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This title was written by Bob Ingram - His wife tells me it was all his own work and he spent hours on it so we won't mention the spelling!

Peter Amass has mental problem

Sorry that should read 'Peter Amass has dental problem', oh I don't know though! Yes, sad to say dear reader, Peter Amass has recently been in hospital (The Whittington, Highgate) to have a wisdom tooth ~~put in~~ taken out. I am pleased to report however that he is recovering well and will soon be back at the nets to complete his winter training programme and may even bring along the new bat his father has bought him for "his improved performances last year"! Incidentally this is the third time that Peter Amass has appeared in the headline of this journal (in just 22 months with the club), a record by far.

There will be a practice match at Brunswick Park on Saturday 30th April which will probably take the form of an under 25 v. over 25 contest. Start will probably be at 3p.m. but more details nearer the time. After this game we are invited to the Roving Reporters F.C./C.C. Social at Parkside (next to Grovelands Park), The Bourne, Southgate. More information and tickets (75p each) from John Griffiths. Remember we are playing Roving Reporters in our opening fixture the next day so your job that night is to get as many of them as possible drunk whilst remaining sober yourself.

The morning after our opening fixture Peter's Brown & Amass will depart on the Barclays Bank tour of Cornwall where they will play one of the games at Gorran, where Arkley played on the first tour in 1964 and another at Wadebridge, a ground we passed on the way to Pencarrow.

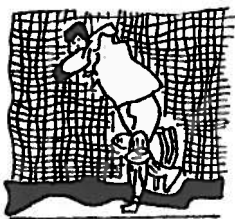
Birthdays are celebrated in March and April by, Colin Brown (March 31st), Mark Cripps (April 2nd, almost an April fool!) and Peter Amass (April 12th). In addition the Arkley Herald will be 5 years old on May 6th.

St. Mawgan have entered the Haig Village Cricket Championship this year and have got a bye in the first round as have Mere. Essendon have been drawn at home to Whitwell in the same competition. Last year Mere were knocked out by group champions Spye Park in the first round; details from the Haig Village Cricket Annual. 'After the indestructible Fred Powney (5 for 29) had reduced the strong Mere side to 115 for 9 in their 40 overs, Spye Park lost their first 3 wickets for 2 runs and with them, it seemed, the match. This pessimistic view was reinforced at 77 for 9, with 10 overs remaining, but the catches started to go down and when the last over began, Nos 10 & 11 found themselves needing 11 runs, which they duly completed off the last ball of the match.' I wonder if Gordon Trebilcock bowled that last over! I notice also that Little Gaddesden lost their last four wickets in the first round in the space of eight balls - the pubs must have been open.

When Meinciau tour London in August they will play Northmet on Friday (26th) evening and us on Sunday (28th). A Saturday game to be arranged.

There will be a Roving Reporters 'Past v. Present' football match at Barnet F.C. on Sunday 17th April, K.O. 3.00pm. John 'Oh What A Goal, Goal, Goal' Motson will be playing as well as our very own John Griffiths.

NETS



1976 1977

Appearance Figures at the Nets to the end of March with the cumulative figures since the 1971 season in parenthesis are; (Max 23(146))

23 B.J.Andrews (86) +8 apps. with Old Finc's C.C.
22 R.N.Ingram (137) +0 apps. with West Wapping Nudists
18 P.Townsend (79)
16 C.J.Brown (53)
11 J.E.Griffiths (106), W.P.Amass (25).
8 P.A.Brown (109)
7 C.Townsend (102)
6 P.k.Sharma (55)
5 N.J.Gibbons (41)
1 M.T.Cripps (5), D.C.Spiegel (2), P.S.Stiles (1)

TOTAL APPEARANCES 130=£51-60=profit of £3 so far.
23 Nets have been attended, 3 have been missed (lack of numbers, snow, jumble collecting) and
4 Nets remain until the last on 28th April.

Firstly I must apologise to those of you expecting to learn 'how to make Colin Brown fall over without touching him' in these pages, but my theory no longer works, in fact truth to tell it only ever worked once! My theory was that a ball pitching on off stump and turning sharply to leg (commonly known as an off break or some such technical term) will force Colin, who is usually only half forward, to jump to be able to keep the shot down and it is during this combination of jumping, playing the shot and trying to avoid trampling on the wicket that Colin is likely to fall down. Alas Colin hasn't obliged of late.

On the 3rd March we arrived at the nets to find some new canvas sheets between the nets at the batting end which effectively blocks out view of bowlers in the next net. Hopefully next year a heavy rope will be provided along the bottom of the netting to stop them billowing so much. Also found on the same night was £18 and two watches in our club kit bag. We handed it into the office where somebody had already reported it missing so club funds didn't get an anonymous donation. That night however we forced a couple to vacate a table in the pub within five minutes of our arrival. So keen were they to get away from the lunatic ravings of Peter Amass that they left almost all of a gin and tonic. We managed to clear the whole bar within 45 minutes too. With 4 Barclays Bank employees there that evening (Ingram, Amass, Townsend P., Brown P.) a lot of ~~shop~~ bank was talked. On the 17th March the pub was empty when we arrived - have the local populace heard of our Thursday evening visits. That night Paul Townsend was the only one of six not to be bowled whilst Norman Gibbons was out three times - twice to Bishen Andrews and once to Chandra Brown. Gibbons struck back by bowling your editor. On the 24th March no wickets fell despite Peter Amass attending. The fact that demon bowler Sharma was there too makes this even odder. Clive Townsend made a welcome return after 12 weeks and Bob Ingram's real white shirt made a second appearance. Sharma worked a crafty one by saying he was coming to the pub and then disappearing without paying me! However this week marked the point where we have fully recouped the £48-60p paid for the hire of the nets. At the pub that night a couple looked in and went straight out again - they must have seen Peter Amass. For the last net of the month on the 31st there was a surprise appearance by Mark Cripps (who?) down from Liverpool for the Easter holiday. Without Peter Amass and Norman Gibbons that week Mark kept up the loony element. With everybody putting their valuables in a sock in your editors holdall for safety, we had a sort of 'Multi Colour Swap Sock' after the net (groan). Colin Brown celebrating his 18th birthday that day ~~bought (with money!!!)~~ a round of drinks in an empty pub thus we didn't really need Mark there! Bob Ingram continues to bowl 'no balls', in fact he almost shakes hands with the batsman after delivering the ball. Paul Townsend continues to bowl the ball in to the top of the net and Colin Johnson keeps making new excuses for why he can't come.

