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printers term for an annual dinner at which the principle course was always goose.

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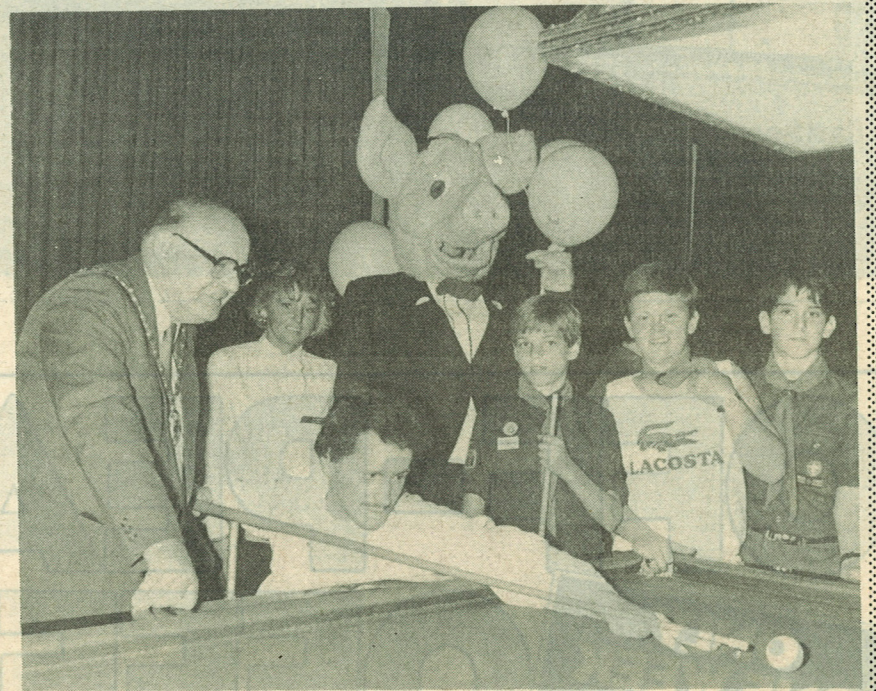
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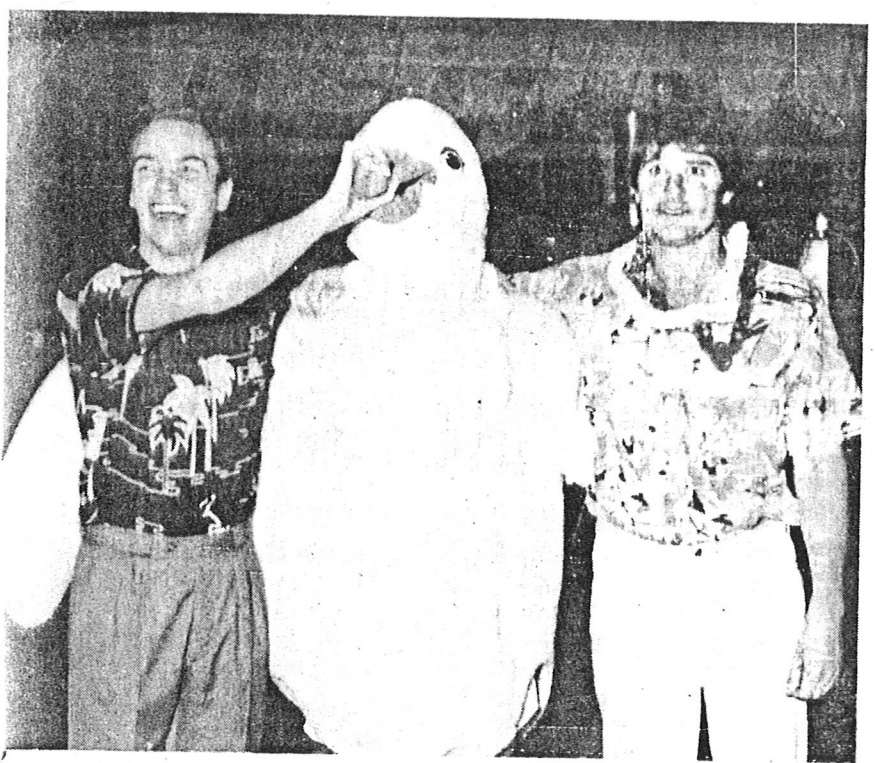
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