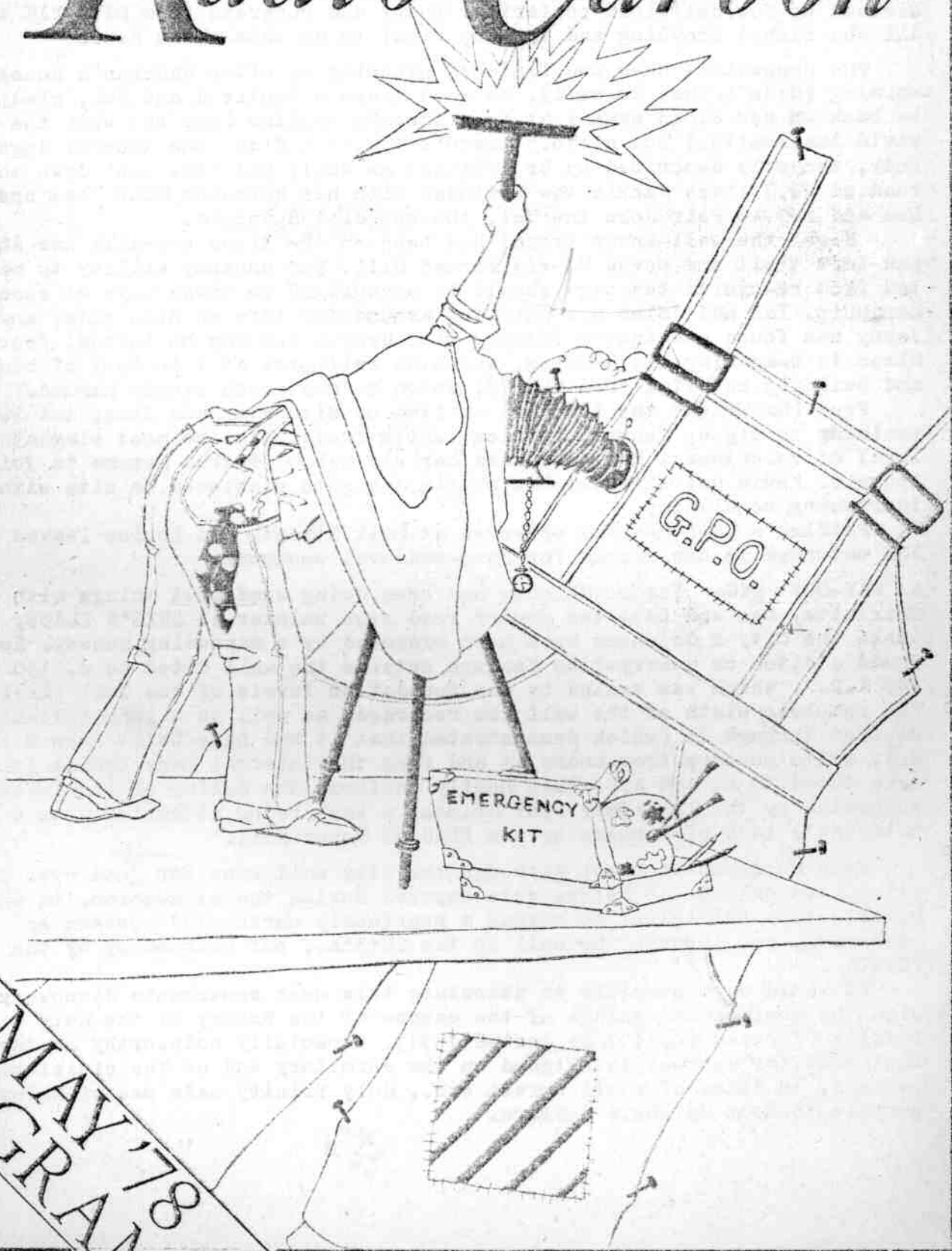


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# Radio Carbon



MAY '78  
PROGRAMS

## INSITE

COVER STORY: Steve's off to Carthage for 3 weeks (loaded up with sweets, apple pies and bananas) having just organised a major Overall Shot - SEE Front Cover - for which the remarkable C2nd housing estate on the GPO was cleaned up for celluloid posterity. Thanx and congrats from SR & TJH to all who risked drowning and the Cup Final to do this great deed!

