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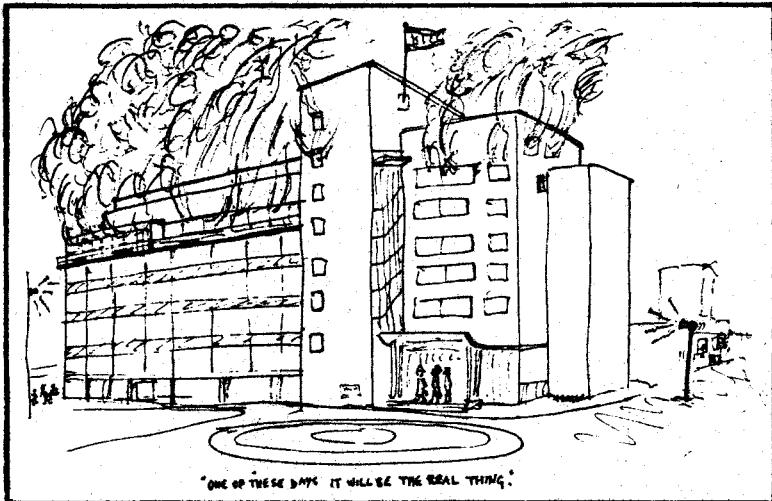
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Editorial

The Christmas Rush is beginning, holly, decorations and tinsel have appeared in the shops. Christmas cards have been on sale for months, record shops are stocking the 1963 Christmas Hit. In Wood Lane things are calm, admittedly everyone has placed their order for Christmas wines and spirits, but as yet the urgency of preparation has not touched the even tenor of the laboratories.

However, by the time you read this, plans will be advanced for the Christmas Number of the Bush Telegraph. The editorial board will be chasing you, the contributors, for your Christmas offerings. How will you respond? The usual "I really couldn't", the promise that will never be fulfilled, or will you sit down determined to have your name in print? We hope that you will do the last; we hope that we will be inundated with contributions; we hope we shall have them before 10th December - we hope.



Students' prizegiving 1963

On 18th November, Dr. Brazier presented prizes to over 40 Wood Lane students who had been successful in their studies in 1962/63. Dr. Brazier remarked that the percentage of successes had increased this year, and offered his congratulations to the successful students. The presentation took place in the Conference Room in the presence of the Research Organization Heads of Departments. Our photograph shows some of the students with their prizes.

PRIZEWINNERS

Mrs. B. A. Smith	Dip. Tech. 1st Class Hons.
B. J. Cogdell	Dip. Tech. Upper 2nd.
J. A. Flegg	Dip. Tech.
R. G. Foster	Grad. Plastics Institute.
J. E. Hargreaves	Associate Institute of Metals.

Higher National Certificate

E. J. Savage, Miss E. Scurr, A. W. Guest, B. C. Lake, D. G. Houghton, A. W. Longley (Endorsements).

L. I. M. & L. I. R. I.

R. Serafini (L. I. M.), P. B. McAllister (L. I. M.),
A. B. Fenwick (L. I. R. I.).

Ordinary National Certificate

E. Z. Kaczmariski, J. A. Baker, G. W. Marriner, J. M. R. Hagger,
R. J. Hamments, Miss M. B. West (Conversion Course).

General Certificate of Education

R. J. Carrol (A Level Chemistry), B. D. Ferris (A Level Pure Maths),
G. A. Tan (O Level English, Physics, Maths), H. G. Garrie (A Level
Pure & Applied Maths), J. Austen (A Level Chemistry).

In addition 31 members of the staff were successful at their end of year examinations.





From The Council Table

Bush Telegraph Criticised in Late Night Council Sitting

The Bush Telegraph report of the October Meeting came under fire on 13th November. Mrs. Bell (a member of the B. T. editorial board) complained that the report did not reflect the tenor of the meeting. Unfortunately, the Vice Chairman chaired the meeting, as Mr. Gregory was once again unable to attend, and so was unable to offer his views on the report, beyond the remark that it appeared to be a vicious attack on himself. After a long discussion, during which it transpired that none of the Council Members could remember whether all the words reported had been said, a motion that the report did not reflect the tenor of the meeting was carried by 4 votes to 2. Mrs. Bell made the point that whereas the Chairman was quoted as saying that no one came forward to assist, people did come forward to assist when the occasion demanded. It was decided that a letter conveying the Council's views should be sent to the Editor, at the same time assuring him that he was free to put what he pleased in the B. T.

