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# THE ARKLEY HERALD

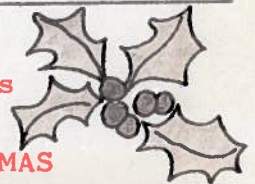
"MONTHLY"

Christmas (1975!) Edition

THE BULLETIN FOR INTELLECTUALS ILLITERATES.

SEASONAL GREETINGZ

O.K. SO I'VE  
RUN OUT OF S's



TO ALL 'HERALD' READERS...I HOPE YOU BOTH HAVE A HAPPY CHRISTMAS

## Winchmore Hill C.C. Pitch Offer Declined

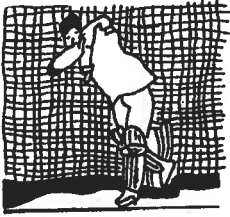
Earlier this month (December) Winchmore Hill Cricket (Football and Hockey) Club offered us rental of one of the three cricket pitches at their Fords Grove, Winchmore Hill, N.21, ground. Rental was offered at £150 for 15 stipulated Saturdays and as well as use of the first class pitch this entitled us to full use of their immaculate bar facilities whenever open.

Sadly however this offer had to be declined due to a combination of cost and availability of the pitch. A look at our present financial position ('Treasury' page 4 of this issue) will show that £150 would take a lot of finding once and would we be able to sustain such efforts for future seasons after relinquishing our Brunswick Park pitch. If we couldn't sustain the effort it would probably mean moving back to Barnet Playing Fields. Availability of the pitch as mentioned before was on 15 stipulated Saturdays and here a major problem arose in that with a fixture list based on a season of 21 Saturdays 15 home Saturday fixtures would mean vast changes in our present fixture list including the dropping of several established fixtures. This would also leave us with the extra cost and problems involved in arranging Sunday and midweek home fixtures elsewhere. Fixtures for next season have already been somewhat rearranged (by fixture secretary Peter Brown) so as to fit in with our home Saturdays (alternate with New Southgate Social) at Brunswick Park and at this late stage further changes would be unacceptable and in many cases impossible to our opposition.

The history behind this offer is that over the past five or so seasons Winchmore Hill have rented the pitch in question to Highgate C.C. who ran 4 XI's but now due to dwindling numbers have scrapped their fourth XI and thus vacated the Winchmore Hill pitch. Winchmore Hill then offered the use of the pitch to us on hearing about us from Mr. Roy Morgan, a banking colleague of Helen Ingram, who plays for Winchmore Hill and receives a copy of the 'Arkley Herald' (He says he enjoys it!) from our skippers lady. To Roy Morgan (not forgetting Helen Ingram) and Winchmore Hill C.C. go our deepest thanks for thinking of us and it is with great regret that we have had to turn down this offer to further improve the standing of our club. Perhaps at some future date, if the pitch is again vacant, we may be able to take up such a generous offer.

MORE DETAILS ON PAGE 2.

# NETS



# 1975 1976

Appearance Figures at the Nets to the end of December with cumulative figures since the 1971 season in parentheses are (Maximum 11(106));

- 9 R.Ingram(99), B.Andrews(48)+ 9 appearances with Old Fincunians C.C.
- 8 J.Griffiths(91), P.Brown(89), P.Amass(8)
- 7 C.Townsend(85), C.Brown(23)
- 5 P.Townsend(52), N.Gibbons(34)
- 2 J.Davies(10) TOTAL = 68

£20-40 of the £42-00 hire charge has now been recouped.

