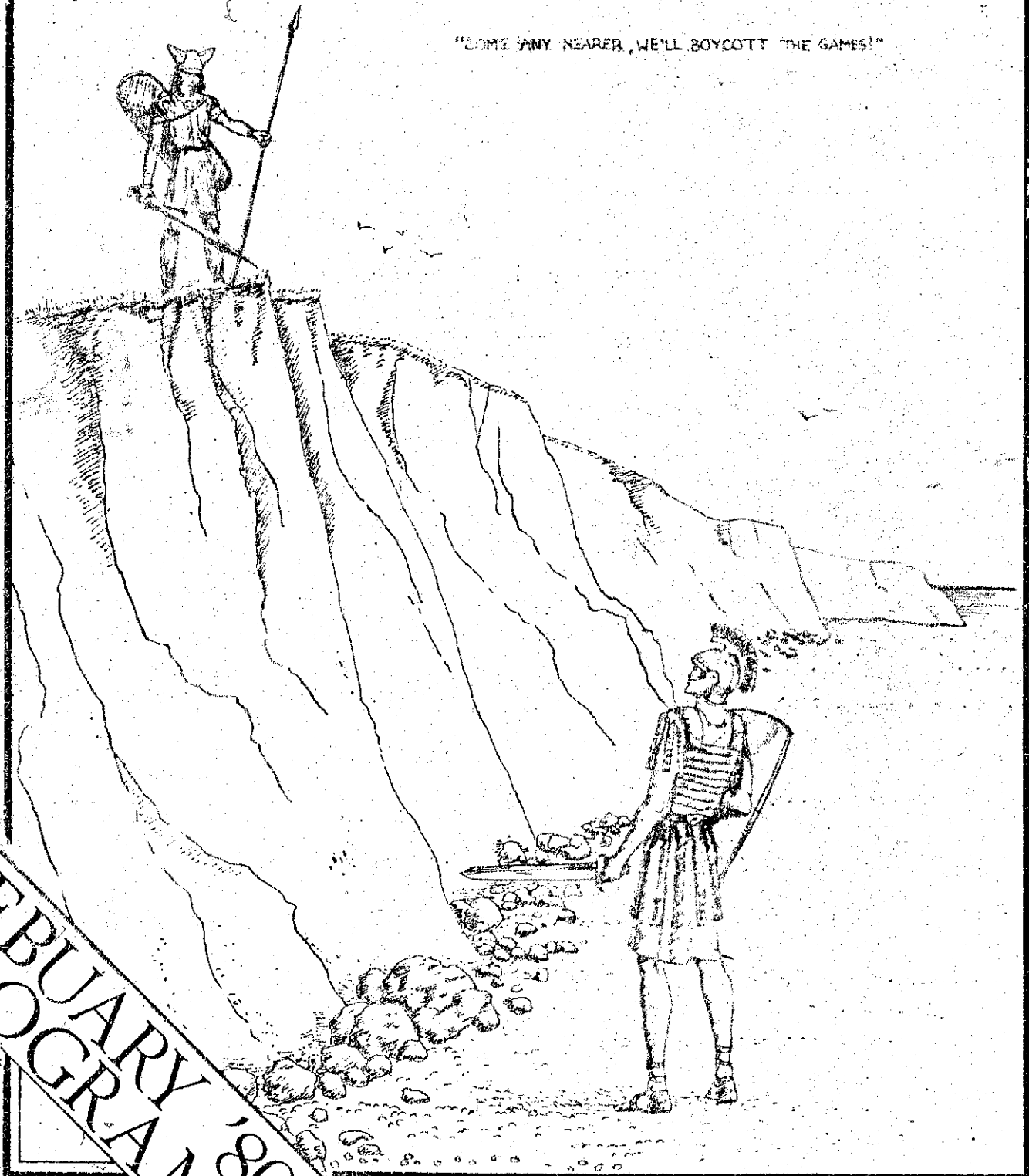


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EDITORIAL

The disgraceful delay in the issue of contracts to DUA staff is a scandalous indictment of the Board Of Governors (BOG) . This Board set up by Act of Parliament has delayed issuing contracts because of 3 separate legal/technical problems . They may be correct in checking their position but there can be no excuse that they didn't check the implications of giving contracts as soon as they knew they were going to give them . To find 3 problems one after another spanning almost a year , while the contracts were eagerly awaited by staff , suggests that there can only be one of 2 reasons for the delay 1/ incompetence 2/ deliberate delay.

The staff of the DUA have been remarkably restrained accepting the good faith of the BOG up to now but our reasonable stance appears to have no effect on the BOG . They will deserve to reap the harvest that they have sown and they may well preside over the break-up of the successful team built up by the DUA over the last few years because of the disillusionment felt by dedicated staff at this shoddy behaviour .

KPF

CROSSWALL

Just to explain Last issue when I mentioned Crosswall in the sentence after 'imposed Hierarchy' no moral judgement was intended I was infact trying to acknowledge that a problem had occurred there: without getting involved in the wrongs and rights of the issue .

I was really only trying to bring to the attention of staff a problem met to some extent on all post Gpo sites , of a digging staffed skilled in a rigorous system working alongside people perhaps not so well versed in the subtleties of the system . This is not to say that the system is everything . Its afterall very possible to dig a site brilliantly without the 'system' but also correspondingly easy to muck up With the system it is difficult to irretrievably mess up a site and this is why the sytem should always be used on all DUA sites . Anyway we are pleased that everything has turned out well at Crosswall and that (as reported elsewhere in RC) the wall and new Bastion are to be preserved This is a first rate piece of public relations .

KPF.

