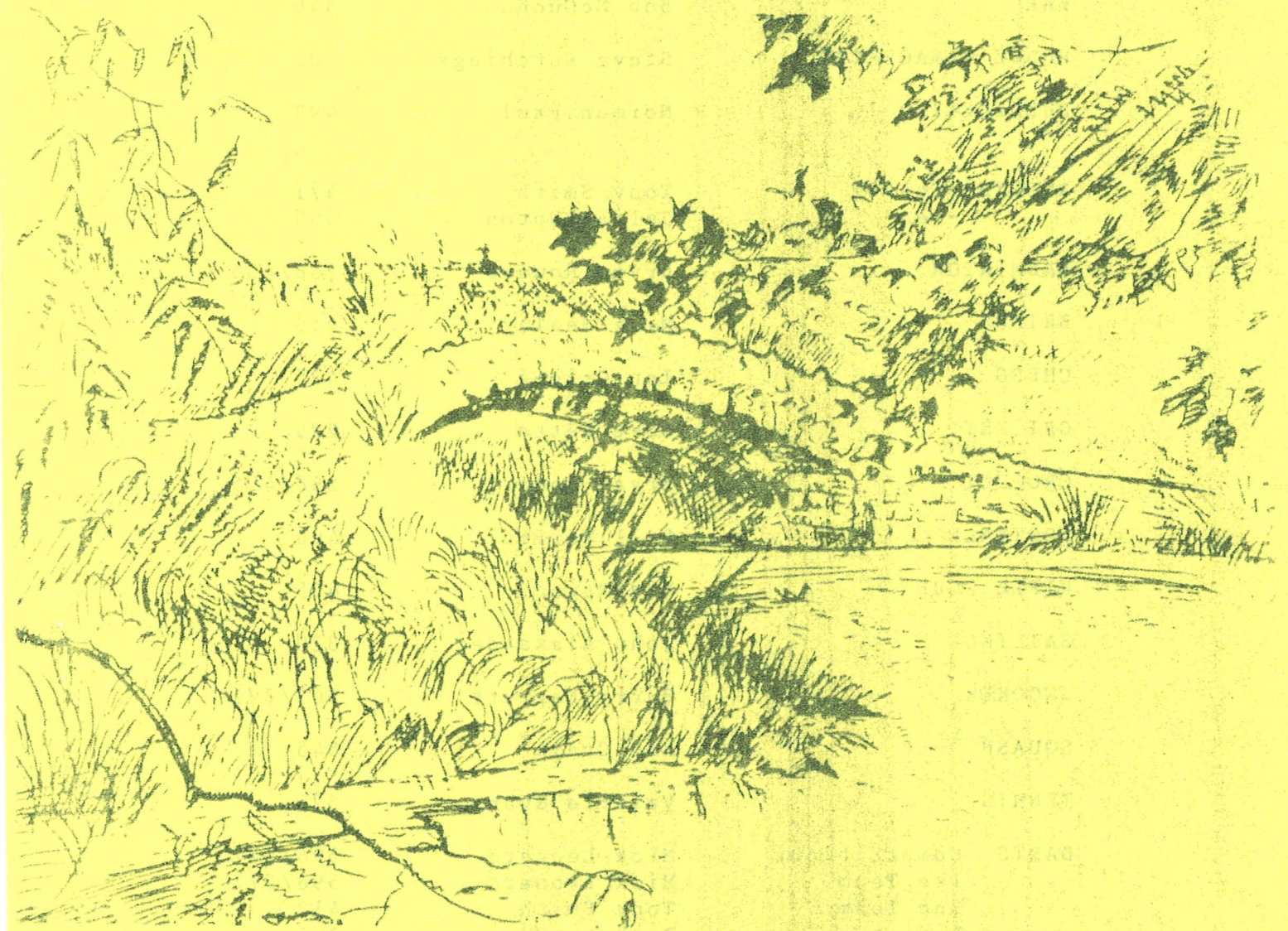


THE POWDERMILL CLUB

# QUICKMATCH



SPRING 1985



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EDITOR'S PAGE

CONVERSATION WITH MYSELF

Well at least 1984's over.  
Yeah! But '85 doesn't look any brighter.  
True! True! ... Though, in spite of fearing the worst for 1984 it didn't turn out as bad as Orwell thought, did it?  
Didn't it?  
Well! ... Perhaps it did in a way ....  
Still! Let's look forward to a New Year.  
Yeah! .. Let's! ... Doesn't Look too good, does it?  
No! You're right .....