Mr. Walker was very active at the meeting, firstly by making adverse comments on the conduct of the meeting between Section Secretaries and the Executive Council, and secondly by asking some very pertinent questions about the Film Section's last two film shows. Mr. Morrison and Dr. Elder had intimated at the beginning of the discussion that they felt unable to answer Mr. Walker's points without notice.

The Hallowe'en Dance was reported as a great success, and the subsidy had turned out to be just over £10. Mrs. Bell and her helpers were warmly thanked for their efforts. It was decided that judging by the number of tickets already sold not more than 180 people would attend the Dinner/Dance and that preparations should go ahead based on this number. A proposal to open the bar between 5.45 and 6.30 p.m. each night is to be referred to the Management.

The Hockey Section had enquired about amending Club rules to incorporate members of other B. I. C. C. Athletic & Social Clubs as members of our Club. The Vice Chairman is to investigate the licensing act in this connection. Mr. Squelch submitted his proposals for improving the record and tape playing facilities in the Lecture Room. Several points were made and Messrs. Morrison and Irish were elected to consult with Mr. B. J. Thompson and representatives of the Jazz, Music, and Popular Music Sections and report to the next meeting.

At the Finance Committee a sum of £45 was voted towards the expenses of the Children's Party.



WORDSWORTH PRICE



PROFILE

The boat in La Guaira Harbour was in full preparation to pull away, last second goodbyes, a few announcements crackled over the P. A. , one mighty blow on the siren. Then slowly the boat parted with the quayside; a few inches of daylight showed between them, a few more - now a foot. A man, who had been running as hard as he could towards the boat reached the edge of the quay with five or six feet separating it from the boat. After a moment's hesitation, he jumped and landed safely on the boat. There had been three alternatives for him; one, to jump and make it; two, to jump and end up in the harbour water; and three, not to jump and end up in a Venezuelan jail, since at that time Venezuela was a police state and failure to catch the boat would have meant immediate imprisonment. That was the most spectacular jump in a life which, for Woody, has been full of occasions where to balk or be unsuccessful at the jump was almost unthinkable.

Despite the intensely competitive educational atmosphere of Trinidad (due to the shortage of places in faculties of higher education), he successfully carried his career towards the sciences. Originally tending towards the biological and medical side, he eventually, however, gained his degree in Physics, Chemistry and Pure Mathematics.

After teaching at Jamaica College for a while he decided to do some academic research work and for over a year worked under Dr. Roger Cade on what turned out to be an intractable problem in the dielectric properties of anisotropic crystals. Dr. Furth of Birkbeck College (who was Dr. Cade's supervisor) became interested in the problem and invited Woody to London to continue working on it at Birkbeck. Leaving just enough time to bid farewell to friends and relatives, he caught a boat to England (without incident this time). "I got off the boat at Liverpool, on to a train to London, went straight to the College to Dr. Furth's office. He showed me to my lab. and I felt completely at home right away, as though I'd been here all my life."

The striking aspect of Wordsworth Price's personality is the speed with which he puts one at ease - something which comes naturally to a person who is himself well adjusted. This, coupled with his natural Trinidadian gaiety and ready grin, makes him a very popular personality at Wood Lane. Underlying this cheerfulness is a man with serious pursuits, although one feels that he would rather pursue them in a lighter vein than their nature allows.

He insists that he is not really a good shot and that he is very lucky, but he won one of the most coveted prizes at Bisley in 1959, when in a dramatic shoot-off with the crack shot of the Royal Marines he won the St. George's Challenge Vase and Gold Cross. This is competed for annually by nearly 1,000 of the top riflemen in teams from the Commonwealth countries and is considered to be equivalent to a gold medal at the Empire Games.

