



Editorial

Once again it's election time. Here is the chance you've all been waiting for; your chance to elect someone on to the Committee who will represent your interests. You've grouched about the way the bar is run, about the way the money is spent and about the way the Council does nothing. You think you can do better! Come along and prove it! Get someone to propose and second you and put up for election. Even if you haven't been in the Club for two years and so cannot put up for election - DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

SFSC and Bar

That time-worn adage, 'you never get something for nothing', was given lie to when the Small Functions Committee presented their Film Show, at least, so far as the audience was concerned. The S. F. S. C. might well have to resort to using that time worn adage to explain an unforeseen expense, but despite this small blague on their behind the scenes organization they are to be congratulated for a very pleasant evening's entertainment. It was a brave attempt at something new and different, and deserved a far larger audience.

The idea was to have an informal film show with the audience free to come and go as they wished, the bar being open throughout.

The 16 mm films were all documentaries, but none the less entertaining; while the 8 mm films, ably projected by a large gentleman whom I recognised in at least two of the films, were Mack Sennet, Charlie Chaplin and Laurel & Hardy comedies, together with club members' holiday films.

Although the audience didn't actually come and go (which was probably fortunate considering its size) an air of informality was retained throughout the evening, especially when Miss Ann Taylor drew the tickets for the raffle and two of the three prizes went to members of the organizing committee and they, rather red-faced, grudgingly accepted.

I feel that this sub-committee could fill a notable gap in the Club activities; certainly the refreshing originality of its first function leads us to look forward to attending its Non athlon!

PHOTO COMP - "MY PET" CLOSING DATE FRIDAY, 13th MARCH.

WALLPAPER at reduced prices. Fred Palmer (279) has the new wallpaper pattern book. This can be borrowed overnight or week-end, but must be returned promptly.

Where is it ?



This is a picture of a very well known street, about 2 miles from Wood Lane, taken from an unusual angle.

WHAT IS ITS NAME ?

Answer: Page 10

FILMS

The first film show of 1964, which took place on 13th February, was a great success. An audience of nearly sixty saw the classic film 'Rififi', containing that incredible twenty minute sequence when a jewellers shop is robbed with clock-work precision. This is film making at its best. Supporting the main film (which, incidentally, ran for 2 hours) we screened the "Running, Jumping and Standing Still" film starring Peter Sellers and Spike Milligan. This film had a mixed reception. You either like the Goons - or hate them. There's no in between!! On the other hand, our other support film, 'Glass', was a universal success. Superbly photographed in colour, it tells you more about glass blowers in fifteen minutes than half-a-dozen other "run of the mill" films on the same subject. And this film had no commentary!!

Anyway, thank you for the good support to the first programme. Perhaps we will see even more of you at the next show. Watch out for posters.

Chess

There are eight chess players in B.D.R. who keep a running competition in the form of a chess ladder. Any other players wanting a game are welcome. Obviously there is no shortage of players at Wood Lane for the revival of the Chess Club; the urgent need seems to be for a Chess Secretary. Any volunteers?

BRIDGE

PAIRS TOURNAMENT - SUCCESS

A Bridge Pairs Tournament was held on 30th January, 1964 to get the many lunch-time bridge players together for an evening's entertainment. Entries, which at first were disappointingly few, increased later so that altogether there were 18 pairs which took part. This number far exceeded expectations, and we were happy to observe that this included three persons not resident at Wood Lane. These included Peter Killingback and John Hunter, who were among the founders of the B. I. C. C. Bridge Club some ten or more years ago.

Mr. Michael Pater, formerly of R. O., kindly consented to be Tournament Director, a duty which he very ably fulfilled.

