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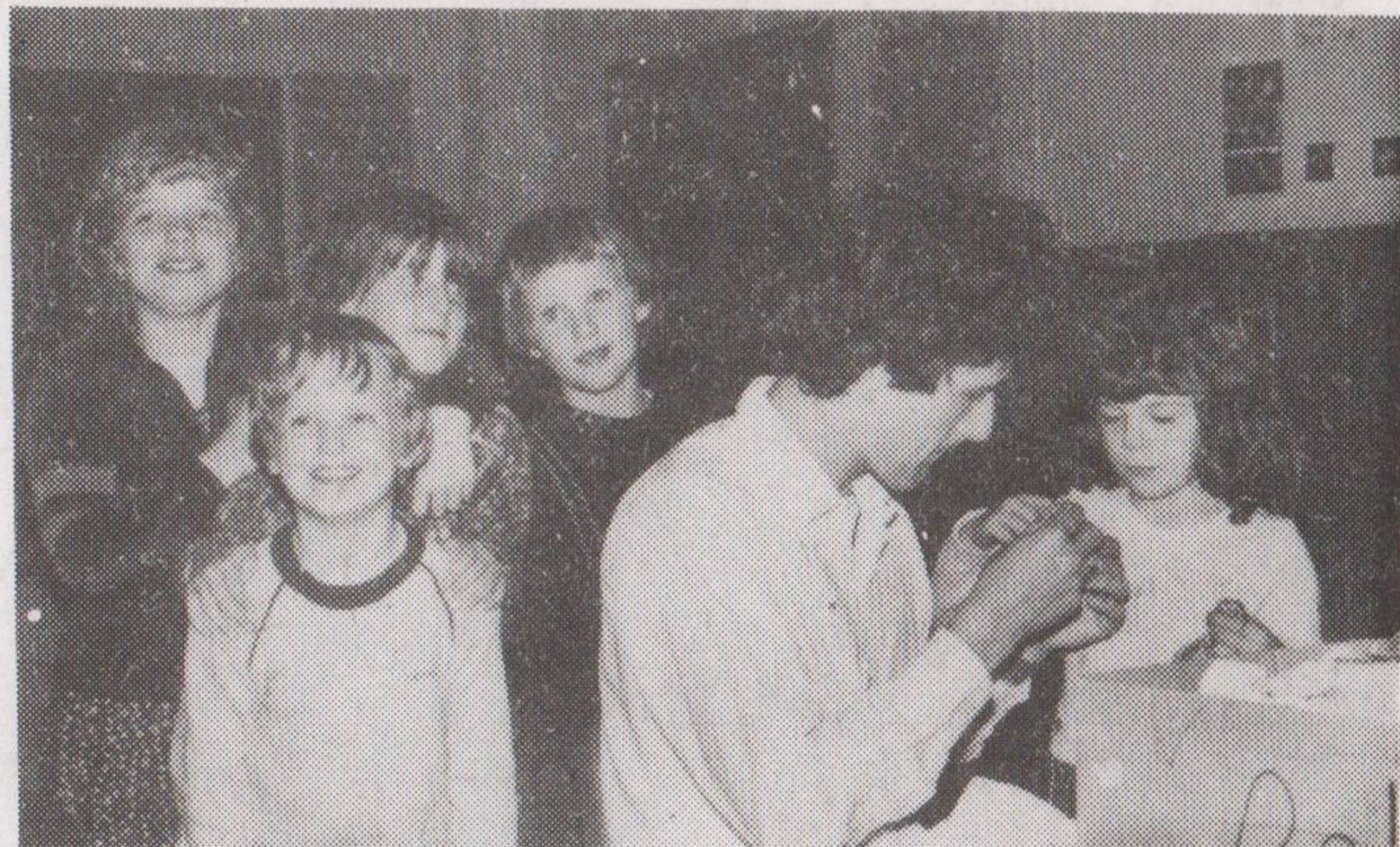
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COMMUNITY CENTRE SUCCESS : The Inside Story ★

The story of Sneinton Hermitage Community Centre started long before the Centre opened in 1980. In the early '70's some Councillors and local people in Sneinton felt that there should be a Community Centre in the area, so in 1975 the Council bought the old Methodist Church on Hermitage Square, by which time the building was almost derelict. The Council called a Public Meeting on 16th. September 1976 at which 14 local people volunteered to get together to form a Community Association to raise the necessary funds to convert the building to a Community Centre. The Association was formed on 29th. September 1976 and gave itself the name Sneinton Hermitage Community Association, and that was the start of the struggle.



SNEINTONS LOSS

At the end of August, Sneinton will be losing a trusted friend and servant. After eighteen months as warden of the Sneinton Community Association, Julie Willing is moving onto pastures new. Julie has done a wonderful job at the centre and she has seen us through some hard times. It is mainly thanks to Julie's commitment to the centre that we now have a thriving lunch club and Mums and Toddlers group. We have a well attended Junior Youth Club and Summer Playgroup. I'm certain that Julie will be missed and it will not be easy to replace her with someone who will bring as much enthusiasm as Julie has. We wish her well in her future and we hope that she will visit us when she can. We thank you Julie, for laying the foundations of a happy and growing centre.

The "SNEINTON VOICE" would also like to endorse the above sentiments and add their own thanks and best wishes. Julies' unstinting hard work and commitment towards the newspaper has ensured the success the paper now enjoys and it's felt the most fitting tribute we could pay on Julies departure would be to include this small accolade in large type. Thanks Julie and best wishes for the future.



