

THE POWDERMILL CLUB

QUICKMATCH

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EDITOR(S) PAGE

Unfortunately this will be the last Quickmatch that I shall be editing as I am leaving the Establishment to make my fortune in the outside world. I have enjoyed my time as Editor and I hope that I have made some contribution to it during the past year. I think you will agree that the new typefaces now available give more scope and produce a better looking publication. My only complaint is the perennial one of all Editors - there are never sufficient contributions from members and many of the contributions that are received always come in late! It's not easy keeping to a deadline and I wish the new Editor, whoever he or she may be, the very best of luck for the future. I also wish members in both Establishments the very best of luck - I'm sure you are all going to need it!

Dave Service

Edit :2

Our apologies for the lateness of this issue. Dave had hoped to complete this issue before he left on August 29th. Due to the tardiness of some of the contributions and the amount of clearing up Dave had to do in both his office and lab he was unable to complete it on time. At the last Committee Meeting Dave Catton sort of volunteered to take over as Editor and Chairman of Publicity (actually he was dragged). Dave has never done anything like this before so please bear with us until we get everything sorted out. A special vote of thanks must go to John Kemp who has stepped in and prepared most of this issue ready for duplicating and, I hope, a vote of thanks to Anthony Arber and sundry others who are going to be asked to do the production and distribution of this issue.

Norman Paul

Edit : 3

Welcome to my first issue of Quickmatch as the new Editor. It's a bit of a cheat really since I haven't had time to actually do much at all towards this issue. I hope to find out about the job before the next issue which is the Christmas one. The deadline date for this issue will be Friday 14th November. I've been told to ask you to make sure that your contributions are in on time! The Christmas issue is probably the most important issue of the year and really must be distributed by the very beginning of December so please send in your contributions and please send them in on time. In the meantime please send your answers to the competition direct to me

Dave Catton

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The last couple of months have been, as is usual at this time of the year, very quiet for the Club. What with holidays and the fine (?) weather members seem to be too busy elsewhere and early evenings we often find the barstaff outnumbering the customers, for this reason we rarely organise any social events for this period but now that the attendance is starting to fill out a varied programme of events has been organised leading up to Christmas and the New Year. Details of these events will be found in the social report but I would like to give a extra "plug" for a special event in October.

We have decided to run another Charity Quiz Evening on 23rd October and this will be something special. In addition to a money prize for the winners they will also hold a new trophy - the "Rick Richards Charity Trophy". The charity chosen will be the newly launched "Scanner Appeal" for the Princess Alexandra Hospital at Harlow. I hope you will give this event your special support.

We have been asked to repeat the High Score Darts Competition in conjunction with a Lager Promotion Night that we ran a couple of years ago. The answer is yes, sometime this Autumn but we are still negotiating with the brewery. Details will be circulated as soon as possible.

Several improvements to the Club are in hand and we are pleased to report that RARDE have had the hall floor completely relaid (which is good news for the bowlers!). A new carpet has been laid in the main bar and new curtains have been ordered and may even be installed by the time this is published. There are also plans for fresh air ventilation systems in the bar areas, kitchen and snooker room and a dropped ceiling in the Function end of the hall. All these improvements cost money and I only hope that we can keep it looking nice without cigarette burns etc. Lastly, we are sorry to be losing our Treasurer, Andy Clayton, who is leaving for RO Chorley. At the SGM on August the 14th Ken Hicks was elected as the our new Treasurer and I am sure that he is looking forward to the task. Which reminds me, where were you on the 14th, we barely managed to hold a meeting at all because of the poor attendance. If we had not elected a treasurer we would have had to close the Club until another meeting had been held! At the meeting the Club presented Andy with a going away present in recognition of his sterling work as a Bar Chairman for 3 years and as Treasurer for over 4 years. As well as electing a new Treasurer at the SGM we also managed to gain a new committee member and welcome Terry Foulsham to the ranks.

We also say farewell to Dave Service, our Quickmatch Editor, who is leaving RARDE and going into the cold cruel world of industry. Thanks to Dave for the work he has put in during his two years on committee. Although he will be left by the time this edition is issued Dave volunteered to carry on and get this issue out before his last day for which I am most grateful since it would have been impossible to elect a new Publicity Chairman and expect an issue of Quickmatch from him (or her) within two weeks of him taking over.

I hope we can look forward to a more settled situation on the committee and hope there will not be anymore losses; or at least until the next AGM.