NEXT MONTH. Bob Ingram gets an early Easter Egg but the yokes on him!

ARKLEY WHO'S WHO

PART TWO

A NEW CUT OUT AND DISPOSE SERIES.

WITH APOLOGIES.

Norman John Gibbons. Age 21. RHB FB. Finchley County Grammar School. Norman (knickname Spiney) scored a duck on his debut v. Manor Drive Methodists in March 1972 and went on to score 21 runs that season in 10 innings with 1 further duck. To prove this performance was no fluke the following season he scored 15 runs in 9 innings with 3 ducks. In 1974 Norman surprisingly scored 102 runs and only 3 ducks in 19 innings whilst in 1975 60 runs and 5 ducks came from 18 innings. To complete this tale of woe, in 1976 he scored 90 runs and 5 ducks in 19 innings. Now having taken up bowling Norman is a recognised number eleven batsman although can bat at number 10 in an emergency i.e. when Ned Spiegel is playing. Safe pair of hands if you are throwing money to him. Will be fined if he continues to sing in the shower. 100(5) Apps. 18 Ducks.

John Edward Griffiths. Age 28. CHB NB. Chace Boys Secondary School. John made his debut against Trevone in July 1967 but was denied the chance of making a long distance debut duck as he didn't have to bat. In his only innings that year he avoided a duck and the following year finished 4th in the batting averages with only 1 duck. Two ducks in his first three innings were his only aberrations of 1969 but concentrating on bowling in 1970 he scored 6 ducks (and a On.o.) in his last 9 innings to leave him just one short of a wooden spoon. Since then however has averaged only 2 ducks a season including 3 consecutive blobs early in '72. As team secretary does a lot of heavy breathing on phone when you tell him at short notice that you are not available. Unequaled as a slip fielder - nobody could be that bad. 178(3) Apps. 21 Ducks.

Robert (Bob) Neil Ingram. Age 25. RHB DBWSTAFW. Tollington Grammar School. Bob (knickname Bobbett) is just the man for the big occasion having the happy knack of being able to score a duck when it is vital he doesn't. Started off as he meant to go on by scoring a duck on his debut v. Manor Drive Methodists in June 1971 and managed just 9 runs in his first 8 innings including three ducks. Is in contention for wooden spoon every season and managed to win it in 1973 with 5 ducks, would probably score more ducks however if they didn't cost 5p a time. Looks good with bat until actually facing the bowling and as a fielder he only takes catches off his own bowling, but drops a high proportion of those too. Will be fined if he wears his blue shirt again this year. 146(4) Apps. 25 Ducks.

Arthur Frederick Johnson. Age in kind words. RHB WOKB. Roedean One of the clubs senior professionals and as good a player now as he was 20 years ago - pity he wasn't a lot better then. Won wooden spoon for most ducks in 1971 with five - the five ducks being in consecutive innings on 11 July, 16 July, 18 July and a pair on 19 September (all day game v. Northmet at Upshire Hall) which is still a record although equalled by Jon Davies 1974/75. Scores all his runs in singles, fours & sixes although has been known to run twos in extreme circumstances i.e. keeping Peter Amass away from strike. When not keeping wicket can field anywhere - as long as it's first slip. 140(5) Recorded Apps. 24 Ducks.

Colin Philip Johnson. Age 20, Mental 3½. CHB WB. Ashmole Secondary School. Only being able to secure an occasional place in the Arkley side in the early seventies Colin joined Barnet III's but rejoined Arkley in 1975 on a free transfer when a vacancy for a joker occurred with the departure of Dewi Williams. In his first full season scored 5 ducks, was 0 not out 6 times and gave away all but 6 of his 45 runs with 39 wides. In 1976 however he confounded everybody by not only avoiding a duck but also topping the batting averages thanks to 9 more not out scores. Has strong throwing arm which was also used to bundle Spiney out of bed on tour in Wales circa 4am. Drops catches deliberately so that he can run batsman out as they attempt run on misfield. 45(13) Apps. 5 Ducks.

KEY RHB=Right Hand Bat. CHB=Cack Hand Bat. FB=Fast Bowler. NB=Net Bowler. DBWSTAFW=Declaration Bowler Who Sometimes Takes A Few Wickets. WOKB=Water On Knee Bowler. WB=Wide Bowler. 12th Man Apps. in brackets. The underlined name denotes the name most commonly used!

SILLY PAGE!

Dedicated to Dave Dickinson of Manor Drive who still hasn't announced his retirement from cricket. (Shame!)

THE RIME OF THE ANCIENT CRICKETER
(with apologies to Samuel Taylor Coleridge)

It is an Ancient Cricketer
And he stoppeth one of three.
The others whistle past his ear
Or strike him on the knee.

The pavilion gate is open wide
And he is last man in.
With creaking joints he walketh forth,
Thirty to make to win.

His bat is in his skinny hand,
There are three slips thinks he.
He snicks a ball up to the first,
Eftsoons the catch drops he.

A chance! A chance! Another chance!
The Cricketer giveth three.
The fielding captain beats his breast
And curseth him roundly.

The field was there, the field was here,
So thick upon the ground;
They crouched and growled, appealed
and howled
The Cricketer's bat around.

Fielders, fielders, everywhere,
About his bat did creep.
Fielders, fielders everywhere,
Nor anyone in the deep.

God save thee, Ancient Cricketer!
Have mercy on thy soul!
Like many men before thee gone,
Thy bat must have an hole.

Yet still the Cricketer batteth on,
A full half-hour bats he.
He doth not score a single run
Though he trieth mightily.

