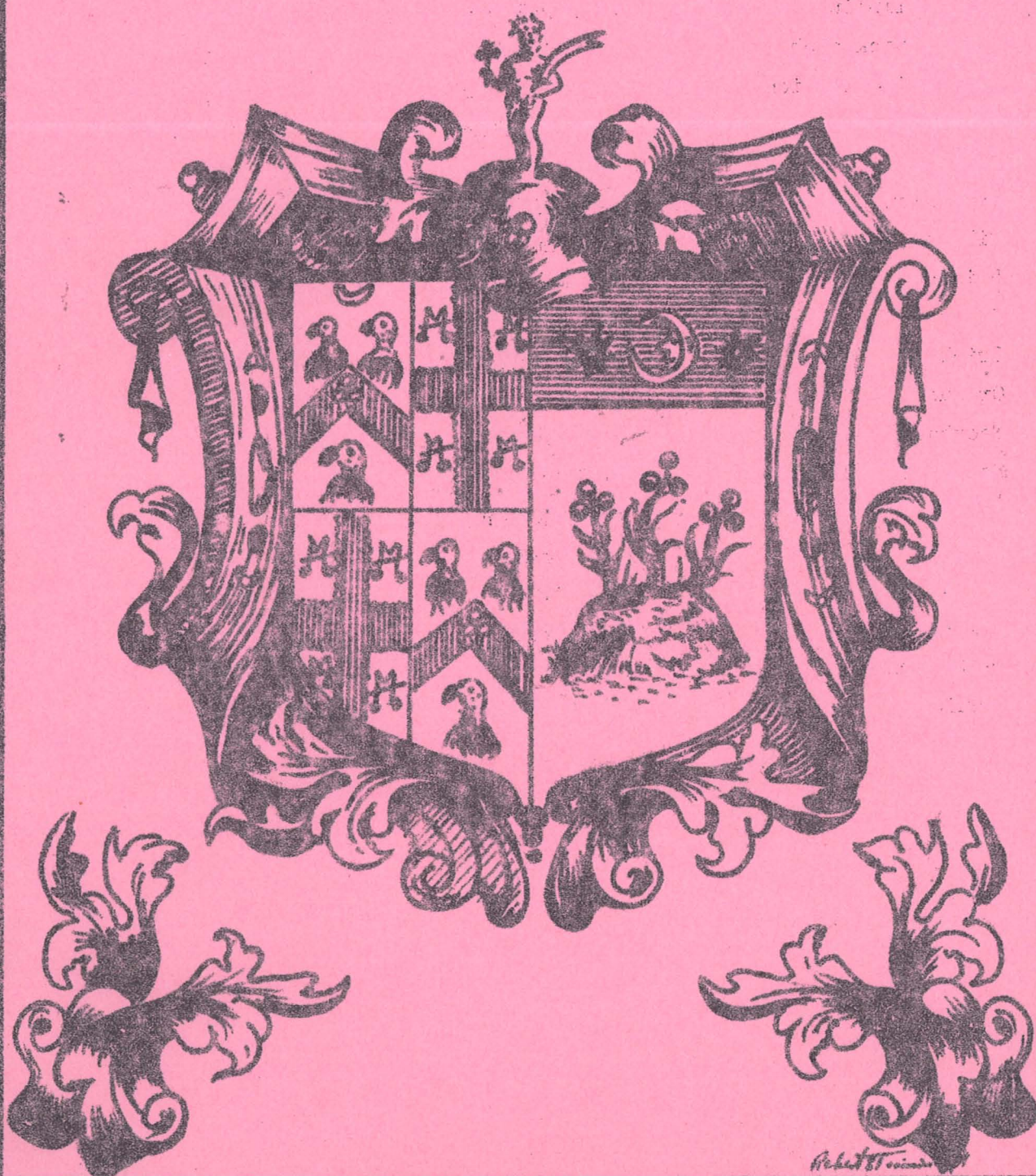


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EDITORIAL

Owing to a complete lack of interest we are taking the lid off apathy in this edition, but needless to say I couldn't be bothered to write it.

