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Cover —

The Lych Gate at Painswick Church in the Costwolds.

Denis Groombridge

Ninety-nine yew trees grow in the Churchyard, and legend has it that, although a 100th tree has often been planted, one has always withered and died.

Editorial

Firstly, my apologies for the non-appearance of the Bush Telegraph during September and October. This has been due to lack of sufficient time to do the job, coupled I must admit with a certain waning of the enthusiasm necessary to make the time available. I have therefore informed the Chairman of the Social Club of my wish to resign from the post of Editor with effect from the end of this year; that is, after publication of the Christmas issue. Would anyone else like to take the job on for six months or so, like I did about three years ago?

Secondly, I must make the usual seasonal appeal for extra material for the Christmas edition. Stories, articles, jokes, cartoons, puzzles, and in particular a suitable cover photograph, will all be welcomed. (May I repeat that we pay for all photographs used?) We would like to have all contributions to hand by the 25th November.

Thank You

We would like to thank all those who contributed to our wedding present, which was a set of non-stick saucepans.

Lesley and John

.... & You

We would like to thank all who contributed to our Wedding Present, which was a set of Swedish saucepans.

Pat & Kevin

"Messing about.....?"

Boating in various forms is definitely on the increase in this country. There are several people here at Wood Lane who are interested in boating in some way or other even though they may not actually own one. It is hoped that some of these problems which are extracts from old yachting magazines will be of interest. Have a go but no cheating. Answers at the back.

1. Somebody suddenly notices that the dinghy is no longer towing astern. "Get her about and steer a reciprocal" yells the skipper. If the course was 200 deg. on the steering compass, what is the reciprocal ...?

2. Turn your money over when you see a new moon? Leaving superstition aside is it waxing or waning?



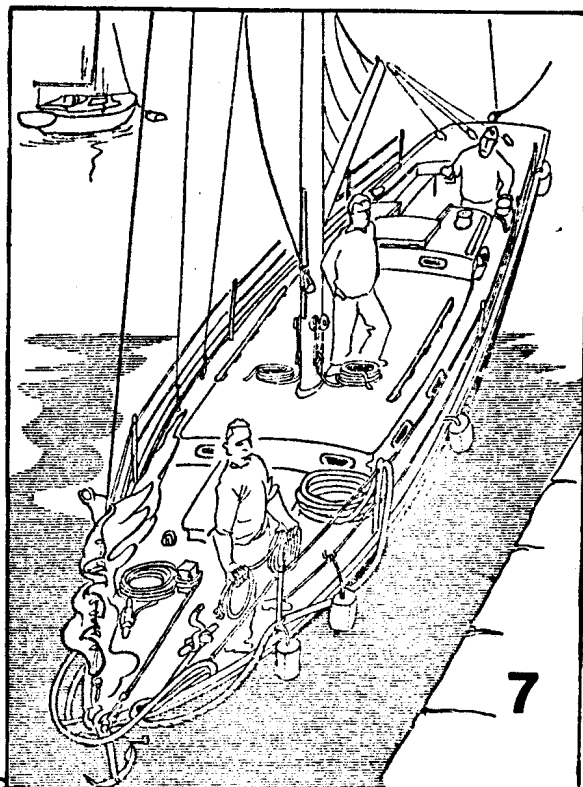
3. One yacht closehauled and the other running free, both on port tack. If the wind suddenly backed which would be affected most?