So! What we gonna write this time eh!  
Dunno!  
Thanks! ... Neither do I. ... But we've got to write something ....  
...I suppose.  
Umm! ... I suppose.

You know; if more members wrote in lots of articles there wouldn't be room for an Editor's Page and that would save having to think up something each time.  
Yeah! Great! Not likely though, is it?  
No! Suppose not .....

So! What we gonna write then?

What about ..... Something really topical?  
Such as?  
I dunno! Think of something!  
Alright ... Er! ... The miners!  
Too political.  
Umm! ..... The Official Secrets Act!  
Too risky.  
dirty jokes!  
Too risque.  
All right! YOU think of something!

Yeah! Well! Umm, Er .... I know! What about a sort of Samuel Pepys Diary Editorial?  
Nah! It's been done.  
An expose of Higher Management?  
You'll get done!  
O.K.! What about a boring old harangue about, "It's a members club, run by members, for members, etc. etc."  
That's typical! Same old thing. Can't you think of anything new?  
NO!! I CANT.  
ALRIGHT! No need to shout!  
I wasn't SHOUTING!  
Alright! Alright! Yeah, well, I can't think of anything either.  
What we gonna do then?  
Tell you what ..... We'll think about it.  
Yeh! Let's think about it .....

Norman & Paul  
EDITOR



CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

As expected the Xmas period proved to be a busy and successful one for the Club and we have now settled back to a less hectic routine. I would predict that the AGM in May will reveal a very good year overall. One reason for this has been increased fruit machine income since the present machine is very popular and has not been plagued by breakdowns and we have recently added a new, smaller jackpot machine which is also boosting our income. Another factor is the new Royal Ordnance membership system whereby we receive a matching employers contribution. This will provide us with a new and significant revenue. However it will not prove difficult to spend our surplus. It is intended to resurface the tennis courts this year and although this will be a considerable expenditure it can be considered as a useful investment for the next five to ten years. We are also considering redecorating the Club lounge this year.

The latest position on the Club's status vis-a-vis RO and MOD is that proposals have been generally agreed whereby RO will assume responsibility for the Club but MOD will retain ownership of the building and land. Detailed discussions are to be convened soon. At this stage it seems that the new set up could have two main disadvantages. Firstly, we may be required to pay the heating and the lighting costs and secondly the present casual use of the main hall by the Club may no longer be possible - we may have to pay to use it! For my part I shall be seeking to secure an arrangement that is as painless as possible for the Club,

Bob McGuchan.

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BARTALK

Two of the regular bar staff have been out of action recently. Firstly Andy Carter broke his leg attempting to play football on a pitch more suited to ice hockey. I wouldn't have minded so much but he has taken over my corner at the bar so that he doesn't have too far to hobble to the fruit machine! Now with the plaster removed and speeding to recovery, anxious questions are raised - will he hang up his boots? Is he past it? (answer from Sheila only please).

The second member of bar staff out of action is my other half, trouble and strife. Julie had a bout of flu and ended up in hospital with a nasal haemorrhage. The intravenous top up of vin rouge, a positive vintage, worked wonders. My thanks to the other bar staff and particularly Pauline who filled in the gaps in the bar rota.

Since introducing draught Kronenberg some while back there has been a regular trade for this stronger lager. Concurrently there has been a growing demand for the even stronger "1664" bottled Kronenberg. I am now informed that Kronenberg intend to market a draught version of the "1664" - this will be intermediate strength between the present bottled and draught lagers and will be available shortly.

