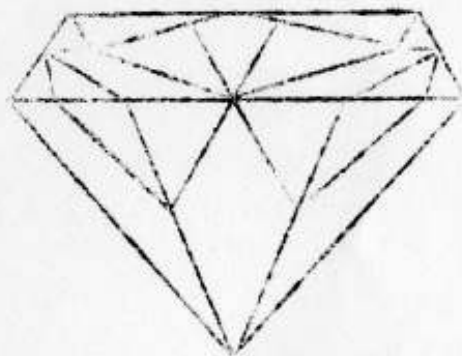


STONIE
CHAT



NORFOLK
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SOCIETY

Not for me wintering in warmer climes. I'm scratching about in the frost and snow hunting for tit bits to fill my pages. Several nature lovers have come forward to help and promise more to come. My pages have a healthy look and things look good for my future well being. Please keep the scraps coming.

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NEWS.....NEWS.....NEWS.....NEWS.....NEWS.....

Instead of a dinner this year we are getting together for a meal and a drink at the Michaelangelo in Barrack Street on Fe. 6th 7.30 for 8. Try to join us if you can.....

.....Talking of food and drink, we are holding a Cheese and Wine party after the A.G.M. at the Crome on March ^{3rd} ~~2nd~~ - see you there.....

.....We are organising a six week course for beginners in cutting and polishing and will be advertising in the local press. We hope to encourage new members with this venture which will be held on Wednesday evenings in our workshops. Existing members who wish to learn more are always welcome at our workshops on Tuesday evenings.....

..... A provisional program for the coming year has been worked out and includes talks on coloured gemstones, fell walking and memories of a field trip to Yorkshire. A barbecue is planned for Aug. 22nd at Eccles.....

..... You may remember my asking for spare motors in the last issue - well we received three. Many thanks for your help.....

..... Can anyone tell us where we can obtain a small supply of chrome oxide for the workshops? We have tried all the usual places without success.....

see you soon

ANAGRAMS - answers from the last edition of Stone Chat

Exit Dino - Tin Oxide

Pal - Lap

LAPIDARY

Free Cat - Faceter

A Round Crumb - Carborundum

Our Mixed Ice - Cerium Oxide

Id proof we diet - Petrified Wood

Bream - Amber

Sent Itchy - Synthetic

Rain Lance - Carnelian

Tons Boodle - Bloodstone

Tilt a Ruler - Turritella

GEMSTONES

Randy Sox - Sardonyx

Same Goats - Moss Agate

I' looted - Dolomite

MINERALS

Trip ye - Pyrite

Mail the e/c - Malachite

The Pool Choirs - Pseudochrosite

Camera Sit - Marcasite

Nimble tee - Belemite

Hide Coin - Echinoid

FOSSILS

Am on time - Ammonite

Many thanks to JohnTripp for these.

TURN THE PAGES FOR A NEW SELECTION

Have you any you can contribute?

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POINTS TO PONDER

There is no substitute for intelligence. The next best thing is silence.

CUTTING REMARKS

Having Difficulty gettin a good finish on some of your stones? We are starting a list of helpful hints on how to improve that finish on some of the more difficult stones in this issue. Any comments and hints you might like to contribute will be most welcome.

Amazonite

Because of the strong cleavage planes in this feldspar avoid cutting shallow cabs. Remove from the dop by heating wax - do NOT use the "cold" method - to avoid breakage.

Amber

This material is very heat sensitive it softens at about 165°C and melts above 250°C. Dop with cold adhesive. It can be cut with a jeweller's saw, filed and sanded. Use plenty of water throughout if using machinery. Polish with cerium or tin oxide on well soaked soft leather. Use very light pressure.

Apatite

This is very heat sensitive and brittle. Dop as for Amber. Saw, grind and sand with a light touch. Use a smooth wheel. Finish on a very worn 600 grit disc and polish on soft, well padded, leather using tin or cerium.

Aragonite

Similar to work as apatite. Take same precautions.

Aventurine

This stone has a tendency to undercut and cabs. should be sanded at a fast speed using plenty of water.