4. The course is N30 W, a headland bears 060 degrees by hand bearing compass. Have you got it astern yet?

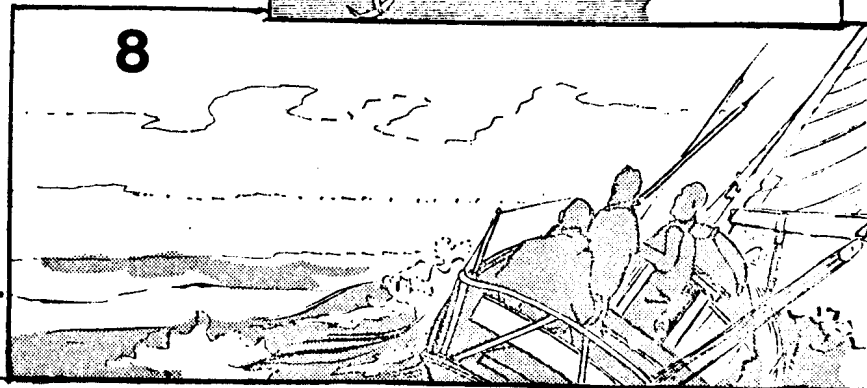
5. The wind is fresh onshore. It took you a long time to find a copy of Reed's and the tide has flooded and is now ebbing over the bar. Assuming that you can't cross at low tide when would you tackle it, in a sailing boat? (Tide at Springs).

6. Entering the lock under power with a following breeze. "Go right down to the end" calls the lock master. Having regard to the slowing effect of a propellor put into reverse and if you had a choice which side of the lock to use would you try to lie to port side or starboard.

7. Ghosting alongside, mainsail ready to drop, hands efficiently alert. If you were standing on that quay in nautical mood what faults could you find with the skipper's preparations and his crew's efficiency? There are nine really silly lapses.



8. They heard it just once - imagined it - then heard it again, the single horn note of a sailing craft somewhere out in the fog. They give a single blast in reply and keep a sharp look-out to windward. How many things are they obviously doing wrong? There are four deliberate errors of seamanship included in the situation.



the FILM column

1970-1971 PROGRAMME

Details of our 17th Season's programme should have been circulated by the time this appears. Will those without please contact any member of the Film Committee.

SEASON TICKETS

Season tickets, price 17/6, are available for the remaining shows in the present season. The Film Committee hope that all regular supporters will purchase season tickets as a measure of their support and for the obvious economy.

DECEMBER FILM SHOW

The main feature of our December show will be the comedy-thriller CHARADE, starring Audrey Hepburn and Cary Grant.

"... a black comedy that is funny, ingenious and exciting ... it mystifies, it dares the audience to guess."

Sunday Telegraph, 23.2.64

"... Charade ... a guessing game, not to be taken too seriously ... aptly and disarmingly titled."

Daily Telegraph, 21.2.64

NATIONAL FILM THEATRE

The NFT now operating two cinemas (NFT 1 and NFT 2) offers an even wider selection of films for the enthusiast.

In the current season NFT 1 will be screening a whole range of screen classics of all types, as its contribution to Cinema City, under the headings Great Performances (Valentino, Monroe, Gish, Stewart); Comedy (L. & H., W.C. Fields, Will Hay); Epic (Intolerance, Ivan the Terrible); Fantasy (King Kong); Thrillers (Bonnie & Clyde, Rififi, Psycho); Musical; Romantic (Les Enfants du Paradis, Morocco); Western (Wagon Master, Rio Bravo, The Wild Bunch).

NEW CINEMA CLUB

The latest NCC programme includes few new additions but continues to provide opportunities to see the uncensored, the controversial, the experimental, and the little known varieties of contemporary cinema.

Badminton

NEW COMMITTEE

A new face joins the Badminton Committee in the form of Joe Lou. Taking over from Denis Groombridge as secretary, Joe's responsibilities besides that of secretary also include team selection. Joe works in the Production Engineering Department, Alperton, and can be found on 997-2008.

Denis Groombridge remains on the Committee in a new post as Treasurer. Denis's number is 212.

Mike Squelch also remains on the Committee in the capacity of Match Secretary and Tournament Secretary. Mike can be contacted on 283.

BEGINNING OF THE SEASON

The season officially started on the 15th September and thereafter every Tuesday and Thursday, on club nights. Shuttlecocks are again in short supply, but we hope to obtain sufficient for club nights. The price of shuttlecocks has again risen but the cost will remain as 2/- per evening for Club Members. Club rackets are also available at an additional cost of 6d per evening.

TOURNAMENTS

The three tournaments held last Season proved very popular and they will be run again this Season.

The Singles Tournament will be first and will be held over the fortnight beginning 16th November. Entry forms should be out by the time you read this.



