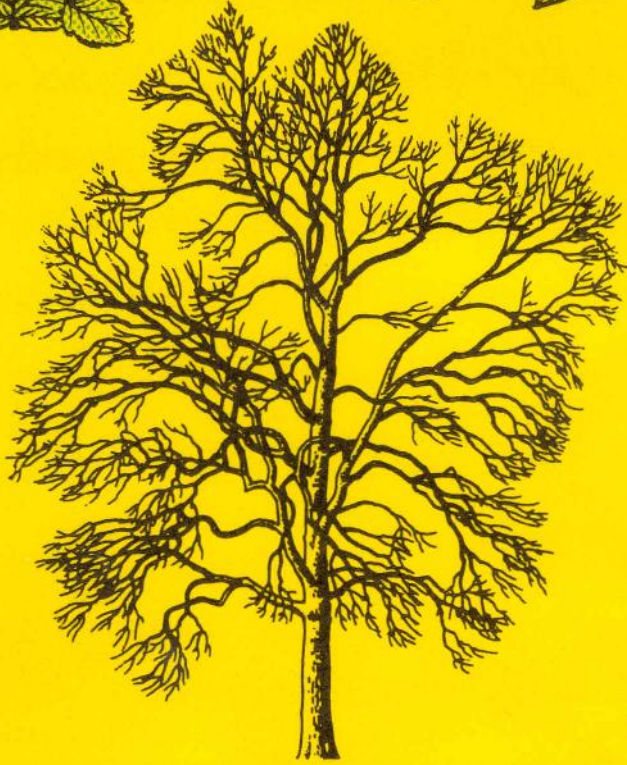


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EDITORIAL

It would appear that interest in Social Club activities is beginning to take a turn for the better after the dormancy (or dare I say apathy?) shown during the winter months.

Renewed interest in the motoring section enabled a very successful navigation run to be held, and another is scheduled to take place in May.

Two new sections of the Social Club are proposed (see Page 8), how about some keen artist proposing the formation of an Art Section for all the many budding Rembrandts around the site?

The BT is alive and well, thanks to many people around the site who can be bothered.

It's going to be a great year for the Social Club.

Pauline Earles

It is most unfortunate that the Editorial Board has to say goodbye to yet another member. Pauline Earles, who has been part of the team for a few years now, has decided she can no longer find the time to help out with the running of the Bush Telegraph. Her ideas, suggestions and contributions will be much missed in the B.T.

The Editorial Board as a whole thank Pauline for all her good work, and sincerely hope that she will still find time to make occasional contributions.

Round The Council Table

A number of meetings of the Executive Council have been held since the last report with very little variation of the Agenda. However, some of the points of interest include the acquisition of a second projector. The Council have been informed that this has greatly improved the presentation at Film Shows.

The Council have approved the purchase of scales for the Bar so that checks on the contents of barrels and carbon dioxide cylinders can be made. These have now been acquired.

Mr. Robeson informed the Council, that due to his recent marriage, he regretted that he would no longer have sufficient time to efficiently carry out his function as Bar Secretary and would have to offer his resignation. This was accepted with thanks for his past work and Mr. S.M. Castle has taken over the position until the forthcoming AGM.

With regard to the AGM the following changes to the Club rules have been discussed.

Delete:-

Rule 9.4 The executive Council shall meet at least once in callendar month. Seven members of the Council including officers shall form a quorum

and replace by:-

Rule 9.4.1 The Executive Council shall meet at least once every quarter year. Seven members of the Council including officers shall form a quorum.

Rule 9.4.2 Any member of the Executive Council may call additional meetings as and when required by arrangement with the General Secretary.

Rule 11.3

Delete:- The Finance Committee shall meet at least once in each calendar month, three members forming a quorum.

and replaced by:- The Finance Committee shall meet at least once every quarter year, three members forming a quorum.

Proposed by D.R. Groombridge.

