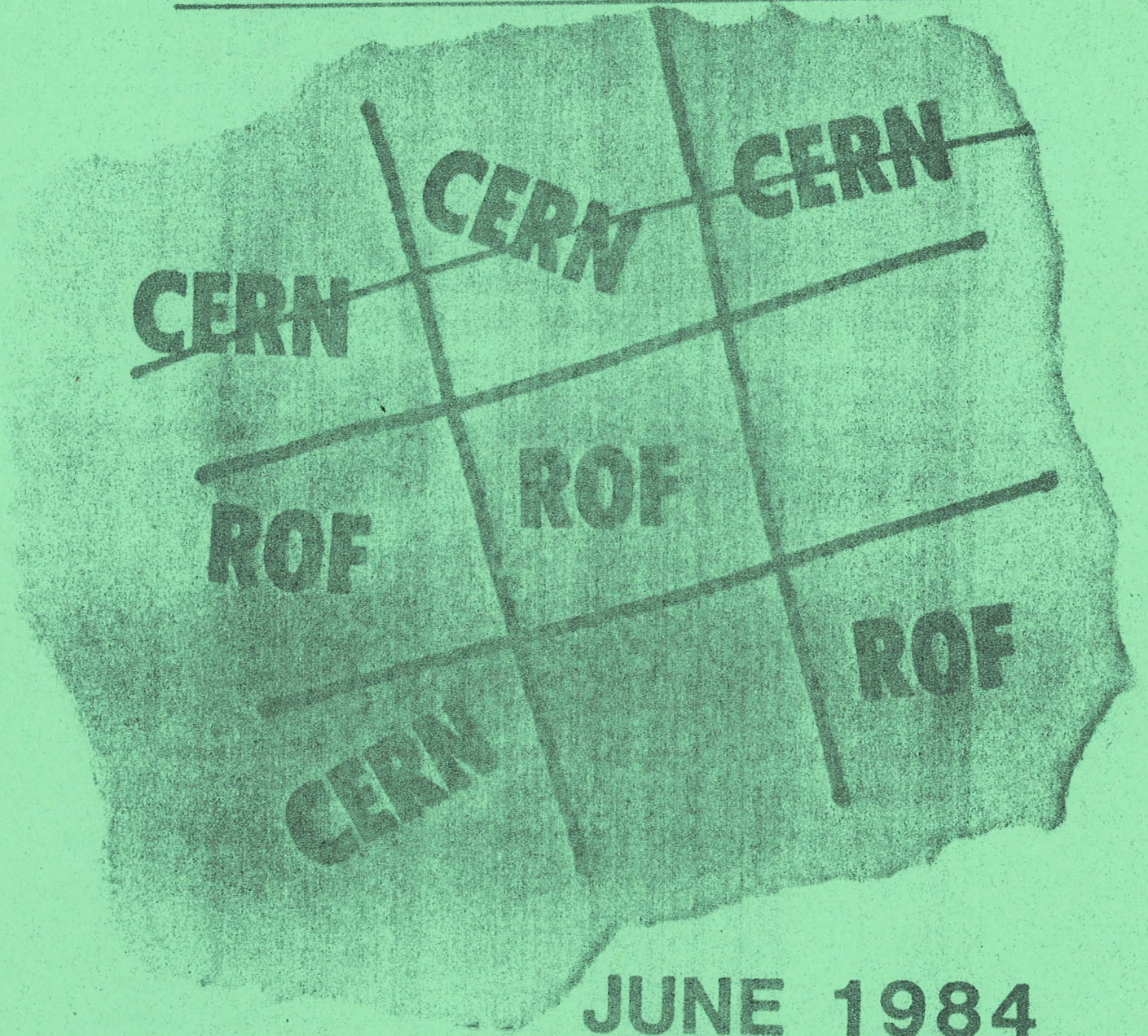


PERMIE Social and Sports Club

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# QUICK MATCH

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JUNE 1984

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FRIDAY 24th AUGUST  
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E D I T O R ' S P A G E  
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Welcome to yet another issue of Quickmatch. It has occurred to me that many members may not know why we call the Club magazine "Quickmatch", especially some of our Associate members. It's a name that us older members take for granted and yet it must puzzle some of our newer members - although I have never heard of any actually asking what it means. The name derives from the really old days of gunpowder. I'm sure you have all heard of a "slow fuse", well a "Quickmatch" is just the opposite. We may not set you on fire very often but we do try to be lively and keep the members up to date with the Club affairs. Which reminds me. I do try to keep the information up to date but if I'm not told when people move to another location or don't participate in one of Club's activities anymore I'll just keep on misinforming the rest of the members. A case in point has just been rectified where, ever since I took over the editorship I have been telling people to contact a certain person for a particular activity and only learnt last week that the person concerned gave up the job several years ago! Please let me know of any changes - especially in Sub-Section details. That's my little moan over.

