

QUICKMATCH

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EDITORIAL

On reading through the entries for this edition of Quickmatch, I was pleased that we had received so many contributions. We try to reflect the members' and the organisers' feelings about Club matters, so I suppose this magazine could be regarded as a "go-between".

There are some points that I feel I must mention here, concerning all members. I would like to draw to your attention part of the Chairman's Chat covering the procedure concerning the use of the Club by non-members, and also to remind members to carry their membership cards with them when visiting the Club, as checks will be made.

The next item concerns the leaving of cars in the Club car park. If you want to leave your car overnight in the Club car park, there is no objection, providing you tell the Police at the Main Gate Police Lodge (next door to the Club) and give them your car number.

The state of the new Club premises is an important issue, and as work will be starting on the conversion of the canteen in the Spring, no bookings for private functions will be taken between 1st April 1980 and 30th June 1980.

Finally, I have been asked by the Football Manager, to plead for any old, unwanted footballs that could be put to good use as training balls. If you have any, could you please give me a ring and I will arrange to collect them.

I hope you all have a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Only a few weeks to Xmas, would you believe it, and another year flies by. There is plenty of action for everybody at the Club at the festive season and I hope that you will all enjoy yourselves wherever you may be, but particularly at the Club. The full programme of activities is listed elsewhere so please note the dates.

The last few months have been rather better for the Club and I have no doubt that our new fruit machine and the Space Invaders game are responsible for much of the revived interest. The new fruit machine is doing well for the Club and I have seen a number of smaller jackpots being won. The big one (£100) remains elusive so far but has to come sooner or later. Who is going to be the lucky person? The response to the Space Invaders machine has been 'but of this world' - sorry about that - and has become something of a cult. Particularly pleasing is the fact that it has attracted new faces to the Club and this influx is very welcome.

On a more sour note, I must again bring up the matter of Non-members using the Club and remind Members that you are abusing your membership by not conforming to the rules of the Club which are clearly displayed and known to all of you. Non-members can only enter and use the Club if invited as guests and signed in the Visitors Book by a Member.

The usual excuses I hear are "Well, it's the Committee's job to man the door and collect guest fees", or "I don't see why I should pay for my guests when Joe Bloggs never pays for his". These are feeble and illegitimate reasons. The privilege of membership carries with it responsibility and some of you are conveniently ignoring that responsibility. Just remember that use by non-members, not signed in, is the most common reason for Clubs having their registration withdrawn.

I shall say little this time about the progress over the N Site Canteen. Negotiations and planning are still proceeding in the background but it is emerging that the conversion work will be more protracted than originally thought. Much of the work has to be fitted in by the hard-pressed and short staffed EFB and the present estimate is that the work will take about a year starting next April. This is somewhat disappointing because Central Committee changes every year and a project spanning four Committee years, as this may well do, could run into continuity problems in regard to Club personnel au fait with the detailed project. I had hopes of seeing the new Club open under my Chairmanship!

R. McGuchan

SOCIAL

Once again we are heading for the festive season and below are some details of Social Club activities over the next couple of months in which we hope you'll participate.

The Christmas Draw will be held in the North Site Canteen on Friday, 7th December starting at 8.00p.m. Tickets for the Draw have gone very well this year beating all previous records, and we will have over 200 prizes. Food and musical entertainment will be provided during the evening and admission will be free.

We will be Carol Singing again this year, around the Monkwood Estate on Tuesday, 11th December. Everyone is welcome. All money collected will be donated to the Salvation Army Old Peoples Christmas Fund.

The Christmas Prize Bingo will be held in the Club Lounge on Sunday, 16th December starting at 8.00p.m. Prizes will consist of bottles of drink, christmas fare, etc.

The PERME Christmas Party is open to all employees of PERME Waltham Abbey and will take place in the North Site Canteen after work on Thursday, 20th December. Dancing will be to "Elaine's Disco" and a buffet and bar will be available. Further details will be circulated to employees later. This party is run by the Social Club on behalf of the employees of the Establishment, in the absence of any other organising committee.

The Club Christmas Party will be held on Christmas Eve this year in the Club Lounge from 9.00p.m. to Midnight. Dancing will be to "Elaine's Disco" and she will play music to suit all tastes.

On New Year's Eve we have 'live' entertainment by 'Unity', a duo who will be playing for us at our New Year Party in the Club Lounge from 9.00p.m. until 1.00a.m.

