

# HENSON HERALD

Welcome to the 30<sup>th</sup> Edition of Henson Herald; the big 'O'. Eleanor is very busy with her Publishing Apprenticeship so kindly Emma Lockley has stepped in to produce this first Newsletter for 2021.

Since Lockdown last March we have endeavoured to issue one a month to our readership because it's important to inform you about the state of the publishing business. Recently there have been some exciting developments, which if they come to pass, will ensure success and in due course they will be revealed to all.

The Christmas Show was a success and went out on Boxing Day and New Year's Day. Family and Friends attended on both occasions and the opportunity to donate to the New Victoria Theatre is open until February.



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Commerce.

I have made a New Years Resolution that is to do regular calisthenics on the patio. The exercises consist of ski swishes, arm circling, and taking deep breathes to fill my lungs. However, I don't think Jo Wickes has too much competition to worry about!!!

We hope this edition brings you pleasure and as always welcome your feedback. If you are able please make a donation to the New Victoria Theatre.

Stay Safe

Malcolm Henson.

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## THE HOUR GLASS OF LIFE

Do not waste years of your life.

I ponder and recall the years I have lived and realize that the time I have left is less than what I have lived so far. Life is a big cog. You see white-haired people walking on the street carrying heavy loads. Every old man carries a young one inside of him. I see the hourglass of life dwindling, and every grain that leaves the present I want to be substantial and deeply joyful, I want to take advantage of what life brings me.

If you do not regret and continue to dream, there may be something left. The life of the retiree is a torment or a trip to the dream. Old age means wisdom, and the end of an era does not mean death. Some age, and some mature.

I do not want to spend time in my life for useless and stupid gatherings knowing in advance that they are leading nowhere. The enemy of life is time, if you lose it you cannot get it back.

You deprived life of your body, you spent your life useless, superficial, and meaningless, wasted your youth meaninglessly on imaginary joys and false dreams and without realizing it. You were looking for your death like a cancer in progress that eats healthy cells until it dies.

Time is what will write our end, it can stop us, and not us the time. I counted my whole life and saw that at the crossroads where life and time meet, there is a strange feeling, that only the logic of imagination travels you, and you can truly feel the meaning of life.

An old man is a child with a past. The beauty of the sun is the east, and its pride is the west. If you miss the sunrise and kill the sunset of life, what is the reason for your existence? Do not wait to grow old to relax, you can continue to have pleasures without hope. The years give you the right to give good advice, but they deprive you of the power to do bad deeds. I have no appetite, and I do not try to talk to irrational people, nor to oppose mediocrity, I can no longer live in the surface, a little substance is just enough.

I want people by my side with human nature, without arrogance, honest people whose God is the truth, people who hold dignity high, so that life is worthwhile, and the journey has a meaning.

Live with the maturity of your age, become a pilot of your own life. Love can protect you from old age. Do not waste your life spending your time without having the strength to reassemble it. There is the time you are waiting for, and the time you are hoping, do not let your years become the proof of your life. Indifference is the problem; we all want to live, and no one wants to grow old. Love does not want haste, nor does the life of a retiree. Leave your mind in peace, stop worrying about tomorrow before today ends and without having enjoyed it. Every day brings something new, do not throw away the gifts without opening them.

# DO NOT BE AFRAID OF THE DEEP, IF YOU KNOW HOW TO SWIM, EVERYTHING IS GAME

Do not be afraid of loneliness, it can teach you a lot. You become complete when you embrace loneliness and yourself. You can also control your desires, create your own character, your personal thoughts, and opinions.

How many times are we with friends and still we feel lonely? When people do not have the power of communication, company becomes a suffering. Then, from being physically alone, you end up feeling lonely.

Remove those who pretend to care about you, that surround you but deprive you of oxygen.

It is never too late for change; it is the moment you choose loneliness before it chooses you. Take it as an opportunity, a conversation with yourself, a break to recharge your batteries and really connect with your ego, to fill your life with things that really give you joy. To correct the bad habits that spoil your mood and deprive you of joy. Make friends with yourself because you will have him for the rest of your life, and if you find him, and you have no one next to you, you will still feel complete.