More cutting remarks in the
next issue...

Day-by-day

To smile each day
Makes life worthwhile
And brings a better tomorrow.
To moan all day
Brings nothing at all
But misery, Sadness and sorrow.
To love each day
Gives peace of mind
And nothing but happiness.
To hate each day
Keeps yours friends away
You're then in a fine old mess.
So make each day
A wonderful day
Enjoy each minute of it
Just give and take
In the things you do
Better you'll be just for it.

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COMPETITION.....

You will remember the competition in the last issue of this magazine? Well the judges decided to hold the judging over until the A.G.M. (March 2nd) to give members more time to design that item of jewellery.

Remember, the prize is for the most original item of jewellery made from standard jewellery findings. We are hoping you will come up with a novel way of using such items as bell caps, chain and leaf bail etc.

The item must be presented in person at the A.G.M.

The judges will be three committee members that are not exhibiting.

ANAGRAMS

Lapidary

DANA WISDOM

FAT TEN CIG

SIR MIGHT SNIVEL

RUM BELT

Minerals

ICE TALC

BAT RISE

ANGLE 'A'

TIE HER WIT

TEETH AIM

Gemstones

STAY THEM

TO PRIDE

IN TRICE

REAL MAD

A SHIPPER

TAX DINER ALE

MAIL ROUTE 'N'

DID MOAN

Fossils

BOOR HID CAP

GAIL POTTER

BITTER OIL

ANSWERS IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF STONE CHAT.

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MORE POINTS TO PONDER

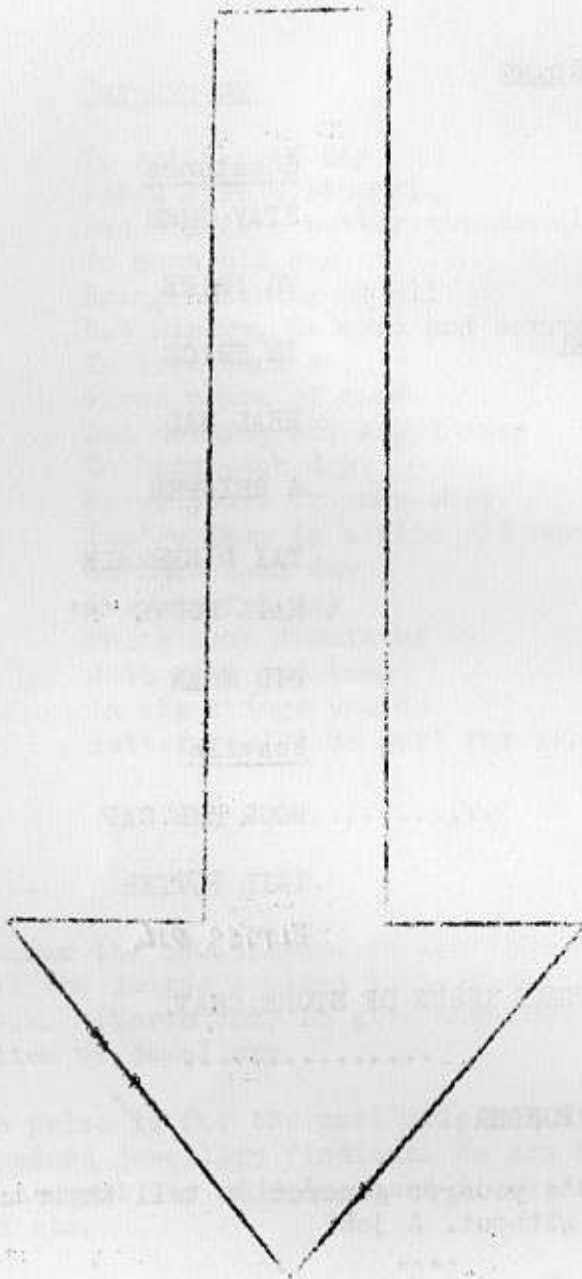
What will today's younger generation tell their children they had to do without. A job?

