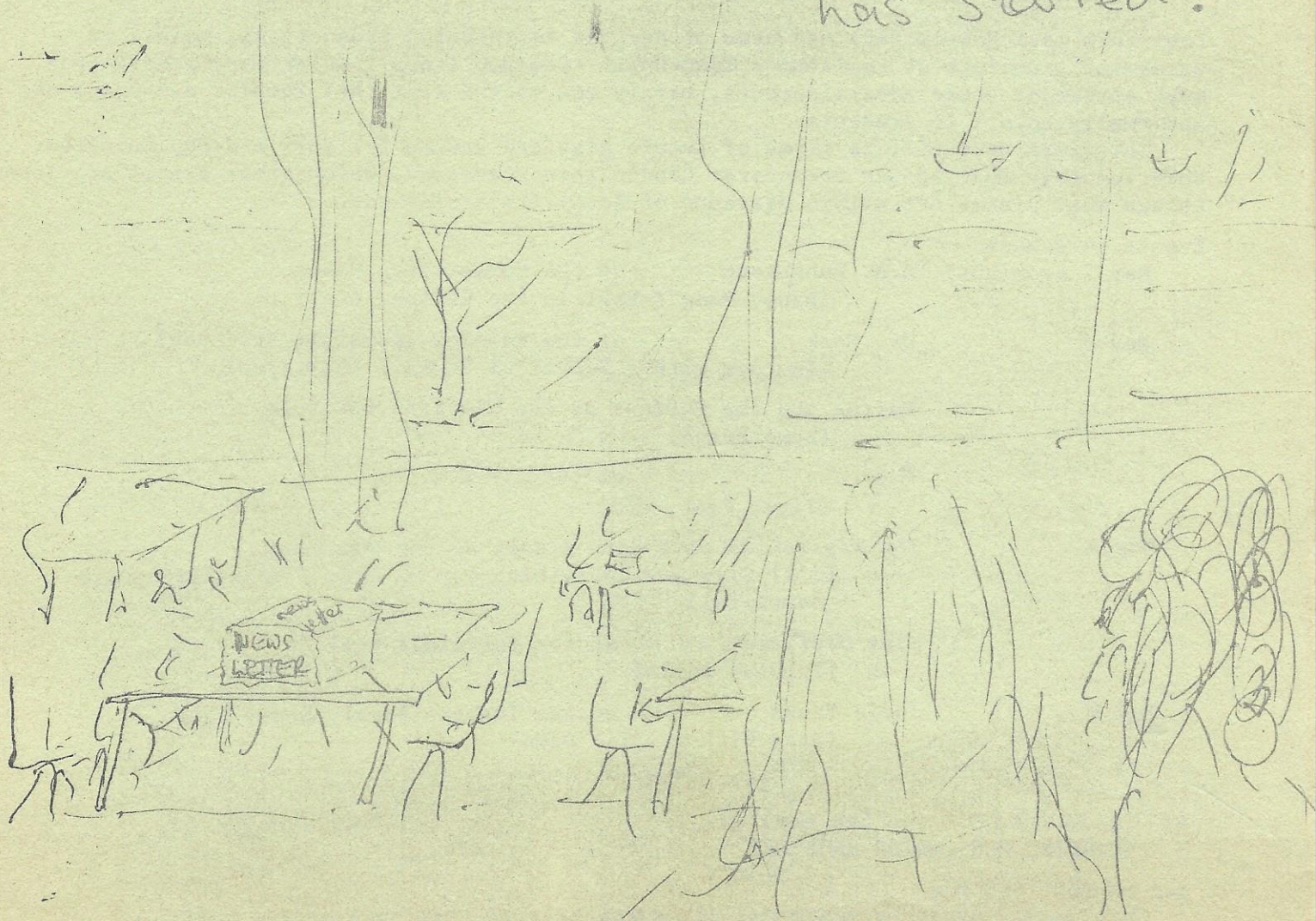


MNC NEWS

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Ah! Now the term really
has started!



