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THE SHAGGING MAGPIES



AN ALTERNATIVE LOOK AT MAIDENHEAD UNITED FC.

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WELCOME TO THE 2ND EDITION OF THE "SHAGGING MAGPIES
MAIDENHEAD UNITED'S ONLY OFFICIAL FANZINE

(Come to that, Maidenhead United's ONLY fanzine)

Before we go any further let's get all the boring stuff out of the way.

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We would like to remind you that NO monies are recieved by the Editors or contributors. All monies raised from this or any issue are passed directly to Maidenhead United Football Club.

We would also like to remind you that the contents of this fanzine contain language unsuitable for the young. The Editors take no responsibility for the distribution but recommend that under 18's are not sold copies.

Thank you.

Steve Beard and Trevor Kingham

When we initially came up with the idea of producing "The Shagging Magpies" to help raise the capital required to build the wall along the railway side of the ground, it was our intention at the time to make it strictly as a "one off" Our objective was quite simply to raise 100 pounds towards the ultimate target of 3000 pounds required to build the wall. Quite rightly we sought the Club's blessing. The Club have been most accomadating, not only did they give their blessing but they also made copies available through the Club shop and behind the bar and have given us coverage over the P.A system and in match programmes. How pleasing it is to report that to date we have sold close on to 200 copies, double the amount we set out to achieve.

Because of the favourable reception our "effort" recieved we decided to produce a second issue with the view of raising (with your continued support) another 200 quid. A big thank you goes to those who purchased Issue One, we hope you like Issue Two..?

The relative success of Issue One somewhat surprised us to say the least, we've had collectors contact us to obtain copies and even got a mention in the father of all fanzines, "When Saturday Comes"! We were even more surprised to find ourselves mentioned in an article in the Daily Sport Apparently they found our title "saucey"!! We were the only non-league club mentioned amongst some of the greatest clubs in the country.

A few months ago the official number of fanzines was 300, we made it 301! Maidenhead United may not yet be up with the big boys but at least we now have something in common. We make no claims to literary excellence, we simply want to help our club reach their goal, and with your continual support we're well on our way.

As with the previous issue we've taken a few "swipes" at certain individuals. No offense intended - we love you really! We sincerely hope that everyone takes it in the right spirit.

ONCE AGAIN THANK YOU. YOUR ONE POUND HAS BEEN WELL SPENT

Steve Beard

Trevor Kingham

P.S Providing the response is as favourable as Issue One we have undertaken to produce a 3rd Issue at the start of the new season. So as the fanzine doesn't become stale we urge you to send in articles, pictures, jokes letters, etc. IT'S US THE FANS THAT MAKE THE CLUB WHAT IT IS TODAY. Please help us.

Please! your articles etc to "The Editor of M.U.F.C Fanzine"
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ISSUE 1 UPDATE.

In issue 1 we exclusively reported the club's plans to set admission prices in relation to 'Value for money'. The scheme itself was very simple and based on results.

WIN	-	Admission Price;	£5.00.
DRAW	-	"	£2.50.
DEFEAT	-	"	£5.00. REFUND!

The above details came into effect on January 1st for an experimental period of one month. During this time, Maidenhead played 3 home matches, drawing one and losing two. Based on these results everyone who attended the three matches were entitled to a refund of £7.50!

HOWEVER: The club have asked us to point out that due to an oversight we failed to make it clear that all claims for a refund must be submitted to the club by January 31st.

The club have asked that we convey their most sincere apologies to anyone who feels they've been cheated.....We're sorry too!

Many thanks to Committee man Bob Popejoy for his kind donation of a bundle of fivers with reference to 'Blackmail Corner' in issue 1. Worry no more Bob your secrets safe with us!!!

The compilation video of all Maidenhead's greatest victories this season is coming on very nicely. To date we have a full 30 seconds of action. Still there's plenty of games to go yet making us more than confident of reaching our target of a full 2 minutes of highlights!.....Club Spokesman.

Dear Nicky,

Thanks for your letter, unfortunately we're unable to offer you a place in our team at the present time.

Have you tried writing to West Ham United, they're desperate to sign 11 players with a basic understanding of the game.....Yours Ed.

No one can accuse the 'Shaggin Magpies' of not having any influence on the club. Have you noticed that since we came up with the idea of fitting a special device to match balls to aid their recovery when landing in the grounds of the Spiritualist Church grounds, not a single ball has landed in the said grounds! The players now prefer to loft the ball over the Bell Street end of the ground. Come on lads show a bit of consideration!!!

In the last issue we inferred that goalkeeper Peter Rackley is 'Shit'. Unfortunately we only realised our mistake after we went to print, I'm sure you'll accept too late to put matters right. Of course as I'm sure you're all aware the article in question should have stated; 'Peter Rackley is total and utter shit'. We take this opportunity to extend our most sincere apologies to Peter and his friends and family for any distress we may have caused over our error.....Sorry Mate!!!!

WHO CUT BENNY'S BARNET ??



There are many mysteries the world over which people would like to know the answers to:- The Bermuda Triangle, Newtons laws of relativity, perpetual motion, and where did Dr Legg disappear to for six months. Closer to home the big question is - WHO THE BLEEDIN' ELL CUT BENNY'S BARNET ???

In an endeavour to find out we sent our top investigative reporter, Percy Snoop, to every possible outlet in the south of England which, in our opinion, might have been responsible for the cutting of Benny Laryea's locks.

Three weeks and two thousand miles later Percy had asked nearly fifteen hundred people the same question:- DID YOU CUT BENNY'S BARNET ??? Needless to say, no-one owned up to it. But, here are some of the answers Percy received.

"Haven't you read the sign outside, my son? I specialize in Bar Mitzvahs" SOLLY'S BARBER SHOP, GOLDERS GREEN.

" Are you taking the piss? This is a beauty Salon, not a friggin' fancy dress shop." A FRESH FACED SIXTEEN YEAR OLD MANAGERESS FROM PUTNEY.

" I suppose we could have been responsible. Although I'd be very suprised if he were still alive!" SOUTHERN ELECTRIC.

" Ita certainly looksa a lika spaghetti. Wronga colour mind" ANTONIO, FROM ANTONIO'S PASTA HOUSE, BRACKNELL

" You best try `round the corner. We deal in maggots not worms." TONY'S ANGLING SHOP, SOUTHAMPTON.

" Send him to casualty. It could be a contageous disease." A SPOKESPERSON FROM WEXHAM PARK HOSPITAL.

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COLOUR PRINTING

Since the publication of ISSUE ONE many readers have requested that future ISSUES be printed in colour. We would like to inform you that "THE SHAGGING MAGPIES" has, and always will be printed in colour. In fact two colours - Black and White



INTERVIEW

As promised in our last issue here is our star interview with Steve Croxford. After many hours of trekking we eventually managed to track him down at work, behind the bar at the Foresters.

ED....."Hi, Steve.."

STEVE....." Watcha, mate. What`ya having?"

ED....." Fosters, please."

STEVE....." That`ll be 1.60, mate."

Unfortunately, due to Steve`s heavy work load, he was unable to comment on his destruction of the ozone layer caused by his high lofted balls out of defence. But he did go on to add.

STEVE....." There you go, mate. 40p change."

Later in this issue you can read our exclusive player profile on Steve Croxford. Without his knowledge we sent Percy Snoop, to find out things Steve doesn`t even know himself.

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IS GARY GOODWIN THE MANAGER ???

Gary Goodwin has been in charge at Maidenhead for over half a season now.

Or has he?

Because according to the match programme Maidenhead have NO manager. Surely this is just an oversight by the programme editor. Or is it REALLY true that the updates in the programme are made only ONCE A YEAR ??

WALLY'S CORNER

A SUCKER'S PUNCH

Is Peter Rackley a pillock or what?.. You would think a semi-professional goalkeeper, defending a one goal lead with ten minutes to go, would be wholeheartedly concentrating on the defence of his goal. I mean... that`s what he`s paid to do. It`s a shame no-one told Rackley this!! Because with ten minutes to go against Abingdon he decided it would be more beneficial to the club, to be thumping the opposition`s Centre Forward to the ground. Then he had the gall to proclaim his innocence to the Ref.

" I didn`t touch him, Ref!!"

Well, whether he touched him or not is neither here nor there. In throwing the punch he certainly INTENDED to hit him. And if his proclamations of not touching him were true, then it just goes to show that he ain`t no good at boxing either. In my opinion he deserved his early bath.

But why hit him in the first place??

Surely he realised his actions were a sending off offence, thus jeopardizing a much needed win. I mean.. if his urge to hit him was that great then he could`ve waited until after the game, and beat the living shit out of him in the bar.

As it turned out, Maidenhead won the game, thanks to stand-in Keeper Gray, who managed a feat unknown before - a clean sheet in the final ten minutes.

If that wasn`t bad enough, Rackley was also facing a mandatory three match ban. That`s all Maidenhead need as they strive for Division One survival.

Fortunately for Maidenhead, and perhaps unfortunatley for Rackley, they managed to sign up former league keeper Smeulders. At the end of the day was the punch worth it???



GARY'S HALF TIME TEAM TALK.

During the recent Croydon match, Percy Snoop, sneaked into the Maidenhead dressing room so that he could eavesdrop on Gary Goodwin's half-time team talk. This is how it went:-

Eleven weary footballers entered the changing room and began to pour themselves a steaming cup of tea. After various cries of, "Who's knicked the bleedin' sugar," and, "My mug's the one with Big Ears on it," they settled down to face the wrath of Goodwin. It was noticeable at this point that, "Noddy" Holder, who had declined his mug of tea, was surreptitiously swigging from a leather bound hip-flask. Goodwin stood over them menacingly.