Instead we are trying something new. Ike has been cajoling unsuspecting people to report on Club events. "Good heavens", I can hear you say, "Reporters as well as an Editor? They'll be having a Page 3 spread next". I can assure you we won't be following in the footsteps of the Sun, but I hear the Times staff are still looking for jobs! Our club reporter in this edition is our ex-Club Chairman and ex Quickmatch editor, Rick Richards. Welcome to the staff, Rick.

Congratulations to our PERME dart team who beat RSAF by the narrowest of margins, and special congratulations to the captain, Terry Rider who led us to victory. Since the first challenge match in 1975, we have won the trophy on alternate years, but let's hope we can break the sequence next time we meet.

Meanwhile, back to this edition of Quickmatch. We feature our usual competition for a bottle of plonk, and our thriller writer has included another short story. We don't have any jokes, because I haven't received any worthwhile printing. I did get one about a cow who said to another cow that they were going to be artificially inseminated - straight up, no bull, but I didn't understand it. Answers, please, on a postcard.

I apologise for the lack of features and the lateness of this edition, but correction of these faults would have required dedication, time and effort, qualities which I am running out of fast. It is for this reason that I regretfully gave in my notice as Editor recently. If no replacement is found by the end of April I have agreed to edit the last Quickmatch of this Committee's year. So as this may be my last opportunity I would like to thank all the people who have helped to keep Quickmatch alive by contributing articles, ideas, time and sheer hard work over the years I have been associated with it.

John Holloway
Editor

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Its been a long hard winter this year for all of us and not least the Club. Despite our 24 hour snowplough service to keep Powdermill Lane clear of snowdrifts, it has been apparent that the severe weather has numbed all but the keenest spirit and converted many of us into TV addicts. The dependence of trade on a handful of devoted regulars together with our misfortune to have acquired a rogue playing machine - yes, it really does pay out too much! - will result in a very bleak financial year. But never mind, spring is around the corner and new life is stirring; the darts league is in full swing and Tennis players anxiously await the thaw. So how about you? Why not come down and enjoy yourself and make full use of your Club.

Our thoughts on the relocation of the Club to the N Site Canteen are crystallising slowly and we have been helped in this by the architects department of Greene King; two alternative schemes have been drawn up and after Committee discussion and further modification, the preferred proposal will be discussed with the Establishment. Plans are one thing but implementation is another. However one possible solution which seems very attractive is that the Brewery would do a lot of the conversion providing we were willing to guarantee sufficient future trade. This would mean us sacrificing to some extent our independence and freedom of choice in beers and we shall be canvassing members to find out their reaction to this proposal. To be continued

R. McGuchan

SOCIAL REPORT

The few weeks since the New Year Dance have been fairly quiet on the social scene but we have a reasonably busy programme lined up for the next couple of months.

On Saturday 17th March (St. Patrick's Night) from 8.00 - 11.00p.m. we have live music provided by the very popular 'Marksmen' making a welcome return after a long absence from our Club.

The following Saturday 24th March from 8.00 - 11.00p.m. your entertainment will be provided by Rick Richards who will be organising a 'Big Band Swing Disco' - a disco with a difference where you can listen and dance to swing classics of yesteryear.

A wine tasting evening will be held on Friday 30th March, your hosts being John Anderson and Ian Costen and they will have a selection of new wines to offer you.

On Friday 13th April from 8.00 - 11.00p.m., for those of you who are not superstitious, there will be a 'pop' disco featuring again our own DJs Barry James and Keith Basford.

Please Note All of the above mentioned functions will take place in the Club lounge, Powdermill Lane.

The next dance is the Supper Dance on Friday 4th May in the North Site Canteen from 8 - 12.30a.m. with the very popular 'Midnight Sound' band.

BINGO

By request we will be holding our regular Bingo Sessions twice monthly for a trial period of three months starting in April. For anyone who is interested the dates during this period are as follows.

Sunday 1st April)
" 15th "	
" 6th May	
" 20th "	
" 3rd June	
" 17th "	
" 1st July)

All sessions commence at approx. 8.00p.m. in the Club lounge.

Details of these and other social functions will be circulated at a later date.

Some of you may remember in the last edition of Quickmatch the Editor decided to "Take the lid off" Social for which I wrote an article inviting comments and suggestions on the type of social functions you would like to see in our Club. From the complete lack of response I can only presume that either everyone is entirely satisfied with the running of the Social Sub-Section, or that they don't care - I wonder which it is?