On Friday, 4th January 1980 is the very popular New Year's Dance to be held in the North Site Canteen from 8.00p.m. - 1.00a.m. Dancing will be to 'Midnight Sound' and bar and buffet will be available. Tickets will be on sale early in December.

In addition to these functions, we will have our usual regular Bingo Sessions starting at 8.00p.m. on the following dates.

Sunday	18th November
"	2nd December
"	6th January 1980

All that remains is to wish you a very happy Christmas and if anyone wishes any further information on Social activities please ring me on Extension 226.

Elsa McFarlane

ANGLING CLUB

During October and November a two-leg match was held between PERME Westcott and Waltham Abbey at Marsworth on the Grand Union Canal and the return leg at Waltham Abbey on the Relief Channel. The result was a run-away victory by Westcott who doubled our weight with 27lb 8oz to 13lb 6oz. Individual best weights were:-

1st P. Cantwell	-	7lb 15oz	WESTCOTT
2nd D. North	-	7lb 10oz	WESTCOTT
3rd B. Cuthbert	-	3lb 4oz	W/A

For several years we have had a close relationship with the RSAF Angling Club and we have now taken this a step further. On payment of £4 annual subscription, PERME AC members may fish their waters, for more details contact P. Benton, Ext. 269.

BADMINTON CLUB

The Autumn season is now under way and for those who are now attending the games have been many and well balanced.

The loss of Ian Wallace, Moira McGuchan and Chris Howkin to the Wednesday Club at the Sports Centre, and Glenys France to the pursuit of higher education, has meant that there have been fewer regular attenders and the loss of very able players. We would welcome all or any of them back if only on a casual basis. Then there is Steve Hutchings who was the best improver last year (suffering from chronic inertia?).

Where, might I ask, are all the members who have stopped coming, get out your rackets and gear and make the effort to come and play again.

We would like to see new members along, preferably those who have some playing experience and know what it is all about, this includes any sandwich students, even though they are only with us for a limited time.

Please contact Allen Clarke Ext. 430 (until 8-12-79 then 576)
 Bryan Howard Ext. 291

Allen Clarke
Club Secretary

BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER SECTION

We are now almost half way through the EDWASCA league fixtures for the 1979-80 season. The 'B' Team are understandably finding the going rather tough up in the First Division, and the 'A' Team are doing reasonably well in the Second Division, but must do better in the second half if we are to be amongst the leaders at the end of the season.

There was a good response to the local billiards, snooker and snooker pairs competitions, but some of the fixtures are being held up by lack of results from the early rounds. We must have all games in the preliminary, 1st and 2nd rounds completed by w/e 12.12.79 in order for the competition to make reasonable headway, so I'm afraid that any games from these rounds not played by that time must be scratched.

A new list of rules of conduct in the billiards and snooker rooms is being prepared. If any members or Associate members wish to offer suggestions to make the system any more amenable, would they please contact me before December 12th 1979.

D.C.M.

CHESS CLUB

The Club has made a good start in the North Circular League Div. 'A' winning its first three matches. We were rather surprisingly beaten in the 1st round of the National Club Championship by the Old Parkonians 4 - 2. We are still in the Plate (for 1st round losers) but are drawn away against the very strong Central YMCA. Although undecided, it looks as if we could lose our first round tie in the Herts KO against Rothamstead Experimental Station on board count.

In a 17-board simultaneous display held at the Government Chemists, another clean sweep was presented by Bob Jones. He was the only one to score, drawing with International Grandmaster, John Nunn, who had won his previous display 28-0.

Members who are interested in the Club can obtain details from the Secretary, Bob Jones (Ext.223)

CRICKET SECTION

Aden Crowley was seen smiling during a moment of weakness. Apart from this, the highlight of PERME's cricket season was victory in the Waltham Abbey 20 over league. This will have its effect on the Club's environment with the appearance of a cup in the gap reserved for the Cricket Club in the trophy cabinet. PERME whopped all of their local rivals, including a crushing 11 run win over High Beach and a 2 run victory over British Legion to win the CA Bond Cup and now have the awesome task of defending it in 1980.

The remainder of the season brought mixed fortunes for the Club, notching 11 victories against 12 defeats and 6 draws. Some ascribed the weaker performances to the changeable weather and the psychological disturbance that this caused among PERME's hungry, trained professionals. Others argued that batsmen were spending too little time hitting the ball which explained why the nail in the scoreboard placed to display the 'hundreds' was rusty. Another faction argued that if God had intended us to catch cricket balls, we would have been born with webbed fingers.