It was intended to play 26 boards, but after refreshments at half-time, it was 10 o'clock, having started at 6.30 p. m., and so the competition was brought to a close. The rest of the evening was devoted to friendly and informal play among the various pairs:

Results were:

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| 1. Dr. K. R. M. Elder and Geoff Ward | Prize | 15s. 0d. |
| 2. Mrs. D. Nawiesniak & B. Marchant | Prize | 10s. 0d. |
| 3. B. Cogdell & R. Feather) | | |
| P. Killingback & J. Hunter) | Prize | 5s. 0d. |
| 5. J. Condon & W. Price | | |
| 6. G. Prins & P. Farthing. | | |

Many thanks to Mr. Fuller for arranging the refreshments and to Eileen Bell for helping with the notices, etc.

Finally, many thanks and congratulations to Woodie Price who arranged this most successful evening.

From The Council Table

Two Council meetings have taken place since our last Bush Telegraph report. In January, a most confusing discussion took place about forming Sub-committees (see Christmas B. T., page 12). Finally, a "Small Functions Sub-Committee" was formed and a "Section Liaison Committee". At the February meeting, the S. F. S. C. reported that a free film show and a "Nonathlon" had been arranged.

After a most promising start with discussions about the sound reproduction, this matter has reached a most unsatisfactory position; the Council doesn't seem to be able to make up its mind!

The Club accounts are now on a firm basis following the receipt of a grant from the Company of £250. Mr. Morrison has sold the old club 16 mm projector for £7., £2 more than the reserve price.

Obituary - Horace Dunn



The Research Organization will be a sadder place for the death, on Monday, 10th February, of Horace Dunn, after a short illness. Never called by his real Christian name, or even by his surname, 'Orrie had been night-watchman since November, 1957, and many who have started work here since that date may not have had the chance of meeting him. Those with longer service, however, will always remember 'Orrie as a cloth-capped and bespectacled head appearing, gopher-like, out of a small hole in the ground on the Wood Lane site.

But 'Orrie was more than that. Born on 19th August, 1895, his service with Callender's began in June 1924, as a labourer. In 1931 he worked at Wood Lane when the Contracts Department were carrying out the adaptation of the old Power Station to fit it for its new role as the "Research and Outside Testing Department". When this work was finished - insofar as it has ever been "finished" - 'Orrie stayed on as Gardener, Janitor and General Handyman.

A real Jack-of-all-Trades, he turned his hand at various times to bricklaying, cable-laying, concreting, rat-catching, repairing roofs, painting, pipe-fitting, and for a time was also boilerman. But his métier was "the drains". After all, he had had a hand in installing them in the first place! This was a standing joke with all and sundry - but it was to 'Orrie that people turned when anything went wrong. He knew every valve and cock in (and under) Wood Lane, and but for him we would have been flooded more than once.

He was a country lover; for quite a long time had a small cottage with land in Essex, and it was one of his pleasures to bring fruit from his trees to give to his friends here. There were very few people at Wood Lane who had not benefited at one time or another from the small kindnesses and favours which he was always ready to do for them. Among his other interests, he was an accomplished horseman and horse-lover, stemming from his service as an artilleryman in the 1914-18 war.

It was a chance conversation with 'Orrie in the old canteen one night, that aroused the curiosity of 2 or 3 members of the staff and finally resulted in the writing of the "History of Wood Lane", which was serialised in the Bush Telegraph in 1959, and in which 'Orrie took a great interest. Many was the hot, strong cup of tea he brewed to revive flagging enthusiasm while the "History" was being compiled and tape-recorded.

'Orrie was a most conscientious and genuine man who really loved his work, and there can be nobody who will not feel more than a pang of loss and grief at his passing.

The funeral took place at Manor Park Cemetery on 15th February, and was attended by several of his colleagues. May he rest in peace, as he so richly deserves.

The Amazing Numbers Puzzle

We are obliged to Dr. List for this explanation of our numbers puzzle (Christmas issue).

The explanation of this problem depends on the binary system of expressing numbers. The normal system of numbering requires 10 different digits, 0 - 9, whereas on the binary system, only the digits 0 and 1 are required.

The numbers 1 to 8 are expressed on the binary system below:

	2^3	2^2	2^1	2^0
1				1
2			1	0
3			1	1
4		1	0	0
5		1	0	1
6		1	1	0
7		1	1	1
8	1	0	0	0

Every number can be obtained by adding together some combination of the powers of 2, i.e., 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, etc.

