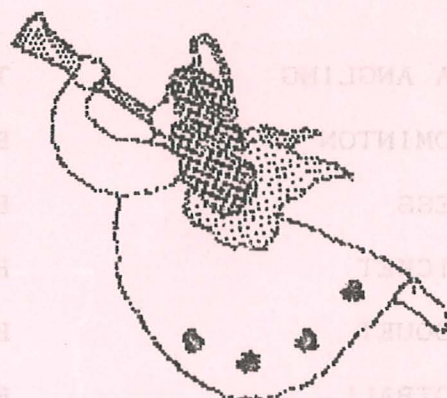


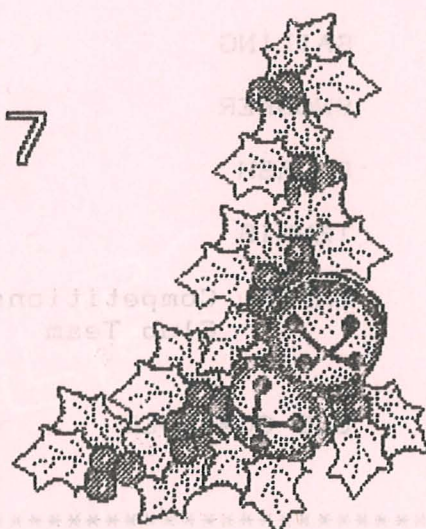
THE POWDERMILL CLUB



QUICKMATCH



CHRISTMAS 1987



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EDITOR'S REPORT

Hello again everyone! It doesn't seem so long since the last Quickmatch does it, but Christmas has come round once again and so you are all due another offering! Problems with our Club computer have delayed publication, but at last here it is. Christmastime gives each of us time to reflect on events during the past year, and for me there have been some memorable events and achievements:

The Nonathlon in February was great fun and got my competitive spirit aroused, as did the Charity Quiz in April in which my team again came second- superb events. I sadly missed the Bicentenary celebrations in September, but since I was on the beach on an idyllic Greek island at the time it wasn't too bad. Recollections of the Boulogne day trip in October were a little clouded (!), but the Frogs' Legs in garlic sauce were superb and I never realised Stella Artois was so cheap!!

A plus point on the Quickmatch front has been the better response from the Sub-Sections for contributions. This is very much welcomed, and must be kept up if Quickmatch is to survive- my plea now is for more correspondents to write in with general articles, reports, etc. All contributions will be gratefully received! I'm also very pleased with the response this year to our Quickmatch Competitions- it makes the time spent devising them well worth while. You can keep it up by getting started on the one below!

It just remains for me to wish you all a Happy Christmas and New Year.

Dave Catton

????????? COMPETITION ?????????

The Autumn Competition 'GOING PLACES' attracted a massive 35 entries. The winner was Neil Shepherd, of RARDE NP4 Section. Well done Neil- the usual prize of a bottle of wine is yours.

"PERFECT PAIRS"

A perfect pair is a two-word phrase which can be converted into two more phrases with the addition of one new word. You have to find a word which, when placed IN FRONT of the words in each phrase below, produces two more commonly used phrases.

Example: 4. BOOK CASE Answer: NOTE (Note book, Note case)

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| 1. LIGHT FINGERS | 10. PLACE MARK |
| 2. TIME OFF | 11. NOTE BOOK |
| 3. TOOTH POWDER | 12. BREAD PUDDING |
| 4. BOOK CASE | 13. WOOD WORK |
| 5. GANG UP | 14. DANCE MUSIC |
| 6. MAIN ROAD | 15. CHEESE CAKE |
| 7. PAPER PLATE | 16. REST ROOM |
| 8. BREAK DANCE | 17. NIGHT LIGHT |
| 9. HOUSE ROOM | 18. MINE FIELD |

Entries to the Editor as soon as possible please.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

As is usual, at this time, we tend to review the past year and attempt to judge the degree of success, or otherwise, that the Club has enjoyed. Well, it's been a funny year on the Social side with much reduced support for many functions compared with previous years. Even the Club bar has had more downs than ups during the year. There are always slack periods, generally in the New Year and during the holiday period, but these seemed to persist far longer than normal. Overall, it appears that member's minds are on matters of more importance and it seems that the general malaise over the future of the two Establishments is creeping, slowly but surely, into the Club.

