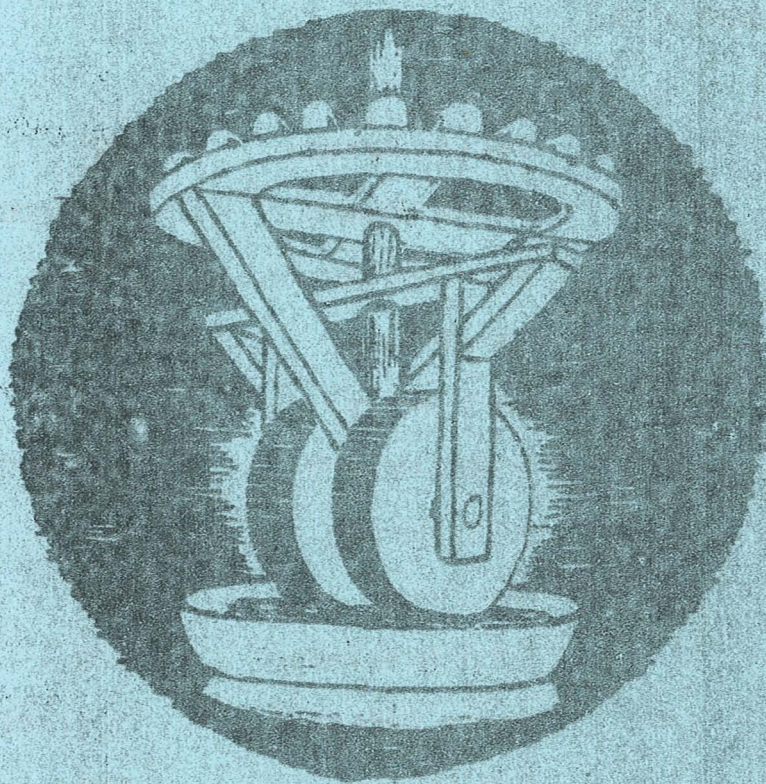


THE POWDERMILL CLUB

QUICKMATCH



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Dear Readers,

Since I have taken over from Norman as Publicity Chairman and Editor of Quickmatch, I have only started to realise the work required to produce this quarterly magazine. Normans efforts in the past have been first rate and I only hope the new team will be able to keep up the high standard he has set.

The new team I have mentioned consists of myself, Dave Service, Alan Ball and Dick Morrell. However we all rely on you, the readers and section representatives, to send in articles, news, gossip, cartoons, etc which make Quickmatch possible. Remember you don't have to wait to the Quickmatch deadline to send in your articles.

My first announcement is, unfortunately, an apology. Due to the holiday season I have had only enough time to include one competition in this issue. This I hope will be rectified in the Xmas issue.

Thats all for now folks.

Editor

Anthony Arber

LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Sir,

My Husband and I would like to thank all those Club Members who so generously donated towards our holiday in Malta.

The contributions which they so unselfishly gave are very much appreciated.

Thanking you all very much,

Doreen Paul.

* BAR *

Not much to report on bar activities except to say that we have had to dispense with the Abbot Ale due to the lack of support but we are going to introduce new taste, as, far as the Club is concerned, in Dark Mild, this will be supplied, we hope, by Greene King.

STEVE HUTCHINGS/Bar Chairman

* CHAIRMAN'S REPORT *

Writing my first report as Chairman I find myself on the other end of the stick, so to speak. Having spent a couple of years as Editor, calling for Quickmatch articles, I now find myself being hounded by the new Editor for my contribution - now I know how Bob felt!

Most members are aware of the Committee changes since the AGM. The main changes are that Tony Arber has taken over Publicity, Steve Hutchings has relinquished the post of House Management to Terry Stemman in order to take over the Bar and Barbara Coe has taken over Outings. It's been a bit like a Cabinet reshuffle.

Following from the AGM the new class of "Life Membership" for retired employees has now been instituted and to date some 76 members have applied; mostly members of the Old Comrades with a few recent retirements.

Whilst on the subject of membership the Committee have recently been concerned with the practice of certain of the Club sub-sections taking on non-members to join in their activities. Although the Committee is sympathetic to sections desperately in need of new members it is a requirement of the constitution that ALL sub-section members MUST be members of the main club. In view of the waiting list for Associate membership the Committee may be willing to come to some temporary arrangement for those on the waiting list if a sub-section is in difficulty, BUT any such arrangement must be made through the Committee. Virtually all sub-sections are subsidised by the Club and it is unfair to members if they are subsidising outsiders in their sporting or leisure activities.