Norman Paul

STOP PRESS NEW CARPET FITTED WED 20th AUG
CIGARETTE BURN SAME EVENING
SURELY THIS MUST BE A RECORD!

MARGE & BUTTY

Saatchi and Saatchi got it wrong, for once their methods failed
Given a simple 'promo' job, into the mire they sailed
They thought they'd found the perfect pair, an advertiser's dream
Without a fight they'd get it Wright, they'd fit in any scheme
The famous duo you all know now, form tales you've heard before,
There's Marge the Plough, who'll show them how, and Al the Matador
The Ad-men posh brought piles of nosh for Al and Marge to taste,
But Al, whose thirst was at its worst, said "let's not act in haste"
'To be my best to do this test I'll need a yard of ale
As Al and Marge their glasses charged, the Ad-men go quite pale,
The legend of Al's thirsty ways was proved for all to see
As countless quarts of ale and shorts were slurped with glee.
The thought of tasting margarine began to lose its glamour,
"Al, can't you see the grub is free" the advertisers clamour
"You surely jest - to skip our test has consequences tragic"
A second pair, with curly hair, think food offer's magic
So Harry's doll, the Grangetown Moll, persuades the diplomat,
"Make no mistake, this test we'll take, we'll have a go at that!"
I'm sad to say fate had its way then buttered bread she ate,
Our Daph the Taff, she made a gaffe, just like her hen pecked mate.
She pulled a face, a sour grimace.... "I'm claiming my reward"
In tones quite rough she said "This stuff is nothing but a fraud"
The Ad-men winced, no words they minced "This couples pretty nutty,
Just sympathise with coves who can't tell Marge from Butty".
But Paul the Bard, who listened hard, said "Ad-men spare your frown,
I'm pleased to say that helps on it way, the Twiglet Kid's in town!"

G. B. H.

After this, thats probably what he'll get, of the earhole - MacEd

HARRY'S HAPPY HOLIDAY

I'll tell the tale of the Edwardses, and their recent trip to Spain.

A nightmare of a holiday, and it didn't even rain.

The tour was run by Saga, a firm who specialise

In holidays for the older folk; so imagine their surprise

At midnight, in their bedroom, sipping their Ovaltine,

A disco started down below, breaking the peace serene.

Now, the Edwardses are young at heart, despite the passing years,

They've both been known to enjoy a fling, after a couple of beers.

Dances down the PERME, although they're lots of fun,

Mean home to bed and cocoa, and fast asleep by one.

Now, far away in a foreign land, in a badly built hotel,

This rowdy dago disco was their idea of hell.

Daphne thought of magic, but she'd lost her book of spells.

So Harry said "Don't worry, Daph, we'll have to change hotels".

Next morning at Reception, Daphne bent the ear

Of Saga's hapless courier, who said "Don't worry dear,

You old folk take your chance when the bargain price you pay,

A new hotel will cost you, so here you'll have to stay".

Daphne kneed him in the groin, and bent more than his ear.

"I'm ten years off my bus-pass, mate, and don't you call me 'dear'".

Though Daph enjoyed a moments fun, it didn't solve their plight,

A day of sun and San Miguel, and another sleepless night.

They stuffed their ears with cotton wool, and sealed the bedroom door,

But the lights flashed through the curtains, and the racket shook the floor.

Once in a while Harry's been known to have a bright idea,

And, two days later, like in a flash, the remedy was clear.

"We'll never beat them, Daphne, we'll have to play their game,

I'll do my John Travolta, and put them all to shame".

So, that night, on the dance floor, full of San Miguel,
 H displayed his terpsichore, but soon became unwell.
 A tiredness swept over him; so many sleepless nights
 Had wrecked his constitution, and all those flashing lights
 Had given him a headache - they had to call a nurse.
 Harry nearly fainted, and, as things were getting worse
 The D.J. stopped the music, and, above the rhubarb din,
 Announced "This evening's winner", and H began to grin.
 His temporary illness, and all those sleepless nights
 Were soon forgotten. HIS name was up in lights.

Their holiday is over, the Edwardses are back.
 Deafer now, but happier, now that Harry's found the knack.
 The secret to eternal youth, a week in sunny Spain,
 As Sagas youngest pensioner. And now, despite the pain,
 He'll demonstrate with flailing arms, the dance routine he did.

