

MNC NEWS

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DID YOU KNOW -

"The Sun's rays are reflected from the moon and this is called Moonshine"?

"The time the earth revolves compared to the spring equinox is just less than a sidereal year. This is due to the percussion of the earth's axis"?

"Steam pipes are lagged to keep the steam in"?

"The F.W.A. is 161 tons and is measured by taking daily soundings and is consequently an average"?

"-273°C is the temperature at which the volumes of all gases stink to zero."?

"WHAT'S ON"

CINEMAS

GRANADA WELLING

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| 1. The Brute | X | Sun. 4.45 : 8.05 | :: | Week | 2.10 : 5.30 : 8.50 |
| 2. Zulu Dawn | A | Sun. 5.10 : 7.50 | :: | Week | 3.10 : 5.50 : 8.25 |
| 3. Seduction | X | Sun. 4.55 : 8.05 | :: | Week | 2.25 : 5.35 : 8.45 |

ABC BEXLEYHEATH

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| 1. Mad Max | X | Sun. 5.15 : 8.45 | :: | Week | 1.55 : 5.25 : 8.55 |
| 2. Prophecy | X | Sun. 5.50 : 8.30 | :: | Week | 3.15 : 5.50 : 8.30 |
| 3. Phantasm | X | Sun. 5.55 : 9.05 | :: | Week | 2.50 : 5.55 : 9.05 |
| 4. Annie Hall | AA | Week 1.50 : 5.25 8.55 | :: | Sun. 5.10 | : 8.45 |
| Interiors | AA | | | | |

ABC CHATHAM

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| 1. Mad Max | X | Sun. 4.40 : 8.20 | :: | Week | 1.35 : 5.15 : 8.50 |
| 2. Prophecy | X | Sun. 2.15 : 4.50 : 7.25 | :: | Week | 2.25 : 5.05 : 7.50 |
| 3. Phantasm | X | Sun. 3.25 : 6.45 | :: | Week | 4.05 : 7.15 |

ABC GRAVESEND

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| 1. Mad Max | X | Sun. 5.20 : 8.55 | :: | Week | 1.45 : 5.20 : 8.55 |
| 2. Dr. Zhivago | A | Sun. 7.00 | :: | Week | 2.43 : 7.00 |
| 3. Prophecy | X | Sun. 0.05 : 8.45 | :: | Week | 3.30 : 6.05 : 8.45 |

ODEON ROCHESTER

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| 1. Fantasia | U | Sun. 4.00 : 7.00 | :: | Week | 2.00 : 5.00 : 8.00 |
| 2. Naked Exorcism | X | Sun. 5.10 : 8.20 | :: | Week | 2.40 : 5.50 : 9.00 |
| 3. Zulu Dawn | A | Sun. 3.55 : 6.35 | :: | Week | 1.55 : 4.35 : 7.15 |

NOTE: This cinema does not admit people 5 minutes after the performance has started (usually).

COLLEGE FILM THIS WEEK

YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN - Starring Gene Wilder. This is the horror of horror movies. Must not be missed.

THEATRE

YOUNG VIC

Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead" Tom Stoppard. - Tonight.
They are also doing Hamlet.

EXHIBITIONS

CAPTAIN COOK IN THE SOUTH SEAS - Museum of Mankind, Burlington Square, until Nov. 18th
COOK AND MR HODGES - Greenwich (and see the World famous Greenwich Meridian)

POLYTECHNICS IN GREATER LONDON

HOW A SYMPHONY IS RECORDED - Open University Colour Film. Room 1088, Barking Precinct,
NE London Polytechnic, Longridge Rd., Dagenham. 01-599 5141 Nov. 13th
"THE MOVING VISION" DANCE COMPANY. Studio C, Middlesex Polytechnic, Trent Park,
Cockfosters Rd., Barnet. 01-449 9691 Nov. 14th
SIXTH FORM CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP FOR PUPILS STUDYING SPANISH. Thames Polytechnic,
Wellington St., Woolwich. 01-854 2030 Nov. 14th
LOOK BACK IN ANGER Play by John Osborne. Polytechnic of N London, Holloway Road,
N7 01-360 5572 Nov. 14th