The Chairman, in his regular piece, has made some remarks on the forthcoming AGM. I would like to join Bob in urging members to attend. This meeting could be especially important due to the changes that we are going through. These changes also affect our Associate membership since, unless the present Full membership is maintained, the number of associates we will be allowed will drop drastically. Our Club is a members club, run by members, for members and although the day to day running is done by the elected Committee this should not absolve the rest of the membership from caring and co-operating in the Club. You may have paid your subscription but don't forget that much of the work is done voluntarily and it shouldn't really be left entirely to the Committee - they've paid the same amount. The very least of a members responsibility is to attend the AGM.

Looking back over what I have written I see I've just had another moan. Sorry about that and I hope it doesn't put you off reading the rest of this issue.

Please continue to send in your articles, reports and amusing anecdotes and every endeavour will be made to include them,

See you at the AGM ?

Norman Paul

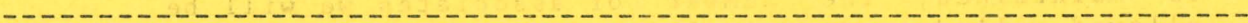
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OUR COVER IS A REPRODUCTION OF A PIECE OF PAPER  
FOUND IN CENTRAL STORES. SO THAT'S WHAT THOSE  
RUBBER STAMPS ARE FOR.  
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CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

In the last edition of Quickmatch I broached the question of the Club's future in view of the imminent partition of PERME into RARDE and ROF elements. Since then, the situation has been understandably chaotic and for this reason we have allowed the AGM to slip by a month in the hope that a clearer picture would emerge. I am pleased to say that I have now had discussions with senior management about the future and even more pleased to say that the management's hopes are very similar to those of the present committee, that is to preserve the status quo as much as possible and in particular to ensure that both RARDE and ROF employees will be entitled to full membership of the Club. It is possible that the ROF will seek "ownership" of the Club and Conference Centre. From our point of view this may be an advantage since the "privatised" ROF could be more flexible towards membership from MOD employees than vice versa. To harmonize this dual-bodied structure I have suggested that the Club has both a president and a vice-president to represent both sides and also a neutral name for the Club, which hopefully, might have greater permanence than our previous names. The suggestion I like best is "THE POWDERMILL CLUB" which has obvious geographical and historical connections. Any other ideas are welcome, but hurry, since we wish to sort this out at the AGM, at which we must bring our Constitution into line with the new situation. Speaking of the AGM, please let us have a better turnout than last year when we struggled to make a quorum. It really is appalling that we cannot muster 20 members, other than prospective committee members, who have an interest in the Club's affairs,

Bob McGuchan

NOTE ADDED IN PRESS: Members have been notified that the AGM will take place on TUESDAY 19th JUNE. At this moment there is some uncertainty about this date which may have to be changed. Members will be notified of any changes as soon as possible.



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AN OBITUARY

\* It was with great sadness that we learned of the untimely \*  
\* death of MERVYN PARRY on May 14th. Our deepest sympathy \*  
\* goes to Ira and family. Mervyn was a regular of the Club \*  
\* for over twenty years and his many friends at the Club \*  
\* will miss him. He was always a great sports fan and, \*  
\* although his roots dictated rugby as his first love, \*  
\* cricket was a close second and he was active in our team \*  
\* for many years. More recently he took up golf and snooker \*  
\* as more leisurely pastimes. Despite his deteriorating \*  
\* health over the last year Mervyn put a brave face on it \*  
\* and refused to be bowled out. He continued to visit us in \*  
\* good cheer as long as he was able to. \*  
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Rest in Peace, Mervyn. We miss you.

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S E C T I O N   N E W S

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BRIDGE CLUB

The Bridge Team has completed a successful season by winning the Harlow League Division One Championship, scoring a creditable 71% of the maximum possible number of league points.

Rubber Bridge continues in the Club on Tuesdays.

Mike Healey.

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CROQUET

The Croquet season got off to a good start on Monday 30th April when a number of members had to wait on the sidelines until the pangs of hunger drove Bob Brown and Bryan Howard off to a local cafe. Gone are the days of Ike and Geoff Hooper when the cry was "How about a nice foaming pint of ale?" just to put the players off when making a critical shot.

After the first flush of the start of the season attendance has dropped off with Derek Needham going to sunny Rhodes for his first continental holiday of the year. (No, he doesn't winter in the South of France you'll be surprised to learn). Dave and Chris Hewkin have been down and at the rate Ann and Linda are growing we'll have 2 more Club members soon without them having to go through the "badminton stage". Which reminds me, when are you going to take up croquet Allan Clarke?

The cut and thrust of the annual competition is missed as the chief organiser, Ike, is no longer actively engaged in leading members astray into the Green Man although, they are now well trained enough to find their own way there.