From recent observations it is also apparent that non-members frequenting the Club as "guests" are not always signed in as required by our licencing regulations. Members are reminded that their guests must be signed in and should be bona-fide guests, and this includes husbands and wives who are not Club members. Guests are friends or members of your family who you wish to spend an evening with in the Club. It is not a "backdoor" method for entry to our Club by the general public.

Members may not be aware of the provision of "Temporary" membership for persons visiting you, which may be taken out on application to the Secretary, on a monthly basis. It is the intention of the Committee that spot checks will be made on the door from time to time so have your membership card ready.

Bob McGuchan has reported in the past on the negotiations taking place on the future status of the Club with the splitting of the establishment into RARDE and RO. I have to report that these negotiations are still continuing and the only news is that in the next scheduled meeting the Club will be asked to participate.

NORMAN PAUL/Club Chairman

 * SOCIAL *

Since the last Quickmatch we have held the third Square Dance of the year and it has proved to be reasonably popular. "Gates" are still down, so next year we are going to hold the Square Dances on Saturdays instead of Fridays. We have one more Square Dance scheduled for this year, which will be held on a Friday. Note the date: Friday 1st of November.

A successful Barbeque/Disco evening was held in June and once again it was very heartening to see such a good turn out. The next Barbeque will be held in conjunction with the Fireworks Evening on Saturday 2nd of November.

We have had two "live" acts during the past couple of months, comedian Keith Cross overcame considerable microphone difficulties to entertain us on the Holiday Draw evening and in early August Steve Stuart gave us a lively Saturday evening in the bar with his own wonderful brand of music. He will be making a return appearance to the Club on Friday 15th of November to complement a Christmas Toy Fair, which will be held in the function hall on the same evening.

The remainder of this year's social programme is as follows:

Friday 27th of September.....AUTUMN SOCIAL DANCE

Friday 11th of October.....WILF'N'SQUINT live in
the Main Hall.

Friday 1st of November.....SQUARE DANCE caller
Mike Burnham.

Saturday 2nd of November.....FIREWORKS/BARBEQUE/
DISCO

Friday 15th of November.....LIVE ENTERTAINMENT with
STEVE STUART
and
CHRISTMAS TOY FAIR

Saturday 14th of December.....CHRISTMAS DRAW

Sunday 15th of December.....CHRISTMAS PRIZE BINGO

Friday 20th of December.....CHRISTMAS SOCIAL DANCE

Saturday 21st of December.....CHRISTMAS DISCO

Sunday 22nd of December.....CHILDRENS' CHRISTMAS
PARTY

Tuesday 24th of December.....CHRISTMAS EVE LIVE
ENTERTAINMENT
(provisional)

Saturday 4th January.....NEW YEAR DANCE-with
VANDEN PLUS

IAN GRIGGS/social chairman

The ladies are still keeping fit every Monday night at 8pm. Members £1 and non members £1.25. Lose these pounds now and you can really enjoy your Christmas pudding.

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Bingo dates for the rest of this year are as follows:

Sunday 29th of September

Sunday 6th of October

Sunday 20th of October

Sunday 3rd of November

Sunday 17th of November

Sunday 1st of December

Sunday 15th of December

The SPECIAL XMAS BINGO will be held on the 15th of December.

At the Midsummer Barbeque a Charity Balloon Race was held and the results are now at hand.

The winner was JIM EARL whose balloon (No.41) travelled 386 miles to Wunnenberg (just south of Paderborn) in Germany.

This was the only entry returned from abroad this year which made the task of judging the winner relatively easy.

Jim receives a prize of £5 for his entry and £5 (equivalent in DM) has been forwarded to the sender.

Unfortunately the proceeds from this race didn't come to much more than the expenses but the treasurer of the club has agreed to donate £10 to the St. Margaret's Hospital "Heart Trolley fund".

Full details and a map can be seen on the Club notice board.

As most of you know by now D.Paul (Norman's better half) won the holiday in Malta and I for one wish them a safe flight (airplanes being what they are of late) and a good holiday.

QUICKMATCH SUPPLEMENT

This sheet was accidentally missed from the Autumn 1985 edition of Quickmatch. Please add this supplement to your copy.

BALLROOM DANCING

The Dancing Class, held in the Main Hall on Wednesday Evenings has now been running for 2 years. Although the initial response was quite high, many have fallen by the wayside and the attendance is now somewhat low.

