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EDITORIAL

"Hold the Front Page"

Well thats what the newspapers say, unfortunately I have held it a bit longer than usual, but as this is my first issue as the new Editor of Quickmatch I am sure you will understand the reasons for the delay of this issue.

I would like to thank all those who have contributed articles to Quickmatch and remind all our readers that if they have any comments, opinions or amusing stories, jokes or puzzles, just send them in to me at any time preceding the next issue.

Congratulations to our winners and runners up in their particular sports more details which are contained within. I would like to mention however that Constable John Thomason who with his dog Cloud won the Man Work Section at the M.O.D. dog trials is also a champion pistol shot so with this formidable duo patrolling the fences of PERME any one who is contemplating breaking OUT would be well advised to do so when John and Cloud are off duty.

As within the next year to 18 months we will probably be moving into our new club, Quickmatch will be keeping you up to date via Chairmans Chat and Editorial as to the latest developments towards our move to the new premises.

Bill Warren.

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Yet another AGM has come and gone and I am still here like a LP with the needle stuck. Still the AGM saw some significant changes with farewells to the Director, (I wonder who our next President will be) and several stalwarts of the club for many years, Ike, Eric Speller, and Nigel Ivaris. Everybody needs a rest sooner or later and I'm glad to see some new blood coming into committee. Indeed it was heartening to note that we were oversubscribed with nominators for committee this year and that with very little arm twisting. We are particularly grateful to Ian Costen for taking on the onerous task of Treasurer.

A key issue arising at the AGM was the re-location of the club to the N Site Canteen. Phase 1 of the conversion has now been completed by sub-contractors and the basic shell of the new club is now available. Unfortunately the Establishment was rather optimistic regarding the jobs which could be done within the available budget and some of the false ceilings we had hoped for will not now be installed. I am hoping however that our design consultant will be able to suggest alternative solutions which will not detract from the overall scheme.

The main concern of the AGM was the total cost to the Club of the bar installations, carpets, decoration, furniture, light fixtures etc. and how best to finance the overall project. At this point in time we have estimates only for the bar fixtures and these will cost about £10K. The immediate task therefore is to obtain estimates for the other items while the Treasurer will be investigating loan arrangements from the Brewers and the Civil Service Sports Council. Once we have this information a Special General Meeting will be called to discuss these matters and hopefully give Committee the green light to get the work done before costs escalate even more. It is my great hope that we shall be installed in our new improved premises by next spring.

R.McGuchan.

SOCIAL REPORT

The Supper Dance this year is being held on Saturday 14th June from 8.00p.m. - midnight in the North Site canteen. Dancing will be to music played by the Clayton Edwards Sound and tickets are £2.00 each including a substantial supper. This dance is being held on Saturday instead of Friday as an experiment by request from some regular attenders who have to work Saturday mornings.

On the following Saturday 21st June in the club lounge from 8.00p.m. - midnight we have an evening of live music played

by 'Just Us' a duo who some of you may remember were very well received when they played in our club last year. Light buffet refreshments will be provided during the evening. Admission is free!

The Square Dance will be held in the North Site canteen from 8.00p.m. - midnight on Friday 1st August. Mike Burnham will again be calling and providing the music and all profits from this function will be donated to Charity. Tickets are not yet available for this dance, details will be published at a later date.

In addition to the above, we also have our regular Bingo Sessions on the first and third Sunday of each month starting at 8.00p.m. in the club lounge.

For further details of any social functions please contact me in the cash office ext. 226.

Elsa McFarlane

THE CLUB BAR - SOME FACTS AND FIGURES

Those of you who have patronised the club bar over the past three months will probably have noticed a few changes - apart from two unfortunate price rises that have been forced upon us. The most important changes are undoubtedly those concerning the draught and keg beers that we sell.