'Tis done! 'Tis done! The game is won
And well and truly fought.
The Cricketer limpeth happily in
Although his score was nought.

He batteth best, who scoreth most,
And hath but little luck.
Yet though the Cricketer made no runs
It was a noble duck.

AN ANCIENT CRICKETER
GOETH IN TO BAT.

HE SENDETH A CATCH
TO FIRST SLIP,
WHO DROPPETH IT.

HIS OPPONENTS BEAT
THEIR BOSOMS



THE CRICKETER DOTH
FEAR HE HATH AN
HOLE IN HIS BAT.

ALTHOUGH HE SCORETH
NO RUNS THE CRICKETER
HELPETH HIS SIDE TO WIN.

FROM 'THE ART OF COARSE SPORT' BY MICHAEL GREEN. Published by Arrow Books.

Joke Recently Overheard At Nets

A man walking away from Highbury one Saturday afternoon after a match meets a man with a dog.

"How did Arsenal get on?" asked the man with the dog.

"They lost again" replied the first man at which point the dog clapped his paw to his forehead and said "Bloody hell!" (I cleaned that up a bit. Ed.!)

"Your dog just spoke" said the first man amazed.

"Yes, he always does that when Arsenal lose." replied the other.

"What does he do when they win then?" enquired the first man.

"I don't know, I've only had him a year!" sighed the second man.

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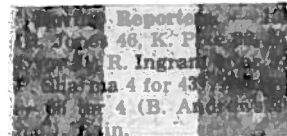
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The **ARKLEY HERALD** 'MONTHLY'

Including pages
of an explicit
nature!

This APRIL bulletin starts with our opening result on the first of MAY!
As it's jubilee year our first game is

REIGNED OUT



Fixture No. 1 Match No. 1 Roving Reporters v. ARKLEY
at Oakhill Park on Sunday 1st May 1977

Roving Reporters won the toss and elected to bat.

Weather;
Wet n' Windy

Innings of Roving Reporters

1. M.C.Dyer**	c Gibbons	b Sharma	21	71mins	
2. R.A.Jones*	c Gibbons	b Sharma	46	86mins	4 x 4, 1 x 6
3. M.W.Penfold		b Sharma	5	20mins	1 x 4
4. G.R.Fry		b Sharma	10	28mins	
5. R.C.Hunt	c Amass	b Gibbons	0	7mins	
6. K.E.Pike		b Ingram	23	40mins	3 x 4
7. R.M.Bennett	c Gibbons	b Ingram	10	33mins	1 x 4
8. M.J.Watts		b Ingram	3	12mins	
9. J.Blackburn		b Ingram	3	11mins	
10. M.R.Symonds		b Brown C.	12	7mins	1 x 4, 1 x 6
11. R.T.Watts		not out	0	1min	
Extras (b 1, lb 0, w 3, nb 1)			5		
Total (for 10 wickets)			<u>138</u>	Innings 160mins	

Fall(OB) 45(1), 70(2), 77(3), 78(5), 86(4), 113(6), 123(7), 123(8), 138(10), 138(9).

Bowling, R.Ingram 19.1-6-37-4, N.Gibbons 12-3-28-1, P.Sharma 14-2-43-4,
P.Townsend 1-0-2-0, C.Brown 5-1-23-1.

Innings of Arkley

1. P.K.Sharma	c Pike	b Blackburn	6	46mins	
2. C.Townsend**		run out	15	39mins	1 x 4
3. P.A.Brown*		run out	4	29mins	
4. B.J.Andrews		not out	34	36mins	3 x 4, 1 x 6
5. J.E.Griffiths		b Watts R.	0	2mins	
6. P.Townsend		not out	0	10mins	
Extras (b 4, lb 1, w 1, nb 1)			7		
Total (for 4 wickets)			<u>66</u>	Innings 83mins	

MATCH ABANDONED - RAIN

Fall(OB) 25(2), 26(1), 49(3), 51(5),

Did Not Bat, W.P.Amass, A.F.Johnson, R.N.Ingram, N.J.Gibbons, C.J.Brown.

Bowling, R.Bennett 8-5-8-0, M.Symonds 6-0-13-0, J.Blackburn 5-2-7-1,
R.Watts 6-1-27-1, R.Hunt 2-0-4-0.

The match was suspended at 6.16 for 28 minutes due to rain with Arkley's score at 41-2. Resuming at 6.44 a further 4.4 overs were bowled until play was abandoned by further rain. 14 runs (6.4.22) were scored off the last over before abandonment (sorry Roy!). Peter Amass played his 50th game for Arkley. Brian Andrews played his 150th Arkley innings. Keith Pike's score of 23 was his career best. Mart Symonds was bowled second bounce by Colin Brown (and then congratulated the bowler on a "fine ball"!)

Roy Watts did not face a ball. Paul Townsend and Colin Brown had hard catches dropped off their first deliveries!

Spectators, Pam Jones, Pauline Watts, Brenda Burton, Colin Johnson (just returned from a rugby tour to Wales!), Mr. & Mrs. Amass (from car!)

NEWS IN BRIEF

*On April 30th (Sat) an over 23 v. under 23 practice match was staged at Brunswick Park. The teams were;

over 23, J.Griffiths*/**,P.Sharma,E.Andrews,P.Townsend,R.Ingram,D.Spiegel.
under 23, P.Brown*,C.Townsend**,P.Amass,C.Brown,N.Gibbons,B.Andrews".
*=Captain, **=Wicketkeeper, "=Permitted over age player.

Batting in pairs for ten overs and dividing the number of runs scored by the number of wickets lost the under 23's made 141 for 11 at an average of 12.81 (C.Townsend 36n.o., P.Brown 20n.o., R.Ingram 7-0-14-6, D.Spiegel 5-0-29-2).

In reply the over 23's had made 140 for 7 (average 20.00) when rain ended play with 3.4 overs remaining. (J.Griffiths 47n.o., P.Sharma 21, E.Andrews 21, P.Brown 6-0-42-3).