As reported in the last issue the Committee have set up a special Sub-committee to look into future developments. This is proving difficult since, in neither case, has there been any concrete decision on what is happening and when. Until such time we can only draw up "worst case" scenarios and make some tentative plans for dealing with each possibility. Despite all the uncertainty we shall continue to plan ahead as far as possible and hope that member's support will improve, especially over the Christmas period.

Once again we are indebted to the Bar Staff who have done a sterling job over the past year and our thanks to them will, we hope, be suitably expressed at a special Christmas Dinner which will be held in the New Year. It will be after Christmas because the Bar Staff are all fully committed during December with all the additional functions! Special arrangements will be made on the actual night so that the Bar will still be manned!

It only remains for me, on behalf of the Main Committee, to wish you all a very Merry Christmas with a hope that matters will improve for us in the coming New Year.

Norman Paul

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

There was a small increase in CSSC subscriptions in October for MOD members and this would normally mean a similar increase for RO members. It has been decided that RO membership fee will not be adjusted on this occasion as the extra amount does not warrant the large amount of work necessary for the change. This does mean that MOD employees are paying a little more but this is more than offset by the additional contribution which RO plc gives direct to the Club.

Associate membership is due for renewal and existing members will be receiving notification in the near future. Associate subscriptions must be paid BY the 31st January 1988 otherwise membership will lapse and will have to be re-applied for. There will be no exceptions to this rule and Sub-section officers are asked to ensure that their members have complied. Associates will be pleased to hear that there will be no subscription increase this year.

BAR REPORT

The busiest time of the year approaches us yet again, at least as far as the Bar and it's Staff are concerned. The happy hour and a half seems to attract a few down to participate in a cheap scotch or two and for those of you who are not aware the "Happy Hour and a Half" is between 7.30 and 9.00 on Monday and Thursday evenings when you can enjoy selected beers at 10p off, malts at 50p and spirits at 40p. The current "Guest Beer" will stay with us throughout the Festive season. An additional off-sale item in stock is 2 litre bottles of Abbot Ale which retail at £2.93 each. We could, if sufficient demand is forthcoming, do the same size bottles of Lager retailing at £2.70. If anyone is interested in this please contact me and we will hold some in stock.

You will find in this issue our usual Christmas Order Form and off-sale list. Please note the last date for receipt of orders and place your order early to avoid disappointment.

A Brewery Outing is being arranged for the New Year - keep your eyes open for details in the notice to be issued early in the New Year.

Please note that the usual bar extensions, openings and closings will apply over the Christmas period:

Christmas Eve	- Bar Extension
Christmas Day	- Closed all day
Boxing Day	- Lunchtime only
New Year's Eve	- Bar Extension
New Year's Day	- Open Lunchtime & Evening.

All that remains for me to say now is to thank the Bar Staff immensely for their work in the past year and especially for the work they will be doing over the next few weeks. I wish them and all other members a very Happy Christmas and an even Happier New Year.

Steve Hutchings

OBITUARY

It is with regret that we report the death of Mr Peter Saytch, aged 50 years, who until October of this year resided with his wife, Michelle, at 6, Brookside, Waltham Abbey, before moving to Bude, Cornwall. During the afternoon of Sunday 8th November, Peter died suddenly, having suffered a heart attack.

Peter was a well known, regular member of the Club, and enjoyed his games of Darts and Snooker.

The funeral was held on Monday 23rd November at Waltham Abbey Church and was followed by cremation at Enfield Crematorium. Flowers were sent from his friends at the Club Alan and Marge, Bob and Julie, Roy and Kim, Alby and Sue, John, Ian, Steve and Nigel, and the Club Committee.

Our heart felt sympathy goes to Michelle and family on their sudden loss. He will be deeply missed by all.

C H R I S T M A S C A L E N D A R

FINAL EVENTS FOR THE YEAR ARE:

Saturday 12th December XMAS DRAW 7.30 for 8pm

Sunday 13th December XMAS BINGO

Saturday 19th December XMAS DISCO

Sunday 20th December CHILDREN'S XMAS PARTY

BAR EXTENSION ON CHRISTMAS EVE

CLUB CLOSED XMAS DAY

BAR OPEN BOXING DAY LUNCHTIME ONLY

BAR EXTENSION NEW YEAR'S EVE

AND FOR THE START OF 1988

BAR OPEN LUNCH & EVENING NEW YEAR'S DAY

Saturday 2nd January NEW YEAR DANCE

dancing to "Midnight Sound"
 Tickets £4 including buffet.

RIFLE CLUB

Over the summer a team consisting of Mick Collins, his daughter Carol, Jackie Wood, Andy Whittaker, and myself took part in the Essex Rifle League and came second in our Division. Admittedly we were not in a particularly high division, but since three members of the Team only took up shooting two years ago we were all very pleased with the result.