Loneliness is what will show you how much power you hide inside. The people around you, do not touch your soul, do not want and cannot understand you, they hide the light from you because they have learned to live in darkness. But there are also those who will inadvertently find out who they really deserve to walk with them.

When the storm comes, it scares and chases away friends. Loving yourself is a big step towards self-knowledge, liberation from unnecessary chatter and negative consequences. Loneliness is a teacher, in whose silence you can hear your most hidden truths, your inner voice shouts louder to you, directs you, shows you the light and leads you away, on the path of liberation. Loneliness is a great school of awareness, it refreshes life and gives wings to the soul.

It is worth visiting, but it is a bad place to stay.

I wrote this article at the urging of a good friend of mine, from which I borrowed some words, and I thank her very much.

## THE ANGLO SOVIET RADIO CHESS MATCH, JUNE 1946

BY JOHN KNEE

During the 1940s a number of international radio matches took place. 'Tellers' were needed to transmit and receive the moves, and so there was usually a long delay between a player making his move and then receiving a reply. In fact each round usually took two 10 hour sessions to complete.

Despite these difficulties, the Society for Cultural Relations with the U.S.S.R. decided to issue a challenge for a match. The British side could have had no illusions about the result. Chess here had been almost moribund during the war, whilst in the Soviet Union chess had continued almost as normal, despite all the difficulties.

The team list below gives the dates and places of birth, and occupations of the British team, showing plenty of variety. It can be seen that the youngest British player was 35, and this was the age of the oldest Soviet player!

Hugh Alexander (Cork, 1909); Crypto-analyst at Bletchley Park and the Foreign Office.

Ernst Klein (Vienna, 1910); Mathematics teacher.

Imre Konig (Hungary, 1901); Chess professional.

Harry Golombek (London, 1911); Languages graduate, Chess professional.

William Fairhurst (Cheshire, 1903); Civil engineer.

Paul List (Lithuania, 1887); Restaurant proprietor, Art dealer.

William Winter (Hampshire, 1898); Law graduate, Chess professional.

James Aitken (Scotland, 1908); Ph.D. in Mathematics, Foreign Office.

Barry Wood (Sheffield, 1909); Research chemist, Chess magazine editor.

Gerald Abrahams (Liverpool, 1907); Barrister and writer.

Ladies team:-

Eileen Tranmer (Scarborough, 1910); Professional clarinet player.

Rowena Bruce (Plymouth, 1919); Housewife and mother.

It was to be expected that the U.S.S.R. would win the match easily. In fact, the British did well to score 3 wins and 6 draws from the 24 games. The 3 wins will be given in a later article.

# THE LONDON CHESS TOURNAMENT, JANUARY 1946

BY JOHN KNEE

London chess players were quickly into action after the Second World War, organising an international tournament in January, 1946, shortly after the conclusion of the traditional Christmas/New Year tournament at Hastings.

Besides many of the leading British players, ex-World Champion Max Euwe (Holland) and veteran grandmasters Ossip Bernstein and Savielly Tartakover (both France) participated, as did two of the leading USA players, Herman Steiner and Arnold Denker. Many other European countries were represented among the twenty-four participants, but no Russian players appeared, despite an invitation.

However, the player of greatest interest to the general public was fourteen year old Arturito Pomar, born in Majorca and representing Spain. He had already defeated a grandmaster and drawn with World Champion Alekhine, but this event was a major test for him.

The players were split into two all-play-all sections of twelve, considered to be of equal strength. Section A was won by Steiner and Section B by Euwe. Pomar scored 5.5 points out of 11, and the highest placed Britons, Gerald Abrahams and Sir George Thomas, both scored 6.5 out 11.

Below are games won by Euwe against London champion Gabriel Wood, and by Pomar against Reginald Broadbent, who was to win the British Championship in 1948 and 1950. Pomar later became a grandmaster, but did not reach World Championship standard.

