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## *PICKETTS LOCK DINGHY EXHIBITION*

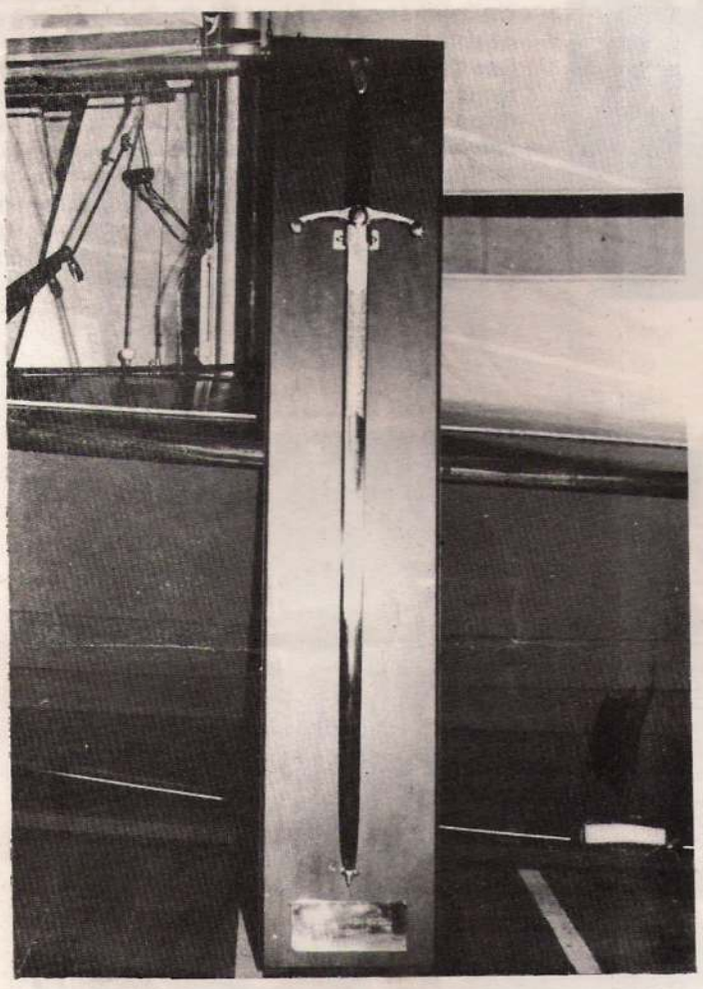
**Without the towers and the banners, the stand was a much simpler affair this year but we felt that it was no less effective. There was glamour on the stand in the form of Sue Mant's window dresser's dummy proudly showing off an Osprey T shirt. Graham Wolfenden of Gorleston produced a magnificent design for the T shirts and there are still more available from Roger Mant or myself. Any profit from the sale of these will go towards the cost of the exhibition.**

**The boats shown this year were Terry Greaves's 'Dodger' which surely needs no introduction, and received the usual acclaim for a wood Osprey at this event. The other Osprey was the Grp boat previously shown at Earls Court by High Performance Sailboats, it attracted more interest than other Grp Ospreys have done due to the new mast gate and Andy Barker's interesting rig set-up.**

