Half Olive Condon (Tablecloth)2nd Half Kim (Pillow Cases)Booby Mr. Addis (Tea Towels)Raffle Mrs. Addis (Sherry)Miss. V. Still (Chocolates)

The next Whist Drive will be held on February 28th.

THEATRE VISIT

There are 3 tickets left for Camelot on Friday 16th February. Please contact Eileen King 233.

Leadergram

First solution drawn from among the seven (all correct) submitted, was that sent in by Keith Elder, who will receive the 10/- prize.

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C.	MYTH	S.	TESTING
D.	IMPUTED	${ t T}$.	POOH-BAH
E.	LOT	U.	ON THE SHELF
F.	NIZAM	V.	OTHERWISE
G.	ENQUIRED	W .	HITCH
Η.	TWIST	х.	CLAVICHORD
J.	HOWL	Υ.	OUGHT
Κ.	EXTENT	Ζ.	RIFFLE
L.	HOW NOW	A '.	NOTIFY
Μ.	OGLE	В'.	ENDING
N.	UNEARNED	c'.	ROSS
Ρ.	SHEPHERD		

Quotation from "The House at Pooh Corner" by A.A. Milne.

"Then, having untied himself, he began to squeeze into the slit, through which in the old days when front doors were front doors, many an unexpected letter that Wol had written to himself, had come slipping".

Poem of Inaction.

This is the way commuters go...

Alarm goes off late. A quarter to eight. Where are my clothes? No time for toas T. Run for the bus. No, there's a queue. Off at the station. Down to the platform There goes my train. Ten minutes' wait. I'm late.

I'll buy a bike....

Up late again.
It's starting to rain.
A puncture....
I'll mend it.
Traffic jam.
Just walk past it.
Ha! Ha! Ha!
Not like a car.
This hill is steep.
Rain's getting worse.
My legs are all wet.
It's run down my neck.
Oh Heck!
I will buy a car.

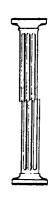
Quick, where's my Hat? The battery's flat? No there's a purr. Now into first gear. Out of the garage. Into second. Into the road. Up into third? No, there's a jam. Down into second, And first, And brake, And stop, And wait.... Yes, I'll be late. Oh dear....

Oh well, let's walk. It'll be better Though we'll get wetter.

MGK

The Page 8½ Column

A monthly miscellany.



NO CHANGE

The Eastern Region of British Rail reports that it is adopting the use of the BRUTE method of handling passenger train parcels traffic.

(We had a vague suspicion that this method had always been in use!)

FROM THE TECHNICAL PRESS

"Many a little squirt tries to appear a fountain of knowledge".

Paint, Oil and Colour Journal.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"However else you may venture into the unknown, it is not on the plastic wings of Playboy magazine"

Mr. Malcolm Muggeridge

(or the gossamer ones of the angels inside, Mr. M?).

KNOT SPOT

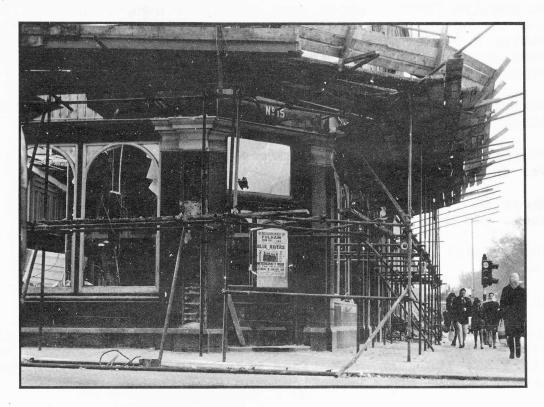
With the feast of St. Valentine rapidly approaching those looking for a novel way of greeting their loved ones may just be in time to contact the postmaster at Loveland, Colorado, U.S.A., and have their card franked with the local postmark and a special Cupid drawing. Loveland (pop.9,000) is a small farming town 17 miles from Cincinnati, and is named after a man who operated a flour mill there many years ago. As well as a reputation for encouraging romance the little town boasts a shirt factory, a rubber factory and an aquatic nursery.

MINI PUZZLE

The answer to the hole in the sphere problem is of course 4/3 $\pi(\frac{2}{7})^3$, which is easily derived by consideration of the limiting case. A more rigorous proof was kindly submitted by Mr. J.J. Easley and is available on request.

