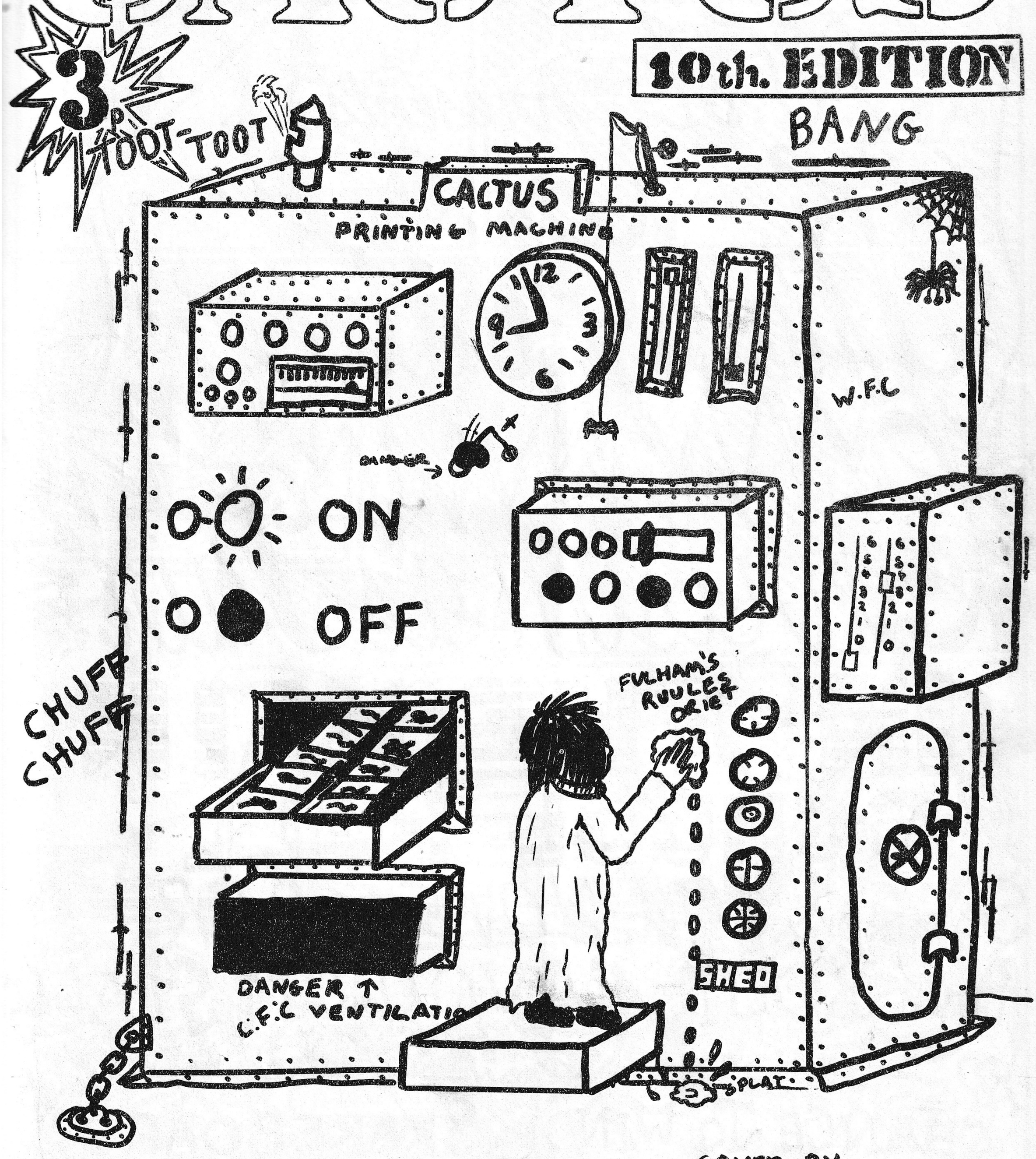
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EDITORIAL

Much to your (and) our amazement we have managed to yet again produced a new issue of 'Cactus' so we feel relatively safe in assuming that we work on the greatest paper that ever there was!? (All we need to do now is to learn some grammar and how to spell. However, that's a minor detail.)