A great enthusiast for music, both jazz and classical, he often goes to concerts or follows the score of a violin concerto at home. He spends much of his spare time making full use of the Club's facilities, since he is a member of the Club's Bridge team and can be seen at virtually every dance, film show or other function.

No, he doesn't know why he was named Wordsworth.

Puzzle Page

by D.J. Toop

At popular demand, more puzzles, both easy and difficult this month. For the first, the hard one, ("Crossing the Desert") the editors offer a cash prize of 10 shillings, and the answer will appear next month. It is a very interesting problem for two reasons. Firstly, it is a very real problem as distinct from the usual artificial "mice and balls of cheese", etc., and any ex-R. A. S. C. members or Desert Rats will tell you that someone actually had to work such problems out. Secondly, the solution is elegant, instructive and beautifully simple, and requires no mathematical knowledge whatsoever, unless you wish to use algebra.

In the case of more than one correct solution being received, the prize will be awarded for the most elegant method of solution. The Editor's decision will be final.

1. CROSSING THE DESERT

An unlimited supply of petrol is available at one edge of a desert 800 miles wide. A truck can carry enough petrol (one load) to go 500 miles, and it can build up its own refuelling stations of any size at any point along the way.

What is the minimum number of loads of petrol needed for the truck to get across?

2. PREPOSITIONS

You should not use a preposition to end a sentence with. Everyone will tell you this is a habit to get out of. Think of the trouble you will be letting yourself in for.

How many prepositions can you fit it at the end of a single sentence which makes sense?

The solution on Page 6 gives nine. Can you beat this?

Half-a-crown is offered for any sentence ending with ten or more.

MUSIC

Next visit: Tuesday, 10th December, at Covent Garden, KATERINA ISMAILOVA.

Tickets 16s. 0d. Please ring John Vernon (362).

Solution to Puzzle No. 2 on page 6.

There was once an Australian millionaire who used to read to his small daughter from a book of fairy tales.

On a visit to England, the daughter missed this so much that her father used to ring her up from Australia and read her a story each night. Then he lost the book, so she bought another copy to send to Australia and her mother enquired:

"What did you choose Sunday to send that book that you like to be read to out of from down under off by for?"

What she meant was "Why (what for) choose Sunday to send it off by?"

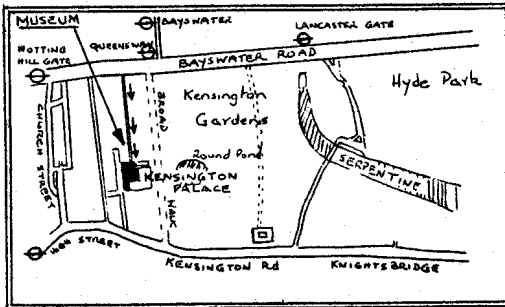
The London Museum

To those of us permanently resident in or around London, the word Museum generally brings to mind about three well known names and nothing more. There is a tendency to feel that having 'done' the British Museum, the Science Museum and the Tower of London, then we have seen all worth seeing.

However, London has an almost inexhaustible supply of interesting museums and galleries wherein one may spend a spare afternoon - and at little or no expense. The subjects of interest vary from complete surveys of British naval history right through to relics of the Second World War.

Of double interest to Londoners should be the several collections dealing with the history of London itself. In an article to be published next month, reference is made to the Guildhall Museum and the Temple of Mithras, both within the City bounds. Here it is hoped to enliven your interest by outlining those facets of London history so ably illustrated in the London Museum.

The London Museum seems to hide itself, most effectively, behind the trees and ornamented garden at the western end of Kensington Gardens. Inadequate sign-posting assists in its concealment, but a glance at the map will indicate the location.



The Museum is housed in a part of Kensington Palace and contains an exclusive collection of objects representing the life and history of London from earliest times until the present day. At one end of the scale may be seen crude flint instruments dating from Old-Stone-Age man and at the other end of the scale we can see the Coronation Robes worn by the present sovereign.