With only 12 players present everybody fielded for both innings with each pair umpiring for the ten overs before their innings'. Thus we had the novelty of two umpires wearing pads (in readiness) and one of them scoring at the same time. On a very wet pitch Bob Ingram took wickets in his first and third overs at your editors expense and went on to dismiss Peter Amass and Colin Brown twice each. Peter Amass was using his new bat and scored two from the first ball he received. Norman Gibbons although being dismissed once (by Andrews senior!) hit out to score 32 leaving Peter Brown and Clive Townsend as the only undefeated batsmen. A feature of the innings was three catches by "Nosedive" Spiegel who has some very muddy kit to prove it! Between the innings there was some joy at the Spurs result (beat Aston Villa 3-1). In reply Ned Spiegel was run out first ball in a misunderstanding and after making 21 Sharma too was run out. Peter Brown then dismissed both batsmen and so they had added 40 runs for 4 wickets. Paul Townsend provided brother Clive with a catch off the first ball bowled by your editor!!! and was later bowled by Norman Gibbons!! whilst Ernie Andrews made 21 before being caught by Peter Amass off Peter Brown. Ernie keeps calling Peter Amass Dennis, I can't think why! The over 23's score was thus 78-7 when John Griffiths and Bob Ingram started the last 10 overs. With John Griffiths rampant they added 62 off just 6.2 overs before the rains came. John hit 21 off one over (6626.1) and altogether hit 5 sixes and 1 four. A well positioned tree (They have branches everywhere!) saving two passing cars from a nasty accident and the park fence saving Arthur Johnson's no claims bonus, you should have seen the look on Arthur's face as the ball flew towards his car, well p'rhaps not! Arthur incidentally turned up during the later stages and took over umpiring duties as Norman had to leave early to go to the opera! Finally spare a thought for the wicketkeepers who had to keep wicket without gloves (inners only) as your editor forgot to bring the gloves!

*The football match advertised in last months bulletin ended in a 4-1 win for Roving Reporters Present against Roving Reporters Past at Barnet F.C. The 'Present' team included such stars as Dick Bennett, Keith 'Muppett' Pike, Roger Jones, John Griffiths, Oscar Penfold, Rick Monger, Rob Hunt, Dennis Burnham, Keith Timpson and Mart Symonds whilst of interest in the 'Past' team were Ian MacFarlane and John 'Oh What a Miss, Miss, Miss' Motson. The referee was 'Pancho' Wilkinson (Sutton), he was growing a tash at the time! and one of the linesmen was Mark Harrington. The 'Present' scorers were Penfold, Burnham, Symonds, Hunt.

*We will be playing Entech in the Embassy Cup on Sunday 12th June at Brunswick Park as Entech have a wicket booked there that day. Manor Drive have been drawn away to Brentfield Park in the same competition.

*Birthdays for April and May; April 2, Mark Cripps. April 12 Peter Amass. May 11th, Gerald Wilkinson, May 18th, Roger Jones.

*Bob Ingram has recently moved from Haringay to The Strand branch of Barclays Bank and Colin Brown has recently left the employ of Fortnum & Masons' to work at Lucas Sports Shop in Wigmore Street.

SCOREBOARDS OF THE PAST

NUMBER EIGHT
IN AN ^{NOT SO} ^
OCCASIONAL SERIES

GERALD WILKINSON MAKES DEBUT FOR MANOR DRIVE

ARKLEY v. MANOR DRIVE at Barnet Playing Fields on 29th June 1974.

Manor Drive won the toss and elected to field.

Innings of Arkley

1. C.Townsend	lbw b Avis	24	46mins	1 four
2. A.G.Brown**	c Cheeseman b Avis	19	86mins	1 four
3. J.E.Griffiths	b Lack	10	15mins	
4. M.T.Cripps	not out	46	71mins	5 fours
5. P.K.Sharma*	b Avis	2	11mins	
6. B.J.Andrews	b Avis	2	12mins	
7. P.A.Brown	b Lack	10	18mins	
8. A.F.Johnson	not out	1	5mins	
Extras (b 1, lb 2, w 7, nb 1)		11		
Total (for 6 declared)		125	Innings 130mins	

Fall 37(1), 51(3), 67(2), 74(5), 88(6), 117(7), Arkley 12th Men, C.J.Brown, N.J.Gibbons, A.T.Booth.
Did Not Bat; J.Davies, R.N.Ingram, P.Townsend.

Bowling; T.Miles 12-1-27-0, M.Lack 16-3-30-2, C.Avis 15-3-54-4,
B.Hawkins 1-0-3-0. Tea by C. & P. Townsend

Innings of Manor Drive

1. D.Dickinson	lbw b Cripps	3	18mins	
2. R.Cheesesman	b Ingram	0	2mins	
3. K.Lucas	b Cripps	7	26mins	1 four
4. G.Wilkinson	b Ingram	0	2mins	
5. Lynskey	c Brown P. b Ingram	0	2mins	
6. C.Avis	b Cripps	3	34mins	
7. D.Newell	lbw b Cripps	0	1min	
8. M.Gates**	b Ingram	7	20mins	
9. B.Hawkins	not out	0	10mins	
10. M.Lack*	b Cripps	0	1min	
11. T.Miles	c Griffiths b Cripps	0	1min	
Extras (b 4, lb 0, w 1, nb 1)		6		
Total (for 10 wickets)		26	Innings 63mins	

Fall 1(2), 10(1), 11(4), 11(5), 12(3), 12(7), 26(8), 26(6), 26(10), 26(11).

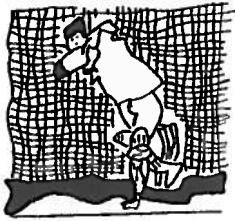
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ARKLEY WON BY 99 RUNS. Match finished at 6.38pm. Umpires; C.J.Brown
A.T.Booth

WELL I NEVER DID!