We are printing in black and white so as not to accused of racial discrimination even though we have a Yorkshireman on our staff.

We have some happy news to impart which is that with the proceeds from the Autumn Fair we have decided to take a Winter cruise. Unfortunately there will only be enough money te pay for a one way trip across Battersea Park Lake.

So with those few words we bid a temporary adieu.

signed,
Miss Spelling
Glottal Stop
Mustapha Gossip
Dirt Track and,
Wheel Change,
Attila the Nun,

and Well before
Head Boy.

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"..... and then I thought to myself, what shall I put in the exhibition this year??

WALLS HAVE EARS

BY MUSTAPHA GOSSIP

The recent Fire-Drill has brought many surprises:-

For instance; Rumour has it that B. Molyneux and his leather trench coat are distantly related to Chicago's 'Al Capone'.

There is no truth in the rumour that Dr. Check and his Parker mac are long lost relatives of Scott of the Antartic.

SCHOOL !!!

Teachers; sit up, work, speak up lad.
Equilkibrium, equilibrium.
Work and till you drop! Knowledge is a dirty word, too.

Indoctrrination is a nice word.
Mostly it's simple indoctrination:
some of us just don't take to it naturally.
Shut up!
You learn not to yell fire in a crowdwad theatre.
Go spray your paint somewhere else.
So I've been told.
But I will always resent the education that's handed out.

Teachers are getting apathetic.
I mean the ones just out of college.
Teachers: this is an outrage! Who do you think you are?!

Just a pupil.
We've no room for a fluke like yourself! Therefore...
So in the end the teachers pulled the trigger on me.

SCIENCE

BIOLOGY

Biology is concerned with food, with health, and with the environment. Within these braad groups there are a wide range of jobs done by Biologists which will allow a student leaving schoool at either I6 or I8 to develop a career in Biology. An interest in the subject at school is often combined with a desire to do research in a laboratory, to work in the open in some aspects of agriculture or ecology, to work with animals or to do work with people.

"The problems of the environment" are a popular subject in the press and have awakened an interest in many people. The planning, organisation and management of natural assets such as national parks are areas of employment for a broadly educated biologists. Biological problems are also posed by water treatment, waste disposal and land reclamation.

The fluctuations in the employment situation, particularly in times of economic crisis, can mean that a ualification in Biology is in teaching, research, development, quality control, routine testing, advisory work but increasingly biologists are to be found in publishing sales, marketing and general adnimistrative work.

FURTHER INFORMATION.

"Careers in Biology" published by the Institute of Biology.

CHEMISTRY

"You and Chemistry" is the title of a brand new careers booklet published by the Chemical Society for the I3-I5 year olds. A more detailed booklet suitable for older students is "Careers with Chemistry".

Both are available free from Aileen Conn,
Education Department,
Chemical Society,
Burlington House,
London, WIV OBN.

"Careers for Environmentalists"
Published byn Council for Environmental Education
University of Reading
24, London Road,
Reading RGI 5A price 50P.

This booklet has been produced in response to the strong motivation in many young people to follow a career involving the conservation or improvement of the environment. The booklet consists of notes on a number of such careers - Agriculture, landscape architecture, conservation and natural history, environmental health, forestry, geology, estate management, parks management, planning, surveying, teaching and the water industry. The notes give details of the work involved in these fields the qualifications required for entry at various levels and a list of useful addresses. At the end of the booklet are sections containing lists of school examinations courses for teachers of environmental studies and first degree courses.

"Working Holidays"
published by Central Bureau for Educatiohal Visits
43, Dorset Street,
London, WIH 3FN price 85p + I5p postage.