In the meantime another budget day approaches. What's the betting we drinkers get hammered again?

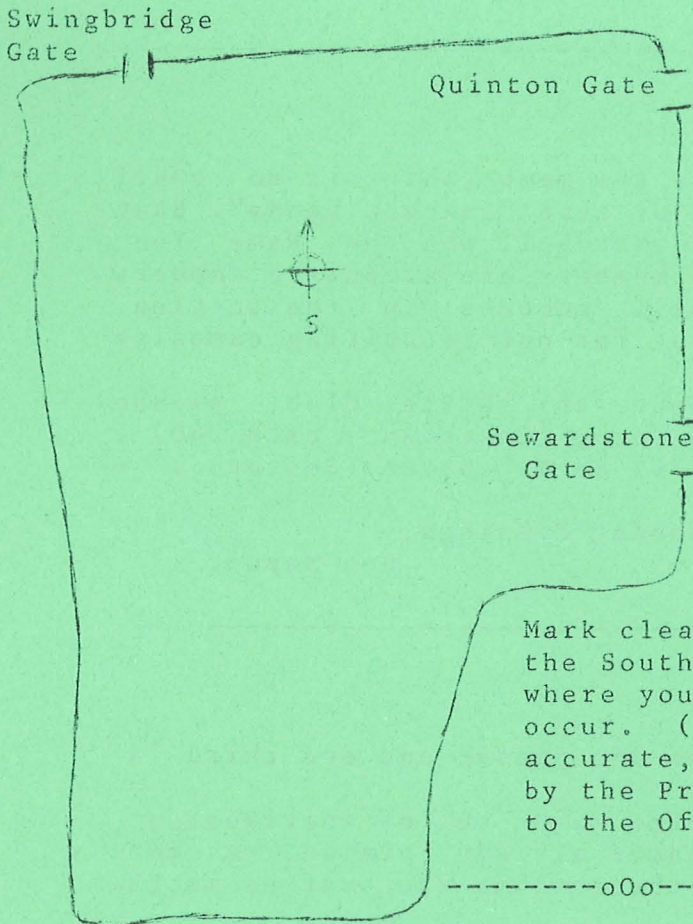
Bob McGuchan.

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THE BARBARA COE PAGE

THIS YEARS COMPETITION



During the past few months our heroine has twice managed to fall off her bike!

The first time was due to loose gravel - the second was during the recent Arctic spell.

It is almost inevitable that Barbara will soon be going for her hat-trick and we invite readers to anticipate where she will come to grief.

Mark clearly with a cross the spot on the South Site (sorry, Royal Ordnance) where you believe this event will occur. (This sketch plan is NOT accurate, NOT to scale, NOT approved by the Prime Minister and NOT subject to the Official Secrets Act).

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Barbara has recently been informed that if she manages to fall off her bike again she will be allowed to keep it.

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ADVERTISEMENT

WANTED - URGENTLY - a pair of stabilisers for bicycle. Willing to exchange for "used" plaster cast (left arm) autographed by Glenn Hoddle.

Contact: Mrs B Coe  
c/o Ladies Darts Team

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AND IN A SIMILAR VEIN -

After attempting a double reverse turn and running finish on the football field, Andy Carter has asked us to display the following advertisement:

FOR SALE - 1 Right Slipper Size Ten  
1 Right Shoe Size Ten Both Unused.  
1 Pair crutches - slightly soiled.  
Apply to Andy Carter.



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SECTION NEWS  
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ERDE RIFLE CLUB

Very little to report for 1984. As the membership is so small the various competitions are more or less "one man bands". Stan Wills won almost everything, "Mitch" Mitchell won the 'Name Your Own Start'. The fact that these two members are associate members emphasises the need for more full members in the section.

With this in mind, keep a lookout for our recruiting campaign in the Spring.