The housewives have now finished cleaning up after Hadrian's housewarming (didn't they do well). At No.3 there's Jackie R and Val, glad to be back on her clogs again; at No.4 there's Pauline (the one with the vivid imagination) and at No.5 there's Claire & Fido, the general dogsbody, recently described by Dr Armitage as small and old. Just down the road at No.7 lives Jackie the Birthday with her houseboy Mike "tea break" Lee and her Au Pair John the Vol, the remedial Spaniard.

Nigel the well-known tyrant has been on the tiles recently and Angela has left t'pit and moved N. via Forest Hill. Her uncanny ability to make tea from re-cycled tea bags should be encouraged in these days of economic hardship. Ian and Jules are sniffing around for info on cess pits, and Jenny has found one that's fraught with danger and has no bottom. Poor Simon is bemoaning his backlog, which he estimates at 7 to 8cwt of bone and building material from MLK 77, which he must wash single handed.

Fred (Mr Wright the Younger) arrived on site via Dame Edna, and is training to dig up Central America, while Frederika, the most elegant and loyal of volunteers, has persuaded her old school friend Suzana to join trowels. Kevin has extended his matrix and gets plastered on site with increasing regularity.

Patrick's presence was observed at Milk Street, and Louise leaves no JCB unturned in her search for Saxo-medieval woodwork.

A WAY-OUT DIG: Father Maloney has been doing wonderful things with Charlotte, Lez and Dave the former road sign painter at DUKE'S PLACE, where the City's defences have been breached by a marauding subway. He found a ditch or quarry-like feature outside the wall dated to c. 130 - 140 A.D., which was sealed by the foundation levels of the wall itself. The complete width of the wall was recorded, as well as a longitudinal section through it (which demonstrated that it had been built from E to W.), while pottery from under it and from the internal bank behind it were dated to c. 180 A.D. This neatly confirms the dating of the defences suggested by the legendary Prof Grimes, a task being attempted with a noticeable lack of success by the ILAU at Tower Hill.

Even More was to come! Although the City wall runs for just over 2 miles, and only 4 - 5 metres were exposed during the excavation, it was nevertheless sufficient to reveal a previously unrecorded postern or passageway cut through the wall in the ?C13th., but blocked up by the ?C16th.

It would seem sensible to associate this most remarkable discovery with the comings and goings of the canons of the Priory of the Holy Trinity (founded in 1107/8; losted 1531). Especially noteworthy is the fact that the doorway is aligned on the dormitory end of the cloister: perhaps, in times of civil unrest etc., Holy Trinity made use of Maloney's portals to lock up their dorters.

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## BASEMENT TAPES

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We were all greatly distressed to learn that our colourful photographer Jenny has moved from the Hurst laboratory in Broadcasting House to the Hurst Laboratories of Wembley (no relation). Tearfully, Trevor the Plod declared that he would not even try to find a replacement for her, Johnny B was too upset to speak to reporters, and Sarah plans to seek solace in Scandanavia.

On a happier note, Anne has returned after many adventures in Iraq (hows about a seminar on that??), Dianna has finished a bedroom in Hither Green, and JAS became the proud owner of £4.70 in used 10p pieces. Hilary Wade, our Oxford All-star, is busy uncovering the Truth about Cutler St., where a but recently deceased human skull was found to be suffering from a broken nose.

Thanks must go out to Tony for a stimulating lecture on his documentary delvings for the DUA on 10th April, and congrats to Barn Hobley who has just awarded himself a digital clock.

Barbie (who recently aquired a key to the door) is happy again, now that Sal is back in Much Haddam, and reports that her work mates are also in a constant state of elation, in spite of Dave's poetry and Chris' Green Measles. Clive has begun the Aldgate catalogue, Mike lost Janet, and Dr Armitage had no less than 20 applicants for the recently advertis ed post of his assistant.