## G. Wood vs M. Euwe

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. c4 dxc4 4. Qa4+ c6 5. Qxc4 Bf5  
6. Nc3 Nbd7 7. Bg5 Qb6 8. O-O-O e6 9. Nd2 Bb4 10. f3 e5  
11. Bxf6 Nxf6 12. e4 Be6 13. d5 Bxc3 14. Qxc3 cxd5  
15. Qxe5 O-O 16. Kb1 Rfe8 17. Qf4 dxe4 18. fxe4 Rad8  
19. Be2 Rd4 20. Bf3 Nd5 21. Qe5 Nc3+ 22. Ka1 Nxd1  
23. Rxd1 Red8 0-1

## A. Pomar vs R. Broadbent

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 d5 4. Bg5 Be7 5. e3 h6 6. Bh4 O-O  
7. Nf3 b6 8. cxd5 exd5 9. Bd3 Be6 10. O-O c6 11. Rc1 Re8  
12. Ne5 Nfd7 13. Bxe7 Qxe7 14. f4 Nxe5 15. dxe5 f5 16. Ne2 c5 17. Bxf5 Bxf5 18. Qxd5+ Qe6 19. Qxa8 Nc6  
20. Qb7 Re7  
21. Qa6 Nb4 22. Qa3 Nxa2 23. Ra1 Nb4 24. Nd4 cxd4  
25. Qxb4 d3 26. Rfd1 Rd7 27. Rd2 a5 28. Qc3 Kh7 29. Rc1 Be4  
30. Qc4 Qg6 31. Qc8 Rd5 32. e6 Rd6 33. e7 Re6 34. Qd8 Qf7  
35. Rc7 Kg6 36. Qf8 b5 37. h3 1-0

## THE ANGLO-SOVIET CHESS MATCH, 1946.

### GAMES WON BY GREAT BRITAIN

Hugh Alexander vs Mikhail Botvinnik (later World Champion)

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. e5 c5 5. a3 Bxc3+ 6. Bxc3 Ne7  
7. Qg4 cxd4 8. Qxg7 Rg8 9. Qxh7 Qa5 10. Rb1 Qxc3+ 11. Bd2 Qc7  
12. f4 Nbc6 13. Nf3 Bd7 14. Ng5 Rxg5 15. fxg5 O-O-O  
16. Qxf7 Qxe5+ 17. Kd1 Nf5 18. g6 Ne3+ 19. Kc1 Qe4 20. Bd3 Qxg2  
21. Re1 Ne5 22. Qf4 Nf3 23. Re2 Qh3 24. Bxe3 e5 25. Qf7 dxe3  
26. g7 Qg4 27. h3 Qg1+ 28. Kb2 Qg3 29. Bg6 Nd4 30. g8=Q Rxg8  
31. Qxg8+ Kc7 32. Qh7 Kd6 33. Bd3 e4 34. Qh6+ Kc7 35. Rxe3 Qe5 36. Ka2 Nf5 37. Qg5 Be6  
38. Be2 d4+ 39. Reb3 b6 40. Qd2 d3  
41. Bg4+ 1-0

David Bronstein (tied a World Championship match with Botvinnik) vs William Winter

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 g6 6. Be3 Bg7  
7. f3 Nc6 8. Qd2 O-O 9. Nb3 Be6 10. Nd5 Bxd5 11. exd5 Ne5  
12. Be2 Qc7 13. O-O Nc4 14. Bxc4 Qxc4 15. Rad1 Rfc8 16. Rf2 Nd7 17. Bg5 Bxb2 18. Bxe7 Nb6  
19. Bxd6 Rd8 20. Na5 Qa6 21. Qb4 Rxd6 22. c4 Bg7 23. Rfd2 Bh6 24. Rd3 Rad8 25. a4 Bf8 26.  
Qb5 Qxb5  
27. axb5 R6d7 0-1