If the extreme right hand column of the table is headed 2^0 , the next one 2^1 and so on, the numbers in the left hand column can be compiled by adding the heading powers of 2 in which the digit 1 occurs in the corresponding horizontal row.

e.g. 5 is $1 \times 2^2 + 0 \times 2^1 + 1 \times 2^0 = 4 + 0 + 1$

and 7 is $1 \times 2^2 + 1 \times 2^1 + 1 \times 2^0 = 4 + 2 + 1$

Thus it is possible to see how the published table was compiled.

Column 1 contains all the numbers which have a 2^0 term ($2^0 = 1$), i.e. all the numbers which, when expressed on the binary system end in a '1'. Column 2 contains the numbers with a penultimate '1' and so on.

So, a glance at the table shows that 3 should appear in columns 1 and 2, and 5 should appear in columns 1 and 3, but not 2. Hence, by adding up the powers of 2 which head each column, the unknown number can be derived.

Whist

WHIST DRIVE RESULTS

1st: Mr. Pierce - clothes drier. 2nd: Mrs. Davis - pair of towels.

3rd: Mrs. Bell - entree dish.

1st half: Mrs. Parsons - tin of biscuits. 2nd half: Miss R. Parsons - Pillowslips.

Raffle: Mr. Pat Donovan - fruit. Mrs. Dawson - Chocolates.

The next drive will be held in the Canteen on Wednesday, 11th March at 7.30 p.m.

MEDICAL NOTE: Among diseases listed in the Chronological Diary for 1719 as being responsible for deaths in the City of London in that year were: Pain in the Head (1), Twisting of the Guts (54), Rising of the Lights (76), Lethargy (7), Swelling in the Knee (1) and Suddenly (118).

St. Valentine's Dance on FRIDAY 21st FEBRUARY



What's the time? Nine-thirty-two. Any minute now and they'll be in! Bit of a hush, but it's all ready for 'em now. There should be plenty. Let's see - sandwiches of various types, sausage rolls, sausages on sticks, gherkins, cheese and biscuits, crisps - anyway, there's a pretty fine selection. If Eileen's got her numbers right there's enough here for a hundred that is unless old Derek Berry's feeling hungry. He didn't each much at half past five - perhaps that's an ill omen! I'd better check that the tea and coffee are ready. Ah! Yes, the girls are all poised at the urns.

"What's that Di? Send someone up to tell 'em that the free tea is ready so that you can get the washing up done and get off home."

I wish it was as simple as that for me. I've still got the Friday night accounts to get through. I think I'll get on with them now.....

Hallo, I hear noises. Ah well, forget the accounts for a while Fuller. Here come the regulars. The "off" must have sounded upstairs.

"Coffee? Yes." (Thinks) "Ah well, that's one cup less to worry about. Wonder how much will be swallowed seeing that the bar's been open for a couple of hours. What's that? How much

can you have?" "Oh, just help yourself - there's plenty!" (Thinks) "I hope there aren't many of him knocking about tonight. Ten more like him and.....". Better go and see how the washing up's going - they're selling raffle tickets out there and heading this way.

"No, that's alright Eileen, you know I'm never too busy to buy raffle tickets." (Thinks) Curses, not quick enough.

As if I haven't got enough on my plate, I've got the Bush Telegraph mob pestering and photographing me now. What, they want a photograph of Di and me cutting sandwiches - blimey, they haven't finished eating that lot out there yet! Sylvia's even persuading Derek Berry to eat some more (not that that takes much doing!)

Everybody seems to be enjoying the evening. Hallo - who's that with Jim Greenbury. Looks like Terry Downes, the boxer. No, it can't be. It is though. Cor, it's a pity we're not dishing out punch like we did at the Hallowe'en. Steady Fuller, you're being overworked when you make jokes like that.

The bar's doing well - plenty of dirty glasses coming in for washing up. Washing up? My God, that reminds me. Sylv, Di, Hang on, I'll give you a hand....!