Peter Marsden's office is ominously empty, for the man himself is unfortunately in hospital, while Sara is working in Knossoss for six lucky weeks. Annie, Jane and Simon have had to exist for yet another month without the guiding hand and slipped disc of Early Boyd.

Big news from the Pot Proc Dept is that Alison is going out into the fields, leaving Frances and Sandra to finish off the last 1,829 E.R.s on their own. Still, Ms Balfour Lynn's ambulance was much appreciated when poor Sandra had to be rushed to Barts when her teeth fell out. (And while we're on the subject of Batts, the DUA were called in to examine some skellies discovered by workmen digging beneath the dissecting room last month.) Penny is still going hell for leather through the report on the biggest Roman feet in the country, and Natalie has become a part-timer. Katie, who did flints at the Institute, will soon be joining the DUA full time after much volunteering, but Jane had to leave as she was too young to be a JCP. Jim, our Mr Crosswords, will be moving house soon, as is the the current Department craze.

In the Drawing Room, Chris and Jules are scribbling on the walls of sundry Grubenhauser and Bridewells, while balding Paulo sub-contracts for Burke-Easton Enterprises UnLtd. The irreverent Derek Gadd got a letter from the Very Reverend Derek Gadd of Hampton, New Brunswick in the Dominions, which all goes to prove.

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## BRITANNIAWIDE

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Bob Bell has stopped being our man in Oman to get the low-down on the lowlands (of Scotland). His first report is from a D.O.E. site near Banchory in Kincardineshire. The site was started last Summer and revealed a timber structure immediately recognised as a fine Pictish hall, closely dateable, on stylistic grounds to early Yeavinger, about 580 A.D. A few weeks after the restart of the site the Radio Carbon determinations were received back from the Glasgow Univ. labs for four samples taken last year, two from the main corner posts and two others from internal post-holes. All four came out uncorrected at 3,000 B.C., almost simultaneously 2 sherds of Neolithic pottery were found, comparable with material at Skara Brae.

It looks as if this "Dark Age" site may turn out to be one of the oldest timber domestic buildings in the British Isles.

The depleted assembly which met last Tues -comprising the unit elite and Mike Rhodes- were given the latest information on the staffing situation. The MSC have been given the clearance to re-employ all JCP staff till July 14th, so look out for your next dismissal notice on Wednesday June 14th. -the last batch of dismissal notices have only just been officially withdrawn. Thereafter, following a review of all JCP persons, those considered suitable (the majority, if not all, of the present staff) should be presented with the 'DoE contracts'. It is pleasing to report that British archaeology's National Advisory Committee accepts the principle of our minimum staffing needs, and that we are a SPECIAL CASE when it comes to cutting up the national cake.

Lez Watson's job will go to the finds section when he leaves for ivory towers.

In answer to a deluge of requests, the CUA was forced to point out that extended unpaid leave is NOT a right, and every request will be strictly monitored in future. Several recent applications have had to be turned down in order to maintain adequate staffing levels.

Barn Hobley stated that the City's Archaeological Trust Fund (now led by our leader) has appointed a fund-raiser, the Watling Court developers were impressed with the DUA, and that the Probation Officer has asked if we'd consider accepting persons upon whom Community Service Orders had been served for tasks such as painting site huts and so forth.

During the Diggers Questions Session, our man on the spot informed the meeting that the JCP staff had all applied to join IPCS, that they'd approached MSC for their annual rise, and that the GPO's water heater hadn't quite got onto the wall yet. The CUA said that if any member of staff required help or advice on a DUA-linked project or research topic, they should state their case in writing to Him, should the Head of Section prove to be unencouraging.

Sundry officers also reported: Mike explained that the backlog of finds to be conserved as a matter of urgency was a staggering 1,700 - the Muse of London is trotting the items out at a seemingly leisurely 31 a month, whereas in the Good Old Days of the Guildhall Museum (sigh), Bill Rector and his Co-rector galloped thro' 300 per month. So much for improved facilities.