100 YEARS OLD

Mrs Jane Johnson of Elford Rise celebrates her 100th Birthday this month. Born in Hackney, north London her first job was in the womens garment industry. She later married a painter and decorator and well remembers the time he spent in the army during the 1st World War when she was dependant on receiving only 12s 6d a week for rent, food, clothes and all other incidentals.

Mrs Johnson and her husband who died in 1954, came to live in Sneinton in 1915. Her first home was in Port Arthur Road and she finally remembers the time when there was only a cottage on the Dale with the rest of the area being taken up by allotments and open fields, with the largest moving object in sight being a cow. She sees this in direct contrast to todays congested Sneinton Dale and like many other elderly people sees in the traffic a major problem.

Even at 100 she still enjoys life and works at retaining her independence, although she welcomes the help she gets from the home help who visits her once a week to do the shopping, washing or window cleaning. We wish this grand old lady Happy Birthday on this special day.

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Memories of Sneinton

Harry Beastall has memories of Sneinton, although he left the area in 1931. He was born in 1908 and lived as a child on Sedgley Avenue.

The school he attended was called the Dale School. It was on the corner of Edale Road. During the first World War, the Dale School was used as a Military Hospital. Consequently, Harry was transferred to Sneinton Boulevard School. During this period he only attended school half-time. He and the other pupils went mornings one week - and afternoons the next.

His mother was not to happy about this arrangement as she thought it would have a severe effect on his education, so she moved him to the Church School on Windmill Lane. This was during the Xmas of 1914 when he was eight years old.

In 1916, Harry became an altar-server at St. Stephens Church. He also joined the Scouts around this time, the troop being connected to St. Stephen's Church. The Scout-master was called Captain Laker. The Scout meetings were held in the Institute on Notintone Street, close to William Booth's house.

Harry remembers the "Ragged School" which was situated on Notintone Street. In those days the Vicar of St. Stephen's was Father James Raw-Thomas. Harry has a hymn book, which he received during this time, signed by Father Thomas. Harry remembers playing as a child in and around the Sneinton Windmill, he believes that the mill is now a memorial to George Green, the famous Sneinton Mathematician.

Harry would be glad to hear from anyone who lived in Sneinton during the period 1910-1930, having memories they may like to share.

His present address is 17 Medway Close, Chilwell, Nottingham.

Incidentally it was Harry's and Flo's, his wife, Golden Wedding Anniversary in July. The "Voice" wish them best wishes on this occasion and for the future.

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The address of the Advice Centre is 13, Kentwood Road. The Centre is run entirely by volunteers, and TRACS are appealing for more people to help run the Centre. Any-one who is interested should ring 57760 or leave a note at 13 Kentwood Road.

The Advice Centre will be presenting an occasional series of articles on problems common in Sneinton.

SNEINTON HERMITAGE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Sneinton Hermitage Community Association require a Warden for its Community Centre. Relevant experience and/or qualifications are needed. For more information contact the Centre before 24th. August.



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Following the article in "Sneinton Voice" No 2 regarding our traffic situation it is sad to report that since that time there have been two major accidents in the area, one resulting in a fatality. Surely the question ought to be asked how many more martyrs are going to be created as a testimony to the County Councils indecision over implementing a safe traffic management scheme in Sneinton? At a meeting held with the County Planners on the 8th of June, they happily produced their figures to show that there was little increase in traffic in the community since the opening of their prized "Lady-Bay Bridge". Whilst the significance of their statistics is in doubt there can be no argument that our accident rate continues to be a major problem. Questions that need to be answered are the following:

- 1 What is the relation between traffic flow in our area and the accident rate? Has the bridge made any difference?
- 2 Is the traffic flow too high for an area like Sneinton where the vast majority of houses face directly onto the major roads?
- 3 Why is it that the area lacks "Pelican Crossings" when even the planners agree we have a "problem".
- 4 Why is it that even the County's "Planning and Transportation Department" send their own heavy lorries down the Boulevard? Are they trying to make some point?

Hopefully some of these questions will be answered at a meeting to be held in early August. As a matter of interest the meeting is being held in Sneinton so hopefully these "caring bureaucrats" will have a chance to see what its really like rather than being reliant on their traffic count meters and maps.

As we've said before dealing with our traffic situation is not easy however it's a lot easier than going round to somebodys' house to give condolences to yet another victim of this planning paralysis.

Steve Broomhead.

T.R.A.C.S.

Any suggestions on this subject please forward to T.R.A.C.S.

Q. What's black and white and red all over?
A. A newspaper.

Q. What's green and hairy and goes up and down all day?
A. A gooseberry in a lift.

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PUBLIC TRANSPORT in SNEINTON

Following the article in Sneinton Voice No 2 regarding public transport in the area we have now received comments from Mr Groves the General Manager of Nottingham City Transport. Although we will be meeting him at a later date he makes the following points.

- 1 Due to low bridges it is not possible to divert the No80/81 (Colwick Road) to the Daleside Industrial Estate.
- 2 Careful consideration is being given to developing a service which will enable us to enjoy the benefits of Colwick Country Park.
- 3 Although it is recognised there is a small demand for the Nos'3 and Nos'59 to be extended to Whimsey Park, there would be difficulties in turning these buses around.