Well, that's another running buffet come and gone. Everybody seems to have gone back upstairs. The music must be pretty good there, 'cos the bar's still open. Still, old John Williams is with it! His band has gone places in the Jazz world. Seems strange to think that he used to work here.

Ah well, we're off. Leave 'em to their twisting and shaking - and good luck to the buffet too!

Grand Prix here we come

Ever fancied emulating the Jim Clarks and Jack Brabhams as they hurtle round Aintree, Silverstone or maybe the Nürburgring or Le Mans? How do they get started, these much-travelled men who regularly take their lives as well as the steering wheel in their two hands in order to provide thrills for many thousands of fans the world over? Probably most of them have the means to buy a car somewhat more potent than the average family saloon, enter a few rallies or club races, then find they have a knack of passing the chequered flag a bit quicker than the next man and go one from there. But apart from buying a car and entering races on his own behalf, what chance has the ordinary bloke in an ordinary job got of ever getting behind the wheel of a racing car? One way is to join a Racing Drivers' School. And this is what Roy Serafini, of the Metallurgical Department, has done. He is a fresher at the Jim Russell School at Snetterton Circuit and has related his experiences to us, to date.

Acceptance to the course is gained by attending a "trial" day, in which the pupil is sent round a simple oval circuit in one of the School's cars, a Lotus Formula Junior, and his times for each lap noted.

Braking and gear-changing points are marked by flags at the edge of the circuit, and the pupil is told to aim for consistency rather than sheer speed. Tearaways are positively discouraged - it is only too easy to write-off £1800 worth of motor car at one go!

Having got through the trial day without any such incident, the pupil is accepted for further training. This consists of practising the correct "line" through each of the five corners into which the circuit is divided, in turn, the technique being carefully explained by Jim Russell, formerly a Grand Prix driver for Cooper.

Practice is at the rate of one corner per half-day - Roy attends one such session per month - and consists of driving through the corner some twenty times, i. e. you are actually in the car for about 30 minutes. The cost of each half-day session is £6 - which is why Roy attends only once a month! - and on top of this is the cost of getting to Snetterton and back, approximately a 190 mile journey.

To date, Roy has completed two of the five corners and also has yet to do a "gear-changing test" before he is allowed to lap the full 2.71 mile racing circuit. Finances permitting, he intends to continue at the school and will keep us informed of his progress.

How many of the pupils eventually get a race? Roy doesn't yet know, as he has not attended the school long enough to find out. He is pretty sure it is only a few. But who knows - with perseverance and a bit of the right sort of luck, he may turn out to be a budding champion.

FOR SALE £5 or offers.

One 5 ft Billiard Table, one cue, set of billiard balls, and score marker.

Apply to D. BERRY (280) before 10 March, 1964

A NONATHLON

WILL BE HELD
IN THE LECTURE ROOM
ON TUESDAY, 10th MARCH
6.15 - 9 P.M.

What is a Nonathlon? It is a light-hearted competition, consisting of nine games, including Darts, Table Tennis, Snooker, Skittles and Shove Halfpenny. Each game is played for 8 minutes. Highest scorer is the WOOD LANE NON-ATHLETE, 1964, and wins a prize of 10s.0d. Come along and enjoy the fun!

NOTICE

THE CLUB A. G. M. WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, 16th MARCH AT 5 P.M. IN THE LECTURE ROOM. ALL MEMBERS MAY ATTEND BY PERMISSION OF THE MANAGEMENT.



VOTE FOR
BLOGGS
OR ANY OTHER
CANDIDATE OF
YOUR CHOICE
AT THE CLUB
ELECTIONS ON
10th MARCH

Where is it ?



These are more familiar views.

Do you recognise it now ?