Firstly, our cask bitter (real Ale) has proved to be extremely popular and at present we sell more pints of Rayments BBA over the course of a week than any other of our beers on tap. Secondly, after a long association with Whitbreads we have ceased to deal with this brewery. This move means that Whitbread Tankard is no longer available in the Club and that Whitbread Light Ale will also disappear once the present stocks are exhausted. Our two other Whitbread beers, Mackeson and Gold Label, we purchase through Ind Coope and will therefore continue to be stocked. The move to drop Whitbread was prompted by ever-declining sales of Tankard coupled with the unenthusiastic attitude of the brewers to small customers such as the club.

Finally, for those who like to see 'useless facts and figures, here are the results of a survey conducted on draught and keg beer sales in the club for the months both before and after the introduction of Rayments BBA - our 'real ale'. As can easily be seen there is a very healthy demand for traditional unpasteurised British bitter in Waltham Abbey. To my mind a very satisfactory state of affairs.

Andy Clayton - Bar Chairman

DRAUGHT AND KEG BEER SURVEY

Average Weekly Consumptions

	Pre BBA 'Real Ale'	Post BBA 'Real Ale'
Rayments BBA	N/A	448 Pints
Greene King King Keg	156 Pints	224 Pints
Greene King Abbot	88 Pints	30 Pints
Harp Lager	257 Pints	352 Pints
Ind Coope Special	238 Pints	248 Pints
Ind Coope Long Life	54 Pints	64 Pints
Whitbread Tankard	120 Pints	71 Pints
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TOTALS	913 Pints	1437 Pints
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RESULTS OF QUICKMATCH COMPETITIONS

The correct answer to the Word Search was :-

PERME Club For Cheapest Drinks.

Of the 37 entries 32 were correct and the first correct answer out of the hat was sent in by RICK RICHARDS - PR

The correct answer to the Name Game was :-

Whatever Happened To Baby Jane.

Of the 15 entries 10 were correct and the first correct answer out of the hat was sent in by AUDREY PAGE 'E' BRANCH

Thankyou all for your contributions and congratulations to our winners, a bottle of wine will be sent to each of you.

BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER CLUB

Another season has come to an end and our teams have had mixed fortunes in the EDWASCA league. Our B team will be relegated to Division 2 next season, whereas the A team finished in second place and should be promoted to Division 1. The A team enjoyed a reasonable run in the Hobbs Cup, but were then beaten by the Postal B team.

However the A team made up for this defeat by winning the Towers Cup for the second season running, and Bernie Argent distinguished himself by finishing as Runner-up in the Individual Snooker Competition.

Having recently lost some of our star players (they all seem to be moving elsewhere) I hope that full members will come forward to replace them. At the moment I am more concerned with quantity than quality, so don't be shy; let's ensure that we are able to continue to run two teams next season.

D.C.M

CROQUET

The season started on the 12th of May with Dave and Chris Hewkin enjoying the first game in a warm summer evening. The result was inconclusive but a new dimension has been added to the game by Ann and Linda Hewkin leapfrogging the centre pin and generally distracting their parents with requests for food, permission to use the Larsens swings, permission to convey clips from one hoop to the next and finally a keen scrutiny of where Daddy is hitting the next ball, (from a observation distance of about two feet).

Enquiries to join have been received from Vic and Dorothy Clifford and Derek & Chris Needham. Derek, who has just recovered from a heart attack, has decided to give up badminton and has been persuaded to take up croquet.

We would like to see a few more members as we can accommodate eight players at any one time (not including the two junior distractions). Please contact Bryan Howard EX 291 if you are interested.

B.C. Howard.

TENNIS

Once again the Tennis season is in full swing and all the old regulars are turning up for club sessions as well as playing in the clubs league matches.

Our own tournament has also started and finals day has been arranged for Sunday 29th June unless of course it rains in which case it will be held on the following Sunday.

As I have said before in all my reports new members are always welcome to come along and should get in touch with me on EXT 497

Wendy Stewart (Sec)

PERME A.C.