Chrissie and Gustav have been reconstructing medieval buildings, and Alan discovered that Dr Zivanovic couldn't count (or do much else come to that). JAS reported that Cathy Maloney is attached to him, and that Chris Unwin and John Burke-Easton are engaged. We hope they will all be very happy.

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#### TRACE ELEMENT

Pete Durnford and Dave Stevens are both starring in the long list for jobs with the DUA. So was Graham Cadman, who was actually offered a post. Alas, by the time the offer reached him, he had just committed himself to teaching supplies for a term in Mile End. Meanwhile, back in Sheffield, Ken 'Ras' Dash is having dreaded exams, eating lotsa tripe, and will visit us in June.

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#### JOB FINDER

The Field Officer II (J.A.S.) is seeking a person at G.A. or A.S.S. level (contracted or J.C.P.) to act as his assistant. The job entails monitoring planning applications, assessing archaeological survival, survey, assisting in the publication of e.g. the C.B.A. Popular Interim and the 2nd. Antiquaries Journal Interim (including, drawing maps and plans); and the occasional watching brief work. For further details contact J.A.S. by Monday 15th..

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## SPORTICUS

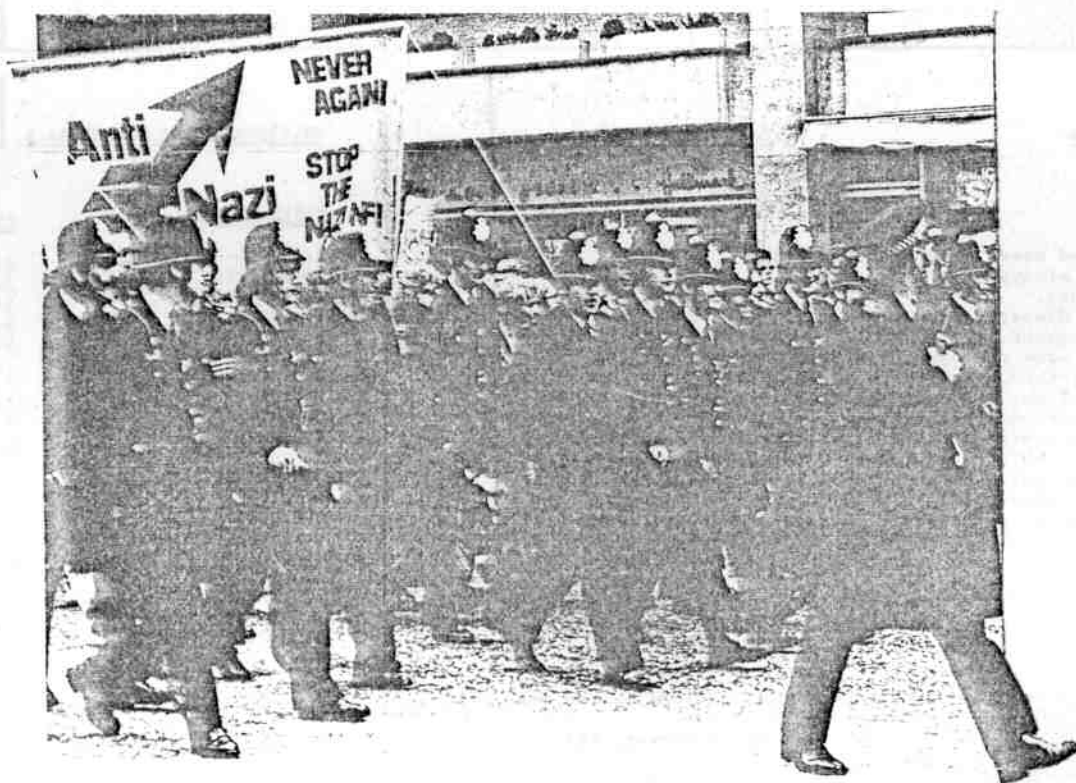
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In recent weeks the D.U.A.'s sporting fraternity has lapsed into the grip of vice with not inconsiderable sums of money changing hands at darts and poker sessions and the threat of professionalism i.e. the Betting Levy board and B.B.C.2 coverage, casting an ever-present shadow. The Radio Carbon Darts Championships completely eclipsed the "News of the World's" with Ian admirably organising the 24 hopefuls. In the "Come-Dartsing" singles, Kevin and Steve both were unlucky to go out in edge-of-your-seat biting semi-finals. The final became a bit of a procession when nerves and draught Bass took its toll on Mike "ear-piercing-a-speciality" Lee who was unable to match Derek, the "Tungsten Terror". The doubles are yet to come.