IT'S THE

PORTOBELLO ROAD



Take a walk down Portobello Road on a Saturday, and you step right into Aladdin's Cave. Amid the jostling crowds are stalls selling antique silver and gold, paintings, prints, maps, fruit, vegetables and junk. As you stroll along you will rub shoulders with the poor, the rich and the famous. Your ears will be assailed by the strains of music from the Happy Wanderers, the busking street musicians, and the cajoling voices of the stall holders. The prices marked on the goods are put there in hope so that the art of haggling is essential.

Portobello Road has been a market since the 1860's. Before that it was a rustic lane connecting the Kensington gravel pits with Harrow Road. Until 1864 only one house stood there, number 223A - called "The Folly" - the name is still perpetuated in Folly Mews. The Warwick Castle, which stands on the corner of Cornwall Road is a successor of a small inn which has stood on the same site for 75 years.

By 1872 shops and houses stood in an almost continuous line on each side of Portobello Road, and although there were a few stalls there then, even as late as 1919 the stalls hardly extended beyond the railway arch. These days the stalls extend for nearly a mile on Saturdays, when the antique market gets into its stride. A visit leads you into another world, a world whose fascination can grip you and force you to return time and time again.

badminton

BADMINTON FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, 25th APRIL

Will all those interested in taking part, please contact Keith Elder (274) or John Phillips (316) as soon as possible.

Further details next month.



MATCH REPORTS

Three matches were played last month. The mixed team fared much better in the return against Eastcote. The match was only lost by 5 rubbers to 4. The men's team beat a mixed team from Hoover's, 5-4 at Wood Lane, and also beat the Guinness men's team 7-2 at Guinness' Sports Club.

Further matches have been arranged for next month, including an internal match between the Chemistry Department and the Rest of Wood Lane.



EXCURSION TO THE FESTINIOG RAILWAY - BRITAIN'S PREMIER NARROW GAUGE LINE.

Saturday, 25th April, 1964

FROM: Paddington to Minford and Portmadoc, via Ruabon, returning via Machynlleth.

MOTIVE POWER: "Castle" to Ruabon, 2 "Manors" through Wales.

TIMINGS: Depart Paddington 8.23 a.m., return to Paddington 7.30 a.m. Sunday.

FARE: From Paddington or High Wycombe 75s.0d. (3rd Class), including Festiniog Railway trip.

Special trains will be run on the Festiniog Railway.

Further details from Geoff Ward (249)

HOCKEY

RESULTS:

25th January:	Borough Road College, 2nd XI	Lost 2-0
1st February:	Chiswick Products	Drew 2-2
8th February:	G. E. C., 2nd XI	Lost 1-0
15th February:	Birkbeck College, 2nd XI	Won 5-1

A mixed match against Barnes Hockey Club was lost by 1-0.

The hockey section is proposing to hold a mixed hockey festival on Saturday, 18th April at Wormwood Scrubs. It will be organised on the same lines as last year's, with hockey during the afternoon followed by a social in the evening. In order that teams can be selected it is essential that all applications for tickets should be received early, and in any case not later than 20th March. Tickets can be obtained at a nominal charge from Dai Davies, George Gunn or Ron Arekion.

WINE TASTING

DON'T FORGET THE WINE TASTING ON FRIDAY, 6th MARCH.

Tickets still available.

There will be experts from Norton & Langridge present to discuss the wines with you.

The cost of the wines consumed will be covered by selling programmes, price 2s. 6d., which will entitle you to as much wine as you care for. Programmes on sale at the door.

TENNIS

Yet another section finds itself with a new Secretary. The Tennis Secretary for 1964 will be Mike Hagger, but don't try and get in touch with him until the beginning of April, because you'll only find him at Brunel.

table tennis

Since last month's report, three more 1st round matches have been played. The victorious players were Peter Mills, Dai Davies and John Coleman. Only one 1st round match is outstanding; the tie between A. Ranicar and G. Prins. Five players have won through to the Quarter-finals, namely J. Kaminski, John Austen, Alf Fish, Keith Elder and Tony Playle. The last two have played their tie, with Keith winning 21-13, 21-13, and so reaching the Semi-final. It is hoped that the other Quarter-finals will be played off as soon as possible after the second round has been completed.