Elsa McFarlane
Costing Office
Ext 497

DANCING CLASSES

A few months ago we tried to start another beginners dancing class. We had a reasonable response but the number fell just short of what we required. We have therefore decided to have one more try. If you are interested in learning ballroom dancing please contact Elsa McFarlane Ext 497.

PERME DART TEAM

A new team was formed for admission to the Waltham Abbey Dart League 1978/79 season. At the moment we are placed 2nd from the top in the 3rd League section. We have a grand team and its nice to know the name of Perme Darts is once again up in lights around Waltham Abbey. We the team would like to take this opportunity of saying thank you to the Bar staff for their cheerful handling of the many pints that help to make our opponents enjoy their visits to the Club, and a special thank you to our two lady friends for the sandwiches which keeps everyone clambering for more.

CHALLENGE MATCH DARTS

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On behalf of the Perme dart team I would very much like to convey a sincere vote of thanks to those concerned in preparing and providing the magnificent spread of food for the Perme v RSAF match.

Unfortunately I forgot to do this on the match night, but please accept my apologies, and once again thank you very much.

Owing to the terrible weather numbers were reduced, this resulted in some of the food being left, even though my brother made a gallant effort to see it off.

I would also like to thank all those who turned up to make it a very enjoyable evening despite the weather, also members concerned in making the arrangements.

T. Rider
D/T Capt.

CHESS

In the chase for honours the 1st team is still in the Herts KO Cup; the second team is well placed in the North Circular League; and the Essex Commercial League team is among the leaders, our third team is in the relegation zone of the Essex League but, with increased playing strength, it is hoped to draw clear in the second half of the programme.

The Club Swiss Tournament has now reached the sixth round, and it looks like a new name on the Uri Cup with Peter Rose a clear leader.

There is still plenty of chess to be played and any member who is interested in details of the Club should contact the Secretary, Bob Jones, Extension 223.

PERME TABLE TENNIS SECTION

The Table Tennis Section was founded in 1949, and since 1951 has entered teams in the local EDWASCA League every year apart from 1956, when insufficient members were available. We have three teams playing this season, but unless we can recruit new members in the near future, 1956 looks like being repeated next season.

Due to rationalisation, retirements and transfers, lunch time play seems to have come to a virtual standstill. The Green Hut facilities are still available, but unfortunately most of the potential players are on the South Site. It is anticipated that a building will become vacant on the South Site in the near future that will be large enough to house two tables.

Will all past, present and potential members who are keen enough to play for relaxation at lunch time, or competitively in the league, please write to me in the next few weeks, stating their particular interest. The response may well decide the immediate future of the section, so let's see what hidden talent we have. It's much more fun trying to hit a moving ball, and a lot cheaper than golf.

A.J. Dedman (G.C.)

BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER SUB-SECTION

Both teams are battling away in Division II of the EDWASCA League, but neither look like winning the Division. However, we won't be entirely out of the trophies this year since we still have one pair remaining in the Snooker pairs competition (the next round being the Final), and two individuals still in the Consolation Snooker event at the quarter-final stage. We still need a billiards player.

At least one team member is usually present at the Club on Monday evenings to encourage and advise beginners.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

Our hardest opponent this year has been the weather, so we have only been able to play a limited amount of games. Our respective positions in the league to date are 14's 6th and 11's 3rd place. The 14's have been knocked out of their cup competition but the 11's have yet to start, but on the evidence of their league games we must start as favourites to win the cup.

Our presentation night will be held in the H/S Canteen on Saturday, May 19th so we hope to win some trophies this season to add to those club awards that are to be presented.

Unfortunately we have to call a halt to our appeal for newspaper as the price now being quoted makes it unrealistic for us to carry on collecting so I would like to thank all those who have contributed their waste paper to us.

Bill Warren

SQUASH

The 1978 season was rounded off by a knock-out competition played in November/December. The competition was run by the Chairman who also compiled the rules. Despite the suspicions of the players he beat to get into the final, Bill Pember played Malcom Day for the trophy. Malcom was not fully fit (but then he never is!) but he tried his best and was unlucky to lose by a large margin to a superior player (Blush!).

