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Now that Part I—the 'Pipe Knowledge' section—of the National Pipesmoking Championship is over (the last date for entries was September 30) members of the Pipe Club of Great Britain and its affiliated local clubs should be getting their 'smoking boots' on for the second half—the 'Pipe Smoking' section—which is open only to them.

Successful progress through the regional heats in some 26 centres will, of course, lead to the National Final, to be held in London early in January 1972 and the prospect of winning one of the three major prizes: £1,000 and the National Pipesmoking Championship 'St. Bruno' Trophy; £500 and the 'Swan Vestas' Trophy; £250.

Each finalist in the regional heat will be rewarded with a cash prize of £10 and a handsome briar pipe of his, or her, choice. How to enter:

Whether successful or not in Part I of the Championship, every Pipe Club member is welcome to enter for the Pipe Smoking part of the contest. This is how to do it—and it couldn't be simpler. Simply notify your local club secretary of your wish to take part and he will record your name. The date, time and venue for each regional heat are given below, so keep this copy of 'Pipeline' by you and don't fail to turn up for the exciting event. New members and existing members who were successful in the first part of the championship—whether members of local clubs or not—will be receiving similar full details in the post but, of course, we do not have records of unsuccessful Part I entrants, or those who did not enter the Championship, so this notice may be the only one these members will receive.

CLUB	DATE AND LOCATION
Pipe Club of London Secretary: Stanley Lowe, 226 City Road, London E.C.1.	Monday 25th October, 7 p.m. The Pavours Arms, Page Street, S.W.1.
Pipe Club of Northants Secretary: Steven Voigts, 47 Allen Road, Northampton	Wednesday 20th October, 7.30 p.m. Tarry's, Harpole Turn, Northampton
Pipe Club of Torbay Secretary: Ray Richardson, 65 Churchill Road, Exmouth	Wednesday, 3rd November, 7.30 p.m. Torbay Hotel, Torquay.
Pipe Club of Hallamshire Secretary: Miss Joyce Jackson-Moore, April Cottage, 34 Blackstock Crescent, Sheffield S14 1AF	Monday, 6th December, 7.30 p.m. Brincliffe Oaks Hotel, Nether-edge Road, Sheffield 7.
Cambridge University Pipe Club Secretary: John Jones, Emmanuel College, Cambridge.	Tuesday, 10th November, 7.30 p.m. place to be announced
Pipe Club of East Devon Secretary: Vic Osmond, Pegasus, Park Street, Tiverton.	Wednesday, 1st December, 7.30 p.m. Tiverton Motel, Blundells Road, Tiverton.
Pipe Club of S.W. Lancs Secretary: S. Newton, 2 Everard Road, Southport.	Wednesday, 8th December, 7.30 p.m. Prince of Wales Hotel, Southport.
Pipe Club of City of Bristol Secretary: R. C. Higgins, 131 Luckwell Road, Bedminster, Bristol 3.	Friday, 22nd October, 7.30 p.m. Grand Hotel, Bristol.
Pipe Club of Teesside Secretary: Allan Gault, 13 Keswick Road, Normanby, Middlesbrough.	Tuesday, 19th October, 7.30 p.m. Conservative Club, Redcar Rd., West, South Bank, Middlesbrough.
Pipe Club of North Cheshire Secretary: Fred Royle, 8 Washway Road, Sale.	Tuesday, 23rd November, 7.30 p.m. Conservative Club, Curzon Road, Sale.
The Bruno Club (Nottingham) Pipe Club of Colchester Secretary: Leslie Bober, 39 Alexandra Road, Colchester	See below Thursday, 21st October, 7.30 p.m. Jacklins Cafe, High Street, Colchester.
University of Liverpool Pipe Society Secretary: R. Eccles, 16 Laurel Road, Liverpool 7	Wednesday, 17th November, 7 p.m. Post Graduate Club, Liverpool University.
Pipe Club of Surrey Secretary: J. P. Cole, 63 Surbiton Hill Park, Surbiton Surrey.	Monday, 29th November, 7.30 p.m. Angel Hotel, Thames Ditton, Surrey.

Dundee University Pipe Club
Secretary: A. Redpath, Airlie Hall, Airlie Place, Dundee.
Thames Valley Pipe Club
Secretary: D. E. Hatt,
102-103 Peasod Street, Windsor.

