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February '85

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All contributions to the Locking Scene should be sent to the Editor by the 15th of each month

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WHY 10 TORS?

A Letter from OC Admin Wing

Sir,

I was most surprised to open your December/January issue and find reprinted in it no less than five pages of my Ten Tors booklet. I was instantly delighted to see the event being given so much publicity but saddened that there was no explanation as to why the pages had been incorporated. Allow me, please, to say just a few words about this event and its value as far as young airmen and airwomen are concerned.

Ten Tors is a form of Expedition Training, and that, as the GAI on the subject says, is intended "to encourage and foster development of character, leadership and initiative among serving personnel, particularly young officers and airmen". These same objectives apply to Resource and Initiative Training which has always figured prominently in the syllabus of RAF apprentices but sadly has only just begun to find a place in the direct ~~entrant~~ training programme.

Currently our students at Locking spend a week of their course in the Brecon Beacons learning about and practising outdoor pursuits. They also spend 3 or 4 days engaged in a tactical communications exercise, which though geared more to military matters, at least gives a second opportunity to camp out and survive in the "wild". In contrast to these brief programmed activities, Ten Tors extends over 5 or 6 months, during which participants voluntarily give up many of their weekends with one aim in mind - to gain a medal in a very demanding challenge event.

Ten Tors is about walking, navigating and camping in teams of six. Walking demands no special skill, but covering long distances over many hours requires practice and determination, particularly if the ground underfoot is rough moorland and one has on one's back a 30 pound pack. Add mist, hail or scorching sun, and the demands get greater. But success in completing the course and gaining not only individual medals but a team certificate - particularly when the weather is bad - teaches the participants a lot about team work and endurance and no small measure of common sense. It also brings to the fore the leadership abilities of many of the individuals.

I am now in my 21st season of Ten Tors and each May I am still impressed by the spirit shown by the participating youngsters and by the intense satisfaction displayed by each individual who collects a medal.

Thank you, Mr Editor, for allowing me to say a few words about this very fine event. If any of your student readers or younger members of the permanent staff are moved to consider participating this year, there is still time for them to qualify for one of the Station's 24 places. A phone call to Flight Sergeant Thrift on ext 391 will secure full details of the training programme. I guarantee that they won't be disappointed, and they may do themselves a lot of good, which they won't necessarily recognise themselves but others will.

Dear Reader,

Thank you for responding to the article and your enlightening comment. I have given it pride of place this month because it is the first piece of correspondence to hit my desk since I "volunteered" for the post. Is anyone else out there ?

Editor
3 (T) Block

Time out for Prayer

Prayer is a vitally important part of the Christian Life. Prayer is not merely another activity; it is crucial to our involvement in all that God is doing.

And yet prayer is often not a comforting experience at all. For many Christians, prayer is a constant struggle; it is not always pleasant and makes demands on the one who prays. Christians believe that prayer is much deeper than psychological manipulation. They believe in a God who often upsets cherished plans through prayer.

Archbishop William Temple was once criticized by people who said that answers to prayer were no more than coincidence. He replied, "When I pray coincidences happen; when I don't, they don't." Christians still believe that prayer changes people and events, and not only the one who prays. Prayer is therefore a key element in the Christian Faith.

Here at RAF Locking we have two Prayer Groups that offer a warm welcome to all who would like to join them. The Ladies meet on Monday Mornings 1030am at the home of Mrs Margaret Osbourne 10 Adastral Road. The second group meets in the Churches Coffee Room Scarf Block on Thursday 1230-1300. Why not try and join us as part of a new years resolution?



A very BIG 'thank you' to all who supported the St George's Church Christmas Fayre, whether by donating items for the stalls or by coming to spend on the day.

We are pleased to announce that we raised £200 and so are able to support our two charities. We will provide Drove Road Hospital in Weston with a 4' Fish Tank, stand and all necessary fittings including some fish. A cheque to the value of £150 will be sent to the Martin House Hospice for Children in the North of England.