Alan and Joan Wise have been actively recruiting but not actively attending on playing nights due to "jabs" being administered for a holiday in the Greek islands. Perhaps we'd be better playing croquet in Crete, at least it would be warmer than Larsens was on the 21st May,

Bryan Howard

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SNOOKER SECTION

The EDWASCA League is now over until September. We didn't do too badly this year being runners-up in Div.III. Pete Petersen had the highest Billiards Break in Div.III and Steve Colgate highest Snooker Break also in Div.III. Pete Petersen also had the highest % in Div.III. Bernie Argent was Runner-up Snooker Consolation and Barry Barrett Highest Snooker Break Div.II.

As many of you know we have yet again a torn cloth to one of our tables. This was torn by persons trying to play "Massae" (Hard Swerve Shots). Please don't play them because if you play slightly wrong you could damage the cloth.

Barry Barrett

LADIES DARTS DIARY

21st February Our first visit to the "Six Bells" at Enfield. We played 3 games and lost them all. As usual our scoring wasn't too bad and we were always comfortably ahead. It was the same story of our Doubles letting us down. The highest score of the night was 112 and the lowest was 1, both by Doris!

28th February This week we were away to the "Woodbine" and the scoring was ..... awful. It resulted in a whitewash but we hope to get our revenge next week when we play them at home. I'm glad to say we don't get too downhearted but a couple of wins would be welcome.

6th March Tonight we should have played the "Woodbine" but I got a phonecall Monday evening saying they had double booked (Perhaps they were worried in case we got our revenge). Anyway, we've made another booking with them. It was a good evening for our ladies as we got some practise in, concentrating on our doubles.

20th March This evening our opponents were the ladies from "Lindsey Street" in Epping. I missed this game and was told that we lost by 4 games to 2. Highest score was 120 from Pat Bush. The club doorman, Bill Bass, was one of our raffle winners again! Some people are just lucky I guess. Wish we had a bit of luck and won a game of darts.

27th March HOORAY! Our very first win. We beat the "Six Bells" of Enfield by 4 games to 2. In the doubles the winning pairs were Win & Chris, Jacqui & Me, and Doris & Barbara. In the fours our winning combination was Win, Chris, Pat & Mim. Highest scorers were Win(91) and myself(100). I'd like to thank Bob McGuchan for hotting up the sausage rolls. It was a smashing evening. Next week w're off to Epping for our first game this year with the "Hemenal Club".

3rd April Our SECOND WIN! We must be improving, or else our opponents feel sorry for us. Win & Chris and Pat & Mim won their doubles. We then won both lots of fours making it 4 - 2. High scorers were Pat(98), Mim(79) and Win(72).

10th April It was the turn of the "Woodbine" to be defeated this evening. I know we won by 4 games to 2 but I don't remember the sequence in which our ladies played or who won what. I do remember Mim getting a top score of 92.

24th April We were supposed to play the "YTS". They didn't turn up and I have since been told that they have disbanded. We still ate the sandwiches and took the opportunity for some practise. We must be getting popular as we already have bookings for 1985.

1st May Tonight we entertained (if you can call it that) the ladies from "Hemenal". We beat them again! 4 games to 2 - we must be improving on our doubles.

8th May This game against the "Six Bells" ended with 3 games all. We decided against a decider because time was getting on and some of our team were tired and also, we might have lost!

If any ladies wish to join our darts team, please phone me on extension 386.

Barbara Coe

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Thanks Barbara for a full and entertaining report.  
I haven't heard anything from the Men's Teams so I assume they haven't done any thing notable recently. Eg.

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## SAILING CLUB

The sailing season is here again and the sailing club will be indulging in regular Wednesday Evening sails after work (approx. 16.30 hours till dusk) on Fisher Green waters.

If you want to learn you're welcome to join us - it's honestly not as difficult as some people think. If you're experienced or think yourself competent enough to go out on your own, you can have the boat anytime. We would recommend that you stick to the weekend when rescue facilities are available.

The Club boat is a "Wineglass" but we will be getting our own "Enterprise" this year. We have the money, all we need is to find the boat.

I will reiterate last year's statement that we have a lockable, lighted, powerpointed, watered boatshed. If any member wants to store or repair his boat the facilities are here on site.

This is also the time to remind you that we are not a landlocked club. If you have a hankering to do some coastal cruising the club has contacts through the Civil Service Sailing Association to give you the chance to go to sea.

Our AGM will be held at the Club on Thursday 14th June so if you want to learn or just have some fun come to the AGM or ring Paul Kennett (408), John Alexander (320) or Bert George (249).

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### INTERSECTION DARTS LEAGUE 1984

League Position as at 15th May:

TEAM	PLAYED	POINTS
P2	6	15
PRS	7	14
4 B's	9	12
PERME LADIES	6	8
PRATS	6	8
PR STEWBIDS	8	8
ALAL et AL	4	7
BROAD ARROWS	4	7
RICKS ROCKETS	6	7
STORES	4	7
CISCO KIDS	6	6

#### NOTABLE EFFORTS:

Mark Cole (P2)	180
Norman Paul (PRS)	162
Bill Warren (4 B's)	140
Win Yeandle (4 B's)	133

33 GAMES PLAYED      22 GAMES LEFT

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## SQUASH CLUB

As previously forecast, there are now 3 divisions in the current LUNCHTIME LEAGUE which finishes at the end of May. Anyone else interested in taking part in the new league, which will start in June, should contact Paul Bunyan on 490 or 265. The current div. champions in descending order are; Ian Wallace (again), Dave Service and Ronnie Doctor.

