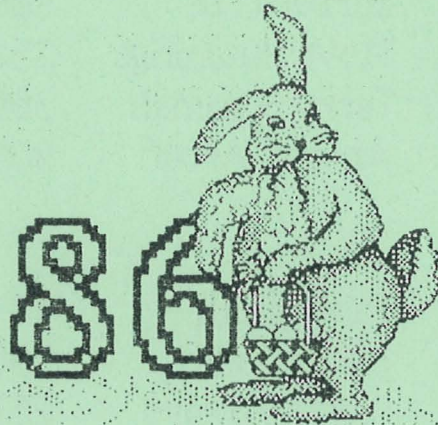
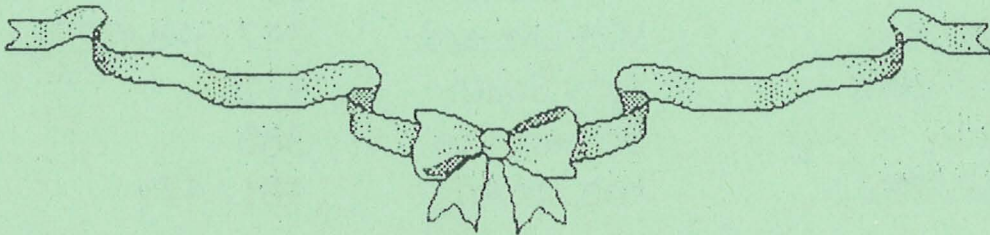


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EDITORIAL

Dear Readers,

I hope you all survived the excesses of the Xmas and New Year holidays and are back to your pre-festive shapes. Spring is here, the daffodils are in bloom and the sunshine just makes you want to frolic and gambol like a new born lamb. We'll I'm sure some people will.

Our Xmas competitions were well received judging by the response and most of the entries were correct. The winners are as follows: crossword- F. BATSFORD, Word puzzle- I. GRIGGS (156 words), Name competition- R. MCGUCHAN. Winners can collect their bottle of wine from the Club next time they see me there. There are two competitions in this issue, who will be the lucky winners, if you don't enter you won't win.

A few of the sub-sections seem to be illiterate when it comes to offering articles to Quickmatch, however when they need a grant from the Club they soon find somebody with writing skills. Perhaps one condition of receiving a grant could be at least one article a year in the Club magazine. It doesn't have to be much, just a few lines to let the other members know you exist.

This has been an editorial dig.

Anthony Arber - Editor

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Membership of the Club has increased significantly as a direct result of the introduction of the Life Membership grade instituted at the last AGM. As a result the Club has been able to take on more Associate members and at a recent Membership sub-committee meeting a large backlog of outstanding applications was approved. Total membership will increase to around 930 if all these applications are taken up. The current membership figures are :-

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| FULL VOTING MEMBERS | 397 |
| SPOUSE MEMBERS | 186 |
| LIFE MEMBERS | 100 |
| ASSOCIATES | 191 (Representing 22% of total membership) |

There has been criticism in the past that many of the members do not use the Club although it should be recognised that a large proportion of the Full Membership now live outside the immediate district. It is my view that they are to be thanked, rather than criticised, for it is through their continued support and generosity, simply by retaining membership, that the Club is able to maintain the current number of Associate members. Nevertheless, we would like to see more of our "out of town" members and we have a full programme of special events which we hope will attract support from them. A similar "criticism" could be levelled at some members of the sub-sections who, after all probably only joined in order to indulge in one particular activity. I would hope that more of these members would support some of the other activities and Club functions. One "Function" in particular that will need member's support is the **AGM** on **Monday 12th May!** It may not be your idea of a fun evening (nor mine) but it is essential to the continued existence of the Club and does give you an opportunity to have a say in the Club's affairs.

Still no news on the Club's future status but I do understand that the respective legal departments are wrangling over "herebys", "hereftofores" and the odd comma or semi-colon. Apparently some progress is still being made, according to those who understand these things.