Watch this space later in the year for the date when St George's Church will hold the Christmas Fayre in 1985!!

Laughlines

Christians living in Reading who happened to browse through the sports pages of their local paper recently must have been startled by one particular headline.

A story of Reading Cricket Club's defeat in a semi-final of the William Younger Cup was headed 'Reading miss out on Lord's return?'

CHURCH OF ENGLAND

St George's Church - Scarf Block
ext 292

Padre Stephen Hobson
4 Broadway

Sunday Services

0900 - Holy Communion
1030 - Family Service
(1st Sunday in Month)
1030 - Family Communion
and Sunday School

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND & FREE CHURCHES

St Andrew's Church - Main Gate
Padre Peter Mills ext 360
(home: 823219)

Sunday Services

1030 Sunday Worship
1045 Sunday School

Communion as announced
Marriages, Baptisms and
Confirmations by arrangement
The Church is open every
day for private prayer and
meditation.

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Holy Cross - Scarf Block

Rev Fr Edward Chamberlain
The Friary
Marine Hill
Clevedon
Tel Clevedon 873205

Sunday Services

1030 Mass (confessions before
and after Mass)

Fr Edward is on station on
Sunday Mornings and is avail-
available from 1130 and also
weekday mornings Mon-Thurs
from 0900-1200. At other
times he can be contacted at
the Friary.



1985
INTERNATIONAL
YOUTH YEAR

THE UNITED NATIONS has designated 1985 as International Youth Year to highlight the specific needs and aspirations of young people. The themes of the year are PARTICIPATION, DEVELOPMENT and PEACE. 'Youth' means any young person between the ages of 15 and 25.

PARTICIPATION implies that young people:

- are recognised as capable of deciding on matters which concern their own lives;
- have the opportunity to make such decisions;
- feel satisfied that their contribution has been valued.

The International Year will:

- enable all of us to identify obstacles to genuine participation and find ways of overcoming them.

DEVELOPMENT has two aspects:

- the development of the personality of individual people;
- the process of social, economic and political change which will help young people to realise their full potential.

The International Year will:

- allow opportunities for young people to increase their understanding of human relationships, from the personal level through to the political international level;
- encourage young people to participate in programmes leading to an enrichment of the quality of people's lives in developed and, especially, developing nations.

PEACE is an essential prerequisite for life itself and the future of young people. It is necessary:

- to educate young people for peace;
- to recognise and encourage young people's potential for securing peace.

The International Year will:

- help all of us to discover new ways in which young people can contribute to securing peace, whether it be between individuals, communities or nations;
- promote international understanding and co-operation between young people so that the chances for peace are improved.

JUST IN CASE you say you've heard it all before, You have because its all a load of "Padre Hour". However, During 1985 it would be good to see what we can do together in building a new world. If you have any ideas about contributing to this year or want to know more information contact the Padres.



"Dad! Karen and Samantha keep lying down in front of my missile launcher everytime I want to play with it!"

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WHATS ON?

- Moral & Welfare Leadership open to all ranks up to and including SNCO's. This course explores the attitudes involved in Leadership. The aim of the course is to encourage and enhance self and group awareness within general service leadership training.

Welfare Counselling

for all Officers, WO's, SNCO's This teaches the skill of understanding Welfare of the whole person. The course seeks to help students understand the principles of counselling, the lecturers being Marriage Guidance Counsellors, a Consultant Psychiatrist, and a Specialist on Addictions.

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HOW DO YOU APPLY?

come along and chat with the Padre and he will help make your Dreams come true!

CAN YOU AFFORD NOT TO KNOW ABOUT

DRUGS ?