Wrexham Pipe Club
A/Secretary: R. S. Price,
36 Mount Street, Wrexham.
Cotswolds Pipe Club
Secretary: D. C. Angus,
91 Chesterton Park, Cirencester.
Solent Pipe Club
Secretary: Mrs. E. M. Dyke,
W. E. Bryant Ltd., 200 Above Bar Southampton.

Pipe Club of Exmouth
Secretary: Ray Richardson,
65 Churchill Road, Exmouth, Devon.
City of Birmingham Pipe Club
Secretary: Peter Widdowson,
G. E. Widdowson Ltd., Peckingham Street, Halesowen, Worcs.
Devizes Pipe Club
Secretary: not yet elected

NEW CLUBS ABOUT TO BE FORMED:
***Swansea Pipe Club**
Secretary: not yet elected.
***Cardiff Pipe Club**
Secretary: not yet elected.

In addition, for the benefit of members in areas where we have not yet established local pipe clubs, we have arranged for heats to be held as follows:

***Nottingham**
Tuesday, 2nd November, 7.30 p.m.
The Albany Hotel, Nottingham.
***Glasgow**
Wednesday 10th November, 7.30 p.m.
Whitehall Restaurant, 51 West Regent Street, Glasgow
Tuesday, 7th December, 7.30 p.m.
Crown & Mitre Hotel, Carlisle.
***Carlisle**

*All correspondence, please, to Pipe Club of Great Britain Ltd., Kipling House, 43 Villiers Street, London WC2N 6NE.

All these fixtures will be open only to competition officials, Pipe Club members and their friends accompanying them.



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EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP WON BY PIPEMAN FROM FINLAND

THE second European pipe-smoking championship—held at Metz, France—under the auspices of the Pipe Club of Metz, earlier this year—produced some excellent times (and some unfavourable comments), but none better than that of 2 hr. 51 min. 5 sec., recorded by Mr. Pekka Pentikainen, 27-year-old Finnish engineer.

Amongst the 41 contestants from Italy, West Germany, Britain, France, Belgium, Switzerland and Finland, were three members of the London Pipe Club, to represent the British pipe-smoking fraternity. They were Messrs. John Barber, Alan Bashford and Ralph Barber (John's son), whose times (56 min. 45 sec., 50 min. 40 sec. and 44 min. 40 sec. respectively) reflected, perhaps, the different conditions prevailing at Metz, for all three have put up better times in contests at home (see footnote).

Conditions at Metz were, as we have suggested, different from those which prevail in Pipe Club-sponsored contests: brand-new briar pipes (bowl capacity 3 grammes) were provided out of the competitors' entry fees (approximately £1.50 per entry), whilst the 'official' tobacco was a French brand, Caporal Export, to which, of course, British pipe smokers are unaccustomed.

Runner-up to Mr. Pentikainen was Mariano Tonna (Club della Pipa, Italy) with a time of 2 hr. 17 min. 55 sec. The Club della Pipa, in fact, took four out of the first five places and won a special award for their achievement.



The Pipe Club representative at Metz, Mr. John Barber (third from left) gets under way. Photo: courtesy Pipe Magazine.

German Comment

The manner in which the victor achieved his time did not, however, pass unchallenged. A German commentator declared that both Mr. Pentikainen and the Italian runner-up had not 'truly' smoked and, whilst conforming to the letter of the rules of the contest, had broken their spirit.

C.I.P.C.E. (The Comité International des Pipe-Clubs Européens)—on which the Pipe Club of Great Britain is represented—stated officially after the contest that it was confident that the rules can be suitably amended to prevent a recurrence of this situation in future events.

Footnote: The official P.C.G.B. 'best' so far is the time of 99 min. 50 sec. recorded by Mr. Michael Griffiths (City of Bristol Pipe Club) last April. This figure was, of course, later exceeded by Mr. John Bruntlett (Teesside Pipe Club)—under slightly different conditions—whose time was 107 mins. All P.C.G.B. records are based on the standard clay pipe, whose bowl capacity (depending in packing) is under 1/12 oz. (2.36 grammes).

AN echo of World War II in the Far East, sent to us by the courtesy of foundation member, Mr. K. R. Hobbs (he is a director of the well-known briar pipe makers, Parker Hardcastle Ltd.), is a copy of *The Rangoon Liberator* dated 1st June, 1945. Not only is the single-sheet publication interesting from the point of view of the revival of memories, but the back page contains a short article by an obviously

pipe-minded journalist who, like so many of us, remembers having to 'enjoy' make-shift pipes.