If you have any comments on the public transport system in our community perhaps you could let me know so they can be aired.

Any letters etc to 13 Kentwood Rd.

Thanks,

Steve Broomhead

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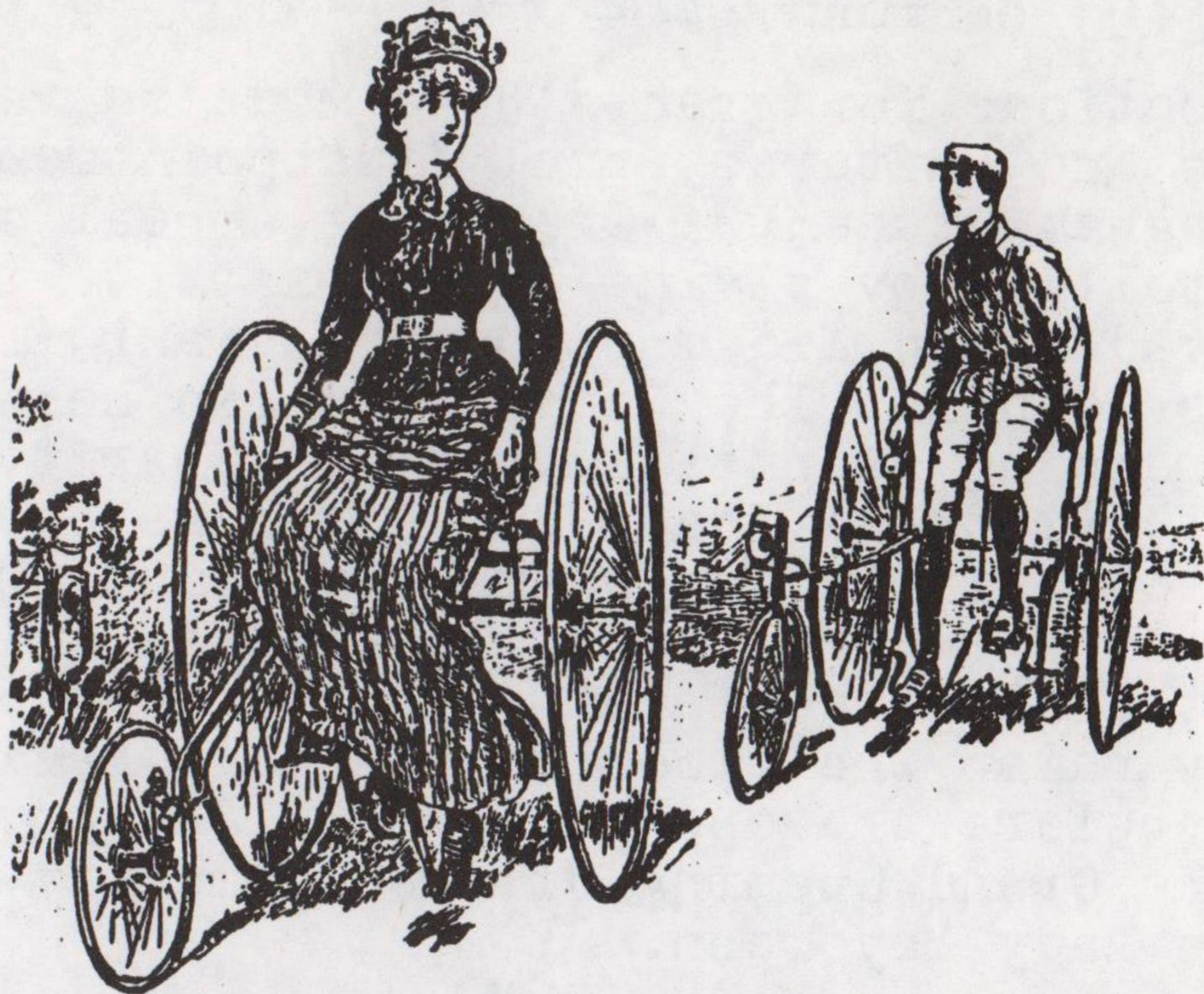
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REDISCOVERING CYCLING

I have to admit that up to six months ago I had no particular interest in cycling, when suddenly there awakened in me an enthusiasm and interest that surprised myself. My only experience of cycling previously had been bicycles I had had as a child and teenager, none of which inspired me to do any serious cycling. This time I was to be re-introduced into cycling in a new light. My new bike was to be one that had been modified from an old frame to become a true touring cycle, and included all the necessary fittings and equipment to be classed as this. I could hardly wait for it to arrive. In the meantime the inevitable happened whereby I was brimming over with confidence long before the bike arrived, and I thought I would be able to ride anywhere straight away.

However, this idea was short-lived since when I actually started riding the bicycle I realised that it would be harder than I thought. Firstly, since I had not ridden a bicycle for about seven years I found that learning to balance was far harder than I thought, especially since I was not only trying to balance but also master the toe-clip and dropped handle bars, both of which I had never used. Secondly, I had previously considered myself to be reasonably fit but I soon realised that I would need to become much fitter in order to negotiate some of the hills which I was trying to tackle. My bike was fitted with a ten speed derailleurs gear system which of course helped a great deal but I had to first learn to use the gears, which also posed a problem. Thirdly, I had to regain my confidence riding in the traffic, this I found reasonably easy, once I had trusted the bike and could ride it easily and confidently.