If anyone wants to try their hand at rifle shooting and to sample the rather dubious comforts of our rifle range, then you are most welcome to contact either Mick Collins or myself. The fees are extremely reasonable and we provide all the equipment necessary. so why don't you have a go!

Mick Collins (Ext 214)

The Table Tennis section has really got off to a flying start! We have entered a Team in Division 4 of the Cheshunt & District Table Tennis League, and have begun by winning our first three matches 8-1, 6-3, 6-3. Stan Edmans is our hero, winning 8 out of 9 games played so far. Dave Elderfield has won 5 out of 6, Pat Edmans 2 out of 6, and yours truly 5 out of 6. We have started out how we mean to go on, so let all our future opponents beware!

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SAILING CLUB

Things have been a little quiet in the Sailing Club these last three years- let me explain!

This section, unlike other groups attached to the main Club, suffers from the fact that once it has done its job of providing facilities to indulge in a sport, people then go and leave it!

There is a Club boat which can be sailed, or sunk, depending on your ability! Once one has experienced the joys, or otherwise, of sailing, the choice is to continue or to stop. If one decides to continue, the first priority is then to buy your own boat, so the Sailing Club, and it's boat, become redundant.

This is a recurrent pattern in the life of RGPF, ERDE, PERME, and The Powdermill Club Sailing Club!

Membership is now hovering around 4 to 5 individuals, and although others have attempted to join us recently, we have another hitch. The Club, and it's boat, is open to all Main Club members but the Sailing Club officers must be convinced of your abilities as a sailor to handle a boat competently. If the boat is sailed without consent the insurance is then invalid for damage or injury to our boat, any other boat, and more importantly to anyone involved. It may sound pompous, but I'm afraid that's the way it is.

Current officers have had every intention of taking non-sailors out on weekday evenings this last summer season, but more recently have been prevented by long-term on-going domestic commitments. However, fresh attempts will be made in the New Year, so please don't loose heart!

John Alexander (Ext 320)

SNOOKER

It's a great time of the year is this! Snooker is back on the telly, League matches, Internal Tournaments, Cockney Classic, trip to the B&H at Wembley, and of course it's Christmas. Yeah, it's great!

This years Cockney Classic Champion is Alby Wright, who beat me in the Final (rotten sod!), so Alby will be off to Harrow or Kings Cross to play in further rounds, and you never know, he may get to the televised stages. Well done Alby! Thanks to everyone who took part and who refereed.

The trip to Wembley to see Alex Higgins v. Tony Knowles is on Wed 27th January- there will be a notice coming out just after Christmas, so watch out for that.

Everything seems to be going smoothly on the Snooker scene, but if you do have any problems or ideas then please let me know. All that remains now is for me to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Barry Barrett (Ext 503/391)

OLD COMRADES

Here at last is a contribution from the Old Comrades!

What have we been up to? Well, we meet on the first Thursday of each month at the Powdermill Club at 8 o'clock. During the year we have had a Fish and Chip supper and last month a demonstration, by a young lady named Carol, of a new liqueur(?) - Devonshire Royal Cream Liqueur. This was not everyone's favourite tipple but very popular when it is given away!!

We had a coach trip in September, to the Gardens at Sheffield Park in Sussex, and to the nearby Bluebell Railway: it rained, of course, but not all day and a great time was had by the fifty-odd members.

We must say a belated 'Thankyou' to the Central Committee of the Powdermill Club and therefore to all the members, for the grant which helps us to subsidise events such as the coach outings to a worthwhile degree, and to put on events like the Christmas Dinner in early December.

A Happy Christmas to you all.

Bob Brown (Ext. 481)

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE NEWS

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE 24-HOUR DARTS MATCH
Saturday 26 - Sunday 27 September 1987

The above event, in aid of the GEOFF MARLOW APPEAL, proved a great success and I am delighted to announce that the total amount of money raised was:

£ 842.50

The total number of points scored on the Darts board was 316,743 ! And this was with the 'SERGEANTS' beating the 'No.2 SECTION' by some 15,000 points!!

On behalf of everybody who took part, either as arrow-throwers, scorers, suppliers of refreshments, or in connection with other behind-the-scenes activities, may I thank you for your support.

On behalf of: Ian Griggs

Geoff Allen, Stuart Byrne, Ray Hackett, Ron Mason, Terry Mitchell, Phil Parsons, Gordon Thomas, John Thomason, Peter Tingle, Peter Ward, and last but not least Alan Wright.