If you require any information about the Rifle Club, please don't hesitate to ask either Bob Torry (Chairman - extn 260), Paul Kennett (Treasurer - extn 408/377) or Ron Mason (Secretary - extn 425).

Hope to see something of you on Monday Evenings,

Ron Mason.

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DARTS A TEAM

We are now into the second half of the season and are third in the league.

In the first half we lost only three games out of thirteen; so far in the second half, with five games already played, we have won them all, defeating two of the three teams who beat us in the first half,

Mick Leonard.

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CHESS

We seem to be continuing our unfortunate recent habit of losing at least one leading player each season. This time it was Paul Collins, a real stalwart over the years and a regular on the top boards. Paul has also been match captain for various sides and was a member of the PERME team which won the National Club Plate. We wish him well on his transfer to Fort Halstead.

On the playing side we are so far enjoying a good season. The Essex League team are currently second in Division 2 and will again be hoping to sustain form to clinch promotion to the top division. Our one and only team in the North Circular League are also performing well, whilst the Essex Commercial League side, unbeaten so far, look capable of bringing another Championship Plaque back to the club.

As always, we are on the lookout for new talent - if they can also play chess then so much the better! Please contact either John Cook (extn 238) or myself (extn 425),

Ian Griggs.



## FOOTBALL REPORT 1

During March when the next issue of Quickmatch appears we shall be well on the way to completing our season - AND my last season as Manager.

Alas, it hasn't been a very successful one results-wise ( In fact the poorest I can remember ) for a variety of reasons. The weather hasn't helped; at the moment of writing we have played only 2 games since Xmas. We are now at our THIRD venue, thanks mainly to the waterlogged Town Mead and the overbooked Flamstead End Playing Fields. Whilst not using these as our sole reason, they certainly haven't helped.

On the field the lads have given their all and I thank them for it. Perhaps we are not committed enough to turning out when the season has little to play for. This of course is most unfair to the 90% who are reliability itself. An everchanging team doesn't help continuity.

Anyway, I know that there will be meetings to resolve all this and, hopefully, put things right for next season. Perhaps now is a good time for a change, for new ideas and new enthusiasm.

For my part, in my last report, I must thank my Executive Committee for their tireless efforts. Mark Anderson has worked exceedingly hard as our Secretary, Barry Gapes as Treasurer and, of course, both have helped Cliff Stapleton as Captain on the field and our vey successful Social Secretary and Fund Raiser, without which we could never have survived in these days of rising costs. My thanks are inadequate for all they have done.

The players, as always, have behaved as one would expect our players to conduct themselves; a credit to both the Club and myself. Always willing to help in any way they could. I'm not going to name names, that would be unfair to any I inadvertently ommitted. Perhaps I should pay tribute just to my longest serving player, Steve Green, who started as a 17 year old and is now an "old" married man, and still as helpful and polite as he has always been. Over the years (13) (Is it really that long?) I have been blessed with a great bunch of chaps. I've lost count of the weddings I've attended, the number of bonny children that have been the fruit of those marriages (and I don't forget P. Maher's two). Never could get Ike or Stan to take the plunge although I do recall one Triple engagement.

Whenever you played, please know that at this moment and in the future I shall always be grateful for your contribution.

The BLUE TEAM, under Bill Warren, are having a really good season (Wait until our "friendly" this year - the boys have promised a "blinder"). Well done Bill and keep up the good work.

Finally I thank the Central Committee for their financial help over the years and the use of the hall has been a boon to our training, which it's nice to report has been well attended; Derek Cutts and John Bragg putting the lads through their paces.

God Bless and Thankyou,

Bill Telling.

*On behalf of the entire Club I would like to extend our thanks to Bill for the tremendous amount of work that he has put into managing the Football Team over the last 13 years. Thanks Bill! and our best wishes to you in the future,*

*Editor.*



## LADIES DARTS DIARY

NOVEMBER 20th We went to a pub near Theobalds station. "Coach & Horses" - Nice pub, nice evening, but we lost 2-1. They play 1001, double start. We're still not all that good on our doubles so they got off before us in the first 2 games. The last game it was a straight start and this game we won with Iris getting us out.