With all these problems set aside, I began to enjoy cycling immensely



and in a way I had never done before. It is a marvellous form of exercise, and a great way of seeing the countryside. Once out in the countryside you can ride along at your leisure, you can smell the fresh air, hear all the sounds of the countryside and you see things that you would miss in a car. The advantages of cycling are endless, it's fun, relaxing and exciting. It is an adventure, waiting to be discovered, or discovered as I did.

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Applications for grants were made to various bodies and, after several disappointments, Nottingham Students Charities Appeal set the ball rolling by giving us a grant. We then received Urban Aid money and a grant from the Sports Council. The Committee also held lots of fund raising events and ran the Charity Shop at 85, St. Stephens Road. So, after several minor disasters, including having to paint one of the huge walls in the Sports Hall after filthy water from the outside cleaning leaked in and having to revarnish the floor of the Main Hall the night before the opening, 19th. January 1980 saw the Grand Opening of the Community Centre by the Lady Mayoress.

The Community Centre is still run by a voluntary committee of local people who are elected each year by the members of the Community Association at the Annual General Meeting. (Everybody using the Centre has to be a member of the Community Association - 20p. for juniors and senior citizens, 50p. for adults per year). The only people employed in the Centre are the Warden, Julie, and the cleaner/caretaker, John, although both of them will be leaving in September and the names of their replacements are not yet known. The rest of the people working in the Centre and the Charity Shop give up their spare time for no financial reward what so ever. New volunteers are always needed because the committee is constantly under pressure to keep the Centre open and manned, to raise funds and to organise events and activities.

Ideas are needed from local people - and that's you- of what activities should take place in the Centre and your help is needed in setting them up and running them. Help will always be given by the Warden and Committee members to set groups up, but the aim is always to make them self-sufficient. It is a Community Centre run by the community for the community. It is not run by the Council and can only succeed if local people use it and support it.

A full list of the regular activities in the Centre is in the diary on the backpage. The

Association still runs many of the activities. These include all the bingo and whist sessions, the Lunch Club, the mums and toddlers group and the youth clubs. A new session of bingo and whist has started on a Wednesday evening, so what happens now is that there is a Whist Drive on a Wednesday evening and bingo on a Friday of one week, and the next week it is bingo on the Wednesday and Whist Drive on the Friday. The Lunch Club is full at present, but if you are over 60 or housebound and would like to come, your name can be added to the waiting list. We can provide transport. Information on all the activities can be given at the Centre.

We hope to start many new activities in September. However, we cannot run classes unless we get 15 people interested in them. So, if you are interested in any of the ideas below, or have your own ideas, get in touch as soon as possible. Ideas that have been put forward are classes in dressmaking, yoga, cookery, art, flower arranging and copper craft. Also, a record club, a camera club and a drama group. Anyone interested?



Sports equipment is available for hire at the centre. Table tennis costs 50p. per hour, badminton £1.50p. per hour and volley ball and netball at £2.50p. per hour.

The Association still runs the Charity Shop at 85 St. Stephens Road. The shop sells clothes, household goods, books, games and anything else that people donate. We are always grateful for goods to sell.

The Centre also runs a Summer Playscheme which this year will run from 10th to 29th August on weekday mornings from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. On the programme so far we've got visits from the Health Education Council, Sociable Theatre, the Playbus and an inflatable (a big bouncy airbed). We will definitely be visiting the Fire Station, Stonebridge City Farm, the Police Station, West Midlands Safari Park and going swimming. Other possibilities are Wollaton Park, Nottingham Castle and ice-skating. There will be activities in the Centre everyday. These will include craft work, sewing, pool, snooker, sports and games. We hope to put on a play and make our own musical instruments. And generally we will have lots of fun.

All the children coming to the Scheme will have to be members which is 20p. and there will be a charge of 10p. per day. The scheme is open to children aged 5 to 14 years. Teenagers over 14 are welcome to come and help and we hope that mothers will come and spend at least one morning with us as we are desperate for adult helpers. The success of the scheme depends on local people helping out, so if you are unemployed, or have some spare time, please come and help us.



If you would like more information about the Centre drop in any weekday between 11 am and 5 pm, 7 pm and 10 pm and ask for Julie or a committee member, or telephone Nottm. 54707. Remember, it is YOUR Centre. You can decide what happens in it.

J.H.

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S.H.C.C. SUMMER FAYRE

The deity seemed benevolently inclined towards us on Saturday. It was one of those rare warm, dry days. At 2pm. the Centre's doors opened and the long queue filtered in to the first of the Fayres attractions. The hall was filled with stalls run by the various groups using the Centre, selling and raffling all manner of things including books, toys, cakes, plants and bottles containing everything from tomato juice to whisky. Our visiting artist was kept busy doing 5minute portraits, and the refreshment stall did a brisk trade.

At 2.30 the Hunto Steel Band, a party of colourful youngsters from Huntingdon Street school, struck up outside. People from the hall, and those on their way out of the Bendigo gathered round and lined the pavement. The more extrovert entered into the spirit of the occasion with one fan sporting his sombrero hat and wearing boot polish, and another jolly couple of lively oldsters doing their "Disco dancing thing"

The Dako Gym Team from Oliver Hind Boys Club were the next to entertain us. About a score of young men, under the leadership of Dave Walkerdine, gave an amazing display of acrobatics culminating in a very dangerous-looking sequence. The lads in turn somersaulted from the 'horse' and lined up so the last chap had to somersault over the whole team standing in line. This was followed by a wrestling match in which the participants made Mick MacManus seem like Noddy. Weighing in at about 6½st. and being about 5ft. tall, these brutes gave the ref. a hard time, and he seemed to be in trouble even before they started knocking him about.