Recording the news that the liberation of France meant, amongst other things, the re-opening of the world's chief source of supply of bruyere, the writer looked forward to being able to settle down once again to the rich contentment of a real briar.

'SUMMIT' SMOKE-IN

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WORLD ALTITUDE
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LIVERPOOL
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CLAIMING a 'first' in world altitude pipe smoking competition—records—held under strict Pipe Club of Great Britain rules—the Ogden Pipe Society held their July 25 meeting at the summit of Snowdon, 3,560 ft. above sea level.

Of the six-men-and-a-girl party to start the climb, only three managed to reach the weathered and misty peak amid local thunderstorms and torrential cloudbursts.

St. Bruno Rough Cut was smoked by the victorious three and performances were as follows: Gordon Hillock, 22½ min.; John Lamber, 22½ min.; Michael Clifton, 35 min. It was rather remarkable that Gordon and John should have registered identical times in such adverse weather conditions, for the strong winds made lighting-up very difficult. The participants modestly suggest that, for future competitions of this nature, the lighting-up period might well be extended from two to three minutes—with P.C.G.B. approval.

Of the four who reluctantly took shelter behind an enormous rock some 500 ft. below the summit, three engaged themselves in another competition and Colin Garner recorded the following times: P. T. Dickinson 29½ min.; Eric Garner, 21 min.; Miss Sheila Green, 18 min., using the same brand of tobacco.

Two-thirds of a mile above sea level, members of the Ogden Pipe Society—(left to right) Michael Clifton, Gordon Hillock and John Lamber—in the world altitude record smoking contest on the summit of Snowdon.



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NORTH CHESHIRE'S BIG SHOW FOR SPASTICS

Owing to the fact that 'Pipeline' goes to press one month before publication date, it has been impossible—to our regret—to include in this issue any details of North Cheshire's 'Pipe Expo '71' on September 12. Look out for the full report in 'Pipeline' No. 10.

STOP PRESS: North Cheshire's 'Pipe Expo '71' was attended by more than 750 visitors, including Miss Pat Phoenix. The exhibition was opened by Richard 'Mr. Pastry' Hearne, and is to be accounted a great success.

AND ANOTHER EXHIBITION IN THE SOUTH!

Due to take place on Monday, October 11, is the latest and most ambitious venture of the Solent Pipe Club. It will hold an exhibition of pipes and smoking requisites at Southampton University.

In its short existence, the Solent Club has already held a number of successful meetings and, in promoting this exhibition, hopes to establish a firm foothold for pipe-smoking on the South Coast.

The exhibition, which is open to members and to non-members, as well as to firms in the trade, covers a variety of smoking subjects, and prizes for the best entries.

Intending exhibitors and visitors should contact the Exhibition Secretary, Mrs. E. M. Harding, 1 Rownhams Caravan Park, Rownhams, Southampton. (Tel. Rownhams 3633 or Southampton 69200.)

out and about with the local pipe clubs

CITY OF BRISTOL

YET ANOTHER 'BIG' NIGHT

NEW members, attracted by the City of Bristol Club's earlier 'open' meeting at the same venue, joined older supporters of the club at the Grand Hotel, Bristol, on July 7 for another large-scale meeting. Once again the emphasis was on recruitment, whilst the tobacco-tasting section of the evening had a very 'local' flavour.

For the club was honoured by the presence of fellow-member Mr. C. H. Jeffrey, manager of Churchman's Bristol factory—devoted exclusively to pipe tobacco manufacture—and members of his staff, including two charming ladies. Mr. Jeffrey was persuaded at short notice to give members the benefit of his vast experience of pipe tobacco manufacture, whilst the lady members of staff proved to be knowledgeable dispensers of samples of some of the

very wide range of Churchman's tobaccos made in Bristol.

In the light of the large proportion of new members attending, the programme also included a second showing of the ever-popular 'Virginian Venture', whilst chairman Mr. Don Higgins was the recipient of another prized article of club 'furniture'. The item was the subject of a formal presentation by P.C.G.B. director Peter Macnab and was the Club's own shield.

Since that meeting, and apart from the skittles match fixture with the Cotswolds Pipe Club reported separately, the Bristol Club has settled down to a series of routine but very enjoyable social meetings at its own headquarters, The Pincapple Inn, just behind Bristol's Council House. These were held on July 19 and September 13, and proved to be very enjoyable occasions.



