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See you all next month. Signed... The Trouble Maker.

O C T A G O N

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Patron: Viscount Nuffield O.B.E.

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Social Events	£84.15.10		

The latter reflects the lack of attendance of members at some of the events held by the Centre during the year. Speed meetings was the only event which showed an increase, this being £58.13. 2.

In view of the foregoing I feel that it is imperative that expenditure during the coming year be watched very carefully, and every endeavour be made to attract new members and increase attendances at club events.

The committee feel that it would be very unwise to make any investments for the coming year, as during this year the Centre purchased a Gestetner Duplicator at a cost of £135.13. 0.

The financial position of the Centre is still sound, current assets exceeding liabilities by £355.12. 9.

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I hope that all members will leave enough money (having purchased the Octagon Editor a Xmas box ... Time Bomb?).. to pay their subs for next year early ... say about January 1st? One has to be a committee member to appreciate the frustration of wondering how many members the Centre is going to have, and planning the year's activities accordingly. Do help, won't you?

See you all next month. Signed... The Trouble Maker.