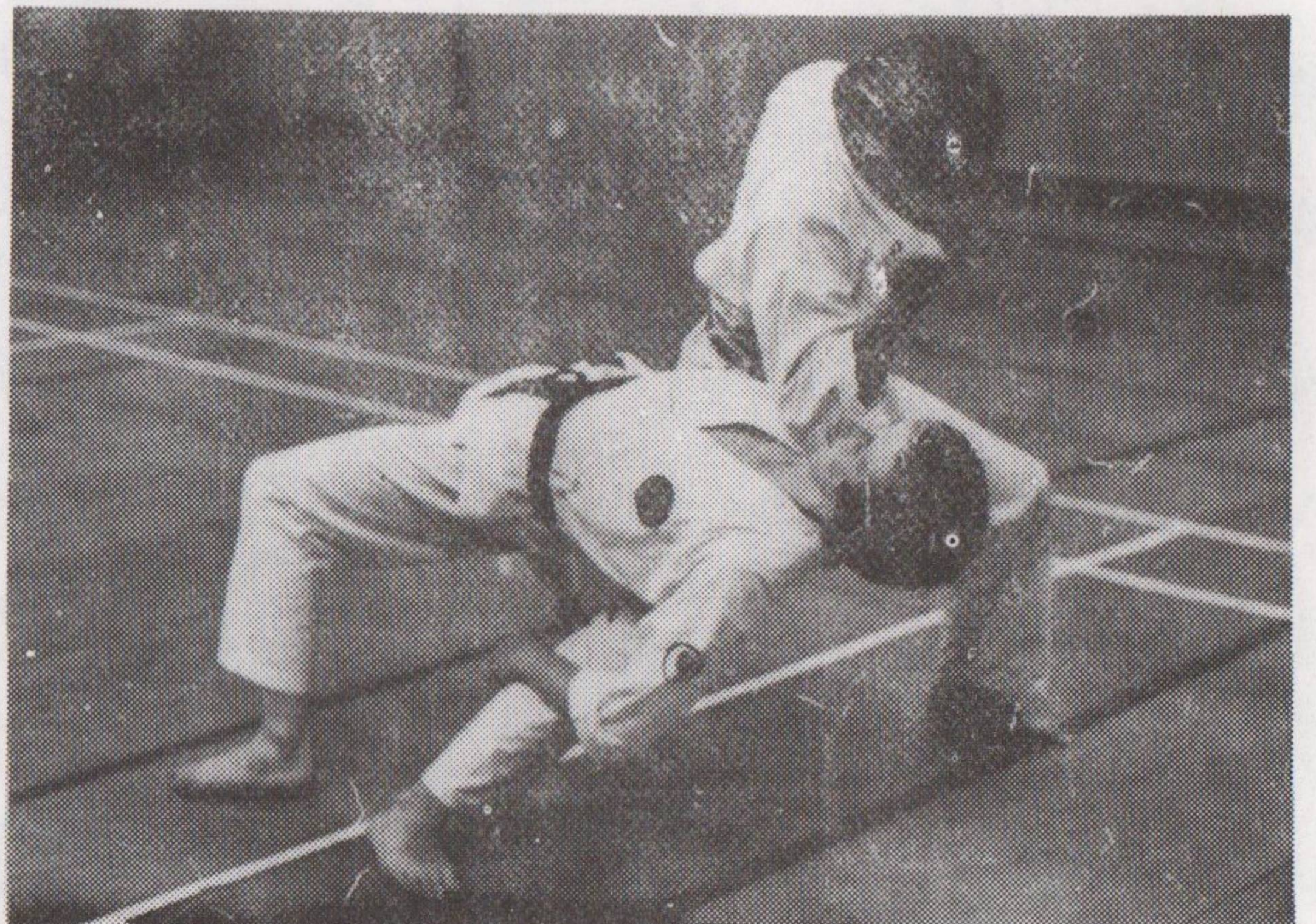
At 4pm. it was the turn of the Zanshin Shotokan Karate team, which trains at the Centre under Sensei Cyril Cook. We were given a comprehensive display with the most incredible sight of all, provided by Ken Hillyard who has been awarded an honorary black belt in recognition of his dedication to the mastery of a novel breaking technique. With one finger he was able to break a heavy metal window sash weight, smash bricks and punch a 10p piece through a hard blue brick.

The Fayre finished off with more music from the Band. It had been a very successful day which raised valuable funds for the Centre, and many thanks must be given to the Community Centre Committee who organised it, to the



HUNTO STEEL BAND

people who gave up their time to entertain us and run the event, to those who contributed goods for sale, and also to the people of Sneinton who turned up to support the event and make it so worthwhile. G.H.



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A. A mouse going on holiday.