RADIO CARBON

This was to have been the issue when R C went London wide , but luckily , as the issue is full lots of articles we had commissioned weren't finished . So we did try to get articles from Southwark , the Museum , the Board of governors anyway its nice to see so many articles coming in .



- Hole hog -

THOUGHTS ON POM BY A POM PERSON . MR T.BRAKE .

Now that the excavation of GPO north end is complete and post excavation work well under way , it seems a good time to reflect on how well the system worked and what improvements could be made .

When the site was coming up there were no site supervisors available but there were several GA's and one ASS who seemed capable of working the site satisfactorily . As a result seven people were chosen to dig the East side which was roughly divided into 3 phases with 2 people being responsible for writing up each phase and all seven responsible for digging the lot .

Various responsibilities were spread out among the 7 such as dealing with press , volunteer forms , tools and equipment , photography site safety , but these were not rigid areas of responsibility and it was up to all to see they were done .

In practice it was found useful for one of the 2 responsible for a particular phase to maintain and check the plans and context matrices so that any mistakes can be spotted and corrected at the time and the other checks the running of the site itself - helping volunteers , dealing with problems on stratigraphy .

In practice 6 short-term contract employees who had considerable experience were each given an area of the site and they took as many volunteers as they could

handle (sometimes lots more than they could handle) . So there was good continuity of excavation on the site and the 6 people got very good at handling and training volunteers . In fact what they were doing was very similar to the job-description of the ASS'S .

As a result the site was dug fairly quickly and efficiently producing clear and accurate level 2 records which could be understood by someone who does not possess direct knowledge of the site . This is important for the level 3 archive since it gets away from the 'Fred's layer ' sort of report .

For a full discussion of the shortcomings of the system it would be necessary to ask those who worked with the site under the system do this is limited to how we saw it working .

One early problem was over whether or not to spend time photographing a possible feature : those who were responsible for the phase said no and made it clear that there was no possibility of changing their minds as a result of a majority vote against , so the committee of 7 became a temporary oligarchy of 2 .

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Secondly the CUA never liked the idea of an equal group of 7 and always sought the 'one in charge'. As a footnote to this the Field Office recently said he had been looking for a natural leader to emerge - in complete variance to the original concept of the system. This is possibly the saddest aspect of the management only paying lip-service to the system whilst still holding to narrow hierarchical ideas.



Pom-Pom .

★Bicycle Maintenance at Brent Women's Centre, 138 Minet Avenue, NW10, (965 3324), from 2.00. Take your bike, tools, books and share skills in the maintenance of your bike. Women and girls only.

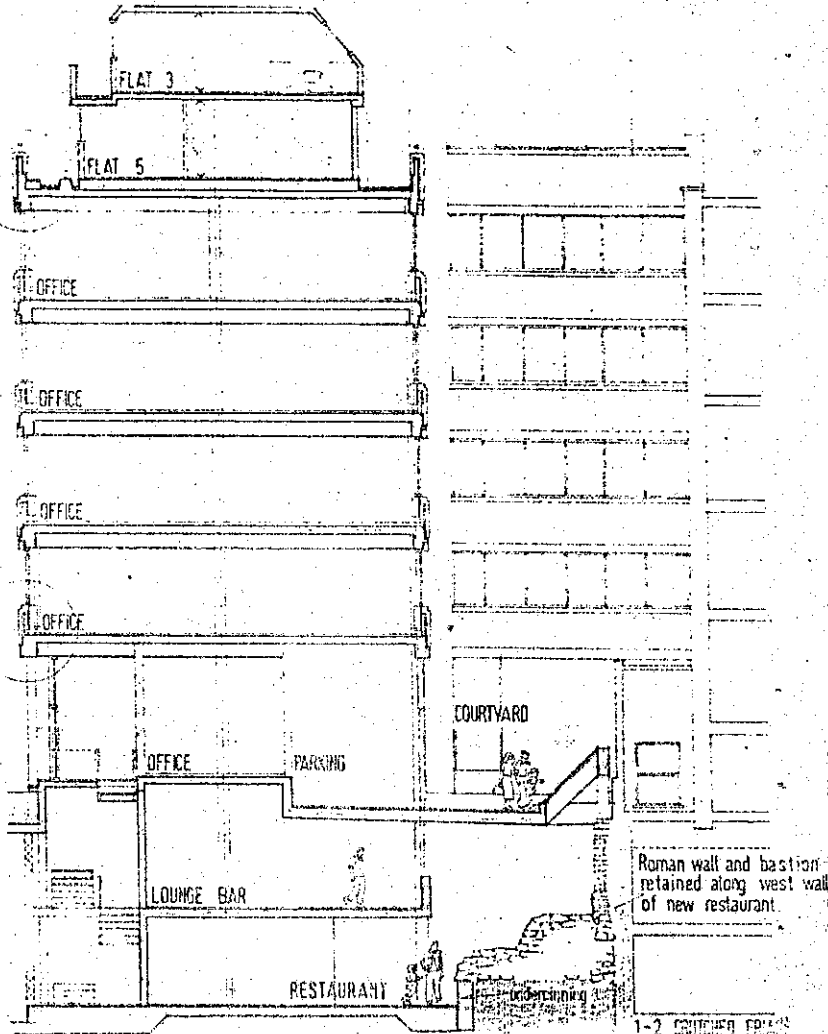
CROSSWALL

During the last week, officially, of the excavations the foundation of a previously unrecorded bastion - to be known as 4A - was found at the north end of the Roman wall. The foundation is rectangular, 6.7m (22ft) wide and projects 5.7m (18ft) from the wall. It seems to have been carefully constructed: a trench was dug presumably from the ground surface at or above the plinth and the foundation was constructed within it up to the top of the natural gravel, some 0.3m below the plinth. Also, as construction proceeded further away from the wall the foundation was stepped down so that its greatest depth occurred where the foundation trench was cut through the relatively unstable backfill of the V-shaped ditch. The foundation is composed of ragstone rubble, flint and op. sig. embedded in a layer of gravel and capped by rammed chalk. In the area of the V-shaped ditch this method of construction is repeated 4 times making a total depth of foundation of at least 1.0m. The outer face was cut away by the digging of a medieval ditch and the superstructure of the bastion apparently had been demolished before or during the 13th century. However, two pieces of worked stone seem to have survived in situ on top of the foundation and another - probably displaced in the medieval period - contains part of a Roman inscription and may be from a re-used tombstone.