Seconded by C.R. Robeson

The changes have been proposed with the full agreement and support of the present Executive Council. The level of activity in the Social Club at present has given rise to the situation where monthly meetings have been held with no business of immediate importance to discuss. The suggested changes to the rules set a minimum number of meetings, with allowance for additional meetings to be called when such are necessary.

AGM

The Social Club AGM will be held in the Main Hall on Tuesday 27th March. All items for the Agenda must be received by Mike Dennis, in writing, by Tuesday 13th March, by which date Nominations for election to the Executive Council and Bar Committee should also be returned. Full details and copies of the Electoral Roll may be found on the Club Notice boards.

It is hoped that as many members, as possible will be present and take the opportunity of arising their views on the way the Club is being run.

If you are not a Member but would like to be, or if you are not sure whether you are or not, please contact Mike Dennis (322).

Drinks all round

Just up river from Richmond one finds TWICKENHAM, famous for Marble Hill House built for Henrietta Howard by George II near the towpath. Further along the towpath one finds the WHITE SWAN (Watneys), opposite Ham House another 17th century mansion house, this pub although nothing special has a pleasant terrace on the waters edge where in warmer evenings one can have a quiet drink watching the river traffic and near by ferry.

Also on the Riverside is the BARMY ARMS (Watneys, Snacks) but this is further along the towpath just opposite Eel Pie Island once famed for its Jazz Club. To verify its name the pub sign is upside down depicting the mad hatters Tea Party, whilst inside the bars are alced with low beams. Again a riverside terrace makes a pleasant spot in the warmer evenings, whilst my spies tell me that folk singing is usual in the bar on Wednesday evenings.

Away from the river but near the rugby ground, Twickenham Park, is the RISING SUN (Schooner Inn, Watneys, Restaurant) found in Richmond Road. This is one of the new popular restaurant/pub type establishments where for about £1 one can obtain a three course meal of steak, fish or grill type meals up until about 11-30 p.m. together with drinks. The decor is of an old world woodland type with alcoves to hide in!

While we are in Twickenham, Watneys run one of their Birds Nest Discotheques in King Street, open every evening with free admission. Your intrepid reporter could not summon up enough energy to stagger as far as this dive, and also his ears might not stand up to the noise, so sorry folks no proper report.

Finally the LONDON APPRENTICE (Watneys, Restaurant) in Church Street Isleworth is not too far from Twickenham, our third riverside pub this month, very popular for drinkers and diners alike. A historical pub that I always find disappointing in interior decoration although some alterations have been carried out recently. But still worth a visit in summer for the riverside terrace and good first floor restaurant.

Round Britain Quiz



This is all you have to do:

Identify the towns marked on the map of Britain - we have made life easier for you by writing the first letter in each case. Write down the names of the places in the boxes provided.

Now comes the interesting part. Each town is famous for, or is associated with something - For example, if the town was Farnborough, the association could be aircraft.

Insert the associations in the boxes provided. The first letters of the words, rearranged spell out the name of a famous person.

Simply name the person and send to the Editor by not later than 22nd March 1973. The sender of the first all-correct solution drawn out of any available receptacle will receive the prize.

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the FILM column

KES is Coming

... on Wednesday March 7th, starting at 6.30 p.m. KES is the prize-winning film about the relationship between a schoolboy and his pet kestrel, which was nearly denied a release because it was reckoned that most audiences would not understand the Yorkshire accents. After an unexpected success at the London Film Festival it was shown in the North of England, then reluctantly brought to London by the distributors, where it immediately smashed box-office records. Directed by Ken Loach (of TV "Cathy Come Home" fame), the cast consists largely of Barnsley schoolboys with only a sprinkling of professional actors. KES should appeal particularly to children (it has a U certificate), so why not bring yours? We'd be happy to see them.

