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As usual, we are grateful to the many people and organisations who have helped to put the show on the road and in particular the Jamaica Tourist Board, whose help has been invaluable.

And for 1973 - well, what ideal have YOU got for the Fete in 1973? The Fete committee is open to anyone who would like to join in. It meets on the first Monday of every month in the Memorial Hall. You will be most welcome.

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# JAMAICA

Jamaica could be described either as a small country or as a big island. Whichever it is, its heart is jungle green, lush and abiding in a thousand subtle shades ebbing away into the distant haze of the dramatic mountains. Its midriff is a beach, ranging in colour from spun sugar to pink champagne, sometimes small and intimate and sometimes almost limitless, running most of the way around this cornucopia of tropic sights. Beyond is the Caribbean Sea which has no equals anywhere else in the world. Unlike the seas we know along our Northern shores, the Caribbean is not a challenge to the brave but an invitation to pleasure, warm enough for any time of day any time of the year, sometimes pale aquamarine and sometimes a blue so deep that you cannot believe it until you see it. No wonder Jamaica is a dream for most people.

Why then is it that more of us do not go and sample Jamaica? We cheerfully spend the cost of a Jamaican holiday in Europe because we know Europe - not too far from home and relatively safe. We associate long distance travel with the rich, the idle, the playboys, with super-colossal palaces of pleasure, with things expensive and out of reach. We are sure we would feel strange and foreign.

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In Jamaica, you are either up, way up on some moleback ridge covered with tropical foliage or you are down in some dizzying valley where the children play among the waterfalls. The lush, most mountainous part of Jamaica is in the East where the fabled Blue Mountains trail their glorious coat of green nearest to the blue sea. Inland, it's fresh and cool morning and night and this is where the famous Blue Mountain coffee comes from.

The pearl of this part of Jamaica is Port Antonio where Captain Bligh of the 'Dumay' landed his first breadfruit trees in the 1790's and which Errol Flynn rediscovered in the 1920's.

Right across the island in the South East is Kingston, Jamaica's capital, once a small colonial town and now destined to become a very big city indeed, perhaps the biggest in the West Indies. Way out along the causeway are the ruins of Port Royal, the place where Captain Henry Morgan and his busy buccaners kept their loot in the old days. Cross the island again towards the North West and you are in the Cockpit Country, Jamaica's back of beyond where strangers rarely go. This remote, hilly area is the home of the Maroons, descendants of some of the escaped slaves of the old days, a land very much apart where life is summed up by

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What is left of this physical Jamaica is the wondrous North Shore, the tropic of pleasure running from Montego Bay through Ocho Rios and along to Port Antonio.

To read the travel brochures, this is where the action is, where the rich cavort in an endless round of parties. Well, maybe. The North Shore certainly has this, the best hotels in the Caribbean and all the trappings of the luxury resort. But you still burn your car off the road almost anywhere along this sixty-mile stretch and find a beach that will be yours for the day. If this is what is meant by "spot", the word demands a new definition.

Such is the Jamaican geography. Even more interesting is the human landscape because it is this which gives Jamaica its abundant colour and character. To explain the Jamaican in a few words, he is a friendly man, curious and intensely gregarious and with rollicking sense of humour which is never far below the surface. He likes strangers but hates being patronized and has a natural dignity which is almost biblical. He is very much a family man, though it is his wife who runs the brood. He has a great sense of occasion and of fun and loves noise, music and rhythm. The Jamaican, whose English is often better than ours, has a rare gift of imagery and flowery speech and he is a great talker who loves letting a good argument rip out.

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Whatever its ancestry, the steel band of today first appeared on V-E Day, 1945 in Trinidad when the whole population grabbed anything on which they could beat out a rhythm - including oil drums, for a victory march through the streets.

It wasn't long before the drums were being tuned to produce the notes of the scale by marking the surface into segments. In no time there were ensembles of "ping-pongs, piano pans, tenor kettles and tune booms" all over Trinidad, Jamaica and the rest of the Caribbean. Inside 10 years steel bands have created a new musical art and carried it all over the world.

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We hope that you are happy and proud to be living in a community which still has a sense of identity among so many anonymous and amorphous dormitory suburbs. If these things are important to you, your Association needs your help. Too many talented and energetic members have moved out of St. Johns over the last three years. Whether you are an old-timer or a newcomer who wants to make good friends quickly, I earnestly beg you to get touch with us. David Cross at the Pharmacy is a good place to start, if you want to find out what is going on (tel: Woking 62241), or phone me on Woking 4708. Look out too for notices publicising the Annual General Meeting where you have every chance to air your views and to make your Committee aware of them. For 'ravers' young and old there is the Halloween Disco-Dance in the Memorial Hall.

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Sunrise comes as if it were the Creation every morning all over again, cool and pale gold with slanting sunshine and that in itself is enough to set the mood for the day. Breakfast comes on your balcony not just weather permitting but each and every day and you don't even mind sharing it with the multicoloured, tilting birds which have grown fat on the tourist trade. The beach is there, waiting, framed by the tall coconut palms and one's first experience of the warm, soft sand and the clear water where you can see your toes six feet down is something no traveller ever forgets.

Hotel? The choice is yours and there is a Jamaican hotel for everyone, from the impetuous lovers who want to forget the world to the big city pasha who wants the world at his fingertips. But whether you pay £70 a day or a tenth of that, Jamaica is there waiting for you.

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To give you a taste of the flavour of Jamaica, we have been lucky enough to persuade "Jamaica Patties" to come to the Fete. These spicy little snacks will be on sale all afternoon. Try one now and get the authentic taste of Jamaica.

#### Cook - in Tip

##### Hot Coconut Relish

1 Cup Desiccated Coconut  
1 teaspoon Chilli powder  
1 Cup ground dried shrimps\*  
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