So, it's Happy Birthday, Harry, you ageless Disco Kid.

TELEGRAPH personal column Saturday 23 August

THE HARRY EDWARDS SPIRITUAL HEALING SANCTUARY started by the world famous Spiritual Healer Harry Edwards forty years ago, is now being continued by his associates Ray and Joan Branch who will gladly send literature on request to them at Burrows Lea, Shere, Guildford, Surrey.

BAR REPORT

We are now offering a new guest KEG BEER in the form of PAINES XXX which sells at 72p per pint.

The alterations to the Functions Bar will have been completed by the time you read this and the extended bar should ease any congestion at future events (even Football Club Disco's)

Later this year we shall be running a Brewery Trip and details will be published nearer the time. The numbers available for the trip will be limited so it's first come first served.

ed the bar with a range of new beers and wines. **Steve Hutchings**

FINANCE & OUTINGS

It has been decided by the Committee that the Club will subsidise the travel costs of future Outings for members. In future members will only have to pay the entry to the venue and the transport costs will be paid by the Club. This will not apply to such outings as Day Trips Abroad since the cost of these outings is all transport.

One important point to note:

The subsidy is only for Club Members and their children under 18 ONLY. Friends, relatives and spouses who are not Club Members cannot be subsidised from Club funds and will have to pay towards the transport costs. In future, booking forms for outings will require you to distinguish between members, children and non-members.

"BLASTER BATES"

Just in case any member is interested:- Blaster Bates is giving a performance at Harlow Playhouse on October 2nd.

Why don't we all get our own back and not turn up!

LADIES SOCIAL

XXX Since the last Quickmatch we have held another successful Summer Disco - Barbeque.

Our thanks to volunteer assistant Geoff Hooper for helping Dick Morrell, such was his enthusiasm for the job that he nearly stopped drinking for the night! At one point in the evening he had two full pints lined up behind him, untouched.

Obviously Geoff still needs a few more rounds at the Bob and Alan Training Camp, to master the art of supping a pint of cooking oil whilst brushing some on the steaks and burgers at the same time.

The June Fashion Show had the usual following and bargains. The next one will be on Friday September 12th.

A few more dates to remember are,

Saturday	20 th September	Disco
Friday	26 th September	Racing Night
Saturday	4 th October	Square Dance
Friday	10 th October	Autumn Dance
Thursday	23 rd October	Quiz Night

Bill Coe

BINGO

Bingo sessions are held in the main hall every two weeks on Sunday nights at 8.00pm.

At the moment the snowball stands at £70 and should be won at about £100, why not come and try your luck, all the takings are paid out in prizes.

Next Sessions

Sunday	31 st August
Sunday	14 th September
Sunday	28 th September
Sunday	12 th October

CHRISTMAS DRAW

Yes! We know it's a long way off but as is usual we will be starting selling the Annual Draw Tickets from September.

Steve Hutchings, who has run the draw for a few years, has relinquished the job since he is now on the North Site and never in the same place twice. Iris Mezen has volunteered to take on the job of ticket sales and sheets of numbers are available from her NOW! Ticket price remains at 10p each number which, because of inflation, means that the actual cost in real terms has been reduced. However, since the prizes are determined by the amount collected and the current price of goods, we really need to sell more than last year for the same amount of prizes - there are no administrative or other deductions. The more tickets you buy the more chances you have of winning.

SPORT

SNOOKER

Yet another Snooker Season is nearly upon us. We have two teams again this year in the Edwasca league. Hopefully we'll do better than we did last year (our home night is Thursday).

Our Club Tournaments both went well and congrats to Tracy Reynolds for being the first female entry in one of our tournaments. (Tracey's handicap was Andy Carter. He was her partner in the pairs handicap competition.

The results are

	Wnr	R/U
Snooker Champion	B. Argent	S. Berry
Snooker Pairs Champions	S. Berry	A. Wright
	J. Harris	A. Ball
Billiards Champion	S. Berry	J. Nicholson
Snooker Handicap Champion	G. Cummings	A. Wright
Snooker Pairs H/Cap Champions	J. Harris	D. Reynolds
	J. Reynolds	C. Reynolds
Billiards Handicap Champion	W. Sadler	P. Dyke

Well done to all our finalists and thank you to everyone who entered the competitions.

Watch out for the entry forms for our next tournament (September).

Thanks must also go to all the people who refereed the semi-finals and the finals. They made a very good job of it.