These pictures—from club member David J. Chivers—of the East Devon Pipe Club's evening with Sid James show: (top) the club party with the pipe-smoking comedian (seated centre). Standing at back is Clive Gunnell, the club's honorary member; (below) a hug from Sid James for Mrs. Caroline Osmond—first member of the East Devon Club's ladies' section; see story in panel.

E. DEVON FOLLOWS THE STARS

FAMOUS COMEDIAN
JOINS THE PIPE
CLUB MOVEMENT

THE East Devon club certainly tries to give its members good value for money—and they excelled themselves in August.

Following on a promise from old friend Jack Douglas, he provided secretary Vic Osmond with an introductory letter to the current occupant of the star dressing-room at Torquay's Pavilion Theatre. In reply the Devonians had a cordial invitation to meet Sid James after his show there on August 11.

If Pipe Club members get a chance to see Sid in his latest play, 'The Mating Season', East Devon members say 'don't miss it!'. It is definitely one of the fastest and funniest farces ever produced and Sid plays it with all the stops out. It seems incredible, in retrospect, that he had ever said the lines before; he seemed to get such a kick out of delivering them. It was difficult to believe that, in fact, he was playing twice nightly for six days a week.

If the stage character was funny, the man off-stage was even warmer and funnier. Lively, even after a gruelling night, his interest never flagged and his ad libs were razor-edged. As one member said afterwards, 'We've all known Sid for so long, it seems odd that he doesn't know us'.

One East Devon adherent Sid did know, however, was honorary member Clive Gunnell, from Westward TV. Clive has been fishing with Sid in the past and it looked as though another such expedition was being planned.

After an excellent meal, Sid was duly signed up as a member of the East Devon club, as was Mr. R. J. Drummond-Smith, Editor of the *Torquay Herald*, who accompanied him. On behalf of the club, Mr. Jack Lang-

worthy, chairman, thanked Sid James for his company and the secretary presented him with a club tie. In reply, Sid thanked members for an interesting evening and said that he would put the club tie on his study wall, as he was 'a sloppy eater'. Members returned home in the small hours, feeling that they had been privileged to spend the evening with a very memorable character.

EARLIER summer events in the crowded East Devon Club schedule included two car treasure hunts. At the first of these, in June, club director Mr. Peter Macnab—holidaying nearby—was an interested spectator and was pressed into service (if pressure were needed) to present the prizes to successful contestants. In the second event, secretary Vic Osmond was a proud prizewinner, notwithstanding the fact that this entry was in a three-ton vehicle!



ALWAYS seeking to be first in most things, the East Devon Pipe Club has now started a Ladies' Section. With a nucleus of three ladies, destined to multiply over the next year, the first to sign on the dotted line is Mrs. Caroline Osmond, mother of the club secretary. Born in the same year as Gary Cooper and missing Queen Victoria's reign by a mere ten months, Mrs. Osmond is four times a grandmother and a great-grandmother three times. She has lived in Tiverton most of her life and from her bedroom window can see the house of her birth. This is not to infer that she has not travelled. Only last year she sailed to Australia via the Mediterranean and South Africa, returning via the Americas. And all on her own. A founder member more than 20 years ago of the Tiverton Old Age Pensioners' Association, Mrs. Osmond still works voluntarily for this good cause. During the Second World War she had a son in each of the armed services and one making munitions. When *Pipeline* called on her, she was on the roof of her kitchen repainting it with bitumen paint. As she hadn't got a ladder long enough, she had hopped out of the bedroom window to get there. We get the feeling she will still be a Pipe Club member many years hence.

NEW CLUB'S ENERGETIC PROGRAMME

SCANDINAVIAN NIGHT AT SOUTHAMPTON

AFTER its foundation meeting in June, the Solent Pipe Club under the dynamic leadership of its chairman, Mr. Dennis Harding, lost no time in formulating and carrying through a very full programme of events.

July 12 was the date of the first meeting and the venue the 'Echo' Social Club, Southampton. Some 50 members attended in this excellent club room to hear Mr. Harding outline the list of activities proposed by him and his committee. Mr. Harding was followed by Mr. Peter Macnab, P.C.G.B. director, who spoke of his confidence in the future of the club, before introducing a showing of the Danish colour/sound film, 'A Pennyworth of Tobacco', made for the Scandinavian Tobacco Company and kindly provided by J. John Masters &

Co. Ltd., the match manufacturers. The Scandinavian atmosphere of the film was maintained by a tobacco sampling, under the supervision of Mr. Steven Ronay, of various brands imported by Gallaher Ltd., including 'Norseman'.