Q. What's brown and carries a trunk?

A. A mouse coming back off holiday.

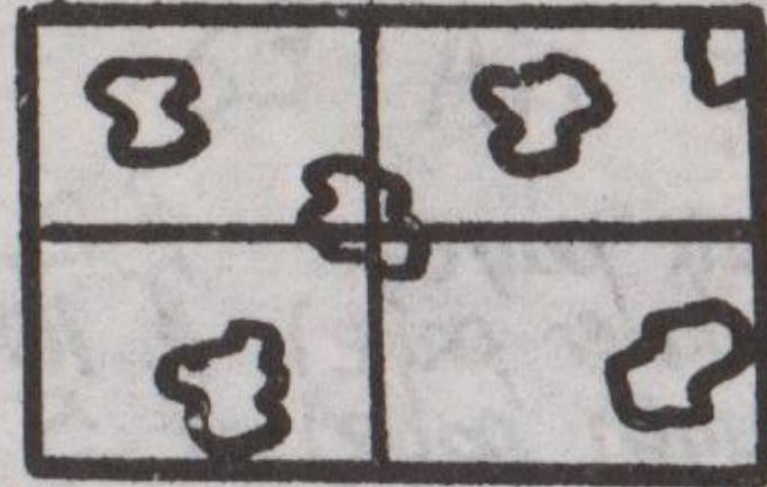
Q. What would happen if pigs could fly?

A. The price of bacon would go up.

Doctor, I keep thinking I'm a bridge. What's come over you man?

Ten cars, two lorries and a bus.

What is this?



A giraffe going past a window!

Do you want to double your money?

Then don't waste time.

Fold it at once!

Ice-cream shop raided!

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What do cannibals play at parties?

Swallow my leader!

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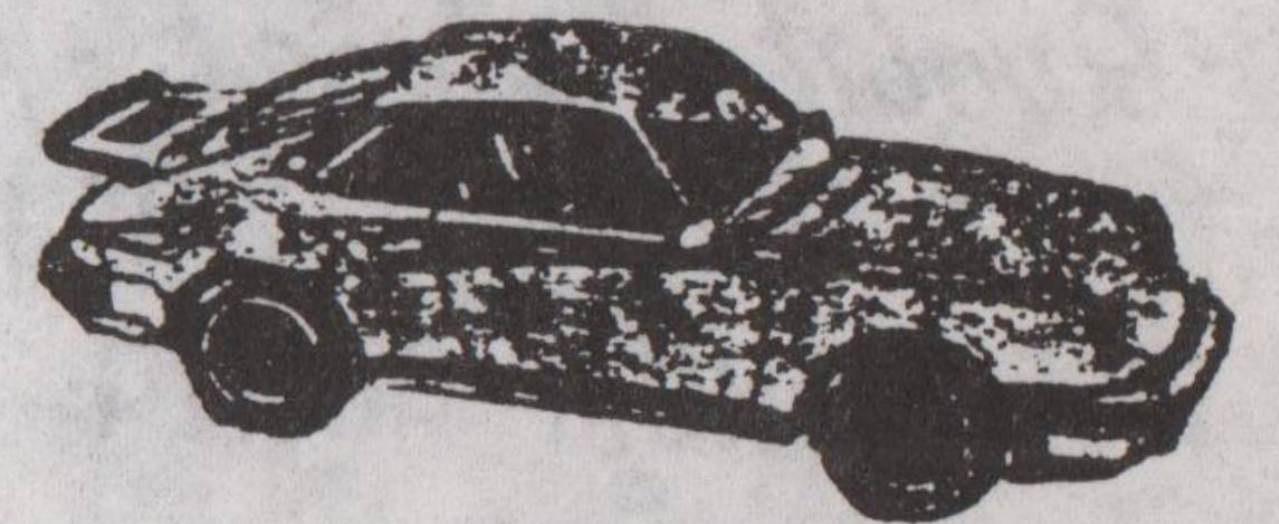
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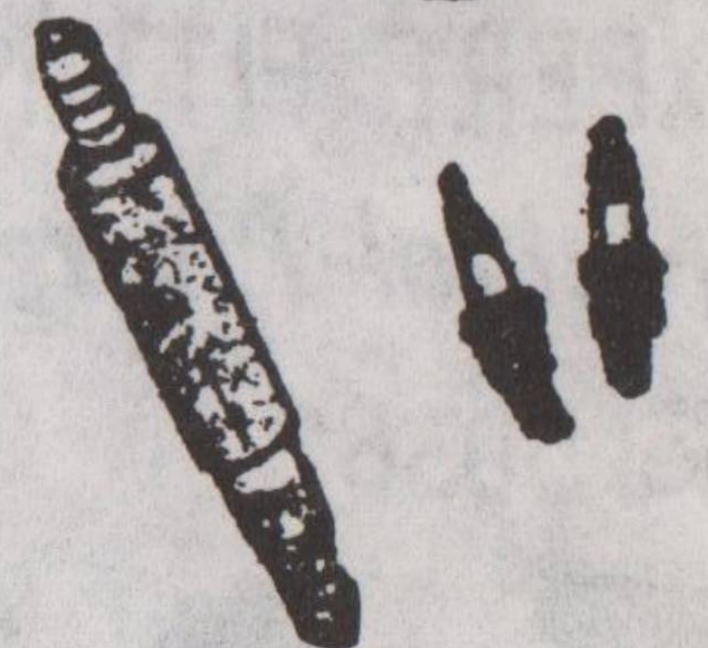
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These rules by the way apply to any trader, but in this context we're talking about, builders, plumbers, decorators, carpenters or "odd job men".

