

London: Turning their backs on a troubled year, thousands of revellers at the Chelsea Arts Ball welcomed 1957 in the modern tempo, with hardly a moment to breathe. SOUND.

Getting down to bare facts, restrictions seem to be the vogue for the coming months. But on this night - joy was unconfined, ~~xxxxif~~ even if (with no late transport) it meant a long walk home. IN PICCADILLY,

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Trafalgar Square, ~~everyone~~ ^{AS IN TOWN AND CITY} everyone was full of resolution, for the celebrations

defied the ~~man~~ ^{weather}. They paid the price next morning, with streaming noses - besides that three-penny fare!

The season of goodwill ended abruptly, too, at the Chelsea Arts Ball - where the theme was "Primavera" "SPRING"

The ingenious figures portrayed the emergence of insect life from winter hibernation: but there were also the usual crowd of pests - trying to spoil the fun.

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Still, in traditional manner, they ~~said~~ farewell to 1956 - though no-one seemed sorry! SOUND

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