NCC On the Move

After being evicted from the Hanover Grand and the ICA last summer for daring to show QUIET DAYS IN CLICHY, the New Cinema Club is leading a rather peripatetic existence. October and November at The Place, December at Global Village, January at Pontin's, February at the Bijou Preview Theatre in Wardour Street. Since its beginning in 1968, the Club has been looking for permanent premises, possibly sharing with the Other Cinema. Let's hope their search is successful soon. Meanwhile programmes continue along the usual lines, but details for March have not been published in time for inclusion here.

NFT The NFT continues with its RKO, Ealing, Mae West and W.C. Fields seasons, and a selection of "The best of World Cinema" - strongly recommended. No word yet, though, of a John Player lecture by Howard Hughes.

THE LINK

The Link, Ted Morrison, who has for so long been our correspondent to is giving up his post due to insufficient time.

From now on, material for inclusion in The Link will be collected by all four members of the Editorial Board of the Bush Telegraph.

Richard Hammond will be responsible for communications between Wood Lane and The Link, and any person wishing to have material published, should send it to him, or any other member of the Editorial Board,

Our thanks to Jim Hamments for the following two items:
Chemistry in Britain Vol. 9 No.2, Feb. '73:

"FOR SALE"

Sex attractant for house flies. More potent than "Muscalure" £20/gramme" etc.....

Is Jim Hamments entitled to hold the record for the longest wait for a journal - from August 1970 to February 1973 for Chemistry in Industry in transit from Chemistry to Corrosion?

Answers to The times they are a changing

Thankyou to Roy Fraser, Mrs A. Smith and Mrs. G. Derrick for your entries to this problem. Unfortunately all three entries received were incorrect, because of the fact that the change to the Gregorian calendar was not noticed.

The Gregorian calendar was imposed by Great Britain and its colonies in 1752 decreeing that the day following september 2nd 1752 was to be called September 14th, a loss of 11 days. All proceeding dates were marked O.S. for Old Style. Also the method of observing the legal first day of the new year was changed, England recognised March 25th as New Years Day until 1752 when 1st January was adopted. But somewhat confusing is the fact that Scotland made January 1st the first day of the year in 1600. Right now we are ready to solve the problem.

Angus McTavish was born on New Years Day in Scotland i.e. 1.1.31 OS. and was at sea from 8.1.51 to 31.12.51 OS. approx. $11\frac{3}{4}$ months.

Bill Smith was born on N.Y. Day in England i.e. 1.3.30 OS. (2 months after Angus) and was at sea from 25.3.51 to 31.12.51 OS. approx. 9 months.

Bert was born on 13.9.31 OS. and Dai Jones was 21 years 11 months on 13.9.53 OS. so Dai was born on 13.10.31 OS. Also Dai was at sea from 31.12.31 to 31.12.32 OS i.e. 1 year.

Thus the order of seniority is: Angus, Bill, Bert and Dai; where as Dai was at sea for the longest, 1 year, followed by Angus then Bill.

PROPOSED HISTORY AND GENEALOGY SECTION

An increasing interest in Genealogy and associated aspects of British History amongst members of the Social Club has resulted in a move to form a new section under the proposed title of "History and Genealogy Section". Initial interest will be centred on the tracing of family histories by individual members.

A formal approach is being made to the Executive Council for approval. Further details from Mike Kendle or Mike Hagger (both on Tel. No. 208).

PROPOSED MODEL MAKING SECTION

Will any person interested in model making as a hobby and willing to join a club section at Wood Lane with the object of exchanging ideas and information relating to all forms of model making, Contact P. Walton Ex. 323.

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a monthly miscellany



THE IDEAL LET HOME?

BED 3" with headboard £11; Studio Couch, £12, side table, £1;
Trolley 75p; Convector Heater, £5; two Flower Stands £1 pair;
Wall Mirror, £3; Chair £1. Ideal for letting - 997-5096

From the Hamble river harbour master's notes for this year; "There are still those who cause nuisance and damage by proceeding at a speed which causes excessive wash in spite of many notice boards displaying an easily legible four-letter word".