We have made representations to the MOD on the state of the hall and I am pleased to report that the floor is to be completely relaid in the near future. This may mean that the hall will not be available for a few regular activities but the interruptions will be minimised as much as possible.

We have also been given permission to extend the Club by building a further room on the SE corner. Detailed plans and a cost study will now be drawn up before a final decision is taken. One other major improvement that will take place in the near future is an enlargement of the Function Bar. That is, an enlargement behind the bar so that the range of drinks available at functions can be increased.

This will be my last Quickmatch report before the AGM and I would like to use the opportunity to express my thanks to the Committee Members who have put so much of their time and effort into the Club.

Norman Paul

BAR

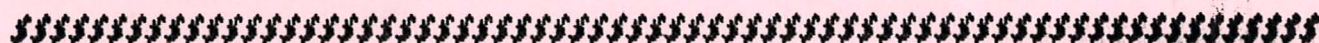
As most of you dark mild drinkers will be aware, we now have on trail in the Club a new dark mild in the form of "Paines", we will also be introducing a new Keg Bitter from Green King and the "guest" beer will be changed, this (if things work out) should take place at the end of March.

Although there are at present no permanent vacancies for bar staff, however there is the occasional dance/disco/private function etc. If you are interested in bar work you contact Steve Hutchings on extn 252 with a view to training for future appointments.

POOL TABLE

The delivery of a pool table is still imminent (evidently it is a transport problem). After installation it will be available anytime provided the cardroom is not in use for meetings. Although this will restrict play there are plans to build (in the near future) a permanent home for the table. Latest news: the pool table has now arrived and has been installed in the cardroom.

Steve Hutchings



SOCIAL

Since the beginning of January I have been feeling my way into Ian Griggs old job on the Social committee. Although most of his spare time is now spent on compiling yet another book, Ian is always available to lend a helping hand. I would like to thank him for that as it has made my first 2 months in his old chair that much easier.

In fact the main part of this year's social functions are Ian's work. We always have to work at least 9 months ahead and at the moment we are booking bands and dress shows etc for 1987.

Among the extra items this year are 3 disco's. We have stopped including food at these functions, but if you do feel peckish Dick Morrell will be selling food at the bar. By doing the food this way we can keep the price of the ticket down. The buffet will still be included in the Christmas Social Dance, Christmas Disco and New Years Dance.

Looking back to the end of 1985, the three functions; the Christmas Social Dance, Christmas Dance and New Years Dance were all sell-outs. This trend seems to be continuing with 60 people braving the Arctic weather to come to the SQUARE DANCE.

Here are some dates to keep you away from the Television this spring:

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| Friday | 21st of March | Fashion Show |
| Friday | 4th of April | Race Night |
| Friday | 18th of April | Steve Stewart in the bar |
| Tuesday | 22nd of April | Charity Quiz Night |
| Friday | 25th of April | Spring Dance |
| Tuesday | 6th of May | Blaster Bates |
| Saturday | 10th of May | Disco |
| Friday | 23rd of May | Organist in the Bar |
| Saturday | 7th of June | Bar. B. Que / Disco |
| Friday | 20th of June | Fashion Show |

Bill Coe

GLORIA HUNNINFORD SHOW

On the 3th December 41 of us went by coach to see a recording of the above show. I was having kittens as the coach was supposed to leave the Powdermill Lane car park at 6.15 and 5 past 6, no coach. It came about 10 past. The driver asked what time we were supposed to be there and I said 7.30 because the doors open between 7.30 and 7.45. After 7.45 there was no admittance. The driver got us there at 7.15. It was at this stage we had to queue outside until 7.30, and it was freezing. Anyway we got inside found our seats, we had a smashing evening. Well up to now I've heard no moans! We were entertained by Gary Wilmott, Denis Rousos (I think thats how it's spelt), Lorraine Chase (Luton Airport) and on the screen the recording of Gloria Hunniford chatting to and being by Patrick Duffy (Bobby Ewing). We saw the recording cos he could not be at the studio that evening. I'll be trying to obtain more tickets in the near future for another television show.

