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THE STAFF SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB
NEWSLETTER

Tender Moments From The Lives Of The Stars...



EVERYONE ENDS UP WORKING ON FLEETVALLEY AT SOMETIME.
EVEN BOBBY.

COMMITTEE STATEMENT

Well this is issue no. 3, and to tell the truth I didn't think we'd ever get this far. The Christmas party, our first social event was a rip-roaring success, receiving support from all parts of the Museum. Our thanks and gratitude must go to all those who so willingly helped out. Details of our next unmissable party are contained further on in the newsletter, so read on.

Anyway, after a short pause during Christmas things are starting to pick up again, we've now got more teams forming and the darts league and five-a-side tournaments are generating alot of enthusiasum. Enthusiasum seems to be infectious, we've had a string of people coming to us with ideas and suggestions, and we've even had people coming to the meetings who weren't even committee members, an unheard of occurrence.

The newsletter itself is hopefully improving by leaps and bounds, this one not only contains more articles but should be better printed. If you have any contributions for the next exciting instolment don't hesetate to send them in.

Your ever vigilant Committee.

MINUTES OF STAFF SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB GENERAL MEETING 6/12/89

1:-

SOFTBALL

The Tecumsahs had a practice on Sunday 12th of November in Regents Park. The team members teamed up with several other groups in the park to play a match which was apparently a lot of fun.

FOOTBALL

Although the team have not yet won a match there is a fairly good turn-out on Sunday mornings despite injuries, hangovers and cold weather. In a recent match the referee made some dubious decisions and has been reported to the league.

BROOMBALL

The first match is to be played on Tuesday 19th December at the Broadgate ice rink.

2:-

NEWSLETTER

The newsletter format has now been set up on the computers at Burdett House. Using this format will make production of the newsletter faster and easier. The latest issue contains leaflets about trips and sporting events for staff to sign and return to the pigeon hole by January 2nd 1990.

3:-

POOL TABLE

Once Burdett House has been demolished a new location will have to be found for the table. Reps please think of alternatives.

4:-

INTERNAL MAIL

Sometimes it is quicker to send things by post, especially West and South-West London, than to rely on the internal mailing system. NC to find place in Excavations Office for the clubs files and a mail collection point.

5:-

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Lots of excitement over the party. Tickets are selling well and there should be a profit made. NC and TN to co-ordinate food from the Pageant Office in the Museum. Other reps to help in the Pageant Office and at the T+C 2 to set up the buffet.

6:-

BANDS

The club hopes to put on several bands whose members work for the Museum. Maybe one gig in South and one in North London. Reps investigate possible venues e.g. pubs etc. An item should appear in the next newsletter asking for bands to contact the club.

7:-

NEXT PARTY

Possibility of another party at Easter. NC to investigate possible venues e.g. London Dungeon, Natural History Museum, H.M.S.Belfast etc...

8:-

NEXT MEETING

The next general meeting will be on January 17th 1990.

MINUTES OF STAFF SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB GENERAL MEETING 17/1/90

Not written up yet, but nothing new was really discussed.

AGENDA FOR NEXT GENERAL MEETING

- 1 REPORTS FROM TEAMS.
- 2 REPORTS FROM SOCIAL EVENTS.
- 3 NEWS LETTER.
- 4 TRIPS.
- 5 FORTHCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS.
- 6 A.O.B

NEXT GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON 14/2/90 AT 5.30pm IN THE CROWN PUBLIC HOUSE CLERKENWELL GREEN.

FORTHCOMING TRIPS

YORK (March 16-18)

The Museum S.S.S.C. are to arrange a trip to York, hopefully with help from Y.A.T. Events to include a trip around the YORVIC CENTRE avoiding the tourists and fun and games in the local pubs with members of Y.A.T.

ALL THE NAMES OF THOSE WISHING TO GO MUST BE IN BY THE
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AMSTERDAM (APRIL 6-9)

Over the channel to Amsterdam for the weekend, to visit windmills, tulip fields and canals if your so inclined. No false bottomed suitcases please ! The price and accomadation details will be released shortly. If you are interested in any of these wonderful events please put your names on the form provided and return through the internal mail to the Staff Sports and Social Club pigeon-hole.

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ITALY (SUMMER TIME)

It has been suggested by several people that it might be nice to go to Italy this summer, and by pure coincidence, the
1990 WORLD CUP

is taking place at the same time. If the other trips go according to plan and nothing disasterous happens we may well get more adventurous and see what we can organise. Any ideas gratefully received.

SPORTS

FOOTBALL FOCUS

Oh God, how did I get landed with the manager's job for this lot!!!! Friday and Saturday worrying if the team has got enough players, Sunday morning (3a.m. that is) dragging them half comatosed out of the inevitable party (if they haven't already disappeared for..... well this is a classy publication!). Arrive at the ground in plenty of time, anticipating a morning of fine athletic prowess, skill and dedication etc... and then they arrive (some of them any), "ohhhh I feel like shit!!!!", "I want to go back to bed" and "I think he's still in Harrow!". This first hurdle negotiated, there then comes the ordeal of persuading the groundsmen that we have booked the pitch, the putting up of the goals when you get one, and the now common occurrence of an absent referee. This is a particular hardship for a team so finely tuned in training that most of our tactful ploys rely on a good ref, although it must be pointed out that the best perfected offside trap has trouble succeeding when the centre half is busy relieving himself of the remnants of a doner kebab and eight pints of Youngs on the penalty spot. After the game (I can't do full justice to the match in print, it's more of a visual experience) there comes the Post Mortem in the nearest tavern, reliving those, sorry that, glorious moment in the match when everything came together (the final whistle perhaps) and we'll beat them in next time. Now, you may feel this is enough for one tortured sole, but no, what about the "how many did you lose by this time then?.....eight!!!!...you're improving" on Monday morning, still it's shared with the others from the team on site.... if they haven't broken their feet or toes etc., but that's another story.....

When I wrote last issue (6 Nov.) the team was woefully languishing at the foot of the League, with a record of P6 W0 D0 L6 GF4 GA52. Things surely couldn't worsen or could they????

The next game was a league match against FOXLEY ROYALS. With a full strength team we were fancying our chances following a previous performance with only eight players. The ref didn't show, nor did all our team, an ill tempered game, threatened walkout and an 11-2 loss made for an enjoyable Sunday morning. Goals scored by Ian Marsden and Doug Moir (penalties).

December and the season of goodwill brought a bit of Xmas cheer. QUEEN ANNE, who had already beaten us in the cup, visited us in Peckham and despite injury to our goalie John Butler, we were unlucky to lose 3-0.

GOOD FOR THE GAME IN GENERAL were the next league visitors, a hard fought match resulting in a 5-2 defeat, which didn't reflect the MOL's performance justly. Goals scored by Ian (pen.) and Tony Marsden.

So a new decade and a new, fresh start??.... You've got to be kidding!! KING WILLIAM B, entertained us at Southwark Park (entertained being the appropriate expression as we just stood and watched!!!). They are a recognised good team and unsurprisingly we lost 8-1, Dave Kenny scoring.

the league table at present is:-

London Sunday League Division One

	PLD	WON	DRAWN	LOST	GF	GA	PTS
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ALBATROSS	9	7	2	0	33	8	16
WARREN	10	6	1	3	54	27	13
KING WILLIAM B	8	6	1	1	38	19	13
QUEEN ANNE	11	6	1	4	28	23	13
TOCCATA	10	5	2	3	53	27	12
ST.GEORGES	8	4	2	2	28	22	10
G.F.T.G.I.G.	10	4	1	5	32	23	9
FOXLEY ROYALS	11	4	0	7	43	48	8
DUKE OF YORK	7	0	0	7	5	48	0
MUSEUM OF LONDON	10	0	0	10	9	79	0

At last on Jan.10th, in a midweek friendly, the Museum team WON. The unfortunate victims were ROYAL OAK recent victors over RED STAR SOUTHWARK (stitch that!!). Tow goals by Dave Wicks, one by Jules Cotton and a last gasp match winner by John Taylor securing a 4-3 victory.

The next scheduled match is a real David and Goliath affair.... The second round of the Wilkinson Sword Trophy versus Huntsman and Hounds FC, Premier Division leaders, a match likened to Scunthorpe Reserves vs. Brazil. Get down to Peckham Rye on Sunday 28th Jan. at 10:30 am and support the Museum.... you can be sure of plenty of goals.

OK.So I've taken the piss a bit, but really the team has put in a fine effort albeit unsuccessfully. We have a good time and would welcome any new players out there into the squad. Other football events include a five-a-side tournament and hopefully matches between the Archaeology sections, and who knows..... do the Oxford Unit and HBMC have teams??

BRIDGE

No word about the bridge league yet, but something may be happening, if so let us know.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

The Outdoor Activities Club has temporarily ground to a halt due to its two main exponents being in either Dover or New Zealand. I'm sure things will start up again when they return, and anyway it's cold and wet and miserable out there at the moment, so you're far better off in a nice warm pub.

PARACHUTING

There are still people parachuting but high winds have been cramping their style a bit. If death defying feats of daring are what you crave, let us know and we will point you in the right direction.

CLIMBING

During a drunken evening in the pub on Friday I overheard someone talking about a climbing trip but due to my highly relaxed state I can't remember who it was. If there is someone out there organising something or wanting to organise something please let us know. (They may also be able to tell me how I got home.)

BROOMBALL

Great interest was shown in the idea, but due to a tremendous lack of support (only two people turned up) we have been slung out of the league. This all took a lot of organising in the first place and I hope you all suitably ashamed of yourselves.

STOP PRESS NEWS.....

We have just been informed that there is a possibility of us joining a charity league, the winners of whom will be appearing on Thames Television. More details to follow, so you had better turn up this time.

CRICKET

The Museum of London cricket team is beginning indoor nets on Sunday 21st of January at Michael Sobell Sports Centre, Finsbury Park from 7.00pm until 8.00pm. The nets are booked for the next twelve weeks and anyone who is interested can turn out. The more people who come the cheaper it works out. No special equipment is required.

MUSEUM CRICKET TEAM AGM

February 1st: Hand and Shears 7.00pm

If you would like to play for the cricket team this coming summer but cannot make either the nets or the AGM contact us through the Staff Sports and Social Club pigeon hole or either: Kevin Wooldridge at Bridge House or Mark Burch at Plaisterers Hall.

POOL

Unfortunately the pool competition has had to be delayed indefinitely, due to the lack of a pool table. Burdett House (where the pool table was formally housed) was broken into during Christmas, the table was rifled and the contents were made off with, consequently the people who owned the said table have taken it back and we are temporarily tableless. We are trying to arrange another venue and we will keep you informed.

NETBALL

The Museum of London Staff Sports and Social Club has finally got a Netball team. All those interested can they please get in touch with Thanuja Madanayake through the Sports and Social Club pigeon hole. The practice sessions should start fairly soon. These will take place in the Saddlers Sports Centre near the Barbican. The cost of hiring a netball court is £2.50 which works out to about 20p each. Those who are are interested can they also let me know which day is the most suitable and what position they would like to play. We will probably play after work once a week.

Unfourtnunately we cannot join a League, but there are a number of teams in the City that we can play friendly matches against. Suggestions for a name for the team are welcome from both men and women. Since the last edition of Closed on Monday no one has shown any interest. If there are any more interested ladies can they get in touch with me and we can arrange a day that is suitable for everyone and start practicing. The probable date for the first practice session will be the 31/01/90 at the Saddlers Sports Centre 5.30pm.

FIVE-A-SIDE FOOTBALL

The FIVE-A-SIDE FOOTBALL is generating a lot of excitement, with various teams being arranged and argued about (usually in the pub), but as yet only six have been handed in. At present we are trying to arrange a sponsor, and a suitable venue, but we have to know how many teams to expect first.

Hopefully, if it proves the great success it promises, the tournament will become an annual event within the Museum, and the basis for a National Archaeological Five-a-Side competition, open to teams from other units from the rest of the country. (Red Star Southwark vs Oxford Archaeological Unit would be something to tell your grandchildren about.)

There is the possibility that we may be able to get a replica of the World Cup to act as the trophy (not made out of gold, but possibly made out of chocolate and covered in gold foil.)

Due to popular demand there will also be a
WOMENS FIVE-A-SIDE FOOTBALL
COMPETITION

taking place at the same time, so now there is no excuse.

ALL THE TEAMS WISHING TO TAKE PART MUST BE IN BY THE
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HOLE.

The competition will be covered by our men on the touch line
Gentleman Jim Hunter and Muddy Robin Wilson, the Museum's answer
to Saint and Greavsie.

THE TEAMS ENTERED SO FAR

TEAM NAME	Real Bastards
PLAYERS NAMES	1 Jonathon Henderson
	2 Jerry (I'm in charge) Youle
	3 Tim Neighbour
	4 James Drummond-Murray
	5 Jon Mills
	6 to be announced
	7 to be announced

(a classic combination of brute force and intelligence.)

TEAM NAME The Team With No Name

PLAYERS NAMES 1 N. Beckett
 2 Russel Clark
 3 Nick Lane
 4 Charles Thomas
 5 J. Malik or Glenn Lewington
 6 Martin Wilde
 7 Mike Herbert

(an awesome prospect.)

TEAM NAME D.G.L.A. ALL STARS

PLAYERS NAMES 1 Harvey Sheldon
 2 Bob Whitehead
 3 Derek Seeley
 4 Mike Hammerson
 5 Robin Demson
 6 John Dillon
 7 Ken Whittaker

(although this team is undoubtedly the strongest submitted so far, possessing both strength in depth and experience, we are somewhat dubious about its authenticity as the names on the entry form were composed of letters cut from a copy of the Guardian.)

TEAM NAME S.W. LONDON

PLAYERS NAMES 1 Phil Emey
 2 Dave Wicks
 3 Simon Mason
 4 Julian Cotton
 5 Jon Taylar
 6 Spencer Cooper
 7 R. Nelsen

(the dark horses of the competition, it has been rumoured that a man, bearing a remarkable resemblance to Bobby Robson has been seen loitering on the touch line during their practice matches.)

TEAM NAME West London

PLAYERS NAMES 1 Douglas Walsh
 2 Jon Cotton
 3 John Lewis
 4 Adrian Ward
 5 Neil Bugler
 6 Klara Spandl
 7 Andy Boucher

(the Camaroons of archaeological football)

TEAM NAME NOT SO ATHLETIC

PLAYERS NAMES 1 Ian Marsden
 2 Richard Greatorrex
 3 Damian De Rosa
 4 Paul Travis
 5 Dougie Muir
 6 Gerry Martin
 7 Steve Davies

(undoubtedly the best team in the competition, if not at football certainly at drinking)

A sticker album entitled LONDON ARCHAEOLOGY CUP 90 will be available soon (as advertised by Brian Clough). It will contain full action shots of all the players and will come complete with practical binder. "I'd watch out for it if I were you."

FIVE-A-SIDE FOOTBALL RULES

1. A £1 charge per player is required to help cover the cost of hiring the pitches.
2. All players must work for the Museum, DUA, or DGLA in either a paid or voluntary capacity.
3. A player may only play for 1 team.
4. A team must wear shirts of the same colour.
5. The duration of each game will be 10 mins. each way.
6. There are no offside rules.
7. The ball must not go above head height, an indirect free-kick will be given from where the ball was kicked. This does not apply if the ball rebounds above head height after hitting the goalkeeper.
8. The goalkeepers shall stay in areas at all times. An indirect free-kick will be given 1 yard outside the goalkeeper's area.
9. No player can go into the goalkeeper's area. Entering the opposition's goal area will result in a free-kick for the opposition. Entering your own goalkeeper's area will result in a penalty being awarded to the opposition.
10. Substitutes may be used at half-time, or at the referee's discretion.

SOFTBALL

The new softball season starts soon and the London Tecumsehs will be playing in the league for the first time! All the games are played midweek after work, in Regents Park, and are followed by a few pints with the other team in one of the many local pubs. There will also be practice games on Monday evenings once the light gets better, which everyone can come along to, followed by lots of pints in the local pub....! So if you would like to have a go at playing softball (Its pretty easy and good fun!) then come along to our next practice, which will be in Regents Park on Sunday 4th Feb. Meet by the tea house (in the middle of the park) at 1.00pm. Everyone welcome.

INTER UNIT DARTS LEAGUE

DARTS LEAGUE RULES

1. Teams will be made up of eight players, with units selecting as many reserves as they want.
2. Each team will select a pub or club as their home venue and submit the name and address of their chosen venue to the Sports and social club so that it can be circulated to the other teams.
3. Each team will choose a night to play (if possible try and book your pub's dart board in advance so as to avoid confusion on the night) if for some reason an away team cannot play on the specified night try and give the home team as much notice as possible so an alternative date can be set.
4. It is hoped that all five field units plus a team from the Museum will enter a team (it would make the mathematics a lot easier) but if there are an odd number of teams then a system of byes will be used. The season should last approximately ten weeks if there are no problems.
5. Matches are to be played on the following basis:-

8 singles of 1 leg 501

4 pairs of 1 leg 701

2 fours of 1 leg 901

this format should not take all-night but if anyone thinks that this will be too long-winded could they please let me know.

6. The results are to be sent to the S&SC pigeon hole by the captain of the winning team (or by the captain of the home team in the case of a draw) and I will issue a results and league table as often as possible (hopefully every week but more probably every fortnight).
7. Because of the problems of travelling to away matches straight after work the starting times of the games (e.g. getting to South West London from North London) it might be an idea for the two captains involved to arrange a start time between themselves in advance of the match.
8. It is hoped that sponsorship will be available so that a cup can be presented at the end of the season.

We have covered most of the important things above but if anyone has any suggestions or has any queries please let us know. We will release fixture lists and venue locations when the number of teams is known.

SOCIAL

BANDS

Still no reply to our request for bands so we have to repeat the message, any member of the Museum that is in a band and would like to play can you contact us, because we are trying to organise concerts night, hopefully in two pubs one north and one south of the river.

WOMEN'S EVENING

All women are invited to (another) women's evening (again!) after December's abortive attempt (not my fault - honest). We thought we might meet for a wee drink at

THE PUNCH

in Fleet Street from 5.00pm onwards on
MONDAY 29th JANUARY

All women from all units will be very welcome - Any male archaeologists seen in the vicinity will be scalped.

LAW REPORT

Congratulations must go to wee Roddy Regan Q.C. for his remarkable performance in court on 12/1/90 in fighting off a very unjust eviction notice. Well done, even if we couldn't see you above the dock!!

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

Next month will mark the start of the new archaeological SPOT THE WALL COMPETITION featuring famous archaeological sites of our time. Next month's site THE GLOBE THEATRE, Southwark. First prize a Tudor brick.

SPLAT BALL!

"War paint" is a team combat game of skill and strategy, played in rugged and spectacular woodland (well, Croydon really!) Instead of shooting your mouth off, why not simply shoot each other (with balls of red paint fired from special guns.)

So anyone interested should try to get a unit team together, of about 10 people, so I can make arrangements.

TEE SHIRT COMPETITION

Only two entries have been received so far and one of them was obscene so it looks as if there won't be much of a choice.

SQUOTTERS GROUP

The possibility of forming a squotters support group within the Museum has been discussed for sometime. If you are a squotter or have been or are presently homeless get in touch, the more we can pool advice and support the stronger we will be.

VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY

A Museum wide invitation is open to spend Valentine's Night (14/2/90) having a quiet drink in the convivial company of your fellow Museum employees. This evening of fun and frolics is set to take place in

THE CROWN
public house
CLERKENWELL GREEN.
NEAREST TUBE IS FARRINGDON.

We have hired the functions room of this renowned establishment at minimal cost to us, and no cost to you. It boasts good beer and friendly staff, who actually like archaeologists. It's D.G.L.A. North's local and if they can put up with that lot at full volume, they can put up with anyone, well almost anyone.

SO COME ALONG AND GET MASSACRED.

(bad joke.)

PARTY REPORTS

The Christmas party went very smoothly despite all the possibilities for a total disaster. Everyone I've asked had a good time (despite the fact you couldn't see the food) and would certainly go to the next one (which is planned for two to three months time.) Leading socialite Mr Douglas Killock, said when asked, "I can't remember a thing about it." which is a glowing recommendation in anybody's book.

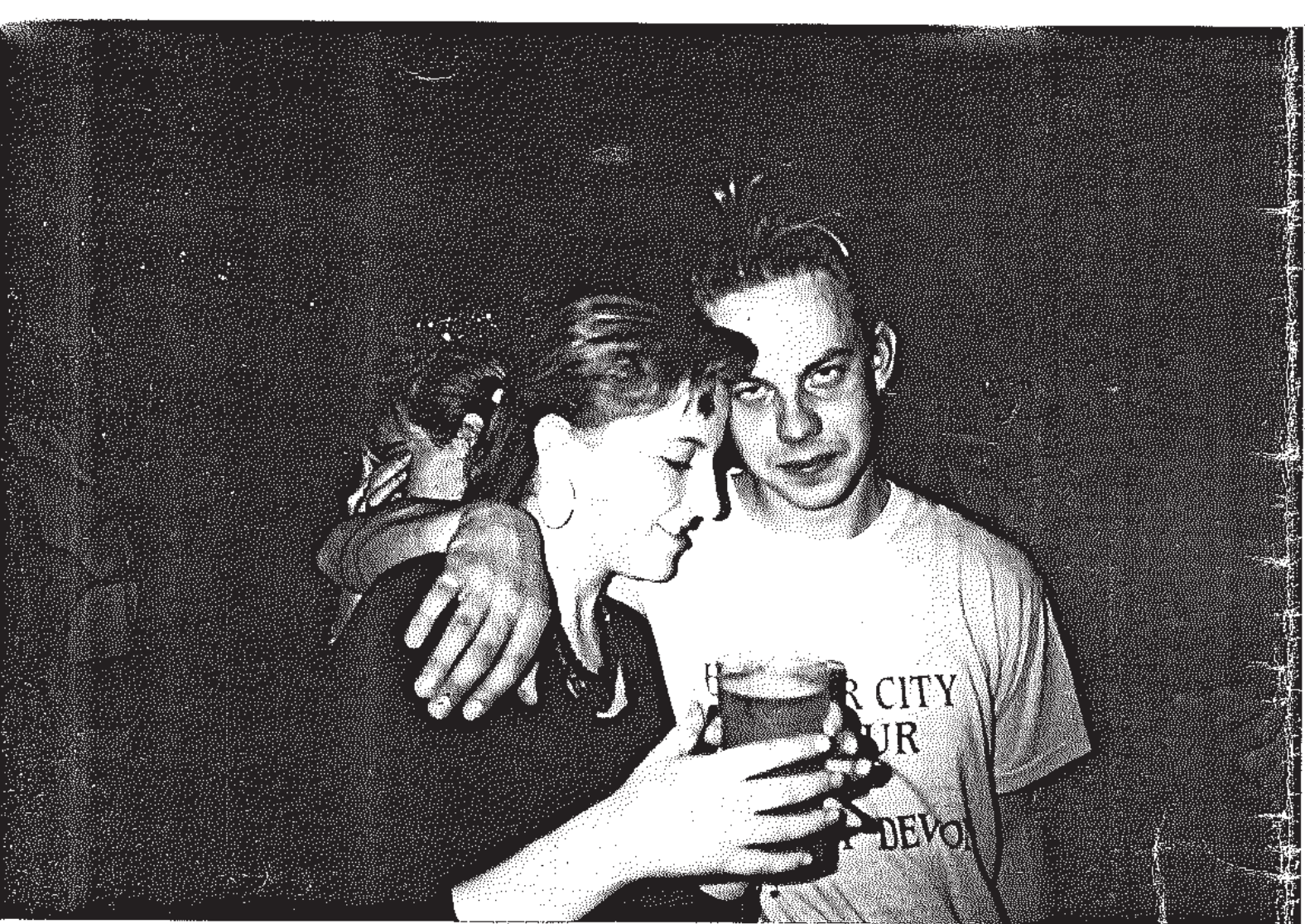
All of this was only possible thanks to the hard work and perseverance of Taryn Nixon and Naomi Crowley (who's good idea it was in the first place.), and what's more we made a profit.

The Merton Priory party the following night was another unmitigated success, with everyone having a good time whether they wanted one or not. I believe even some members of the local constabulary had a hand in some of the post party festivities but fortunately everyone saw the funny side of it.

There now follows a selection of badly photocopied photographs meant solely to humiliate and embarrass those concerned.







Baron Von WAINWRIGHT discusses
negotiation tactics with Hrr MILES,
leader of the infamous OXFORD
'FLY BY NIGHT' SQUADRON. BOTH AGREE
that a saturation press 'BOMBING'
campaign must be the prelude to
their full scale invasion of the
CAPITAL.



MUSEUM OF LONDON STAFF SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

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