After preliminary reports in last months bulletin of a bogus tennis ball finding its way into proceedings the offending ball has struck again by clean bowling both Peter 'Pollock' Amass and Peter 'I wasn't ready' Brown! The bowler on both occasions was (yes you've guessed it wasn't me!) Bob 'Game, Set and Match' Ingram who hadn't previously taken a wicket at the nets ~~this/this/season~~ for quite some weeks. Still shattered by the experience Peter Brown

ordered a pint of peanuts and a bag of lager later that evening in the 'Woodman' pub, Water End. We called at the 'Woodman' on the recommendation of Norman Gibbons after finding the Cricket School Bar so full that we couldn't get to the counter to order our lemonade. Still, with the 'Woodman' serving draught coke and with beer (if anybody is interested) being as cheap as at the Cricket School we may be paying regular visits there. Back to more mundane matters Peter Amass continues to bowl the meanest full toss west of Hackney although he does slip in the occasional sneaky one that bounces before reaching the batsman! Norman Gibbons bowling these days is really 'something else'.....quite what we're not sure but it is something else. John '~~WASH/WASH WASH/WASH~~' the bearded one' Griffiths has resumed batting after recent difficulties and I can honestly say his batting reminds me of Richards.....Cliff Richard's. Clive Townsend still awaits an official ruling on his 'Desperate Dan' ball from an M.C.C. (Modern Comic-Cuts) Committee and Bob Ingram still awaits the day when he can afford a film for his ciné camera.

Nets resume after Christmas on Thursday 8th January 1976 at 8 p.m..

## WINCHMORE HILL C.C. PITCH OFFER DECLINED (Cont'd from page 1)

Before declining the Winchmore Hill offer the sub committee of Peter Brown (Honorary & Fixture Secretary), Bob Ingram (Captain), John Griffiths (Team Secretary) and Brian Andrews (Treasurer) weighed up all the 'Plus and Minus Points' of the offer as listed below.

### PLUS

The PITCH which would be as good or better than Brunswick Park and an OUTFIELD which was undoubtedly better. Provision of STUMPS/BAILS, SCOREBOARD/NUMBERS (although we already have these items) and DECKCHAIRS. Immaculate CLUBHOUSE with POPULAR PRICES, the BAR equipped with T.V. and TELEPHONE overlooking our allocated pitch. Ease of AFTER MATCH DUTIES. NO need to do BAR DUTY unless we wanted to. Many club DISCO'S, DANCES ETC. PREPARATION OF TEA by Winchmore Hill Ladies. PROFESSIONAL GROUNDSMAN. PRIVACY OF SURROUNDINGS unlike Brunswick Park. CAR PARK and OUT-DOOR NETS within ground.

### MINUS

COST See page one AVAILABILITY) for details. EXTRA TRAVELLING for most players, although it was thought that for such improved facilities this would in the main be acceptable. SECURITY OF TENURE? LOSS OF IDENTITY? LOSS OF £10 WHEN RAINED OFF?

COST & AVAILABILITY WERE THUS THE DECIDING FACTORS. It was thought that extra funds could be raised by raising fees and introducing new fund raising schemes but how long could this level be sustained. The possibility of using C.C.C. games and becoming a wandering Sunday side was considered but eliminated.

The four mentioned above visited the Winchmore Hill ground on Saturday 6th December to look over the ground and clubhouse and discuss terms with Winchmore Hill officers before making their final decision.

# NEWS IN BRIEF

FIXTURE NEWS; Our first game next season will be away to Roving Reporters at Oakhill Park with an afternoon start. We will later play home and away all day games with the Reporters as reported in the November 'Herald'.

Congratulations to Colin Brown who passed his first football refereeing exam and has now applied to the London Commercial League for a posting.

Christmas and New Year Greetings to all from Gordon Trebilcock (The name's familiar) who goes on to say 'Remember we would always be delighted to see any of you if you are travelling this way (Coffee 8p a cup!). Gordon came second in the Mere bowling averages for 1975 with best bowling figures of 12-8-14-6 which was 2 maidens better than Gary Gilmour's 12-6-14-6 for Australia v. England in the Semi Final of the Prudential World Cup! With the bat Gordon amassed 151 runs 'most of the scoring strokes were made through an acute defensive reflex action i.e. eyes closed and swing.' (Now you know who I moulded myself on. Ed.) Mere finished midway in the Dorset League (although it is in Wiltshire.Ed.) but were shot out of the Haig Village Championship at an early stage 'we mainly defeated ourselves' in 1975.