Have you heard about our eternal runner up? Six times he has reached the finals and six times he's come second. Mind you he's done really well to get to the finals on six occasions. Well done Alby Wright.

Junior Snooker starts again on the second Monday in September so if any youngster would like to come along they will be more than welcome. It's a chance for youngsters to learn the basics of Snooker.

Barry Barrett

TENNIS CLUB

Well the best part of the Tennis season is drawing to a close and we've had some excellent turnouts on club nights and Sunday mornings. The coaching wasn't so well attended, perhaps everyone is getting so good it isn't needed. This season looks like being our highest membership for several years. Our internal tournaments are going very slow, possibly due to holidays etc but we've held one successful "American Tournament" won by Paul Townsend.

For me the real highlight of the season has been the Men's Doubles team winning their league by a clear four points. 10 wins out of 12 matches. Barry Madison captained a very strong and reliable squad and we also picked up the "best sets won average" in the team. Once again "Well Done!".

Finally in the near future we hope to spray our courts with a rubberised paint which will greatly improve the surface. I must also mention the great efforts of Frank Willingale in decorating the hut. It makes Queens Club look ordinary.

R Burchell

SQUASH

The Thursday evening group still meets regularly at the Social Club bar after playing at the Paternoster Centre from 8.20 to 9.40. All welcome.

The lunchtime players have been involved in a doubles tournament. The first part took the form of a the 9 pairs playing in two leagues, the top 2 pairs going through to the semi finals.

The final is to be Malcolm Stewart & Ron Craik versus Paul Bunyan & Phillip Bird. The normal league will return in September. Anyone wishing to take part in either lunchtime or evening session should contact Paul Bunyan or myself respectively.

Ron Craik (545)

LADIES DARTS

17 June Away game against the Woodbine. Started off winning the first game.

J Wood getting us the point. That was the only point!

8 July A good night. We drew 2 all at the Coach and Horses, Cheshunt. GOOD SCORES FROM ALL OUR TEAM.

15 July Both the Jacquie's got our 2 points tonight. J Barnard getting Double 1 and J Wood Double 14. Result was 4-2. We've arranged a friendly with the Angel "B" next week.

22 July A friendly against Angel "B". We lost 6-1. (Doesn't sound at all friendly to me. Ed.) Iris got our only point. Tracey hit 91 and 75, Penny 79 and 63 and Lil 72. Nothing else to write about.

29 July Away to Angel "B". Lost 5 games to 4 but a much improved performance. Probably 'cos I wasn't playing.

Our next game is 22nd August at home. I'd like to finish this report with congratulations to one of our players, Michele Burge on her recent engagement to Michael "Houdi" Elborough Who works in the Fire Station.

Barbara Coe

CHESS CLUB

The season finished on a high note for all 3 teams. In the Essex League we finished as runners-up in Division 2 with a playing record of 8 wins, 2 draws and 2 defeats. Our team in the 'A' Division of the North Circular League also finished 2nd (8-1-3) with an identical "board count" (57.5 - 38.5) as the League winners Barnet. We retained the Essex Commercial League title (4th win in 6 seasons!) with a playing record of (6-1-3).

The Club's internal championship was won this year by Peter Rose and he was awarded the Uri Cup. To prove that it was no fluke he also won the handicap section! The '1981 Cup' - awarded for the best playing percentage over the entire season - was won this year by Ken Groce (77.8%). John Cook (77.1) and Martin Cohen (75) were close behind. It was gratifying to find 10 players with over 60%.

At the Club's AGM there were a couple of Committee changes. Ian Griggs relinquished the Secretary's chair after 5 years and is now the new Chairman in place of John Cook. Bob Torry became Secretary but Tom Sterne continues as Treasurer. Match Captains are Terry Turner (Essex and Commercial Teams) and John Cook (North Circular). Bob Jones continues to be in charge of the Correspondence Chess Team.

For once, we do not seem to have lost any players: Quite the opposite in fact with the recent acquisition of Gary Kenworthy and Byron Alexander. Gary in particular is going to breathe fresh life into the Club. He has just moved from Bradford, and he also captains the Sussex County Side. He is currently rated no. 88 in Britain. He has offered to stage a 'simultaneous display' (games against a dozen or more opponents at the same time) later in the year. Byron is much less experienced but, from what we have seen, should develop well.