Provides information on long and shott term work including voluntary service threughout the world. Addresses of the embassy, tourist office, youth hostels and travel services are listed for each country mentioned, together with details of work camps. and other

WALKING IN THE LAKE DISTRICT

by "HOTFOOT"

The only trouble of leaving on the morning that the clocks went back is that some people are bound to arrive at school an hour early and have to wait in the rain. As it happens, it is not raining, and the only person who blew it on the clocks was Mr. Jordan, who now has to drive 250mls. on four hours sleep. Anyway, we all arrive and get off more or less on time - Bates with his cursed cassette player, Dorking with his hangoover, Mr. O'Farrell with his feet unusually well shod and his head buried in the 'Sunday Times'. The minibus is weighted down with what seems like hundreds of tons of baked beans, powdered mash, Mars bars and peanuts, but we make it and arrive to the welcoming sound of - you guessed it- rain!!

The following morning we head up Easedale in the wet. Wet! There!must be a stronger word for it. It pours and pours; it seems as though the Lake District whole annual supply of rain is gushing down my neck and into my boots. Every path we tread we jump a raging torrant. Mr. Jordan's handout said, "Stop moaning about this! Yi! It is but wet!" However, we survive. At the top we take lunch and a quick mop in the survival tent -AND the rain stops. On the way down, the sun even puts in an appearance; we get warm - spirits rise and we trip merrily down to the Kendal Must Coke infested streets of Grassmere for a cup of something hot at the 'Coffee Bean'. Then it's back to the hostel , off with wet kit and all set for a fantastic meal from shore kitchen superstars, Messers Jordan and O'FArrell.

The following day it is fine, and what better day to spend it than rock-climbing! Well, I can think of a few for a start; I really don't think I'm 100% into rock. It puts you so much on the spot - you can't go down and feel there is no way of going up. Searching for -sticking- out-bits to hold onto is like looking for the 'Z' on a type-writer, "Commit yourself to it" yells Jordan, "There's a marvellous foothold near your left ear" indicating a ledge on which a spider would have difficulty doing a handstand!

The next day, though, we are back walking; a healthy hike up Bowfell. A cracking pace, and we are halfway up already! But, what's this? - it's white and wet - it's mist! Bang goes the view. Bang goes dryness. We lunch in cold wet atop the hill, gloomily greeting other hikers who appear occasionally out of the gloom. Mr. Jordan announces plan 'B' - head for the tea and scones by the shortest route. Once again, spirits rise on the way down, we leave Mr. Reid asleep and find a dead sheep, and that night, sample the delights of Heinz tinned curry.

The last day was a winner. Up Conniston Old Man, along the top, down the other side. From the summit we see right over the lakes, Windemere, Conniston to M ocarre Bay and the sea beyond. We see old copper mines and are toldthe name of every hill by Mr. Jordan. The lakes are at their best - sky blue and Autumn gold. Wasn't it worth coming? Moscow at Easter better be good to beat this.

See: Mr. O'FARRELL ABOUT MOSCOW TRIP AT EASTER.

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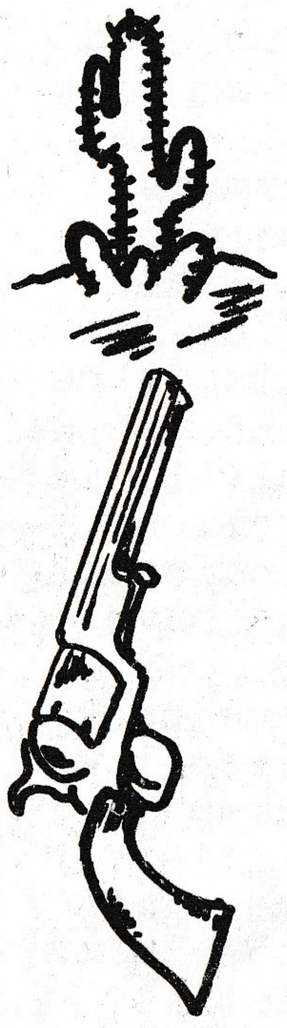
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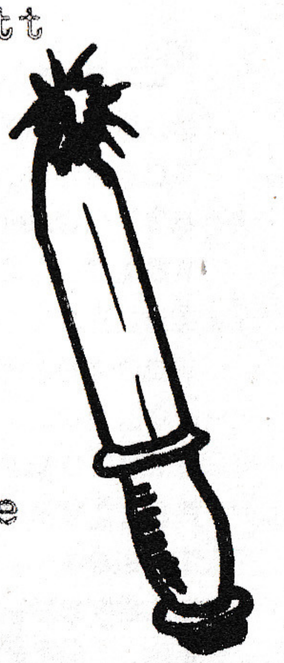