Christmas and New Year Greetings to all from Colin Cummings also.

Get well soon greetings to Jon Davies who was suffering from ~~lobt/x/whdth~~ a virus infection over Christmas. 1-2-3 Ahh!

I have had two requests to give news of Ernie Andrews in these pages!!!! (To say nothing of the 22 requests I have had not to mention Ernie Andrews in these pages.....so I won't.Ed.) So here comes some Ernie Andrews news. Glad to report that Ernie Andrews is fast returning to normal (well what passes for normal) after two hospital visits in October and November. Incidentally both requests for Ernie Andrews news came from females! O.K. Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Carey(who?) your secret is safe with me. P.S. If I had known Ernie Andrews' address I would have sent him a Get Well ~~Slowly~~ Soon Card from the club. Here endeth the Ernie Andrews news. (About time too!)

Peter Amass now works at Hatton Garden Barclays Bank not Muswell Hill Barclays Bank. Was he found out!

Under a new T.C.C.B. ruling fielders (as well as bowlers) may now polish the ball. Also if umpires detect a bowler picking the seam of a ball they may replace it instantly with one more worn. 'THE CRICKETER INTERNATIONAL'

Part of the M5 Exeter by-pass is now open. WOW!

Birthdays in January include, Ben Cripps (1st) and Ernie Andrews (15th). Two mentions of Ernie Andrews on one page! Whatever next?

Gowerton C.C. (South Wales), last years Haig Village Championship winners have been eliminated from the competition as the town has exceeded the 2,500 population limit. No wonder the cricket club members cursed last winters power cuts!

It has been (seriously) suggested that Arkley run a 'Superstars' Competition during 1976. Any thoughts?

Peter Brown and John Griffiths were Arkley's representatives at a Manor Drive (Methodists) party thrown by Mervyn Lack and Gerald Wilkinson on December 6th. Bill Radwell and Ken King were the Northmet representative.

The first year of publication of the 'Arkley Herald Monthly' has covered 114 pages compared to 148 pages of the 'Summer Weeklies' of 1974. A total of 429 pages of 'Arkley Herald' are now in existence (78 Editions over 4 Years) including heaven noes how meni spelin missteaks. (All figures taken to the end of this issue.)

Keith Hawes, who played two games for us in 1975, has had a series of 'favourable' press reports in the 'Ruislip Northwood Gazette' for his footballing performances for Eastcote F.C.

Don't forget to start collecting jumble for this years Jumble Sale.

# TREASURY

<u>INCOME</u>	£ - p	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Balance from 1975	111-89	Hire of Nets	42-00
Nets Fees	20-40	C.C.C. Membership 1976	4-10
Donations	30	Embassy Cup Fee	1-00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>133-46</u>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>47-10</u>
		<b>BALANCE</b>	<u>86-36</u>

Figures correct to Sunday 28th December 1975 (about 7.33pm actually).  
Interest on Deposit Account is due on Wednesday 31st December 1975.