PRODUCT NEWS

Polystyrene Drawers

Perstorp of Orpington are offering their range of drawers in UK. Made in polystyrene, these drawers are easily installed by means of steel sides. The exterior front has an ingenious construction. Perstorp are not yet in the position to meet small volume orders as they are currently looking for agents PRT Feb 9.

All together now

The noise of a long range jet transport aircraft at take-off in the biggest noise ever - equivalent to 10,000 motor cycles or to the sound output of the whole world's **population** shouting in unison.

The lockhead Tristar with its RB 211 **engines** only generates, at take-off, no more noise than the population of Greater London shouting together.

Click That

From a prone position a centimeter-long click beetle can hurl itself some 30 cms vertically into the air at an acceleration of 3800 metres per second **per second**. This is equivalent to 380 g.

The click beetle does this when it is unable to right itself from a prone position on a smooth hard surface, whether it lands on its feet or upside down again is a matter of luck, if it does land upside down it simply leaps again.

Phrase Book for Time Travellers

- B.C. 50,000 Wot? No Pilt-down Man?
5000 What time is the next raft across to Britain?
4004 The apple has been taken from the tree by the wife of the gardener.
2000 How much do we give the Chief Druid at Stonehenge?
1300 Don't sound your horn as you approach Jericho!
900 Please, which is the Queen of Judah?
490 Which is the best spot to see the finish of the run?
A.D. 1040 Don't look now, but there's Lady Godiva.
1100 The guide-book warns us to look out for stray arrows in the New Forest.
1200 Let's put up here - it's a six-star Abbey.
1216 We seem to have got some of King John's luggage in with ours since leaving Newark.
1300 We'll turn off here for Hamelin for the night - we shall be sure of not being bothered with Vermin, at least.
1381 Look at the crowds on the road. Is there a big match on in London today?
1485 Can we spare this gentlemen a horse? He's offering a good price.
1495 (At the Palazzo Borgia) I have a complaint to make about the food.
1500 We picked up some nice little pictures in Italy - the natives are turning them out in hundreds these days.
1520 Mine Host! This fermented malt has not been flavoured with hops! No, my lord. That will be put right in a few years from now.
1577 Goodbye, Mr. Drake, See you in about three years' time, I suppose?
1606 I don't think Burbage can hold a candle to Olivier, do you?
1665 Why are the streets so deserted?
1666 I never thought London could be so hot in September.
1720 Could you direct me to the South Sea Company Office - it's rather urgent!
1773 What a peculiar method of making tea these Americans have!
1792 We thought we'd give Paris a miss this September.
1885 Is Mr. Gladstone saying anything this year?
1939 Excuse me - is this the war to end war?
No - that was in 1914 - you've just missed it.
1974 Surely there must be one spot between London and Aberdeen where we can park our helicopter?
1984 How red Earth looks tonight! Are you sure you put the fire-guard up?
1994 Our space-ship is losing height - throw out the Sunday papers.
2050 We've just got back from Pluto - where's the nearest convenience?
3000 Please, where is the nearest service-station? My younger son has developed engine trouble.
4000 Take us to the leader of your Liberal Government.
5000 Which day is the next Presbyterian service in St. Peter's?

Laboratory Notice 653107-009

SUBJECT: ABSENTEEISM.

Sickness: NO EXCUSE - We will no longer accept your Doctor's statement as proof. We believe that if you are able to go to the Doctor, you are able to come to work;

LEAVE OF ABSENCE (For an Operation) We are no longer allowing this practise. We wish to discourage any thoughts that you may need an operation. As long as you are an employee here, you will need all of whatever you have, and should not consider having anything removed. We hired you as you are, and to remove anything would certainly make you less than we bargained for. Anyone caught having an operation, will be fired immediately.

DEATH Other than your own, this is no excuse - there is nothing you can do for them, and we are confident that someone with a lesser position than yourself could attend to the arrangements. Wasting time by removing terminated employees will not be tolerated.