We have managed to revive the old club nights and all are welcome at the Card Room any Wednesday evening. Whether you are an International Grandmaster or a Complete Novice we shall be pleased to welcome you. (Don't bother to bring a pool cue with you though).

Any other Chess queries please contact Bob Torry (extn 306), Ian Griggs (425) or John Cook (238) - or leave your name and telephone at the bar.

POLICE FIVE

We depart from our usual "Police Five" format to bring you the extracts from a conversation between two of the famous Bunnies. Whilst it is possibly true to say that rabbits cannot really talk, the remainder of this "Police Five" is the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth!

Silly Bunny: Them MoD Plods at Waltham Abbey are a right bunch of Wallies, ain't they!

Wise Bunny: What makes you say that?

Silly Bunny: Well, all they do is to stand about on the gate all day making the people show their passes before they can come in. I think it's all a waste of time and money.

Wise Bunny: They do a lot more than that you know. Look at July for instance.

Silly Bunny: What did they do in July then? Look at more passes than usual?

Wise Bunny: No. I happen to know that one of the dog handlers discovered a fire burning in the middle of the night. It was right in the middle of an area of dry undergrowth. If he hadn't found it and done something about it, there could have been a very serious fire.

Silly Bunny: Well alright - I suppose that's a bit unusual.

Wise Bunny: Don't forget what happened the very next night.

Silly Bunny: Not another fire!

Wise Bunny: No. There was a lot of trouble up at the Monkswood Estate. Load of yobboes causing all sorts of aggro. That was in the middle of the night too. The MOD Police sorted all that lot out - some of the coppers weren't even on duty at the time but they all helped. They said it was unlawful assembly and serious assault, whatever that means.

Silly Bunny: Yes, alright, thats a couple of isolated incidents. So what?

Wise Bunny: Those two incidents happened on the first and second of the month. On the third, there was that business on the flyover.

Silly Bunny: I didn't hear nothin' about that.

Wise Bunny No, not many people did. There was this bloke sitting on the parapet of the M25 flyover near Quinton Gate. He was threatening to throw himself off on to the motorway

Silly Bunny But that would have caused a multi-car pile-up. Didn't anyone try to stop him?

Wise Bunny The members of the public were just standing round like dummies waiting for him to jump. One of the MOD coppers went up there and dragged him back to safety.

Silly Bunny Perhaps they're not as useless as I thought they were!

Wise Bunny They had a funny incident in the middle of the month. There were a couple of Hare Krishna monks at the Main Gate in Powdermill Lane. The MOD lads even had to deal with that! There was no hassle - in fact the coppers were even invited to something called a Vegetarian Feast that night.

Silly Bunny Well I must admit that I'll look at them in a different light from now on. What a pity you've only told me about four incidents. If there was another one, you could have sent it in to Quickmatch for that 'Police Five' page.

Wise Bunny Perhaps you're not such a silly bunny after all. There was a dodgy incident in the middle of the month. Two cars had a head-on collision outside Sewardstone Gate. One of the cars had been stolen and the driver ran off. The people in the other car were injured but the MOD Police rendered First Aid and directed traffic round the smashed cars until the Met arrived later.

Silly Bunny Well this conversation has certainly opened my eyes. I'm not going to be a silly bunny any more now I realise that they can do a professional job like they do!

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In conclusion: What sort of Bunny are you? Wise or silly?

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COMPETITION RESULTS

The winner of Bob's Puzzle in the last issue was Norman Paul who can collect his bottle of wine from the Bar. We do not have sufficient space to list all the words that could have been made from the 10 letters given but the 10 letter word itself was CHATTERBOX. Bob's target was 75 four or more letter words containing the letter O and the winning entry contained 90 plus 9 proper names.

The winner of the other competition, "Guess the Abbreviations", was none other than Bob McGuchan and Julie can collect his bottle of wine from the Bar! Once again we do not have the space, or time, to list the correct answers but if you are really interested, ask Bob!

COMPETITION TIME

Just one Competition this time and it's another of Bob's Word Puzzles again!

R U B

L F L U

M E T

The letters make up a 10 letter word which you might receive on a visit to the bar. Can you find 50 other words of 4 or more letters. All words **MUST** contain the letter U, each letter may be used only once, no proper names, plurals or foreign words.

All entries to the NEW Editor, Dave Catton P2. Usual prize to first correct entry out of his hat!

If any member has any competitions for future issues the Editor will be pleased to receive them.