The collection is housed on two floors. The lower floor covers the period Prehistoric to Medieval times. Some interesting artists' impressions illustrate the type of habitation prevailing in the Iron Age period though, in general, these lower rooms seem to be dominated by a profusion of flint tools and similar crude instruments. Together with early pottery are displays of Viking weapons salvaged from the Thames, and sets of Viking chessmen testify to the age of the game. A middle Iron Age chariot hand-grip impresses with its indication of a high degree of craftsmanship, as do examples of early Saxon brooches.

The upper floor, which may be said to be at ground level, concerns itself mainly with the 16th to 19th Centuries. Here perhaps, the interest is quickened as we move nearer to our own time and to the development of objects which have, today, an accepted place in our environment.

We can view the changing manner of dress from Tudor to Modern times. Antique gems are displayed in the Cheapside Hoard and beautiful examples of wrought iron work are to be seen on old steelyards. Furniture, glass and fine porcelain abound, and a pair of superb pistols, once the property of the Duke of

Wellington, leave us in no doubt as to the competence of London gunmakers.

In the 19th Century display, the forerunners of today's public transport, are adequately illustrated by a series of fascinating models. The development of fire and postal services likewise find a mention.

However, it is better to see it than merely to read about it. Times of admission are as follows:

1st March - 30th Sept. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Sundays 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.)
1st Oct. - 28th Feb. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Sundays 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.)

Nearest Underground: Queensway (Central Line)

JAZZ

After a short recess during the summer, the Jazz Section is back in the swing again, with new, improved listening facilities. The Lecture Room has been RESERVED for their use on Thursday lunch times between 1.00 and 1.30 p.m. Of course, anyone is still welcome, but this means no games are allowed. This opens up all sorts of possibilities; they might be able to hear the records now and even discuss them. So if anyone has any records they would like played or would like to give a brief discourse on them themselves, just contact Dennis Cooper (252).

Also contact Dennis if you are interested in free tickets for B. B. C. broadcasts of their "Jazz Club" programme. He usually receives a few each week and they are available to all Club members.

darts

The Darts Section, never really the healthiest of sections, is now dying. It needs a new secretary to revive it. It is a particularly easy section to run, just one well-organized, keenly contested competition will put it back on its feet again. The equipment looks a bit battered too. Someone keen to have a go? Don't forget, save for the billiards, this is the closest section to the Bar. Contact D. Berry (280).

Whist

WHIST DRIVE - 13th November, 1963. Prizewinners:

1st: Mr. Baacke (bottle of Sherry) 2nd: Alan Thomas (Tunis Cake)
3rd: Barry Cogdell (Christmas Cards & Tags).
1st half: Bob King (Christmas Pudding). 2nd half: Keith Elder (Christmas Pudding)
Booby: Jim Condon (Christmas Wrapping Paper).
Raffle: Dennis Cooper (Box of Fruit). Eileen Bell (Chocolates).
The next drive will be a Christmas one, on Wednesday, 11th December, at 7.30 p.m.

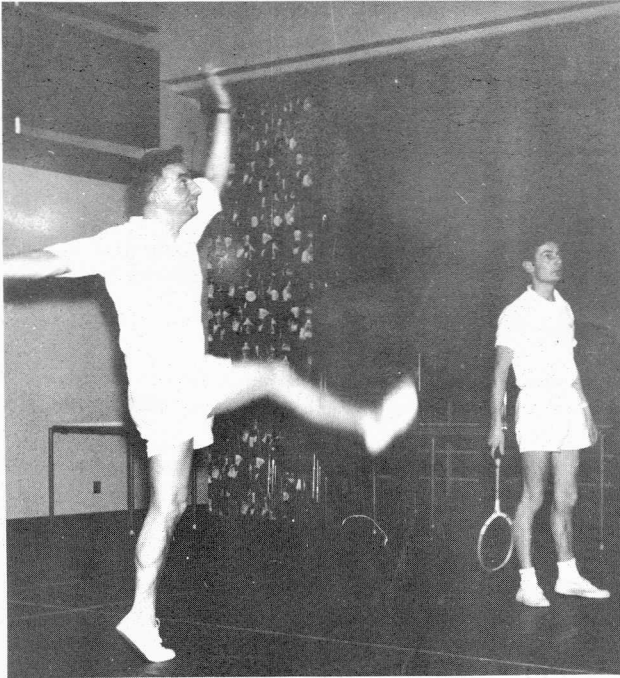
CHRISTMAS WINES AND SPIRITS

Distribution of wines and spirits will take place in the week before Christmas at 5.30 p.m. each evening.