DECLINE AND FALL OF THE BUSH "TELEGRAPH"

Re-development of the area of old property, (including Bertorelli's Restaurant) on the far side of Shepherd's Bush Green, has included the sad demise of a pub - and that's always sad. But this particular one was known as the "Telegraph", which is as good a reason as any for including in this column the photo below, showing the barely recognisable ruin in its final death throes. By the time we get into print, there will be no trace left. R.I.P.



APPARITION

This strange figure appeared on the South battlements one damp and dirty day last December, and kept observation on our various goings-on for about 24 hours, eventually deciding not to apply for a post and disappearing from whence he came - which is more than can be said for some other illegal immigrants.

The C.I.D. have been busy recently investigating the methods by which some of these misguided people gain entry, landing on some deserted beach after crossing the Channel in some small boat. Thus lending support to the widely-held theory that "Wogs begin at Calais".



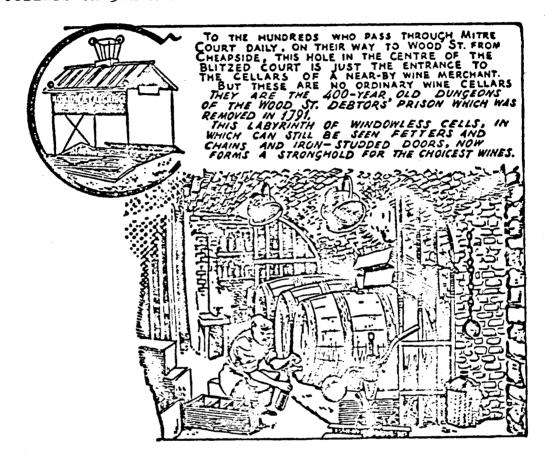
How Inquizitive Are You?

As you walk about this site, or Wood Lane or Shepherd's Bush, how much do you see? Is your curiosity ever aroused sufficiently to make you enquire further about some oddity or other? All the following questions can be answered by taking a closer look as you walk along, or by making a few elementary enquiries. There are no catches and all the places referred to are within fifteen minutes walk from this site. The answers will appear next month.

- 1. What is unusual about the way the trains run through White City Station? And why it is thus?
- 2. Where is there a plaque commemorating a chimney? And what size was the chimney?
- 3. Where can you find a relic of a tramway system, what is it/are they, and who owned the tramway?
- 4. Which local building was awarded a medal by the R.I.B.A. in 1923?
- 5. Which local road was named after a prison reformer?
- of what is now the Metropolitan Line through Shepherd's Bush still has its name on notices which can be seen from street level. Where are the notices and what is the name?
- 7. Where can you see a 1951 Festival of Britain plaque and why is it there?
- 8. Where is there a permanent advertisement of cinema seats at 6d.?
- 9. A section of the 1908 White City Exhibition buildings, other than the Stadium, still exists. Where it is, what was it used for, and who uses it now?
- 10. To which roads running from Shepherd's Bush Green towards Hammersmith does a special weight restriction apply? And why?
- 11. What armament is carried by a local angel, and what is the reason for the angel's existence?
- 12. What is the purpose of the grating in the path outside the entrance to the Machine Shop?
- 13. Most tower clocks either have four faces, like Big Ben, or only one face. Where, locally, can you see a tower clock with three faces?
- 14. Where is there a pub. sign within the confines of a public convenience?

Wine Tashting

There will be a Wine Tasting at the Norton and Langridge Wine Cellars on 5th March.



(From Peter Jackson's 'London is Stranger than Fiction', published in the Evening News, 1st February 1950.)

Due to limited space the Cellars will only accommodate 60 persons, which means that names may have to be drawn "out of the hat".

Unlucky people this time will have first chance at the next one.

Please fill in the form below if you would like to come, and return to David Goff, Met. Lab., not later than 16th February.

WINE TASTING

Name	 		
Department	 Tel.	No.	

FILM SECTION PRESENT

Stanley Baker Jeanne Moreau Virna Lisi

Joseph Losey's

plus

Ballon Volé

and

Harold Lloyd in All Aboard

Wednesday, 28th February, @ 6.30 p.m.