Bastion 4A is not closely dated but as one of the eastern series of solid bastions it is presumed to be Roman and the circumstantial evidence supports such an assumption. Its discovery has important implications for the regular spacing of the eastern series: instead of a big gap of 123m (420ft) between B4 and B5, the location of B4A means that between B4, B4A and B5 there are gaps of approx. 60m (200ft). This is significant because between B9 and B5 the bastions are quite regularly spaced at intervals of 45-60m (150-215ft). On the eastern side of the city 13 bastions are now known to have existed but if the 60m module was a consistent feature there could have been as many as 19.

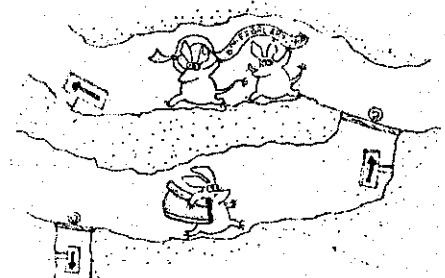
The V-shaped ditch, associated with the construction of the Roman wall, was 2.0m (6ft 6ins) deep. The distance between its inner edge and the wall - the berm - was about 2.7m (8ft 9ins) and it was some 4.8m (15ft 9ins) wide.

The architects, on behalf of their clients, agreed to the preservation of the bastion as well as the Roman wall in the new building. A meeting with D.O.E to discuss the technical details has taken place, and the diagram opposite shows how the wall and bastion will feature in the restaurant part of the redevelopment.



JERRY BUILDING AT CROSSWALL?

Underneath the concrete floor slab of the Victorian building a brick cess-pit was found, the backfill of which contained artefacts of 19th century date and a well 'stratified' piece of puchtape inscribed 6th February, 1862. Close examination suggested that this splendid piece of dating evidence is probably associated with what appears to be a mouse-hole.



PSST CAN YOU KEEP A SECRET ?

An applicant for the Assistant Archaeology Officer (Greater London) was surprised when his supervisor found out about his application despite his request for confidentiality. Although it may be difficult to maintain strict confidentiality in an internal situation, we hope that in future more effort is made to respect the legitimate right of a person to keep information to oneself and those immediately involved.

UNION MEETING

Quite a fair number of you turned up for our first meeting of the decade , but for those of you didn't manage to make it here'e the highlights of the longest meeting for some while .

Of particular note was Frances report on her attendance of the Feb Monthly Meet where her questions revealed that our DOE grant is not inflation proofed , salary increase proof , or proofed against Thatcher's Axe . Infact the CUA said that another shortfall was projected and mentioned the prospect of redundancies . Kevin reported that in principle the management had agreed to an annual clothing allowance . The allowance is to continue for Field Staff , but also the Finds Section would get a pair of jeans and a retrospective prorata allowance for the proportion of the year they spent in site hut conditions .

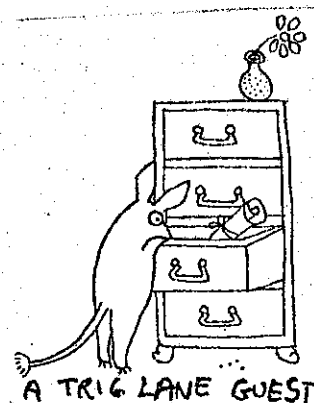
John Schofield was invited to speak on short-term Contracts. He reported that 2 contracts had been held in reserve for Pete Cardiff and Marie Barker until the legal position on the 11 month rule was clarified . Marks contract has been forwarded to the Museum for approval. In addition 6 3 month contracts are awaiting the anticipated arrival of a £14,000 developres donation . John reported that the supervisors vacancy was being held up by confusion as to whether Brian Davison has frozen it or not . The forthcoming G.A'S job was to John's knowledge going to be filled .

Derek reported that the Contracts were being held up once again by the Board of Governors , who were seeking an assurance , immoral to the thinking of the meeting , that the DOE will indemnify the Museum in case of a successful application of unfair dismissal . Agreement was reached that this further delay was unjustified (see editorial) . A discussion of a response was deferred until the strongly worded letter written by Ardene Hilton for IPCS to the B . of G was answered . It was however decided to write a letter from the staff to the B. Of G. expressing our anger at this action .

Union policy on the funding of the DUA from Public sources was reaffirmed and feeling was expressed that the trust Fund should use the sites and finds to 'sell' the DUA to the public . The need for extra pay for extra responsibility was dis^sussed and a committee formed to formulate a policy on substitution and responsibility pay . Those elected were Kevin Flude , Frances Pritchard , Mike Lee , Dom Perring , and John Schofield (though he doesn't know it yet!) .

KPF.