THE ARKLEY C.C. PLAYERS PRESENT THEIR 1975 PANTOMIME

# ARTHURELLA

## STARRING

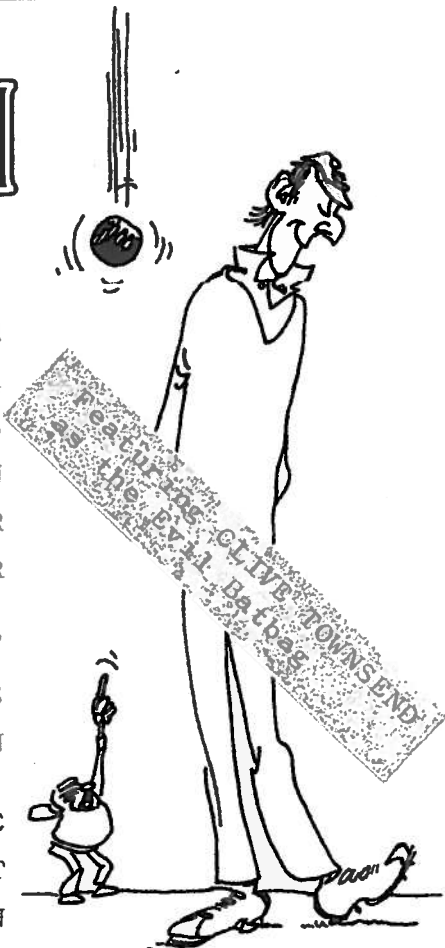
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 PAUL TOWNSEND.....AS.....PRINCE CHARMING  
 ARTHUR JOHNSON.....AS.....DAME DAVIES  
 JON DAVIES.....AS.....DAME JOHNSON  
 PETER AMASS.....AS.....FAIRY GODMOTHER  
 MARLON BRANDO.....AS.....FAIRY GODFATHER  
 NORMAN GIBBONS )  
 TONY BOOTH ).....AS.....UGLY SISTERS  
 ERNIE ANDREWS.....AS.....BUTTONS  
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 (Courtesy of Dennis Hills)  
 THREE WHITE MICE.....AS.....THREE WHITE MICE  
 P.K.SHARMA.....AS.....THE BLACK KNIGHT  
 PETER TAIT.....AS.....ODDJOB MAN

AND FEATURING PANS PERSONS;  
 ROBERTA INGRAM, COLLETTE JOHNSON, PETRA BROWN,  
 JOAN GRIFFITHS, MARY CRIPPS, BRIANETTE ANDREWS.

CHOREOGRAPHY BY; LIONEL BLEUGH

PRODUCED & DIRECTED BY; COLIN 'I'M IN CHARGE' BROWN

A P.A.THETIC PRODUCTION



DON'T MISS IT!!!

NOW AT THE

'ACROPOLIS'

NEASDEN.

## MORE NEWS IN BRIEF

Tony Booth starts his first teaching post at a Walsall school on Monday 5th January 1976. We wish him the best of luck.

I now have a copy of 'Frindall's Scorebook', a statistical look at last season England v. Australia Test Series, by Bill Frindall. If anybody wishes to borrow this let me know.

Christmas Cards on behalf of the club were sent to 'The King George' and Mrs. F.Trebilcock in St. Mawgan.

The 1975 Final Final Statistics are still nowhere near ready. SURPRISE, SURPRISE!

# Arkley - 10 Years On

Could this be the sequence of events in 1986?

## JANUARY

Norman Gibbons released on parole.\* Peter Amass junior (Pet Tiger) voted in as captain at A.G.M., Bob Ingram elected vice captain of 5th XI at same.\* Clive Townsend says 'No' to a light ale.\* Minimum round permissable at 'King George' raised to £1-42p.\* Barnet Council reveal plans to use Barnet Playing Fields for tank testing area.

## FEBRUARY

Arthur Johnson makes appearance at nets.\* Tony Booth signs contract to play lead role in film of the life of W.G.Grace.\* John Griffiths pays annual sub's for 1976, 1977 and 1978 plus interest (Securicor called in).\* Colin Brown sold at jumble sale.\* Norman Gibbons has a shave.\* Peter Brown plays rugby for England.

## MARCH

Helen Ingram becomes first woman to win Grand National (on Bill the superhorse), Bob Ingram wins local donkey derby.....without donkey.\* Arkley move home ground from Neasden to Hackney.\* Mr. Amass appointed as team manager.\* Colin Johnson forgets to turn up for his wedding.

## APRIL

Arthur Brown comes out of retirement to try to get his picture in the 'Barnet Press' again.\* Sharma captains East Africa in Prudential World Cup.\* Clive Townsend passes Geography O' Level.\* Ned Spiegel passes pub without going in.\* Northmet move home ground to Lord's.