It is often not until a key person leaves that members realize how much effort is suddenly no longer available. So it was with Paul Benton who more or less ran the Angling Club single handed. Never the less interest in angling within PERME is still strong and a meeting of some of the interested parties was held in the club recently.

Brian Cuthbert and Ray Morgan (P2) have agreed to organise a series of local matches through the coming season, so if any club members would like to participate then they should give their names to Brian or Ray.

Members wishing to renew their RSAF AC membership should be prepared to fully support that club by at least attending their meetings.

Tight lines,
D.C.M.

PERME DART TEAM

Another very successful season has been enjoyed by the PERME team. After finishing runners up in Div 3 of the Waltham League last year, went one better this year by winning the Div 2 league. This of course means playing in Div 1 next season.

This season the team played thirty games in the league, with the following results, Played 30, Won 26, Lost 4, scoring 79 points out of a possible 90.

The team also reached the last eight in the Waltham K.O. Cup going out to the Horshoes "A" team, who are Div 1 Champs, after taking them to the double, a very creditable performance.

Congratulations to :-

- Stan (stag night) Colgate. (Capt)
- Bill (mission impossible) Cooke.
- Ken (double in) Bennet.
- Graham (drop arm) Bishop.
- Bill (Bomber) Osborne.
- Charlie (whats all this) Wheatly.
- Bill (6Op please) Boyce.
- Tom (sandwiches) Parkes.
- Ray (Super Sub) Ruggles.
- Terry (Hamlet) Rider.

Terry Rider.

PERME V Royal Small Arms

The annual Challenge Darts Match against the Small Arms was this year won by PERME, the first leg ended in a 5-2 victory for PERME, and in the second leg we consolidated our lead by winning the first two games.

However the Small Arms never gave up, and proceeded to win four games in a row to make the aggregate score 7-6 in our favour. This meant it all depended on the last doubles game with our captain Terry Rider finishing on double ten.

I would like to thank Wendy Stewart and Elsa McFarlane for preparing the food and also Joan Compton for helping.

SIX-A-SIDE FOOTBALL

This year the annual six-a-side football competition will be held on June 24 1980 at Long Walk, North Site, start at 5.00pm For further details contact Stan Berry EXT 259.

SPORTS DAY

The civil service sports day at Chiswick is on July 1 1980. A coach will be available to anyone wishing to attend the sports, at a small cost to the individual. More details will follow.

INTERSECTION DART LEAGUE

The dart league is progressing nicely with about half the fixtures completed, unfortunately two teams dropped out of the league, leaving a few gaps in the fixtures, so could I ask the Captains to try and fit in some of your outstanding games into these free nights.

Stan Berry.

TOP DOG

We would like to extend our congratulations to Constable John THOMASON of the MOD Police detachment at PERME Waltham Abbey for his success in obtaining the ALDERMASTON CHALLENGE TROPHY, presented for MANWORK, at the MOD Police Eastern Area Dog Trials held at HQ Eastern Area MDP, Medmenham on Tuesday 20th May, 1980 with his Police Dog, CLOUD.

John THOMASON brought CLOUD to Waltham Abbey from the Dog Training School at Melton Mowbray in July 1978 and his continuation training of CLOUD since then has obviously been successful. The grading given to the team by the judge of the discipline was 100% which, although difficult to follow, bodes well for the future.

The trophy will be lodged in the PERME Sports and Social Club trophy cabinet until next year where it will remain on display until the challenge is renewed next year.

FOOTBALL REPORT

The end of the season report is by necessity longer than most. Please excuse.

The measure of success at our level anyway and I've said this many times before, is perhaps different from that of a professional club. As Manager I also take stock at the end of a long season, in this case 79/80, but look for other things equally important to me anyway, as cups, medals, and league placings. Of course we'd love to win something, but its not the be all and end all. Its equally important to have maintained a warm friendly atmosphere within the club with everybody working for each other, and looking forward to joining forces next season. One could call it togetherness, and as we have had two marriages, one baby and news of two expectancies you can't get more togetherness than that, but seriously, it makes my point.