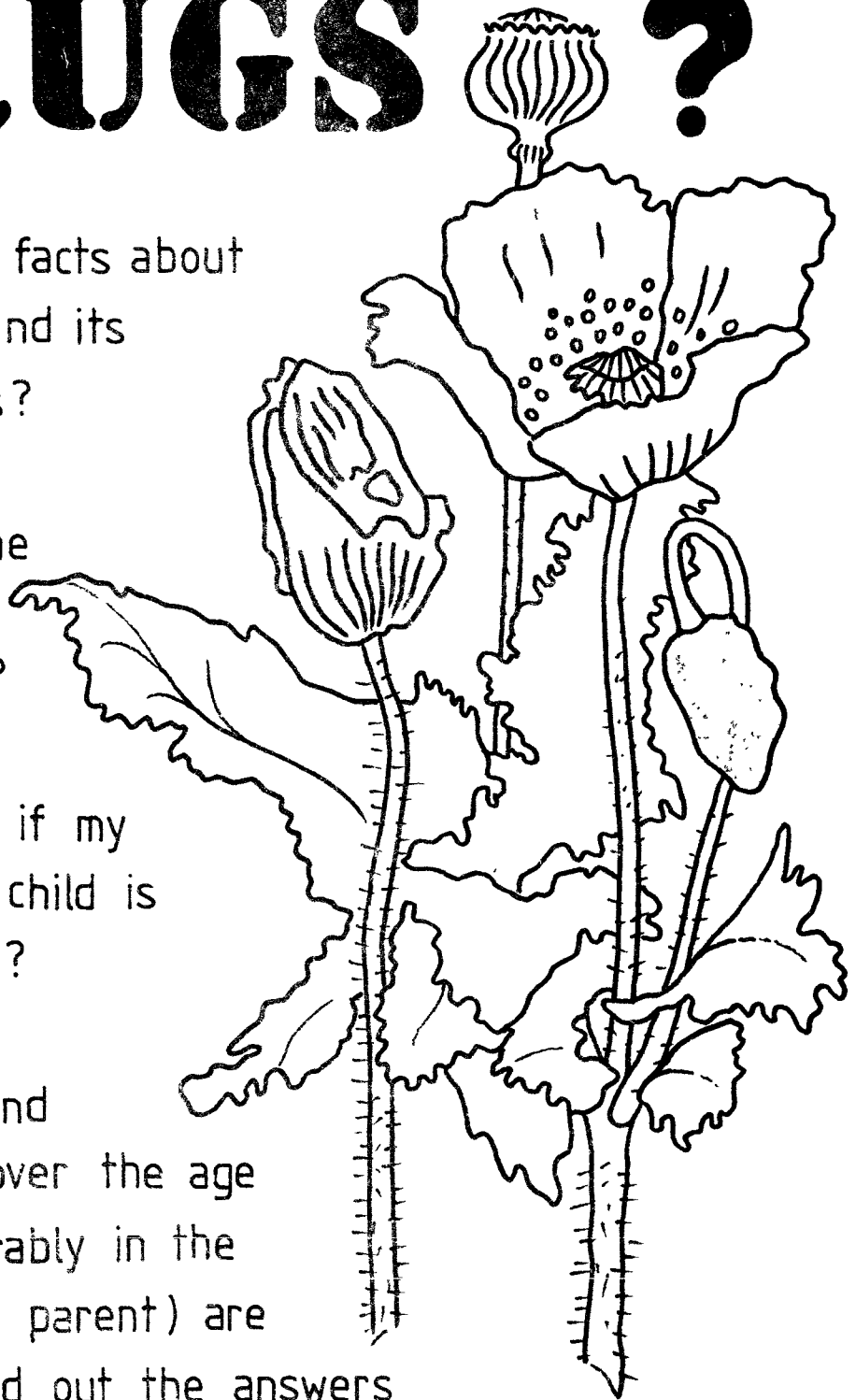
Do I know the facts about drug abuse and its consequences?

What does the law say about drugs?

How can I tell if my friend or my child is taking drugs?

All parents and dependants over the age of 15 (preferably in the company of a parent) are invited to find out the answers to these crucial questions at a

DRUG ABUSE PRESENTATION to be held in the FLOWERDOWN CENTRE CINEMA at 8pm on MONDAY 18th FEBRUARY 1985.