Certainly one unfortunate who missed a vital catch sat disconsolately in the corner of the dressing room at the end of the game and threw his head into his hands - and missed. Bowlers were heard to argue that they could hardly be blamed if the opponent happened to swing his bat where the ball was and place it over the far side of Cobbins Brook; their thesis maintained that it was the fault of the field placing. Dissertation and debate on these fine points of cricket stayed rife throughout the season. Richard Penfold was particularly adept at engaging his fellow batsman in conversation in the middle of the wicket while the wicketkeeper gleefully removed the bails. Garf Pryde too led many debates in the outfield which raised interesting physiological issues about player's parentage and, on some occasions, sex.

Steve Penfold battled hard to top the batting averages, with his armpits proving that all that glistens is not gold. Frank Ladbury used guile, skill and a split crutch in his cricket trousers to top the bowling awards, while Aden Crowley found enough time away from telling jokes to devour 14 catches and again top the fielding awards. By the end of the season, the side was getting on well with a happy mix of youth and old buggers who don't know they're past it and we look forward to the 1980 season with hope and relish.

By the way, the Club again organised a highly successful trip to Dorset over the August Bank Holiday - although one nameless soul let the side down by pouring rainwater over the first fixture. In 1980 this escapade will be enlarged and we would be pleased to include 2 or 3 people whose prowess lays in liquid consumption rather than heroics on grass. Anyone interested in touring, spectating, or indeed playing during the season, should contact Chris Robbins on Ext. 552.

A happy Christmas to all our followers.

Steve Penfold

DARTS

The Knock-out competitions are coming to their climax with some matches in the Semi-Final stage and others actually in the Final (see below). The Final itself will be on Friday, November 30th at 7.45pm in the PERME Social & Sports Club.

Mens Singles Semi-Final

N. Evans v A. Wright

S. Berry v G. Bishop

Ladies Singles Final

B. Coe v V. Holloway

Mens Doubles Semi-Final

A. Wright and D. Stokes v T. Rider and G. Bishop

S. Hutchings and M. Towner v P. Crisp and K. Fowler

Ladies Doubles Semi-Final

E. McFarlane and V. Holloway v P. Jones and H. Pegrum

J. Paddick and J. Richards v J. Wood and L. Day

Mixed Doubles Semi-Final

P. Dyke and J. Paddick v G. & L. Bishop

S. & P. Edmans v B. & J. Osmond

Fours Final

BWD S/S v Engineers

PERME v Small Arms

The annual challenge darts match against RSA will be arranged for some time in January. Further details will follow.

Intersection Darts League

The Dart League should be under way in January. Forms have been sent out and further details will follow.

FOOTBALL REPORT

The season started in September, and here we are nearly three months later with only five league games under our belts and yet we have partaken in three different cup rounds - such is the programme that the Competition Secretary had to organise and get through. He has my sympathy, but we're therefore involved in cup games before we've really got a settled side. Even with all the pre-season training, it still takes two or three competitive games to motivate the players, move them around and get the best possible combination. I suppose what I'm trying to say is that we still have a long way to go and a lot of work to do.

The spirit within the section is terrific, including the reserve team of course; we have had an average of 22 members training at Picketts Lock on Tuesday evenings 7.30 - 10 pm. When one considers the appalling weather at this time of the year, twenty-two blokes prepared to train outdoors as we do, speaks volumes. Jim Spellane (last year's captain) has had to forego his Saturday football in order to 'swat' for his future career, but, not to be left out, he has volunteered to come along on Tuesday evenings to take the training stint. A job he does exceedingly well.

I mentioned the day, time and venue in case anybody should feel the urge to expend a bit of energy.

We are desperately short of old footballs for training and pre-match 'warm-up'. With training balls costing around £12 each and a match ball at £30 you can get some idea of cost and when I tell you we need five training and two match balls as a necessity, any extra would be a luxury.

I wonder if any of our readers have got any old footballs laying around in cupboards and attics that we could put to very good use, and for which we'd be most grateful - Have a look eh!! Thanks.

By the way, both teams work together in preparations for our games and we of the first team, are very pleased to see the great start Mike and his lads have made to this, their second season. Mind you, they've got our Alan Jones, bullying, cajoling and marshalling and by all accounts doing a bloody fine job. Well done Alan.