GOODWIN:.....You call that football? That was the crapiest 45 minutes I've seen since I've been here. 11 friggin' ballerinas could've played better. It's about time you lot pulled your bloody socks up.

The eleven footballers started to pull their socks up. Goodwin's eyes rolled heaven-ward.

GOODWIN:.....Right, let's start with the basics. (He picked up a football and held it in the air). This is a

GRAY:.....Mitre?

WICKHAM:.....Minerva?

ALLEYNE:.....Diadora?

GOODWIN:.....Football. It's a bloody football you gormless punch of dick-heads!! It round, measures 27 in diameter, weighs 422 grammes and is plastic laminated. The idea is for you to kick it into your opponents goal!!!

ALL IN UNISON:..Awww Boss. We had this lesson last week.

GOODWIN:.....And you'll have it again bloody next week as well if you don't start to bloody listen. (Goodwin noticed something out of the corner of his eye.) LARYEA!!!! Put those bloody curling tongs away and take notice of what I'm saying.

LARYEA:.....Don't give me, man. I gotta look pretty for ma woman. Me thinks you better loosen up before ya burst a vessel.

GOODWIN:.....Any more lip from you and I'll ram those bloody curling tongs right up your bloody arse.... Right, as I was saying, This is a football and the idea is to kick it in to your opponents goal. But, before you can do this you must pass the ball, preferably to each other, until someone is within shooting range.

SMEULDERS:....Why can't I just hoof it up the middle?

GOODWIN:.....The reason you can't, "just hoof it up the middle," is pretty bloody simple. Firstly, you're not capable of kicking the ball out of your own bloody half, let alone reach their bloody penalty area! And secondly, our Chairman wrote in todays match programme that we're "eschewing the long ball game".

ALL IN UNISON:.... We're what???

GOODWIN:.....Eschewing

ALL IN UNISON:....What's eschewing???

GOODWIN:.....Eschewing's eschewing, that's what.

HOLDER:.....Hic...s...s..sounds German to me.. Hic...hic

MUIR:.....More like Danish.

GILL:.....Could be Mexican. The Chairman looks Mexican.

ALLEYNE:.....(Frantically thumbing through a Concise Oxford English Dictionary which he just happened to have in his kit bag) Here it is! I found it! Eschewing:- It means avoiding, abstaining from...

GOODWIN:.....There you go then. Bloody simple innit. We're abstaining from the long ball game.

GRAY:.....My missus has been abstaining for months.

BAILY:.....Yours 'en all, eh.

WICKHAM:.....Mine too.

LARYEA:.....Not ma woman. Ma woman likes...

ALLEYNE:.....I don't think the use of abstaining is right. I think the Chairman meant avoiding.

GRAY:.....She's been doing that to me as well.

BAILY:.....And mine.

LARYEA:.....Not ma woman. Ma woman likes.....

The buzzer sounded to signal the end of half-time. On their way out Alleyne spoke to Goodwin.

ALLEYNE:.... Hey Boss, What we gonna do if we get a penalty?

GOODWIN:....(Knowingly) Send the ballboy down Bell Street to get it back.

Jim couldn't bloody fix it !!

Dear Mr Saville,
I support Maidenhead United who play in Division One of the Diadora League. We're not having a very good season this year, so I wondered if maybe you could help in some way. I would dearly love to see a home victory before I retire. I am Six years old and know if anyone can fix it, you can.

DESPERATE DAN

Dear Dan,
Thanks for your letter which I enjoyed reading. I have delayed my reply due to the fact that not being a follower of your beloved club I needed to "check it out". I came along to York Road for the home match against Croydon. You wouldn't have noticed me because I situated myself on top of the Maidenhead Advertiser building equipped with high velocity binoculars to avoid detection, (you know how it is, everywhere I go I get mobbed by people always on the ponce).

Looking back on the day I'm just glad I got away without having to pay 2.50 to watch what can only be described as an excuse for a football match! My word, you have got problems!

Over the years I've literally helped thousands of people make their dreams come true: I've built Hospitals, raised millions for worthy causes, jumped from aeroplanes, run countless marathons and been decorated by the Queen. The highlight of my career coming when I was interviewed by Tony Blackburn.

Although I have achieved all these things I find that your request is the hardest I've ever come across. After consulting countless experts (Jimmy Hill included) I have come to the conclusion that I am unable to fulfill your dream.

I have been reliably informed that it's not my help you need but his upstairs. What you need my son is a bloody miracle.

yours J. SAVILLE

DIADORA TRAINERS ARE GREAT !!!!

Like myself you too may have noticed the ever increasing number of people walking around York Road on match days decked out in flashy "Diadora Jackets". Well smart!!!

Of course, it stands to reason, after all, Diadora are the league's sponsor. However I can't but help draw the conclusion that one thing has been overlooked. Let me explain:- On a typical match day upwards of six footballs disappear over one fence or another, causing much consternation to club officials as to whether they'll run out of balls if the ball-boy doesn't get a move on!

Diadora, I think I'm right in saying, built up its business by producing "trainers" of the highest quality.

To assist our ball-boy in the execution of his duties would it be too much to ask Diadora (super trainers, wear them all the time) to maybe donate a pair (not necessarily the dearest in the range) to him. Better still would Diadora also sponsor him by paying his annual subscription to an Athletics club. If they did this then us folk on the terraces won't have to spend so much time getting cold whilst waiting for him to retrieve the lost balls.

At an average home match an extra 30 minutes of freezing our bollocks off due to lost balls is not uncommon.

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THIS`LL CHEER YOU UP !!!

With all the doom and gloom surrounding York Road this season I thought I'd search out a few facts in an attempt to bring a little joy to what, for some of us, is turning out to be a most disappointing season.

- 1.... On each occasion when Maidenhead have scored more goals than the opposition we've won the match.
- 2.... Maidenhead have never lost a match when they have scored 10 goals or more.
- 3.... Maidenhead United are the top team in Maidenhead.
- 4.... The only way a team will ever beat Maidenhead is if they score at least one more goal than Maidenhead.
- 5.... Maidenhead United have never been beaten with Paul Gascoigne in the side!
- 6.... Maidenhead United have reached the F.A.Cup quarter finals more times than Q.P.R
- 7.... Maidenhead is the only team in the country to be spelt, M.A.I.D.E.N.H.E.A.D.
- 8.... Maidenhead United have never lost an F.A.Cup final at Wembley

Fanzines, what are they ???

I suspect that a number of people who have purchased this publication are asking the question: "What exactly is a fanzine? Why bother when surely the match programme has all we want to know in it? Who produced it? Where does the money go? A pound seems awfully expensive!" Hopefully they'll also comment: "When does the next one come out?"

To introduce you to the world of 'fanzines' we hope to answer all the questions listed in the next few paragraphs.

Fanzines have been around the football scene for nigh on fifteen years. The first to appear were not as you would expect - solely produced for any particular club - they were based on football in general, a fine example being "When Saturday Comes", which seems to have been around forever but still undoubtedly the best around. (available from W.H. Smiths)

For years football supporters have strived unsuccessfully to have their say in how the game is administered. Important decisions are made, not by them, but on their behalf. It has always been assumed that football supporters are the sort of people who will go along with anything dished up to them without question, they're simply a means to an end. Clubs have treated us almost as an inconvenience. The only way they benefit, in their eyes, is by the revenue they extract from us at the gate. If it wasn't for the money we hand over they think they could happily do without us.

"Supporters Clubs" are run by the parent clubs ensuring their policies concur with those of the club. The fanzine has given the man on the terrace a valuable means to put across his point of view in the same way as Independent Supporters Associations have. Fanzines are produced in the main by loyal and dedicated supporters of their respective clubs, people who care about the way their club is run and who justifiably feel they should have some input. One of the biggest benefits of fanzines is that whether your views are pro or anti on a particular issue there's no censorship, editors are only too willing to publish what you have to say.

It's more than just a coincidence that since the advent of fanzines, football clubs have become more responsive to supporters ideas and demands. They've been forced to wake up to the fact that not all supporters are morons only there for a fight and to get pissed up on a Saturday afternoon!

Whereas once, a football club would go to any length to outlaw a publication, today fanzines through their constructive arguments and expertise have gained credibility with many clubs actually encouraging them - something unthinkable a few years ago. Clubs have now realized that by giving their blessing to these publications it has helped in the long run to reduce the amount of criticism they receive.

In contrast to match programmes, only offering the clubs point of view, the fanzines are more balanced, always willing to give both sides of the argument. I've yet to see a single football club throughout the entire Football League adopt the same policy.

Not all the content in fanzines relate to serious matters. They cover much more, some are satirical, some humorous, some deadly serious, others downright rude! The majority contain a good mixture of all the categories mentioned. It's amazing to report that these days Club Chairmen and Directors are just as eager to acquire the latest edition as the man on the terrace. "Fanzine" is no longer a dirty word to them, as it was just a few years ago!