HOLIDAY ON ICE - February 1986

It was the first time that I'd been to an Ice Show, and I thought it was lovely. Very entertaining. I hope the rest of the party enjoyed it. Next time I'm going to try for a pantomime or a show / musical in town.

Barbara Coe

CAROL SINGING

The Carol Singers collected £29 which will go to the research work for Cystic Fibrosis. Thanks go to Michele and her sister Leslie for doing the collecting, and to Julie, Sue and Pauline in the canteen plus their children.

Also to Joyce Wood, John Norton and his son. Perhaps word got round that Bill was doing the food as only 3 of us went back to the club for refreshments. It was OK though Bill, thanks for doing it. Thanks also to June in the canteen for letting Bill borrow the gear for doing the soup. I'll make it a later date next year and on a Thursday so hopefully we'll have George and Ike.

Barbara Coe

BINGO

Bingo is still being held every fortnight. We now have a snowball being played - curious? come and find out what it is!

Barbara Coe

lost so we said no thanks you. So it was all square, plus we won three of their raffle prizes. No game now until the New Year, when we are at home to the "Black Deer".

14th January

I thought the break might have done us good, but it didn't. We lost 7-3. Michele, Tracey and Brenda got our three games. Lil got a score of 121 and Chris and Leslie got 70 something. Next week we are playing the police and their wives. I hope we get more than three points this time.

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BIG FIGHT NIGHT

We have just held our first BIG FIGHT NIGHT, which was enjoyed by everybody who attended. Two more events are booked along these lines; a RACE NIGHT and another BIG FIGHT NIGHT, watch out for details.

Barry Barrett

DARTS

First of all would last years finals winners, please return the yearly trophies to be engraved.

The knock-out competitions have now reached the semi final stages. The final this year is likely to be on **Saturday the 19th of April**, all those reaching the finals best of luck.

The inter-departmental league is now starting, will all captains try to make sure that all matches are played on time and the results cards sent to me, as we wish to present these trophies to the winners and runners-up on finals night.

M. Leonard

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As we supplied the sandwiches the police very kindly bought us two bottles of wine! It was ever so kind of them but they weren't very kind in their dart playing. We only won 2 games. It was Michele and Penny who got the wins. Michele also got the highest score with 140. Penny got 116 and I got 86. Some people are now comparing us with Spurs - we are losing more than we are winning!

4 February

Hip Hip Hip Hoora

We won the points away

The darts fell in just right

Oh! wot a delight

To win a game away

We won 6 games to 3 at the Hemenal Club, Epping. We started off with a win, Iris getting 2. Me and Michele lost. Then we won another point, Leslie going for 7, then double 15. Lost the next game 2-2 so far. Then we played 4 games and won. The last game we lost. Michele got the highest score of 125. Iris got us out 3 times, with myself, Jacque and Leslie making it 6.

Barbara Coe

BADMINTON & CROQUET

Following the usual disasterous lack of support for the month of February may I make my annual plea for badminton players, preferably ladies and men who won't be skulking in front of their "Twaddle Boxes" watching football on Tuesday nights between 8 and 10pm, to come and join us.

The Waltham Abbey Sports Centre boasts a bar but not at the Club prices I hasten to add. There is a rumour that the Badminton Sub Section may be getting a small subsidy to bolster it's finances when the elusive Treasure's foot can be nailed to the floor. You'd think that now that I'm working in PR I'd see that Treasure sometime 'cos he's said to be in PR too. Come to think of it there are other people that are difficult to find in PR but that's another story.

The Croquet AGM should be held by the time Quickmatch is printed. St Patrick Day of the AGM but those intrested in playing please join us at Larsens on Monday Evenings in the Summer (May to Sept) at 6pm till dark.