THE EMIGRENT TO WILDEST BUCKS

Dear Friends,

It is almost two years since I left Waltham Abbey for the green and pleasant pastures of Westcott. During this time I have treasured fond memories of "the old place" and, whenever possible, I have visited, not to say darkened, its well worn doorstep in order to maintain links with friends and former colleagues.

It was a surprise therefore, that during a tour of Westcott by a group from Waltham Abbey, I was presented with a symbolic gift, to wit, a bag of carrots! For those of you, and there can be very few, who do not recognise the symbolism, I shall explain. It seems that, according to those at Waltham Abbey who know about these things, all persons who live and work beyond the tentacles of the former GLC area are often clad in smocks and are prone, when the rotation of crops fails, during famine, full moon or when the wheels fall off the farm cart and they are unable to reach Tesco's, to eat raw root vegetables such as carrots!

The presentation was made by Mr. A.T. Betts (who else?!), who's august presence is welcome even here in darkest Bucks and who's profile is indeed more famous than that of a certain magazine with which we are all acquainted! Mr. Betts was accompanied by the stalwart Mr. K. Fowler and Mr. R. Ford who confirmed, if confirmation were necessary, that I had become in the vernacular of Waltham Abbey, a "Carrot Cruncher"! (* see footnote)

I greatfully accept this honour and trust that in the future those of you who do journey up the A41 will find as I did, that the natives are friendly, the grass as green and the carrots as tasty as those from the sod of Waltham Abbey.

Whoever he may be!

Kind regards, and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Doug McLean

Editors Footnote:

The term "Carrot Cruncher" is believed to have first been given to the peasantry by Tony Smith!

Also, how about having a pole on who is the 'sod' of Waltham Abbey?! Replies to Editor, Quickmatch in strictest confidence, of course!!

THE POWDERMILL CLUB

CHRISTMAS ORDERS 1987

Last year quite a number of the Club's members took advantage of one of the bar's facilities and bought beer in bulk from the Club. Listed below are our off-sales beer prices for the festive season along with some of our popular wines. We still have a course a range of malt whiskies which are available for off-sale. As well as the popular malt whisky miniatures we now offer a range of liqueur miniatures. these have only just arrived and have yet to be unpacked and priced but a list will soon be made available at the bar.

If you wish to order any beer, wine or whisky for Christmas please return the form to me or leave it with the barman as soon as possible PLEASE to avoid disappointment. Orders may only be collected from Saturday 19th to Wednesday 23rd December.

Steve Hutchings Bar Chairman.

BEER PRICES

Cask Conditioned Beers 5gal Polypin 9gal Firkin

BBA Bitter	24.65	43.47
Abbot Ale	29.08	
IPA Bitter	24.65	

Bottled Beers and Cider

price per bottle (5% discount on
each full dozen)

Pale/Brown Ale	41p	Mackeson	48p
Guinness	54p	Harp Lager	46p
Carlsberg Special	72p	Holsten Pils	74p

Autumn Gold Cider £1-25p per quart flagon

Dry Blackthorn £1-30p per quart flagon

NEW ITEM 2 litre Bottle Abbot Ale £2-93 each

MALT WHISKIES - As available - average price £13 a bottle.

Speymalt Selection Mins.

40%	13.20 per 12 in gift box 1.12 each
53%	16.90 per 12 in gift box 1.42 each
40%	Special gift pack of four 4.65

FOR FULL PRICE LISTS OF BEERS, WINES, SPIRITS OR MINERALS -
ASK AT THE BAR

WINE SELECTION (70cl except where noted)

Niersteiner Gutes Domthal QbA (Blaumeister).....	2.15
Niersteiner Gutes Domthal QbA (Blaumeister) 1.5 litre ..	4.42
Piesporter Michelsberg QbA (Blaumeister)	2.40
Le Piat d'or (Gilbey) WHITE	2.83
Le Piat d'or (Gilbey) RED	2.83
Cotes du Rhone AC (Teltscher)	2.68
Medoc 1978 AC (Teltscher)	3.31

(For a full wine list of our 50 wines presently available contact Steve Hutchings extn 532, or ask the barman)

Of course we also stock a full range of Spirits, Cordials, Mixers, Sherries and Port.

Christmas Order Form.

Name :

Address:

Please reserve for me the following goods for collection on:

(NOT before Sat 19th NOT after Wed 23rd)

Quantity

[illegible]