THE LIBRARIAN would like to thank all those who participated in the removal of the Library to Level 4 during the Easter Holidays. The Library Staff, with children and one member's husband, worked with great enthusiasm. They packed and unpacked baskets; shoved trolleys; heaved piles of books; stacked and restacked about 12,000 books and several thousand other items, periodicals, pamphlets, files, papers, etc. Everything had to be moved!

Non-Library Staff also gave a great deal of help, in particular Mr. D. Gordon and Mr. D. Rogers, along with the Duty Officers, the M.R.O. and Technicians, and last but not least, the Caretaking Staff.

One member of teaching staff, unable to help physically, brought some bottles of wine to keep spirits up, which was much appreciated.

To those members of staff who very kindly offered to help but were unable to participate - thank you for the offer. Your turn will come - we have to move back sometime!

IN RESOURCE CENTRE NOW!!!

5 Tape/slide programmes on THE FUNDAMENTALS OF DIGITAL COMPUTERS. The titles are: "STRUCTURE OF A COMPUTER", "BITS, BYTES AND WORDS", "PROGRAMS", "NUMBER SYSTEMS" AND "COMPLEMENT ARITHMETIC". Contact the Library to view these progs.

APPLYING FOR A JOB? Going for an interview? Nervous? Apprehensive?

The Library has a selection of books and audiotapes which give advice on these subjects. You are also welcome to discuss your problems with Mr. D. Gordon, Mr. P.L. Smith or Mr. D. Thomas, all of whom have experience in careers advice and guidance.

Last term most Newsletters had news of certain forthcoming productions, mainly at Goldsmith's College or Lewisham's Town Hall. Somehow I don't think many people took much notice of these advertisements, mainly due to the fact that Theatre and Opera do not really appeal to students.

This term news will be given of future gigs and venues for Rock and Pop Concerts. Unfortunately most venues are nearer London than Gravesend, which gives travel problems, though most places are within distance of local train stations.

Events this week:

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| May 2 (tonight) | B.A. Robertson | at the Hammersmith Odeon
(Bang, Bang / Kool in the Kaftan, etc.) |
| May 3 | Dr. Hook | at the Rainbow (possibly sold out)
(In Love with a Beautiful Woman / Sexy Eyes) |
| | Martha and the Muffins | at the Electric Ballroom
(Echo Beach) |
| | Mud | at the Y.M.C.A.
(Tiger Feet, etc.) |
| May 4 | The Stylistics plus Fern Kinney | at the Dominion
(I'll Give you Everything but My Love / Together we are Beautiful) |
| | Mike Oldfield | at the Fairfield Hall
(Tubular Bells) |
| May 9 | Judie Tzuke | at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane
(Stay With me 'Til Dawn) |

At BRANDS HATCH on 5th May
STIRLING MOSS MOTOR RACE DAY

and on the 11th May
FIA CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORIC CAR RACES for historic racing & sports cars

Apologies for the lack of Newsletters at last Friday's Afternoon Smoko; but as you can see there are plenty this week. Hasn't a lot happened since the last issue, I hear you say! Quite right, in one way or another.

No doubt the biggest/most tragic event was the self destruction of President Jimmy Carter, who didn't really do his electioneering a great deal of good, or the 58 hostages for that matter. Just think, if the abortive mission had been successful he'd be sitting at Ron Greenwood's right hand by now!

It looks as though Bob Paisley will have to make do with just the Championship Trophy after all this year, but I can't see any red and white ribbons being tied on the Cup!

No doubt there are still a few members of the College who haven't realised that the library had jumped to Level 4, and with it the little red box, which is still waiting to be fed with articles.

So get something in before it's full!

EDITOR

If you haven't found the Library yet - it is now on Level 4 in Rooms 430 and 431. The Media Resource Centre is in Room 403, opposite the Library. It is hoped that the Library extension will start some time in May, and it is estimated that it will take about a year to build.

We hope to be able to continue to offer a good library service from our temporary accommodation, but obviously we have had to make some reductions in the number of books on display, and the number of seating places in the library. About 4,000 books, including past copies of periodicals are now in a reserve stock. These can be made available fairly quickly. So please ask library staff if you would like to consult them. However, it will not normally be possible to get at the Reserve Stock in the evenings - so please ask well in advance.