ALAN HAYES



by Anjam Butt







He was a hero to some, a villain to others and wherever he went people spoke his names in whispers. He had no friends but he did have two companions -- one was Death and the other was gunsmoke.

ARIZONA TERRITORY 1878.

Alan Hayes was on the trail of the Bart Jethro Gang when suddenly he reigned his horse to a stop because he had seen a small wooden cabin ablaze and had heard a voice inside crying for help.

"Some idiot has gone and got himself trapped -- damned foolish thing to do, could get roasted," he said to himself. Hayes got off his horse and burst into the cabin and rescued the young boy who wasn't hurt badly except for a few slight burns. When Hayes had got him outside he was just about to speak but before he could say anything he heard gunshots. Hayes reacted quickly, he saw a rock under which he and the boy could grab some cover.

Then with the stealth of a stalking puma Hayes climbed the rocky overhang occupied by the unseen gunman but when he had reached the top the gunman had gone. Hayes thought to himself that if he ever met up with that bushwackin' skunk he'd know for sure since his horse had an odd shaped shoe an' he could spot it in the middle of a cavalry parade..

Next issue: What happens now???

WHAT'S AROUND WANDSWORTH

CINEMAS

Granada (Clap. Junc
" Voyage of the Damned."(AA)

Odeon. (Wimbledon)
"Demon Seed." (AA)
"The Spy Who Loved Me." (A)

Streatham ABC
"Crime Busters" (A)
"Voyage of the Damned." (AA)

WIMBLEDON ABC.
"Crime Busters." (A)

Putney ABC
"Crime Busters (A)

"The Devil's playground"

SPORT

Chelsea at home to Aston Villa.

Hot Rod at Wimbledon

Ist. and 2nd XV away to Purley High.
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EXHIBITIONS

Victoris and Albert Museum
'The Wireless Show.'

Tate Gallery
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25yrs of jewelry.

EXTRAS

Clapham Common,
THE CIRCUS.

Don't forget Wandsworth School's "AUTUMN FAIR"
2p.m.

Wimbledon Theatre:
"Chu Chin Chow"
2Ist. Nov. "Pinocchio"
28th. Nov. "In Praise of Love."

LOCAL ANGLER

Yet another piece of litery genius will now produce.....
After our last double page spectacular, we only just managed to get this page (and that was only after threatening to buy our Chairman a whole bottle of Watmeys !.) Instead of writing about a specific fish, this article is dedicated to the River Mole at Hampton Court.

River Mole, Hampton Court.

The River Mole at Hampton Court is without doubt, over-fished. Rows of anglers besiege the river banks sitting shoulder to shoulder, hurling into the river boulder-size pieces of groundbait coupled with countless pints of maggots, casters and other such delicasies e.g. Grated mother-in-law, larks vomit.

Seriously, the River Mole provides magnificent fishing for the latter part of the season. For example, last season an 8lbs. Bream was caught by 'Thames Ace' John Cadd.

The Mole joins the Thames at Hampton Court (see diagram) and creates a sheltered bay for fish in adverse conditions e.g. floods.