Thank You

Georgina, formerly of Wood Lane and latterly of Alperton, asks us to convey her thanks to people at both establishments for their contributions to her wedding present.



SNOOKER

Snooker Tournament

Entry Form

To M.J. Squelch, Rubber and Plastics Department.

Please enter my name for the 1970 - 71 Snooker Tournament.

Name (Block Capitals Please)

Department Telephone No.

Entries close Monday, November 30th 1970.

Autumn Navigation Trial

When John and I sat waiting for the first team to move I began to have my first doubts about the ease with which my plot could be solved. I had deliberately made the navigation more difficult than the last trial to compensate for having route-clues which were easier to find, but I never intended that it should be as nearly impossible to solve as it turned out to be. Some people made it harder for themselves by not reading the instructions carefully enough, and only three teams tried every section. I made a monumental mistake in Stage IV and neither John nor I were able to catch every team after the error had been pointed out. My apologies to those who went on a wild goose chase. The fairest way I could think of to mark Stage IV was to wipe out everyone's route penalties and only mark the end-of-stage questions.

As most route-clues were precisely located the penalties for missing them were severe. The mileage penalty was slight to encourage people to go back to find clues that they had missed. As it turned out most teams had insufficient time to pass the points once, let alone twice. Surprisingly few people gave a full 100-metre reference correctly, although instructions for working them out are printed on the map; many people collected 100 penalties for that alone.

STAGE I

Everyone covered this stage although with some difficulty. Route-clues were not precisely located and therefore carried only ten penalties each.

Answers

- | | |
|----------------------------------|---|
| 1. Rose & Crown | 8. Moonrakers (name of house) |
| 2. Blow Horn | 9. World War II |
| 3. Underground railway bridge | 10. 221 years (bakery established 1749) |
| 4. Chemies County Primary School | 11. SU 990935 |
| 5. Green Dragon | 12. On a shop (Cats) |
| 6. Bell Lane | 13. Same names as doctors on panel (Ogden, Giles; Other answers were also accepted) |
| 7. 30 & 70 mph | |

STAGE II

I thought a straight-line map would be a doddle; not so. Everyone who attempted the stage sorted the questions into the right order.

Answers

- | | |
|------------------|---|
| 1. Grove Mill | 6. $9\frac{1}{2}$ inches |
| 2. A post-box | 7. SU 876980 |
| 3. Ind Coope | 8. R.G. Free (Butcher, provisions merchant) |
| 4. Bat, ball | 9. Cyril Lee's (publican, Red Lion) |
| 5. Cherry (Lane) | 10. $4 + 3 = 7$ |

STAGE III

On this stage very accurate plotting of map references and careful study of the map was essential. Points were located within 25-metre squares, and I made sure by pacing them out on the spot. No alternative answers were allowed. Few people were accurate enough, judging by the answers.

Answers

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1. White (the farmhouse on a hill) | 6. A heap of gravel (to the left of the road) |
| 2. An electricity line support pole (to the left of the road in a field) | 7. A gate (in some trees to the left of the road) |
| 3. A concrete tower (hidden in trees to the right of the road) | 8. A lamp post |
| 4. A gate (to the right of the road between a building and a cutting) | 9. A manhole cover |
| 5. A new pair of houses (to the right of the road opposite a telephone kiosk) | 10. SP 809046 |
| | 11. 037582 |

STAGE IV

The light was failing rapidly when the crews set out on this stage and most soon gave up. In any case I have not awarded any route penalties.

Answers

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| 1. The Three Crowns (P.H. Askett) | 8. - 14. nothing |
| 2. The Whip (P.H. Loosley Row) | 15. Princes Risborough 196 (near bus shelter) |
| 3. Salem Baptist Church, Speen | 16. Both numbers on telegraph poles |
| 4. The Old Plow (Inn, Darvillshill) | 17. SEB Reading district office |
| 5. St. Botolph (Bradenham) | 18. The Village (presented a bench) |
| 6. The Crown (P.H. Radnage) | 19. SU 761963 |
| 7. Free Gospel Mission, Radnage | |

STAGE V

Four teams managed the crows' feet in the moonlight and found it relatively easy going. John and I tried it for fun and read what signposts there were quite easily. When I made my first run along this stage to set the questions it was dark and raining too. Hence the paucity of end-of-stage questions.