Library hours, including Media Resource Centre, will be as follows:-

Monday	9am - 8pm
Tuesday	9am - 8pm
Wednesday	9am - 8pm
Thursday	9am - 8pm
Friday	9am - 5.30pm

COME BACK, HORATIO!

According to a newspaper report published over the Easter holiday, the Royal Navy is suffering from an acute, and no doubt embarrassing, shortage of ordinary seamen. One frigate captain, with a ship-load of experts in everything else, could only think of two men out of 250 whom he could trust even to lower or hoist a ship's boat, and only a very few more could do knots and splices! So much skill is needed to operate the complicated missile systems, radar and anti-submarine weapons, ordinary junior ratings just do not have time to study such mundane things as seamanship. So a new branch is having to be formed, open to men who are qualified for promotion to be petty officer, to train 'seamanship experts', the ultimate aim being to have one or two such in every frigate and larger ship.

Lord Nelson must be turning in his grave - though of course even he needed a Press-Gang to get a crew at all.

To the motorist, the police traffic patrol-man is, according to a tradition stretching right back to the early days, 'the enemy', but, "You'd be tough on speeding lunatics if you had to attend the accidents they cause and pull out the bodies," says an ex-policeman in a recent newspaper article (Daily Telegraph, 23rd April) that does much to set the matter into proper perspective, and gives the sound advice that if you are pulled up for a fault it will not help you to rile the police by adopting a truculent manner. After all, YOU have attracted THEIR attention, even if only over a very minor matter, and neither bullying nor righteous indignation is likely to reassure

M. Simms gets the magazine's new term off to a good start this week with his account of a weekend trip in a College boat.

On the evening of April 25th the M.N.C. cruiser slipped its mooring and set off on its mammoth voyage. Without much difficulty, the crew bypassed The Pier, the White Hart and Everard's moorings.

A couple of hours sailing saw us through the Thames Barrier, even if the Hydrofoil didn't wait for us. London appeared surprisingly quiet, but then not many commuters travel by river. The first evening was spent in Kew, at a very sedate pier.

An early start the next morning saw the FLINDERS through Teddington Lock for a late breakfast cooked by the boat's Galley Boy, Mr. J. Hall. From then on there were frequent locks to negotiate. After several of these we became quite professional at handling them, the secret being minimum speed and maximum manoeuvrability. By midday we could guide us through with the minimum of sweat, and watch the armchair sailors make a mess of the locks.

Just after Shepperton Lock we stopped for lunch at an excellent pub. At a sedate 5 knots we reached Runnymede for a civilised afternoon tea. After a short time ashore here we decided that the time had come to turn around, if we were to make the college by Sunday evening, and so, regretfully, we had to abort our original plan to visit Windsor and set off home.

(A note of warning to all potential FLINDERS skippers, the lock masters knock off at 6.30 pm sharp. On the return journey we entered a lock and waited for the lock to close. Five minutes later it clicked that it had passed 6.30 and the keeper had clocked off without warning.) Working locks by hand gives you a healthy appetite, but the college provides ample food. We ate dinner at Kingston, regrettably in the rain, and there spent the night.

Sunday morning saw us through the last of the locks. The lock at Richmond costs £1.00, but if you tell him you're from the M.N.C. he should let you through for nothing; depends on what he did the night before.

Coming back through London the engine packed up. A strong tide threatened to wash us back against the central support of Vauxhall Bridge, but with calm control, amidst pleasure boats, Mr. G. Kemp dropped anchor, which eventually stopped us. The engine was temporarily fixed so that we could reach London Fire Brigade Pier, where we were offered assistance, though thankfully it wasn't required; Mr. M. Durbin diagnosed fuel starvation and proceeded to fix it. Half an hour later we were off again, passing the floating restauraunt, the OLD CALEDONIA, which had caught fire the night before and was pumped full of foam and belching smoke.