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Anyone who says he enjoys a cold shower every morning will lie about other things too.

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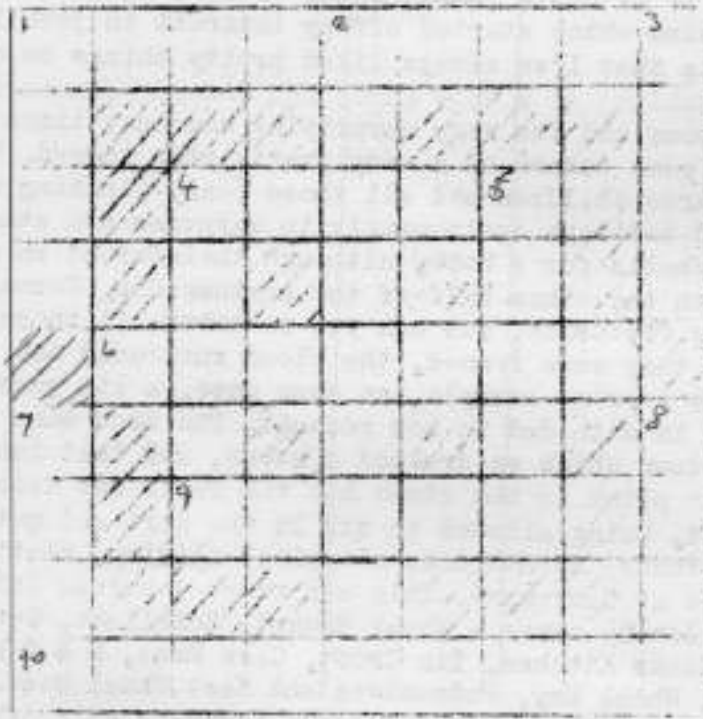
The courage to speak must be matched by the wisdom to listen.



HOW ABOUT AN ITEM FROM YOU TO FILL THIS PAGE NEXT TIME?

I dont know if it was a jumble sale, or a mania for collecting safety-pins which started off my interest in jewellery. All I know is that I've always liked pretty things on clothes. I started jumbling at a very early age indeed, because of the war and coupons and its very surprising how many times this thing about pins turned up a very pretty item indeed. Well way after three children and all those penny-pinching days, we commenced holidays again mainly in caravans and started collecting shells for a hobby although the interest in mines remained with the other half of the partnership. Cornwall was a strong favourite, but can you remember all those mine tips before they were fenced, the blood runs cold now. Cape Cornwall was a prime example, an open cave, a six year old lad rushing in with dad in hot pursuit. The open mine shaft, no fences, down which we dropped a stone, and that long long wait for the plink as the stone hit the water far below. They all loved it, being allowed to dig in the dirt and get filthy hammering stones, scrambling, slipping, sliding, visiting the engine house at Cambourne. This was where I became interested again. The lovely names - Wheal Edward, Botallack, Geevor, Dolcoath, Cooks Kitchen, Tin Croft, Carn Brea, N & S Roskear, West Seton, Wheal Uny, Fednandrea and East Wheal Rose. One thinks of the miners in the old days stepping on - off all the way down to the botton as the big engine slowly pumped away. Working all day in the heat, the stuffiness with just a candle on your hat, no air pumps and always the sea as at Levant pounding at your back or above your head. Anyway we came back from Cornwall with pieces of carnelian, all those gorgeous warm warm colours and amethyst, not so good but fancy even finding real jewels in this country - I had always thought gems came from far far away carried on camels across Eastern deserts or from South America on three masted brigantines.

More next time.....



ACROSS

Copper Ore

- 1. Sulphide of iron crystal
- 4 & 5 down Stone found in Persia
- 6. Force of motion
- 9 see 4 down
- 10. Sea urchin

DOWN

- 1. Rich limey clay
- 2. Chalcedony
- 3. To design on metal
- 4 & 9 across Mysterious fossil
- 5 see 4 across
- 7. Where minerals are often found
- 8. scale

solution in next issue

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