A perfect example to illustrate the power of the fanzine is West Ham's supporters current struggle with the club over their plans to introduce a "Bond Scheme". Entitled "Fortunes Always Hiding" the fanzine gives extensive coverage of the supporters reasons for opposing the clubs plans. The magazine (and others) will eventually play a vital role in defeating the club's plans, of that I'm sure! (F.A.H is obtainable from, PO Box 664, London SW11 6AL, enclose 50p + postage)

Moving on to the question "Where does the money go?" On the face of it, it's a good question. In reality, the purpose of fanzines is to express opinions, to get across your point of view. Any Editor will readily explain that profits don't enter into it, with the vast majority of money being ploughed back into the next edition. To a large degree, making money is not what fanzines are about, of course it would be wrong to say that there are not the odd "Business Men" around eager to make a few quid off the backs of the supporters, but they are very much the exception to the rule!

Occasionally a fanzine will appear on the scene strictly to raise funds for a good cause, this is in fact the sole purpose why the two of us decided to produce "The Shagging Magpies". We have no ambition to get rich quick by selling vast quantities. The purpose for this venture is to help our club. If we manage to sell 100 copies then the club will benefit by 100 pounds, we don't even charge for our time and effort! I think you'll agree our hearts are in the right place. We can categorically assure you that not one penny of the money made by this fanzine reaches our pockets. We don't want it. We want the club to have it. That is why we have nothing to do with the fanzine's distribution.

Finally, all fanzines deserve your full support, the club shop at Maidenhead has a pretty good selection of fanzines from many clubs. Next time you visit York Road buy a selection, they won't cost you the earth but I can assure you they're definitely good value for money.

NOTE: The Football Supporters Association have put together a compilation book with articles from hundreds of fanzines up and down the country. The book costs 5.95 and is available from W.H. Smiths (bloody good value too!)

All the proceeds of the book are going to the Multiple Sclerosis Charity. BUY ONE NOW!!!

Wanted

THERE IS A 2,000 POUND REWARD FOR THE CAPTURE OF THIS MAN



NAME: Benjamin Laryea

KNOWN ALIASES: "Benny the goal", "Benny the bonus"

HEIGHT: 5 foot 10 inches

BUILD: Stock frame, well hung

HAIR: Did have!!

GENERAL Demeanour: Sharp, fast and dangerous around the box

CRIME DETAILS: Wanted for the murder of Division Two South defences in 1990/91

WARNING!!! Do not approach this man in the six yard box.

LATEST MUG SHOT



WORLD EXCLUSIVE!!! JON SWAN IS PREGNANT!!

Today we can reveal to the world a story that will shock and intrigue you - York Road is expecting a new arrival!!

NO - it's not another Manager, nor is it yet another player. It's a BABY!!!!

We at the Shagging Magpies have recieved verbal confirmation stating that - wait for it..... Vice Chairman , Jon Swan is PREGNANT!!!!

This is the first ever confirmed case of male pregnancy.

Our suspicions were raised some months ago when we noticed that Jon Swan had a swelling tum. Since then we have monitored it's growth with eagerness.

The news of the pregnancy was confirmed by his girlfriend when she was questioned by a tactful reporter, who asked her; "Hey, sweetheart! What's old Swannie packing in his trousers nowadays?"

"A little'un", his girlfriend replied. Expert gynocologist, Virginia Feeler, had this to say when we told her about Mr Swan. " F*****g 'ell!!!!"



MAIDENHEADS HISTORY STILL WRONG

The following statement is an extract from the "Club History" printed in the Bashley (away) programme. (we also reproduced the extract in Issue One)

QUOTE: "Maidenhead were one of the founder members of the F.A Cup and have played in each year of competition since."

The Maidenhead Advertiser printed the following extract on November 1st 1991. (with reference to the F.A Cup)

QUOTE: "Maidenhead did NOT enter in the 1876/77 season, deciding that the cost of entry was too high."

We rightfully pointed out this discrepancy of facts to the club in Issue one of this mag. You may remember the article under the heading "WHO IS TELLING THE TRUTH?" We even produced photocopies of the above quotes. The club, to their credit, were quick to make amends.

OR SO THEY THOUGHT!!

Here is an extract from the amended history printed in the Aylesbury (away) programme.

QUOTE: "In fact the club (Maidenhead Utd) has missed only one year of entry into the F.A Cup and they reached the quarter-finals in 1874/75, 1875/76, 1876/77"

All well and good you might say!
Bearing these facts in mind now read the following which was printed in the Maidenhead Honours List of the home fixture programme against Croydon.

QUOTE: "F.A CUP QUARTER-FINALISTS 1872/73, 1873/74, 1874/75"

CONFUSED????????

Let us explain: The Maidenhead Advertiser article leads us to believe that in the 1876/77 season Maidenhead failed to enter the F.A Cup. Yet in the amended history printed in the Aylesbury programme Maidenhead claim to have reached the Quarter-Finals in 1874/75, 1875/76, 1876/77, the last date being the year the Advertiser claim they never entered! To make matters even worse Maidenhead's Honours List in the programme against Croydon (printed only 11 days after the Aylesbury programme) states that they reached the Quarter-Finals in the seasons; 1872/73, 1873/74, 1874/75.

To say there is a discrepancy is an understatement. It's a complete bloody hash. God knows what Maidenhead are going to claim in their forthcoming book commemorating 125 years! They'll probably claim there 150!!

IT'S ABOUT TIME THIS WAS SORTED OUT ONCE AND FOR ALL

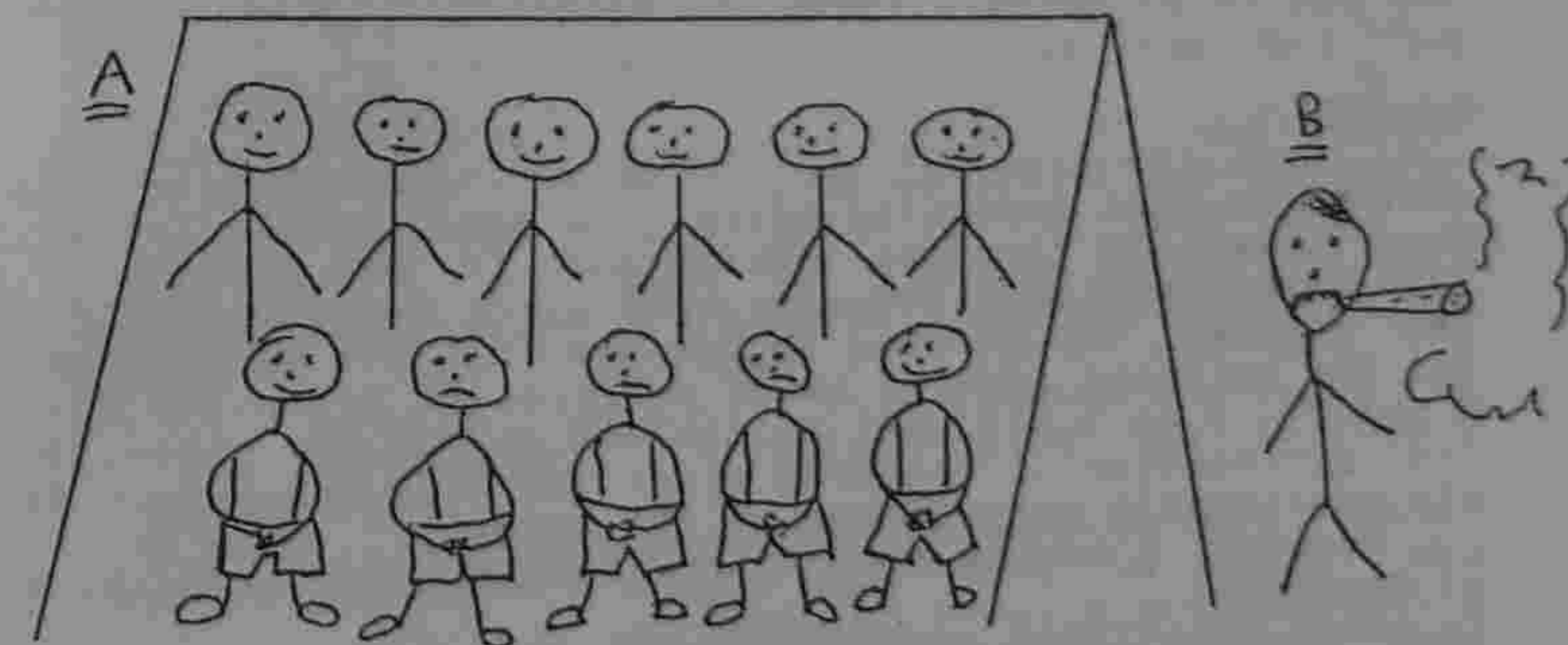
Maidenhead Town Hall,
St. Ives Road,
Maidenhead,
Berkshire.

Dear Sirs,

I am a statistician with the local Council and thought you might like to know that your Poll Tax contributions are being put to good use. During my working hours (10.00 - 12.00 am and 3.30 - 4.30 pm) I have fed the computer with full details of MUFC'S team and management in order to come up with a formula to ensure a win. Unfortunately the task proved too much for the machine and it is now under repair (I don't think this will mean an increase in the aforementioned Poll Tax).

The nearest programme the computer came up with was a diagram showing how to achieve a nil-nil draw, not as good as winning, I admit, but better than the usual crap. Because the computer printer caught fire when the machine went down I have had to reproduce the diagram by hand. Your management may wish to make a few amendments but I assure you this formation will work.

By the way, I wish to remain anonymous as the dole office further down the road does not know I work here.



P.S. I feel if the crossbar were lowered some three feet in Maidenhead's defending goal, and the sides did not change ends at half time, the results would be even more effective.

- Arrange players in goalmouth as for team photo for 90 minutes.
- Chairman to stand on sidelines blowing his filthy cigar smoke towards the opposition.