B. C. Howard

CRICKET

*"The spring is sprung, the grass is riz
I wonder where them cricketers is."*

Neville Cardus - an early work.

It is not just daffodils and crocuses emerging from the winter gloom. The Club's cricketers are also creaking into life in preparation for another season's battles. All the signs of spring are there. Quart size waistlines being poured into pint size flannels with the annual wonderment on the cricketer's face as to how trousers can so dramatically shrink during their winter's storage. Shirts that billowed gently in September's breezes suddenly strain from internal pressure, never likely to billow again. Socks never unpacked from the last game lie welded firmly together ready to crack when separated. Cricketer's boxes, used for growing winter hyacinths in, are emptied in preparation (and if truth be told only partly refilled). Other annual customs will come later. The traditional snapping of bootlaces will echo around the dressingroom to the sound of accompanying expletives. The veteran's boots will once again have more tape than leather. And 11 hopes and egos, fuelled by a winter of imaginative batting, will and fielding at Lord's, will crumble in the face of Larsens. But still we all come back, so there must be something in it.

So why not join us for practice nets? They start on Sunday mornings in early April. From there progression to the real thing (the Club usually wins, draws and loses in roughly equal proportions but is always looking to do better). And perhaps a place in the successful 20-over league side which won the Cecil Bond Trophy in 1985. Also open is a place in the indoor 6 which one all its preliminary games and now plays in the exalted company in the Premier League. Players of any standard and shape are most welcome to try their hand. You can then sign for one game or 30 games during the season. The Club provides all the necessary playing equipment. Phone Bert Betts (Ext. 229) or Chris Robbins (Ext. 447) for more details.

ANOTHER OVER

Do you feel aimless? Has life's great pageant just passed you by? Do you yearn once more for the "thock" of willow on leather. What we need is 22 (or more) willing, probably miss guided souls to take up the challenge for the RARDE/RO cricket match on the lines of the old north/south conflicts.

Are you a man/woman enough to rise to this the last great challenge of civilisation and doff the whites, rub your balls and deal out some googles with the rest of them. You need not be county standard or even aware who Gooch is. Enthusiasm both for the some good harmless fun on a *sunny* afternoon and possibly in the bar afterwards is just as important!

If you fancy a cricket match this summer then phone extn 581 and ask for Grant Privett and look forward to the stuff legends are made of.

Steve Penfold

E.R.D.E. RIFLE CLUB

The past year has been a very quiet one so far as the Rifle Club goes and until the latter part of the year, attendances were extremely small on club night. But along came Mick Collins, who took an immediate interest in rifle shooting and proceeded to make things hum (or should it be "crack" ?)

in the range. Mick's infectious enthusiasm soon got his daughter interested, then we were fortunate enough to have Isabel Barter, already an experienced shot, join the club. This further spread to other members of the fair sex and now we have a regular Ladies night on Thursdays (shooting that is).

The club have acquired two new rifles and a telescope, much needed items if we are to expand as a club.

Isabel, Carolle and Mick have been entered for the Postal Ely shoot and we wish them all good fortune in the competition.

During the last cold snap, even the *brass monkeys* were reluctant to come out, and it is understandable that even the old stalwarts of the club gave shooting a miss, preferring the comfort of their own fireside to the Arctic conditions prevailing in the range, were even the ammunition had to be thawed out before it could be fired!

By the time this edition of Quickmatch comes out, the club will have held their A.G.M., when the possibility of the changing of the committee may take place, but this is by no means certain as we may well succumb to having our arms twisted to stay in the harness (or in shooters' jargon, *keeping our slings on*).

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all our members good shooting during 1986 and to our ladies, "*keep your powder dry*".

Ron Mason Rifle Club Secretary

SQUASH

There are now three divisions in the lunchtime squash league. The current division champion being Peter Maher, Malcolm Stewart and Dick Morrell. Additional players of all standards will be most welcome.

