

JUNE

James Tait, frantically padding up during a batting collapse, might buckle his pads into his sandals, and be stabbed in the buttock by a scoring pencil. Mike Fox will be involved in a run out.

JULY

Joe Fox will score 63no and take 4-17 off 14 overs - at the league club for whom he left Salmagundi. Louis Monahan, although seven years his junior, will be rudely pushed into the role of Son Who Is Required To Win The Game. Ulric Algar will hear his name pronounced correctly. In the opposition scorebook Seorais Graham will see the 197th spelling of his name. Mike Fox will be involved in a run out. The finger of a man in a white coat points the way.

AUGUST

In the Salmagundi scorebook Seorais Graham will see his surname misspelled. Chris Packham will roll a cigarette and comment ironically upon the ten-year-old hole in the knee of Mark Gilkes's whites. He may well afterwards smoke his cigarette with a satisfied air. Mike Fox will be involved in a run out. James Tait will produce a tea of quail's eggs and truffles – no sandwiches, just quail's eggs and truffles. Unlucky tree: willow.

SEPTEMBER

Big Phil Sessions will complete an unprecedented season of playing in every game - with the aggregate score of 88. Adam Wood will be the only Salmagundi in ten years of touring to accept the invitation to sail Lyme bay.

His later claim to have seen a porpoise will cause less offence once it's established James Tait's morning swim was three hours earlier. Mike Fox will be arrested for a firearm offence as he seeks to persuade the non-striking batsman not to call him through on a sharp single.

OCTOBER

Abdul Aziz Cricket Club will try to persuade Salmagundi to play an extra fixture in the badlands south of Croydon.

NOVEMBER

Abdul Aziz will call to see if we're interested in squeezing in a last game in between the footballers on Hackney Marsh.

DECEMBER

Abdul Aziz will suggest a game on the iced-over Serpentine.

If Salmagundi is to survive the coming season, it's desperately important that all (or none) of these predictions come true. Even if you are interested only in helping eat the quail's eggs and truffles, call the Salmagundi Soothsayer: 020 7836 9797

Mark Gilkes

Covent Garden Community Centre & Seven Dials Club

The Community Centre hopes to re-open in early Autumn 2003 – i.e. about four years after the Great Fire of Seven Dials closed it on 2 September 1999. Let us pray, now that the planning permission for the whole 65,000 sq ft building is granted, there will be no delay on the completion of the contract.

By the time of the CGCA AGM on 19th June, the builders should be on site in a 62-week contract, to end in mid-August 2003.

*Christina Smith
for the Trustees*

“Whenever we have had meetings concerning the area, there is a consensus that the two major problems are noise and crime. No other issue has ever been suggested as being in the top two priorities”

Mr N, Charing Cross Road