THRIFT SHOP

During the past few months, several changes have been made at the Thrift Shop. The most noticeable being our expansion into the old scouts hut. Our premises have almost doubled in size, and boy how we needed the extra space, we were bursting at the seams. We have an excellent selection of nearly new goods, in clothes, household items, books and toys. So before you go elsewhere, give us a try first.

Our fame has spread far and wide, as we have hundreds of customers on our books, some coming from as far as Cheddar and Bristol. However, since the recent change in our alert state many of our customers have been unable to gain access to the Thrift Shop, which has made us realise just how few R.A.F. families use this worthwhile facility. You don't know what you are missing!

So, to all customers past and present spread the word around the station especially to those new to Locking. Compared to the size of the station very few come and support us. Indirectly it's you who benefit from the profits we make. Locking school, Nursery school, Mother and Toddler group, Sandes Home, have all benefited from our donations, as well as many more clubs on the station.

Many of our customers spend the morning with us catching the bargains as they come in. There is always someone to chat to, as we are a friendly bunch. So give yourself a midweek break and come and spend some time with us.

We have three new facilities in the Thrift Shop, the first being:- The New Book Shop. We now have a separate bookshop, we buy your old paperbacks for cash, so prospective sellers take note. You no longer have to wait until your book is sold before you get your money. Look inside your cupboards and on your bookshelves they are probably bursting with books. We hope to build up a good selection of reading matter, so if you are a prospective buyer come and see what we have to offer before you go elsewhere.

The second new facility being:- The Families Officer will be available each week for a chat if you have any problems, worries or queries concerning your M.Q.

The third and last being contributions for the Locking Scene. If you have something worth publishing in the Scene and don't know where to send it. The Thrift Shop is now a collection point. So come on Ladies, put pen to paper and give us a few handy tips, points of view, funny stories or favourite recipes. The Editor is waiting with anticipation for a sack full of articles from the Ladies of Locking.

So Ladies (and Gentlemen) here you have an excellent meeting place and bargain shop all rolled into one. Give us a try, we are situated in the wooden huts opposite Sandes Home (who by the way, serve an excellent cheap lunch) so you can pop back to see us in the afternoon!

P. D.

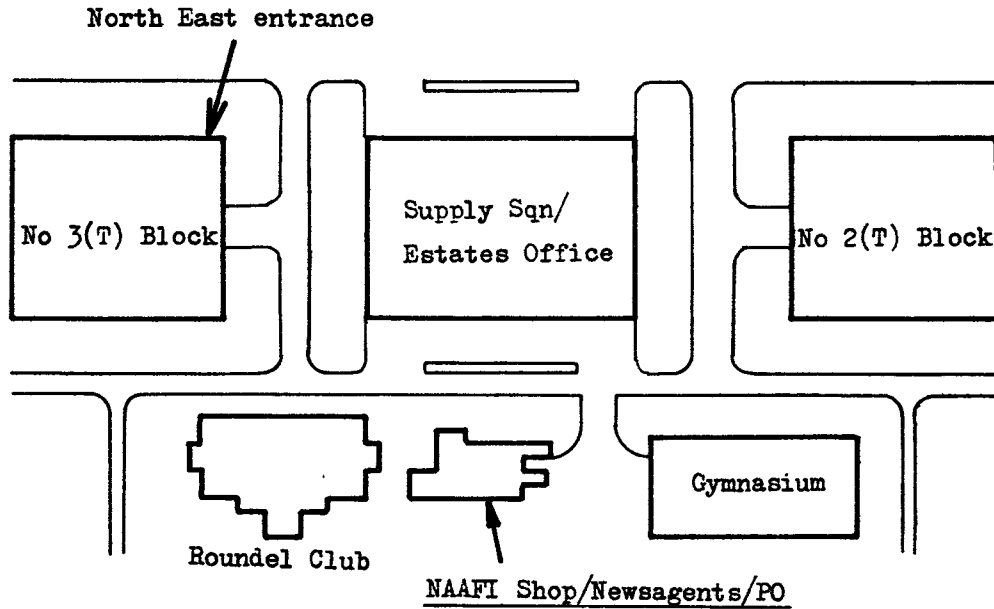
Thrift Shop

Open Wednesdays during School Terms. 9.30 am – 2.30 pm.