There have not been many new evening players but thanks to Anthony and Don we should have two more new players in about 16 years time - belated congratulations to you both.

In the interim if anyone would like to play a friendly game of squash on Wednesday evenings please contact me and I'll try and find out the weeks Malcolm will be out of the country.

Ron Craig (extn 545)

FOOTBALL

Our start to the first of the 85/86 season has gone very well as we have lost only one game, that being the first round of the Challenge Cup, going down 3 - 2 to the "Gun and Magpie".

Our league form has been very convincing, winning 13 and drawing 2 to date, our best win being the 10 - 1 defeat of S & T Builders. S & T and ourselves were quoted as being the pre-season favourites for promotion, so far we are playing up to that prediction.

At the moment we are six games adrift of the team at the top of the division, but they are only three points in front of us. The reason we are so far behind in our league games is because of our moderately successful run in the County Cup. We reached the area semi-final by defeating the favourites for the Trophy, May & Baker. The game went into extra time after we took an early 2-0 lead but defensive slackness allowed them to draw level. The winning goal was a great individual effort by John Pickerskill.

The semi-final was, I feel lost before a ball was kicked as three of the team arrived at the ground 35 minutes late, having some difficulty in finding the pitch, although the rest of us set out in plenty of time to overcome any such problems and arrived 45 minutes before kick-off. The most disappointing aspect of the game was that the opposition was not of the quality of previous opponents but beat us 6-4 inflicting us with a defeat that should not have been possible.

It was obvious that the PERME team, that started the game were upset as I was by the non-attendance at the start of the game of the three late players. This being the most important game of the season being one step away from a Final place.

In retrospect I think that, because of my anger over the situation, I made a poor decision concerning my half-time substitutions, which did not help the team over our bad start.

The best that can be said of the outcome of the game was that at our Tuesday training session decisions were made about the future discipline of the team to ensure that no-one drops below the standards we have set ourselves.

Our training session on Tuesday nights is very physically demanding, but give us an obvious advantage on match days as commented by Referees and opposition, as to our fitness. This was shown to be true on Sat 8th of March when after a five weeks lay off, because of bad weather, we defeated East Enfield who play in a higher division than us, by 2 goals to 1 in the J.J. Kelly Cup.

The two excellent goals, scored by David Pinnock and Darren Goodey, were not a true reflection of our overall supremacy. Due to the long lay-off we lacked some of our former sharpness, but taking that into consideration I was impressed by our overall performance on the day.

We hope to erect flood lights over the tennis courts in the summer. This will enable us to carry out ball skills and work on set pieces after our run and circuit training in the Main Hall. The tennis courts have been resurfaced and removable tennis net posts have replaced the old permanent type, which will give us a valuable training area in the winter evenings.

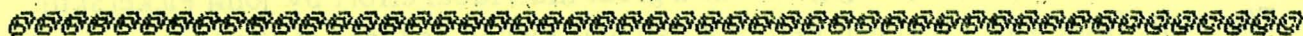
We hope to raise enough money to finance the lights from the Discos that we run in the Main Hall.

Thats all on the football front, here's hoping we can carry on winning to the end of the season to gain promotion and hopefully win through to the finals of the Cup competitions.

On a more serious note myself and three of **my football team**, as the PERME PERVERTS, won the recent NONATHLON competition organised by the Social Club. We had a very enjoyable evening and thanks to my fellow team members (*ie* Doris, Maisey and Nicolle) I will be very pleased to receive a Trophy on Presentation Night. I suppose we will have to buy new dresses for the occasion on Fashion Night.

Our own Presentation Night Disco will be on Saturday May 17th in the Main Hall. On the afternoon of the 17th we will playing a return friendly against a team from Ipswich, at Town Mead, KO 3pm. We are hoping to reverse our 2-1 defeat at their ground in September of last year.