The rest of the voyage was uneventful; we met DRAKE at Erith, who passed us HP1 and followed us in.

All in all, an enjoyable weekend, and one I can recommend to all students.

And just a reminder to those who might like a river cruise without doing any work, P.S. WAVERLEY, whose normal stamping ground is the River Clyde, is once again in the South for the Spring Season. You have probably seen her this week, paddling up and down the river - two red and black funnels raked slightly towards each other at the top - and you can find her full Spring timetable on display in the entrance hall. If you would like to see her, she will be delighted to see you - and if you've a mechanical streak, those engines are FUN!

THE WORCESTER GLASS

Two beautifully styled stained glass windows from the Chapel of HMS WORCESTER are to be placed in the College - if we can raise enough money to cover part of the cost of restoration. (These windows are of great historical interest to seafarers of all nations.) Mounted with concealed lighting, perhaps in the new library extension, these are antiques which will be viewed by everyone who attends the College.

Your help is needed to raise the necessary funds for this project. Pram races, sponsored silences (?!!) - any idea for raising money will be gratefully received.

DREAM HOME HEARTACHE

In every dream home a heartache,
And every step I take, takes me further from Heaven.
Is there a Heaven? I'd like to think so.
Standards of living, they're rising daily,
But home, oh sweet home! It's only a saying.
From bell-push to foresight, in smart-town apartment.
The cottage is pretty, the main house apparent.
Penthouse perfection, but what goes on there?
What to do there? There to pray there.
Open-plan living, bungalow-ranch style.
All of its comforts seem so essential;
I bought you mail order, my plain-wrapper baby,
Your skin is like vinyl, the perfect companion,
You float in my new pool, to looks and delightful.
Inflatable doll, my role is to serve you.
Disposable darling, can't throw you away now.
Immortal and life-size, my breath is inside you.
I dress you up daily and keep you 'til death's eyes;
Inflatable doll, lover ungrateful, I blew up your
body -
..... but - you blew my mind!...

BRYAN FERRY

Thanks to all those
who gave their time
and support to the
House-to-House
Collection for the
R.N.L.I. You will
be pleased to know
that the total amount
raised was

£206 - 54

FOOTBALL: RN TEAM : 1 GREENHITHE : 2

After a two hour journey to the Nato base in Middlesex, a fine game of football was produced, ending in a deserved, but slim, victory for Greenhithe.

The usual story of a large establishment having little organisation at grass-roots level left the team changing in a corridor and having no referee, though eventually Mr. Harris gracefully accepted the job.

It was a scrappy start, mainly due to settling in and also the hard but slippery surface. The R.N Team were the first to settle down and produced the better openings, but none were taken. The back four commendably soaked up this early pressure and the midfield were starting to get to grips with the game when a speculative lob from just outside the penalty area beat the out-stretched Ian Creary in goal, to give the RN Team the lead.

After this early set-back, Greenhithe crept back into the game, playing some very positive football and producing some near-misses. The break came from a through ball from Andy Collins. Solly picked it up from the left, avoiding the defenders to chip the ball past the stranded goal keeper. A fine goal that brought the sides level. Towards the end of the first half it was a pity to see some niggling from both sides over a few off-side decisions. At half-time the score remained at 1-1, not a true reflection on which way the play had been going.

The second half didn't quite take off as the first ended. With a re-shuffled Greenhithe side, they again had to find their momentum. The RN Team tried to close down at the back and try for the goal on the break. The closest they came was when with two players clear and in the six yard area, one of them, with an open goal in front of him, unbelievably hooked the ball over the bar. Their tactics weren't working; Greenhithe's midfield men were dominating most of the ball but couldn't find the telling pass. About ten minutes from the end the winning goal was scored. A cross from the left caused confusion amongst the defenders which left Craig Travers to net a simple goal.

That was how the score remained until the final whistle, and after a few well deserved drinks in the bar, the victors boarded the coach for the long journey back.