The Treasurer (M. Day) presented the winner (B. Pember) with his trophy and was then rewarded by the Chairman (B. Pember) with the runner-up trophy - and a good time was had by all!

Dear Editor,

To put your mind at rest, Dave Johnson (Secretary), the last winner of the Challenge Trophy, did not take part in this competition. This was due in part to the competition standard being rather high for a part-timer and also his wish not to upset the Editor by so many Squash Committee members getting near the Trophy.

To get back to more mundane things, I would like to ask anyone interested in playing Squash to come along one Tuesday evening and try our style of playing. I would like to see some more female players or any ladies who would like to play Squash.

Bill Pember
Chairman

DARTS

The Darts knockout final night was held on Friday 15th December in the Social Club. The surprise result of the evening was the defeat of Mick Leonard and Dennis Panting by George McFarlane and Ike in the mens doubles. In a close ladies singles final, Val Holloway triumphed over Linda Bishop, both players were on double one in the deciding game, with Val getting the double first. The best match of all was the mens singles final, which was won by Derek Brundrit. Derek defeated Albie Wright with an outstanding display of darts and thoroughly deserved the title. Below is a full list of the winners and runners-up. I would like to thank John Holloway for organising this tournament.

PERME DARTS KNOCK-OUT FINALISTS

	<u>Winners</u>	<u>Runners-Up</u>
Mens Singles	D. Brundrit	A. Wright
Ladies Singles	V. Holloway	L. Bishop
Mens Doubles	G. McFarlane & Ike	D. Panting & M. Leonard
Ladies Doubles	V. Holloway & E. McFarlane	V. Stewart & J. Cooke
Mixed Doubles	J. & V. Holloway	G. & L. Bishop
Fours	Engineers	BWD S/S

The annual dart match with the Royal Small Arms was affected by snow this year (no we didn't play it outside). In the first leg at the Small Arms Social Club, PERME were two players short, and in the second leg at our Social Club the Small Arms were also two players short, so it was decided to miss out the Eights altogether and just play the Fours and Pairs. The first leg ended in a 3 - 3 draw, but PERME duly won the second leg 4 - 2 to win the cup for the second time. I would like to thank Eunice Adams for providing the food for the second match (her scones will be the talk of the Social Club for months to come).

Stan Berry

FOOTBALL REPORT

Having made my last report too late to be included in the previous edition of Quickmatch, Stan Berry tells me I'd better look a bit livelier this quarter.

I did say then, that our two teams have to be entered in the league as two distinct teams, therefore, I can only really comment on PERME, with hearsay news of PERME reserves.

Just before Christmas we were putting it together very well, the training supervised by Jim Spellane was beginning to show through, alas and alack, the Christmas break, the ensuing bad weather have broken the continuity we had going for us. We have achieved better results than last year, our season is only half way through, so that inspite of one or two sad results, we still have time to get it right, and again get on a winning streak.

Emphasising as I must, that every player has given his all, for the Club (both on and off the field), probably the annoying thing is that there is nothing we can pinpoint as the weakness, the bounce of the ball, always seems to favour your opponents when you're struggling for a couple of good results, and I know that this is the case in all sports, we shall continue to pull together and by the next Quickmatch I shall be only too eager to grab the pen and report better things, such is the atmosphere in the section.

The Reserves have mastered the important thing for them this season, and that is to, get off the ground, establish themselves as a team, and although nobody expected them to do anything this year, consolidate, and begin to make their mark next season. I am indebted to Tony Williams, Alan Webb and Mike Hemmings for their hard work and enthusiasm to this end.

Finally to prove that football isn't all we're capable of, we've had two engagements within our section, congratulations then to Steve Surridge and Valerie, Phil and Jenny, well done chaps, you've scored one of lifes blessings (so my wife said).

Pat Jones continues to hold the keys to the safe vaults, and only allows us into the Hallowed Halls to buy the bare essentials needed to run two teams, thanks Pat, that's what you're there for.

16/20 of us are going down to Bournemouth for the Easter Hol's, no games arranged, but we'll be taking a ball, and kicking it all the way to the bar, and that's got to be warmer than the touchlines have been lately.