Bill Warren



SNOOKER

Our annual trip to the BENSON & HEDGES MASTERS SNOOKER TOURNAMENT at Wembley was again a great success. The snooker played between Tony Meo and Jimmy White was of a very good standard. We also saw the last frame between Eddie Charlton and Kirk Stevens, which started at 12.15am. This was the main reason we arrived home so late. I hope you mums and dads were not too worried.

MORE SNOOKER

Well our snooker tables have been recovered **again**. As most of our players will know. So again **please** do not eat any food in the snooker room. This includes lunchtime. Our annual SNOOKER & BILLIARDS TOURNAMENT have reached the final stages. Results in the next issue. Watch out for the start of our HANDICAP TOURNAMENT which will be starting shortly (full details on circular).

Just one final word **please** look after our tables. They cost a lot of money to recover so **please** do not mistreat them *ie*

NO COINS ON CUSHIONS OR CLOTH.

NO SMOKING OVER TABLE.

NO CHALK ON CUSHION (USE YOUR POCKET, SHELF OR TABLE).

NO FOOD IN SNOOKER ROOM.

NO GLASSES ON TABLE (SOMEONE ACTUALLY STOOD A GLASS ON THE TABLE)

Barry Barrett

TENNIS

Our mens Tennis season starts in May, as last year we are only entering a mens double team. Unfortunately due to a lack of female members we cannot enter a mixed team which is a great shame. New members of all standards are most welcome. Last season was successful in a number of ways. The courts have been resurfaced, new nets provided, regular summer coaching at weekends, some new faces and our highest league position for years. Hopefully some time this year in conjunction with the Football team we will provide FloodLight ing for their use and enough illumination for one tennis court. Looking forward to seeing more aces and less double faults.

R. Burchell sec

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The 1986 NONATHLON

The first ever, of what we hope will be an annual event. In case you missed it the Nonathlon consisted of teams of 4 persons competing in 9 events spread over 2 evenings. Ten teams entered which meant that each team played each event against a different team. Both evenings were most enjoyable and despite the confident prediction of some of the team leaders the result was much closer than anybody expected. The final positions were:

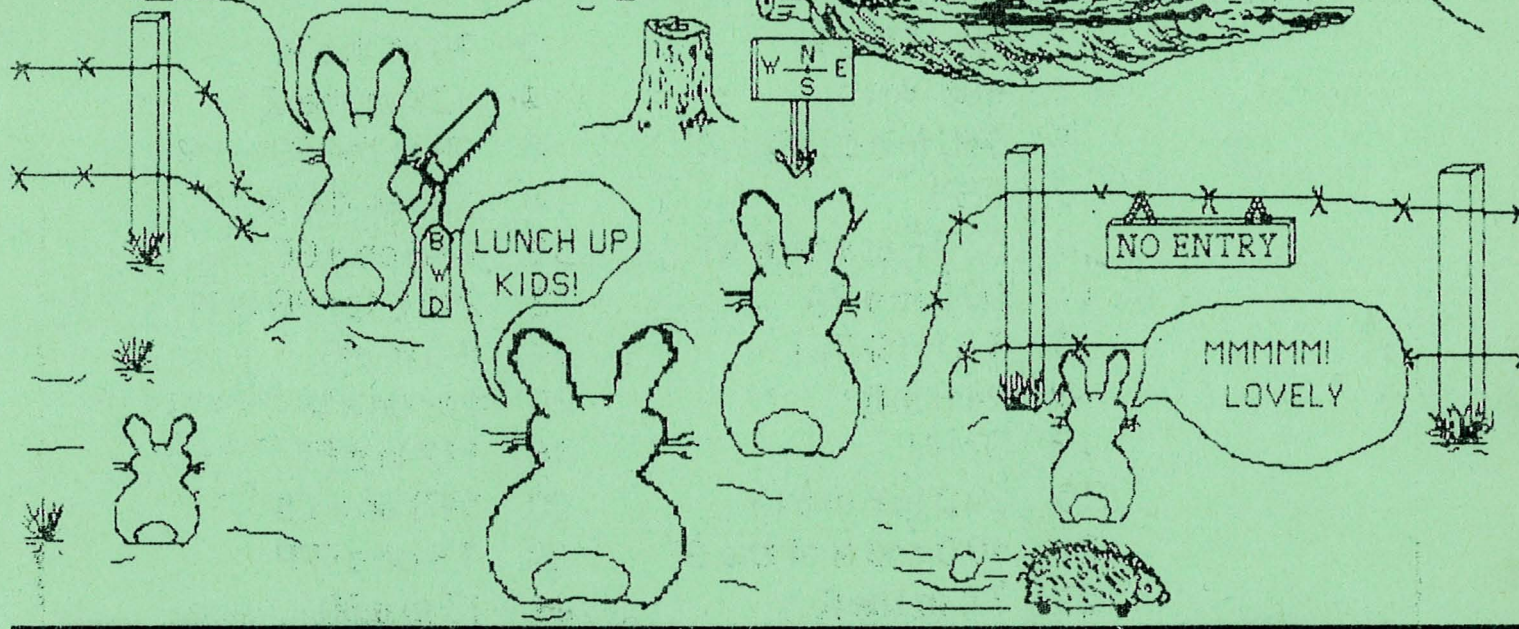
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| PERME PERVERTS | 23 points |
| STEVE'S ANGELS | 21 points |
| PERME REGULARS | 19 points |
| BUNCH OF GAPES | |
| HOOPER'S HOTSHOTS | |
| JACQUI'S WALLIES | 17 points |
| PLOD | |
| SSPP | |
| CHEM ENG | |
| ELSA'S EXTRA'S | 15 points |

By no means the clear cut victory expected by some despite *Geoff Hooper* going around declaring that he was quietly confident in a very loud voice (despite the fact that *Geoff* has never been known to be quietly anything!).