Dates for collection will be made known to members when bulk orders are in.

BAR COMMITTEE

badminton



GRAHAM TAYLOR IS SPELLBOUND BY
PETER GRANEAU'S CHOREOGRAPHY

Badminton club evenings will now take place on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. The charge per head will be either 6d. or 1s. 6d. depending on whether nylon or feather shuttlecocks are used. A further charge of 6d. will be levied for the use of club badminton rackets.

Two friendly men's doubles were played recently against Eastcote Community Centre and the Elliott Club. Both matches were won, the former 5-4 and the latter 8-1. This was an encouraging performance considering the full first team did not play in either match. In the match against Eastcote, Norman Carpenter and Geff. Gilbert teamed up as first pair and won all three rubbers rather convincingly, losing only 35 aces in the process of winning 90. John Phillips and Tony Playle had close matches in all 3 rubbers, two of which

went to three games. They won two of the rubbers, serving 103 aces against 86. The third pair of Peter Mills and Mike Squelch did not hit it off at all, losing all three rubbers. With a little luck the match against the second pair might have been won, the opposition only winning 17-14 in the final game.

Against Elliott's, a much weaker team than Eastcote, an almost completely different team was fielded. This match was a personal triumph for the first pair, Robin Wood and Mike Ward. Robin, in particular, completely dominated the game in which only 15 aces were dropped in the winning of three rubbers. Peter Mills and Dai Davies also won all three rubbers, and Tony, Playle and Bob Burton narrowly lost one, 18-16; 15-13. It is hoped that the men's team will be equally successful in future matches.

table tennis

By the time you read this, the entry for the table tennis tournament will be closed and the draw posted on the notice boards in the Lecture Room. The first named competitor in each match will be the challenger and it is up to him to get in contact with his opponent. If matches are not played off by the dates given on the draw, the first named players are liable to be scratched. Further details from John Austen (Tel. 323).

HOCKEY

The men's team has made a very promising start to the season. Three matches have been drawn, two lost and one won. The results, with goalscorers, have been as follows:

Hersham		2-2	(C. Mills, J. Cormacey)
B. B. C.		0-0	
BICC (Erith)	lost	2-1	(G. Smith)
Kodak	won	6-2	(R. Arekion 2, J. Crumpler 2, D. Davies, H. Coldham)
B.T. C. C. (Erith)	lost	5-0	
B. B. C.		1-1	(D. Cross)

The mixed team has not been so successful in the first few outings. In the match against Hersham we were defeated by 4-1, the only goal being scored by Amnit Kales.

On 10th November, at Wormwood Scrubs, our opponents were a mixed team captained by J. Anderson, who won by 4-0.

Fixtures for the next few weeks are:

14th December	Watneys	Away
15th December	Hersham (mixed)	Home
21st December	Birkbeck College	
	2nd XI	Away
4th January, 1964	Watson House	Away
11th January	Lyons	Away
18th January	Kodak	Away
19th January	Mixed Match	Home
25th January	Borough Road	
	College 2nd XI	Away.

Photo - Comp.

Our cover photograph this month wins Graham Wills (Nucleonics) ten shillings in our December competition, the subject for which was "anything you like within 100 yards of the Gatehouse". Considering the possibilities, the subject brought a meagre response, only 5 entries being received. In view of this we should like to receive the opinions of Wood Lane's many amateur photographers as to what we can do to improve matters. Unless they object strongly, in the New Year we propose to hold only four competitions a year, probably Spring, Summer, Autumn and Christmas, in the hope that with something like three months notice photographers will have a chance to "get down to it" and produce something really special. Our thanks anyway to the three stalwarts who have won most of the prize money offered since we began - Eugene Nalon, Graham Wills and Molly Honey. Are the rest of you content to let them get away with it?