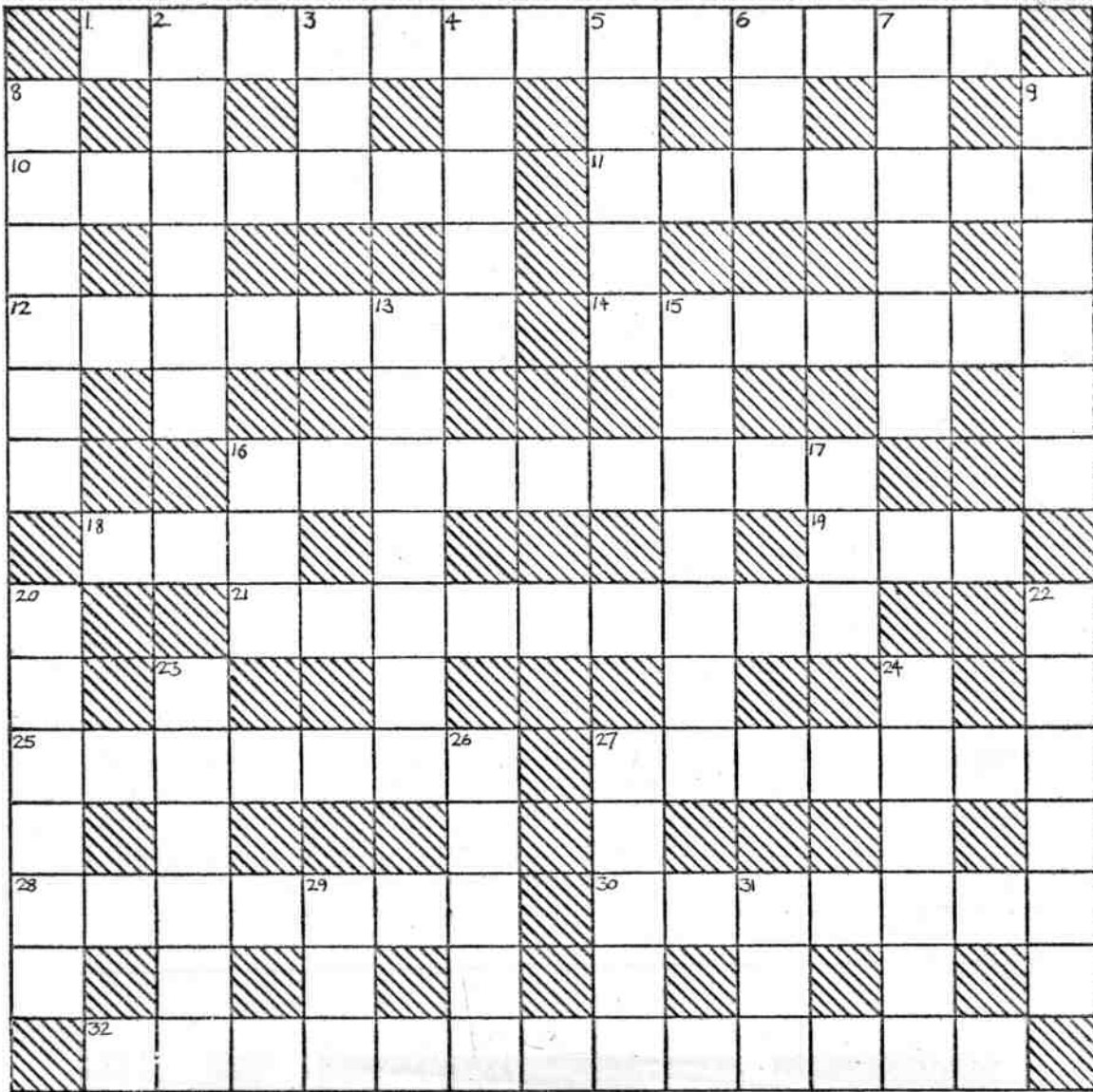
On the International front the recent trough in D.U.A. fortunes ended with two resounding victories over a strong Inner London side at the "Rising Sun". Patrick plugged out in style to take the beer leg and the match in the first game and Julie, Captainette on the night, led her side to a comfortable 7-2 win in the second.