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BEER FROM THE YEAR DOT

GRAHAM LARKIN brings us further up to date in his history of brewing with a look at the ales and additives of the 13th Century **Part 4**

Beer and ale remained the basic British drinks until the mid-18th century. What had started out as a home industry was given a change in emphasis by a Royal Edict of 1637, which forbade ale-house keepers, cooks, taverners and victuallers from brewing their own and made them use the services of a common brewer instead. Not surprisingly, the reason behind this was that it made it easier to levy a tax on brewing. In 1643, during the Civil War, a beer duty of two shillings was imposed on all beer costing over six shillings a barrel (home brews included); the duty fell to a mere sixpence a barrel if it cost under six shillings. Ten years later the tax on domestic brewing was removed; with everyone seemingly brewing up in the back kitchen, it must have been very difficult to enforce anyway.

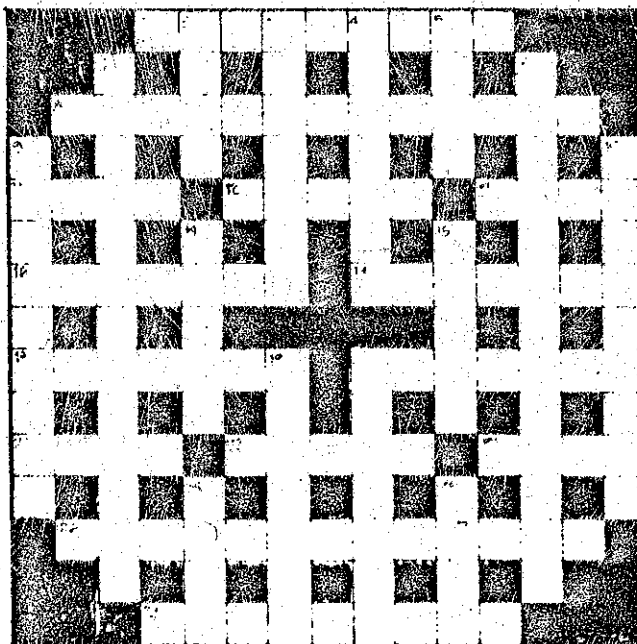
During the 18th century the set-up as we know it today began to take shape. Larger companies came into being, including still familiar names like Bass, Charringtons, Courage, Tetley, Whitbread and Worthington, and the tied house system was born.

In 1800 about half the total amount of beer and ale consumed was home-brewed, prominent contributors to this figure being the larger institutions and houses. By the end of the century, however, wives in the south had ceased to brew because of the scarcity of fuel and the cost of equipment. Home-brewing on a wider scale survived longer in the North of England (where coal was plentiful), Scotland, and the wooded South-West.

As we've already seen, beers varied tremendously from region to region, and a Good Beer Guide for the period would have made fascinating reading. Because barley was scarce there, malted oats were commonly used in the wetter uplands of Cheshire, Lancashire, Derbyshire, Devon and Cornwall. Elsewhere, mixed malts might be used; a half-and-half mixture of oats and barley is found in Kent in the early 18th century. Writing in 1637, John Taylor praised the brews of York, Chester, Hull, Nottingham, Derby, the North Downs and Gravesend. Yorkshire contributed a concoction "drunk stale & strong" known as "Stingo" - presumably no relation to the Watneys product which carries the name nowadays, while from Hull came the potent 'Hull Cheese'. London, as now, was a place where regional brews could be picked up some miles off their native territory, and in Elizabethan times Derbyshire ale had a high reputation there. By 1630, Burton ale had arrived in London.

secret of successful brewing

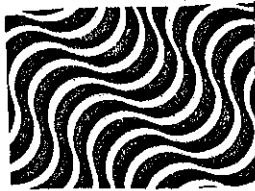
Everybody who has wrestled with a Boots home-brew kit knows that the secret of successful brewing is what you put in, what you do and when you do it. When you realise that brewers had to make do without the thermometer until it was invented in the 1780's, you can see what they were up against. There again, my Aunt Isobel in Cradlington never used scales in the kitchen, and her cakes were consistently delightful. So technology isn't always essential. The flavour, quality and colour of



the malt n hops crossword by dai bass

ACROSS

1. Double D has a different meaning here in Wales (9).
3. Beers for the Smiths (9,4).
11. Birds going forward - one coming back (4).
12. Beery receptacle (5).
13. As was wrote !! (4).
16. Heavy-drinking period? (7).
17. Sounds like everyone's tired, Sunday through Saturday (3,4).
18. Welcoming hospitality notice on the way (3,4)
20. Loving crane is lethal (7).



ale and beer depends upon the ingredients, the minerals in the water, whether the malt is lightly or heavily roasted, the quantity of hops added and on the method of brewing. The best pale ale is made using hard water containing a lot of gypsum, such as that found at Burton. This used a pale malt which had been slowly dried and kilned. In the 13th century London brewers were still using soft water from the Thames and the Lew River, which together with well-roasted brown malt produced rich stouts and porter.

Porter is a British institution which later died out completely, though regular readers will know of its revival last year by the Pearhos Brewery in the Welsh Marches country. A black beer, heavily hopped, fermenting long, and very strong, it was first brewed in London in the 1720's. Its popularity lead to its being copied in a number of provincial towns, and the London version began to be exported to Ireland. By 1800 the Irish had become better at it, and the direction of trade was reversed, largely due to a gentleman called Arthur Guinness.

beer with added balls

The 18th century saw changes in brewing techniques. The introduction of excise duty had already prompted brewers to cut down on the malt content, making up the difference with distilled spirits of ale and beer instead. In the early 18th century, the big thing was giving your brew some added balls whether the fact was used in the adverts in the obvious way I don't know, but "balls" were what you put in to clear the beer -- in other words, finings. Added six to a barrel and well stirred in, they comprised isinglass, calcined and powdered marble, oyster shells, chalk, horse-bean flour, treacle and spices. Sounds revolting on paper, but they

all served a purpose. The marble, chalk and oyster shells neutralised excess acid, the spices disguised the resulting earthy taste, and the horse-bean flour and isinglass caused the impurities to sink to the bottom. In an age when brewing was still very much hit-and-miss, the brewers didn't really understand the chemistry or why some beers went off quickly, that's a pretty good piece of improvisation. Isinglass might be added on its own as an alternative.