The dozen or so regulars hope to continue with these evenings but a few more would make the class more viable.

We can accomodate non-dancers, beginners, experts and all those in between. One possibility is that the first hour or so (from 7.30) could be for beginners and those wishing to learn new steps and sequences and the rest of the evening would be a general dancing session for those wishing to practice or do their own thing.

Just come along, any Wednesday, or for more details, contact Norman Paul - extn 493.

BINGO DATES

The dates for bingo on page 4 of the Autumn 85 edition of Quickmatch were wrong. My apologies. The correct dates are as follows:

October 13th
27th

November 10th
24th

December 8th SPECIAL XMAS BINGO

Bingo then re-starts on January 5th 1986.

BARBARA COE

COMPETITION RESULTS

Here are the results of the last issue's competitions:

WORDSEARCH

Made it too easy again with the clues! The answers were:
Cyclometer, Stable, Missed, Persistent, Character,
Insubordination and Militant.

The winning entry "from the hat" was BILL PEMBER who receives a bottle of wine.

FAMOUS SAYINGS (As they originally were)

Lots of entries for this one but nearly all from IAN GRIGGS. Here are a few of the more printable entries:

"This cheap Taiwan telescope
is useless Hardy"

"I see no ships"

"Whilst I can appreciate the
present difficulties of the
peasant populace in obtaining
the staff of life I fail to
understand the factors that
preclude them maintaining their
miserable existence by partaking
of the occasional Black Forest
Gateau."

"Let them eat cake"

"Them bloody kids have nicked all
my Daffs for Mother's day again."

"Where have all the flowers
gone."

"Sod off!"

"I want to be alone" (Garbo)

"I know bloody well you saw me
do it!"

"I cannot tell a lie."

"Oh Hell! The wife will kill me,
I spilt bath water all over the
floor."

"Eureka!"

"Is this a digger that I see
before me?" (In the original version
Lady Macbeth is believed to have
seen either Ned Kelly or a JCB).

"Is this a dagger that I see
before me?"

AND MY FAVOURITE WHICH IS DECLARED THE WINNER:-

"Aw Shucks, I've fallen off
the goddam ladder"

"One small step for man"

A WELL DESERVED BOTTLE OF WHISKY GOES TO IAN.

I've just thought of one myself - "It would be advisable to stay
at home on the 15th March" (Caesars Horoscope) - but it's not as
good as Ian's. Anyway, thanks to all those who submitted
entries for these and past competitions,

Ex-Editor.

CAROL SINGERS

Carol singing this year will be in aid of Cystic Fibrosis. Singers are to meet in the Club at 7.45pm on Wednesday the 4th of December or at the beginning of the Monkswood Estate about 8.00pm. All donations money and singers are welcome.

***** XMAS DRAW *****

Although most of you are still looking forward to Summer, the Xmas draw sheets will out towards the latter part of September. If YOU would like to be a seller/promoter and were not last year, could you please let me know on ext. 252. For the past few years our ticket sales have increased to reach a record last year of 16,000 which amounts to nearly £1,600, of which all the money goes towards prizes. We hope this year to beat this record and have around 230 prizes.

Steve Hutchings

***** OUTINGS *****

I would like to start by thanking Alan Rennison for generously donating a large part of the prize he won in a competition in The Sun newspaper for use by friends and workmates of RARDE and RO. The prize was a trip to Lingfield races with a buffet and tote money for 21 people. Here's hoping you win many more competitions Alan.

CALAIS TRIP

A coach for 41 people has been booked for the day trip to Calais on October the 12th, for which all the seats have now been booked. The outings committee and myself would like to thank all those intended day trippers for making our first outing a success. If you do not have a full passport a one day only passport can be obtained from main Post-Offices. If you have any queries concerning the day trip please contact Iris Mezen ext.484. We will be organising another trip for next year.

I will be making enquires shortly concerning the possibility of a trip to a Pantomime sometime in December or January. George Douglas is looking into the possibility of a visit to a television show.

BARBARA COE/Outings Chairman.

* SPORTS *

CHESS

Very little to report as it is the close season at present. However by the time you read this we should have our two latest trophies on show in the Club cabinet. The Lawrance Cup-knockout competition, which was between all the teams in the North Circular League and the plaque awarded for winning the Essex Commercial League (yet again).

The new season opened in mid-September and as usual we would welcome all new players of any standard. Please contact either John Cook (ext 238) or myself (ext 425).