The players ladies come and watch us (weather permitting) armed with thermos flasks and sweets, and I suppose talk of womanly things whilst getting the fresh air. We appreciate their support.

By word of mouth, I know that this club is respected for its competitiveness and fair play in the Enfield Alliance League. The Club is always a credit both to the company and myself on and off the field, this then is our success and my thanks to everybody.

Training throughout the season has been well and enthusiastically attended and proved its worth toward the end of the season when the boys were again compelled to play three games a week to clear a massive back-log of fixtures, not the ideal situation but brought about, I feel, in no small measure by our venue.

Whether the referees have a travel problem, I don't know, but we always fall short of officials, more so than most teams in the League (wonder if Mick Leonard has any comment?) We usually lose out about 3/4 weeks in the year because of waterlogged and unplayable pitches. If you cannot get continuity, you cannot get a true picture of your potential, even so we have got through to two semi-finals, firstly the J.J.Kelly Memorial Cup, then the Div.1 Supplementary Cup. Our victors went on to win their respective trophies, so that in itself was no mean effort. We finished 4/5th in the Div.1 League placings. Because of the fury of the run in that I have mentioned I don't know at this time our actual placing.

We have suffered injuries (rather prolonged) to two of our players Steve Surridge and Keith Lovett, we've missed them, and hope the close season rest will fetch them back fit and "raring to go" in September.

The side was led (and driven) by Mick Ferrington, who for the second time has been nominated, players player of the year, a just reward for another season of endeavour and consistency. Congratulations Mick!

It would be unfair to mention individual performances, but true to say that I've had to ask various players to play out of position from time to time, and they have always given their best. (Not one player has asked to be transferred.) So many of the boys give it their all, year in and year out and must be within a hairsbreadth of getting the players award.

As you know by my past reports, we are indebted to Stan Berry for the great job he does for us as our secretary, Pat Jones continues her work as financial director, laundry maid, and producer of the best turned out team in the league. Many thanks both!!

Our congratulations to the Jones Mob (he'll no doubt be reporting in Block Capitals).

Lastly my thanks to everybody for a great season - and that togetherness of which I'm proud.

BILL TELLING.

PERME RESERVES FOOTBALL

A successful season for PERME Res. ended in being runners up in the Enfield Alliance Division four. The championship was decided in the last match of the season against a very strong and experienced EASTERN Enfield 'A' team who in a hard fought game overcame us to win 4-1. Throughout the season we played 29 games winning 18 drawing 4 and losing 7, with a total of 110 goals for and 59 against.

Alan Jones did a fine job as player-manager after Mike Hemmings left before christmas. Martin BISSET worked hard all season

as secretary and Andy Carter looked after the money (what little we have).

Anybody wishing to play for either team next season can contact Andy Carter on EXT 519.

CRICKET CLUB

Now that Summer has arrived a number of strange people clad in white have appeared from hibernation and the Bar Staff on Saturdays and Sundays are having to get used to orders of "11 pints of shandy" please, as the cricket team return having spent the previous couple of hours chasing a piece of red leather in order to work up a thirst.

Anybody wishing to play either regularly or seeking the excuse to avoid the decorating for a couple of weekends should contact the Secretary, Chris Robbins (ext 292), Chairmen Bert Betts (ext 229), Steve Penfold (Captain in bar at weekends) or John Harris (Vice-Captain, in bar late most evenings).

The Club plays on Saturdays and Sundays at weekends, against other local sides, several village sides whose grounds are in pleasant surroundings and are the organisers of a Cricket Tour over the August Bank holiday weekend to Dorset, in which players from other local clubs join in. We also play in the local mid-week 20 over evening league, and are current trophy holders in this competition.

A.T.B.

CHESS

This has been a successful season for the Club. We are champions of the North Circular League with 9/10 (9wins, 1 loss) finishing ahead of Waltham Forest, Finchley, Chingford, Alcasar (Edmonton) and Enfield.