Please note that players, or non-players, of all standards are welcome and those who think the game is bad for your health should ignore recent stories which tell of a recent Division 3 game where the combatants emerged off court sharing a black eye and a bleeding nose. After all, the black eye occurred in a game of rugby.

At the Club's Midsummer Fete on June 23rd the Squash Club will be running an Aunt Sally Stall. For those who don't know what that is, come along and find out. For those who do, start practising with your wet sponges. See you on the 23rd,

Ron Craik

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## CHESS

The season has just finished but for once we have no outstanding successes to report.

The First Team were runners-up in the Essex League Division Two, narrowly missing the winner's spot and promotion. Perhaps next year .....

Both teams in the North Circular League (A and B Divisions) ended the season in mid-table positions. Jim Raff's first year as the captain of the B Division side was made difficult by the frequent absence of several players but after a poor start to the season later results improved.

In the Essex Commercial League we are assured of second place with an outside chance of topping the table in the unlikely event of Fords losing their final two matches. 2 outstanding individual season's performances in the League were; Bob Jones, who played in all eight matches with 5 wins and 2 draws, and Terry Turner, whose six matches saw him undefeated with 3 wins and 3 draws (all on the top board).

Overall, the season has not been easy and all four teams have been hard-pressed for players at various times. New players - experienced or just beginning - are welcome at our Club Night which will continue throughout the Summer. Just come along to the Card Room any Wednesday evening, or contact John Cook (Extn 238), Bob Torry (Extn 260) or myself (Extn 425).

Finally, don't forget to visit our stall at the SUMMER FETE!!

Ian Griggs

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## CRICKET

There's canny folk in the Cricket Section. They wade through a steaming hot April before playing their first game in the cold and drizzle in May! Methinks rain dancers could learn a thing or two from the men in white!

This season heralded a few changes. We now have two captains (typical Civil Service - No one wants full responsibility), one for Saturday play and one for Sundays. The jobs are filled by Jeff Valentine and Mick Abbott. We welcome Bill Warren Jr. to the side and hope for a number of wickets from him. We have lost one or two of our players to Club cricket which just shows what a good "nursery" we are. We wish them well but offer them sanctuary should they wish to return.

The season hasn't started with a thump. Defeats in the first two games show that we have improvements to make. But the spirit is good even if the flesh is failing. We remain in the market for new recruits. Just listen at the bar for a group talking about things moving in the air, balls moving off a length and the one that comes out the back of the hand. Join the conversation cautiously because there are one or two funny types get in the bar. More safely, contact Chris Robbins (Extn 268). You will be made most welcome.

I must finish on a sad note. The Cricket Section mourns the death of Mervyn Parry. Mervyn contributed a great deal to the Club. Rain or shine, win or lose, personally successful or not, he played the game with a smile and with genuine enjoyment. It was impossible not to enjoy playing alongside Mervyn. We shall miss his continuing interest in our progress. We pass our condolences to Mervyn's wife, daughter and son for their sad loss.

Steve Penfold

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## TENNIS

OK, Hands up all you people that think tennis is a bore. Well you can put them down now and listen. ANNOUNCING the new outdoor game called "Craik". Rules are as follows:-

1. Use the lines as in a normal game of tennis to which this game some slight resemblance.
2. When the ball is returned, don't be an old stick in the mud and just hit it back. Try and use a Badminton or Squash stroke - it's much more fun.
3. If the ball is going out, return it by all means. This way the rallies (if any) become longer.,
4. When the opponents hit a winning shot and the ball lands somewhere near the line, call "OUT".
5. If you make a blunder stretch your laryngeal capabilities and shout out "Ouaoch Noo" or something similar.

Want to try it? Any queries contact Ron Craik Ext 545.

If the above game does not appeal to you but a good old fashioned game of tennis does then please ring Neil Hutchings (LV 712262). Young or not so young, men and women, all levels welcome. Current membership fees are £15 single, £6 Junior per year.

Neil Hutchings

#### FOOTBALL FIRST TEAM

The end of another season, finishing 7th in the league (a little lower than usual) but reaching the area final of the Essex Junior Cup. A disappointing season by our standards, if results be the measuring stick. Fortunately though, we have many plus marks, the training sessions were well attended and proved beneficial. Just a reminder here that we resume training at the Paternoster Sports Centre at 7pm the last Tuesday in July - everybody welcome.

Thanks to Cliff Stapleton who captained our team with his usual gusto, and deserved better results, they will come if we continue to persevere.