R.N.L.I. NEWS

The bonfire on Monday was enjoyed by all those present. We were pleased to welcome some local people from the village to what was intended to be just a social event. The Soup, Cider and Hot Dogs appeared to be well received as they were all sold out, in fact an urgent supply party was sent out for more cider, which disappeared faster than it could be poured. The splendid "Guy" and his collecting box raised £4.77 before his rapid cremation and £5.57 profit was made from the sale of food and drink. Thank you to all the people who supported us and a special thank you to the splendid few who worked so nobly on Saturday and Sunday to move the wood to the foreshore, also to those who built the bonfire on the evening.

Thanks are also due to the fellow up-stairs who held the rain off until we finished.

Please do support our Christmas Bazaar next Thursday, 15th November. There will be R.N.L.I. Souvenirs, Christmas Cards, Calendars, etc. on sale, also cakes and cookies, handicrafts, etc. So don't forget, College Foyer from 1000 to 1400. There will also be a raffle with some great prizes, tickets on sale next week. Draw to take place 1355 on the 15th.

Thank you all for your support.

BRIAN DICKINSON

"BOOBS FROM THE PRESS"

"British Rail said it was hoped that from 8 am today a normal service would run with trains liable to delays of up to 20 minutes."

THE TIMES

"Ghana is to change over to driving on the right. The change will be made gradually."

GHANA PAPER

"Among the side reactions of this mercurial drug, the most important is the death of the patient shortly after injection."

NEW YORK STATE MEDICAL JOURNAL

"Wreckage is being washed ashore at Abermawr, Pembrokeshire. It is feared there has been a wreck."

MORNING LEADER

"Two men were shot, one in the foot and one in the leg, when police fired over rioters' heads in Londonderry."

EVENING NEWS

CRISIS AT CHRISTMAS

The original idea for CRISIS AT CHRISTMAS came from the late Rt. Hon. Iain Macleod in 1967. He sought to arouse among people, from a wide range of political and religious persuasions, sympathy for the plight of those homeless and alone at Christmas. In those first years, the Open Christmas required most of the funds raised by each year's campaign. Now, thanks to the generous support given each year, a larger proportion of the funds can be given to those projects which look after the needs of the single homeless all the year round.

For five days and nights, CRISIS AT CHRISTMAS provides shelter, food, clothing and, where necessary, medical aid for anyone homeless and alone at Christmas.

CRISIS AT CHRISTMAS is holding a Sponsored Pilgrimage from Canterbury to London on Saturday December 8th and Sunday December 9th, a walk of 60 miles in all, and KEVIN HILL of TEC II is to make the journey. He has a sponsorship form, and of course would like as many sponsors as possible, to make his effort worthwhile.

To check if the anchor is dragging in fog I would sit on the anchor chain and in that way I could feel the vibration as the anchor dragged along the bottom.

A vessel aground shall show in the forepart an anchor.

To get anchors ready for lowering, break out the cement and knock the stuffing out of the chain pipes.

On this ship there are two patient anchors.

TO COIN A PHRASE

A certain Corsican gentleman once dismissed us as being "a nation of shopkeepers" (he was no businessman) and thereby proved himself totally lacking any knowledge of everyday, colloquial English, or to be more precise, colloquial English slang - unless of course he has been misquoted all along and what he really said was "a nation of shipkeepers", which would make him at least partly right. For it is our speech that betrays us for what we really are - a race of seafaring, sportsmanlike soldiers, of which we cannot open our mouths without offering fresh proof.

Might you not, for instance, rally round to turn the tables on someone who is trying to ride roughshod over one of you? And might he not, then, having failed to ride out the storm nevertheless take it on the chin even though initially taken aback?

And can you see there, not the modern meanings of the phrases, but the old, literal meanings they used to have, still do have when used in the right context?

Doubtless you can, but yet I beg the indulgence of being allowed, for my own satisfaction, to enumerate them nevertheless, as follows:-

Rally round - originally "round the flag", or regimental colours, carried into battle as a rallying point for the troops and defended to the death.