M.O.M.: Andy Glanville (Centre Back)

'ORRIBLE CROSSWORD

Clues Across

2. (4,7) Possibly red suitcase to be collected from station -
7. (6) - and here, with 1A, makes where to find 1A.
10. (4,8) Pick-me-up for flagging locks, or vanished ones.
11. (5) A vile arrangement, but far from dead.
13. (10) Party intent on discovery, maybe.
16. (4) Best end of hammer for hitting small nails.
17. (4,5) Might have been intended to weigh Greek horse.
20. (4,2,3,7) Signal for the play to begin, by telephone?
22. (4) Join, not to appear.
23. (3) Tap; it can be made fitting.
25. (5,5) Order not rapid fire, skywards.
26. (6) Brake for maritime use.
28. (4) Elf back East must get away fast.
31. (5,7) Ugly Sisters, no doubt, nervous at appearing.
32. (5-2-5) Held to make a deal?

Clues Down

1. (4,7) Relied on little horsepower to make fast deliveries.
2. (7,7) Farewell gift, of time traveller.
3. (6) Sluggishness from gannet or porpoise.
4. (4) Way in closing fence.
5. (3-3) Just the weapon for anti-aircraft work?
6. (3) Auditory aid.
8. (8) Waving like a rag in the breeze.
9. (5) Third letter to conceal and tell off.
12. (3) Away from weather bad side for reef.
14. (4) No parking on field - it's irritating.
15. (7) Nicks, on gunslinger's sixshooter?
18. (7) Useful fellow when the wind drops.
19. (5) Pleat to ensnare unwilling seaman.
21. (4) Constant pain.
22. (5) Electoral rearrangement for cooking purposes.
24. (6) Beat about the ears.
26. (5) Expounded views to make sure the washing was dry.
27. (3) Old ship is a toothed wheel.
28. (4) Commotion, pleasant attention.
29. (4) Repeating sound.
30. (4) To hold a tithe of the crop, or all.

TRELLIS PUZZLE

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

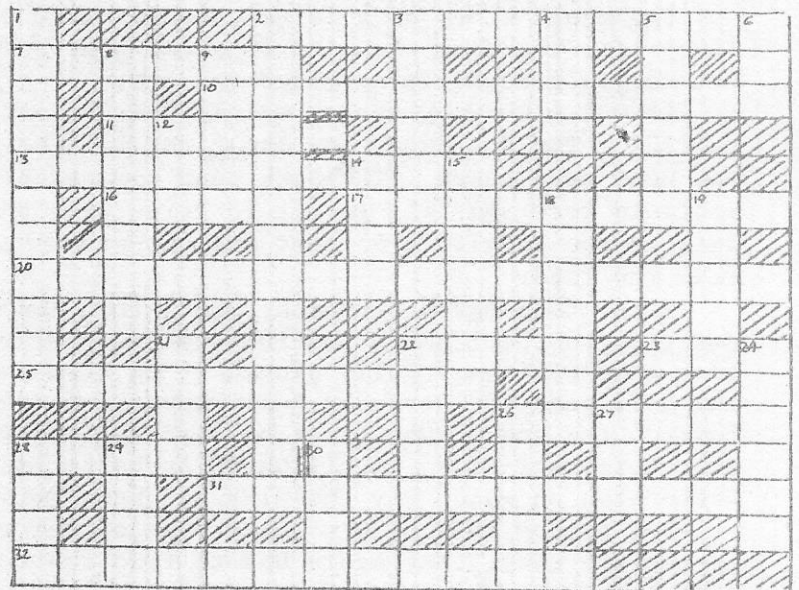
"STOP, you PEST, it's OPENing"



PEST, STOP, OPEN

Skidding round, missing by inches the grocer IN his apron who, basket on arm, emerged from his open shop, the idle lad the apprentices envy seized such opportunity as offered to flee, running for dear life.

To help, the middle word is given. Find the other eight.



A Naval Officer, it is claimed, protested at a Captain's report on him which read, "Has been known to return on board drunk," so his Captain obligingly agreed to change it. The end result was, however, "Has been known to return on board sober"!

Apologies to the author of one cartoon that it was not included, but it is, perhaps,