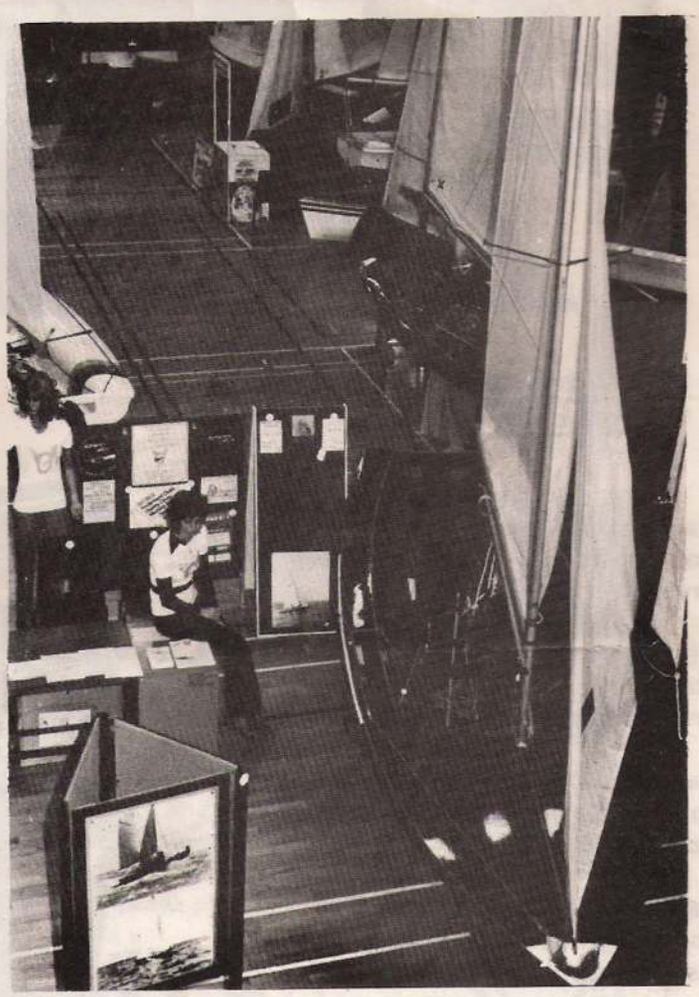
**It was very helpful to have both boats available on the Friday evening, no early Saturday morning rigging sessions, for this we have to thank Terry's crew, Malcolm Clack, who brought 'Dodger' all the way from Yorkshire, and Hugh Carter & Huw Pearce who between them managed to get 'Gift Horse' up from Wareham. A lot of interest was shown in the Wilkinson Sword which Terry won last year and kindly lent to us for the Show.**

**Thanks to all those who helped out on the Stand, those already mentioned and Roger Mant who shared the organising responsibility.**

**Dave Edwards**



*"WILKINSON SWORD" TROPHY*



*Terry Greaves "Dodger"*

## *PUBLICITY OFFICERS EPISTLE TO THE CONVERTED*

We are now well into 1980 and the new season of racing is upon us. As you are probably all too well aware, the economic situation has meant that not many people are buying new boats or even changing their present ones. With this situation in mind, it is doubly important that we as an Association and you as it's members, promote the Osprey in every way possible. The Association can advertise in magazines, exhibit at exhibitions etc. etc., but it is the individual member's support that keeps the Osprey in people's minds. How many Osprey sailors in your Club actively support the Association, why not get them to join? How much better if they are asked by fellow Club members than by a letter from us?

The Association keeps the interests of the Osprey and it's followers at heart and now that we are getting back into swing with the newsletters we should have no complaints. Anyway, enough of sermonising.

We have, as you may have seen, placed two full page adverts in Yachts & Yachting recently and I understand from Maureen that the first ad produced more than 30 enquiries, which goes to show what can be achieved. We are hoping to embark on a course of larger adverts incorporating the boatbuilders which should appear once a month instead of fortnightly. This will hopefully be more beneficial than the small ad that is published at present.

I am sure that some of you have your own ideas, catch phrases and slogans that you think would catch on. I will be only too pleased to receive your (polite) suggestions. I would like ideas for a new car sticker as the last supply is now used up.VARIETY IS THE SPICE OF LIFE SO LETS HEAR YOUR THOUGHTS. Good sailing in 1980 and remember, word of mouth is far better advertising.

Roger Mant
121 Cotten End Road
Wilstead
Beds.



## *NOTES*

**Memberships 1980**

Many thanks to those of you who have paid your subs for this year, I must apologise for the lack of a 1980 Yearbook by explaining that there are several reasons why it has not been produced.