Dear editor,

How delighted I was to obtain a copy of your 1st issue. I was even more delighted to see that a couple of supporters took it upon themselves to assist the club in raising funds to build the wall. It was great to read some of your articles again, having read a number of them in other fanzines... (Bastard...ED)

My only complaint is about your continual use of the word "shit". As you rightly pointed out Maidenhead IS the sort of club where you can take the wife and kids without fear of bad language and behaviour. Why then spoil it by making continuous remarks about shit. "Shit" is a ghastly word you know - My 7 year old got hold of my copy the other day, and when I asked him what he thought of the contents he said "It's geat dad and it's full of shit"! Do you know I counted the word shit no less than 4 times on just 2 pages! Hardly in keeping with the club's family image is it?

So come on boys lets have less use of the word shit and more good clean stuff in the next issue.

P.S I hope to see you at the Sportsmans Dinner.

Name and address withheld.

Dear readers,

we withheld this gentlemans address because we believe this is the same pompus drunk git who stood up at the Sportsmans Dinner and complained about the swearing then. In reply to his above letter we have only one thing to say. SHIT.

Dear Ed,

On the night of the cup match against Basingstoke I arrived at York Road with brick, (as suggested in Issue 1) only to be told "You can't bring that in `ere mate."

A rather heated discussion took place between myself and the gateman who refused to believe that the said brick was for the wall and accused me of carrying an offensive weapon. A crowd - 4 or 5 stalwart Maidenhead supporters -witnessed the provocation I endured which led from the accuracy of the gentleman's description of the brick.

However, I am now glad to say that the gentleman is out of hospital.

In order that I may attend the next home match, and thus boost ticket sales by 1%, would you please be good enough to forward 5000 pounds bail money. Alternatively could you leave a message in the Anchor asking the Chairman if he would be willing to take on my case.

VINNY
H.M. PRISON
READING

ED.. No.

ARTHUR "MUFF" DIVER'S MATCH REPORT

WEMBLEY v MAIDENHEAD

We're on our way to Wembley, we're on our way to Wembley, tra la la la, tra la la la. Right folks, where shall I begin? Let's start with the weekend's festivities.

Needless to say, after our 3 goal trouncing of Heybridge, me and my good lady wife, Edna, thought a small celebration was in order - I mean, it's not every day Maidenhead win two games on the trot. So there we were sitting in the public bar of the Three Jolly Rapists enjoying a quiet Saturday night pint. As usual the Saturday night strippers were strutting their stuff. Ordinarily it was Virginal Eve and Mammoth Mandy but tonight was girls night so it was Tony the Tiger and Dangly Derek. I was NOT amused. I was even less amused when Dangly Derek dangled his wanger in my Ale. Mind you, he wasn't smiling either when I stamped on it! Served the buggar right if you ask me!

Later that night, when we got home, I says do Edna. "How about a quickie?" "You gotta be joking." she says "I aint interested in that little burnt Swan Vesta of yours anymore. Not now I've handled Dereks dangly" To say I was shocked, well... "What the bloody hell d'ya mean ya andled it!!!" I shouted. "Someone had to rub it better after you trod on it!"

Well, a man can only take so much. I told Edna that next Saturday I was going to borrow her scissors and cut old Derek down to size! The daft cow woudn't speak to me for two days, and when she did it was to tell me that the dog had shit on the carpet!

Come Tuesday night I was glad to get out of the house. And of course the innevitable happened - I got lost. For over an hour I went round and round in circles until I nearly ran in to the back of a police patrol car. The Policeman and Policewoman inside didn't seem to happy to see me. Especially when I pointed out their car had a condensation problem and that I knew someone who could fix it, the bloke looked embarrassed. Eventually the policeman gave me directions.

My first impressions upon arrival at Wembley were "Bloody hell!!! This place certainly puts York Road to shame" The place was bloody massive! Although I was a little early I thought it strange that the floodlights were off, but then again, what with the cost of maintaining such a place I thought they'd keep them off until the last minute.

Usually at away games I like to sit at the back of the stand (providing they've got one). Tonight was no different except it took me 15 minutes to climb the stairs! GOD was it high. The pitch seemed like a speck in the distance. I reckoned they could fit 100,000 people in here no sweat. funny that, seeing as though Wembley's gate averages about 100.

After about an hour of waiting I decided they must've cancelled the match due to floodlight failure. Buggars could've told me!! On the way out I spotted their clubhouse BLOODY HELL!!! It was bigger than the whole of York Road. I would've popped in for a pint but the music was too bloody loud!

SPORTSMANS DINER

I have to own up to the fact that if it were not for the generosity of my Co-Ed, Steve Beard's father, Brian Beard, I would not have attended Maidenhead United's inaugural Sportsmans Diner. I will be forever glad of his invite because it was a marvelous night. Full congratulations must go to Brian Knights and Adam Churchill for the excellent organisation.

Our party, Steve, myself, Brian and his friend Jim (an ex rally driving champion) arrived at Maidenhead Town Hall at 6.45pm only to discover that the bar didn't open until 7! Conscious of the fact we were hanging around the bar staff decided (thankfully) to open early. By 7.30 the hall had started to fill with many York Road regulars.

It was approximately 8.00 when we settled down for the meal, the table plans had been carefully prepared and we found ourselves situated on table 5, a well situated table toward the front.

The meal itself (as you can see from the programme overleaf) was four courses. Usually I'm a critical bastard but I must admit the meal and the service was second to none and nothing was too much trouble for the waiters and waitresses. Each table placing was furnished with a professionally prepared programme (printed overleaf).

When everyone had finished their meal we settled down to listen to the first guest speaker, ex Liverpool skipper, Ron Yeats. He shared with us many magical moments he endured at Anfield. He told numerous hysterical tales concerning the late great, Bill Shankly. Tremendous stuff it was.

During the evening a couple delightful ladies (don't laugh) circulated the tables selling raffle tickets at a pound a throw. They should be happy in the knowledge that they raised a considerable amount of cash for the club. As usual they didn't sell me a winning ticket! Maybe oneday!

Following Ron Yeats speech which lasted a commendable 40 mins, the raffle was drawn. The first prize was a weekend in Paris no less! A sizable amount of prizes were distributed with a good percentage being donated back to be auctioned later in the evening. The winning ticket was drawn by Neville Wray, the world champion kick boxer.

After the raffle, Steve Beddow, the evenings compere, introduced the once bronze olympic boxer and now overweight comedian, Chris O'dell. For almost an hour Chris had us in stitches with his polished routine.

Next came the auction. A phenomenal amount of money was raised on a number of valuable items. Jim Parsons, our beloved Chairman laid out 150 pounds on a cricket signed by the 1983 Nat West Trophy finalists, Middlesex and Kent - a similar piece of wood without the ink can be obtained from a DIY shop for about 2 quid! The other auction items included a football signed by the 1991-92 Spurs squad which raised 200 quid. A football signed by the 1991-92 Arsenal squad which raised a meagre 90 pounds! Ha Ha!

All in all it was a great night. Well done Maidenhead

Top Table — Names & Titles

Roy Merryweather
Wokingham Town F.C. Team & General Manager

Brian Knights
Maidenhead United F.C. Commercial Manager

Alan Turvey
Diadora Football League Chairman

Adam Churchill
Maidenhead United F.C. Promotions Manager

Ron Yeats
Guest Speaker

Chris O'Dell
Guest Speaker

Ian Boyd
Maidenhead Rugby F.C. Vice Chairman

John Clements
Maidenhead United Team Manager

Neville Wray
World Champion Kick Boxing & Martial Arts

Steve Beddow
Guest Compere

Programme

6.45-7.15 p.m. Reception

7.15 p.m. Dinner

To be announced by Compere Steve Beddow

Grace

Mr Alan Turvey M.C.

Toast on Behalf of Guests

Roy Merryweather

7.30-9.00 p.m. — Dinner

Guest Speaker

Ron Yeats

1st Raffle — Cash Prize

Guest Speaker

Chris O'Dell

Auction & 2nd Raffle

Evening Close

Compere Steve Beddow

Ron Yeats

Born in Aberdeen on the 15th November 1937 and started his senior playing career with Dundee United.

Bill Shankley signed him for Liverpool for £30,000 in July 1961 and he went on to play 357 games for Liverpool scoring 12 goals. Amazingly he received only 2 caps for Scotland.

Ron finished his playing days with Tranmere where he played 96 games and scored 5 goals. Ron is now Chief Scout for Liverpool F.C.

Menu

Fresh Home-made Vegetable Soup

Assorted Fancy Rolls & Butter

Breast of Chicken Bordeaux

(Whole chicken breast served with a rich red wine sauce)

Roast & Buttered New Potatoes with Parsley

Two Fresh Seasonal Vegetables

Fresh Fruit Mille Feuilles

(Layers of very fine pastry sandwiched with fresh fruit & cream)

English & Continental Cheeseboard

Accompanied by biscuits, celery & grapes

Freshly percolated Coffee & Chocolate Mint

Wine List

Please pay with your order

Venetian House White — £8.95

From Northern Italy

Venetian House Red — £8.95

From Northern Italy

Muscadet Sevre E. Maine — £9.95

The white wine from France. Light & fresh from the Loire

Mouton Cadet Blanc — £12.95

Quality white wine from Bordeaux

Cotes Du Rhone — £9.95

Full bodied yet fresh & elegant

Mouton Cadet Rouge — £12.95

Quality red wine from Bordeaux. Full bodied yet smooth

Veve Du Vernay Brut — £14.95

A sparkling wine for a very special occasion

Auction Items

1 Football Autographed by England Squad
to play France on Wednesday 19th February

1 Rugby Ball Autographed by Harlequins R.F.C.
including Will Carling

1 Cricket Bat Autographed by Nat West Trophy
Finalists, Middlesex v Kent, 1988

1 Football Autographed by 1991-92
Arsenal Squad

1 Football Autographed by 1991-92
Spurs Squad

WHEN SKIES WERE GRAY!!