other additives

Some of the other additives that were pressed into service weren't so good for you, though, and there was a danger that the beer might reach parts you wouldn't want it to reach. Brewers had no qualms about how they made the maximum profit on inferior beer until restrained by the Sale of Food and Drugs act of 1875. The latter part of the 18th century, however, saw a veritable hell's kitchen being pressed into service. Cocculus (a poison), indicus, capsicum, quassia, aloes, paradise, ginger and spices were thrown in to sharpen the taste, tobacco, treacle and licorice added extra colour. Copperas, alum and extra yeast gave an extra head. All rather a long way from the tradition of adding herbs and spices for their qualities as preservatives. Until the advent of the thermometer, timing was a primitive affair; the brewer would allow the liquor in the mash-tun to cool until he could see his face in it, or would test it with his finger before adding malt. A form of hydrometer, called a saccharometer, was used to measure the specific gravity of a brew.

to be concluded next issue

- 21. Dead after hours (4).
- 22. Female transport in the Arctic (5).
- 23. Level accomodation (4).
- 26. Go for one on the river in good beer country (6,2,5).
- 27. Brief chat - or just boring pub conversation? (5,4).

DOWN

- 2. Every one in a tea-chest (4).
- 3. Pancreatic extract (7).
- 4. See fair play in bed! (7).
- 5. Made-up cheese (4).
- 6. The Gold Cup's solicitor perhaps - or the brew to revive him (8,5).

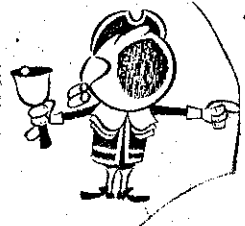
- 7. German-composed, tipsy Anglo-Elizabethan musical? (6,7).
- 9. E. Midlands town brewery... (9).
- 10. ... and a W. Midlands Club (5,4).
- 14. Noted each-way opportunity (5).
- 15. Hippy refresher? (5).
- 19. Lion-man, in name only (7).
- 20. V. (7)
- 24. A cat - very small one (4).
- 25. Mouthy? (4).

A correction to the crossword solution which appeared in issue 20/15 - 23 Down should have read NEREID not NEPAID. We apologise for any confusion this may have caused our readers.

As the bright star of Well Court begins to wane it is time to assess its achievements . 44 Bow Lane has been an enormous social success but this has not overshadowed its archaeological returns . While the entire history of the city has not yet been revealed by the site the unsavoury history^s ^{of the} subterranean staff have certainly been dragged to the surface . The latter is outside the scope of this learned journal and in any case we wish to avoid reprisals . A few firsts do deserve mention . The vivacious Pete Cardiff has become the DUA's first site supervisor to authorise his own volunteer forms . He is now well on the way to signing his own matrix . So far has this egalitarian spirit advanced at Well Court that the bosses have become volunteers and the volunteers bosses . Mr Ferring as always is above this merely mortal activity and his calm dignity on all occasions is an example to the rest . The pressure of ad hoc tea-time tutorials and lunch-hour seminars from the less knowledge amongst us may however detract from his second career . While he won his latest tag match at Trig Lane against the 'Miles Lane Kid' Dom's form is suspect and his forth-coming bout with 'Giant Haystacks' in Lincoln is a worry to the Lads who support him . Tell tale signs that Dom's supernatural powers are in decline began to show when we Kangoed out the teagarden style rest area to reveal , instead of a saxon cathedral , seven sewer pipes , The lads hearts however went to Jeggan Meggolegger forced to give up his excavations near Kabul and flee his native land by bycycle . If he works hard and improves his english he may well turn out aswell assimilated as lucky Pierre , the only Canadian not to have slept with Margaret Trudeau (although no amount of sillbeams slots can make up for this deficit) . The departure of that shy English Rose Marie to Fenchurch St., so soon after her return from an unexpected vacation in Calais , has been a sad blow to the staff , although Angeloid remains to 'represent' the 'fairer sex' and sort out the finds with an efficiency only she



could achieve . No report of the site would be complete without mentioning the Northern Wizard whose revolutionary 'House Stampede' theory has explained away those embarrassing masses of stakeholes. The Wizard is a keen Anti-bloodsport fanatic and founder member of the society to prevent tile coursing ,



Dear A.N. APPLICANT ,

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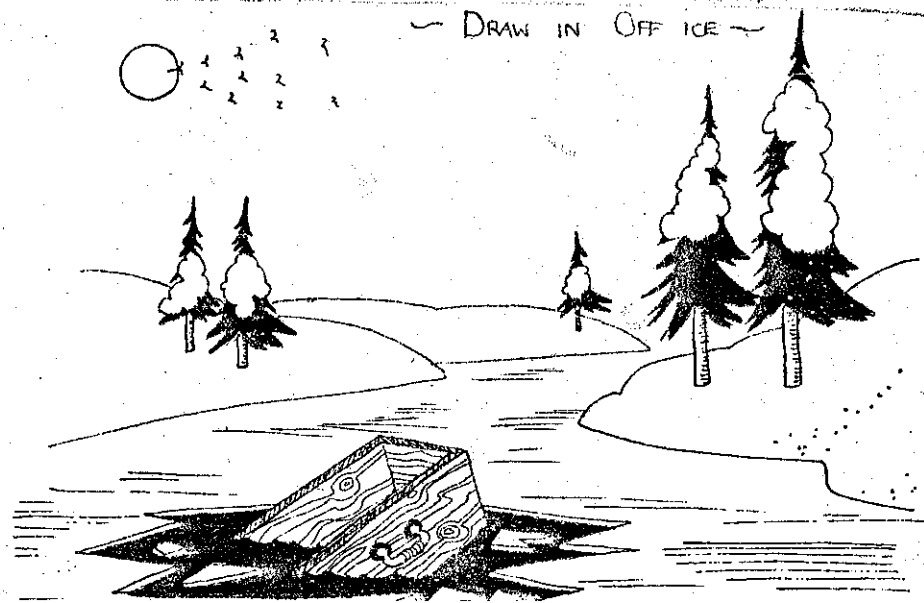
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Come on the Museum , empty flattery gains no true friends !