NEWS IN BRIEF (Cont'd)

- *Meinciau have been drawn at home to Laugharne in the first round of the 1977 Haig Village cricket championship. STOP PRESS: Laugharne 76-5, Meinciau 77-5.
- *The wrong 'founded' date was printed on the fixture cards. It should of course be 1932 not 1934....O.K. I'll admit it, it was my mistake. The era was spotted by Philip Montford, a school friend of your editor, who wins a years free supply of the Arkley Herald for his troubles!
- *Congratulations to Brenda Burton (Peter Brown's girlfriend) who recently passed her driving test.
- *The A1 is to be dualled between Bignells Corner and Jack Oldings Round-about, Hatfield to form a further part of the A1(M).
- *Peter's Brown & Amass left for the Barclays Bank Cornwall tour at 3a.m. on Monday 2nd May. Details next month.

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TOTAL APPEARANCES 154=£61-40=profit of £12-80p
27 Nets were attended, 3 were missed (due to lack of numbers, snow and jumble collecting)

On April 7th, the day before Good Friday, Bob Ingram discovered an early Easter egg in his jacket pocket when changing after the net. However the aforementioned egg was not of the chocolate variety but a real hen's egg. Not wanting to get egg on his face (sorry), rather than accuse anybody for planting it there Bob suggested to each person in turn that it ^{was} he 'what' done it. He got no response from this approach and it is a well known fact that no Arkley player can keep a straight face for more than five minutes. All evening in the pub he tried to think 'whodunnit' while he played catch with the egg. At 10.25pm however he noticed a small crack in the egg and he decided there and then that the egg would not be going back into his pocket (smart thinking!). However being the 'stupid boy' he is he continued to play with the egg until at about 10.30pm the shell caved in completely and the yoke was at last on him! Outside the pub Bob put in an attempt at the world egg throwing record but as it was broken it only just managed to clear a nearby fence. Nothing else eggstra special happened that week! On April 14th Peter Amass did his famous non-turning up act again, as it was his birthday two days previously I think he was scared he would have to buy a round of drinks! Bob's shirt appeared bluer than ever after its latest wash. Colin Brown reverted to bowling spinners, after bowling nothing but bouncers the previous week, and indeed was getting the ball to turn appreciably.....off the back wall! We didn't stay in the pub long that night as everybody was feeling dead ~~and~~ tired. On April 21st two first appearances were recorded. Firstly Derek Norgan a friend of the Townsends, who is interested in playing for us on Sundays this year, came along for the first time as did Elaine Sharma as a spectator. Presumably with Elaine navigating Sharma found his way to the pub this time and he paid for his previous appearance. For the last net of the winter seven people were in attendance including Derek Norgan again. For the first time on record we had to park in the front car park at Hatfield Polytechnic due to there being no room to park near the cricket school round the back! Norman Gibbons, wearing his new long sleeved pullover, amazed us all by batting for ten minutes without being out, will he be able to do that during the season we wonder? An unlit bollard outside the pub was almost demolished by two of the three drivers that evening and with bollards on our mind there was a reinactment of the previous Monday's 'Monty Python' in the pub to round off our free Thursday night entertainment therein throughout the winter. I think they will be glad to see the back of us until next October! *PS. It was Helen who put the egg in Bobs pocket (Nice one)!*

TREASURY to the 1st of May stands at £74-17p with Annual Subs. now paid by Colin Brown, Peter Tait, Brian Andrews, Ernie Andrews, Arthur Brown, Norman Gibbons, Clive Townsend, Paul Townsend, Arthur Johnson and Parmodh K. Sharma. Remember if you haven't paid by the end of May we send the boys round. (Nice!). £33-25 is about to paid for extra pitches. Thanks to John Griffiths for starting this years duck club!

ARKLEY WHO'S WHO

PART THREE

A NEW CUT OUT AND DISPOSE SERIES.

WITH APOLOGIES!

Parmodh K. Sharma. Age 21+. RHB AFBDB. Barnet College. Arkley's permitted overseas player, has been club stalwart since joining from Barnet College circa 1960. Was awarded club ~~cap~~ floppy hat for volunteering to travel to Cornwall overnight with Geoff Coppola, a noble gesture and one that almost made him go white with fright! Showed devotion above and beyond the call of duty by repeating this venture on several further occasions (Masochistic tendencies.) Has put in many match winning performances with bat and ball (one of only 2 Arkley century makers with 101* v. Manor Drive in 1970 and such a perfectionist bowler that he apologises to the batsmen for a bad ball, often putting them off belting the ball out of sight!) and as captain in 1970, 1973 & 1974. As a No. 1 batsman his very rare golden ducks are doubly ignominious in that he is out to the first ball of the innings (or match!). An irrepressible tourist, he will be force fed with sleeping pills this year. The name Parmodh K. Sharma is a registered trade mark. 212(1) Recorded Apps. 19 Ducks.

Peter Colin Tait. Of Age. RHB UB. Wiltshire Mixed ~~Up~~ Infants. Joined club through the Normandy Ave. ~~Nat'l~~ recruitment scheme (founder members G. Trebilcock & T. Owen) in 1968. Since then his highest score, 21, was scored against us! when on loan to Crosskeys in 1971. Has played many important later order innings although had the misfortune to score duck on his birthday in 1973 when promoted in the order specially for the day. One of the few players to go through a season without a duck, achieving this feat in 1971 (9 innings). A useful swing bowler at the nets has only had 10 overs on the field however but took 1st Arkley wicket of 1971 with his first ball (2nd over of match) v. Sahibs. In 1974 took the catch, in gathering gloom that gave Bob Ingram his record breaking 100th wicket of the season. First winner of Ted Lloyd Trophy in 1973 for among much else hiring a car to get to Cornwall with the club kit after his own car broke down at Wincanton. Could win Trophy every year although he is responsible for photocopying these pages for you! 93(4) Apps. 13 Ducks.