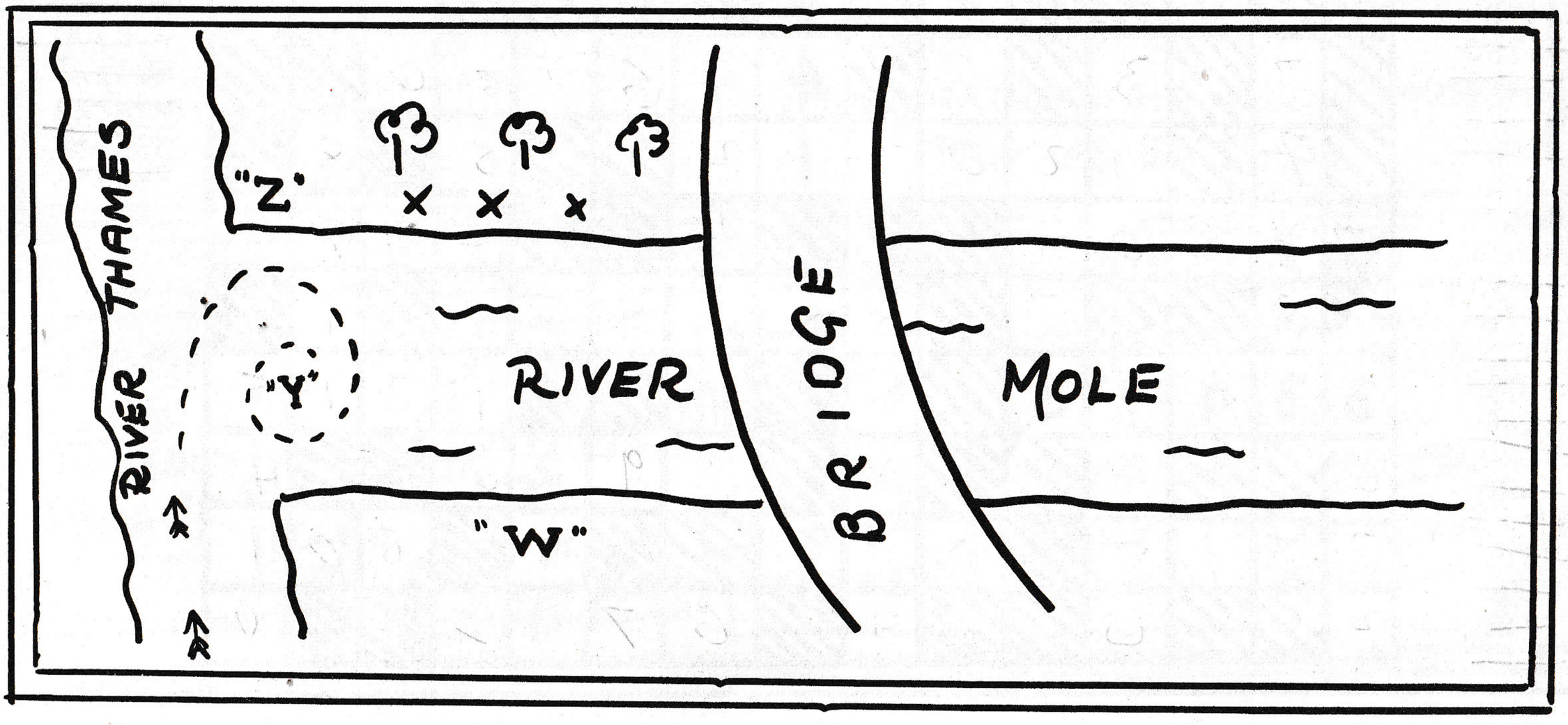
If possible dump your equipment at position 'Z' and allow your float (whatever it may be, but we advise either an Avon, waggle or ducker depending on the conditions.) to drift along the dotted line.to 'Y'. If you dislike using a float you can use a small drill bullet which will hopefully role along the river bed. Providing it does not become entangled in weeds, babies in polythene bags or unexploded Russian missiles. Loose feed shoulf be thrown in front of the float or leger so it can flow the path of the float. To begin with no groundbait should be used as it could ruin the fishing for the day. Firstly, ascertain how and what species are biting and in what uantity, Then and onlt then should the groundbait be introduced and in small quantities.

Only use a swimfeeder if the flow of the river is fast to float. Swimfeed from 'Z' to the eddie at 'Y!