To: Kevin Flude

From: Diana

D.U.A. Departmental Correspondent
for Staff Association

I am afraid Paolo has got his information wrong re. the pay rise which, in any case, is not being negotiated by the Union but by the Staff Association. Since I take the trouble to send memos round to people to keep them informed of these vital developments it would be jolly nice if they could make the effort to read them, and it would avoid this kind of flight of fancy of his to the extent of telling people how much they should expect!

During negotiations last year over the Pay and Conditions of Service Claim 1979, once of the conditions of the Staff Association accepting the Corporation's offer was, quote

"that the Corporation take account of the National Local Government Comparability Study for Administrative, Professional, Technical and Clerical Services and apply the results of any such study following further negotiations and having ascertained that the study has taken account of other local government awards in the London area, with effect from 1st January, 1980".

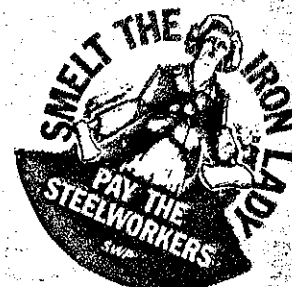
Unfortunately, publication of this study has been further delayed another month and scheduled meetings postponed, but any award that is made will be backdated to 1st January, 1980

What this all means, of course, is that the City, which used to be ahead of other local government and Civil Service pay scales, is now lagging a long way behind, and consequently the Corporation is having the greatest difficulty recruiting well qualified staff. As everyone knows, the GLC and Civil Service have both had thumping great rises, as opposed to our paltry 9.4%.

C14

C14: After the disastrous accident at Moorgate a while back, the CUA has decided that safety helmets must be worn when standing at a depth of 6' or more below the ground surface. Anybody working in the Basement, or travelling on the Underground will therefore be severely reprimanded if they have not got their helmets, ready for wear, upon reaching the 7th. step; anybody who is found reaching the 8th. step under similar circumstances will be suspended for 3 days without pay. It must also be pointed out that early medieval cess pits and Roman ditches also present a hazard to one's health and paypacket, despite their lack of steps.

Keep tuned to this spot for any further developments.



BADGES

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(cheques to Larkham
Publishers).

Yes it's COMPETITION time again; and this month we have the frudiest little PRIZE competition ever.

Below we have printed a normal conversation between a young up and coming Archaeologist or 578,000,000,000, and a normal everyday boring passer-by type of person; and all you have to do is answer all, or any, of the following 3 or so questions :

- 1) What is it then?
- 2) Where is it?
- 3) Why is it what it is, where it is? and how is it that it is what it is where it is then?

In the not impossible, but highly improbable, although, as everybody knows, quite likely possibility of a tie; something along the lines of a little name dropping wouldn't go amiss either.

1 point will be awarded for the name of the insignificant, normal passer-by person, and 138 points will be awarded for the name of the Archaeologist; being the exact numerical proportions inherent in the possibility of achieving a correct answer; and also having something to do with their proportionate, or disproportionate position on the matrix of life.

At this point in the proceedings it is usual practice to mention a clue or or two. So in order that this competition will look as good and as competitionlike as all the real competitions; this is what we will do :

The Archaeologist is also well known for coining the much loved and highly respected phrase: "There's nothing more useless than a bored Archaeologist!"

So think hard, don't panic, and just remember that wrong answers are just as useful and meaningful as right answers; because after all, they may be the right ones anyway.

A : You see! These different strata in the shaft, represent the successive ages of this planets history.

B : Yes, isn't that interesting!?

A : Interesting?! It's frightening!

B : Is it? Well actually it just looks like a slice of layer cake to me.

A : Then why did you say it looked interesting?

B : Oh, well, I'm quite interested in layer cake.

A : Look at it! Doesn't anything strike you ?

B : Well, it's...er...it's rock...isn't it?

A : Down here we have layer after layer, the remains of early settlements, one on top of another. Then more layers, thicker ones, the remains of Cities, each built on the ruins of the previous one. We're talking about thousands of years, you see. And then suddenly, above this level...What?

B : Er...more rock?!

A : But what's special about it?

B : Er...well it's all smooth...no layers.

A : Yes! No further building. No one actually living on the planet; or at least on its surface. So this previous layer is the significant one; and do you know what it consists of?

B : Rock?

A : No!

B : Er...Stone?

A : Nooo!

B : Um...Some different sort of rock; the name of which temporarily escapes me.

A : No! Feel it! Scratch it!

B : Oh yes! it's slightly sort of...soft and crumbly.

A : But what's it like ?

B : Er...I know! It's um...

