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The winners were:-

Jack Linford, £12.00

Andrew Lovibond £80.00

Tony Short £12.00

SUBSCRIPTIONS - FINAL REMINDER

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Those of you who wish to continue your membership, please let Julian Colbran, Membership Secretary, have your money as soon as possible.

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WHATS ON!

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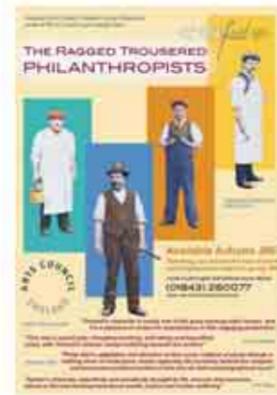
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