Clive Townsend. Age 22. RHB TIB, (WK). Tollington Grammar School. Clive (knickname C.T.) made debut in May 1971 against Barnet College and made 27 before retiring to give someone else a chance to bat! Arkley went on to make 220-4d, Barnet College 93. Since then Clive has been a prolific scorer for the club but is not averse to the odd duck or three, indeed last year scored 3 cyphers in his first four innings and was in running for his first wooden spoon until late in the season despite scoring 500+ runs. Had the misfortune to be bowled for 99 v. Northmet in 1974 with three balls remaining till tea and has also had the misfortune to be given out LBW 30 times from 149 dismissals including 11 times in 1976 and 10 in 1975. When not efficiently keeping wicket gives good athletic ~~support~~ performances in the field and has also put in several notable bowling performances. One of the clubs many comedians but will be fined if he cracks the 'soup in a basket' joke again this year. 155(3) Apps. 21 Ducks.

Paul Townsend. Age 24. RHB CEB. Tollington Grammar School. Paul (knickname P.T.!) holds the record for the most ducks in a season with 9 in 1974, a performance that won him his one and only wooden spoon. However during that same season he scored a match winning 13n.o. against British Rail Hatfield while all around were scoring ducks in chase of just 59. Was introduced to club by younger brother Clive in August 1971 and missed a **duck by only 3 runs** on his first outing but made up for this by taking a fine diving catch at square leg. Last year against Northmet started to 'walk' for a catch that everybody else realised had grounded first! A bowler who gives the ball plenty of air, which is all right on the pitch but not so good at the nets due to the low roof!, especially in the side nets. Present holder of the Ted Lloyd Trophy for his improved form and many willing services he provides for the club, not least as kitty man who has yet to forget a drink. 132(4) Apps. 21 Ducks.

KEY RHB=Right Hand Bat. AFBDB=Apologises for bad delivery bowler.
UB=Underused bowler. TIB=Theatrical Impersonation bowler.
CEB=Change Ends Bowler. 12th Man Appearances in brackets.
The underlined name denotes the name most commonly used!

FIGURES
DO NOT
INCLUDE
THIS
SEASON.

SILLY PAGE!

THE MACINNONS — new drama
 starring Bill...
 ...who takes a small...
 ...towards, shedding his...
 ...Scottish small-town...
 ...playing a Scottish small-town...

Southern Premier

- Bedford (1) L Reddick (0) L
- Chilmark (0) L Graveyard (1) L
- Eastford (0) L Dover (0) L
- Leamington (1) L Burton (0) L
- Margate (1) L Maidston (0) L
- Minehead (3) L Grantham (1) L
- Nunaton (0) L Kettering (0) L
- Yeoct... (2) L Hillingdon (0) L

Southern—Div I North

- Chatham (0) L Witney (0) L
- Corby (1) L Camb... (0) L
- Barnet (0) L Bedw... (0) L
- Exeter (0) L Tamworth (1) L
- Exeter (1) L Brims... (0) L
- Wings... (1) L Glouce... (1) L
- Gawest... (0) L Merth... (0) L
- Shrewsb... (1) L Barry... (0) L

North Prem. League

- Banger... (0) L Boston... (0) L
- Carlisle... (1) L Matlock... (0) L
- Sheff... (0) L Buxton... (0) L
- Sheff... (4) L Nth... (1) L
- Wolke... (0) L Altrich... (2) L

LATE KICK-OUT

EVENING NEWS—WHATTHE!

Higgins's injury

John Higgins fractured his knee in his left leg in a fall from Mrs. Higgins at Edinburgh on Monday, and will be out of action for a month.

Sporting Life, April 1952

Eye colour and cricket

People with dark eyes are naturally shocked that people with blue eyes. They are equally likely to react quickly to accidents. This has been the subject of a study by physicist Alan Markle, who gave a lecture to students with a... In another... people are better at... which need... whereas dark... excel at mo... games like footba... and Motor... (Number 1.)

SUNDAY TIMES—What about us odd eyed creatures?

RUGBY UNION

Wales Cup...
 ...
 ...

OBSERVER—Should be an interesting final!

HELLO. For those of you who enjoy a good chuckle, allow me to recommend a splendid work of fiction. I read only the other afternoon.

I refer, of course, to the 143. Amiable. Oh, the flights of fancy in this publication by London Transport must surely win them a place in the ranks of Great Comic Works of English Literature. There is, for example, the story of one BUS EVERY TEN MINUTES at Victoria. Pardon my inadvertent blurt.

The tension, the contrast between real life and these masterful inventions is just too good to be true. Like all good things, though, the 45 does seem to come in pairs or, more often, in playing leapfrog with each other at the very end of the way from Actonway to Brampton.

A SPECIAL note of commiseration for all those who like me, waited an hour for the 143 last Tuesday at Hendon. I'm convinced now that a number of Bermuda Triangle accidents is in operation between London's Quadrant and Brampton Shopping Centre. It is the only possible explanation for FOUR buses heading that way and disappearing into thin air while we all waited in pouring rain for them to come back. How we all laughed when at a glance, one finally turned up and the driver said, "Mario, Cottage only." Ha ha ha.

IAN MARTIN in the HENDON TIMES

10:2 Serco Europe 77: Australia

A special edition in this series of international exchange programmes. It introduces a selection of music from the countries of Europe.

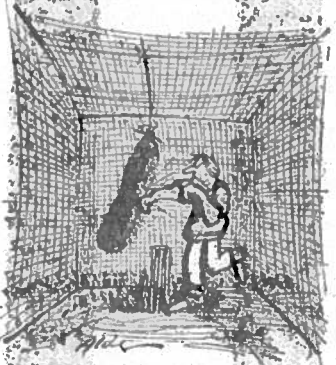
RADIO TIMES Europe-Australia P You'd think the Beeb could afford an atlas!

EMBARRASSING WHITE SPACE!

Rough Skin

If you thought Dennis Lillee was unique among Australian fast bowlers for mercurial behaviour, forget it. They're all alike, according to Mike Gatting, the 19-year-old Middlesex batsman who spent three months last winter playing Australian grade cricket.

"Even in Grade A cricket," said Gatting, "there's chatting and baiting and plenty of swearing. I just kept my mouth shut and carried on batting." Gatting



gives one instance, involving the bowler's Benny Pascoe, who is due to arrive with the Australian touring party on Friday. "I was playing him quite well in one game on the way to my highest score (58), and he kept muttering, 'Don't play here next season mate, I'll skin yer.'"