The Yearbook costs, on average, about £600 to produce; last year it was decided by the Committee to have enough books printed to last through 1979 & 1980 and to issue a supplement for 1980. As there have been no major rule amendments, no great increase in the number of new boats and very little additional material, it was thought that it would not be a worthwile enterprise to have a supplement printed. Instead, all amendments will be summarised in a future newsletter.

As I am editing the newsletters as well as the numerous other bits & pieces required of the secretary and doing a full time job, it has been extremely difficult to find the time for the revision of the Handbook. I hope that you will understand the reasons for the non-appearance of the Yearbook and continue to give your support to the Association. All the signs are good for this season and for the future. I hope you all enjoy a good season's sailing and I hope to see you at the Nationals in Mounts Bay.

Regards
Maureen Carroll

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## *CLUB NEWS*

**Ogston SC.**

**There are fourteen boats in the Osprey fleet at Ogston and we are hopeful of gaining one or two more for the 1980 season, but this cannot yet be confirmed.**

**The Clubs 1979 Osprey Class Championship was won by Dennis West, crewed by Karl Gorner, who sailed consistently well to dominate the Class racing.**

**Four or five boats will be going from Ogston to the Nationals, no Open meetings are planned by the Club for 1980.**

**Alan Birch**

**Portishead YC.**

**There are eight Ospreys at Mumbles at present, a new arrival for 1980 will be Geoff Lambert, a refugee from Chase SC.**

**Unfortunately there has been little contact from Portishead over the past season, namely as your scribe has been inactive owing to illness and the general inactivity of Portishead Ospreys. However, this season looks as though things will improve with the acquisition of a couple of crews and hopefully the return of yours truly after a conversion from Mk2 to Mk3 at Frenchay Hospital within the next few weeks.**

**The only performance of note was a third overall at the Welsh & Midland Champs at Stewartby last year by Lloyd Fryer & Mike Cox who borrowed my boat. In fact, 'Sorcerers Apprentice' performed so well that if I am not recovered by Mounts Bay time, Lloyd hopes to get his grubby five-o 'ands on it and show those Mk3's the way to go.**

**There could be four or five boats going to Mounts Bay but there is no Osprey Open at Portishead this year.**

**Mr. Ron Brislin (of Carnoustie '75 fame) is about to start "Marauding" with daughter Sammy and we wish them well. We recognise his talents at the bar and on the wire (not necessarily in that order) but as yet have not seen him perform at the blunt end, knowing Ron he's bound to catch the eye. We hope to persuade Ron to keep to some serious sailing at Osprey meetings where he can practice both talents to the benefit of Portishead Ospreys and various bar committees.**

**Phil Isles**

**Lymington Town SC**

**We are hopi g for 10 to 12 Ospreys racing this season, there is only one new recruit, Trevor Renouf, a local who has swapped his 505 for Osprey 894 'Medicinal'.**

