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## EDITORIAL

I should like to start this brief opening comment by drawing the readers' attention to the Darts Team, Ron Smith from the Table Tennis Section, Bernie Argent and George Cummings from the Billiards and Snooker Section and the Under-11's side in the Junior Football Club for their recent successes. Well done lads.

This edition also carries a letter of complaint from one of our members. I felt that we had to print it as it was indeed proof that somebody had actually read Quickmatch. Seriously, though, I would welcome any correspondence from members because, after all, this is your magazine. Any suggestions, improvements, criticisms, or any articles you may think are of interest to other members, please send in. I don't propose to guarantee publishing everything sent in to me in future editions because of the Censor.

Finally, below is the list of the new Central Committee of the Social Club.

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## CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

AGM time is upon us again, time to say farewell to some of the Committee and time to welcome some new faces and fresh blood. This year in fact sees a fairly large tumover with six stepping down and six "innocents" coming in. My thanks to all the retiring Committee and I hope the newcomers will show equal dedication and enthusiasm. It is a great blow to the Club to lose John Anderson after only one year in the very important post as Treasurer but we wish John all the best in his new job at ROF Bridgwater and look forward to periodic visits from him. I would also mention Janet Cooke who has been on Committee for several years and has done a great job particularly on membership and distribution. Mind you, having a baby seems an extreme way of getting off committee!

Speaking of the Treasurer's post we have had great difficulty finding anyone willing to fill John's shoes. Nobody on Committee has been groomed for the job and at the time of writing not a single nomination for the post has been received from the membership - it is perhaps opportune to remind you that it is your responsibility to find your officers and committee and not the retiring committee's. We need more new blood particularly people willing to do the work, from which to build our future management of the Club。

Planning of our new Club premises progresses slowly and the committee has decided upon a preferred scheme and layout for the II/site canteen. This will involve some structural alteration and the plan is now with the Establishment for costing and hopefully approval. Once this hurdle is crossed we should be in a position to get things moving. Who knows, we might be thinking about a Grand Opening by this time next year ......
R. McGuchan

## SOCIAL REPORT

Things have been pretty quiet on the social scene recently with the Committee year drawing to a close but hopefully with a new Social Committee installed we can liven things up a bit.

In the meantime I can give details of those functions that have already been arranged.

On Friday, 3 August 1979 we have the very popular Square Dance with Mike Burham calling and providing the music. As is customary, all proceeds will go to charity. Please note that tickets are not yet on sale for this dance.

On Saturday, 18 August we will have 'live' music in the club lounge provided by "Duo-Two". You may remember that they went down very well on their appearance last February. Further details of these and other Social functions will be issued at a later date.

## Bingo

The twice monthly bingo sessions have proved to be popular. Therefore, we will be continuing them for the time being on the first and third Sunday of each month.

Further details of these and other social functions may be obtained from Elsa McFarlane, Cash Office, Ext. 226.

## LETMERS TO THE EDITOR

22nd. March 1979
Dear Sir,
May I express my disgust at the use of the word 'spastic' to describe the convulsions of mock punk rockers in a report of the TENNIS CLUB DANCE in the current issue of QUICKMATCH.

In the same paragraph your correspondent DHR firstly denigrates the pronk rock sub-culture and then uses the word 'spastic' in a context of which the average punk would be proud. Doubtless this use of words appears clever to your correspondent but to my mind it merely demonstrates that he has the subtlety of a hand grenade and the sensitivity of a rogue elephant.

Your correspondent has obviously never seriously considered the plight of those whom he is so quick to use to further his leterary ambitions. I do not know the identity of your correspondent but I presume that if he has any children, he is fortunate enough in that they were not born the victims of any crippling handicap.

I would ask whether we are to be treated to further demonstrations of this correspondent's lack of taste. Will your future editions be embroidered with similar 'humerous' references to Thalidomide, Cancer and Polio? If so, may I suggest that your journal change its name to SICKMATCH.

Distastefully yours,
I.I. GRIGGS

Dear Mr. Griggs,
First of all I must apologise as Editor of the last edition of Quickmatch for the distress caused to you. We do not aim to disgust or shock our readership and frankly I was annoyed to receive your complaint. I did not see any harm in the obviously light-hearted article and I am certain that no offence was meant in the reference to spastic, or indeed in the numerous other remarks concerning cataleptics, stingy Civil Servants, punk rockers or Mr. Nureyev for that matter. You obviously have a low opinion of the writer, and have jumped to many conclusions, but in his defence I would like you to know that he was an instigator of the ERDE dances which raised a great deal of money for the Children of Warlies, the Dr. Barnado's home for spastic and mentally handicapped children at Upshire.

I could go on defending him, but I felt that he should have the right to reply himself. His letter is printed below.