"Off the field he was a nice guy, we had a long chat before the game. But the moment you get them on the field they're very nasty—especially the last ones. But I enjoyed going and they enjoyed having me. They've asked me back next year."

To skin him?

SUNDAY TIMES

LET'S HIT LILLEE

The Australian fast bowler Dennis Lillee is... trying to... men and... them out... all our... up to him... im out... for six... NATHAN (14)

DAILY MAIL—Smart thinking young Nathan.

HELLO. You may remember a competition in this column a fortnight ago in which readers were invited to spot the deliberate mistake. Presumably proving how trustworthy I must appear, I had quite a sizeable postbag.

Plenty of people spotted the accidental mistake—they left me out of enjoying at the works. Some clever dicks even went to the trouble of pulling my appalling grammar to pieces. Thank you very much. The deliberate mistake was of course the sentence, "The first 3,000 correct entries opened will each win £500." The line should have read, "The first three correct entries opened will each receive a pickled egg."

IAN MARTIN in the HENDON TIMES

Cricket

In last week's report of the Middlesex Cricket Club's annual meeting, I was inadvertently stated that an... Mr. Ron... warned of the dangers of not taking Her... Cricket. Comp... matter seriously... In fact, Totteridge were HCC champions at both... and XI level... Montague actually... about the danger... non-comp... games seriously enough.

BARNET PRESS—'nuff said

Notts v Middlesex

MIDDLESEX	
... c Smedley...	...
... c Watson, b...	...
... c Todd,...	...
... c Hassam...	...
... not out...	...
... not out...	...
... lb 15, w...	...
Total (5 wks)	...
... N. P. D...	...
... W. Selver...	...
All out tickets: 1-42.	...
Watson 7-0.	...
White 8-2-20.	...
Arch 6-0-37-0.	...

DAILY TELEGRAPH—Must have been confusing at the end with three Middlesex batsmen not out!

Peter Amass backed a good horse the other day — it took seven others to beat it!

Thieves recently broke into a chemical warehouse and stole 18 gallons of Californian syrup of figs concentrate. Police are looking for 96 men on the run. Members of the public are warned not to have a go unless they've got their wellies on!

Did you hear about the Irish Evil Knievel?— jumped 26 motor bikes in a double decker bus. He would have made it too if somebody hadn't rung the bell!

And finally Esther a warning for all shipping in the Enfield area — buggar off there's no water!

SCOREBOARDS OF THE PAST

NUMBER SEVEN
IN AN
OCCASIONAL SERIES

THAT DISASTROUS DAY IN 1973, ROVING REPORTERS PLAY THEIR FIRST GAME.

ARKLEY v. ROVING REPORTERS at Barnet Playing Fields on 23rd June 1973

Roving Reporters won the toss and elected to field.

Innings of Arkley

1. P.K.Sharma*		b Ingram	0	2mins
2. J.Davies	c Symonds	b Ingram	0	22mins
3. P.A.Brown		run out	0	3mins
4. B.J.Andrews	c Graham	b Ingram	3	40mins
5. M.T.Cripps		b Ingram	4	8mins 1 four
6. D.A.Williams	c Dyer	b Ingram	0	2mins
7. P.Townsend	lbw	b Monger	2	14mins
8. N.J.Gibbons		b Ingram	4	13mins 1 four
9. A.T.Booth		b Ingram	1	24mins
10. A.F.Johnson		b Ingram	34	32mins 4 fours 3 sixes
11. A.G.Brown**		not out	4	29mins
12. J.Graham	c Monger	b Ingram	1	10mins
Extras (b 2,lb 2,w 2,nb 0)			6	
Total (for 11 wickets)			59	Innings 1hour 41mins

Fall 0(1),0(3),2(2),6(5),6(6),11(7),11(4),16(8),27(9),55(10),59(12).

Bowling, R.Ingram 15.2-10-9-9, D.Burnham 6-4-2-0, R.Monger 4-2-4-1,
I.Graham 2-0-27-0, R.Hunt 2-1-9-0, M.Symonds 1-0-2-0.

Innings of Roving Reporters

1. R.Monger	lbw	b Williams	6	5mins
2. R.C.Hunt	c Johnson	A. b Cripps	8	7mins 1 four
3. M.R.Symonds	lbw	b Williams	0	17mins
4. D.Forbes		not out	29	81mins 5 fours
5. C.Townsend	st Brown	A. b Graham	4	23mins
6. R.A.Jones*	c Johnson	A. b Graham	4	5mins 1 four
7. K.Timpson		not out	8	38mins
Extras (b 1,lb 0,w 0,nb 0)			1	
Total (for 5 wickets)			60	Innings 1hour 28mins

Fall 14(1),14(2),19(3),45(5),49(6), Did Not Bat, M.C.Dyer**, Cannon,
D.Burnham, R.N.Ingram, I.Graham.

Bowling, M.Cripps 8-1-22-1, D.Williams 4-1-18-2, P.Sharma 1-0-5-0,
J.Graham 3.3-0-13-2, J.Davies 1-0-1-0.

ROVING REPORTERS WON BY 6 WICKETS. Match finished at 6.18pm.

ARKLEY 12th Men, R.N.Ingram,C.Townsend playing for Roving Reporters,
C.J.Brown,C.P.Johnson who umpired for a bit then messed around as usual!

Scorer, Helen Spilsted as was then. Teas by, Connie & Peter Tait.
Weather (according to Spiney), to bloody hot for playing cricket.

Arthur Brown was replaced as wicketkeeper by Arthur Johnson during the Roving Reporters innings due to the formers swollen knee. Arthur Johnson thus took one catch in the field and one behind the stumps. Sharma was out first ball of the match. Peter Brown was run out off the last ball of the first over. Arkley's first two runs were a bye and a wide (Dennis Burnham's first ball). It was thought by many Arkley players that Dewi Williams was caught first bounce by Martin Dyer. Arkley's 10th and 11th wicket partnerships were records for 1973. Arthur Johnson's innings of 34 in 32 minutes came entirely in boundaries. Mart Symonds had played for Arkley the previous Sunday and scored 10n.o. at Bayford. Don Forbes is a Potters Bar Crusaders player. (Cont'd on page 3)

TREASURY

FIGURES TO END OF MARCH.