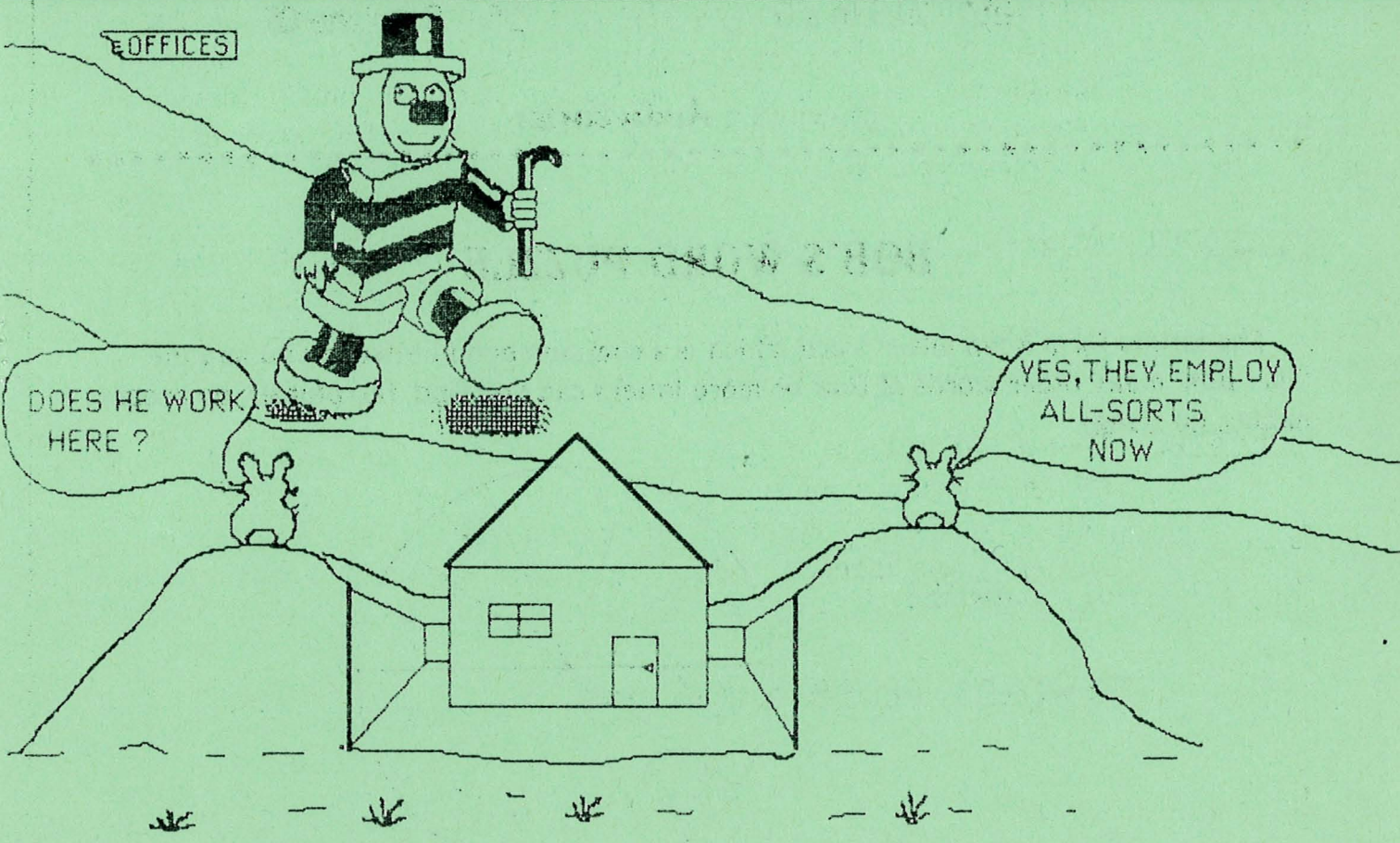
The winner will hold a special trophy for 1 year and receive their individual winners trophies at the "Live Entertainment Evening with Steve Stewart" on Friday the 18th of April.

The intention is to make this an annual event and we hope for even more entries next year.

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HAVE GROWN ANYWAY 'COS
IT WAS SURROUNDED BY TOO
MUCH BULLSHIT!



OFFICES



BRAIN TEASER

This test does not measure your intelligence, your fluency with words and certainly not your mathematical ability. It will however give you some gauge of your mental flexibility and creativity (and probably your patience!) In the years since the test was developed, few people could solve more than half the 26 questions at the first attempt. Many reported getting answers long after the test had been set aside, particularly at unexpected moments when their minds were relaxed. Some reported solving questions over a period of several days. Each question contains the initials of the words that will make it a correct statement. Find the words. Example: **16 O in the P**. Answer **16 Ounces in the Pound**. Some of the the questions are just as easy, others are a little more obscure.

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| 7. 88PK | 8. 13S on the A |
| 9. 32 D F at which WF | 10. 18 H on a GC |
| 11. 90 D in a RA | 12. 200 P for PG in M |
| 13. 3 B M (SHTR) | 14. 4 Q in a G |
| 15. 24 H in D | 16. 1 W on a U |
| 17. 57 HV | 18. 11P in a FT |
| 19. 29 D in F in a LY | 20. 64 S on a CB |
| 21. 40 D and N of the GF | 22. 7 S on a FPP |
| 23. 7 C in the R | 24. 13 in a BD |
| 25. 21S in a G | 26. R on the OF |

good luck - *Andy Carter*

BOB'S WORD PUZZLE

The letters form a ten letter word which is a common bond between you and the Club. How many other words of four or more letters can you find. (no plurals, no proper names, no slang).

TARGET
50 WORDS PLUS