We stand a very good chance of winning the Hertfordshire Team Championship and the Fuller Cup for the first time. We are tying with Letchworth with the top board for adjudication and a favourable position for us. Stevenage were third and Welwyn Garden City fourth.

In the Lawrance Cup final against Barnet the Club is 3-2 down with three games for adjudication. So there is a possibility that we could win in a desperately close finish and add a third trophy to our collection for this year.

The new chess season will be starting in September. Any member who requires details of the Club should contact the Secretary Bob Jones on EXT 223.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

Once again we come to the end of a season where the weather was as determined as ever to prolong it.

Our team performance lacked consistency, maybe this was the lads way of ensuring I never became complacent because I never had a dull moment watching from the touchline.

Of the twenty league games plus three cup ties we played, we won nine, drew three and lost eleven, although only three teams in the league took maximum points off of us.

Our overall performance this season was quite satisfying for the first year in a league which produced a high standard of football.

Unlike last season we have no trophies to show as a result of our endeavours but players and officials have all enjoyed this seasons football.

We will once again be holding our presentation night of club trophies in the North Site Canteen in the near future.

Bill Warren.

OUTINGS

'NIGHT OUT AT THE DOGS'

Saturday 12th July - Walthamstow Dog Track. Pick up at Perme Club 6.30 for 7.30 start.

Coach, including entrance to track £2.70.

'BINGO'

Eyes up and look out you players. We have a new 'Random Number Selector' installed for your pleasure at the next Bingo Session.

We hope it's as efficient as Brian, it's certainly better looking.

FOR SALE: Child's Pavemaster Bicycle - suitable 6/7 year old £20.

Phone: LV 711171

'ENTERTAINMENT' NAME GAME.

As in previous competitions, the initials of the correct answers to the questions below will make up something connected with entertainment. This time it's the name of a film star and one of his films jumbled together.

A prize will go to the first set of correct answers to the clues, just the film star and the film will not be enough!

- 16 & 1 TV's Callan
 11 & 2 Half of the duet who sang 'On the Trail of the Lonesome Pine'.
 3 Curtis Mayfield, Jerry Butler, Fred Cash and Sam Gooden were 'The -----'
 4 & 22 'The Great Dictator'
 21 & 5 Its that man again.
 33 & 6 She sang 'The Name Game'
 7 & 34 Open the cage, let him in.
 32 & 8 He played Dr Zhivago.
 9 & 26 Comedian who was magnificent in a flying machine.
 10 & 27 He directed 'Wuthering Height's'.
 12 A coloured Shakespearian character.
 19 & 13 A star of 10.
 14 & 30 Star of the early stage musical 'A Wedding in Paris'.
 15 & 23 Scarlett O'hara in 'Gone with the Wind'.
 31 & 17 A naked wrestler in 'Women in Love'.
 25 & 18 He joined Crosby, Stills and Nash.
 20 Certificate for children's films.
 24 Ex Quickmatch Chairman (He entertained some people anyway!)
 28 & 29 He played the lead in the film of George Bernard Shaw's famous play 'Androcles and the Lion'.

Answers, please to Bill Warren "E" Branch, and a bottle of plonk for the first correct answer out of the hat just before the next edition of Quickmatch.

THE RED FLAG

Young Wendy's drawers are deepest red
 At least that's what young Ian said
 It seems that when she moved from here
 She left behind a souvenir

Oh raise the scarlet banner high
 Beneath it's shade we'll live and die
 Though ladies faint and neighbours sneer
 We'll keep the red drawers flying here

Young Wendy's face is deepest red
 At least that's what Bill Makinson said
 It's known in office, lab and stores
 That Wendy wears red flannel drawers

Now raise the scarlet banner high
 Beneath it's shade we'll live and die
 But Ian to the rescue rushes
 And nobly spares poor Wendy's blushes

A FISHERMAN'S TALE

Since joining the R.S.A.F. Sea Angling Club, I am wondering if I was right in doing so.