Turn the tables - almost certainly a sporting term meaning to turn defeat into victory by turning the table round to put the winning cards in front of oneself - though it is hard to imagine any stage of an evening when such a move would go unnoticed!

Ride roughshod over - In Medieval drawings, war-horses appear to have little spikes on their shoes. This would surely mean they were 'rough shod', and to be ridden over and trampled by a rough-shod horse must have been even more than usually painful.

Ride out the storm - Come on, Nautics, even ships with engines must do this sometimes.

Take it on the chin - Stand up to a blow 'like a gentleman' - and perhaps why we equate sportsmanship with being a good loser!

Taken aback - To sea again, and 'all at sea' no doubt! In a state of confusion, originally from having let the wind get on the wrong side of one's sails.

So there, you see, we are: in battle at the gaming tables, having taken part in a Medieval war in a storm at sea in the Prize Ring - and bidding fair to be dismasted at the end of it all!

Alternatively, we could be going into the fray on our high horse or on our favourite hobby horse - an ordinary riding nag as opposed to the charger on which we would probably ride at full tilt. Or we could go in for something lock stock and barrel, the parts of a musket, or hook line and sinker, comprising a set of fishing tackle. And having nailed our colours to the mast - in case the hallyards are shot away - we might hope to come through with flying colours, however dicey things might get. This last, 'dicey', is more modern than some, having come from the gaming tables via the RAF - or RFC, Royal Flying Corps of World War I fame, whose pilots spoke of 'dicing with death', and therefore of a 'dicey' situation when they had nearly been shot down in flames.

Now, of course, someone who annoys us gets a rocket.

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MOTORWAY MADNESS - from a true report

Two elderly women explained to astonished policemen who pulled them up on the M1 that they were driving on the hard shoulder because they did not like motorways.

But even before the officers could reach for their note-books the women said they were convinced it was safer to drive in the area reserved for emergency stops. The women also had several complaints to make: the hard shoulder was too rough and they found it tedious having to leave the motorway at every intersection.

What they were doing was to follow the hard shoulder off the motorway at each intersection, driving round the roundabout before re-joining the motorway at the other side.

Notice outside a church at Solihull, Warwickshire:- "Pray, do not park here."

Notice found in Radio Room by
Live Wire on Nordic Talisman

WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE!

A REWARD IS OFFERED FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARREST OF EDDY CURRENT, CHARGED WITH THE INDUCTION OF A YOUNG COIL NAMED MILLI HENRY, FOUND INDUCED, HALF CHOKED AND ROBBED OF VALUABLE JOULES.

THIS UNRECTIFIED CRIMINAL, ARMED WITH A FERRITE ROD ESCAPED FROM WESTERN PRIMARY CELL WHERE HE HAD BEEN CLAPPED IN IONS SINCE FARADAY.

WITH AN ERG TO BE FREE, HIS ESCAPE WAS CAREFULLY PLANNED IN THREE PHASES. FIRST HE FUSED THE ELECTROLYTES, THEN CLIMBED THRU A GRID DESPITE THE IMPEDANCE OF WARDERS, WHOSE REACTANCE WAS TOO SLOW. FINALLY HE WENT TO GROUND IN A MAGNETIC FIELD.

IT SEEMS MOST LIKELY THAT HE STOLE AN A.C. MOTOR. THIS IS OF LOW CAPACITY AND HE IS EXPECTED TO TRY TO CHANGE IT FOR A MEGACYCLE, AND RETURN VIA A SHORT CIRCUIT TO OHM. HE MAY OFFER SERIES RESISTANCE AND IS A POTENTIAL KILLER.

A C MAYNES — HUMM,
SHERIFF



Ohms law states that the current flowing through a circuit has a resistance equal to the Potential difference between its ends.

This is because the molecules in soft iron can be moved around and show their attractive ends to each pole of the bar magnet.

An electric potential is a weak and not very satisfactory electricity, and of not much use.

Volts are not the ones that kill, but amps are the fatal ones.

'ORRIBLE CROSSWORD Clue - A guide to Britain's historic monuments might help with this one.