## MAY

Colin Brown referees F.A. Cup Final.\* John Griffiths scores 100 in 13 minutes v. Broxbourne III.\* Paul Townsend perfects the ball that takes five minutes to reach the batsman.\* Brian Andrews perfects system of working out averages BEFORE the game.\* Peter Amass opens the bowling.. ..in beer match.\* Sarah Sharma forms Arkley Ladies XI.\* Dewi Williams 'Geronimo' ball works.

## JUNE

Jon Davies beats world record for longest duck.\* Sharma bowls a wide that breaks back to bowl the batsman.\* Paul Townsend forgets a drink on order.\* Barnet Council reveal new plan to flood Barnet Playing Fields to form a reservoir.\* Peter Amass 'does' the teas including sherry trifle made by his own ~~left~~ hand.\* Barnet Playing Fields wicket dug up and oil spread over creases, "Sorry this had to be done, J.Davies was guilty" daubed on pavilion in maroon paint.

## JULY

Arkley tour of Australia cancelled due to lack of available cars.\* Colin Brown now on T.C.C.B. panel of umpires involved in 'throwing' dispute in Test Match.\* Pencarrow play Arkley on their first tour of London, Tudor Owen drafted into Arkley team and nothing less than 6-31 is expected from John Griffiths.\* Peter Amass scores 50th run for Arkley.\* Norman Gibbons certified.\* Connie Tait does teas for 500th time, teas now £5 each.\* Colin Cummings plays for Arkley at 2½ minutes notice. Peter Brown wins Arkley Superstars competition after downing a pint of orange squash in 12.1 seconds, in fact he's the only competitor able to down a whole pint.

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## ARKLEY - 10 YEARS ON (Cont'd)

### AUGUST

Colin Johnson goes through match without bowling a wide.\* Elaine George wins Single Wicket Competition.\* Jon Davies scores a run.\* Mark Cripps stops talking.\* Arkley maintain 100% record v. Agricola.\* Peter Tait takes a rest.\* Brian Andrews buys a round of drinks.

### SEPTEMBER

Arthur Johnson voted Young Player of the Year.\* Munster tops bowling averages, Keith Hawes tops batting averages.\* Middlesex win Gillette Cup.\* Arthur Brown not available for last game of season as Spurs are home to Hartlepool in a league match.\* Somebody impersonates Mark Cripps.

### OCTOBER

Peter Tait wins Ted Lloyd Trophy outright at Presentation Evening.\* 'Arkley Herald' takes over 'Playboy' magazine and becomes the bulletin that gets to the bottom of things.\* Barnet Council replace broken sink in men's toilet at Brunswick Park.

### NOVEMBER

Norman Gibbons makes recording of 'Blue Suede Shoes' and is filmed singing in shower for 'Top of the Pops', Pans People play rest of the Arkley team.\* Bob Ingram done in oils (Kinky little devil).\* Colin Johnson comes fifth in Colin Johnson impersonating competition.\* Jon Davies has operation to remove offending ingrowing toenail.\* Paul Townsend decides not to become a monk as he doesn't think he can get into the habit.

### DECEMBER

Bob Ingram directs his first full length feature film 'Confessions of a Cricketer' starring Clive Townsend as Batbag.\* Arkley results to be included in 1987 Wisden.\* Model of Colin Brown unveiled at Madame Tussauds (Chamber of Horrors).\* Colin Cowdrey signs to play for Arkley in 1987.\* Peter Brown voted 'Squash Drinker of the Year' by well known firm.\* Peter Amass used for fairy on Christmas tree.

### WITH APOLOGIES

If you have any thoughts or ideas of what might be happening at Arkley C.C. some time in the future write them down and send them to I.C. Clearly, Psychic Alley, Cloud Cuckoo Land. I'll just repeat that A.Nutter, No Fixed Abode, Colney Hatch Lane, UR 1 2, or failing that B.J.Andrews, 76 Crewys Road, Child's Hill, London, N.W.2 2AD and I shall be delighted to print them in the Arkley Herald.