On the three trips I have been out with them, the first being at Deal, we arrived and found ourselves confronted with a gale force ten and winds gusting up to 100 m.p.h. The second at Newhaven, the home of the Spurdog, what did we get,? nothing. And finally the third, I won't mention the venue for obvious reasons, but once again sheer farce.

The forecast which promised hazy sun, two to three variable actually turned out to be rain all day and a lot more.

Men clamboured aboard four boats, rods, tackle, grub etc., We then set out in different directions, each skipper knowing where the fish were, that's why they set out in different directions, our boat was first away and off we went to the South Goodwins.

As the sea got lumpier and lumpier three of our party spent most of the day feeding the fish, "you know what I mean" while we tried to catch them with natural bait, but after a bitterly cold and wet day just a couple of fish were returned to the beach, to be met by the other lads already in.

For those people not acquainted with some fishing Ports at this resort, the boats are launched reverse into the sea and when returning they are winched up.

Different groups spoke about episodes which I found absolutely hilarious which I hope you will find amusing.

One boat as it was being launched was hit by two huge waves which came over the stern and they were knee deep in water, one chap saw it coming and tried to scramble on the wheelhouse but he was too late, they had to bale the boat like mad because they assured me if another had come over the side they would have sunk. Anyway they got going all the party on the boat with wet socks after wellies had been filled in, sandwiches were thrown overboard completely sodden, and that party also suffered the same with sea sickness.

The other boat his engine playing up conked out near the pier and had to drop anchor and suffer the fate as lead weights from the pier whizzed overhead as the owners strove to get further out to sea to find the fish. The skipper tried to alert boatmen on the shore but to no avail and after about half an hour one of the lads suggested a flare. The skipper produced one and asked one of the lads to do it as he had never sent one up in his life. One of the lads who held it looked at it, and it was dated 1914 so he promptly threw it over the side where it went off bouncing on the waves for about 500 yds.

The life boat came out, took them off and as they were returning they were contacted by the coastguard and told that another flare had been seen, this time the North Goodwins. They charged out to that area but didn't find anything amiss so they returned to the shore after being treated to huge bowls of soup, by the crew.

The goodnews about going out with the Small Arm's is they guarantee you a good laugh, now the bad news, our next venue the place I have just wrote about, why there because the skippers are a nice crowd and theres always plenty of fish, ("so they say anyway").

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THERES ALWAYS A FIRST TIME

Where had it all started? was it worth it, was I sacrificing anything, married for twenty three years the moaning had seemed endless lately. "I know a bird that does it" a friend had told me after I had told him my intentions one night in the bar. "She's very popular, I was down there last week" and he laughed as he gave me her number, another pint and he was sworn to secrecy.

I rang and a seductive voice on the phone said "would an afternoon date be ok" and there I was.

In the dimly lit room she leant over and looked straight at me our eyes met and I looked away as I felt my body tremble slightly. She was lovely, eighteen or nineteen, no older and me a frustrated forty six, she leant nearer her cheek nearly touching mine.

"Please don't tease me" I thought, I could smell her perfume, her body warmth, her nearness was frightening and I was trying very hard to control my breathing. She spoke to me her voice low and husky, barely audible.

It suddenly occurred to me I didn't even know her name "I guessed it was your first time" she murmured "as soon as you walked in", and I felt my face flush, can you imagine a man of forty six blushing? I was thankful of the lights down low so she couldn't see, but I detected a faint smile on her young and beautiful face.

"Are you ready" she asked and I nodded then stammered out a yes, and her hand went slowly to the light switch and we were in complete darkness.

"I'll show you to the door", I stood up and put my coat on and followed her, she opened the front door. and I paused directly in front of her, "shall I give you a ring next week", I asked hopefully, "no" she replied, "will write and tell you when your glasses are ready, good afternoon.