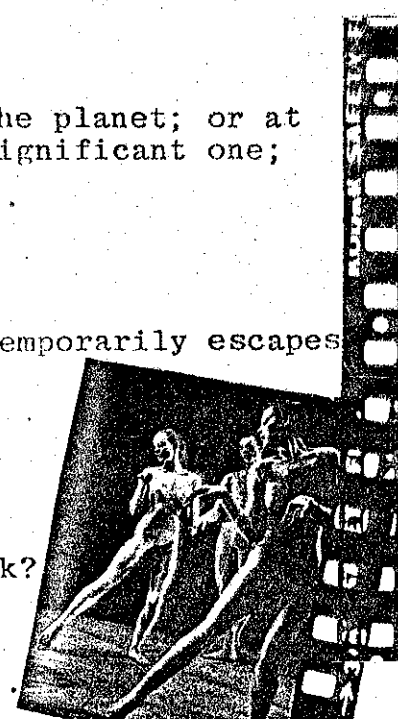
A : Yes?

B : Um...What's the name of that soft crumbly sort of rock?

A : But it isn't rock!

B : Well what is it then?

Answers to Stanley in his brown comely little tray..



MILES LANE.

January began quietly enough on M.L. Slowly the gang regrouped after the Xmas break, Laners having travelled as far as Scotland and Ireland.

To help keep our spirits up during the bad weather, a bottle of sparkling wine was uncorked to celebrate Richard's 21st on the 21st. This was folled two days later, with tons of chocolate cake (made by Louise) and savories (provided by Sue), for Louise's birthday tea.

We continued in the same vein with the departure of Marietta. Yet again we succeeded in making her blush, when two cream cakes appeared on the tea table. Described by the expert as "fantastic" they were quickly demolished by all, with the help of some Trig. folk, who even hoisted an Irish flag on thier cake.

M.R. gathered together her wellies, dirty clothes, Time Out, Toilet roll holder, towel rail (thanks Cuddeford bros.) and her personal kneeling-board, Taking one last look round, Marietta headed off to the pastures new of Green Park, where she is taking a ? crash ! course in teaching at International House. Watchout the D.U.A. is still within striking distance !

Site work has really been going down recently, due to the efforts of everyone to find natural in thier patch.

The South End has come up with the goods; more accurately, the woods. Louise, Brian, Pat, Julie and I, have been slipping down, around and through the Revetment, resulting in a nasty outbreak of piles. Trapped within the shoring, we have only fleeting glimpses of the outside world and each other, which means Louise can't allways see what you are up to.

Sandra, unable to get inside the Roman building, due to defensive-trench digging by Julie and Marietta, has been burrow ing under the wall, only to be stopped by rising water and lack of space.

Marietta, left alone with three trenches onto solid Roman concrete, powered her way through with a Kango, helped ('It's stuck') by me. Her patch has been taken over by Brian with mixed feelings.

From the Northern outposts, beyond the spoil heap, the occasional report is received from my spies. It seems, Karyn (Miss Tea Break 79) finished with detailed work, began spitting behind her wall, hidden from eyes above by a polyspan. Hester meanwhile having disappeared from sight, hacking down to ?natural, has re-emerged in Sandra's area.

Richard (don't come in here with your muddy boots) and Angela, ably assisted by vol Sue and others, keep the finds under control. It is possible to see them, risking thier lives daily, on regular forays across Upper Thames St., dodging juggernauts, with buckets of hot water from Fishmongers Hall. Even more valuable now the electrics have been cut. Mercury's Younger Brother .

Debate

With luck the Balloon debate on Philosophies of Archaeology should be Taking place next Friday hopefully in the backroom at Williamsons . Risking there lives will be Dom the hedonist , John , God as motive cause , Derek Marx is all , and Kevin , I know what I'M going to say but don't know what to call it , (Machievellian , Anarchistic , Popperian liberal view of History ?) There's still room for other Balloonists .

Last Issue I 'lauded' the relatively open system of the DUA whereby one gets a chance of broadening ones experience at the DUA . It has been pointed out to me that this may not be correct in relation to the Finds Dept . I do agree that there does seem less chance in the Finds Dept. to take on the level of responsibility given to GA's in the Field Section . Whether this is in the nature of the job or just due to restricted opportunity I cannot say . However given the obvious intelligence of our Finds Processing Staff and the amount of time the Finds Section is prepared to give to teach visitors , then surely there is time to supervise staff to do reports of their own . I'm sure in the long run this would repay the effort many times over .

KPF

RED ROSKO GOES!



CITY . Well known leftie Red Rosko left B.A. (British Archland City Division) in shock move this month. Rumours were heard that Rosko was not in favour of B.A. plans for

Archaeology . A Spokesman for B.A. said "Well you can't have these people wanderin round expecting a decent wage and job security . I'd bring back slavery given half a chance! "

BLOOD , SWEAT , TOIL , TEARS AND NUMERUS BOOZE UPS

With the closure of Miles Lane imminent , and all the post-excavation work ahead , it may be instructive to recall the words someone faced with a similar problem 39 years ago .



"Never in the field of Human Conflict have so many battled with few broken wheelbarrows for 'a reasonable length of time in the circumstances' .

This is not the end or even the beginning of the end , but merely the end of the beginning.

WE shall fight them on the spoil heap , and on the sidewalk of thames St.. We shall fight them on the polyspans and in the area of slumping . We shall fight them on the mechanical conveyor belt and amongst the linen-fold panneling.

We shall never surrender . And if this part is overrun we shall withdraw to the remote fastnesses of Basinghall St. and Fortress house , and even if necessary the Rotunda .