Right, assume the builder (etc.,) is registered. What work will be charged V.A.T. on? And what could be zero rated. Well the main rule is, if its new work, i.e. work done for the first time, then it is zero rated (which in essence means there is no extra

V.A.T. to pay). Example of this include, construction of a new house, construction of an extension to a house, knocking two rooms into one, putting in central heating for the

first time, putting in extra power points, and so on. Some work is always standard rated, i.e. it carries 15% V.A.T. This includes most decorating, repairs, replacing like with like, re-wiring and so on.

There is a long list of each category of work, too long to mention here, but further details can be obtained from the local Customs & Excise V.A.T. Office. If you have any queries on V.A.T. and the building industry, give them a ring on Nottm 40451 or contact the T.R.A.C.S. Welfare Rights Service.

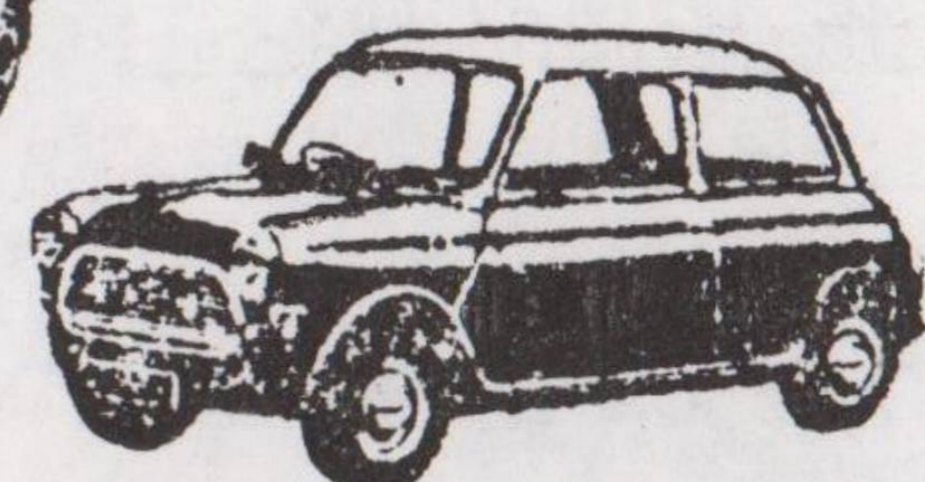
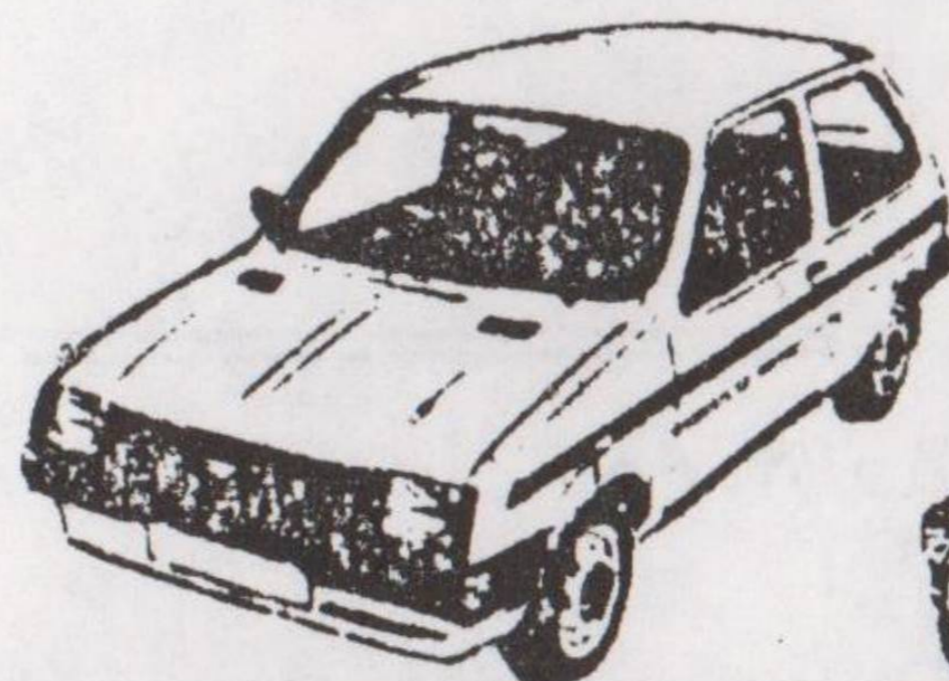
Don't forget, if they charge you V.A.T. when it is not applicable, they have gained an extra 15% profit, money which in the current economic climate no-one can afford to give away.

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SNEINTON HERMITAGE COMMUNITY CENTRE

MONDAY

11am-3pm Lunch Club for Over 60's
7 pm-9pm Junior Youth Club (8-13 years)

TUESDAY

10.30-12noon Mums and Toddlers
12-2pm Coffee Bar with pool, darts, etc.
2pm-4pm Bingo for all ages
7.30pm Keep Fit
7.30pm Old Time & Modern Sequence Dancing

WEDNESDAY

11am-2pm Coffee Bar
2pm-4pm Whist Drive for all ages
7.15-8.15pm Keep Fit
7.30pm Bingo or Whist (alternate weeks)
8.30-10pm Karate

THURSDAY

11am-2pm Coffee Bar
2pm-4pm Afternoon Special for Unemployed
(table-tennis, badminton, pool, etc)
7.15-9.30pm Senior Youth Club (13-18 yrs)

FRIDAY

11am-1.30pm Coffee Bar
1.30-3.30pm Mums and Toddlers
7-10pm Karate
7.30pm Bingo or Whist (alternate weeks)

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AUGUST

4th TRACS Welfare Rights Gp. Meeting
13 Kentwood Rd. 7.30pm.
5th SHCA Committee Meeting, 7.30pm.
10th-28th SHCC Summer Playscheme, 9.30am.
11th TRACS Committee, 13 Kentwood, 7.30pm.
16th TRACS trip to Skegness.
25th TRACS Committee, 13 Kentwood, 7.30pm.