Viacheslav Ragozin (International Grandmaster) vs Gerald Abrahams

1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 c6 4. Nf3 dxc4 5. e4 b5 6. Be2 Nd7  
7. O-O Bb7 8. d5 Nc5 9. dxc6 Bxc6 10. Nd4 Qd7 11. Nxc6 Qxc6  
12. a4 Rd8 13. axb5 Qb7 14. Qc2 Nb3 15. Ra6 Nf6 16. Be3 Bc5  
17. Bxc5 Nxc5 18. Rc6 Nb3 19. Bxc4 Nd4 20. Qa4 O-O 21. Ra6 Qb8 22. f4 g5 23. e5 Nh5 24. g3  
Kh8 25. Qd1 Ng7 26. Qg4 gxf4  
27. Qxf4 Ndf5 28. Ne2 Nh5 29. Qe4 Rg8 30. Bd3 Rg5 31. Rc6 Rd5  
32. Rfc1 Kg7 33. b6 axb6 34. Rc7 b5 35. R1c6 Qd8 36. Rc8 Qa5 37. Nf4 Nxf4 38. Qxf4 Qe1+ 39.  
Bf1 Qe3+ 40. Qxe3 Nxe3  
41. Rxd6 Rgxe5 42. Ke2 Rh1 46. Ke3 Rxh2 47. b3 Rh5 48. Rc7 Rg5 49. Kf4 Rd5 50. Ke4 h5 51.  
Bb4 Rg5 52. Kd4 Rg4+ 0-1



## THE INDIA VISIT: A REPORT, 2-8 FEBRUARY 2018

T. VASANTHA KUMARAN



**The India Visit Teams with women and men of Sillamarathupatti February 03, 2018**

### **February 02, 2018 Friday**

The Kenyan and Zimbabwean visitors – Professor Wanjiku Chiuri, Professor Sheila Wandera, Professor Mukadi Barasa (Kenya) and Ms. Eva Mushaninga (Zimbabwe) arrived from Laikipia University, Nyahururu, Kenya and Harare, Zimbabwe via Mumbai at Madurai about 1.40 pm.

They were received at the Madurai International Airport by the India Team, with traditional garlanding.

### **February 03, 2018 Saturday**

The day was spent at Madurai. Taking advantage of the visit to India, and Madurai, the Kenyans visited Madurai Meenakshi Mission for a health check-up and later visited the city and city centre, observing the urban skyline and shopping. In the late evening, all were on their way to Bodinaickanur and the Green Royale Hotel and Resorts for the night.

**February 04, 2018 Sunday**

***Field Visits***

In the morning, the visit to the field sites covered the Rural Area Development Trust (RUADT), the Field Office for the Revisit Project (9.30 am) and the visitors interacted briefly with Mr. Murugan, the CEO of the RUADT and his family, learning about the Home for the Differently Abled and the Special Schools where nearly 650 differently abled children of all ages study, take vocational training and are involved in production of goods and commodities for use and sale. Mr. Murugan spoke about his work among the Differently Abled of the villages and about the general socio-economic conditions of the people of the area of our Revisit Project.

The field visits began at 10.00 am and the visitors were taken to Maniampatti via Silamalai to see the areas reclaimed from under the sand and are used for cropping. In the midst of the reclaimed and cropped lands, TV spoke about the history of desertification, desertification per se and land reclamation for agriculture, with observations of the crops and cropped areas.

About 11.00 am, the teams visited Rasingapuram and the sand dunes west of the village. TV explained about the sand mining/quarrying in the area and the visitors were allowed to observe dunes, dune landscapes and were further shown the on-going 18<sup>th</sup> Canal construction and given the purpose of the canal and what it could do in containing desertification. Along the way, the visitors were shown the traditional water management mechanism known as the '*Theppam*' or a *Float* which facilitates irrigation by gravitational flow of waters from the *Theppam*, which were pumped into the *Theppam* from deep wells in the area. The visitors observed the agricultural activities of the command of the *Theppam* and raised several questions as to its usefulness and existence in the area. *Theppam* represents an element/a mechanism of the traditional knowledge system of the area.