We shall never , no never , surrender ! And even if the Department of Useless Artifacts lasts for another thousand days , men shall say ' yes but what have you found? "



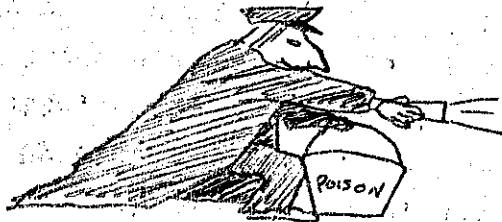
MILES AWAY Cuddeford Bros' offices, which have provided much appreciated sanctuary from the site and roaring traffic, have had thier contents examined, valued and earmarked by almost all the D.U.A. staff.

Hester continues to confuse and baffle folk on site aswell as poor folk on the phone; to whom she explains, that they have the wrong number, she isn't Mr. White but she is Miss. White.

The announcement about using safety helmets, resulted in a near fatal accident. Sandra put on a helmet, bent forward to see if it fell off, then stood up quickly. The helmet flew off her head, rolled down the site behind her and into Brian's trench, who fortunately had donned a helmet.

Pat continues to do im possible things with all the site equipment, at the same time keeping the troops amused.

A visit from the Corporation Ratcatcher lightened a dull day. Dressed in a spotless uniform of navy blue and bright yellow rubber gloves, carrying a torch and bucket of poison, he asked a dishevelled Pat, if we had any rodents around the site.



Miles Lane seems to be going on for ever. Now the offices are being slowly closed down around our heads. If all goes to plan the inscription on the Miles(tone) will be lost by the next issue.

M. Y. B.

D.U.A. v INSTITUTE

DARTS MATCH TUES. 19 Feb 7.30

CARPENTER'S ARMS HOWLAND ST.

(off Tottenham Court Rd)

666

D. U. A.

DARTS

CHAMPIONSHIP

INTERESTED ? CONTACT MARK or PAT.

Considering the power that the Board of Governors (BOG) have it is notable that there is no staff representation other than the Director on the Board. Public bodies should be run under the joint auspices of public officials, staff, BOG "consumer" representatives and staff. It is this sort of cooperation that is the logical development of a democratic society and we should begin our fight to gain industrial democracy by insisting on a workers rep elected by all staff to be elected as a full member to the Board of Governors

KPF



In Loving memory of STEPHEN PAUL ROSKAMS Archaeologist, Chelsea Fan and renowned tee-totaller, who passed peacefully from this life at 9:00 p.m. Friday Feb 8th 1980. He has we hope gone to pastures green - "Our Lord is their Shepherd".
 Truly missed by his adoring staff -
 Gone but not forgotten.

Trig Lane Obitettes.

PUMP-IT UP

Life as a machine is definately not good. Its alright for you humans, if you feel left out you can make your presence know with speech. For us we have to hope that somebody notices our peeling paint and rusty patches nobody takes much notice if they don't hear our noisy engines. Alas and woe is me! You are probably wondering what I am - I hope! I'm a water pump, I've been here with the unit for about 4 years. I'M hidden between 2 site huts at Trig Lane. Now I've been usurped. I've heard that at Miles Lane a younger brother has been brought in; its unfair! I want to be used, after all I did cost money - several hundred pounds (probably at todays values about 2000 plumb-bobs) and I was only used for a year or two. But as us pumps say; some people treat money like water. So look, I'm asking you to help me, join with me in proclaiming parity for pumps-why bring in an outsider? When I can do as well. Give me a man in a blue boiler suit to service me. Remember me!

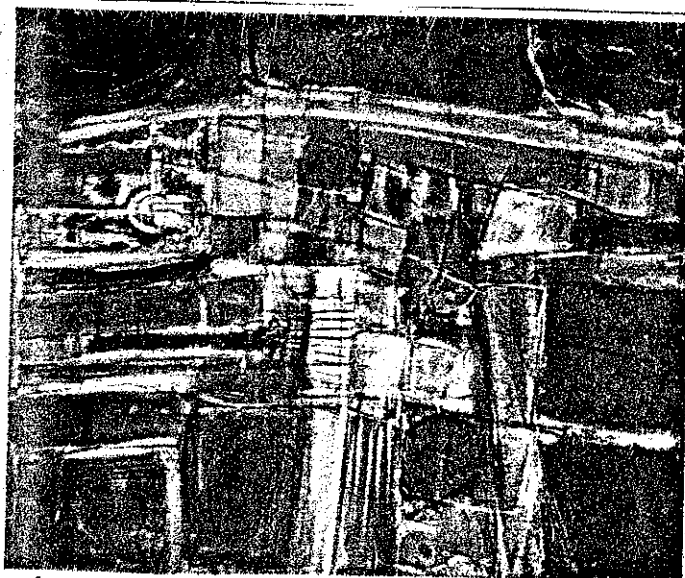
JBE for Walter Pump



C14

C14: Stan Deviations sends fond farewells to Superstar Emperor Steve Fonzetelli Rosco. His abilities will be strongly missed. But never fear, you too could be a Superstar; applications for his position, and that of the minions who move up, with the lucky winner will soon be open.

But don't despair if you don't feel that you are yet ready to take on such a major task. If it's guts and stamina you require, then the Qxford Inservice training scheme is for YOU. We'll soon make a person of you. So don't delay apply today; and tomorrow? who knows where that sheepish little grin might get you.



This seemingly abstract painting by Fred Atkinson actually has solid foundations - it's based on an aerial photograph of Northamptonshire fields and the crop-marks indicate the foundations of a Romano-British settlement. It is one of many which can be seen at the Paint-Pot Studio, Elvet Bridge, Durham, where Mr Atkinson has his collection of pictures of 'anywhere man has made his mark'.

Radio Carbon

VALENTINE!



GOLLY... HE'S EVEN ADORABLE WHEN HE'S ALL BEAT UP AND DISHEVELED.



FOR A MINUTE THERE I THOUGHT SHE WAS PUTTING ME ON.



to
all dirty archaeologists