NOVEMBER 27th The "Coach & Horses" Team visited us. I have lost the results of this match as well as the results against the "Golden Lion" - tut tut tut! Anyway, our game away to the "Woodbine" on the 18th DECEMBER I do remember. We lost 3-2.

JANUARY 15th Played the "Woodbine" at home. Lost 4-3. I put all these losses down to cancelled games due to bad weather. Now that the weather has improved a bit perhaps with a few more games and a bit more practice we can improve.

JANUARY 22nd Played the "Woodbine" at home. A pleasant night but we lost again, 5-2. We've now lost quite a few games in a row and I'm running out of excuses.

JANUARY 29th WE WON A GAME! At long last we managed to win - by 4 games to 2 beating the Hemenal Club from Epping.

FEBRUARY 4th The ladies from the "Golden Lion" are pretty good so it was no disgrace to lose 5-3. Lots of good scores from all our team members (good for us anyway).

FEBRUARY 12th This game at home to the "Lindsey Street" mob was cancelled by them because of the weather. We are playing a practice game next week on the 19th cos we need the practice - hope we don't lose!

We have managed to arrange a large number of matches for Tuesday evenings, many of them at home. Most of these will be posted on the Club Calendar but there are always late arrangements that may crop up at short notice. Therefore, don't bank on getting a game of darts at the Club on Tuesdays!

Barbara Coe.

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## CRICKET CLUB

Arrangements are well in hand for a full Fixture List for the coming season. Matches are played against local teams and some against teams where moderate travelling is involved, but the tour in Dorset will not be taking place this year.

Any Club members who are interested in playing cricket, either regularly or occasionally, should contact Bert Betts (Chairman - extn 229), Chris Robbins (Secretary - extn 447) or, failing that, Richard Penfold who may sometimes be found at the bar and who will speak to anyone offering him a pint of lager,

Bert Betts.

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## SNOOKER

This years trip to Wembley to see Alex Higgins v Steve Davis in the Benson & Hedges Tournament proved to be a great success. The atmosphere and excitement, as they played toward the 9th and final frame, was really fantastic. Something you miss on TV. As one of our party said "It's the best £5 I've ever spent". It turned out to be quite a late night but well worth it. I don't think anyone was disappointed.

Our Annual Snooker & Billiards Championships have just finished and the results are:

	Winner	Runner Up
Snooker Singles	Stan Berry	Alby Wright
Snooker Pairs	Barry Barrett Steve Reynolds	Bernie Argent Bob Page
Billiards	Barry Barrett	Stan Berry

As you probably know our new Handicap Snooker & Billiards Tournament is under way and has proved very popular - I just hope the handicap works out O.K.

The Junior Snooker is still held every Monday from 7.30 - 8.30 so if any youngsters would like to attend, come along any Monday, (except Bank Holidays!),

Barry Barrett.

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## SEA FISHING

Our last trip took place on the 24th February and was a trip to Dover where, surprisingly, nobody caught any sole. The only fish caught on this occasion was cod and we didn't do too bad! Eight members went on the trip and a total of 21 fine cod were caught. The best catch was an 8lb 8oz specimen by D. Panting.

We organise quite a few trips throughout the year and if you are interested contact Julian Upton or come along to our meetings held the first Tuesday of each month in the Card Room,

Terry Stemman.

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## TENNIS

Your previous contact for the Tennis Club was Neil Hutchings who has, unfortunately, departed the Establishment for pastures new. This means that I have got lumbered with the job again!

Now that the evenings are getting lighter we shall soon expect to see the tennis players starting play again and, as always we are on the lookout for new players. We have yet to set our 1985 subscription rate but this will be decided very soon and all current members will be notified.