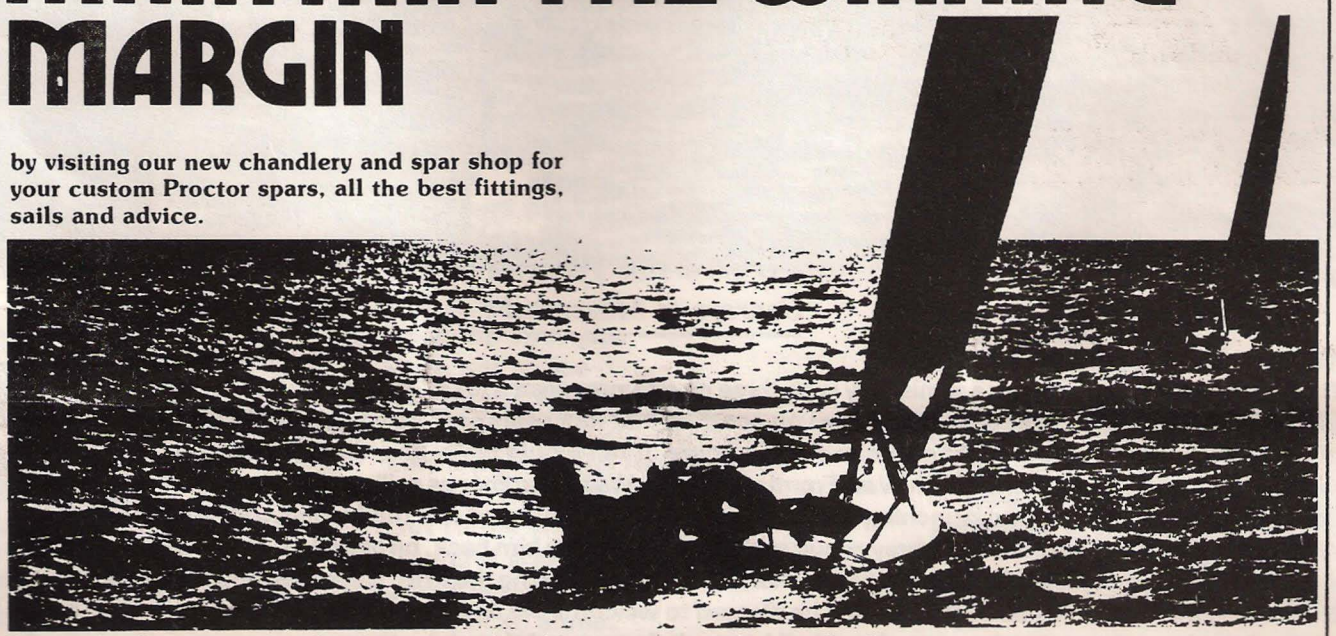
**Racing should be keen and we are hoping to take at least 5 boats to the Nationals. Our Open meeting is as usual on the first weekend in October, further details will be available later in the season.**

**News in the Club is another Mk3 conversion, this time by Rob Hunt on number 936 'Blue Movie'. The fleet captain (me) has been in plaster for four months after breaking a leg in a motor cycle accident. I am hoping to be out of plaster fairly soon and will be at the Nationals by hook or by crook (or crutch).**

**Stan Cockeram**


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British Steel SC

We lost some Ospreys to Mumbles, and the "champion" to Ferryside the season before last when our home water had a severe weed problem. Happily the problem has now been overcome.

We still have eleven keen Osprey sailors which might be regarded by some as the 'second team' (since Marsh, Powell & Eynon left) but those remaining still give an adequate account of themselves. The hard core of remaining travellers include Alistair Mackay. Colin Evans, Dai Pugh-Bevan, Mike Murray, 'Chippendale' Wilbraham and myself. We attended a number of Osprey Opens and also campaigned the South Wales long-distance handicap events including Tenby, Barry & Penarth.

Alistair won the Tenby 'Round the Island' from about 80 mixed dinghies. I won the Penarth Long distance Dinghy Handicap (BP Trophy) from a 505 in very hairy conditions. The winning margin was .6 (yes, point six) of a second after four hours racing. Dai Bevan was third but less than a minute behind on corrected time. About forty boats took part and they don't come much closer than that.

It is early days yet but I think five boats will be going to the Nationals.