On the green baize (or rather brown tablecloth) scene, the talk in the Pool halls and Honky Tonks has all been about last Friday's seven card stud session at Jon-Jon's den. The big hand of the evening was Julie "Lady Fingers" Flude's ackey-quacky on the bike seeing off Ian "Piles" Blair and Steve "the man" Roskams, Kev had hands like feet all evening, Alison almost lost her shirt, Pete "bike hike" Glass lost most of next years subscription to Undercurrents, and J.J. was a charming host.

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The DUA turned out in force on the ANTI NAZI LEAGUE march on April 30th. For further information, new members etc. should write to the A.N.L. at 12, Little Newport Street, London WC2.



CROSSWORD No.4

Compiled by JIM

CLUES ACROSS

1. Flower found near Temple gardens. (13)
10. The "noes" always are. (7)
11. See 27 across.
12. A liar met disaster and burned. (7)
14. Flower or colour. (7)
16. Air cannot make a flower by itself - or can it? (9)
18. Status preferred by die-hard Tories. (3)
19. A flower without its head is still a flower. (3)
21. Diamond shape and bright. (9)
25. In netball, a strong big girl will provide stability. (7)
- 27 & 11. "Denny hauls rice" (anag) - to the wash-house? (7,7)
28. In which the only way to success is to take a chance. (7)
29. Class of 1 across. (7)
32. Odd horns drone and large flowers are brought forth. (13)

CLUES DOWN

2. Partly central to the body, but wholly central to the home. (6)
3. Modern craving for money. (3)
4. An alteration to the rates will produce a flower. (5)
5. Glass flower? (5)
6. Cassowary's cousin? (3)
7. Stay- could be - and if so the Victorian maiden probably was. (6)
8. Get to work and aid Hal to bloom. (6)
9. Circumlocutions? (6)
13. A mixture of grew, is anuisance to growers of 5 down. (7)
15. Grave words. (7)
- 16 & 17. Fruit of the hazel flower. (3,3)
20. Blot a century to get deep blue. (6)
22. Add pie and this fruit is a flower. (6)
23. Grab for the mechanical device and get a brood of chickens. (6)
24. The fame of the old battleship. (6)
26. Puppet editor - who was given to light-hearted behaviour? (5)
27. A bird going northwards gets to Derby. (5)
29. You're almost there. (3)
31. Get into Reading and look for the landmark. (3)

SOLUTIONS TO CROSSWORD No.3

CLUES ACROSS

1. SHORT-EARED OWL.
9. ORACLE.
10. CRIMEA.
11. ICE.
13. GATH.
14. OBESE.
15. ENID.
17. ITA.
19. ARTEMIS.
21. UMBRIAN.
23. LIMPETS.
25. ATLANTA.
26. EYE.
28. DUCK.
30. BAILS (X).
31. GRUB.
34. TOE.
36. ISRAEL.
37. FLEECE.
38. OYSTER-CATCHER.

CLUES DOWN

2. HOIST.
3. RILE.
4. AVOCET.
5. BINK.
6. WOMAN.
7. LONG-TAILED TIT.
8. GARDEN WARBLER.
11. ITIS.
12. ESAU.
16. UNBER (H-UMBER)
13. OBOLS.
20. TOM.
22. INN.
24. SEAT.
25. APPLE.
27. PICNIC.
29. CURRY.
32. REEVE.
35. LEAT.
35. FLIC.