Dear Editor，
Ny first reaction on reading this letter was to allow it to be published Without comment since it appears to say so much more about the character of I。L．Griggs than it does about me．Second thoughts prevailed，however， as some readers might think that a lack of response would indicate that I had been justly taken to task for some distasteful misuse of the English language whereas，in fact，one member has raised objections to one word in an article containing several hundred．I make no mention of I。I。 Griggs＇gratuitously virulent literary style，preferring merely to examine the validity of his complaint．

The Standard Oxford Dictionary gives two definitions of＇Spastic＇．－the first is pathological and describes the symptoms of the disease，and the second is given as＇performing involuntary contractile movements＇； both，like the word＇spasm＇，derive from a common Greek root．In my view the latter definition comprehensively and succinctly described the actions of the individuals performing the dance．For this reason I offer no apology for having used the word in my article having expected that it would be taken in the spirit and context in which it was presented．

It is nowadays a very common occurrence，unfortunately，for words and phrases to be lifted out of context and then used to belabour the writer or speaker－it is easy to do and therefore is attractive to superficial minds．Using this approach of I。I。Griggs the term＇idiotic＇ could be objected to as a derogatory reference to the mentally handicapped，or the word＇piles＇proscribed because it might bring pain to haemorrhoid sufferers．Indeed，on these pseudo－medical grounds I am tempted to copy I．I．Griggs and write equally offensively to object to the use of the term ${ }^{\text {＇convulsions }}{ }^{i}$ in the first paragraph of his letter．But enough，I shall．close by merely appending my name so that I．J．Griggs may identify the person to whom he is so quick to ascribe base motives．

D．H．Richards

## PERMIE DARTS TEAM

After a hard and long winter，the PERN Dart Team managed to finish Runners Up just being pipped by the Crown A for the league title．

It had been a closely fought contest between the two teams throughout the entire season，and the few valuable points dropped by the PERME lads was quickly blamed on the absence of $A$ 。K．not being sold in the club．However，they managed to battle on regardless led by that old warrior，their Captain，Stan Colgate。

Precision throwing darts by Tom George and Graham Bishop drew sharp intekes of breath from their opponents，and backed up solidly by Ken， Alan，Tom，John，and the two Bills，and of course Lofty（nearly forgot him），they made formidable opponents wherever they played．Special thanks to Lyn and June for the task of supplying sandwiches，pork pies etc．to the team when playing at home（I don＇t think any of the boys had anything to eat before coming out the way the food disappeared）． rhanks again girls．

One last mention，thats to Lofty，who undertook the job as Treasurer and did a first class，first rate job，well done mate．

To all the lads and girls，hope you have as much success next season if not better．

Pos．I think the Dart Team owe me a pint for compiling this．

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## CHMSS CLUB

The official season has now finished but final League tables have not yet been received．The Club Champion and winner of the Uri Cup is one of our associate members，Peter Rose，who won all eight of his Swiss Toumament grmes．

We will be entering a team in the Herts Team Championship for the Pullar Cup on May 26th，and teams in the Cupes Trophy lightening chess toumament on June 15th．The Correspondence Chess Team will again be playing in the CSCA Team Toumament．

Next season will commence in September and details of the Club can be obtained from the Secretary，Bob Jones（Fxt 223）．

## TABLE TENIS

Edwasca finals night on 10th May saw the end of the 1978－79 table tennis season in which three PERNE teams took part．The first team finished third in Division 2，thus successfully avoiding promotion to Division 1．Ron Smith won the Intermediate Singles Cup，beating several of the best players in Division 2 in the process．

My appeal for fresh talent in the last edition of Quickmatch brought forth a responge of three letters and one phone call．We also have a new member of staff who is interested so there is hope yet．

D．Dedman

SPORT

## Sports Day

The annual MoD Sports Day at Chiswick is being held this year on Tuesday July 3 rd 1979。 If you are interested in going to this could you please contact Stan Berry on Ext．259．There will be a minimum charge for entrance and roach fee．

Six－A－Side
This year＇s six－a－side football competition will be on Wednesday， June 6th 1979，on the grass area alcngside Long Walk North Site．Any section wishing to enter please contact Derek Brewer，South Site Machine Shop，Etc．577。

## Superstars

We have decided to run a Superstans competition again this year，which will be sometime in July．Details will follow。

## Intersection Darts League

We are nearly half way through the Intersection Dart League, and the leaders at this stage are PR closely followed by H67. There have been a few surprise results so far, but none to match the 3-0 defeat inflicted on BWD $\mathrm{S} / \mathrm{S}$ by PERME Ladies.

Could I ask the teams that have had games postponed, to try and play them as soon as possible, otherwise there will be a glut of fixtures at the end of the season.