DEATH
(Your Own) This will be accepted as an excuse for Absenteeism, but is not a practise we wish to encourage among employees as an excuse. Two weeks notice is required as we feel that it is only fair that you should teach someone else your job, in order to cause as little inconvenience as possible.

Also entirely too much time is being spent in the toilet. In future, you will follow the practice of going in alphabetical order. Those whose surname begins with "A" will go from 8.45 to 9.00. "B" will go from 9-00 to 9-15 and so on. If you are unable to make suitable use of the toilet at the time, it will be necessary to wait until the next day, when your turn comes again.

If any infraction of the above is noted, immediate termination of employees and / or employment will result.

RECENT PRESENTATIONS

Mr. G. H. Bradbury, Long Service Award 50 years.

Mr. J. Easley, Retirement after 15 years.

Detailed accounts of these presentations will be given next month.

Wine Tasting

One dark and windy night in the middle of December a lonely traveller on Wood Lane noticed a warm welcoming light beaconing from the 5th floor of McFadzean. "Ah", said he to himself (he was a bit of a nut - always talking to himself) "perhaps I will find food and shelter there to sustain me on my journey". So he bent his weary footsteps thither and as he drew nearer he was hertened by the sound of happy, laughing voices drifting through the driving snow.

But when he finally arrived at 5th floor of McFadzean what a terrible and horrifying sight met his eyes. Instead of the warm glowing fire and ample supplies of fish and chips that he had expected, there appeared before him a scene of such debauchery and drunkenness as had never been his wont to see before. However, being of a resilient nature he quickly overcame his disappointment at the lack of fish and chips, and pausing only long enough to allow his eyes to grow accustomed to the seductive flicker of candle light, he armed himself with a pint-pot from among the array of delicate wine glasses at the entry, payed his 60p and sallied forth.

He found himself in company with around 60 assorted individuals all flitting (or staggering) between tables displaying tantalising selections of wines. Joining the mottly throng around the nearest table, he discovered among the tributes from far Italy a charming little wine, heralding itself with just the right amount of bouquet, and slipping gently and warmly down the larynx.

On the next table reposed the cheeky sparkling wines, some so cheeky in fact that they had actually imported their bubbles from Champagne - is nothing sacred?

Onward pressed our intrepid venturer until he arrived, by a route which was becoming ever more and more hazy, at the food. A magnificent array of cheeses, interspersed here and there by pineapple cubes and twiglets. Thus fortified a man could, and did strive to stem the ever-flowing tide of wine all night. But, alas, the tide was too strong for him, and as the first rays of sun lighted on the top of the flag pole, our gallant friend could be found slumped over a table on 5th floor of McFadzean, an empty bottle of a fine full bodied, not too dry, burgundy in his hand and an idyllic smile on his lips.

And to this day, if you walk quietly through 5th floor of McFadzean at the witching hour, you will hear the gentle strains of "Role out the barrel", liberally punctuated with gulps and hiccups.



Mini Competition Answers

NEONOMIANISM

Following our request for definitions of this word, we were completely flooded out with two replies. Our thanks go to Mike Hagger and Russell Pride for making the following contributions.

1. Neo - New; return to; modern version of.
Nomian - portmanteau word derived from "nomad" and "musician" - thus a kind of itinerant entertainer.
Neonomianism - the cult of playing the guitar in Underground stations.
2. Neon - inert gas
Omians - birds with ability to return to roost from vast distances.
Neonomianism - fraudulent method of training and racing pigeons, involving the use of small lights for route identification.
3. Neo - New
Nomian - of a name (French "nom" - name)
Neonomianism - Underworld industry for generating aliases.

Mike Hagger

Neonomianism :- a disease mainly found in assembly line operators of a fluorescent light tube manufacturers. The disease usually starts with bouts of fittings and startings whilst typical symptoms include discharges and the capacity to choke.

Recovery is possible and is apparent when the patient emanates a warm glow or sheds a soft light.