Bill Telling

NOTICE TO BLOOD DONORS

The North-East Thames Regional Blood Transfusion Service have asked me to thank all of you who attended the recent donor session at PERME. Despite the adverse conditions which delayed the arrival of the team, and consequently upset the carefully arranged appointment times, 86 of you gave blood at the session.

If you know of anyone who would like to become a donor, please let me know and I will add their name to my list.

It is not a well-known fact, but people who have had jaundice may now be able to donate blood because a more reliable method has been developed to detect the antibodies.

Valerie Holloway
Ext 514

TENNIS CLUB ST. VALENTINE'S DANCE

The day of the dance dawned on a Yukon scene. The snow from recent heavy falls had persisted, and near-Arctic temperatures had ensured that the water arising from some slight thaw the previous day had re-frozen, making walking and driving extremely dangerous. Surely few of the ticket purchasers from anywhere other than the immediate vicinity would risk attending the dance under these circumstances - or so your reporter thought as he braved his way the half mile to the Canteen on that Friday evening.

Imagine, therefore, his surprise as he arrived to find the hall already full of intrepid civil servants and spouses grimly determined to enjoy themselves. Could it be that the spirit which made Britain great was not yet dead? or was it that PERME employees would undergo all manner of risk and privations rather than waste the price of a ticket? - unfortunately the latter explanation seemed the more likely.

Nevertheless, it quickly became apparent that the evening was going to be an extremely pleasant and somewhat unusual one. The group, called the Organisers, was a new one to PERME dances, and had a highly original approach to the evening's entertainment. They played sufficient dance numbers to ensure that the dance per se was successful, but the leader who had been a member of the backing group for Adam Faith, leavened the proceedings by indulging in a number of solo performances; these ranged from singing comic and risqué songs to playing one number completely out of tune - rather like a Les Dawson piano recital.

The high spot of the evening occurred during one of these novelty items. The group were playing some punk rock number to which, perhaps not surprisingly, nobody was dancing, when two wierdly dressed apparitions appeared on the empty dance floor. Close inspection revealed them to be Togs Torry and his girlfriend, and they proceeded to 'dance' to the 'music'. Your reporter finds it difficult to find the right descriptive terms to replace those indicated by inverted commas in the previous sentence. Readers will, of course, have inadvertently heard punk rock on the radio and therefore realise that the term 'music' is hardly appropriate. Likewise the spastic convulsions interspersed with periods of catalepsy demonstrated by Togs and his soul mate are not usually covered by the description 'dance'. Nevertheless, this performance spurred the group on to greater things and, cheered on by an entranced audience, the dynamic duo twitched their way through chorus after chorus until finally both band and performers ran out of steam. After this exhibition, several balletomanes were seen to leave with tears in their eyes murmuring brokenly about the poetical conceptions which had been spontaneously created and which were reminiscent of the great Nureyev at the height of his powers.

Those remaining continued to dance enthusiastically to this very versatile group, and left happily at midnight to try to navigate the frozen switchback circuit of Walton Gardens. Despite the fact that a request for the police to patrol this area with their dogs equipped with barrels of brandy was turned down, no casualties were reported.

So ended another successful Tennis Club dance. The fact that entertainment of this high quality together with a very satisfying meal was provided for a mere £1.50 and, moreover, a substantial profit still made to finance this popular club, is a miracle of organising efficiency, and must make it one of the best values for money available today.

DHR

FOUR TO ONE AGAINST - A short story

He crawled slowly through the grass keeping himself as low as possible, the ground was hard due to the long hot summer.

"They must be close" he told himself.

He raised his head, eyes just above the grass and was thankful once again for his blonde hair that blended with the dry grass for it helped to conceal him. His eyes found the group he was looking for, they looked and were a cruel bunch. At the moment they were camped down at the bottom. He watched as the bottles were passed between the four of them, and he became aware how dry he was, his tongue passing over dry lips tasting the dust.

God he could do with a drink.

He surveyed the four figures sitting there laughing and drinking. They had left him bound and tied to a tree in the hot sun promising to come back to finish him off, but he had managed to escape. He felt the comfort of the rifle beside him and was glad to have had the presence of mind to have hid it before being captured.

He kept crawling till he could hear them talking and laughing - yes revenge will be sweet, the hunted now turned hunter.

"Yeh you laugh while you can" he murmured.

