

# MNC NEWS

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A SIXTEEN YEAR-OLD SCHOOL-GIRL WAS ACCIDENTALLY SHOT BY POLICE MARKSMEN TODAY.

THE CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT IN CHARGE HAS SAID SORRY.

*(Anonymous Contribution)*

I think it should be noted that the police were facing a man with a gun who had already shot and wounded one man (the girl's stepfather), had fired at the police after a lengthy road-chase, had held the girl hostage for some hours, and finally, at the time of the final incident, was firing at the police again while walking towards them using the girl as a shield. Unfortunately, he escaped injury: we will not speculate on why she became involved in the first place.

OFFICERS V GENTLEMEN

Officers

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| 1. G. Griffiths | 6. P. Hancock |
| 2. Barker       | 7. Cobain     |
| 3. Tams         | 8. Vallis     |
| 4. Sewell       | 9. R. Hey     |
| 5. Rogers       | 10. T. Fish   |
|                 | 11. Potter    |

Gentlemen

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| 1. D. Khan   | 6. A. White      |
| 2. D. Field  | 7. A. Russel     |
| 3. S. Khan   | 8. R. Scridharen |
| 4. B. Payne  | 9. P. Blackhurst |
| 5. I. Creary | 10. M. Gardiner  |
|              | 11. S. Murphy    |

On Wednesday a return Navigation v. Sparkies cricket match took place. The Navies had all been coached the night before by the experienced cricketer Mr. Sewell.

The Navies lost the toss and were out into to bat. but with the expert bowling of D. Field (3 wickets for 10) and K. Khan (5 wickets for 4) they were all out for 87 runs.

D. Khan hit out as usual and made 49 runs. D. Field was bowled by Pat Hancock (The only sparkie wicket to fall). The sparks scored 91 runs and still had 13 overs left, resulting in a Sparkies win by 8 wickets.

Never mind Navs. (alias Officers?), keep on practicing, you might beat us one day. Hope Dennis Ayling is feeling better after his new style of wicket keeping.

The Bar Committee regrets that if glasses continue to be broken (maliciously), they will have no choice but to collect ALL glasses at an earlier time.

(Try giving the children those nice, bendy, unbreakable plastic beakers! MS)

The Spring 1980 Edition of "CHART AND COMPASS", the journal of the British Sailors' Society, now available in the Library carries a photograph of "The Reverend William McCrea, our Port Chaplain at the Greenhithe and Gravesend Nautical Colleges, presenting newly weds Mark and Francis with a Bible after he had blessed them". We had hoped to reproduce it, but unfortunately it proved beyond our reprographic capabilities, even with re-touching.

Also in the issue is an article headed "King Edward VII Hall closes - and a Midwife remembers", which, although it is very short, may be of interest to those who remember personally the 'stack of bricks'. It might also be useful reading for some of those who now complain about poor pay and conditions, for it deals with the terrible lot of sailors' wives in the 1920's, left while their men were at sea and with no money until they got home.

QUOTES

A man so devious that he seem'd to be  
Not one, but all mankind's epitome:  
Stiff in opinions, always in the wrong;  
Was everything by starts, and nothing  
long:

But, in the course of one revolving moon,  
Was chemist, fiddler, statesman and  
buffoon.

John Dryden

To make a name for learning, when other  
roads are barred,  
Take something simple and make it very  
hard.

ANON

Of whom was it said:  
"Often in error but never in doubt"?  
Wrong! It was Landau's view of  
Astrophysicists.

You will all have heard of the tragic circumstances in Uganda and the relief operation being mounted. Anyone wishing to help may like to know of an organisation which has long been active in the area and so works through established contacts who know what aid is most needed where and how to get it there. Donations should be sent to the following address: Tear Fund, 11 Station Road, Teddington, Middlesex, TW11 9AA. If you wish your aid to go to Uganda, just include a note to that effect. You may like to know that volunteers to go to various areas in deed for a few months are often wanted. Inquiries can be made by telephoning 01-977-9144.

Last Week's Trellis : I determined to keep my CHIN up, even though I could neither pay the RENT nor even raise the ANTE for a game of cards, and my bank manager ARCHed his eyebrows and STARed incredulously as he TOPE up...

FROM THE DESK OF GENERAL BOY

Salutations!

Today I feel a sense of urgency as I speak to you on behalf of Devolution Inc. You may not be aware of this, but we are in the middle of World War III. It is not nuclear bombs we must fear; the weapon is the human mind itself, or lack of it on this planet, that will determine our fate. Capital punishment for airline passengers who attempt to save money, spud men in gas lines who forget that guns don't argue, and tourists attempting to catch some rays at Three Mile Island add up to a major attack of corkscrews in the brain. We must fight back. We must know what we want. We must want what we need. And what we need is Duty for the Future. The big sleep is over; the seventies are gone! It is time to wake up to the coming sound of Chinese computers.

1980..... I'm for it.

General Boy

Here is M.N.C's (borrowed) guide to hit back at those creeps who utter one-line nothings that go nowhere:

That man's a miracle worker - when he works it's a miracle!

Can I drop you off somewhere? - like a bridge.

He's so dumb that if he lost his mind nobody's know the difference.

Who says I'm Paranoid? - And why do they want to know?

I was going to engage in a battle of wits with you - then I remembered you shouldn't attack an unarmed man.

It's a real honour to meet you - May I be the first to shake you by the throat?

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I must thank everyone again for the total lack of articles (or anything) to appear in the "NEWS" box in the library this week, but no need to fret as I'm getting quite used to it by now. (2 "Late Entries" found - MS)

I don't think anyone needs reminding of the end of term Disco/Party/Fancy-dress/Booze-up etc. next Friday, but I've heard that the Principal will be donning his Admiral's gear, a sight which shouldn't be missed!

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PHYSICAL GRAFFITI

- 3 channel TV sets, guaranteed working perfectly, for only £10. As advertised on Police 5.
- I wish I were what I was when I wished I were what I am.
- Rugby is a game played by gentlemen with funny-shaped balls.
- Oedipus, if you're reading this, call your mother.
- Before you meet the handsome prince you have to kiss a lot of toads - Ladies' Loo.

MEMORIES

Once upon a time a Large Unwashed Navigating Cadet took a basket of optimism to his Granny-type-relation who lived in a large block called Navplymouth House-on-Sea. But when he arrived he noticed that Granny had only small ears.

"All the better to miss things with," said Granny.

LUNC also noticed that Granny had tight, thin, lips.

"All the easier to keep words in," said Granny.

LUNC then observed that Granny had narrow eyes.

"All the better to close quickly at the sight of your goodies," said Granny.

So LUNC borrowed fuel from the library, struck a match of wit and set fire to Navplymouth and his Granny, who only covered her ears, snapped her mouth shut and closed her eyes, only briefly taking notice when her striped briefcase took flame and danced a fiery jig with the LUNC's basket of optimism.

ANON

CAROLINE ROADSHOW

Those who enjoyed the Capital Funbus at the recent RNLI Bazaar would probably enjoy the South-East's most popular roadshow. So make a date with Caroline's full...