The Club lost the services of Nigel Smith early in March. As many of you know he has moved to Aylesbury. Nigel did an immense amount of work, both as Secretary and fund raiser, ever a willing worker, nominated "Club Member of the Year" for 1982 and 1983 (in fact since the inauguration of this award). We thank him for his services, wish him well and will obviously miss him as a player and person. Mark Anderson is filling the vacancy created and doing a good job. Barry Gapes continues as Treasurer and Cliff Stapleton as Social Secretary and Club Captain-my thanks to them.

We held our Annual Presentation Dance on May 12th which was well attended and a great success, both socially and financially, again the hard work of Cliff and his willing band of helpers getting their just rewards.

The award winners of PERME Rockets and the PERME Red Team will no doubt be reported elsewhere, our congratulations to them all. We look forward to working in close harmony with Bill Warren who is now manager of the RED Team. Have a good season Bill!

Special congratulations to my BLUE Team award winners. The Club Member of the Year was Cliff Stapleton - a worthy successor to Nigel. With new signings, new zest, after the rest, we look forward to the coming season,

Bill Telling

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#### FOOTBALL SECOND TEAM

For well over half the season Peter Coe played in goal. Over 100 goals were scored against us and we ended bottom of the league. Of the squad that started the season only 4 players remained at the end of the season and the team was made up mainly from Bill Warren's Rockets (thanks Bill).

Bill Warren is taking over as our manager and there is an ugly rumour that I will have to attend training sessions every week.

This season's Player of the Year Award went to Martin Bisset and the Top Goal Scorer was Kevin Sims. Tony Williams kept up his fine record of not scoring goals by completing his second season without scoring (except for a great own goal!).

One highlight of the season was the 2-1 victory against the so-called First Team with goals from Kevin Sims and Gary Luck. This victory was celebrated the same night as the end of season Disco where an attendance of about 200 made it a complete success.

Andy Carter

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CIVIL SERVICE PHILATELIC SOCIETY

A branch of this Society operates at PERME Waltham Abbey. Monthly meetings are held in London at Somerset House. The Society operates an Exchange Branch which circulates boxes containing members stamps for sale. These are made up under the headings; "British Commonwealth", "Foreign" and "Space Fillers".

Membership is open to all employees of MOD and members of the ROF organisation. Life membership is at present £2.75. (Ordinary membership is £2 with a small string!)

Further information available from John Williams Ext 443  
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In connection with the above report I have heard that our very own Ian Griggs, who is a member of this society has recently been very active in the philatelic field.

He won two trophies and a shield at the recent Civil Service philatelic Society Annual Competition. In the POSTAL HISTORY CLASS his entry "Postal Shortages in German Occupied Guernsey 1940/45" was awarded the N.M.JONES CUP and he won the FOUNDER'S SHIELD in the GENERAL GB CLASS for "The 1942 Jersey 1d Arms Stamp". Both entries won their respective classes and both obtained judge's markings of 85% which also earned each entry a gold standard certificate. Only 3 golds were awarded altogether.

The judge's main problem was to decide which entry would be awarded the CIVIL SERVICE PHILATELIC SOCIETY CHALLENGE TROPHY as the best entry in the whole competition and this was eventually awarded to the "Jersey" entry. This entry has now been submitted into the Essex County Competition to be held next month in Romford. Ian is then hoping to expand it from its present 9 sheets up to 15 and enter it in National (and hopefully International) competition later in the year.

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CATERING CORNER

Food at the Club has gone surprisingly well and the service has now settled down to every Friday and Saturday Night and Bingo Sundays. In fact the response has been so good that I've recently been able to increase the choice on menu to cater for most tastes and appetites, from a pasty to a prawn and smoked salmon salad.

As regulars will know, all suggestions are welcome and most ideas find their way onto the menu the following week, so if you haven't yet tried the food because it isn't to your taste then please suggest something different.

The buffets I have provided for the Social Dance Evenings have been well received and in that respect I can now offer a catering service for your private function at the Club - anything from a finger buffet to a full wedding breakfast - so if you think I can help please call me for a menu and price list.

Please also let me know if you are having other caterers on a Friday or Saturday so that we don't get in each others way in the kitchen.

See you at the Barbecue on 23rd June,

Regards,

Dick Morrell  
(Extn 212)

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SPORTS REPORT  
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Congratulations to Bill Warren, Dave Stokes and Terry Ryder for winning the INTER-PUB/CLUB SPORTS QUIZ at the Paternoster Sports Centre recently. The winners shield is in the Club Trophy Cupboard.

As most of you know we now have an INDOOR BOWLS CARPET which can be used on specified evenings and lunchtime sessions. Bookings may be made up to 6 days in advance starting each Wednesday and the fee is £2 per one and a half hour session. The fee includes all equipment and bowls. POINTS TO REMEMBER:- NO Outdoor shoes, Flat soled shoes only. No drinking or Eating over the Carpet and on NO ACCOUNT must Members SMOKE over the carpet. We have already seen one hole burnt through by such carelessness. The equipment cost around £2000 so look after it.