CLUE WORD - BIRD(S)

The exception was No.30, all the others being singular.

There was excellent DUA support at the Soton Conference on "Towns, 800 to 1200" at which our FO II presented the London contribution. It was stimulating to view our results and approaches in the light of the recent advances made elsewhere in the S.E., as expounded by TTB, Alec Down and sundry environmentalists in particular. To fully understand London's archaeology, it is vital that we see the City in its regional and national context, and this conference certainly broadened our horizons.

It was fitting that April 25th presented us with a golden opportunity to look at London in a national Late Roman context, when Richard Reece -at his most provocative- presented a masterly coverage of urban life in Britannia in the 3rd and 4th. Our excavations at MLK77 and GPO have demonstrated that London's Dark Age does not run from 410 to 604 A.D., but from 250 to c900. Dr Reece demonstrated that this sequence could be paralleled throughout the Province. He argued that Roman Britain was a far less urban-orientated country at the end of the third than it was at the start of the second century. Roman Britain ended, it would seem, not with a bang, but with a rural whimper.

## CALENDAR DATES

## MAY

TUES 16th Our very own Kevin Flude on ARCHAEOMAGNETIX

THURS 25th The one & only Lez Watson puts out London's HADRIANIC FIRE

## JUNE

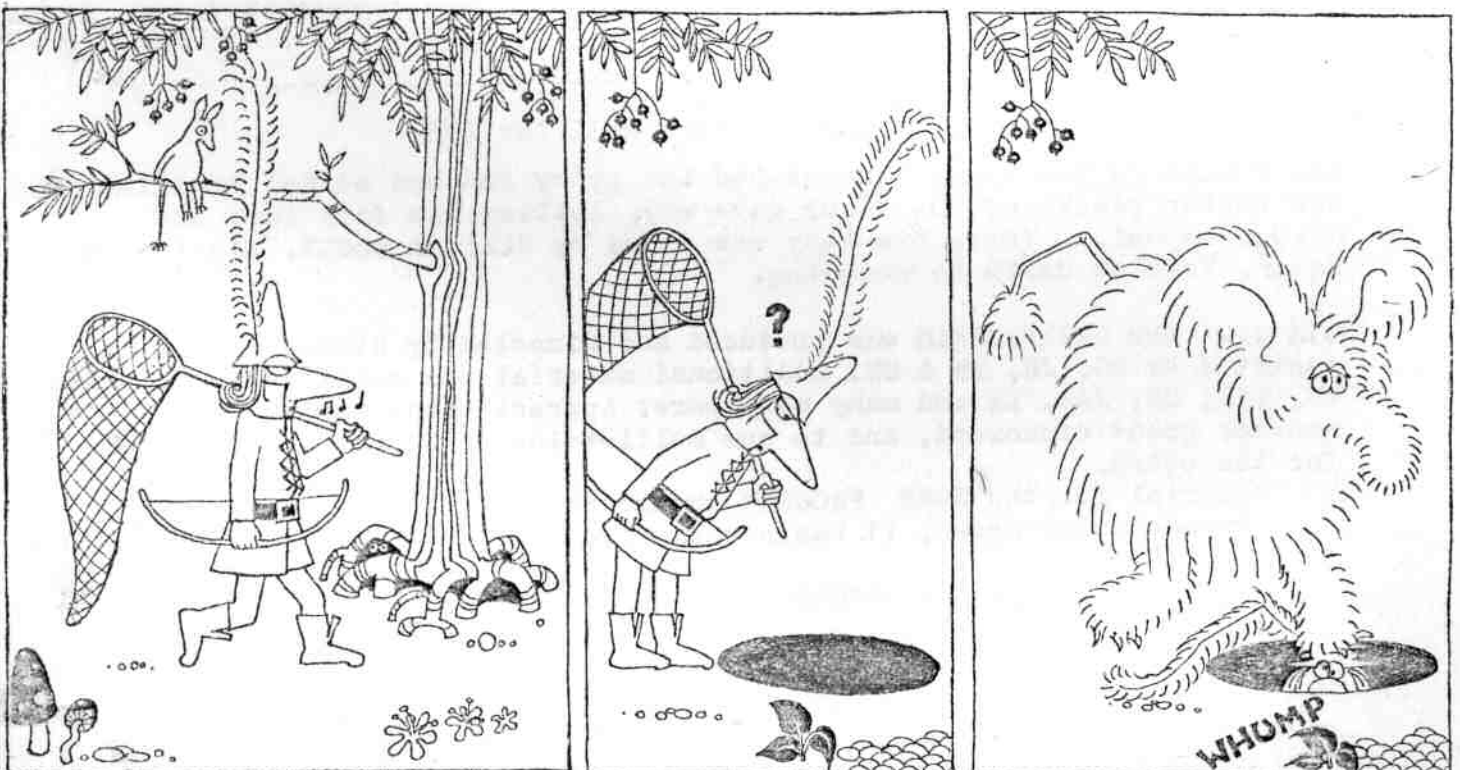
WED 7th STAR GUEST PHIL BARKER: SOME TECHNIQUES OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATION. (Signed copies of the book on sale at stage door).