The field visit continued onto Thevaram Pudukkottai where the visitors had first-hand information on Kuduval or Community Forests of the villages, Community/Public Toilets for women and children, village life and livelihoods.



Professor Barasa and Ms. Eva Munashinga on top of a dune and under the shade of a thorny prosopis julifera, west of Rasingapuram village February 04, 2018



### ***Meeting with the Women of SHGs at Sillamarathupatti***

A few minutes after noon (12.15 pm), the teams arrived at Sillamarathupatti and at the house of our local support Mr. SVP Veerakumar and his wife Ms. V. Manimala to meet with women of the local self-help groups, beneficiaries of the village development projects/seed funds.

The discussion and interactions lasted about an hour with the women of the SHGs and beneficiaries of the village projects asking the visitors about their work and telling them in turn about their own life and livelihoods as well as the general social and economic conditions of their families, communities and the villages. The beneficiaries shared with the visitors the benefits they received being the recipients of village project funds and equipment such as solar dryer (5 SHGs) and sewing machines (4 households), and goats and kids (3 households). They indicated that they had improved their incomes and social welfare, having received valuable assistance from the Revisit Project.

### ***Visit to the Town of Theni***

After lunch, the team visited the town of Theni-Allinagaram and stayed touring the town until about 5.30 pm.



Women of Self-Help Groups and Recipients of Village Development Project funds at Sillamarathupatti February 04, 2018

### ***Meeting with Women and Men of Mallingapuram Colony***

In the evening, after 6.00 pm, the teams visited the village of Mallingapuram Colony to meet with the SHGs and beneficiaries of the village projects and funds. The interaction with the people of the village lasted about 2 hours, exchanging community and households related socio-economics and welfare, and also the benefits accrued to households which received sewing machines (5) and goats and kids (4) over the months.

The increase in incomes is marginal but there is a regular flow of incomes on a daily basis.



The visitors met with the women of two self-help groups who received sewing machines and goats and kids as Village Development Projects February 03, 2018 (late evening)

**February 05, 2018 Monday**

### ***Visit to Organic Farm (SVP Farm) and Dairy Farm***

The visit to SVP Farms, an organic farm of 23 acres (in two separate farms, a km apart, of 18 acres and 5 acres), in the morning was quite interesting for the solar dryer for 5 SHGs of women is installed at the larger 18-acre farm, which has a sprawling coconut plantation with sapodilla (*sapota*) farm and the drumstick farm using solar energy. Mr. Veerakumar gave the visitors a tour of the farm explaining the salient facts about the solar dryer installation and the drying of coconut kernels for oil extraction and vegetables (okhra, eggplant, drumstick leaves) for marketing and the use of solar energy in the dryer, and also in the low-cost farm house for lighting and the automated cattle shed for cows. At the drumstick farm, he demonstrated the use of solar pest killer used at night for attracting and killing insects, which would otherwise destroy crops.



After a few minutes of one-to-one interaction, the visitors were taken to the 5-acre organic farm to look at the dairy farm as well as the community wastewater treatment using solar energy for irrigation of the farm. Mr. Veerakumar answered questions raised by the visitors about the organic farm and the operational processes at the farm.



Solar energy driven pest capture-killer at the organic farm February 05, 2018

### ***Research Exchange Workshop at RUADT***

The visitors and the hosts reached the RUADT, the venue of Research Exchange Workshop at about 11.00 am and the workshop got underway right away. TV introduced the guests to the NGO, Government and Village invitees and also outlined the purpose of the research exchange. The presentations on the Kenyan, Zimbabwean and Indian projects were presented, in quick succession, highlighting what was done, what was achieved and what was to follow.

Professor Wanjiku presented the Student Mothers and Day Care Centre (HYMA) projects, emphasizing the plight of the student mothers, particularly their livelihoods and difficulties in taking care of the children, and highlighting the need for the Day Care Centre at the University. She indicated that the University has set aside a building for the Day Care Centre but renovation and redesigning for the Day Care Centre, with requisite equipment, place for dining, playing and sleeping and proper security and safety for children, including a care taker were yet to be completed. She pointed out to her request to the University to pay for the caretaker for at least 6 months at a scale equivalent to the casual worker's wages currently in practice.