Bill Telling

PERME RESERVES FC

The season has opened quite successfully for us with a 5-1 win over Hamlet Park and a 2-2 draw with league newcomers Gestetner. Both these matches were friendlies and should stand us in good stead when we play them in the league. In the Alliance Junior Cup we beat North Enfield Reserves 5-3, but lost in the next round to Hinton Youth who are a Division above us in the League. Our League matches have been more successful, however. We have won six and lost one with 46 goals for and only 7 against.

The first game was against Eastern Enfield 'A' who had one or two players unavailable, but even taking this into consideration, we beat them very convincingly 17-1, and we could not have wished for a better start to the season. All our opponents since have had full teams and we did very well to beat West Green United 'A' by 9 goals to one, and a very argumentative Crusaders Reserves by 3-0. In our next match we met the relegated North Enfield Reserves who we beat in the cup and repeated our success with a 6-1 result.

At this stage we were second in the league with 8 points from four games and our next match was at Lodge Lane against Albatross Cambridge leading the table with five wins from five games. We beat them 4-0 and went top of the league with a goal tally of 39 for and only 3 against. However, our success story was short lived. Temple Bar Southgate beat us 3-2 in the next match. Our team was weakened with two of our better players missing and we had difficulties against their well disciplined defence, and we just did not take the chances that came to us. Our latest match was on a poor pitch against Gestetner and the match was very untidy generally, but we came away with a 5-1 victory.

At the present time, PERME Reserves are riding high but there are many more games to play, and with grit and determination we can be near the top at the end of the season. Keep it up lads and thanks for your efforts in making a more successful team this season.

Mike Hemmings

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

This season we have only one junior side playing. As there were too many sides seeking application to the local league, our request to enter a team was turned down so we applied to the Harlow league and were accepted. One of the advantages of playing in this league is that all our away games are played in the Harlow area whereas last year we were travelling away to Welwyn, Thundridge and Buntingford, so this season our travelling to away matches is that much easier.

Our start to the season was against a side that had not lost for three years, and in the opinion of those who had knowledge of this team from previous encounters in the league, we were in for a hard time. The outcome of the game was that we lost 2-1 but the most pleasing aspect of the game from my point of view was that the standard of football played by the Harlow team was much higher than we had encountered before and yet we were always in the game fighting for a favourable result. After this game I had high hopes that we would come away with better results from our future games but our record to date has been 2 won, 2 drawn, 3 lost.

We have also been knocked out of our league cup and the Metropolitan Cup. The Metropolitan cup match was played at Grays, Essex and although we lost 4-0 we once again gave a very good side a hard game as previous results, as indicated by their manager, had resulted in very high scoring wins by his team whereas our game was 1-0 until late in the second half when mistakes that we might have got away with in other leagues were being punished by this side.

At the moment we are not playing as consistently as I had hoped and as the standard of football is high we are dropping points against teams who take full advantage of our lapse but the boys are enjoying their football and are hopeful that they have got over their bad patch.

Bill Warren

GOLF SOCIETY

Our annual match against Westcott was held in September this year at Bishops Stortford GC. Honours were shared, we lost the Match Play PERME Trophy by a small margin in the morning but, after suitable sustenance in the Club bar at lunchtime, we won the afternoon Stableford competition convincingly.

Dave Salter
(Hon. Sec.)

SQUASH CLUB

This edition of Quickmatch should be out before Christmas so I'll take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. As a special Christmas present I'll give you the good news that this will probably be my last article for Quickmatch.

To explain this staggering piece of news it is necessary to recall my story in the last edition concerning the accident to one of our members. Now this story caused quite a stir when Quickmatch hit the streets, but behind the scenes there was tragedy. The Editorial, Legal and Welfare Departments of Quickmatch had to face a large cleaning bill for various sets of underwear due to their heart-searching before they would print my story (didn't you notice that the edition was late coming into circulation). Because this is the season of goodwill I have decided to spare them any further problems, although I realise that the moment this article hit the Editorial desk the cries of "Oh No!" and "Its him again" must have been heartrending.

However, before I sink slowly into the murk of South Site I would like to relate a few moments of a recent game of squash so that the skill, tension, sweat and curses can bring to your fireside a little of the atmosphere we generate.