Saturday the 8th of February 1992 will be remembered by most Maidenhead United supporters as John Clements first game in charge following Gary Goodwins dismissal. But that day also heralded the last game for a loyal player and clubman, Peter Gray.

Joining first in 1986, Peter went on to make over 200 appearances in a magpie shirt and played in numerous positions.

Although not one of the most elegant of defenders - he never really looked comfortable on the ball - Peter gave total commitment and effort to Maidenhead's cause in whatever position he was playing in. Which included an excellent 7 minutes "between the sticks" at Abingdon, after Rackley's "funny five minutes" led to him making the early trip to get the showers warmed up.

Almost certainly, Peter was one of the ugliest players to perform for the club. Although not in the Peter Beardsley class of ugliness, when he removed his false teeth he did become pretty frightening - especially to the small children who gather behind the goal at the Bell Street end.

Peter's only goal for the club was well worth seeing. Unfortunately only one man and his dog were in attendance on that cold cold December night at Edgware when Peter's stunning volley bulged the dazed keepers net.

At the end of our recent promotion season, Peter was justifiably awarded the Chairman's clubman of the year award, which was reward for his fund raising efforts off the pitch as well as his commitment on it. I'm sure like myself other supporters wish Peter every success in his new position as player-coach to Fleet Town.

THE MAGPIES TOP TEN

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| 1. Money's too tight to mention | - The Officers + Committee |
| 2. You make me wanna shout | - Peter Rackley |
| 3. I missed again | - Gary Hall |
| 4. Substitute | - Dadson and Rideout |
| 5. The only way is up | - John Clements |
| 6. Kick like a mule | - Steve Croxford |
| 7. Hello, I'm back again | - Dean Foster |
| 8. Born to run | - Muir and Reeve |
| 9. Leader of the gang | - Peter Rackley (new entry) |
| 10. Celebration | - The Bell Street Choir |

BURNS NIGHT

Dear Shags,

whilst reading the match programme produced for the home fixture against Croydon I came across an article entitled "Scotch Corner". Now, don't get me wrong, I'm not anti-scotish or anti-anything. But what the hell has Burns Night got to do with Maidenhead Football Club? I know that the match programme Editor has a hard job filling the pages every week and that new ideas are hard to come by, but surely he could have used the free page for something decent, rather than the total and utter crap he printed. I mean to say, WHO is this Robert Burns chappie?

The author of the article claims he was a genius! Does having sixteen kids and dying in poverty sound clever to you? The author also says that Burns could read, write and remember - So can my six year old son yet he's not a member of MENSA! Further on the authors drags us back back down memory lane with tales of his overbearing English teacher, Mr Law. Apparently he was shit scared of him! Judging by the standard of writing and the continual spelling mistakes I can only assume that the author was so shit scared of him that he failed to pay attention to him in class (probably daydreaming about Robert Burns). I found the author's lack of elementary English offensive. Usually I'm not one to criticise, but I thought I'd bring it to your attention.

Phil Banks, Windsor

Well Phil, We too thought it a little mystifying for such an article appearing in the match programme. Obviously the author (Mr Brian Knights) had his reasons for its inclusion. But slaying and criticising his use of the English language is, to put it bluntly, somewhat over the top. So what if he can't spell. So what if he can't construct a grammatically correct sentence. Neither can we!! AT LEAST HE TRIED. (As we are doing at present) And whilst we're on the subject of criticism I would like to criticise YOU!!

IN future we would prefer you to type you correspondance as we found your piss poor handwriting a pain to decipher.

PS.. Please don't bother to write in and criticise OUR spelling and OUR grammer . We already know about it!

THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE Vs NON-LEAGUE

The arguments rage on concerning the plans for a "Super-League". The only people who speak in favour of the proposals are the advocates. Whilst the people who really matter, the players and supporters, have no say on the issue.

Being a supporter of a non-league club you're entitled to ask; "What difference will it make to my club whether the new league comes about or not?" I think that whilst the "Super-League" will cause irreversable damage to many Football League Clubs who are unable to raise the capital required to "buy" their way in, resulting in many, either merging or folding, I can see a plus side for clubs such as Maidenhead United.

Football League Clubs are gradually pricing many supporters out of attending matches on a regular basis, it's not uncommon to be asked to pay twenty pounds to watch a match. The "Super-League" will only hasten the need for clubs to extract yet more money out of their ever diminishing bands of followers. There is much evidence to prove that as admission prices rise attendances decline. If top class football clubs continue this practice then they stand the risk of becoming victims of their own success.

As any regular football supporter will tell you; "It's in our blood". No Saturday passes without them attending a match. But, like you and me, they only have so much they can spend on their hobby. So, as prices increase, less will be able to afford to attend. Because of this, and other outside influences, the cost of travel etc, I envisage, in the not too distant future, an exodus away from League football. Many of these disillusioned out-priced die-hards will no doubt turn to Non-League football as an attractive alternative.

I speak from experience - I've been a regular at QPR for over 23 years. I only discovered the delights of Non-League action when moving into the area and being dragged along to York Road by a workmate to sample what it had to offer. Okay, the football's not as clever but this is more than compensated for by the general atmosphere on match day. Just like the big clubs little Maidenhead is buzzing on a Saturday. Just 2.50 to get in, a super little clubhouse (something QPR lacks). But more importantly 22 players on the field giving their all for their club and supporters. These guys aren't out there playing for the gross financial gain of their professional counterparts. No, these guys are playing for something far more important - their pride.

Maidenhead might be light years away from "Super-League" status, but to the players, come 3pm on a Saturday, they approach the match with the same gusto as the big-wigs in the Football League.

Unlike League clubs, the Chairman and Committee members can be seen rushing around raising much needed revenue by selling lottery tickets, raffle tickets etc. They all play their part. Win, lose or draw, the same friendship and hospitality is displayed to the opposition both on and off the pitch.

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Since my first visit I've attended as many matches as possible, and I now count myself as a true Maidenhead supporter.

The next time you're approached by an individual to purchase a raffle or lottery ticket, stick your hand in your pocket, it's for a good cause, you never know you might even win! One thing you can be sure of, your money will be well received and used for the benefit of the club and supporters equally. Whereas, by paying exorbitant prices to watch Arsenal v Liverpool, the money will simply be used to fuel the ever-increasing payments to players and shareholders, not forgetting the outrageous transfer fees.

In summarizing, I believe that Non-League football offers a very attractive alternative to the disillusioned Football League follower.

"Next time you have a Saturday to spare, pay a visit to your local Non-League club. You never know, you might even enjoy it!"

TREVOR KINGHAM

CHAIRMAN OF THE QUEENS PARK RANGERS LOYAL SUPPORTERS ASSOC.

ED.....I would like to point out that Trevor is the assistant Editor of this fanzine and also, along with myself, co-founder. The reason I mention this is to remind you that although we SEEM to knock the club and players with every opportunity we get, we don't really mean it.

OR DO WE ??????

AN APOLOGY

Since the release of ISSUE ONE we have had many complaints concerning our "Rob a bank for Maidenhead campaign."

In hindsight we agree that it was irresponsible of us to encourage the younger generation to steal for Maidenhead United Football Club, and therefore we ended the campaign.

So kids, the next time you rob a bank don't hand over the goodies to Maidenhead United. KEEP IT FOR YOURSELVES.