Russell Pride

And now for the definition according to The Shorter Oxford Dictionary, 1970 Edition: Neonomian, first used in 1692: Pertaining to the assertion of a new law, hence neonomianism. A small prize is on its way to the two contributors.

Etc.

Whilst browsing through or should I say digesting a six months old popular journal, that recently landed on my desk, I was interested to note that Rolls Royce had just had a patent granted for a spring loaded mascot to be mounted on the radiator of their cars. Apparently in accidents the mascot (a rampant lady) springs back in to a cavity in the bonnet and stays then out of harms way. I wasn't too clear whether this device was to protect the mascot from damage or the mascot damaging whatever the car had collided with. Still whilst the parent Rolls Royce company is already bankrupt and the RB211 aero engines are steadily falling apart in several places, you can rest assured that if you are run over by a new Rolls you won't damage the mascot, but only dent the bonnet!

On the topic of cars one cannot help but mention pollution and by coincidence some interesting facts came my way the other day: a car consumes as much oxygen in a minute as 1,135 people but, thank goodness, trees and plants continually replenish this supply. In fact it takes 10 trees to produce the oxygen required to burn 1 gallon of petrol, alternatively an average motorist would have to keep a forest of 28 trees to replace the oxygen consumed by his car during his motoring. Although these figures have their serious side I could not but help wonder when Americans will try to legislate a law that demands cars performance figures be quoted in miles per forest or even "buy our model and you will only take enough oxygen per minute for 900 people allowing 235 to live!"

As thankfully the Vietnam war draws shakely to a conclusion, it's hard for us Europeans to realise the impact the war has on a relatively backward country like Vietnam. Surprisingly, thanks to the Americans, South Vietnam now has the worlds third largest airforce and the fourth largest navy provided with the £45 million American aid. But the South Vietnamest suffered a 5% death rate, 10% casualties as well as receiving 4 times the total tonnage of bombs dropped in World War 2 and having 8.5% of the country sprayed with defolialating chemicals. All this must have a profound effect on the people which may not be evident now but surely must in the future. Finally although we all fear the evils of the atomic bombs, non-atomic modern warfare would seem bad enough and - perhaps communism is not such a bad thing?

Daedalus.

Congratulations

To Chris and Helen White, on the birth of their first child. Elizabeth Sarah was born on the 2nd February, and weighed 8lb 8oz.

To Reece and Sandra Llewellyn on the birth of their second child, a boy.

Motoring Section

Navigation Run

On Wednesday 21st February at 6.30 pm, approximately Nine intrepid crews set forth into the dark and wet night to compete for the "Annual Motor Trophy" (although they probably didn't know it!). Negotiating the Western Avenue traffic and identifying all the bridges proved easier than we expected as most crews were early at the first check point. A lot of marks were lost because of this due to not reading the instructions properly. One competitor, who shall remain nameless, was late due to one of his wheels coming loose! he was not seen again that evening. The second stage proved more difficult as it involved rather a lot of extremely narrow lanes and careful examination of pub names to complete the questions although it appeared that some competitors went as far as examining the pub interiors as well. At the finish, "The Royal Standard of England" most competitors made up time and various ways of wasting time were reported, from "going to another pub" to "reversing into a hedge for half an hour" always assuming you could miss the eagle eye of the last check point, and not run him down at the same time!

Anyway everyone seemed to have enjoyed the "tear up" and this included the finishing hostelry.