Hand-in was playing hand-out (well we are subsidised by the main Club!) Hand-in served and hand-out responded with a lob, hand-in replied with a boast "the barmaids better watch out". Hand-out flicked sweat from his forehead and hit the ball with an overhead smash. Hand-in played a backhand down the side wall (getting exciting isn't it). Hand-out did a body-swerve, blocked his opponent and did a little one in the corner (this is a family magazine). Hand-in collected the ball and returned it off the back wall. Hand-out played an "up and under" and Hand-in failed to return the ball so a change in serve was called. So after 45 minutes the score was 0-0 and this was only the warm-up.

Anyway after an exciting nailbiting game (the winner was to play against one of our lady members - the lady was biting her nails thinking of all the boasting), the loser was thinking of a rub-down in the changing rooms and the winner was lost for words at the thought of being against one of the lady members (well you can't swing your racket properly can you!).

We have actually seen our Secretary since the last edition of Quickmatch and he assures us he will be at next year's AGM.

We are having trouble securing our future block bookings at the Waltham Abbey Sports Centre and are in the process of negotiations with the Centre Manager to rectify the situation. I wrote to Bob McGuchan, our Club Chairman, to appraise him of the situation and he replied with some much appreciated words of sympathy.

We are at present running smoothly as a club and get quite a good turnout on Tuesday evenings. I would like to say thank you to all those who turned up regularly in the past year and hope they will continue to do so. To all the others who only turn up now and again I pray for extra strength and an uncomfortable armchair in front of the telly!

Bill Pember

TENNIS CLUB

Despite another bad summer the Sunday morning club sessions were still well attended. We would, however, welcome any new members who should contact myself on Ext. 497.

Luck was with us on Finals Day as the weather was beautifully warm and sunny. There was a mammoth struggle in the mens singles in which Jeff Armstrong finally came out the winner over John Bell after about $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours play.

Margaret Lee beat Jean Goodwin in the ladies singles and then went on to win the ladies doubles with Margaret Walley. John Bell gained some consolation after his singles defeat by winning the mens doubles with Norman Brown. The final match of the day was the mixed doubles which Garf Pryde and Chris Brown won, although the last set was played in near darkness. Then everyone adjourned to the club for drinks and a very tasty buffet which was laid on by some of the lady members of the club.

Our thanks to everyone who helped to make the day go off so well and to all the players who gave us a good afternoon's tennis.

The 2nd November saw the Tennis Club Dance. Although this is run by the Social Committee, all profits go to the tennis club and we were very pleased to see that it was a sell-out. Music was provided by the Memphis City Band and we all tucked into a fish and chip supper. There was plenty of dancing and drinking and a good time was had by all.

Wendy Stewart

47 Queens Drive
Waltham Cross
Herts.

Dear Ike,

A little offering attached for your next Quickmatch.

Love Peggy Denty

Who's Roving Roger and the fellow on the front?

Now I'm retired!!
It gives me great pleasure
To sit and read Quickmatch
At my leisure.

It drops through my letterbox
Although now and then late?
When I eat my breakfast
It's alongside my plate.

I chuckle over the contents
Choke on my cornflakes.

What a good piece of reading the
first two pages make.

But on I read ...

Dear Old Bob, Still on his Chess
He's really always been one of the best

Croquet I've always fancied
But never took part
Now that I'm older (40 ish)
I might make a start

Dart Playing Has always been my
Husband's game
I won't spoil his ego
By joining in - shame.

Football I just do the Pools
Then I think,
That's only for fools

PERME Reserves
PERME Rockets Sound like names on
M.o.D. Dockets.

Squash I've never been that agile
But I'd take on that bloke
That's knocking the Admin
Oh, what a joke.

Superstars Well, what can I say
There must be many
Down PERME way.

Six-A-Side Football
Sounds just right for me
As long as they are all
under 3.

Sea Angling To me sounds great
I'm rather partial to
a piece of Skate.

Swimming Gala
Right up my street
But I received my "Quickmatch"
in October
The closing date I just could
not meet.

Lost and Found
I've never been lost
But don't think anyone
will want to find me.

Keep Fit Classes
Just what I need
Although the Doctors are
doing very well indeed.

Bingo
You gave it a miss!!!
But to those who go
regular
It's quite a hit.
It's not as big as Mecca,
we know
I do wish more would
give it a go.

As I ponder on whats on next
The Festive Season draws near,
I'm so very glad the Christmas Draw
is in top gear!!!
I wish you all a lot of success
I know you will all give it your best.