MINISTRY SPORTS DAY 26th June.

David Elderfield will be defending the 100 metres championship he won last year and will also be running in the 200 metres. John Wilkinson and John Cook will be competing in the 5000 metres and the latter also in the 1500 metres.

\*\*\*\*\* SPECIAL ATHLETICS REPORT \*\*\*\*\*

WOLVERHAMPTON MARATHON 25th March

Both Paul Collins and John Cook competed in this event and both achieved personal bests of 3h 9m 38s and 2h 46m 17s respectively. Paul was slowed down in the later stages by a bruised foot and severe blistering but still managed the above achievement.

LONDON MARATHON 13th May

Paul Collins broke the 3h barrier for a new personal best of 2h 58m 01s, this in spite of blisters which appeared as early as the 4 mile mark, and came progressively worse as the race went on. Paul clearly has the potential for further improvement once he can beat the blister bogey. SEE ELSEWHERE FOR PAUL'S FULL REPORT.

John Cook had to withdraw from the race as a result of a leg injury sustained on Good Friday. His consolation is a guaranteed place next year. There was a considerable sum of money pledged to Cancer Research from many sponsors within the establishment. It is suggested that these pledges should be held over to the forthcoming STEVENAGE MARATHON which John is entering on 9th Sep. This will be the first full marathon to be held in Hertfordshire and is sure to be a well supported and attractive event. Paul Collins will also be running in this marathon - Best of luck to both.

SNOOKER

First I must apologise for missing the last issue of Quickmatch. The internal Club Competitions are now over and the results are as follows:-

	WINNERS	RUNNERS-UP
SNOOKER SINGLES	Phil Dyke	Stan Berry
SNOOKER DOUBLES	Simon Winfield Phil Dyke	S. Williams B. Barrett
BILLIARDS	B. Barrett	M. Parry

Well done all finalists.

The snooker trip to the Benson & Hedges Tournament was very good. Overheard there at the bar:

Stan Berry to Willie Thorn "Do you think you will win the tournament Willie?" Willie Thorn "I'd have a job. I'm not playing in it!"

We hope to run the same trip next year,

Barry Barrett.

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S O C I A L  
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Since the last Quickmatch we have held a Fancy Dress Ball, a Square Dance and two Social Dance Evenings.

The Fancy Dress Ball was very poorly attended (only 48 of you came of whom some dozen were in Fancy Dress) but still proved to be an enjoyable and successful evening. Bill Coe came very close to winning the prizes as both the best dressed man and the best dressed woman! Norman Paul spent most of the evening hitting everybody on the head with a big hammer - I think he was supposed to be a head-banger.

(An Ed'itter actually. Ed.)

The Square Dance again proved popular and we have booked Mike Burnham (the caller) for another one in September.

The Social Dance Evenings, run in conjunction with the Dancing Class, have been a staggering success with an attendance of over 120 people on each occasion. It is planned to augment our usual dances with more of these evenings and the next will probably be held in September - look out for posters.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

Friday 15th June LADIES FASHION SHOW 8 - 11pm  
Tickets: Still only 50p

Saturday 23rd June MIDSUMMER FETE & FLOWER SHOW followed by an  
EVENING BAPBEQUE - A new venture but one  
which we hope will be well  
supported.