One of the gang turned his head in his direction and for a moment he thought he had been seen, but his luck was in and once again the chap was passed one of the bottles to drink from.

He would have to make his move soon, he glanced upwards noting the clouds building up, a storm was imminent. The four were getting restless and that meant they would be moving back to where they had left him tied up.

He was only yards away from them now, making a mental note of where they had laid their rifles.

Two of them had revolvers slung at their hips, the other two hunting knives in their belts, "hold it" "Don't make a move".

He had stood up, the two facing him had leapt to their feet, but, luckily they were the ones with the knives.

The others turned their heads, faces startled, and one, his hand flew to his hip.

"Draw and your dead" he said.

He pulled the hammer back on the rifle the click quite ominous and the hand froze.

"Alright up" he motioned the two on the ground.

"Up" he menaced them with the rifle.

"Nice and Slow".

They straightened up slowly, "You two over here", he ordered the two with the knives "I want you altogether".

One of them, a grin on his face slowly dropped his arm, fingers curled ready to snatch his gun from his holster.

"You can't take the four of us" he mouthed.

The other three gained confidence and started to move towards him.

"Don't move" he ordered again bringing the rifle up to his shoulder and taking aim on one of the heads in front of him.

They paused for a moment, then all four looked past his shoulder beyond him.

Was it a trick?

He darn't look round.

"Billy" a voice behind him called, a groan escaped from his lips, the four started to laugh.

"Billy" the voice said again

"You will have to come in now for your tea. Pick them lemonade bottles up, clear the garden and tell your friends you will see them later."

Billy replied "Yes mum".

J.C.

QUICKMATCH COMPETITIONS

Of the three competitions in the Christmas edition the 'Phobia' one was entered by quite a few people. Many of you were right with most of them, but hardly any of you have a fear of going to bed - at least you didn't know what to call it! Some of you suffer from HYPNOPHOBIA - a fear of going to sleep!

Nobody sent in a limerick, so the bottle of plonk for that one went to the second name out of the hatful of correct answers to the Actors and Actresses competition.

The only all correct answer to the Phobia's quiz was from B.V. BARRETT of the BWD S/S. The answers were:-

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| 1. CLAUSTROPHOBIA | 6. PARTHENOPHOBIA |
| 2. ASTRAPHOBIA | 7. ERGOPHOBIA |
| 3. NECROPHOBIA | 8. AGORAPHOBIA |
| 4. ARACHNOPHOBIA | 9. CLINOPHOBIA |
| 5. GYMNOPHOBIA | 10. HYDROPHOBIA |

R.P. Jones (Library) and a joint effort by M. Bergh, W. Day and W. Beaumont (Computer Dept.) won the other two bottles of plonk for the Actors and Actresses quiz. The answers were:-

5 & 1	Peggy Ashcroft	11 & 8	Sonja Henie
3 & 2	Alfred Hitchcock	10	Ingrid (Bergman)
4	Peter (Fonda)	15 & 12	Shirley Temple
6	Yves (Montond)	14 & 13	Ann Margaret
7 & 9	Cliff Richard		

This quiz was the most successful - I actually had requests to repeat it, so a nod being as good as a wink to a blind horse, I asked my aged colleague to trot out a few more names I am too young to remember for this edition's competition.

NAME QUIZ

The answers to the questions are all connected with show business - past and present, and the first letters of the answers will spell the names of two other showbiz personalities.

1 & 3	Sinatra's christian names.
5 & 2	A Stone who's still rolling.
13 & 4	Gurney Slade
7 & 6	A lazy Ruttle
14 & 8	A swinging Palladium compere.
10 & 9	She didn't say "No" to James Bond.
11 & 12	The Beatle who wrote Something.
24 & 15	Ex Mr. World.
16 & 22	Frenchman in 'Yellow Rolls Royce' and 'Texas Across the River'
17 & 29	He was McMillan on T.V.
28 & 18	Captain Bligh of the 'Bounty'
19 & 21	Michael Parkinson's favourite Dame.
23 & 20	He wrote 'Dancing Years'
26 & 25	He starred in 'Camille' opposite Greta Garbo.
27	Early T.V. series starring Roger Moore.

Answers, please to John Holloway, PR, and a bottle of plonk for the first correct answer out of the hat just before the next edition of Quickmatch.