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### OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION.

THE ARKLEY CRICKET CLUB 1975

**Annual General Meeting** & PRESENTATION NIGHT

WILL BE HELD ON

STARTING AT

**Friday 9th January 1976 8pm**

AT

**The King George, Barnet.**

IT IS ESSENTIAL TO HAVE A PROMPT 8PM START AS THERE IS MUCH BUSINESS TO BE DEALT WITH.

SO PLEASE TRY TO TURN UP ON TIME AND THAT INCLUDES ME!

A myth exploded

# Sussed !!

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The Funnier Side of Cricket

# Look What Doggy Done !!

I was going to call this feature 'Doggy Doings' but then thought better of it. Ed.



"You were quite lucky really .....  
it could have been your slippers ....."



"He's damned useful when we need twenty nine off the last over ....."

Cartoons from 'The Funnier Side of Cricket' a collection of cricket cartoons by Mike Watkins in aid of Hampshire C.C.C's Fighting Fund.

# SILLY PAGE!

Headline recently seen above an article on the decline of sport in trouble torn Spain in an American Sports magazine;

'THE GAME IN SPAIN IS MAINLY ON THE WAIN'

## ADVERTISEMENT

Nothing acts faster than Annadin. So go out and get Nothing.

Is it true that Peter Amass on the way to work the other week saw a sign on the bus stop saying 'Please Queue Other Side', crossed the road and missed the bus.

Is it true that in the back row of the cinema Colin Johnson came out with the classic line 'Your tiny hand is frozen' to his girlfriend before realising he had got hold of her choc ice.

Did you hear about the Irishman who played truant from a correspondence course. No neither did I.

I was going to charge an exorbitant amount for copies of this Christmas bulletin as Christmas celebrates the coming of a profit!

Peter Amass now recalls that the last cricket he played before beginning performing (I nearly put playing!) for Arkley was as a mixed infant at St. Pansies Mixed Infants Primary School. Somehow I believe it.

JOANNA DAVIES denies all allegations of his appearance in the Miss Sportsworld Competition. (See November 'Silly Page')

New Books in the Arkley 'How To' Series include;

'How To Dress Up As A Lady, Oh What A Giveaway'	by Joanna Davies
'How To Bribe A Football Referee'	by Colin Brown
'How To Master Rugby, A Game For Men With Peculiar Shaped Balls'	by Peter Brown
'hOww Two Spel'	by Brian Andrews
'How To Be Bowled By A Tennis Ball'	by Peter Amass
'How To Get Your Own Back'	by Parmodh K. Sharma
'How To Remember Things'	by Paul Whatsisname
'How To Keep Young'	by Arthur Johnson
'How To Live With An Animal'	by Helen Ingram
'How To Spot Typographical Errors'	by Miss Print
'How To Forget The Existence Of Your Son'	by Mr. Amass
'How To Play Hide And Seek'	by John Stonehouse
'How To Get Rid Of A Headache'	by Anna Dean

Is it true that when Bob Ingram can afford a new ciné film he intends to make a film sequel of 'Jaws' called 'Gums' starring Ernie Andrews (another mention!) with his teeth out.

From the Evening News, Saturday 27th December 1975.  
As advertised on the 'Big Match' Sunday 28th December.  
I bet I saw it first though!!

WELL THAT'S ABOUT ALL FOR THIS EDITION AND INDEED FOR THIS YEAR SO IT'S FAREWELL, AUF WIEDERSEHEN, AU REVOIR, ADIOS, ALOHA, ADIEU & SO LONG TO '75

HOW ABOUT THAT HE DIDN'T EVEN SAY GOODBYE!!!

BUT NOW TO END ON A HIGH NOTE



# FIN