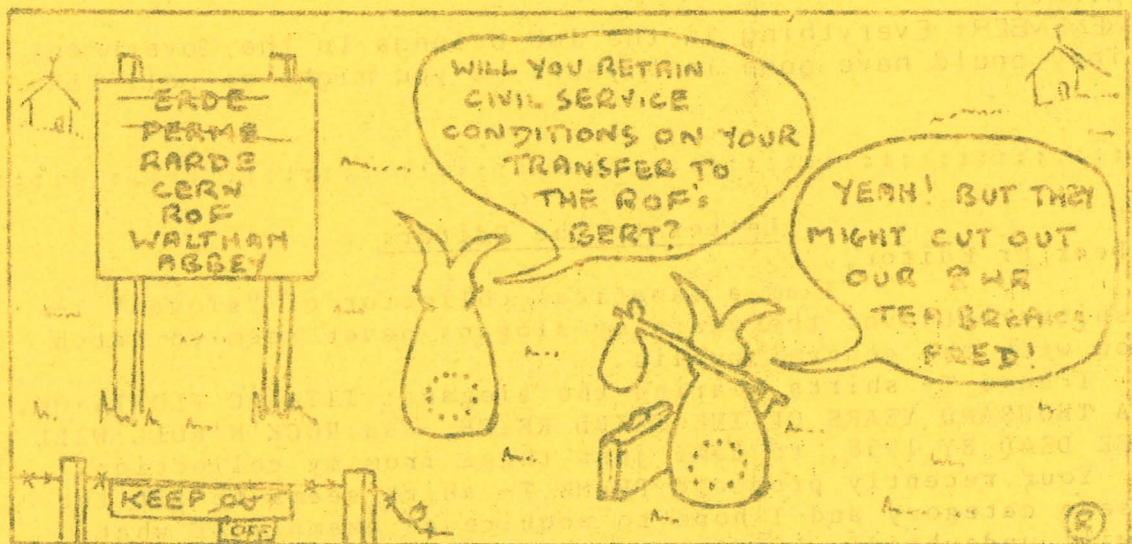
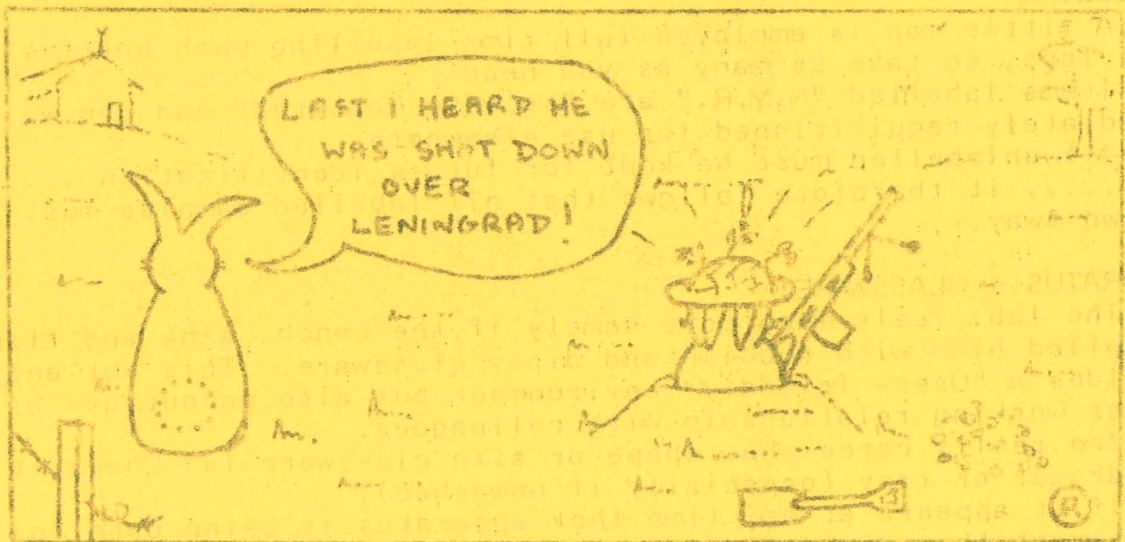
No functions are booked for July and August

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B A R T A L K  
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Since the new Club opened three years ago we have been restricted to Rayments/Greene King beers which does not satisfy every taste. In fact there's no accounting for taste, some people have even expressed a preference for Tartan or even John Bull (yuk!). Anyway our brewers have agreed to some relaxation and I am pleased to announce that we are now offering a "Guest Beer" which will be varied from time to time. A variety of real ales is available to us, including such well known ones as; Marston's Pedigree, Wadsworths 6X, Ruddles County and Everards Tiger. We are starting off with Boddington's, affectionately known as "Boddies" as any Mancunian can tell you. If you don't like it don't blame me - it was Phil Dyke's choice,

Bob McGuchan



RARDE RULES AND LABORATORY PROCEDURES FOR CHEMISTS

CHEMICAL AND SOLVENT HANDLING:

1. When transferring material from one container to another ALWAYS observe the 10% rule; if the bottle is inclined at 10% to the tube at a distance of 10% of your height then 10% of the material will be accurately transferred.
2. Don't worry about spilling large amounts of gooey substances on the balance pan. That's what the TARE button is for.
3. If you use the last drop in a particular solvent bottle then remember - the one next to it is probably just as good.
4. When solvent bottles are empty don't fill them - pour straight from the winchester over the sample, bench and floor; have a bath and breath in the relaxing fumes. Leave the cap on top of the bottle, but NOT screwed on - this ensures that it's set up for the next person's bath.
5. If the winchester is still full leave it perched on the edge of the bench. If empty then put it back in the cupboard, but be sure to remove the wicker solvent basket to maximise on the next person's exercise.

LABELLING:

1. A little man is employed full time labelling wash bottles with Dymo Tape, so take as many as you need!
2. Items labelled "N.M.R." are "No More Required" and can be immediately requisitioned for use elsewhere.
3. All unlabelled must be kept for future identification .....
4. .... it therefore follows that all labelled samples must be thrown away.

APPARATUS & GLASSWARE:

1. The lab. feels much more homely if the bench, sink and floor are piled high with rubbish and dirty glassware. This not only provides a "User- friendly" environment but also encourages a closer working relationship with colleagues.
2. Who really cares what shape or size glassware is? Chuck it in any drawer or tray (especially if unwashed).
3. If it appears at any time that apparatus is being used for an experiment then dismantle it and take it away.
4. T.R.'s lead really dreary lives so try to make it more interesting for them by leaving a surprise experiment running overnight.
5. REMEMBER: Everything in the lab belongs to the Government - but They could have gone in 5 years so you might as well take it NOW!