I am pleased to report that, at long last, the trees bordering the courts which have given so much trouble in the past, have now been removed and that the Main Club will be financing the resurfacing of all three courts this year,

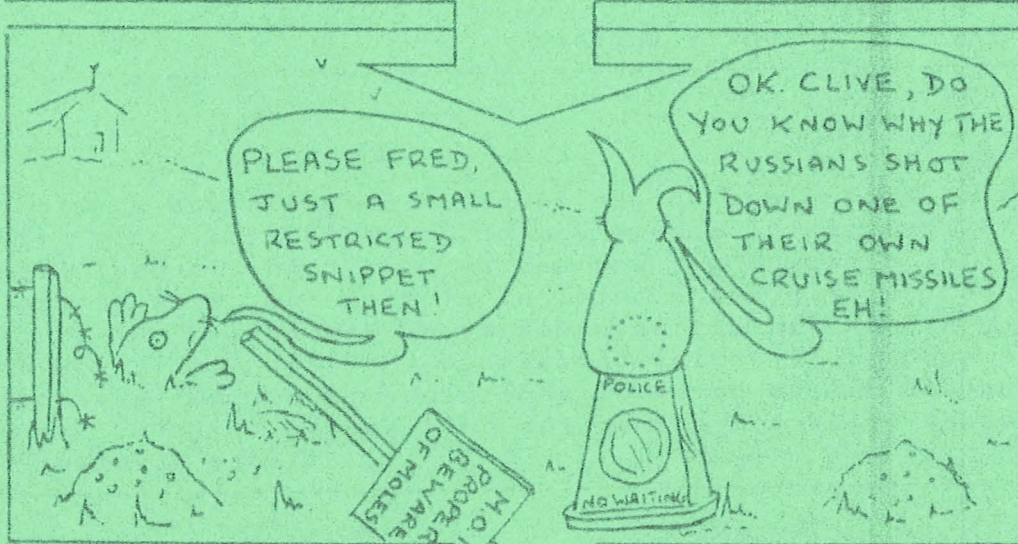
Valerie Evans.

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# BUNNIES

( SPECIAL GUEST APPEARANCE OF A MOLE )





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DARTS KNOCKOUT FINALS NIGHT
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SATURDAY 16th MARCH

The competition has gone very well so far with everyone keeping to the dates given.

We are now up to the the semi-finals and some finalists.

We hope to see a lot of people on the night to cheer on friends, relations and colleagues.

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INTERSECTION DARTS LEAGUE

The internal Intersection League will be starting towards the end of March and although only 8 teams have entered we hope those participating will have an enjoyable competition as usual.

Matches will be played on Mondays and Thursdays. Most fixtures have been arranged so that 3 teams play each other on the same evening. This should make for a good evening and also ensures that the competition does not drag on into the holiday season.

Best of luck to all the teams,
Mick Leonard.

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GRAND HOLIDAY DRAW

As a new venture the Club is holding a HOLIDAY DRAW this year. Cards of numbers, similar to those used in the Christmas Draw are on sale throughout the Establishments and at the Club Bar.

The prize is a holiday for two in Malta in September and if sufficient money is collected there will also be a cash bonus of spending money to go with the prize.

The draw started very well in January but seems to have dropped of a little. Perhaps the initial enthusiasm has waned through lack of funds at this time of year. We do hope that sales will pick up a bit otherwise we could find ourselves with a loss on our hands.

I don't think this will happen but I would like to take this opportunity to remind you all of the Draw which will run right up until the actual draw night in the Club on Saturday 20th July.

On the night we hope to arrange a special evening of entertainment for you all,

Keep buying the tickets,
Steve Hutchings.

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S O C I A L  
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After the flurry of the Christmas activities we began the New Year with another highly successful Ladies Fashion Show. The attendance broke all previous records and over 300 people crowded into the hall for this popular event. As a result, we have been able to donate the proceeds of the evening (£200) to a very worthy local charity - the Waltham Abbey Talking Newspaper for the Blind.

The Dance Class ran another Social Dance Evening - A Valentines Dance on 15th February which was exceptionally well attended with 140 people. The supper was provided by our resident chef, Dick Morrell and the evening turned out to be a very successful event. Congratulations are also due to the organisers for the topical hall decorations. The next Social Dance Evening will be on 27th of September.