- ✿ Bargains in good quality second-hand clothing, toys and household goods. ✿
- ✿ Bring along any items you no longer want, and get a good price for them. ✿
- ✿ The Thrift Shop retains 20% of the selling price, used for charitable grants. ✿
- ✿ There is a coffee bar and sitting area, where you can relax and meet your friends. ✿
- ✿ We are at the far end of the Nursery School hut, opposite the Sandes Home. ✿
- ✿ We always need new helpers to replace those posted and would welcome anyone with time to spare each week. ✿

STATION EDUCATION SECTION

The Station Education Section is now located in number 3 (T) Block. Entrance to the Education Section is via the North East entrance of 3 (T) Block.



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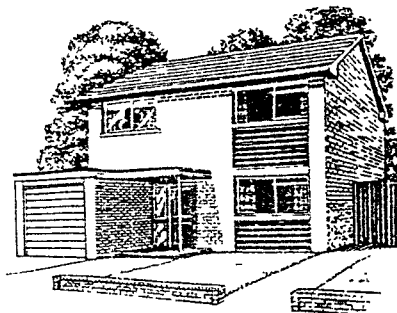
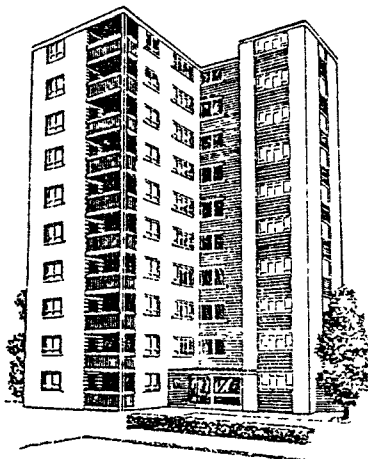
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Friday	Scouts	7.30 pm to 9.30 pm
Friday	Venture Scouts	7.30 pm to 9.30 pm

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If you are an adult there is a vacancy for you, as leaders and
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interested and volunteer your services.

We are always in need of adult help - why not send your mum and dad
along, on a different night to you of course where their skills will
be much appreciated.

MARRIED QUARTER OCCUPANTS

The families officer and/or a representative for the estates office is available
from approximately 11 am every Wednesday in the Thrift Shop. If you have any
problems with, or comment about, your accommodation, which you would prefer
to discuss in an informal atmosphere they would be delighted to see you.

You may well pick up a bargain at the same time!

AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL PERSONNEL FROM PMC

RETIREMENT PROGRAMME - PHASE III

The recent decline in training has resulted in a need by PMC to reduce the current workforce. A Phase III Retirement Programme for all personnel over the age of 40 has been approved and seems the most equitable under the present circumstances. The plan will place older personnel on to an early retirement list thus permitting the retention of those who represent the future of the Royal Air Force. The programme, outlined below, will be put into effect, immediately.

The programme will be called 'RETIREMENT, AGED PERSONNEL, EARLY (RAPE) and personnel who are 'RAPED' will be given the opportunity to seek other jobs within the RAF provided that, while they are 'RAPED' they request a review of their employment status before the actual terminal date. This phase in the process will be called the 'Survey of Capabilities of Retired Early Workers' (SCREW). Only personnel who have been 'RAPED' and 'SCREWED' may apply for a final review.

The final review 'The Study of Termination of Use For Further Education and Development' (STUFFED) will determine the eligibility for retention.

This policy letter authorises that selected personnel may be 'RAPED' once, 'SCREWED' twice - but can be 'STUFFED' as many times as PMC requires.

Personnel who wish to take advantage of the scheme are requested to submit a General Application to their flight commander at the earliest opportunity. Applications will be processed on a 'FIRST COME FIRST SERVED' basis - otherwise known as 'DONE'!