IAN GRIGGS/Secretary

DARTS

KNOCKOUT TOURNAMENT

The new Darts Knockout Tournament lists are now on display in the Club. An entry fee of 20p per competition entered is required, this will go towards the cost of the trophies and engraving. The entry fee is to be placed in an envelope along with the contestants name and handed to the barman. Failure to do this will mean disqualification from the contest.

M. Leonard

INTERSECTION DARTS LEAGUE 1984-85

Eight teams were entered for this competition giving a maximum possible score of 21 points. The results of the competition were as follows:

Fourth were BROAD ARROWS with 11 points.

Third were RICKS ROCKETS with 12 points.

The runners-up trophy (for the second year) went to the mixed RARDE/RO team called PR REUNION, which consisted of:

Mark Phillips Greville Bagg

Andy Clayton John Kemp

and Norman Paul - team captain.

The winners were the DELTA STARS which consisted of:

Ken Sargeant Mick Leonard

Tom George Ken Saggars

Roger Ingram Bill Rogers

and Peter Morris - team captain.

The prizes for this competition were presented at the Summer Draw Evening with DELTA STARS receiving the "Rayments Cup" as well as their individual medals. A special prize of a silver goblet was awarded to RAY HACKETT of the BROAD ARROWS for the highest score of the competition of 174.

LADIES DARTS/BARBARA'S DIARY

May 28th

We had a visit from Bren Green Fashions this evening and won by 6 games to 2, even though they had a bloke partnering a woman in every game, hence we were well pleased. We also played them at the end of July.

June 4th and 11th

Due to an error on their part our two games against Tesco's were not played. We got some practise in though and have made some arrangements to play them next March and September.

June 18th

Tonight we played the "Black Deer" at Loughton and drew 4-4. This was a good result for us as we don't usually get many points from them. Win and Iris got us off to a good start by winning the first game but unfortunately Tracey and Michele and then Mary and I lost the next two games. The partnership of Bren and Win won the next game to even the score at 2-2. In the second half our games were won by the pairings of Bren and Win and Mary and myself.

June 25th and July 2nd

We didn't have match on either of these dates so we had practice matches against the men. The first week it was a good match with Michele and Tracey winning a game, however the following week it was white-wash to the men.

July 9th and 16th

We played "The Coach and Horses" on both these occasions. The first week we played at home and lost 3-2 with Michele partnering Tracey in one of the victories and Mary in the other. The second week we played the return match and suffered our first white-wash losing 4-0.

July 23rd

Tonight we had the return match with "The Black Deer" and although we lost 3-2 it was a close contest. I also won a bottle of wine in the raffle.

July 30th

A good night for us at the "The Woodbine Club" at long last we won. Three of our doubles pairs won, with Tracey, Mary and May Colgate getting the winning doubles. Leslie and I got the winning doubles in the fives. I would like to thank May for playing at such short notice. The big scores of the evening were myself with 140, Iris with 98 and 91, May with 75 and 73 and Leslee with 80 and 73.

August 6th

Lindsey Street in Epping was the venue. A very successful evening, probably because I was away. The girls done well winning 8 games to 3.

August 13th

Another away game to "The Black Deer" Loughton. Last time we played we lost 4-3 but I hoped we were know on a winning streak. Unfortunately they had an even better scoreline beating us 6-3.

August 20th

Four weeks ago played the "Woodbine Club" and won 5-2. However this week we lost 5-2.

SNOOKER

Our first Handicap Tournament is now over and I think it was quite successful. The handicapping worked out very well, with many of the of the frames being decided on the last one or two balls. The billiards competition also produced a number of close fought matches. The results were as follows:

Snooker Singles - winner Neil Hutchings - runner-up Pete Dyke

Snooker Pairs - winners Neil Hutchings & Dave Stokes
runners-up Alby Wright & Sid Whitten

Billiards - winner Barry Barret - runner-up Jim Reynolds

I would like to take this opportunity in thanking everyone who took part in the competition and also the people who refereed the games.

Junior snooker is still on every Monday from 7.30 to 8.30pm, so if youngsters would like to come along we would be pleased to see them.

Just to remind you all about one or two things:

PLEASE COVER THE TABLE AFTER THE LAST GAME.

& PLEASE DO NOT EAT ANY FOOD IN THE SNOOKER ROOM,
THIS APPLIES TO EVERYBODY, PLAYERS AND SPECTATORS.