If it is possible to fish at 'Z' then trot the float along the second dotted line from 'X' again drill bullet or swimfeeder can be used. Fishing on the far bank 'W' is prohibited and inaccesable.

To get to Hampton Court.

You can either get a train from Clapham Junction or two buses from Putney : A "33" from the Red Rover and then a "267" from Twickenham.



FILM THINGS

* 'Tales of the Unknown' is a new anthology horror T.V. series on release in the States. Lasting for an hour, it's hosted by William Conrad (Cannon) on Friday. No news as to when it will be screened in this country.

* The Star Trek 22 episode T.V. series (which Imentioned in the last issue) has been given the green light and the main character cast has been announced. You'll see the original actors/actresses in the following roles:-
Captain Kirk, Chief Engineer Scott, Chekov (now security chief), Dr. McCoy, (dr. Chapel (formerly Nurse Chapel), Sulu and Yeoman Rand. The three new regulars are:- William Ogkker as Lt. Commander Xon the first new officer, is a full vulcan as the new Sience Officer and a new female navigator.

* Their are a number of American films without a British distributor at the moment. There's one called, "Cathy's Curse", which follows in the tracks of the "Exorcist" and "The Omen" The film stars Alan Scarfe, Beverly Murray and Randi Allen. Another two both produced by Harry Novack, are 'The Axe' similar to the 'Texas Chain Massacre', & 'Let's Play Hide and Kill' The film is another possessed film.

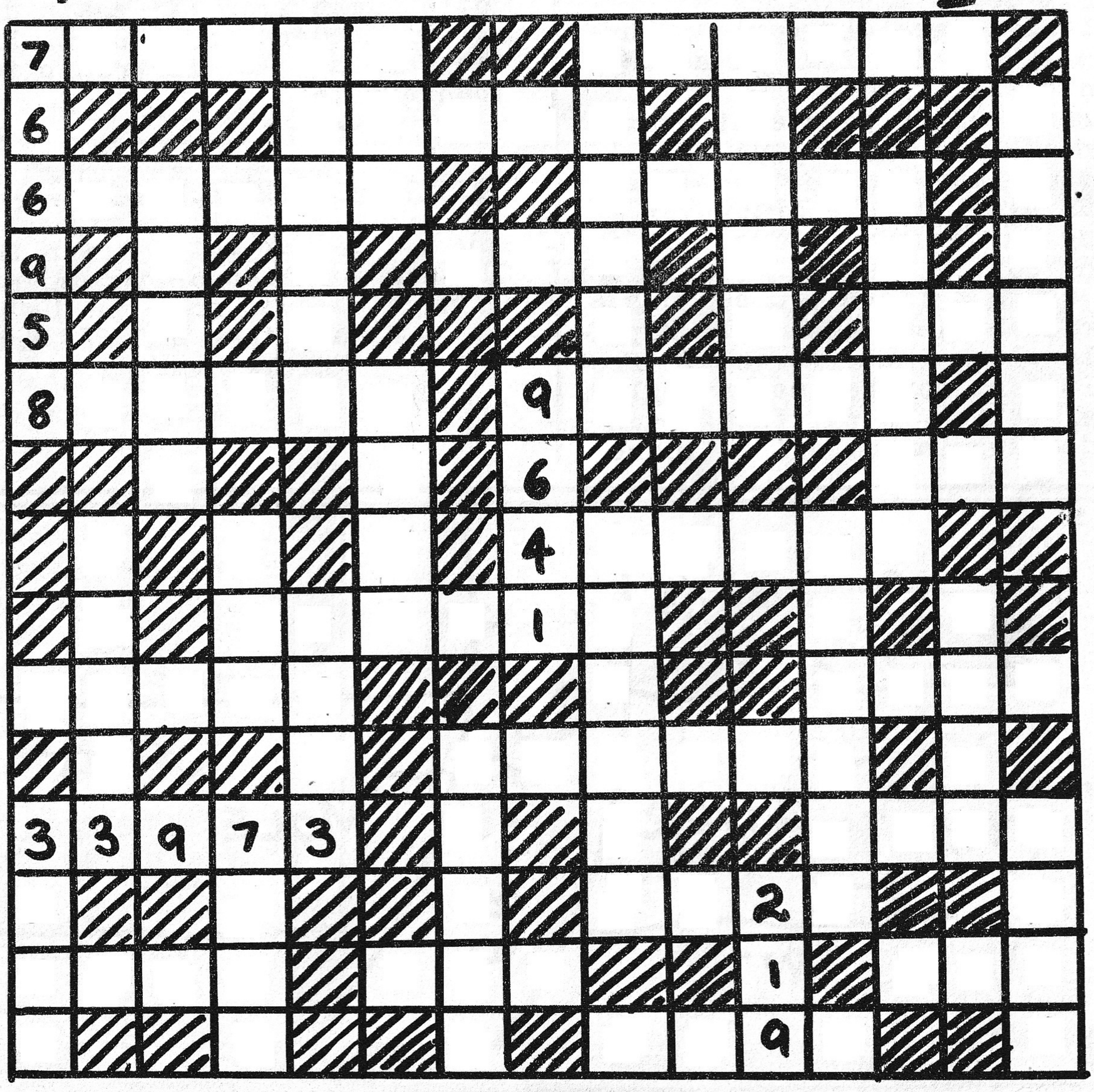
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SPEEDWAY AT WIMBLEDON