Peggy Denty
(POET (Nearly))

REFLECTIONS

"And don't forget my baccy". She finished buttoning her coat.
"Did you hear me", he shouted.
"Yes I heard you"
She walked out of the bedroom, through the hall, opened the front door
and stood out on the balcony pulling the door quietly shut behind her.
The coldness of the Winters day enveloped her as she walked along to
the lift, pressed the button and waited.
She looked over the parapet down into the Square six floors below,
paper being blown about, filth everywhere, everything was dirty.

She felt so lonely and so sad. In God's name what on earth was she doing in a place like this?

She heard a voice on the top stair and watched as a young woman appeared pulling up a baby chair filled with groceries, her breath rasping; she looked at the young face, cheeks gaunt and white.

"No good you waiting there Gran", she waited for breath.

"There's no bloody lift again". The old girl smiled at her but didn't answer, she had seen her from time to time since being here but didn't know her.

They both stood and listened as a shuffle on the stairs continued and finally a figure of a tot of four pulled himself tiredly around the stair wall.

"C'mon Paul" and the old girl smiled as she saw the boy's face crinkle up in a grin as he pulled himself up and along the handrail.

"It's ridiculous, that lift ain't been working now for just on a week, bloody place wants pulling down" and the old girl nodded her head in agreement.

The boy climbed the last stair, reached his mother and buried his face in her coat.

"Well Gran, must go and get him something to eat, C'mon Paul".

"Say ta ta to Gran" but the boy had already gone.

The mother looked at the old girl apologetically, shrugged her shoulders and followed the boy's direction.

She started the long walk down, the walls covered in drawings and obscenities.

Her mind began to dwell again on her life. A waste, a complete and total waste. Nothing has been achieved after 38 years of a loveless marriage and a lifetime of hard work. It had been the old story even then.

"What on earth do you want to marry him for" her mother had said.

"He's no good, the whole family's rotten"

They had got married and he proved her mother right. The two rented rooms became an arena after his drinking bouts, the beatings he gave her for no apparent reason - there didn't have to be reasons.

She left him once but got the expected answer from her mother,

"You made your bed you lie on it" and that had been the pattern.

There had been no children, thank God and so she had resigned herself to the fact that she was alone, incredible, even in marriage you can be alone. Whatever money she earned through cleaning, he drank, he went from one job to another till none. The Council, over the years had moved them from slum to slum 'till three years ago they were put in this one.

Then, two years ago paralysis had set in his legs and he was confined to bed. No, he didn't want to go into hospital and a woman came once a week to massage him and help change the bed, but that didn't stop him from being violently abusive.

She reached the bottom, the dustbins overflowing, even on a Winter day the stench over-powering. The Square was completely deserted in the growing dimness of the afternoon as she walked through the arch up to the High St.

The wind was bitterly cold penetrating the thinness of her clothes as she hurried to the Post Office for the pensions. Inside she patiently stood in the queue looking at people she didn't know, nobody was talking. It seemed strange, so many people in the room yet nothing was said.

She carefully tucked the money in her purse.

"C'mon Ma make room for the next one" remarked the Teller and she mumbled an apology and moved out of the way.

The shops threw out the glare of lights, as she stopped in front of the Butchers someone bumped into her, she stumbled and nearly fell. The pavement was full of people hurrying by. Her fingers cold, took the change the boy had given her, put the meat in the bag and squeezed out of the shop.

The pain came slowly as she walked to the veg stall.

"Hold your bag open dearie, that's it", "42p please".

The fifty pence piece she took from her purse slipped from her fingers and was gone. She looked around on the ground, all she could see was feet hurrying by.

"That's gone" remarked the woman on the stall as she waited patiently for the payment. She gave the old girl her change, trying again not to look at her face.

She walked away from the stall and the tears rolled gently down her cheeks. She must sit down somewhere, the pain was getting worse. The cafe, all the windows steamed up with condensation, was nearly empty.

"Sit down luv I'll bring it over" she was told as she paid her money for tea.

She sat in a booth at the back.

"You OK luv" she was asked by the girl who brought it.

"You don't look very well, are you sure" and she nodded.

Her fingers so cold and numb tried to pick up the cup and it spilt in the saucer. As the pain coursed through her body and everything started to spin, she leant back against the booth and a moan escaped her lips.