Answers

- 1. 0
- 2. 0
- 3. 0
- 4. $1\frac{1}{2} + 5 = 6\frac{1}{2}$
- 5. $4\frac{1}{4}$
- 6. 0 (Brokenarms)
- 7. 1
- 8. $1\frac{3}{4}$
- 9. 0
- 10. 0
- 11. SU 833870
- 12. 132 (on a post box)

I am very grateful to John for looking after the paperwork. One thing we did manage to do to everyone's satisfaction was choose a pub but I doubt whether we will ever be asked to plot another trial.

Brian Tilbury

<u>Team</u>	<u>Mileage</u>	<u>Stage Penalties</u>					<u>Total</u>
	<u>Penalty</u>	1	II	III	IV	V	<u>Penalty</u>
A&H Dwyer	2	75	5	65	20	25	192
A&G Town	8	40	25	80	40	20	213
D&D Connolly	14	40	20	110	40	70	294
Mrs & R.Hammets	0	20	20	85	40	175	340
B&D Groombridge	16	60	20	85	40	175	396
R.Davies, W.Mascarenhas	14	75	50	70	40	175	424
A.Mattock, G.Taylor	12	25	45	135	40	175	432
R.Dunkley, P.Shiels	0	50	105	100	40	175	470
P.Revell, L.Howard	16	30	110	105	40	175	476
G.Marriner, A.Mennie	22	70	120	90	40	160	502
S.Castle, P.Sills	0	90	120	115	40	175	540
D.Goff, J.McKenna	26	90	105	140	40	175	576
R.Salisbury, H.Gaston	20	95	120	140	40	175	590
J.Lou, A.Chambers	Retired due to illness.						

The Page 8½ Column

A monthly miscellany.



..... BUT WATCH OUT FOR HIGH WINDS

"The Clifton 33 Radio is a small pocket radio which you can take anywhere", says the blurb. "8 transistors, long and medium waveband, 300 mW output, 2½ in speaker, complete with leather case with earphone. Size: 500 in x 300 in x 1½ in Weight: 12 oz."

And from the same catalogue, under record players,

"..... Turntable: 110 in aluminium with rubber mat Cabinet dimensions 16 in (w) x 6¾ in (H) x 13½ in (D). Speakers: 7¾ in x 11¾ in x 60 in"

"WRITE A HEADLINE" COMPETITION

With the start of another football season Mr. Gerry Queen of Crystal Palace F.C. threatens to dominate the tongue-in-cheek headline department (remember "Queen gives new hope to Palace" - April B.T.). Already this season we've had,

"Queen in brawl at Palace", (Guardian)
and "Palace toast Queen". (Observer)

Readers are invited to submit to the Editor the most amusing, but plausible, headline they can envisage seeing before the end of the season. The possibility of a small prize is not altogether ruled out.

THE INEVITABILITY OF GRADUALNESS DEPARTMENT

(Metrication Section)

A new device for producing exact size bolts has been introduced by Telco Ltd. Called the Stakenut, it

"... can be used in conjunction with metric studding in sizes ranging from ¾ to 1 inch diameter".

Seen (and Snapped)

Clearly a case of the right firm for the job at Levin Refrigeration. This scene was spotted some time ago by Arthur Boardman and photographed by Brian Tilbury.



Children's Christmas Party

BICC ATHLETIC & SOCIAL CLUB (WOOD LANE)

We will be holding our Annual Children's Christmas Party on Saturday, 12th December at 3.00 until 6.00 p.m. in the McFadzean Building.

All members' children, brothers and sisters are invited, between the ages of 4 - 12.

Please complete and return the form below, to Mrs. E.W. King Typing Office, before Monday, 30th November.