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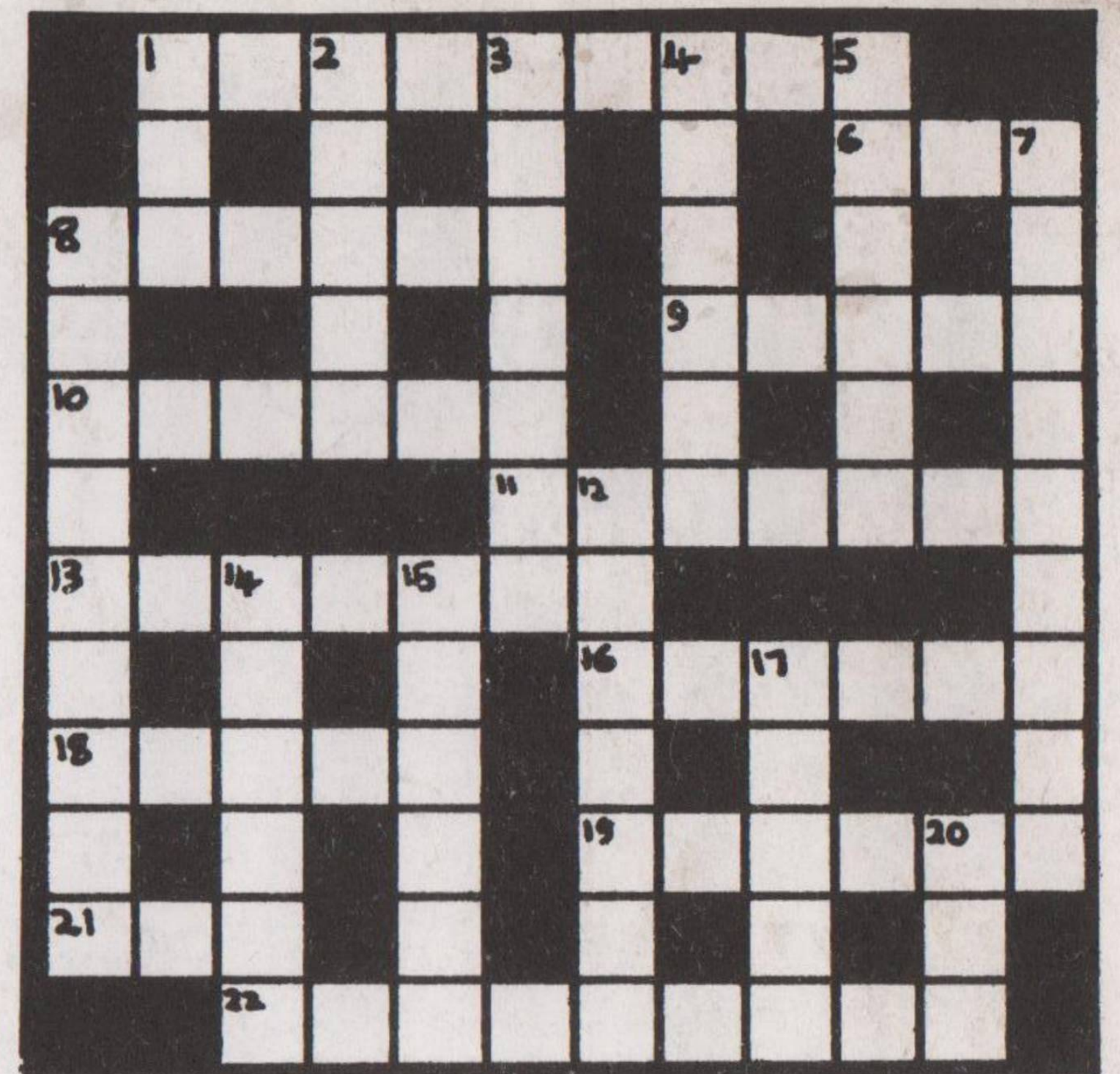
Q. How does an elephant get out of the
apple tree?
A. Sits on a leaf and waits until Autumn.

Q. What quivers at the bottom of the sea?
A. A nervous wreck.

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ACROSS

- 1) Capital of Scotland
- 6) Tree
- 8) Small Point
- 9) Animal
- 10) Sail type
- 11) Made
- 13) Nobleman
- 16) Gambling establishment
- 18) Unspoken
- 19) Agitation
- 21) Brown
- 22) Construction

DOWN

- 1) Woman
- 2) Reflection
- 3) Equilibrium
- 4) Deliverance
- 5) Headgear
- 7) Clumsy
- 8) Pleased
- 12) Narrate
- 14) Way of speaking
- 15) Loving
- 17) Carousal
- 20) Distress letters?