J.C

An English Lady wished to rent a furnished house in a small village in the mountains of Germany. Not knowing any German, she asked the village schoolmaster to help her as he did know a little English.

On her return from the Estate Agents, she realised that she had forgotten to ask if there was a W.C. attached to the house, so she wrote a letter to her schoolmaster friend for the particulars of the W.C., but he didn't understand the abbreviation (W.C.) and so decided to consult the local Clergy.

The Rector came to the conclusion that the lady must be a devout churchgoer and obviously wanted to know the whereabouts of the Wesleyen Church. He therefore wrote the following letter:-

Your Ladyship,

The W.C. is situated about 7 miles from your house in the

centre of a lovely pine forest, and is open on Thursdays and Fridays. This is most unfortunate if you are in the habit of going regularly, but you will be pleased to hear that a number of people take their lunch, and make a day of it.

It may interest you to know that my daughter was married in our W.C. I remember that day very clearly on account of the rush for seats. There were at least 10 people on one seat and it was just wonderful to see the expressions on their faces.

My father has been there regularly since he was Christened. My wife, who is in delicate health, cannot attend regularly, and it is now 6 years since she last went. It pains her very much that she cannot go more often.

As there are a great many visitors in the summer, I would advise you to go early. The accommodation is good, and there are about 8 plush seats. Should you be late at any time, there is plenty of standing room and the bell is rung ten times before the W.C. opens.

I would also advise your Ladyship to pay a visit on Thursday as on that day, there is an organ accompanist. The acoustics on the premises are excellent, and even the most delicate of sounds can be heard all over the building. You will find hymn sheets hanging behind the door as you go in. There is, by the way, a special time for Children to prevent them disturbing their elders. I should like to reserve the best seat for your Ladyship and in the meantime, have the honour to be

Yours sincerely,

REV. JANOS SLEFFON

Dear Editor,

I was sorry to hear of the unfortunate and untimely end of Mr. Daly Overtime, but we of the Admin. Group must recommend our friend and advisor Miss Flex-iticity Time. I am sure had they been able to work in unison our friends would have been, undoubtedly the best in the business.

Surely Mr. Five Hourly is a relative, albeit a poor one, of Mr. Overtime. If so, couldn't we arrange a meeting, maybe bring about a satisfying union between Miss Flex-iticity Time, and Mr. Five Hourly?

What a thought for the future - and who knows how many little seconds and minutes would be created.

W.R.Y.

THE GATES OF PERME

(Apologies to Bob Dylan's 'The Gates of Eden')
(Music by Offenbach)

Of work and play the truth just twists
It's flexi-hardcore time
They come and go, the ebb and flow
A tidal pantomime

The players ride their four-wheeled cars
Down straight and crooked roads
Heading for the Gates of PERME

The sentry stands with folded arms
Suspicious eyes that seek
The blackfaced lamb from in among
The grey and faceless sheep
That mill and bleat each morn and eve
Their destiny to keep
Passing through the Gates of PERME

The sentry stands perplexed around
His heavy time does weigh
Discovers now the rabbit thief
Secreted in the hay
He charges it for wilful theft
Of Governmental grass
But right out loud we'd rather that, They
didn't hear you laugh
Except, of course, outside the Gates of PERME

The midday sun it squints upon
A place that is not mine
For pictures true that flicker blue
Beneath the basement sign
Leaving me outside locked doors
In welly boots prepared
But corkscrew tales have bent the truth
For us its plain to see
For there are no cellars inside the Gates of PERME

Now censorship of relationship
Whisper in the wings
And censors gleefully await
To see what rumour brings
But in their glasshouse palaces
They're sure to wait in vain
For there is no sex inside the Gates of PERME

At last the player bids farewell
He leaves his happy band
And passes from this paradise
His lunchbox in his hand
And at the gate the sentry waits
To pick up on his breadcrumb sins
But there are no sins inside the Gates of PERME