Stan Berry

## SQUASH CLUB

We had our AGM in the Club flat on Friday, 4th May. The attendance wasn't too good but we managed to get through all the business (mostly complaints and criticisms!). As is usual with AGM's owing to a lack of volunteers the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer (B. Pember, D. Johnson and $M$. Day resp.) remain the same, however, we did manage to elect two new Committee Members. The retiring Chairman was showered with praise for the good work he had done over the past year - it was my round at the bar!

Owing to the high esteem felt for the Chairman by other members (particularly the Treasurer) the office facilities provided to go with the job perhaps explains why this article was written on paper supplied from a roll and perforated every 15 cms (nearly 6 inches for the benefit of admin types!)

In the last Quickmatch I asked for more ladies to join in the fun and games. I'm happy to report the resounding success of that appeal. To all the ladies who have intexviewed the Chairman may I say a weak thank you. To all the ladies who have not had the pleasure may the 7 stone husk of a Chairman say please be patient.

However, when I am fit enough to raise my racket I would like to see some new lady squash players at our Tuesday night sessions.
(Er: Dear Ed, have I got it right this time?)
Bill Pember
NO。 Ed

## BILIIARDS AND SNOOKER CLUB

The two teams playing in the EDWASCA league have enjoyed moderate success this season. The 3 Team has finished the season as Runners Up in Division 2, and Bernie Argent and George Cummings have won the league snooker pairs competition. We have also won the Towers Cup for the three-a-side competition for teams from the second and third divisions. Te therefore have the slightly anomalous situation where the PERNE $B$ Team should be promoted to Division 1 next season and the A Team stays in Division 2。

We have decided to hold PFRME knockout competitions，open to all PERME $S$ \＆S Club Members and Associate Members．The winners will be presented with a cup which they will hold for one year and if enough support is forthcoming；we should be able to afford small trophies for the winners and runners up in each competition．It is proposed that there be an Individual Snooker competition（best of three frames），a Shooker Pairs Competition（pairs drawn out of a hat，best of three frames）and an Individual Billiards Competition（100 up）．Names and telephone extensions or home numbers plus entrance fees at 15 p per competition should be given to Mike Bratt（X），or George Cummings（X 315／370）by June 15th．Details of the draw for the competition will appear as soon as possible after this date in the snooker rooms．For each round of the competitions half the players will be marked（H）or home－player．The onus is on the home－player to contact his opponent and arrange the match．The home－player also has choice of table．Match results should be telephoned to Mike or George ASAP。

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## FOOTBALI

It has been a mixed season for PFRNE Football Club，but our final league position is much better than last year（it can＇t be any worse）． We have signed on three new players and this has made a significant difference to our play．Also another reason for our improvement is the newly formed reserve side，and their players pushing for first team places，making the first team players try that much harder．We are still looking for players for both the adult PERNE sides，so if you are interested please contact Stan Berry，Ext。259。 Finally，I would like to thank Pat Jones for all her hard work，Tony Williams and Allen Webb for keeping the Reserve Team together and Bill Telling for his work with the first team．

Stan Berry

## PERNF PBSERVE FOOTBALI

Having read Mra Bill Telling＇s comments on the PERME 1st Team football scene in the last edition of Quickmatch，I felt it was time I put pen to paper and apply my comments as far as the Reserves are concemed。

The comments I am about to make will be published in Quickmatch when the season will be over for us．

I feel with some justification（although at times we have not been getting the results we deserve and it is this that counts）we deserve to be higher than the position we hold in the division when you consider the way the lads have been playing lately．When you get comments made from the opposition and I QUOTE：＂You at least deserved a draw＂，＂No way do you deserve to be bottom of the division＂，＂One of the hardest games we have had all season＂etc．etc．you begin to wonder where things are going wrongig it could be that the ball has just not bounced for us，also the fact that sometimes we just have not taken our chances．True，we have had a very tough time getting a team together on occasions，but with the very hard work of Tony williams and Co．we have managed to do so；my thanks to them all（they are too numerous to mention）．

One more thing I would like to add is, if anyone wishes to join the PERNIE Reserves for next season or in fact knows of anyone wishing to play football please contact me on Ext. 468 or 562 as soon as possible as we are hoping to puti in some training in the closed season. So my very sincere thanks to all who took part in helping to make and establish the team for the season, keep your heads up and plug away.

Mike Hemmings

## JUWIOR FOOTBALI

We have now finally completed our league programme for $78-79$ season our final placings were, llinners of the league for the 11's age group and Runners Up in the cup.

The cup final against Tolmers took place at Cuffley on Thursday 10th May in which Tolmers beat us 1-0 and although we had most of the game the occasion made my lads a bit over tense and they did not produce the kind of football that they are capable of as they had previously beaten their opponents on two occasions quite convincingly, but that is what cup football is all about, the team that puts it together on the day takes the prize and on this occasion our opponents performance was good enough to make them the winners.