<u>INCOME</u>	£ - p	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	£ - p
Balance from 1976	177-76	Indoor Nets (Hire of)	48-60
Indoor Nets	51-60	A.M.C.C. Membership	1-00
Donations	2-20	Admin. Expenses	5-17
Interest on Deposit Acc.	4-47	Hire of Pitch	62-80
Annual Subs.	13-00	Purchase of Kit	9-50
Hon. Members Sub./Donations	7-00	Insurance	8-00
Jumble Sale Receipts	96-38	Jumble Sale Expenditure	9-90
		C.C.C. Membership	4-08
		N.C.A. Membership	2-25
TOTAL	352-41	Match Balls	76-19
		Fixture Cards	4-00

Annual Subs. are due as from May		TOTAL	231-49
1st. Already paid by Colin Brown,			
Arthur Brown and Brian Andrews		BALANCE	120-92
whilst Honorary Members Sub./			
Donations have been made by			
Peter Tait and Ernie Andrews.			

Membership of the A.M.C.C. is necessary for competing in the Embassy Cup. Membership of the N.C.A. is necessary for Insurance reasons. £70 approx. is soon to be spent on new kit from a discount circular from the N.C.A..

Remember fees for the coming season are;

a) All adult members of the club shall pay full fee (annual subs.), and all junior members half fee, junior membership being 16 years or under unless the member is in full time education, when age shall be extended to a limit of 18. Full fee at present stands at £4, half fee at £2.

b) The match fee shall be 60p per game played for adult members, 40p per game for junior members. Fees inclusive of tea.

c) If a player has not paid his annual subscription by the end of May his match fee will be raised to 80p per game (60p for junior members).

X.TORTIONER, Club Treasurer

SCORECARDS OF THE PAST (Cont'd)

Of the 26 players present at this game (including umpires Colin Brown and Colin Johnson) 19 had previously played for Arkley with Kieth Timpson, Mart Symonds and Roger Jones adding to the 16 Arkley players present. The 'Flying Watts Brothers' were probably still playing for Whetstone at the time of this game. Roger Jones, without beard, had his cat ^(catwalk) put down on the morning of this game (1-2-3 Ahh!). Dewi Williams and Brian Andrews were late for this game due to a traffic jam through Finchley Central. We retired to the 'King George' after the game. Arkley gained revenge for this defeat on the 28th July by beating Roving Reporters by 56 runs (Arkley 149-8dec, M.Cripps 55, B.Andrews 51*, M.Symonds 3-23, D.Jervis 2-21, L.Baker 2-24, J.Griffiths! 0-30; Roving Reporters 93, D.Burnham 24, R.Ingram 6-20, C.Townsend 2-12) but Roving Reporters won the rubber on 12th August when they won by 6 wickets (Arkley 121, J.Griffiths 27, P.Sharma 26, C.Townsend 21, P.Brown 17, E.Andrews 16, D.Jervis 4-25, I.Graham 3-14; Roving Reporters 122-4, K.Gibson 36, K.Timpson 32).

The 'Hendon Times' said of the first encounter; BLUSHES Arkley cricketer R.Ingram caused some blushes among his clubmates on Saturday. Ingram & C.Townsend were loaned by Arkley to Roving Reporters for a 12-a-side game. Ingram then proceeded to take 9 wickets for 9 runs helping to dismiss Arkley for 59. The meagre total was boosted by a whirlwind assault by No. 10 batsman A.Johnson, whose 34 came all in boundaries - 3 sixes and 4 fours. Reporters then knocked off the runs for the loss of five wickets.

Arthur Brown (3-17) clean bowled Bob Ingram in the beer match but we lost that too! What a disastrous day.

Arkley's golden age

With English cricket in the doldrums following a disastrous World Cup, one buff is looking back to the good old days. MATTHEW NIXSON reports

Alfred Goldman is standing on the crease waiting to hit a six — metaphorically at least.

The retired solicitor and cricket fanatic from Barnet Gate Lane, Arkley, has dug up proof

that Barnet once attracted some of the biggest names in the game.

But you won't find the likes of Phil Tufnell, Ian Botham or even Mike Gatting on his list — the

players in question date back to the beginning of the century.

In January, while working as a volunteer at Barnet Museum, Mr Goldman, 78, unearthed an antique score card dating from

June 19, 1900.

Listed as playing for M.C.C. & Ground against Arkley was J. T. Hearne — one of the all time great bowlers of the English game and the last person to take

a hat-trick against Australia, until Darren Gough did it exactly 100 years later.

"It is now known that from the mid 1890s until 1905 Arkley held regular cricket weeks attracting great cricketers," explains Mr Goldman.

"People came up for these weeks playing from Monday to Saturday."

Other notable players listed were R. O. Schwarz of South Africa, A. O. Jones who went on to captain England in the 1907 Ashes Series against Australia and C. Robson, captain of Hants.

These names may not mean much to anyone but an ardent cricket fan but, as Mr Goldman explains, they were all-time greats of the game.

However, with all his research, Mr Goldman has one small problem — no-one knows where Arkley's ground was.

"Nobody has any record of Arkley Cricket Club. It may have been in the grounds of Queen Elizabeth's Boys School. We just don't know," he says.

The current Arkley Cricket Club was only formed in the 1930s — more than 30 years too late.

Now Mr Goldman is appealing for anyone who can shed



Former stars, many of the calibre of Phil Tufnell (above) played at Arkley

further light on the story to contact him and fill in the gaps. He is particularly keen to trace surviving records and even contact descendants of the players.

● Anyone with information regarding the Arkley cricket team can contact Mr Goldman, care of Barnet Museum, on 0181 440 8066.