"Hang on luv, there's an ambulance". She didn't hear any more the pain had gone now and she felt lovely and warm and the last thing she thought of was him laying up there waiting for his baccy.

The ambulance men gently lifted the lifeless form on the stretcher and covered her with a blanket.

"Did you notice, Reg"

Reg nodded.

"Yeh, it looked as if she was smiling."

A MOMENT IN SPACE

A hush fell over the bar, a total silence of nerve tingling depth and awesome anticipation. Even Johnny Harris succumbed to the oppressive sobriety of the occasion and there remained but the gentle slurp of glasses being furtively lifted towards parched mouths, and the occasional thud of darts menacing in the background.

The bar chairman and the sports chairman squared up to each other, sitting grimly, face to face, teeth clenched and palms sweating. Chairs grated agonisingly on the floor as the combatants adjusted to their final positions, poised to attack and hands caressing the implements of violence.

Stan made the first play and suddenly the battallions of blue devils were upon him forcing him to take constant evasive action. Yet now he was retaliating, the accuracy of his laser gun evidenced by the electronic death screams of his enemies. On and on went the fight and Stan's heartbeat pulsed on, racing loudly. But now the endless invading hordes had disintegrated Stan's defences and in a few moments it was over, his cosmic oblivion accompanied by a sickening groan. His computerised epitaph recorded his ace status; he had destroyed 500 clingons and 4 chuggies.

And now Nigel had to respond to the challenge but he could not equal the skill and concentration of Stan. Too soon the death knell sounded and at last the silence was broken, "S... ! I've lost again" moaned Nigel.

R. McGuchan

QUICKMATCH SEPTEMBER 1979 EDITION - COMPETITION WINNERS

The response to the front cover "Caricature Competition", overwhelmed us. We had three entries.

Barbara Coe from the Laundry thought that it was Eric Speller. Normal Paul, from PR Section, was not to be fooled though; he said it was Elsa McFarlane. Sorry Norman, Elsa doesn't wear braces. The winner of the bottle of Scotch was S. Howard of ISRG who correctly identified it as the Club Secretary, Jim Burgess.

The answers to the word game were:-

- 1 & 6 Terence Stamp
- 2 & 21 Heather Sears
- 3 & 5 Edna Everage
- 4 & 9 Raymond Burr
- 7 & 22 Noel Harrison
- 10 & 32 Una Stubbs
- 11 & 15 Simone Signoret
- 12 Ingmar (Bergman)
- 13 & 14 Noel Edmonds
- 17 & 8 Laurence Olivier
- 18 Inkspots
- 19 & 29 Kim Novak
- 20 & 16 Elke Sommer
- 26 Ustinov
- 27 & 24 Simon Ward
- 28 & 23 Ian Ogilvy
- 30 Elvis
- 31 & 25 Sarah Bernhardt

The caption should then have read:

THERE'S NO BUSINESS LIKE SHOW BUSINESS

The lucky winner was D. Pavely from the Explosives Branch (who provided seven of the eight correct entries) and he will receive a bottle of wine.

CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH

The 46 words have all been hidden in the diagram. They have been printed across (backwards and forwards), or up and down, or diagonally, but always in a straight line without letters being skipped. You can use the letters in the diagram more than once, but you don't use them all. The letters that haven't been used spell out a Christmas message.

Please send your entries to Ike, PR Section, and the first correct entry out of the hat will win a bottle of wine.

SELBUABAMMSELDNAC	Angels
ERURNIIYAYEKRUTHR	Baubles
CNDGVRNNHRISTNROA	Beer
SSEYPEGTWASSAILLN	Bell
ELCPEECAROLTSNMLB	Bethlehem
SEORRDRAEDITELUYE	Bing Crosby
NIREMNOMSVMMTTOSR	Brandy
EGASEISAI AEHLBENR	Buns
CHTEXEBTSSGLETOOY	Candles
NGINMRYPIITARMWS	Cards
IIOATAUWLIHLIAIAA	Carol
KFNSSDEYNLOBECNMU	Chocolates
NTSRDERSECBRKTYUC	Christmas Pudding
ATIIRIEHOOCBARORE	Christmas Tree
RANHALEHNMACRLLEB	Cranberry Sauce
FGTFWMCNOELHTACHR	Cream
WRAPPINGPAPERENAD	Decorations
DLOGNIFPUTSECARDS	Fairs
RSBEERTSAMTSIRHCY	Fairy Light
	Frankincense
	Gift Tag
	Gold
	Holly
	Ivy
	Mistletoe
	Manger
	Myrrh
	Nativity

Noel
 Nuts
 PERME Xmas Draw
 Presents
 Reindeer
 Ribbon
 Rum
 Sage
 Snow

Stuffing
 Sleigh
 Santa Claus
 Tinsel
 Turkey
 Three Wise Men
 Wassail
 Wrapping Paper
 Yuletide

CHRISTMAS NAME GAME QUIZ

The answers to the questions spell out the name of a well known Christmas character. Send in the answers to the questions to Ike to win a bottle of plonk.