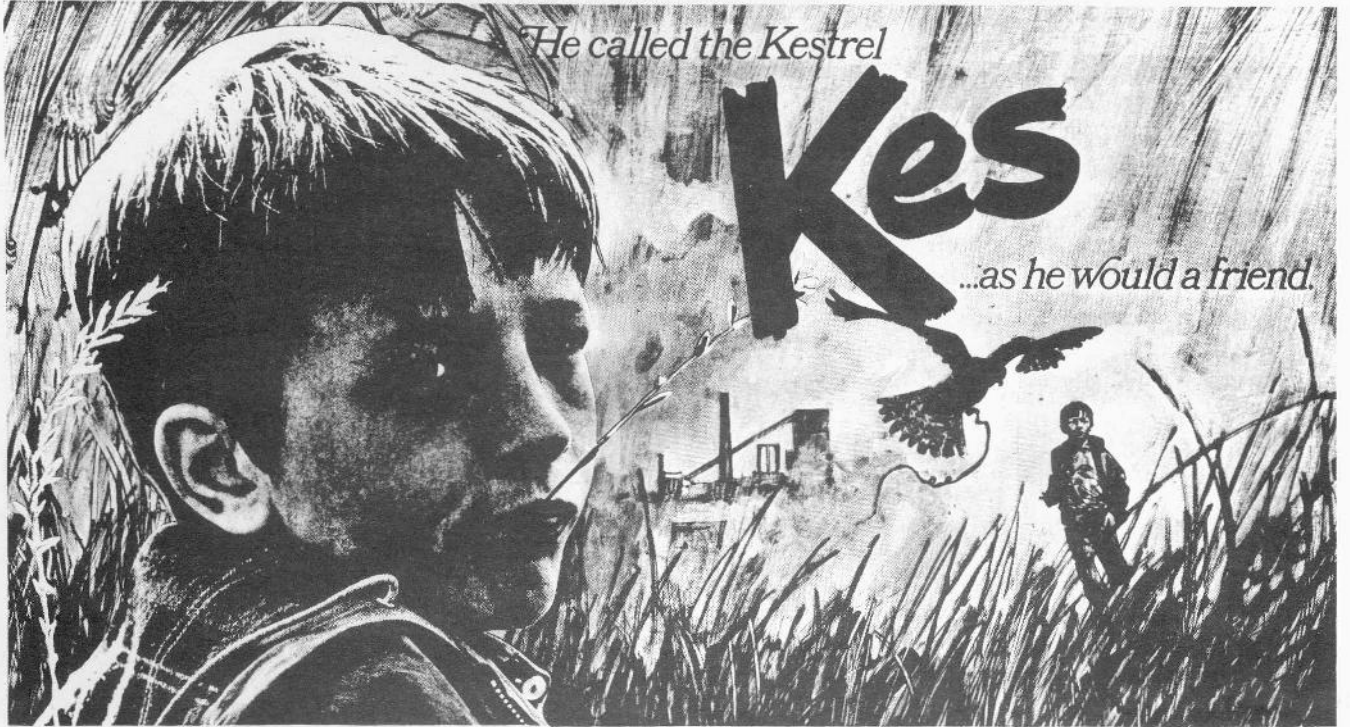
PROVISIONAL RESULTS

Any objections should be sent in writing accompanied by 50p to the organiser (GCT) which will not be refunded even if he is proved wrong!

Competitors	MARKS LOST
1st John Littleton and Chris Harris	13 (GPO)
2nd David Goff and Roy Spencer	20
3rd Brian Tilbury and John Childs	22
4th Pete and Lyn Revell	27
5th Richard Grigsby and Dennis Groombridge	30
6th Dave & Cathy Castle	47
7th John Skelton and Jackie and Richard	49
8th Kevin Suckling and Pamela	55
9th Dave Green and Pater who will no doubt relate his adventures another time.	

As the highest B.I.C.C. entry, David Goff and Roy Spencer win the Annual Motor Trophy and also have the pleasure in planning the next event (so they can't win it!).


*Both wild...both alike in their love of freedom
and contemptuous of the world around them!*



He called the Kestrel

Kes

...as he would a friend.

Woodfall Films present A Kestrel Films Production "KES" U starring DAVID BRADLEY
From Barry Hines' book "Kestrel For A Knave" Adapted by BARRY HINES, KEN LOACH & TONY GARNETT Produced by TONY GARNETT Directed by KEN LOACH 

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a new school for eastergate

MARCH 7th