Looking back on the season we should feel very pleased with the overall results and hope that we can do well nex. season in the new league that we are entering which is a very competitive league with a high standard of football being played for the age group.

Bill Warren

## STOMPIN ${ }^{1}$ AT THE SAVOY

Glasses clinked in the crowded bar. The drinkers grouped around several tables chatted away happily while couples danced around the small dancing area. The strains of Glenn Miller's 'Moonlight Serenade' drifted out from the stage at one end of the club and mingled with the murmur of voices coming from the bar. They were enjoying the Miller magic as they had previously tapped their feet to Duke Ellingtons 'Take the A Train' and Benny Goodman's 'Stompin' at the Savoy'.

Wo it wasn't a convention of Swing Bands in the 1940's, it was PERNE Social and Sports Club and the only performer was the self-styled geriatric disc jockey and jazz connoisseur (my opinion), Rick Richards playing a selection of his extensive collection of records. And what a selection - Les Brown, Gene Krupa, Tommy Dorsey, Woody Herman, Harry Jones, Billy May, Count Bosie - I could go on, but no words can do justice to these first class swing bands of the past.

I thoroughly enjoyed the whole evening. Pleasant company, a drink and terrific music. It was a pity that it had to end, but what an end - for the last hour Rick concentrated on the Benny Goodman band with it's smoothly hint encembles and beautifully balanced sound. Punk rockers eat your heart out.

I hope you will repeat this successful venture Rick, with the many numbers you had to leave out this time.

## WASFHED UVEPRBOARD

Another wave poured over the side and the boat listed even further.
He watched from a safe distance feeling the coldness of the water begin to chill his body. How long had he been in the water, half an hour at the most, yet it seemed like hours.
He remembered shouting out to the two figures on the deck, saw the gigantic wave rear up pushing them overboard, down into the murky water, neither of them reappearing on the surface. He kept looking around, calling out their names but no sign of them at all amongst the waves. Just the boat.

Thoughts were passing through his head like a film, a film of events leading to this tragedy. He recalled the first time he had seen the boat, had it bought for him by his wealthy parents. That had been over two years ago now, his friends, the crew, were drowned beneath him somewhere. The water, the temperature dropping all the time was making him colder and colder.

He rolled over to get the circulation going better in his legs, took a mouthful of water, spluttered, nearly choked, and rolled over on his back.
He shook his head to clear the water, blinked, and his eyes found the boat once again, just as another huge wave pounded her, saw her shudder, and wondered if she was going down there and then.
Fis eyes began to close with fatigue, his body now felt as if encased in ice. The sudden movement of the boat held his attention as the bow lifted, paused for a moment, and then she sank, no noise, no grinding of timbers, just a few gurgles, bubbles, then she was gone.

So he was at last, all alone.
The mayday calls he had put out before abandoning the boat must have gone unheard, these thoughts passed through his mind as his eyes closed and he began to lose consciousness.

Hiands reached dow, dragging him from the icy water, towels were quickly wrapped around his cold body.
"Thank God", his distress call had been answered. He struggled hard to open his tired eyes and saw the face of his rescuer.
"George you are a naughty boy, I keep telling you not to fall asleep in the bath."
He smiled then gave his mum a kiss.
J.C。

## COMPETITION

The 'Mame Game' competition was again very successful, the entries running well into double figures. Most of the answers were correct, but Paul Collins of Eranch was the lucky winner of a bottle of plonk, when his entry was drawn out of the hat.
The answers were:-
$1 \& 3$ Francis Albert $10 \& 9$ Ursula Andress $28 \& 18$ Charles Laughton
$5: 2$ Keith Richards
$13: 4$ Anthony Newley
$7 \& 6$ Eric Idle
14 \& 8 Norman Vaughan

11 \& 12 George Harrison
24 \& 15 Eric Morley
16 \& 22 ATain Telon $17 \& 29$ Rock Hudson 27 Ivanhoe

One unsuccessful entry was from the Electricians（S．Site）who deserve a commendation for grovelling at least：－

Dear Jd，
With reference to your extremely hard and well thought out quiz，we have sent what we think are the right answers：－

## FRANKIE VAUGHAN and MARLENE DIETRICH

May we also say that we think you are very clever，your magazine is really marvellous，and that all this crawling and best joined up writing will be a help towards us winning your very lovely prize。

We remain siryour very sub－serviant servants．
（Please excuse this mistake）
We would like to thank：－
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Colin Webb＇s mum
Woele Edmonds
Ronald Biggs
Sidney Albert Snott
Colin Webb＇s dad（he felt left out）

This month＇s competition is to spot the difference in the two drawings on the front page．The winner will be the one with the wittiest comment in the empty＇balloon＇，and of course the correct differences。
Good luck，a bottle of plonk as usual to the winner．

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