GIRL	AGE	BOY	AGE

MEMBERS NAME AND DEPARTMENT

Table Tennis

1st Team results to date (Division 3):

Monday 21st Sept.	v	M.O.V.III	(Home)	W 8-2
Monday 28th Sept.	v	600 Club	(Away)	L 4-6
Monday 12th Oct.	v	Censtorians III	(Home)	W 9-1
Thursday 22nd Oct.	v	Bats II	(Away)	W 9-1
Thursday 29th Oct.	v	U.D. Ealing	(Home)	W 8-2
Tuesday 3rd Nov.	v	Rockware	(Away)	W 7-3

With the last win, the team move up to occupy their accustomed first position in the division, topping the previous leaders (Rockware) on game average. But without Walter Mascarenhas, now gone on to better things (like playing in the 1st Division) it will be tougher going than last season, keeping that lead.

The 2nd Team, playing in Division 5, are sorely missing their last season's No. 1, Clive Carroll, now promoted to the 1st Team, and have yet to score a win. Results are as follows:

Monday 21st Sept.	v	Nomads	(Away)	L 3-7
Monday 5th Oct.	v	Renault II	(Home)	L 3-7
Monday 12th Oct.	v	Lowe & Brydone	(Away)	D 5-5
Monday 19th Oct.	v	Acton T.E.C.	(Home)	L 0-10
Monday 26th Oct.	v	F.Div. Police III	(Home)	L 3-7
Monday 2nd Nov.	v	Sanderson V	(Home)	L 4-6

Theatre Visit

Anyone interested in going to see "OLIVER" sometime in December or early January, please contact Eileen King telephone 233. The booking will most probably be on a Friday evening, if suitable to everyone.

Pitch 'n' Putt

During the recent British Open Golf Championships, held on the old course of the Royal and Ancient Club at St. Andrews, your correspondent was moved to enquire of an elderly and respected golfing-cum-tennis playing-cum-squashing-cum-ping ponging-cum-badminton playing-cum-bridging-cum-working(?) mac-colleague exactly when a golf course was a "links" and when it wasn't. He didn't KNOW. The word "know" is emphasised because, as often happens with those to whom age has brought with it wisdom and sagacity, he was able to offer an opinion which later proved to be a reasonable precis of the Shorter Oxford English Dictionary version. Readers who feel sufficiently inquisitive can find the definition for themselves in the Library's copy of that work. Suffice it to say here that the mighty nine-hole course at Gunnersbury Park, scene of the 7th Annual Wood Lane Pitch 'n' Putt tournament, doesn't qualify.

Doubtless encouraged by such purely recreational motives as increased prize money 26 cardboard imitation Tony Jacklins (6 of them looking remarkably feminine) drove off into the glare of the setting sun. It is difficult to determine whether a large round orange blob impingeing on the retina is a help or a hindrance at this level of golf. All that can be said is that some competitors slightly overshot the 1st green, presumably in an attempt to knock the sun away.

To say that performances were sterling would be an insult to the currency of the realm. The dearth of scores under 40 was partly due to the ingenuity of Mr. Organiser Castle who arranged the competition to coincide with the holiday of last year's winner, Ray Pinner, and the back-ache of sometime winner, Mike Kendle, and who, if he hadn't fixed such a date, would have suffered from this year's headache courtesy of Messrs Elder and Hagger (see list of results, July/August BT). But there were some noteworthy performances outside the winning scores, especially Dave Connolly who had a remarkable run at the 4th, 5th and 6th holes, taking only 2 strokes at each, which was just as well after a start of 6,6,6!

Other highlights included Barbara Groombridge's contribution of 24½ towards her score, Jack Blissett's admission of his age and Roger "I was last in the Spring Navigation Trial too" Davies.

The evening ended at the 19th (or was it 10th) hole where everyone agreed that Stuart should organise next year's competition and find himself a better hat!

The above article should have been printed in September.
Our apologies for the delay.

Thanks

Pete Higgins would like to thank his friends at Alperton for their collection towards a wedding present.

(W.M.A. will be back next month - promise!!)