- 1 & 7 Starred in Cover Girl and became one
- 5 & 2 Scandinavian star of Lost Horizon
- 3 & 16 Starsky's colleague turned singer
- 4 George C. Scott did not covet him
- 6 & 10 TV's Prince Regent
- 8 & 9 Dickie Valentine sang for this band leader
- 11 & 14 Bandleader renowned for the very thought of you
- 12 What the dickens was this miser's name?
- 13 & 26 Supreme
- 17 & 15 Irish Novelist
- 18 One hundred and one
- 19 & 22 He played Long John Silver
- 20 Miss Rigby
- 21 First name of White Christmas composer
- 24 & 23 George Bernard Shaw's flower girl
- 25 John. who?

QUICKMATCH PRICE SURVEY (As at 9-16 November 1979)

As an experiment, and at great expense, some of the Quickmatch team decided to carry out a survey and compare drink prices in Public Houses with those in the Club.

Six Pubs in the near vicinity were tried before the team fell tragically and violently ill.

<u>DRINKS</u>		<u>Range of Pub Prices</u>	<u>Average Pub Price</u>	<u>Saving</u>
<u>PERME CLUB PRICES</u>				
AK (pt)*	-	37-38	37.5	-
Country (pt)*	-	42	42.0	-
Ind Coope Special (pt)	33	40	40.0	7
Double Diamond (pt)*	-	46	46.0	-
Whitbread Tankard (pt)	34	43-46	45.0	11
Long Life/Abbot (pt)	38	50	50.0	12
Draught Lager (pt)	38	50-54	51.0	13
Cider (pt)	32	46-60	52.0	20
Light Ale ($\frac{1}{2}$ pt)	20	23-27	24.6	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Brown Ale ($\frac{1}{2}$ pt)	20	23-27	24.4	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Guinness (bottled)($\frac{1}{2}$ pt)	22	26-30	28.6	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mackeson ($\frac{1}{2}$ pt)	22	26-30	28.2	6
Gold Label	23	33	33.0	10
Pils	30	38-43	40.75	11
Britvics	16	22-25	24.0	8
Pepsi	13	22-24	22.67	10
Split Mixers	16	23-25	24.0	8
Baby Mixers	13	18-20	18.6	5 $\frac{1}{2}$

<u>DRINKS</u> <u>PERME CLUB PRICES</u>		<u>Range of</u> <u>Pub Prices</u>	<u>Average Pub</u> <u>Price</u>	<u>Saving</u>
SPIRITS				
(Whisky, Gin, Vodka, Rum)	31	37-40	38.2	7
Brandy	40	45-50	48.75	9
Martinis, Port & Sherry	31	35-40	38.63	7½
Liquers	38	45-50	47.5	9½
Malt Whiskies	31-45	42-55	-	-

*Although the Club does not sell these brands, it was decided to include them for comparison with equivalents.

The column on the left marked 'saving' might seem at first glance to be negligible. If you consider, a foursome, having four drinks each in an evening, it could be a saving of as much as £1.66 or about 40p each.

We leave you to ponder on this and any comments to be sent in to the Editor who will endeavour to have recovered by the time they are received.

Whilst on the subject of the Bar we have to report that from the 7 January 1980, Andy Clayton will be assuming the responsibilities of Bar Chairman. This is because the present Bar Chairman, Nigel Evans, has had to step down to concentrate all his efforts on examinations.

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking Nigel for his excellent efforts in both staffing and running the Club Bar for the past 2½ years. On behalf of all the members we wish him luck and every success in his quest for higher qualifications.

Finally, the Front Page Illustration of this Christmas Edition is a colouring competition for the under 16's. A prize of a £2 book or record token will be awarded to the winner. Extra copies of the front page are available from Ike, PR Section.