Ms. Eva presented her piggery development and chicken projects, highlighting the initiation and success/failure of the piggery projects in her own village and taking them over herself for future development. She also spoke on the chicken projects she initiated in the village and how the women recipients of the chicken projects fared as well as suffered when bird flu hit them hard. She reported that the women have succeeded in multiplying their chicken nearly eight-fold by their hard work and perseverance.

TV then presented Phase I of the project as well as Phase II, highlighting the accomplishments from then and now. He indicated how some of the bases built in Phase I disappeared over the years (for example, Farmers' Associations and the Federal Structure created) and was happy to see that the Women Self-Help Groups created in Phase I survived and were functioning effectively.

All through the presentations, TV acted as the translator to make the presentations understandable to the local invitees. There were questions to each of the speakers at the end of their presentations and they were answered satisfactorily by the presenters.

The workshop came to a close after lunch at 3.30 pm.

### ***Travel to Munnar, Kerala***

In the evening of February 05, 2018, the visitors and the hosts (Annammadevi left for Chennai the same evening as she had to go home to take care of her children) left for Munnar, about 5.30 pm.

By about 7.30 pm, the teams reached Golden Green Resorts of Munnar, some distance away from the din of the popular tourist spot of Kerala, on the Western Ghats.

### **February 06, 2018 Tuesday**

The entire day was spent visiting touristic/leisure and recreation spots of the Munnar hills. Nearly all the spots on the hills were visited during the day, the visitors and the hosts enjoying the sylvan surroundings and the tea plantations covered hills and the dam, water sporting and shopping sites. The visitors enjoyed the leisurely walks up and down the hills and also enjoyed shopping for souvenirs and gifts.

By the evening of February 06, 2018, the group reached the town of Munnar and spent two hours at the Thirumeny Cultural Centre in the hill town, enjoying the Kathakali and Kalaripayattu (Martial Arts) Concerts.



The Elephant Ride area of the Munnar hills February 06, 2018



### **February 07, 2018 Wednesday**

Early next morning, the visitors and the hosts (the visit planned for Thekkady Tiger Reserve, Periyar Dam and Boating was abandoned) started out for Madurai, to visit the Madurai Kamaraj University. Arriving at the University by about noon, the visitors were warmly received by the Department of Geography and the Department of Environmental Remote Sensing and Cartography staff and were shown the GIS, Photogrammetry labs, smart classes and their research interests.

The staff and faculty members of the two Departments also accompanied the visitors and the hosts to the Departments of Sociology, Education and Women's Studies Centre. At each of these Departments, the visitors interacted with the faculty members and learned a great deal about the disciplines taught, the courses conducted and the facilities and opportunities available for international students and faculty members. At the Women's Studies Centre, the visitors spent time discussing with a professor the focuses, courses and research interests of the faculty and students.

The highlight of the visit to the Madurai Kamaraj University was the meeting with the Vice Chancellor, who received the visitors and discussed with them the possibilities for signing a Memorandum of Understanding between the Madurai Kamaraj University and the Laikipia University of Kenya for student and faculty exchanges.

The visit to the University was extremely useful for the visitors as well as the faculty members of the Departments visited, resulting in a tacit understanding that exchanges could begin with the signing of the MoU.

### **February 08, 2018 Thursday**

The visitors, along with Mr. SVP Veerakumar, Ms. V. Manimala and TV, left the Green Royale Hotel and Resorts, Bodinayakanur early morning to the Madurai International Airport. After a quick breakfast in Madurai, the teams reached the airport well ahead of time.

The visitors left for their respective countries at 11.30 am. The flights took them via Mumbai and Dubai to Nairobi and Harare.



The visitors at the meeting with the Vice Chancellor of Madurai Kamaraj University  
Faculty members of the Department of Geography in the background February 07, 2018





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