The subject for our Christmas/New Year issue is "Design for a Christmas Card". Entries by mid-day, 10th December, please.

Letter to the Editor:

Dear Mr. Editor,

Judging from your Editorial and the comments from the Council Table in November's issue of the Bush Telegraph, one wonders if the Wood Lane Social Club is really worth keeping together. An astounding and defeatist statement, perhaps, but when one considers your month by month editorials constantly deploring the apathy of Social Club members, together with your latest report of rantings and hot air from the Council Table itself, it may be justified.'

Such statements as those attributed to the Vice-Chairman and Chairman are disturbing. Though they may have been made in the heat of the moment, there's no smoke without fire, and there is evidently an underlying grievance.

Without detracting from the sterling work done over the years by such stalwarts as Mrs. E. W. Bell, Mr. A. E. Morrison and others, it is apparent that new ideas are needed; additional organisers must be found. Yet the "closed shop" militates against this - "no one else is allowed to do any organising". The willing horses are flogged to death, and no one can take over when they drop out.

Such an attitude by the Executive Council can only lead to further lack of support for the Club, until the situation arises where the Club will cease to exist, or simply be run by a few for a few, but paid for by all. Apathy is a major fight. It will not be won by minor skirmishes around the Council table.

H. KELLY
Rubber & Plastics Dept.

Snooker & Billiards

John Coleman (Physics Department) has kindly undertaken the mammoth task of bringing our small table and ancillary equipment up to full working order. However, this will be a complete waste of time if he doesn't receive the full co-operation of all those who use the table. Therefore, will those who play the last game at lunch time and in the evenings please return the cues and balls to their proper homes. At the moment, John is trying to obtain a half size table - but more information on that in a later issue.

for sale

16 mm. Sound projector is for sale. This machine, a reconditioned Western Electric projector, was purchased in 1954 and is to be sold, together with spare lamps for the highest offer over £5. For further details contact A. E. Morrison (280), before 9th December.

The Club is also selling one set of drums which comprises:
1 large drum with cover cymbals and two foot drum thumpers.
1 side drum and associated impedimenta.
1 Bongo drum.

Various pieces of paraphernalia, drum sticks, etc.

The whole is in good condition and may be sold separately or as one lot. Viewing by appointment. Each item will be sold to the highest bidder offering over the reserve price.

Apply to F. Irish (Met. Dept.) before 9th December.

bridge

The 'A' team, consisting of G. Kitchie, J. Condon, L. Panasiuk and J. Gobbetti, have been continuing their successes with a win over the 'B' team (W. Price, Mrs. Nawiesniak, M. Fox and P. Farthing) in a friendly match, and a win over an I. C. T. team in the London Business Houses League. Both were 6-4 wins after trailing for some time. Let's hope they repeat this in their match on 21st November against Babcock and Wilcox.

We understand that the Rubber & Plastics Bridge team are anxious to receive a reply from the Metallurgy Dept. team in answer to their challenge for a Bridge Match. Further, if any other Departmental team would care for a match, they are raring to go!

FILMS



The Committee regrets.....

The Film Section Committee would like to take this opportunity to apologise for the sudden cancellation of "Old Man of the Sea", which must have caused disappointment to many of our supporters. The film was cancelled because at the last minute the distributors could not supply the complete film, as one of the reels had been lost by the previous renter. We have already written to the distributors complaining in the strongest possible terms.

To those who did support us despite this set back we should like to extend our thanks and appreciation.

BELL
BOOK
and
CANDLE

Come to

The Christmas Film Show

Wednesday

December 18th.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Dr. Brazier, the Club's Vice President, on his recent marriage.

To Paul Farthing on the birth of a daughter, and Ralph Wijesinghe on the birth of a daughter.

To George Gunn on his marriage.