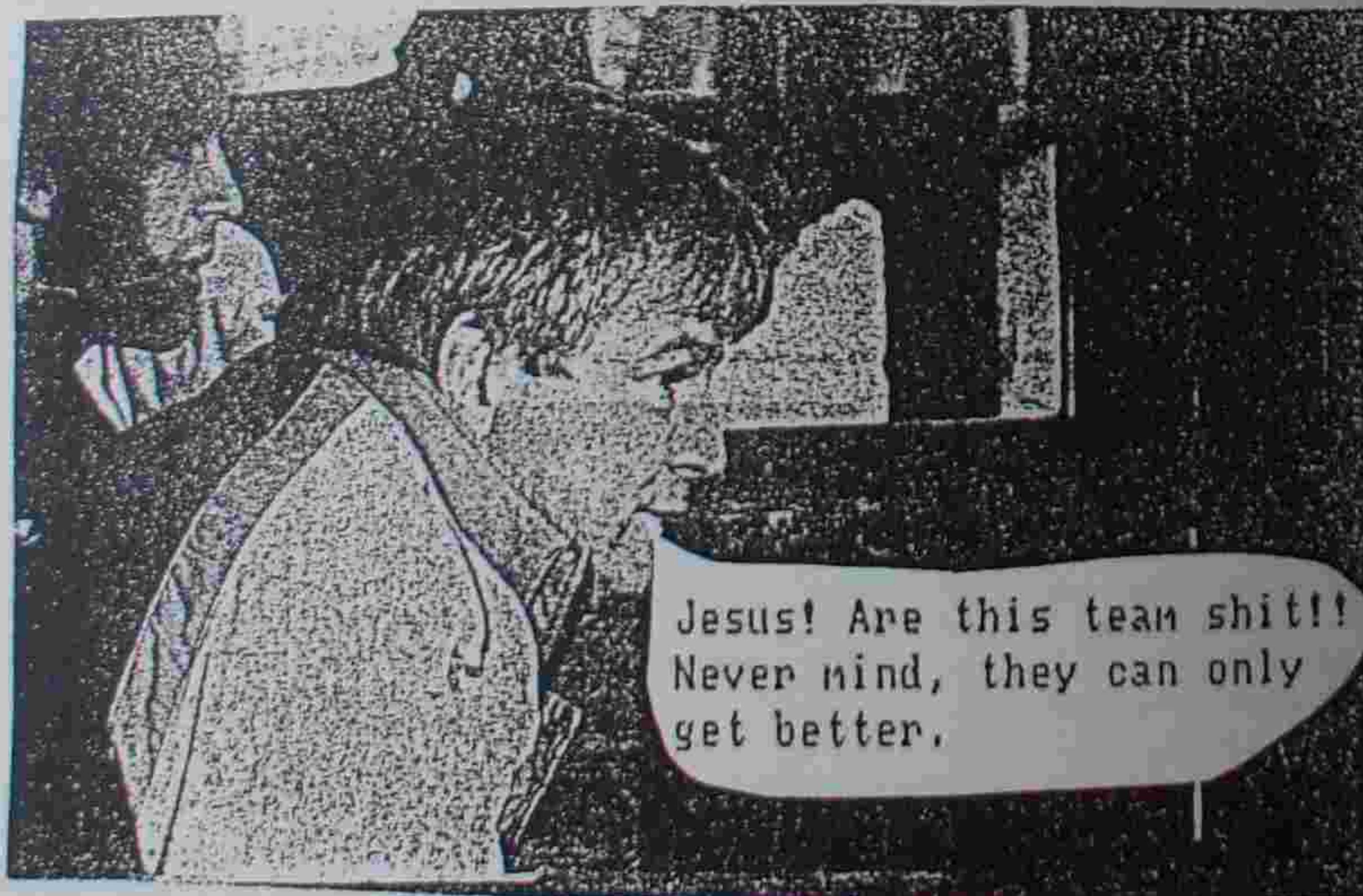
THE KISS OF DEATH.....

Isn't it strange how every time a Chairman gives his manager a vote of confidence the manager usually leaves the club within weeks.

You can imagine poor old Gary Goodwin reading the article in the programme and thinking "Oh, shit. That's me out the door!"

Why do Chairmen often revert to this "Kiss of Death" when managers are on the slippery slope? Why don't they just tell people the truth? I'm sure Gary Goodwin would have appreciated frankness rather than false hope. Also, why do Chairmen go to such lengths only to make themselves look like a dick-head.

Chairmen are supposed to be in charge. They're supposed to know what is going on at the club. Why then deceive the supporters. Why not print statements which tell us exactly what is going on.



QUICK OFF THE MARK

Dear sir,

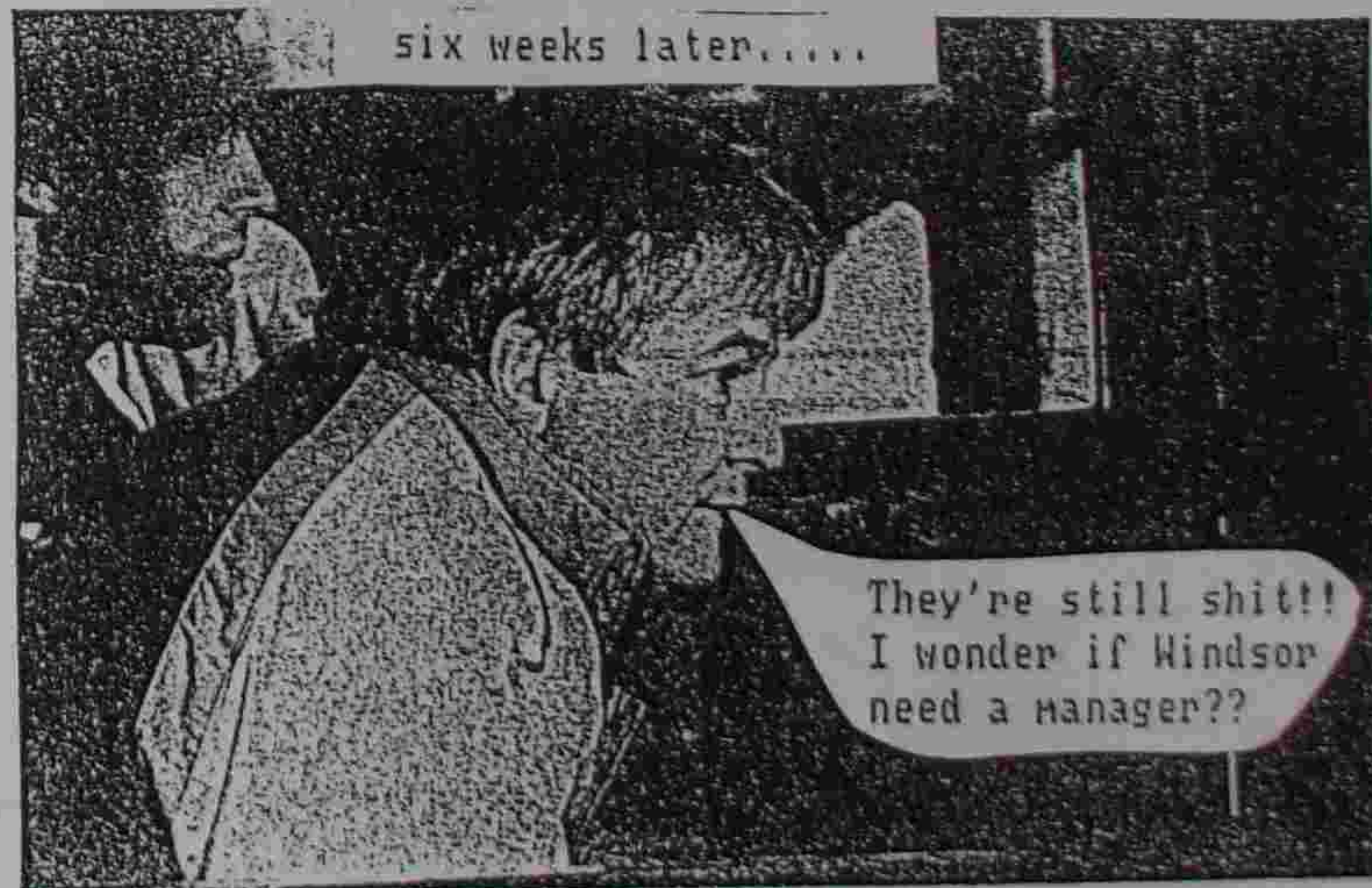
Don't you think the speed of the appointment of John Clements as new manager a little suspicious?

I do.... In the past Maidenhead have advertised managerial vacancies in the national press. I've worked out that on average Maidenhead usually take about four weeks to appoint someone. Not this time though.... This time it took two bloody days!!

I suppose Clements just happened to be walking past boardroom when they sacked Gary Goodwin - How very fortunate.

If you ask me Clements was approached well before Gary's sacking - probably ten minutes after the chairman wrote his vote of confidence in the programme. The whole affair stinks and I think Gary is better off out of a back stabbing club like Maidenhead.

Fred Jessup



SOCCER SHORTS FROM THE COURTS

EXCLUSIVE

We have an unconfirmed report that Maidenhead United's Chairman, Jim Parsons, has been found guilty of drunk and disorderly behaviour by Wembley magistrates. As we have said, this is an unconfirmed report, although it was rumoured that a Wembley magistrate quipped "Jesus Christ! What's he gonna be like if they win four on the trot!!"



Maidenhead United's Chairman pictured after the match at Wembley

A MATTER FOR CONCERN.

Anyone paying a visit to York Road, home of Division 1 side Maidenhead United of the Diadora League, on Tuesday 17th March could be forgiven for thinking that the visiting team, Heybridge Swifts had suddenly all come down with the plague! Maidenhead listed in the Match Programme 13 players of which just one team change was announced, whereas Heybridge made no less than 10 changes to the team listed in the Programme! Which I have on good authority they submitted for publication just one week prior to the game.

The match held special significance as both teams were battling to avoid relegation. Heybridge were languishing in 20th place in the league, 2nd from bottom, Maidenhead were in 17th place just 5 points to the better. A real 'Ding-Dong' relegation battle lie ahead, both teams desperate to secure the 3 vital points.

Three weeks earlier Maidenhead returned from their away encounter with Heybridge with 3 points in the bag following a resounding 3-0 victory, so on paper the result looked a forgone conclusion....Or so I thought!

As it turned out the match proved to be by far the best I had seen at York Road all season. The standard of football on offer made a mockery of both sides league position, it was excellent entertainment and a great advert for non-league football! Play switched from end to end, although we had to wait until the 70th minute for the opening goal in favour of Heybridge. Maidenhead refused to accept defeat and were rewarded for their hard work with a spectacular equaliser in the dying seconds of the match.

I had positioned myself in my normal place behind the goal in which Maidenhead were attacking for both half's of the match and couldn't help but notice that the Heybridge goalkeeper referred to his team mates by number rather than by name. It became evident that many of the Heybridge team also referred to each other by number rather than name, I thought this very odd, it was plain to see they were all strangers to each other, I suspected something was amiss!

Following the match I visited the social club and soon got chatting with 3 visiting supporters, I was alarmed at what they had to say.

Since the last encounter between the two sides just three weeks earlier Heybridge had enlisted the services of 10 new players, all on loan to the club, 5 of which had been playing for 4th Division Barnet in the Capital League. I was also to discover that the weekly wage bill at Heybridge was approaching £4000! In three short weeks just one player remained in the side that Maidenhead had beat so convincingly. Considering the crowds at Heybridge hover around the 100 mark I found it difficult to comprehend how they could afford such high wage payments. Although after hearing these facts it went some way in explaining Heybridge's sudden change in fortunes on the pitch. The Saturday prior to this game Heybridge visited another relegation threatened club, Whyteleafe and returned home 3-1 winners.

The reason for my writing is that I find it alarming, to put it mildly that the Diadora League allow a system permitting clubs such as Heybridge to sign on loan a whole new team to ensure they maintain their league status which will inevitably result in a less well off club taking there place in the relegation zone.

To me the system seems wide open to abuse, what say Harlow Town, who are in a similar position to the clubs I have mentioned were to enlist the services of the Tottenham reserve side, or maybe borrow Paul Gascoigne in an effort to improve goal difference and attract massive gates at the same time escape the drop into a lower division? Where will it end? I find myself asking.

I believe the whole concept of allowing clubs to sign literally 11 players on loan needs an urgent rethink before money becomes more important than the game itself, as is already the case in the Football League.

Maidenhead can take much comfort in managing to secure a vital point in their fight to avoid relegation, especially when you consider that, on paper they were up against a vastly superior team containing many players with experience gained from playing for sides much higher up the Pyramid. I fear other clubs threatened with relegation may not be as fortunate!

PICTURE EXCLUSIVE

THE UNEMPLOYED.



IT'S A BIT TOO PRICY FOR ORDINARY WORKING CLASS PEOPLE LIKE OURSELVES!!!



SUPER-PRAT MICHAEL JACKSON WAS LIVID TO DISCOVER THAT WE FAILED TO GIVE HIM A MENTION IN ISSUE 1. SORRY JACKO, WE ALL THINK YOU'RE SWELL!!!.....Ed.

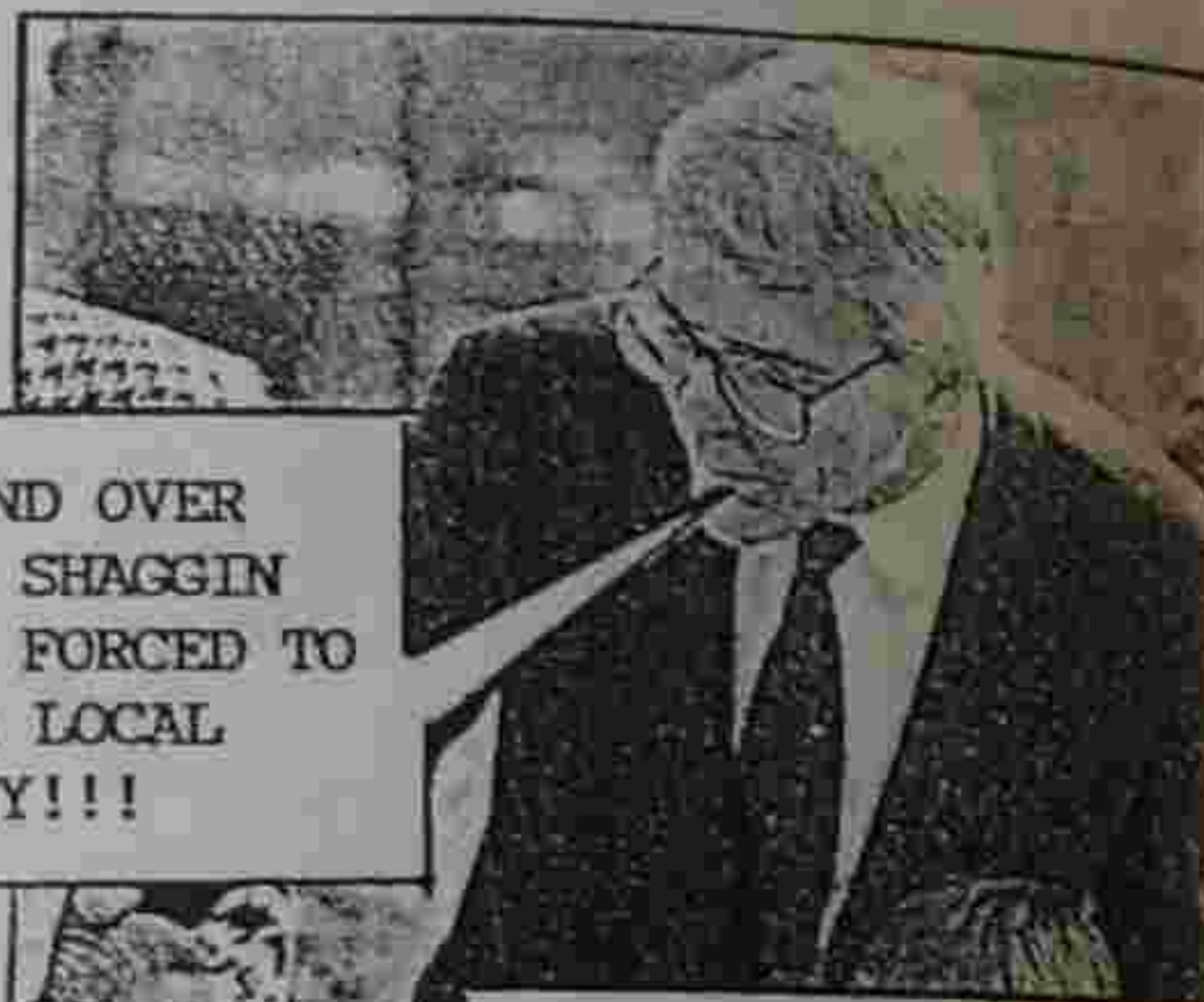
Jacko - magazine anger

A TOPLESS MODEL AND HER HUSBAND.



WHO'S SHAGGIN WHO OLD BOY?

IF YOU DON'T HAND OVER YOUR COPY OF THE SHAGGIN MAGPIES I MIGHT BE FORCED TO CLOSE DOWN YOUR LOCAL HOSPITAL, SONNY!!!

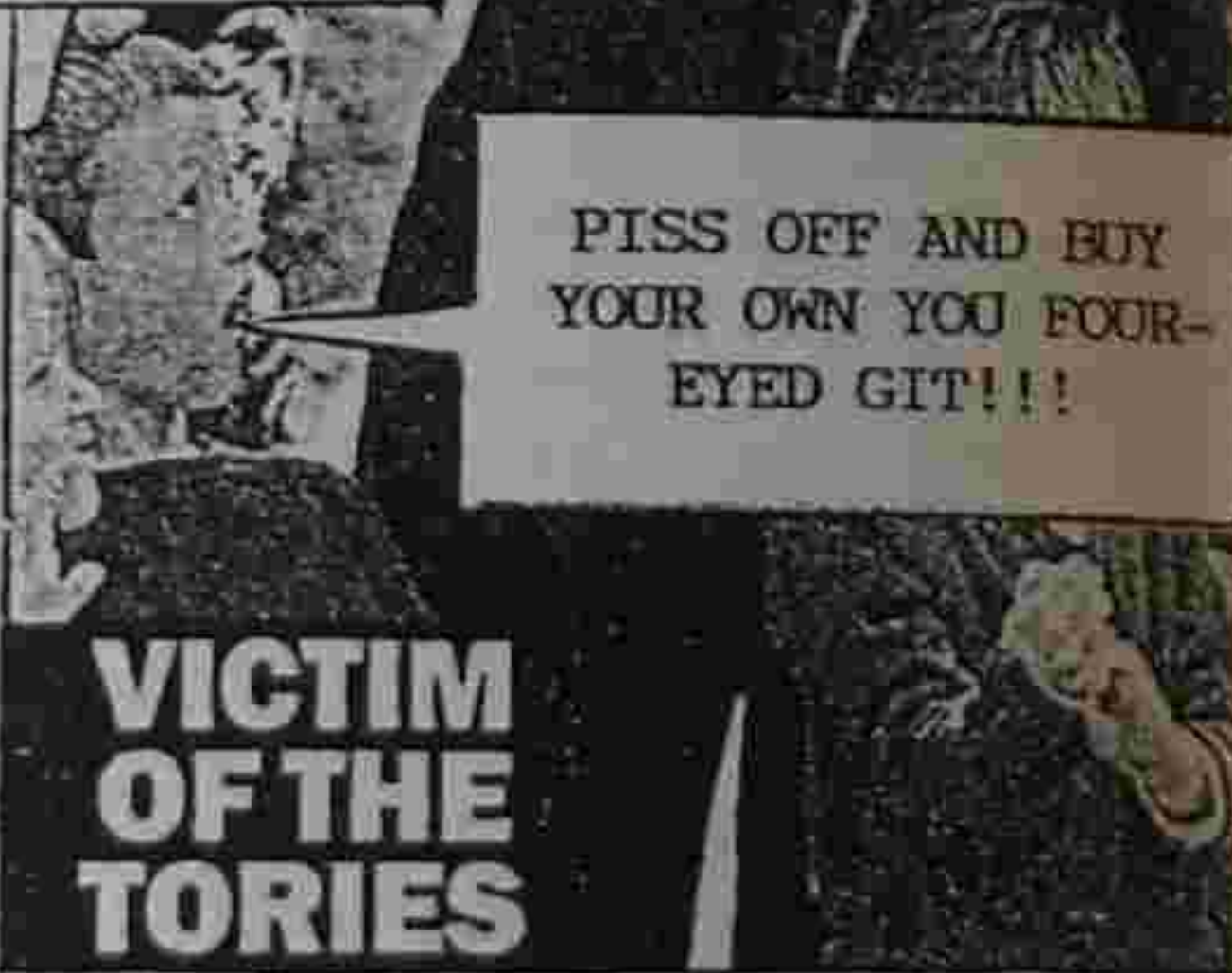


PISS OFF AND BUY YOUR OWN YOU FOUR-EYED GIT!!!

Vote-swinging



I MAKE THIS PLEDGE TO YOU ALL. AS SOON AS WE ARE RETURNED TO OFFICE MY FIRST ACT WILL BE TO MAKE THE SHAGGIN MAGPIES AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE ON THE NATIONAL HEALTH!



VICTIM OF THE TORIES

A BRIXTON SHOPPER.

DOES IT HAVE EASY TO FOLLOW MAPS IN IT?



ANOTHER VILLAGE IDIOT.

Readers' poll

THE VILLAGE IDIOT.



auntie Jane's problem page

Dear Auntie Jane,

During the past few weeks I've noticed that every time I take a goal kick the crowd behind my goal shout "You're Shit!!". My problem is that I find it hard to accept this compliment. I feel I'm not that good. The pressure of playing up to this standard is putting me off my game. Please can you help.

"Scissor hands Rackley"

Jane:

Well, Peter. If it's any consolation I too cannot accept this compliment. It's a gross exaggeration to say the least. Such lies coming from Maidenhead supporters embarrasses me. They're the ones that need help! So, Peter. Close your ears to the compliments and be happy in the knowledge that you're a total baffoon between the sticks who brings much laughter with your wacky antics and pathetic attempts to stop the ball.

Dear Auntie Jane,

The bell ringer from the local church keeps trying to get inside my knickers. Normally I would welcome such an offer, but this chap has a deformed face, a lisp, and a hump on his back the size of a coal sack. What do you think I should do?

Esmerelda

Jane:

Let him in, girl... Let him in.. Just think matters could be much worse. It could've been Peter Gray who was making the advances!

Dear Auntie Jane,

The other day, while I was eating my morning carrot, I noticed that my ears were becoming pointed and hairy. I was even more alarmed when I went to sneeze and brayed instead. Since then I've started to grow body hair all over. The only pleasing thing about my problem is that my chopper has tripled in size. What do you think I should do?

"Ned" Croxford

Jane:

Tripled in size!!! Get yourself round my house boy!

MAIDENHEAD UNITED'S PRESENTATION NIGHT

CLUB ADVERT

This seasons Annual Presentations evening will be held at Maidenhead Town Hall on Friday the 8th of May.

The cost of the evening will be 20 pounds. This will include a four course meal followed by dancing to Rod Hamer and his band. We also hope to arrange a surprise quest speaker.

It will be expected that all players will attend.

Let's bring the season to a fitting close and pack the Town Hall out.

Please let me know as soon as possible how many tickets you wish to purchase.

As usual you can contact me on (0628) 36314

Thank you for all your support during the season.

BRIAN. S. KNIGHTS

MAIDENHEADS PROGRAMME DOES HAVE IT'S USES

Below we have printed a letter that was posted anonymously.

Dear Sirs,

First of all, thank you for bringing a smile to my face. It's the first time I've laughed at York Road in a very long time. I'm surprised you had the club's backing since you showed them for what they are .. Prats.

Anyway, the reason I'm writing is because I was horrified to read your article entitled "Should the club use Re-cycled paper" In the article you suggested that the club use re-cycled to print the programme. I plead with you to retract the article because the present paper the programme is printed on is excellent for toilet use. Anyone who has used re-cycled paper to wipe their arse will testify how sore it makes them. It may well be a few pence cheaper but I prefer to pay the extra because I save in the long run buy not having to buy buckets of vaseline.

ED. I suppose you could say - You like wiping shit with shit

THE LAST PAGE

Question:
What made goalkeeper, John Smeulders, different from the Maidenhead forward line?

Answer:
He could score from the penalty spot

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Question:
What have Paul Holder, Dean Bailly and Stuart Muir got in common with each other?

Answer:
They look nothing like Benny Laryea!

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Question:
What have Benny Laryea, Micky Floyd, Francis Aruquez and the Mexican Chairman all got in common?

Answer:
More hair than Paul Holder!

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Well, here we are at the end of Issue Two. We're sorry about the delay between the Issues but we're both very busy people. If it wasn't for the harassment we received from Jim Parsons then you might still be waiting!!

As we go to print it seems that thankfully we're safe from relegation. Well done to the players and staff on performing a minor miracle. When reading the fanzine you might feel that we're out of date. Please remember that we have tried to cover all that has gone on during the past four months since the release of Issue One.

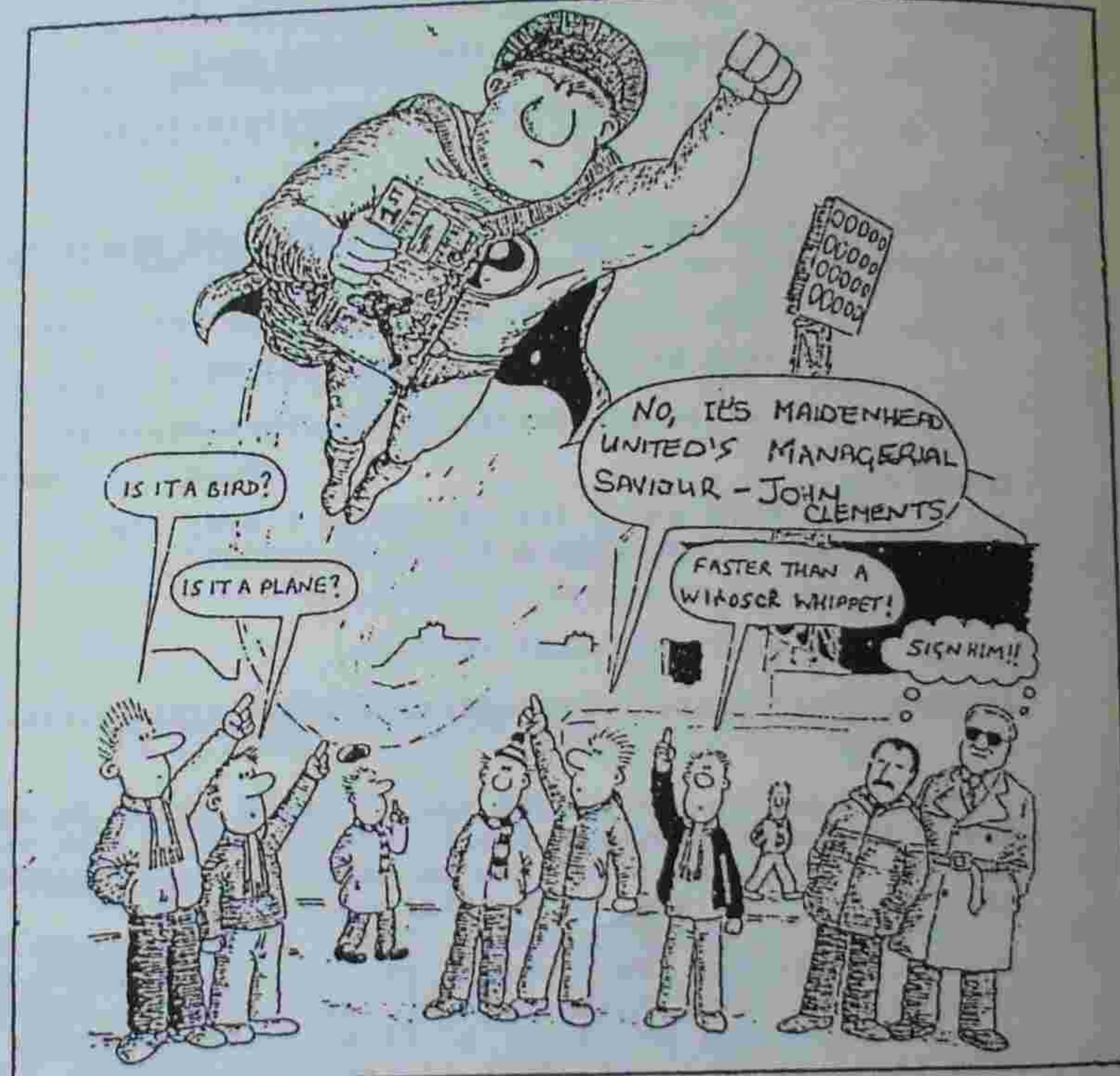
The release of Issue Three totally depends on you the supporters. The course and views of Issue Three also depend on you the supporters. If you support US then we'll support YOU by producing more frequent Issues, better quality Issues and a fanzine all clubs would be proud of.

If you want to "slag" the club fine. Their all grown men and should have the intelligence to view criticisms constructively. If you want to praise them then that's also fine. Everyone likes a pat on the back.

Please, Please send articles, letters, jokes, views, pictures, anything that will make the fanzine cover a wider range of Maidenhead United's supporters view. My address is on the page everyone skips-the Editorial (bottom of page 3)

A last thank you for purchasing this fanzine. You have once again put "Another brick in the wall"

The Shagging Magpies.



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