WED 21st From Bermuda Ed Harriá on his Matrix.

As usual the above super sessions go out live from Broadcasting House before an invited audience. And don't forget the Museums Wednesday and Friday Lunchtime lectures: its worth popping over just to see the Hursty exhibition in the foyer.

## Carbon Castle

by TRÖLL



C14 ... When Josephine Kay walked into the Museum of London on April 25th., she was showered with congratulations and free models of London buses to celebrate the fact that she was the Museum's 1,000,000th. visitor!

C14 ... The DUA overwhelmed Chris Ellmers IPCS branch meeting on May 11th - no apathy here. Fred was duly elected and sent to the sea-side, and 38 motions for presentations to the National Executive Council were voted on.

C14 ... The following note was sent to DG confirming his forthcoming lecture. "Central Library Hendon N.W.4.: October 3rd: The Excavation of a Tudor Brick".

C14 ... The City is obviously proud of its heritage: the upkeep and staffing of Mansion House, the Lord Mayor, Sherriffs and entourage comes to just over £500,000, some £40,000 up on the estimates for the year just ended.

C14 ... Memo from Dept. of Architecture and Planning to the DUA:  
"Re Roman Wall Excavations (at Cripplegate).  
International Violin Competition

These will be held in the Barber Surgeons Hall on the 21st to 25th July. Will you please arrange for your work to be phased to create as little noise as possible during this period, only hand digging etc."

C14 ... IB has sent us the following, taken from Speculum ix (1934), an article by E.L. Sabine:

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Some major inclusions to be found in cess-pits.  
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In the courtyard of a certain house in Bread Street Ward, two men had dug a privy well to the depth of five casks\* - literally so, since they had cribbed it by placing within it, one upon the other, five casks, in which new wine had been kept.

As one of the boards from the end of one of the casks had fallen to the bottom of the well, one of the men put down a ladder and began to descend, only to be overcome by the fumes (carbon dioxide) of the wine-soaked staves, so that he dropped unconscious to the bottom. The other man descended to rescue him, only to fall in like manner, so that both were asphyxiated.

\*Approx 20ft.

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Taken from The Coroners Roll for 1326.

After Richard the Raker had entered the privy and had seated himself, the rotten planks of the floor gave way, letting him fall into the deep cesspool. There his body was found by William Scott, his fellow raker. Verdict death by drowning.

C14 ... The MAY PROGRAM was produced and directed by Stanley Baldwin, assisted by DG, JH, PH & GM. Additional material was supplied by IB, JBE, KF, TJH, CM, JAS, LW and many many more. Appreciations to Jim for another great crossword, and to our multi-talented artistic director CU for the cover.

Material for the JUNE PROGRAM should be sent to Stanley at Broadcasting House, 71 Basinghall St., London EC.

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