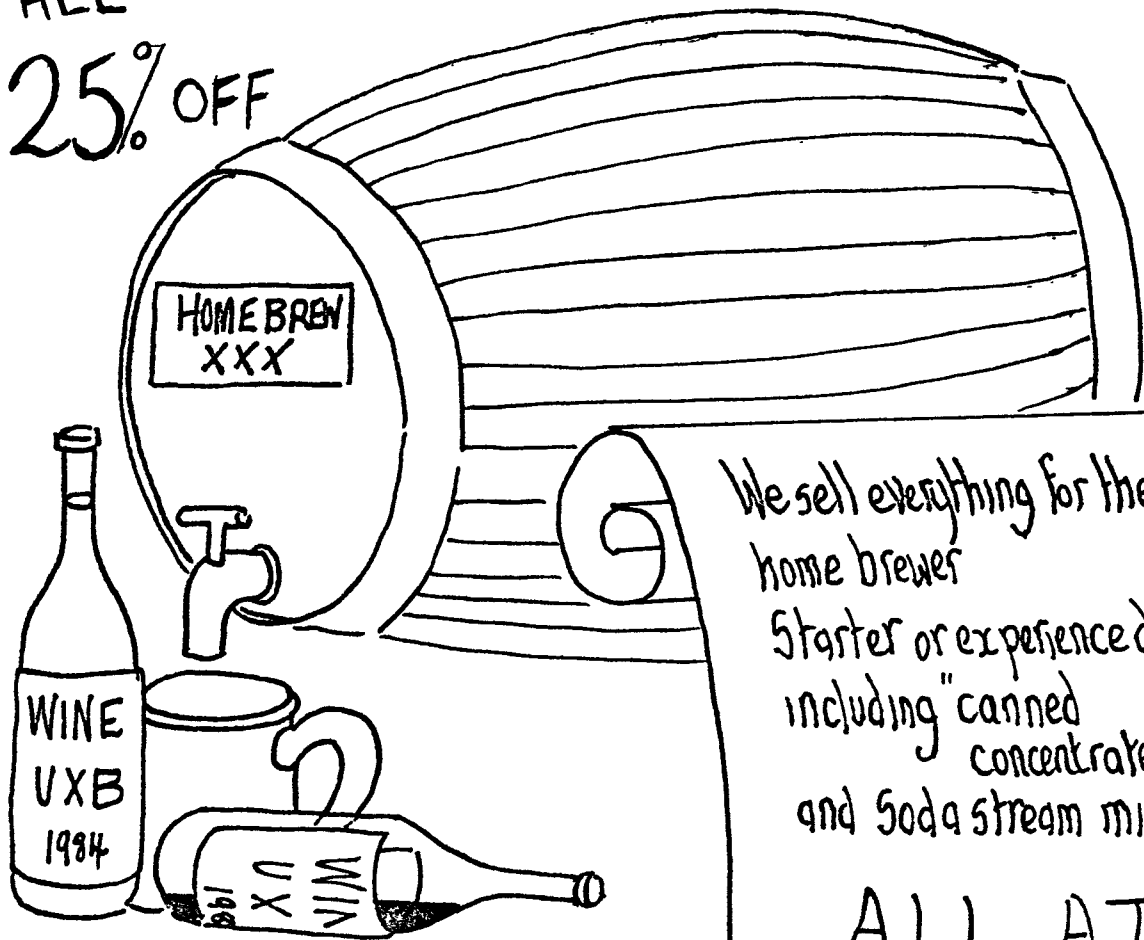
LOCAL PLACES OF INTEREST

Bored? Nowhere to go? Next time you are in the Families Office have a look at our wall maps. There are now a variety of places of interest marked on them - anything from museums and stately homes to picnic spots. We have also made up files to give more detailed information such as opening times and entry costs for the places illustrated on the map. Feel free to drop in and have a look.