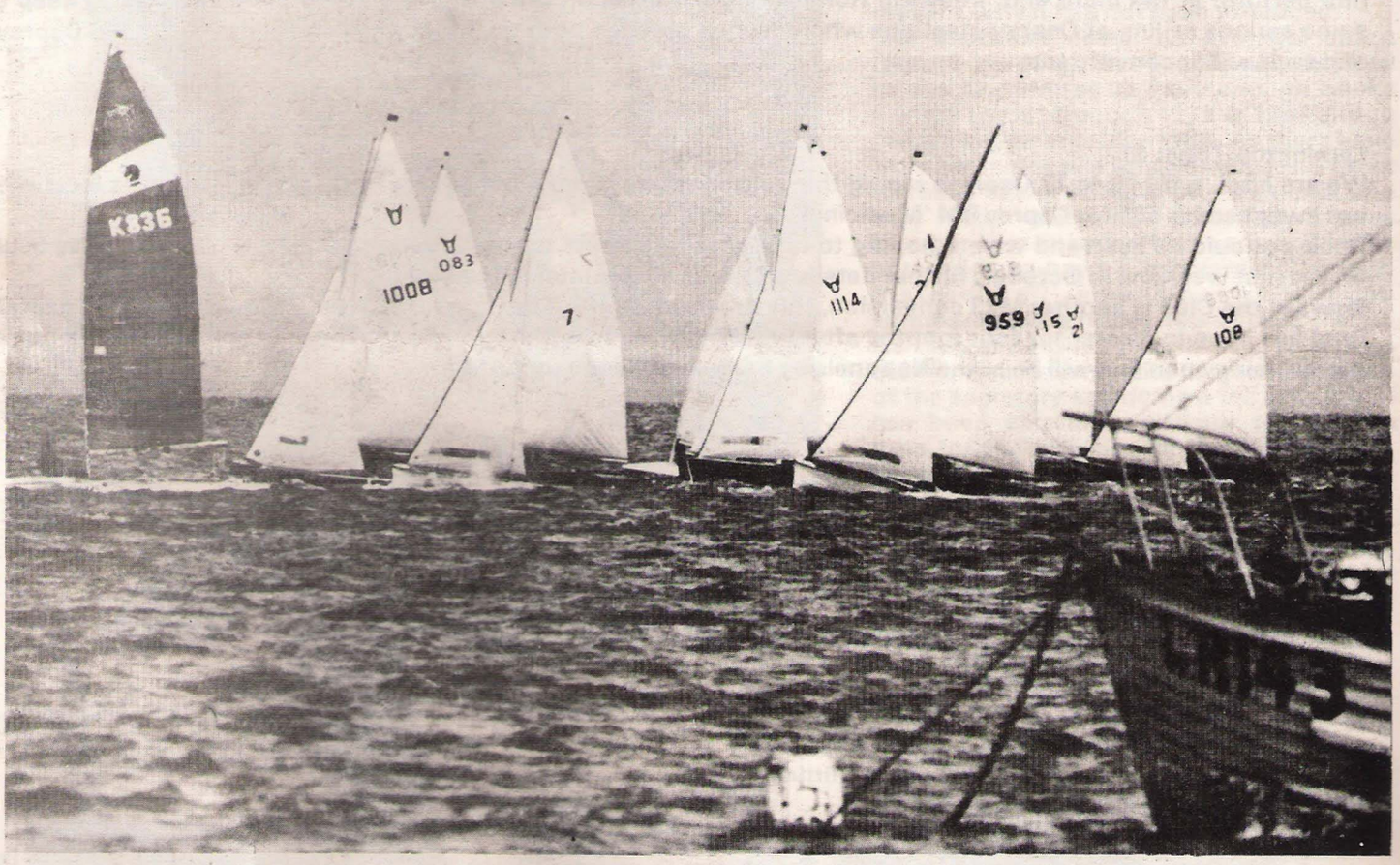
I was the perpetrator of the corny poems included in our previous newsletters. I have enclosed one which you may or may not publish, either way I won't be offended.

**Bill Owen**

Royal Tay YC

There are now only two Ospreys at Royal Tay, myself & John Geddes, most of our former compariots have deserted for the wealthier sport of keelboat racing. We have regattas on 17/18 May, 16/17 August and 27/28 September with an Osprey Class. There is also a very handsome pot for the Ospreys at Tay Week should some of you like to join us.