Clues Across

1. (11,3) Somerset hill near an Abbey
9. (4) Hot stuff - Prometheus' gift.
10. (6) Arthur's Isle, linked with IA.
11. (4) Stockholm's oldest craft.
14. (8) Metallic sounding Cornish castle.
15. (3) Junior boy welcomed by smokers?
16. (10) Megalithic circle near Salisbury.
18. (5) Saying not time BC.
19. (5) Check the accounts.
21. (3) River - in fact several about the country.
22. (5) Slacken? Refer to slackness.
23. (4) Woolly lambers.
25. (7) Hill in Wiltshire claimed as grave of King Sil.
28. (4) Twist wire about falling water.
29. (7,4) Hebridean home for hero?
30. (4) Non U? Names it and could be proper.
32. (3) Bowyer's tree.
34. (5) Father
36. (6) Gardening aid, maybe, marks old burial.
37. (3) Where to cross mountains with less of a climb.
38. (8) Lost land in the West sounds like mate for King of beasts.
39. (7) With alacrity - no dawdling!

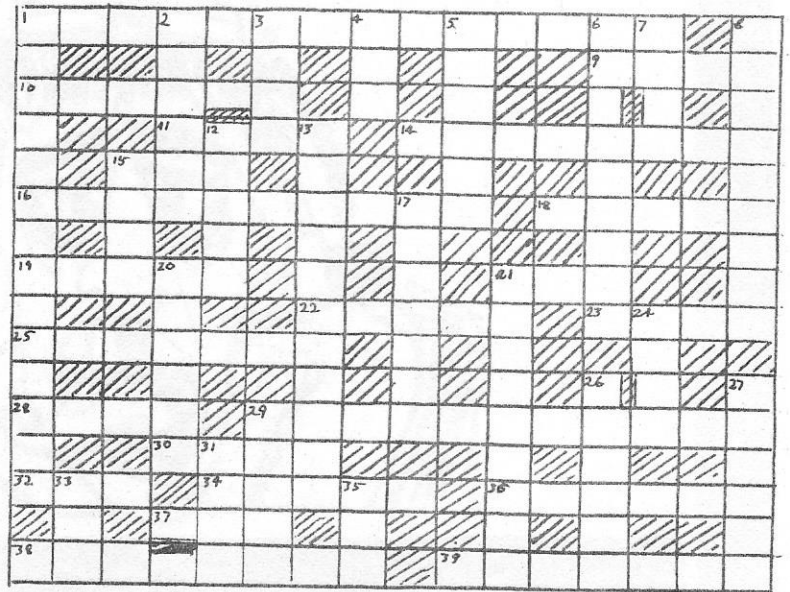
Clues Down

1. (6,8) Crossing attempted between Ireland and Scotland?
2. (6) Concerning the trees.
3. (4) Gets possession out of down service.
4. (3) Hair put up into bread roll.
5. (6) Mope after god in Egypt for plunder.
6. (5,4) Welsh-Mercian border - hardly an iron curtain!
7. (4) Endless round encircles.
8. (4,5) Make joyful noise from the tower.
12. (5) Spy, he may be, but a real toff!
13. (7,4) The stone circle that contains a village.
15. (4) Shallow water for driver.
17. (7) Irsome. Causing sores.
20. (6) Inherent - inherited you might say.
21. (9) Blade Arthur had of the Lady.
24. (4) Halting cry horseman may give.
26. (6) Beginnings of new forest.
27. (6) Through route for shipping.
29. (5) Feeds the fires.
31. (4) Boo to East in the woodwind.
33. (3) Cathedral city of the Fens.
35. (3) Dusky maiden who began it all.

(If you don't like the clues my excuse is that half of them were made up in a dentist's waiting room - you try that!)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

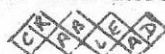
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A TRELIS PUZZLE

Four-letter words hidden in the sentence below fit into the grid, as shown:-

"a dAB LEad the LEADing CRAB"



CRAB, ABLE, LEAD

After tea let the team be sent to me; we came near winning, they are the salt of the earth and I can't endure to see such safe goals missed at home and rivals so feted.



To help, one word is underlined. Find 8 more.

Last week's words - Tall and CLEAN shaven. I was wearing an ARABIAN ROBE when I met