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LOCKING SWIMS TO SUCCESS IN MOUNSEY TROPHY

Locking has created a big splash in swimming circles by surging to a very close second place in the 1983/84 Mounsey Trophy, Division A. This tremendous result is due to participation by a very high proportion of personnel, largely due to the efforts of Cpl Steve Cowell of the P Ed Flt, and the SNCO IC Swimming, Sgt Laurie Taylor, who went to great lengths in encouraging the relectant and underconfident, to earn points.

The 8A/85 competition is now under way and did you know that Service transport is available from the Gym at 0745 every weekday to take any Servicemen swimming? Why not join in, earn points, and make RAF Locking the Mounsey Trophy Winner this year!

SANDES

OPEN

weekdays 10 am - 4 pm, 7 pm - 11 pm

Saturday All Day

Sunday 8.30 pm - 11 pm

In our Coffee Lounge we serve Fresh Ground Coffee (Carwardine's Connoisseur brand) - Instant coffee and tea - fresh cakes and rolls - hot pies and pastries.

COOKING TIMES:

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Saturday 10 am - 10 pm

Sunday 8.30 pm - 1030 pm

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Hamburgers Cheeseburgers $\frac{1}{4}$ lb Texas Burgers

Spring Rolls Fish and Chips Pizzas

Mixed Grills Cottage Pies

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OTHER SERVICES

Bed and Breakfast

Ladies
Hairdressing

TV Room

Library

Games Room

TRY US!

The winter season of cross-country is well under way with the occasional road race for those of us who like to run more than 6 miles. The next few months will be spent training for the marathon season (March to October) with the main target either the Swinderby or Amsterdam Marathon's. For those of you who like to run short distances perhaps the Weston 'Prom Runs' are for you.

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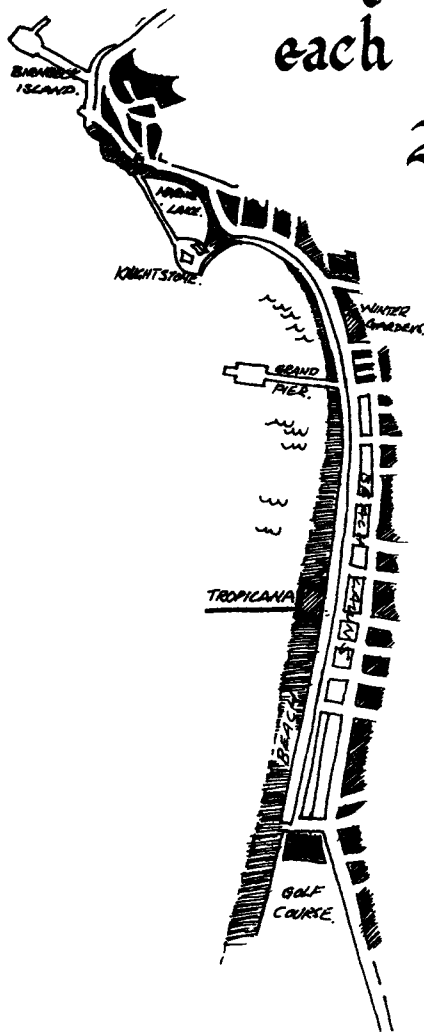
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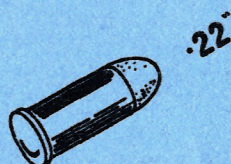
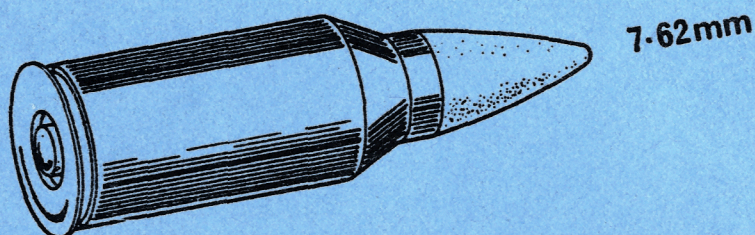
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