Tickets are now available from Val Evans for our next social event, a SQUARE DANCE (caller - Mike Burnham) to be held on Friday 22nd March. Ticket price held at £2.

Barry Barrett will be running another Disco in the Main Hall on Easter Saturday. His last effort proved a great success and it is hoped that this will also be well supported. Tickets now available from Barry at £2.50 (including food).

The remainder of the 1985 programme is still being put together but some dates for your diary are as follows:

LADIES FASHION SHOWS	Fridays - 17th May, 20th Sep, 22nd Nov.
SQUARE DANCES	Fridays - 22nd March, 14th June, 1st Nov.
HOLIDAY DRAW	Saturday 20th July
FIREWORK DISPLAY	Saturday 2nd November
CHRISTMAS DRAW	Saturday 14th December
NEW YEAR DANCE	Friday 3rd January 1986

It is also hoped to arrange some evenings of comedians/live music, etc. possible starting in April. Details will be circulated as soon as possible. In the meantime, if there is some function or type of social activity you think would be successful, then please let us know!

Ian Griggs

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OTHER SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

LADIES KEEP FIT: We now have a new instructress. Classes every Monday from 8 to 9pm. £1 members, £1.25 others.

BINGO: Bingo every fortnight commencing at 8pm. The dates for March are the 3rd, 17th and 31st and then every following fortnight.

DANCING: Dancing Classes continue to be held in the hall on Wednesdays. £1 per session from 8pm to 11pm. Qualified teachers - Ballroom & Latin. There are also practice evenings on alternate Friday evenings. See club notice board for dates.

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STOP PRESS Arrangements are being made to run a SPRING SOCIAL DANCE EVENING in MAY. Details to be published later.

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 C O M P E T I T I O N P A C E  
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There were quite a few entries for last issue's competitions. The winner of the "Wordsearch" was Mrs Beryl Surridge (an Old Comrade Member) who may collect her prize of a bottle of wine from the bar. Dave Salter was nearest in guessing the Club's New Year's Eve Bar take with his guess of £935-75p, the actual amount being £937-62p, a pretty accurate guess. Dave has already claimed his prize of a bottle of whisky and has probably drunk it all by now!

My thanks to all those who entered the competitions and I'm sorry you didn't all win.

CROSSWORD COMPETITION

All answers share a common theme. You are given the first letter of each answer and the number of letters. When you have solved the clues put them in the grid.

CLUES:

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- A. Nut blossom (6)
- B. Back in, for example therefore but (5)
- B. Whose train? (5)
- C. Red ripe (6)
- C. Red back in Little Sir Echo (6)
- C. Sounds deadly (6)
- C. Is it a Red Indian cadillac (7)
- C. Communist bishop? (8)
- D. Mother's boy (6)
- E. 'e is thin & black (5)
- G. Envious (5)
- G. Rich (4)
- I. Moody? (6)
- L. Sunburnt shellfish?(7)
- M. Colour of distress (6)
- P. Carburettor sounds wrongly set (4)
- P. Upper left is royal(6)
- R. Apple,leaf in Fall (6)
- R. Stop! (3)
- T. Thrash one's skin (3)
- V. Timid girl? (6)
- Y. Sounds like a coward's expostualtion (6)

And here's a SECOND COMPETITION for the logically minded interested in Football. Below are the results of 6 matches played in a league.

Work out the actual results.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
TEAM A	3	2	1	0	4	0	5
TEAM B	3	1	2	0	2	1	4
TEAM C	3	0	2	1	1	3	2
TEAM D	3	0	1	2	2	5	1

Football enthusiasts may remember the actual occasion of these real matches, of importance to England some years ago!

SEND YOUR ANSWERS TO THE EDITOR BY THE END OF MARCH.  
 USUAL RULES AND PROBABLY THE USUAL PRIZES.