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Letter to the Editor:

Dear Mr Editor,

I am a fanatical collector of "slogan" T-shirts but over the years my slogans never seem to catch on with the general public.

I have T-shirts bearing the slogans; TITANIC FLOATS OK, A THOUSAND YEARS OF THE THIRD REICH, and ROCK'N'ROLL WILL BE DEAD BY 1958, to name just three from my collection.

Your recently produced PERME T-shirt seems to fit the same category and I hope to acquire an example of what will undoubtedly become a rare item in years to come.

If you have any left I would be willing to take one off your hands for a modest fee,

Yours faithfully,  
Ian (KISS OF DEATH) Griggs.



## ROF SCOFF

1. WHY ARE THE MOD POLICE DOGS NOT PATROLLING NORTH SITE?  
THE HANDLERS ASKED THE DOGS WHERE THEY PREFERRED TO GO  
AND NONE OF THEM SAID "RARDE, RARDE" !
2. THEY'RE A RIGHT TOFFEE NOSED BUNCH OVER ON NORTH SITE.  
WHY?  
THEY'VE GONE VERY "RARDE-DA" !
3. THE CLUB'S FORTHCOMING FETE PROMISES TO BE A REALLY WILD  
AFFAIR AND THERE WILL SUCH A CARNIVAL ATMOSPHERE THAT THE  
COMMITTEE ARE THINKING OF CALLING IT A "RARDE GRAS".
4. THE ONLY CERN I KNOW IS THE CERNE ABBAS GIANT.  
ISN'T HE THE BLOKE WITH THE BIG CHOPPER?  
YES, THE AXEMAN COMETH !
5. RARDE STANDS FOR:  
RUBBISH AND REFUSE DISPOSAL EXECUTIVE

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### AND NOW FOR THE MORE DISCERNING

1. RGPF = ERDE = PERME = ROF = ????  
Choose one from the following: ICI, GM, ITT, KGB, CCCP.
2. ROF'S ATROCIOUS RABBITS DESERVE EXTINCTION
3. IN THE GOVERNMENT'S FISCAL CALCULATIONS THE SOUTH SITE QUITE  
OBVIOUSLY FIGURES AS A WRITE-OFF.

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### A PLAGUE ON BOTH YOUR HOUSES

"We trained hard but it seemed that every time we were beginning to form up into teams, we would be re-organised. I was to learn later in life that we tend to meet any new situation by re-organising, and a wonderful method it can be for creating the illusion of progress while producing confusion .... inefficiency and demoralisation."

Petronius Arbiter 210 BC.

"There is nothing new under the sun."

Rofus and Rardeus 1984 AD

## COMPETITION PAGE

There was a very good response to the competitions in our last issue. As usual, all the correct entries went into a hat and the winners were:

Crosspatch competition - Andy Newell

(Full marks to Andy Carter who managed by extending the grid to a 9 x 9, but no prize I'm afraid)

Number Square - Tony Kosecki

A special prize went to the first ever entry from an Associate Member! - M.F.Perry.

Now for this issue's competition which is called:

"ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL"

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ELTRUTNSTSR AEBNOMLAS
ROBDEEESHGNATUUEDACEE
EADRKWRONAAALCAGERRAM
LCBCEUWADILHNINATECU
DHIBSBGANOLUIPANGOLIN
MHGBHIEDTBBLPDEFLYDET
COWOYTYAAINPBRNLNXVTN
DXKHA AZUBATOKUXEENFA
EPACATKRVERRIOLPOWEC
ENBAELEALWOPYPLASSLTI
SCOMIGETSTUSEEIIIGAAI
ROOETAOTSSTZEBRATWWE
DTHLGNULIAALAREHTNAP
HTNSPIKEGBOBLNFRIHEW
AEREDIPSHREWARASSADO
ERTOADUNETURDACHMMDR
VXANLNTATEAGKMAUASNR
DDRAGNAKROBINRPTITKA
DFPMOUSEBRAMKUTIWEEP
REGITERRAPINMMRDRYS
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In the grid above there are 101 different creatures which may be written up, down, along or diagonal; forwards or backwards.

Some creatures occur more than once (I think there are a total of 121 including duplications). When you have removed ALL of the creatures you should be left with 38 letters (if not you've done it wrong).

Arrange these letters into an "appropriate phrase". In the event of no correctly phrased entries a draw will be made of those submitting the correct letters in the order they appear.

Please send your entries to the editor, Norman Paul, as soon as possible for the usual prizes.

A little bit of extra help:- (15, 3, 3, 4, 3, 1, 4, 5)

C-----! Y-- M-- H--- W-- A N--- P----

IDEAS FOR FUTURE COMPETITIONS WILL BE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED