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# Masters Matters

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**Dates For The Diary:**

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**World Cup News:** Thanks to Stan Salazaar, who managed to find the competing teams online. Access is via the Hockey Australia web-site ([hockey.org.au](http://hockey.org.au)) and click on "Events & Competitions." It seemed that the team numbers are down, but Oxford had 41 teams, The Hague had 52 and there are 45 due in Newcastle. I found the team names in the Women's World Cup of interest too, & so have decided to publish the entrants in all three Australian World Cups. Competing here are:

**Women's Masters World Cup - Canberra 29th March to 6th April:**

O/40: Australia, England, New Zealand, USA, Wales.  
 O/45: Australia, New Zealand, RSA, USA.  
 O/50: Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Wales, Ireland, Wattles.  
 O/55: Australia, England, New Zealand, Wales.  
 O/60: Alliance, Australia, England, LX Lionesses, New Zealand, Wattles.  
*Wattles are the Australian Seniors Country Women's Hockey teams. Ed.*

**Men's Masters World Cup - Canberra 29th March to 6th April:**

O/40: Australia, England, Hong Kong, New Zealand, USA, Malaysia.  
 O/45: Australia, England, Ghana, Ireland, New Zealand, Scotland.  
 O/50: Australia, Canada, England, Germany, Hong Kong, New Zealand, USA, Malaysia.  
 O/55: Australia, England, Ireland, New Zealand, Scotland, Wales.

**Men's Grand Masters World Cup - Newcastle 3rd May to 12th May:**

O/60 (WC): Australia, New Zealand, Netherlands, Scotland, England, South Africa, Japan, Ireland, Spain, Wales Germany, Singapore, Malaysia, Korea.  
 O/65 (WC): Australia, New Zealand, Netherlands, Scotland, England, South Africa, Japan, Wales, Belgium, Malaysia, Korea.  
 O/70 (WC): Australia, Australia (75s), England, Japan, Wales.  
 O/60 (TT): Alliance, England LX (1 & 2), South Africa, Germany, Southern Cross (1 & 2).  
 O/65 (TT): Alliance, England LX, Southern Cross (1 & 2).  
 O/70 (TT): Alliance, England LX, Southern Cross (1 & 2).

*WC means World Cup and TT means Tournament Trophy*

**Department of Health:** There is a lot that I do not know. Here is what I have heard.

**Terry Gaston** was good enough to let Secretary Bob know how he is going, and Bob was able to pass it on to the rest of us. Best wishes from all of us Terry - we look forward to the day you reappear in the PHS stands. For the latest on **Rob Crofts** I am indebted to John Rogers. He is still spending most of his time in Fiona Stanley Hospital rehab getting to know how to do things in a wheelchair. John R hopes that he will be able to run his business (financial advice) wherever he is located and however mobile he might be. Visits should be pre-arranged (to fit in with therapy and Rob's family) and Rob can be contacted on 0411 231 659. Best wishes to you Rob from all at WHM. **George Winning** was back in the WHM bar on the 27th and seemed to be well again. It is said that four wheels are safer than two, but I'm not certain that this means two scooters are better than one. Both **Bob Stidwell** and **Bala** are in the process of a fairly lengthy recovery. **Mal Horrigan** is enduring more hamstringing problems - not as serious as the past one, I hope. **Col Benporath** responded to my point in Col Gee's player numbers report ("Don't goalkeepers play, Colin?") and says: "Yes, goalkeepers do play when they are allowed to. Unfortunately when I returned home from Cairns, my GP asked me following a consultation, x-ray and ultrasound who my favourite orthopaedic surgeon was. Following expedited shoulder surgery, which hopefully will enable me to fulfil my duties in Newcastle, I have now been advised that I will not be able to return to the goals until a limited exposure end of February, then back to normal end of March." **George Bradbury** will miss some hockey, as his gall bladder has just been removed (keyhole). **Peter Murray** has now scheduled the knee replacement for the 23rd of this month - best wishes from us all. **Peter Stevens** is currently going through chemo-therapy. He says that hair loss is no longer an issue, and has scheduled the therapy for Thursdays so that he can keep playing on Wednesdays. Full marks. Our best wishes to all for a quick and complete recovery.

**Letters To The Editor:** Thank you to all the respondents to the January issue. They were Peter Fogels, Col Benporath (see Department of Health), John Burt, Jim Malcolm, Bob Robinson (see Page 4), John Milner, Neil Mannolini and John Jeffreys. Some of these are for public consumption:

**John Burt:** "... To attract the overseas players to Newcastle we need to inform them that former Miss World, Jennifer Hawkins, originates from that city and was a cheerleader for a rugby league team. Let's hope she is there to present the prizes at the hockey tournament. I have dropped 5kg (*I wish*) in 6 weeks and hope to be less sluggish when I resume goalkeeping (*so far, so good in my opinion. Ed.*)

**Jim Malcolm:** "It's great to get MM as we travel here in Ireland. As we lunched in a cafe in Omagh the other day I noticed an advert for junior hockey." *Thanks Jim - another country for MM.*

**Grumpy Old Men (& Women) 1:** "I didn't like the play but then I saw it under adverse circumstances - the curtain was up." Groucho Marx (1890 - 1977). *US comic.*

**Long Service Award:** Our congratulations to John Ree, who was presented with a State Government Volunteer Service Award on 10th December for 50 years of service to St John's Ambulance. Although the award was for 50 years the story indicated that John began in 1958, making 58 years.

**Have Hockey Stick Will Travel:** The Southern Cross teams for Newcastle are now up on the website but I need to make a further correction. Despite Brian Thomas being the only Thomas in the Cairns O/60s it seems that the Thomas in the Southern Cross O/60s Red is G Thomas (not Gordon either!). Ignorance is seldom bliss. Apologies to BT, who also features in the 'B' division injury list on Page 9.

**Rules Are Us - Without Neil Mannolini:**

Neil is well and truly in holiday mode this issue. As of last Wednesday he was busy preparing for a trip to Iran and Turkey. All the best for a great holiday. So having been in good position to observe the 'A' division games recently I thought a run through of the rules regarding body contact was a good idea. Some players seem to be under the impression that they can legitimately push their opponent off the ball, so it might be worth clarification.

Rule 9.3: Players must not touch, handle or interfere with other players or their sticks or clothing.

Rule 9.4: Players must not intimidate or impede another player.

Rule 9.12: Players must not obstruct an opponent who is attempting to play the ball. *Players obstruct if they: Back into an opponent.*

*Physically interfere with the stick or body of an opponent.*

*Shield the ball from a legitimate tackle with their stick or any part of their body.*

Rule 9.13: Players must not tackle unless they are in a position to play the ball without body contact. *I suggest that the above rules make it very clear that we play a non-contact sport. Reader opinions, as always, are welcome. Umpire enforcement of the above rules would be welcome too.*

**Department of Corrections:** January's "Masters Matters" initial draft included a list of players under the heading 'permanently and temporarily retired.' As Bob Robinson had been spotted in the packed stands one Wednesday his name was added to this list but by the time the final version came out the words had become 'retired or injured', under the heading 'Past Players.' In the same issue was the announcement that Bob was playing for Australia in Newcastle. Understandably he was concerned about this, and wrote to the editor:

"I have just read that I am included in the past players section. I have tried to come to terms with this and am booked in for counselling next week. My wife says that I should gracefully accept that I am now past it and obviously the hierarchy are giving me a not too subtle message that it is time to go. I will bring a blue and white shirt on Wednesday plus one of different colour which I will wear if I am forced to sit in the stands with the likes of Spider and George Winning.

Obviously this forced retirement decision could have been brought on by the decision that over 80s only pay half fees which makes me more of a liability and a cull was necessary. Do I qualify for this week's barbecue?

Signed confused and depressed - Bob Robinson"

**Department Of Limericks Part 1:** Bob Robinson - past player and Australian player - simultaneously.

No wonder Bob Robbie's aghast

His turf running's still pretty fast

And he's been called up

To play the World Cup

Who placed him into "Players Past?" *(Sorry about that, Bob - Ed.)*

*Following this error the Editor-in-Chief called a meeting of all "Masters Matters" staff. He urged them to stop sinking to the standards of Australia's main stream media and start attempting to exceed them. Retrospective cancellation of their Christmas bonuses was mentioned as a possibility.*

**Punology One:** A ship carrying a cargo of red paint collided with a ship carrying a cargo of purple paint. Both crews were marooned.

**A' Division Blog:** 'A' division predictions were mainly incorrect except for Peter Ford who got it right.

**January 6th:** I'm sure Bob's email said to bring a white shirt and a blue shirt for combined 'A' and 'B' division games starting at 1:00 pm. Despite many late arrivals and a variety of shirt colours we ended up with four teams and several spares. White (1) played Blue followed by White (2) playing Gold and we repeated these games until the younger players took over at 3:30. The blokes who arrived in the gold shirts must have known they'd be needed. The standard of the hockey was pretty good at times and I heard a couple of comments that the inclusion of the younger brigade had lifted the standard of the 'A' division players as well. The presence of 5 umpires (Bill, Vern, John, Neil & George) as well as 3 goalkeepers (John, Ross & Barry) enabled regular hydration breaks for all. Special thanks to John Burt, who stayed on and played all the 'C' division matches with Harps. A relaxing sausage sizzle was held after the games with the cooking being done by Howie Herbert and Bob Maley. Thanks blokes.

**January 13th:** Numbers were the best since the formation of the 'A' division. Many thanks to Robin Bailey who managed to overcome some very difficult family circumstances and bring the new gear. All games were reasonably even, and the standard of the hockey will improve as all teams work on their new line-ups. Goal of the day has to go to Adolphus Abrahams. The same two umpires (Vern & Neil) and goalkeepers (John and Barry) were on the field for the entire day. John Jeffreys made a most welcome re-appearance. Actual player numbers were Blue (12), Gold (11), Red (11) and White (13) - not including goalkeepers. Total goals scored (10).

**January 20th:** After the record numbers last week it was back to business as usual, with some fairly good hockey interspersed with errors. The two teams down on numbers both under-performed on the 13th - no connection I hope. Gold did best on the day and Blue have yet to lose a game. Goal of the day contenders included Stan Salazaar, Ian Hill, John Milner and Peter Willet, who all produced good finishes. Thanks to Ken Watt who though unable to play (back problem) brought his whistle & joined 'George' Mullins controlling the games. Bob Bowyer (Blue) and Peter Stevens played for Red while John Ree seemed to be playing against White all the time. He had a very big day, first scoring a hat trick then colliding with a goal post in the last game - hope no permanent damage resulted. My White team could not handle the play two, miss two fixture, which combined with the Gold team's recruitment of 3 of the fastest forwards in 'A' division resulted in the first blow-out of 2016. (Very) approximate player numbers were White (11), Red (8), Blue (12) and Gold (7). Total goals (11).

**January 27th:** Numbers were good again - better than the hockey which may have suffered from the difficult weather conditions. Goals were hard to come by. Blue also fell victim to the dreaded play 2, miss 2 fixture, and lost their first game for the quarter to Red, who had their first win for 2016. Blue lent Bob Bowyer to Red (who also included Peter Stevens) for the day, while Howie Herbert played for Gold throughout. Goal of the day definitely went to Peter Dennis. Player numbers were in the vicinity of Blue (13), Gold (9), White (12) and Red (9). Total goals scored were (5).

**Well Dones:** "Masters Matters" believes that umpiring should not be a thankless task. So thank you to the January umpires I was able to note: Bob Bowyer, George Bradbury, Bill Campbell, Peter Evans, Ash Foster, Vern Gooch, Ian Hill, John Lindsay, Neil Mannolini, John Mercer, 'George' Mullins, Neil Scaddan, Ken Watt and Ivan Wilson. The 'C' division on the 27th featured non-playing umpires Nick Pereira and Steve Farrar. Well done all. Thanks also go to the Saturday umpires: Rob Ainsworth, Eric Alcock, Peter Brien, Dudley Burress, Len Collier, Ash Foster, Brian Glencross, Ian Hill, Bob Hotinski, John Mercer, Steve Powles, Ron Venables, Les Waldon and Ken Watt. There were quite a few cooks who deserve our thanks: Howie Herbert and Bob Maley (sausage sizzle), Ken Walter and Ivan Wilson (marron - Page 6), Stadium staff and Gordon Thomas (27th) for our Wednesday bar snacks.

## Marron Provider &amp; Preparer

Photo Ken Walter



**Thanks Gents:** Ken and Ivan Wilson caught and cooked these. Preparation and serving about to start.

**From The Saturday O/65s:** The competition continues to attract three teams each weekend and has become such a success that non-players are attending to watch a little hockey and socialise.

It has been most interesting checking out the team selections which result from a roster of different people each week. Most of the time good balance is achieved, and often uneven results are produced by what are apparently even teams. Though this is still an extremely subjective area, and I am certain that opinions would differ. *(Any side with me in it is by definition the weakest - Ed.)*

Thanks to Jim Wright our Saturday food has been top notch this summer. On the 16th a new benchmark was set, as shown by the photograph. The marron were caught & cooked by Ken Walter and Ivan Wilson (who was unable to attend on the day). Ken prepared and served them in a couple of different ways - and I am able to report that there were no leftovers. There was some cleaning up to do after this, and in true Saturday hockey style everybody pitched in. Prominent among the many volunteers were Dudley Burress and Peter Walliss, while Len Collier did all the washing up. It wasn't exactly an all Whitfords Hockey Club effort (despite appearances) - but thanks to all for a great night.

The limerick inspired by the occasion reads:

Our Saturday food was a treat  
Gourmet marron served up to eat  
Had master chef Kenny  
Dished up too many?  
Not quite, but we went home replete.

**The French Letter No 17:**

Hi guys, I trust this finds you well and enjoying your hockey. The start to winter has been unusually warm with most days between 6 and 12 degrees and very little rain. We had a run of four days with temperatures down to freezing and reaching minus 3 and one day with some light snow fall. I caught the snow on camera and have attached a couple of photos.

We still haven't had any interest from any prospective buyers for the house - it will be five years on the market, come next March. It's pretty frustrating, but nothing much we can do about it.

I guess many of you are looking forward to the World Cup in Newcastle. How I envy you - the only World Cup I ever played in was in London in 1986, in a team called the Black Swans. That was great fun and we were hosted by the Wimbledon Hockey Club who had wonderful facilities. I still remember coming off the grass fields and sitting in the big marquee with a ploughman's lunch and a pint and listening to classical music being played on a grand piano by a guy dressed in tie and tails - very English, but a great experience.

And finally, a word for George Winning – George, I remember having a meal at your place when I was last in Perth and you had recently had an accident on one of your two scooters, and I remember saying then that it was time to sell them. Surely your latest mishap will hasten the sale. I hope you are fully recovered and that next time you will go to the beach in your car.

Cheers - Ian Purdie (*Thanks again Ian - nil bastardi carborandum. Ed.*)

**Ian's Back Yard****Ian's Front Yard**

**Test Your Knowledge With John Sanders:** January's question: Jamie Dwyer's possible selection for Rio has prompted speculation about who is the oldest hockey player to have represented Australia at the Olympic Games. If he is selected will it be: a) Jamie Dwyer b) Eric Pearce c) Ric Charlesworth or d) Jim Irvine. *Rusty Phillips: "Coincidentally, if Jamie is selected the question has them in order .... for the answer."* Right again! February's question is: In the late 1980s did Jacqueline Pereira, in total, score in relation to the careers of Kim Small, Sally Carbon and Juliet Haslam a) The same number of goals b) Fewer goals c) More goals d) I don't know (or care). *Answer next issue.*

**Shakespeare Said It:** "What sayest thou to me now? Speak once again." Julius Caesar Act I Scene II. *WA Country O/70s in Cairns address their communication problems. Actually there was nothing at all wrong with the transmission - it was just that not all our receivers were fully operational.* "Sir, I am too old to learn." King Lear Act II Scene II. *Possible response to coaches of O/70 and O/75 sides in Newcastle who attempt to introduce new playing systems.*

**Balinese Bulletin No 11:**

KAMI TIDAK TAKUT!!

The ISIS terrorists have struck again ...this time in Jakarta early in January this year. When will it end ...probably not in my lifetime. In the wake of this senseless act of violence an expression was given life here in Indonesia ....KAMI TIDAK TAKUT ...WE ARE NOT AFRAID!!! Bali, as part of the Indonesian Nation made up of thousands of Islands, has freely taken up this motto. The Balinese, as many of you would know, have been struck now on 2 tragic occasions & are resolute in their defiance in the face of Islamic Extremism. These peaceful, gentle & deeply spiritual Hindu people certainly deserve better as they go about their uncomplicated lives.

We certainly have not been afraid of what now has become a global phenomenon. As they say ...when it's time ..it's time!! We will continue to just go about our business as usual.

The Sound of Bali Silence.

Following a pre-dawn heavy downpour of rain, this morning we were, once again, beneficiaries of a not uncommon period of Bali Silence. It is as if someone has hit the "mute" button & everything goes silent & still. In the area where we live, where some 1,000 & more people quietly live, you cannot detect a sound in this pristine silence. Eventually a solitary motorbike, somewhere in the distance, quietly goes from "somewhere" to "somewhere else". Then a lone small bird quietly starts up a conversation with itself, followed by a rooster calling in the dawn. These periods of silence are not unusual & often I will stand looking out through the garden foliage & marvel at the complete absence of sound & movement. Reality, however, soon hits & life goes on ....but not with a "rush".

Bali Visitors.

To end on a somewhat personal note. Can I ask that if there any of you down there are contemplating a Bali visit to look around & pack a few books that you have read & found interesting. Yes, books are available here, albeit a limited selection & at a "price". My personal genre preference is for the following ..... Crime/Mystery/Thriller/Action. Please don't buy new books ...pre-owned is fine. There are other items which are just not available at all & would be welcome, ..happy to reimburse. These include .... Licorice, small tins of spaghetti & wine gum thingies. Strange I know, but true. Want baked beans ...it's available by the truckload ..but spaghetti ..nothing!! Can I suggest that any food stuffs be packed in your check on luggage ...trying to board with them can sometimes pose problems.

Until next month keep well & avoid the dreaded flashing stick & flying balls.

*Thank you Peter, and thanks also for the New Year wishes, some of which I managed to include way down on Page 10. Ed.*

**Grumpy Old Men Part 2:** "I hate mankind, for I think myself one of the best of them, and I know how bad I am." Joseph Baretto (1719 - 1789) *Also known as Giuseppe Marc'Antonio Baretto - Italian poet, literary critic and writer.*

**Dummy Spit Of The Day:** This issue's award has to be a selfie. I broke the frame of my glasses on the morning the newsletter was due for final preparation. Is there a dummy clearance service?

**Quotable Quote No 1:** "By all means marry; if you get a good wife you'll be happy. If you get a bad one you'll become a philosopher." Socrates (469 - 399 BC). *Greek philosopher - it is alleged that he based this statement on personal experience.*

**WEDNESDAY MASTERS HOCKEY B GRADE MONTHLY REPORT: JANUARY 2016**

**INJURIES:** Michael Robinson and Brian Thomas continued absence with leg and muscle injuries. Arch has made a recovery of sorts and has been present. Heath Tyrell has been showing some form on his return to the hockey field. Terry Gaston continues to recover from a spinal abscess and is aiming for Newcastle.

**New Players:** Ric Robredo from John XX111 is intending to be permanent player after changes to his teams' night hockey roster were not amenable to him. Will miss a few games in Jan/Feb. Graeme Harper (Vic Park) is returning to hockey after five years absence & will play while the body holds up.

**Visiting players:** Eric Kjekstad has returned to Vancouver after one game in January. Indicated he may be back in Perth in March/April for a game or two and is expecting to play for Alliance in Newcastle. Frank Williams (Melville) has returned after several years in Doha and Dubai. Said that the Doha Government is ripping up the hockey pitches used in the recent Asian games and not replacing them. Frank has indicated he will miss a few games early in the year as the family relocates to Perth but is looking for a fullish season. Phil Butler (cousin to Rob) from WA Country shire of Bruce Rock visited some of his Cairns 60's teammates (G Mihala, P Hewton) for a game on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

**January Games:**

The forecast of 39 degrees and a round robin involving 60's and 70's indicated that we didn't need many sausages for the first game of the year. Obviously the sausage count (with great respect to Bob's endeavours) was not a reliable indicator of player numbers as enough players presented to have four full teams for the first game of the 2016 year and to eat all the available sausages. Perhaps some of our sausage eaters will help Bob out, for next years count. The 60's enjoyed the occasion as they were able to enjoy the greater speed and flexibility of youth however we were often reminded of the deft skills not lost with age. It was a good day enjoyed by all and the games were held in a relaxed manner befitting a new season highlighted by 3 goals from Peter Wallis and a bend back goal by John Rees in his usual uncomfortable style.

January weather has been kind to us this year as the temperatures stay in the 30's but humidity has had a telling effect. The games have generally been even with strong performances by the defences of the 3 teams. White has been beaten by both Blue (1-0) and Gold (2-0) to put a dent in their long run of not losing. Defences have been led by Jim Campbell and Gorby from White, Jeff Kozak and Graeme Nicholls from Blue and Glen Mihala and Dudley Burress of Gold. Best goal scored for January was by Dudley Evans (Blue) with an elevated solid strike from left near the circle, to be followed soon after by Ray Domingo with a similar powerful hit. Peter Wallis has continued his good early form with a further 6 goals for the month. Other players showing a bit of talent have included Phil Hewton, Adrian Gabriel, Simon Thompson and Terry Parker.

**Facts of Life**

1. A recent study has shown that Australian men between 50 and 79 years of age (most of us) will, on average, have sex two to three times per week, whereas Japanese men, in the same age group, will have sex only once or twice per year. I have recently checked the mirror to see if I was turning Japanese.
2. The fact that there is a "Highway to Hell" and only a "Stairway to Heaven" says a lot about anticipated traffic numbers.
3. You know that little switch inside your head that keeps you from saying things you shouldn't, well some of us do not have that switch working.

*Thank you to Gordon Jeffery for this insight into the younger blokes competition. It must nice to know that the 'A' division is waiting for you when you can no longer keep up. Ed.*

**Wine Winners For 2016:** In 'A' division the Red team may not be doing too well on the turf, but lead the wine ladder. This reads: Red (4), Blue (3), Gold (1) and White (1). The 'B' division sparked calls for an official inquiry on the 20th after four of them won all the prizes for the day - and all of them from the same table. Their table is: Gold (3), Goalkeepers (2), Blue (1), White (1). So far the non-players and umpires are not having as good a season as usual, having only won once between them. There have already been two multiple winners.

**Possible Bionic Match:** I was most impressed with the proposal for a match between teams of knee replacements versus hip replacements. The question did occur whether it would be possible to find two umpires who have had a glass eye installed. Bob has already sent round an email, but I will also list the names we have so far - in case any readers can add some more:

**Hip replacement team:** Simon Thomson, Jim Banks, Peter Evans, Ian Lyon, Mal Skinner, Ivan Wilson, Dudley Evans, Shane Knapp, Jim Campbell.

**Knee replacement team:** Bob Bowyer, Roger Davey, Peter Livingstone, Tom Long, Bob Le Merle, Nick Pereira, Gordon Thomas.

**Past Players:** As always it's good to see retired (both permanently & temporarily) players in the bar and the stands on Wednesdays. For some reason (see Department of Corrections on Page 4) I failed to take proper notes in January - and perhaps in December too. I will try to do better this month.

**Quotable Quote No 2:** "There's only one way to have a happy marriage and as soon as I learn what it is I'll get married again." Clint Eastwood (1930 - ).

**Which Turf:** Turfs are still swapped for February 3rd and 10th. As from the 17th they revert to 'A' on Turf 1 from 1:30 pm and 'B' on Turf 2 from 1:00 pm. 'C' on Turf 2 from 3:30 pm.

**Punology Two:** How did I escape Iraq? Iran!

**Photographs:** I lack many computing skills, especially the processing of photographs. Even at the end of my working life they were too data-heavy to handle, and when I returned to computing after an 11 year gap it was a case of "Everybody knows that!" So it was intended that this page would include a catch up of the picture Peter Hammond sent down with a New Year wish. I have not been able to do this, as every time I copy the photograph in it scrambles the text in the rest of "Masters Matters." So I'll ask you to look at Newsletter No 5 for May 2015 and on Page 8 is a photo of a small Balinese girl giving a thumbs up signal. The message PH attached to this was: "Wishing you, family and friends a very happy, healthy and peaceful New Year. The same to you up there from us all down here - I suppose it is a "Land Down Under."

**Photographs Again:** By now some of you are probably saying that "Masters Matters" does include some photographs some of the time. Yes, you are right, but it seems that due to my technical limits they must be sent to me as JPG or JPEG attachments to an email. Failing that they must be in a more recent version of Word than many of you seem to have. One of these days I would like to go back to school and do a basic computing course - in my spare time of course.

**That's All Until Next Month:** Readers are not due to hear from me again until autumn.

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