F.X. Zoom, Screeeech!! (Slamming of Cardoor) Quick footsteps up to the door, Click, Slam!

Phew! we nearly missed it but we're here and so Hallo! firstly we deal with the international match recently held at Plough Lane. A lot of Major Stars (e.g. Alpha Sentor, the Great Bear etc)- but no seriously, British Champ Mike "the bike" Lee, John "where-my-hand bag" Davis of the Reading Racers and of course our own homsters Jancarz, Richardson, Hines andRoss. It was billed as Young England versus Young Overseas but proved a washout, for after I2 heats the heavans opened, water poured forth in a downward direction drenching the track, the match was abandoned and the match was awarded to the lions 39-33, with States-Side-Shaker Scott Autrey awarded man of the match. The home crowd was soon compensated in the next two home meetings. Both were individual and both, for a variety of reasons provided thrilling speedway. The first was Wimbledon's traditonal event the Laurels. In recent years the home track gladiators (who writes this, Julius Caeser?) have done well in this competition. 2 years ago the late Tommy Jansson won with a 15 point maximum and last year Edgar Stangeland and Mick Hines provided the Dons with rostrum positions in 2nd and 3rd places. This year the formula was repeated but this was due to due to a certain amount of good fortune. The evening started with Scott Autrey leading the chase with 9 points from 3 rides but his so-it seemed winning run came to an abbrupt end when he was excluded under the 2 minute rule at the start of heat I6, he was not to appear in the meeting again. This left Gordon Kennett skipper of Gulf British League champs White City level with Larry-the-lamb-Ross on II points and Colin Richardson, the National League champion on 10. The excitement built as the crunch came in the last heat of the evening when Richardson, Ross and Kennett were all due to meat each other with skipper Hines thrown in to add spice. Ross suffered engine failure at the start, Kennett followed suit on the last bend and Richardson almost fell off with glee! but hung on to win the race and the meeting.



The second tournament was the Tommy Jansson Memorial Trophy which was won in great style by a 4-valve Jawa mounted (?!!) Ole Olsen with Edward Jancarz second and John Davis (see earlier) third. The field again contained many star names:- Malcom Simmons, Peter Collins andDave Jessup but to name a few, yet none of them showed much spirit (the flat variety). It really was a gala night with fireworks and every race sponsered.

Away from home Wimbledon have continued their improved form, coming second in a four-team tournament at Crayford after being third for most of the match, and also drawing at Hackney after, at one stage, being fourteen points behind. The hero at Hackney was Larry Ross, the Kiwi King, who scorched to a fifteen point maximum where supportmfrom the Dons fans were much in evidence.