**Ian Steven**




*Ospreys at Morecambe*

Morecambe & Heysham YC

The 1980 season starts off very promisingly with three new Osprey teams (673, 302 & 1025) joining the ranks. This brings the total number of Ospreys to 8, sad really when you consider that four years ago the figures reached 21. There is the possibility of recruiting another 2 from the menagerie class, a figure of ten would really give the Class a boost providing good close racing. This last outpost on the North West Frontier now has Wally Gardiner as sailing captain and chief tuning fork, he has bought new sails this year and launching trolley & trailer are being painted and made roadworthy (What does this mean?). Wally was missed last year on the Osprey circuit and it is good to have him back, he has taken an the sailing captain's job with enthusiasm and has injected life into this backwater. We are again holding the West Coast Osprey Open meeting on May 17th & 18th, first race start 1200 Saturday, we will be pleased to welcome old and new friends to this event which marks the start of the Open meeting calendar, you should all be ready for a good thrash by them.

Gerald Iddon (ex- Nutcracker, Crackertoo & Smuggler) has been persuaded to act as Race Officer for the event and will be hoping for slightly less wind than when he did his stint at the S & N two years ago when his excellent judgement as O.D. triumphed over near gale force winds & huge seas and enabled us to sail most of the races during lulls in the storm. Wally and myself will be going to the Nationals and Scottish & Northerns and as many of the Open meetings as possible.

North Devon YC.
There are now fourteen Ospreys on the books and about half of those race regularly, sailing is three times a week. Our 'Woolworth Paddle' meeting is on the 21st & 22nd of June with a first race start on Saturday at 1200.

Geoff Dean.






*Culture Spot*

***Trapezing in the morning, OH.***

I cling and swing
On trapeze, or sing
In afternoon or morning O

Or fling my ring
To portside, and bring
To sleepier crews a warning O

The kite's alright
The line's in sight
The cup's the TV adorning O

The compass needles swing
As I sing, sing, sing:
Up by the Clubhouse
Where my helmsman fell,
To the little warm pub
Where we drink pell mell
Till ear-ly in the morning O.

I flit and twit
And check my kit
When the light so bright is shining O

Or sit and fit
My belt, or knit
For my harness a soft lining O

Then me with glee
Doth put to sea
Flat on my wire reclining O

Like a peer of the Realm
I sing to my helm
Out to the wing mark
Round it and gone.
Jump on my wire
And I'm all alone.
So ear-ly in the morning O

I stoop and swoop
Even loop the loop
Miss my grip, and then go soaring O

To grab with a whoop
A firm hold on the poop
Whilst my helm back aft is roaring O

I skim and swim
(I'm sick of him)
Water down my neck is pouring O

I feel like one hugh drip
As I slip, slip, slip,
My hook's just broke
As I sink I think
What I need
Is a big stiff DRINK
Trapezing in the morning O

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This Osprey, by name 'Painted Lady', has been in the same family for over 15 years. During this time the Class has seen many changes and developments with numbers growing considerably. The development in the dinghy world is illustrated by the fact that when 11 was purchased, she was equipped with brass fittings throughtout, had a stern mainsheet horse, a centre which for the genoa and the 'Mirror' had not yet seen the light of day. The work done on the boat can be put into two categories, the work done to keep her seaworthy and smart, and the work done to keep up with the developments in the Class.

As rules and finance have allowed, I have fitted a centre mainsheet horse, recessed jib fairleads with jamming cleats, an aluminium boom and a spinnaker chute, (this last being fitted to one side of the forestay as first permitted in the rules). Two pieces of equipment that make her more pleasant to sail are the roller jib and the window in same. She was already fitted with two self-bailers, these last being made of brass.

Turning to work on the hull, I had a problem, which I believe I am not alone in and have never seen discussed in the journals, that being a leak in the foreward bulkhead. How have you solved yours? Have you solved yours? I was fortunate to have a friend in the aircraft industry who supplied me with some rather special adhesive. Other work has included stripping then staining and re-varnishing the deck and all vertical surfaces, and stripping and painting the cockpit floor and hall.

As far as structural work on the hull is concerned, I have, over the years, re-decked the rear compartment and renewed a portion of the vertical surfaces immediately in front of same.

The standing rigging has been carefully inspected and renewed where necessary. Having once lost a mast in dramatic circumstances, I know the importance of regular checks.

I had hoped to be able to show the finished product at the Picketts Lock Show but the boats for the show had already been allocated. I'm sure Painted Lady will see out the next 15 years.

Gerard Frogley,
Stapleford Airfield,
Essex.

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Editor's note:- More articles of this ilk please. How about some of you converters from 2's to 3's.


# INSURANCE

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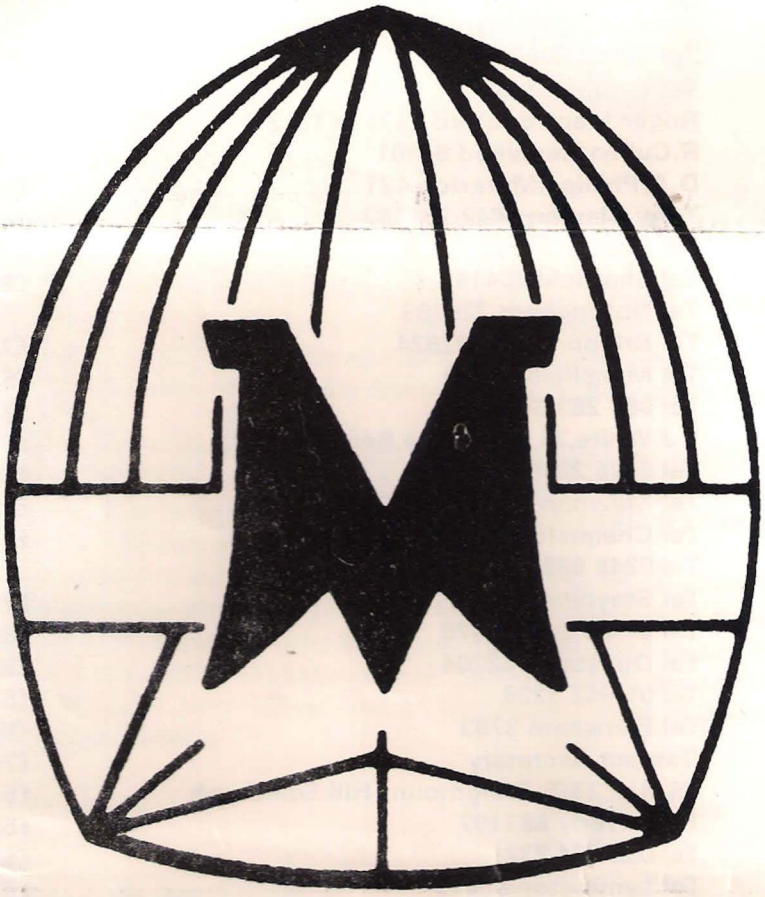
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| 1172 | 3 | Grp | Westerly | Ken Couch,St.Ives (Cornwall)4301 | |
| 1155 | 3 | Grp | Westerly | Tel Westhoughton 815510(no cert) | £850 |
| 1148 | 3 | Wood | Home | A Littlejohns, Plymouth 862100 | Offers |
| 1139 | 3 | Grp | Westerly | Ian Roxburgh,Marazion 710635 | £1250 |
| 1115 | 3 | Wood | Westerly | Tel Luton 508653 | £1375 |
| 1110 | 3 | Grp | Westerly | Tel Luton 423431 | £1150 |
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| 1081 | 3 | Wood | Westerly | R.Cullen,Heywood 64101 | £1300 |
| 1075 | 3 | Grp | Westerly | D.A.Phillips,Marazion 421 | £1175 |
| 1053 | 3 | Grp | Westerly | Tony Clayton,0642 781182 | £995 |
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