Answers

1. The method of finding the reciprocal is to ADD 180° - Answer 20 degrees.
2. The moon is waning.
3. A backing wind would free the closehauled yacht - the other would have to gybe.

4. The headland would be on the beam and to starboard.

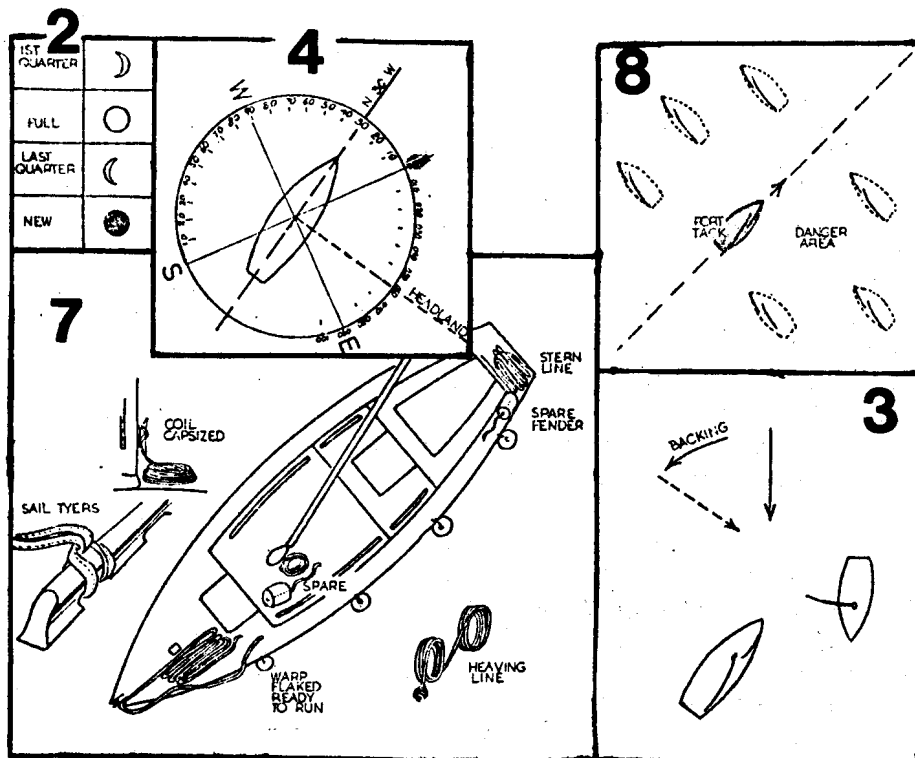
5. Crossing a shallow bar with a full ebb and an on shore wind can be dangerous. You can't get over at low tide and you'll never beat out against the flood so it looks as though you'll have to wait for the first of the next ebb if you want to play safe.

6. With a right-handed prop (when ahead) the slowing effect would be to paddle the stern to port, thus it would be better to go alongside port hand to. If you took the other side of the lock the stern would be swinging away from the wall and the following breeze might blow her right round.

7. The obvious errors are: fenders wasted where the topsides slope away; only one where the real need is likely to be; kedge hanging overboard (always a bit risky); forward warp passes foul of a stanchion and the coil is at the wrong end; forward hand is holding the heavy line badly - not enough coil to throw; main halliard is coiled but not capsized ready to run; there are no sail tyers handy; the log is still streamed; no stern warp ready for checking her way; judging by the anchored yacht in the background our friend has the tide under him as well - otherwise everything's fine.

8. One blast indicates a sailing vessel on the starboard tack, the yacht in the picture is on the port tack. Errors include:

- (1) wrong sound signal, two blasts for port tack;
- (2) they're looking the wrong way - if the other ship is on starboard the danger area is mainly to leeward, an all round watch is essential;
- (3) the yacht is sailing too fast for the situation;
- (4) the lee tackle is still on the boom - she couldn't be tacked quickly.



Wednesday, 9th December, 1970

The Film Section presents:

Stanley Donen's

CHARADE

Starring

Audrey Hepburn & Cary Grant

plus

Hands, Knees and Bumps a Daisy