Individual meetings have been much in evidence in the GBL recently, with "that-man-again" Ole Olsen carrying away two major plumbs, winning the British Leyland (no jokes please!) sponsored, British League Riders Championship at Belle Vue (our Edward scoring a creditable nine points) and winning the Trumans (ugh!) Pride of the East at Kings Lynn.

Well, the next time, we will have news for you of the Dons last match of the '77' campaign v Kings Lynn and also a seasons' summary. DIRT TRACK AND WHEEL CHANGE

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RUGBY

15th OCTOBER 1977

1st XV v Harlequin Colts	(A)	W 25-8
2nd XV v Ernest Bevin	(A)	W 15-0
U13 XV v Ernest Bevin	(H)	L 12-36

2nd NOVEMBER 1977

U18 XV v London Nautical	(H)	L 10-22

5th. November, 1977.

Ist. XV George Abbott	(A)		I7/0
2nd. XV George Abbott	(H)		W28/4
UI5 XV " "	(A)		LO/26
UI4 XV " "	(H)		WI04/0
UI3 XV " "	(H)		W26/4

I2th. NOVEMBER, I977.

Ist XV v. St. Joseph College		WI2/0
2nd. XV v. " "		W22/8
UI5 (H) v. " "		WI4/6
UI4 (A) v. " "		LIO/I6
UI3 (H) v. " "		W26/I8

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I5th. OCTOBER, I977.

UI5 XI v. Scott Lidgett	(H)	W4/I
UI4 XI v. Scott Lidgett	(H)	L3/5
UI3 'a' XI v. " "	(H)	W4/2
UI3 'b' XI v. " "	(H)	W6/3

I9th. OCTOBER, I977

Ist. XI V. Elliot	(H)	W6/I
2nd. XI V. "	(H)	W5/I

2nd. NOVEMBER, I977.

Ist. XI v. Elliot	(H)	W6/I
2nd. XI v. "	(H)	W5/I

5th. NOVEMBER, I977.

Ist. XI v. Ouinton Kynaston		(H)	L3/6
2nd. XI v. " "		(H)	W5/3
UI5 XI v. " "		(H)	W9/2
UI4 XI v. " "		(A)	Cup D.4/4
UI4 'b' XI " "		(A)	L3/4

I2th. NOVEMBER, I977.

Ist.	(A)	Southfields.	D 2/2
UI5	(A)	"	W 3/0
UI4	(A)	"	W7/4
UI3 'a'	(A)	Cup Replay	W 6/I
UI3 'b'	(A)	" "	L 3/4

THE HEAD OF THE RIVER FOURS

On Saturday 22nd October over 200 crews assembled for the 4's head. The Wandsworth crew had been trainingfor weeks, on and off land.

We all arrived at 10.30, polished the boat, changed and got afloat. Being crew no. 214 we had to row down to Barns Bridge. At 1.30 we were told to turn andhead for the start.

With so many crews they start you 10 seconds behind the crew in front and time you.

At the start we rowed off knowing that there was 3 miles of hard work in front of us(The race being fromChiswick steps to Putney pier). About ¼ of a mile ha had gone when we overtook a mens crew from from Barclays Bank. Heading towards Hammersmith Bridge we saw another crew, one from Leicester. we overtook it by the bridge. Then we had a St Pauls crew infront (about 500 yds) . Slowly but surely we crept up on them and about 100 yds from the finishing line we took them. Finishing quite exhausted we knew we had done well, but we did'nt realise we had beaten 109 crews most of them mens crews, and to beat crews like Kin-gs school Canterbury, Thames, Westminster school, Eton and City of London, is very good and must rate us highly.

When the results came through that evening we were very surprised we wre positioned 103 out of 212 (several crews dropped out at the last moment) Our time was 13 minutes 37 seconds, and we came 2nd in the novices section which we think is our best performance by far so far. The galiant crew was;

Peter Hawkins (bow)
Gary Spice (2)
Phil Roberts (3)
Steve Johnson (stk)
Crispin Lyden-Cowan (cox)

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