SQUASH

The lunchtime squash league is holding steady at two divisions at present, although more participants would be welcome since there is a sizeable gap in playing ability between the divisions. This means that anyone promoted one session is invariably relegated the next time. The addition of new participants and the creation of a third division would hopefully overcome this yo-yoing of the middle order players.

Congratulations to Bill Pember who noticed the deliberate error in the last edition: the evening sessions are of course on Wednesday not Tuesday. The prize is a G and T next time John buys a round. I hear that '87 should be a good year for tonic water. I suppose that the magazine should now be retitled Squashmatch since one of our evening members is now the Editor. I suppose that is one way of not seeing anything disparaging about yourself in Quickmatch. The trip to France was relatively uneventful. The town we visited was as empty as the ferry we sailed over on, although it is just as well that no one accepted our challenge. Getting up at 3.30am does not do a lot for your game. Coming back we got stopped and searched at customs. Either they thought three males a strange combination, or it was the way Malcolm was trying to get through two packets of cigarettes and a litre of wine at the same time. We managed to persuade them that he was not trying to dispose of his excess allowances, it was part of his normal pattern when returning from business trips abroad.

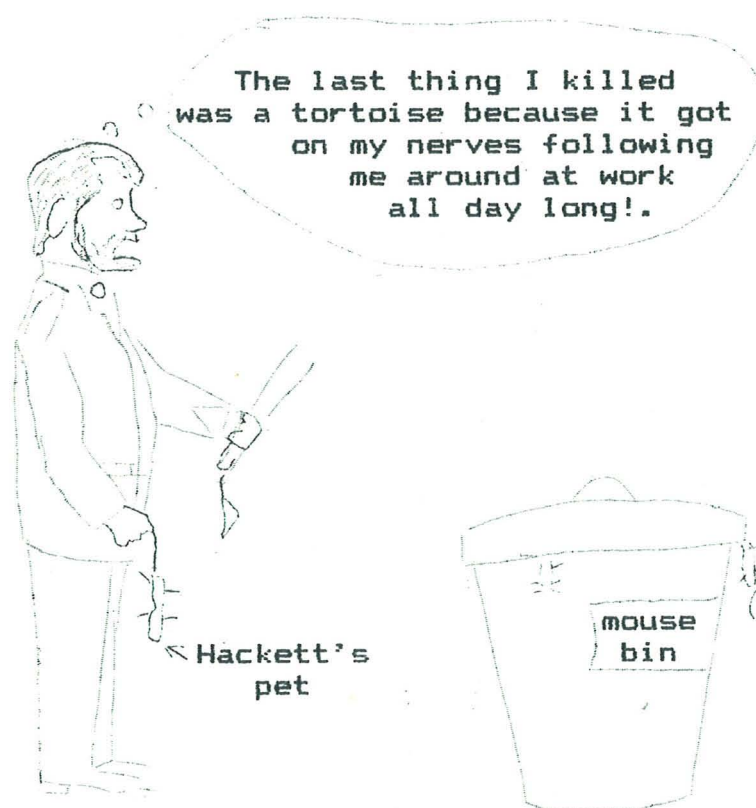
One passing thought, it was remarkable how knowledge of a few words of the local tongue can make others think you are wiser than you are. When we were walking around the town, everytime we took a turning at a crossroads, Eric would remark that we were getting closer to the beach. I assumed that he must have been here before. It was only when I saw a map of the town with "La Plage" written on this yellow stretch next to the sea that I knew the signposts I had been reading were not showing the way to the nearest town but to the beach.

If anyone wishes to join the squash club or league please ring me on ext.545.

Ron Craik

ANONYM

We have now found out why R.H. refuses to draw any more "bunny" cartoons. It seems that he has recently undergone several traumatic experiences connected with his furry four-legged friends. First of all, a very friendly mouse to whom he used to converse with on the North Site during night shift was brutally murdered by a fellow Police Officer (mickeycide?). Then whilst he was away on holiday, his pet hamster broke out of his cage and built a nest behind the hi-fi cabinet. Unfortunately, it scratched, clawed and chewed the carpet to get its nesting materials. However it left all his Des O'Conner LPs intact, pets have strange tastes!.



* COMPETITION *

Following in the same vein as the competition in the last issue (won by Ian Griggs) the objective of this competition is to invent witty or apt collective nouns to describe groups of objectives or people. Examples of this could be "a battery of electricians", "a mess of chemists" or "a parliament of owls". A bottle of wine will be given to the person who in the opinion of the editor sends in most amusing or original collective noun Entries to the Editors as soon as possible please.