The August meetings took the form of three visits by small, separate parties of members on August 7, 8 and 9 to the 'House of Pipes' at Headley Down, Hants., the home of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Irving and the former's 'incredible' collection of more than 10,000 pipes and smokers' articles.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving proved to be most hospitable hosts—as well as the mine of pipological information which Mr. Irving is always so glad to impart to visitors—and some of the Solent club members, arriving at the 'House of Pipes' at 7.30 p.m. on the first evening, could not tear themselves away until past midnight!

Planned events in the Solent Club programme include a skittle match—'Ready Rubbed' v. 'Flakes'—at The Star, East Tytherley, on September 13, and a large-scale Exhibition of Pipes and Smoking Requisites in the excellent accommodation available at Southampton University, right in the city centre, on October 11 (see separate panel).

THE DAY THE BALLOON CAME DOWN

COTSWOLDS CLUB'S 'GARDEN PARTY'

THROUGH the kindness of a fellow-member (and his lady) pipe smokers—and their ladies—of the Cotswolds Pipe Club were treated to a delightful and most unusual venue for their first 'programme' meeting on July 8.

The open-air location was the extensive and beautiful house and garden of Mr. and Mrs. K. T. McHugh at Baunton Fields, near Cirencester. Not only was the happy augury of this generous invitation fulfilled on the night but the weatherman produced the sort of idyllic weather that made the occasion even more delightful. An unplanned 'diversion' in the course of the evening was the silent progress and eventual descent nearby of a hot-air balloon whose gaily-coloured envelope formed a focal point for some time for the eyes of the party of some 40 members and friends. Replete with exotic plants—including giant angelica bushes whose ancestors may have been cropped by the Roman inhabitants of the district—Mr. and Mrs. McHugh's garden was full of interest, both vegetable and animal, including a fishpond and golden pheasants. Mrs. McHugh kindly provided her visitors with coffee and sandwiches, whilst the club committee had made provision for stronger refreshments to be available for those who wanted them. Club chairman Mr. Richard Shakspeare, in brief speech, welcomed the visitors and expressed the club's grateful thanks to Mr. and Mrs. McHugh for a delightful and unusual evening. The Cotswolds Club, incidentally,

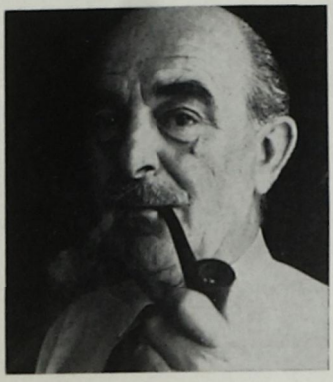
has recently acquired the nucleus of its own antique pipe collection, with the presentation of a number of clay pipes. This collection now has an added attraction in the form of a Chinese Opium pipe, from Mr. McHugh.

Skittles—and some beer

THE second of the club's summer events was of a rather more energetic nature. Having issued a challenge to the City of Bristol Pipe Club to meet a team of Cotswoldian pipe smokers at the ancient and historic game of skittles, a party of 30 Bristolians duly arrived—a little behind schedule—at the King's Head Hotel, Cirencester, on the evening of August 4. There they were welcomed by a similar number of 'home' members in the hospitable Monk's Alley of the historic hostelry. The clash of tumbling skittles soon filled the air, not to mention the munching of 'chicken in the basket', and the ultimate result was a win for the Cotswolds Club by three pins. It has to be added that this result was achieved despite the fact that the home team was somewhat handicapped by having director Peter Macnab as one of its members. Both Mr. Richard Shakspeare—Cotswolds' playing captain chairman—and Mr. Don Higgins—who fills a similar role for the Bristol club—spoke



Pictured at the Cotswolds Pipe Club's 'open-air' event in July are (l. to r.): Mr. Donald Angus, club secretary, host Mr. K. T. McHugh, Mrs. Angus, Mrs. McHugh, Mr. Richard Shakspeare, club chairman, and Mr. Peter Macnab, P.C.G.B. director. Below: the epitome of a contented pipeman is Mr. Frank Savage, the club's vice-chairman.



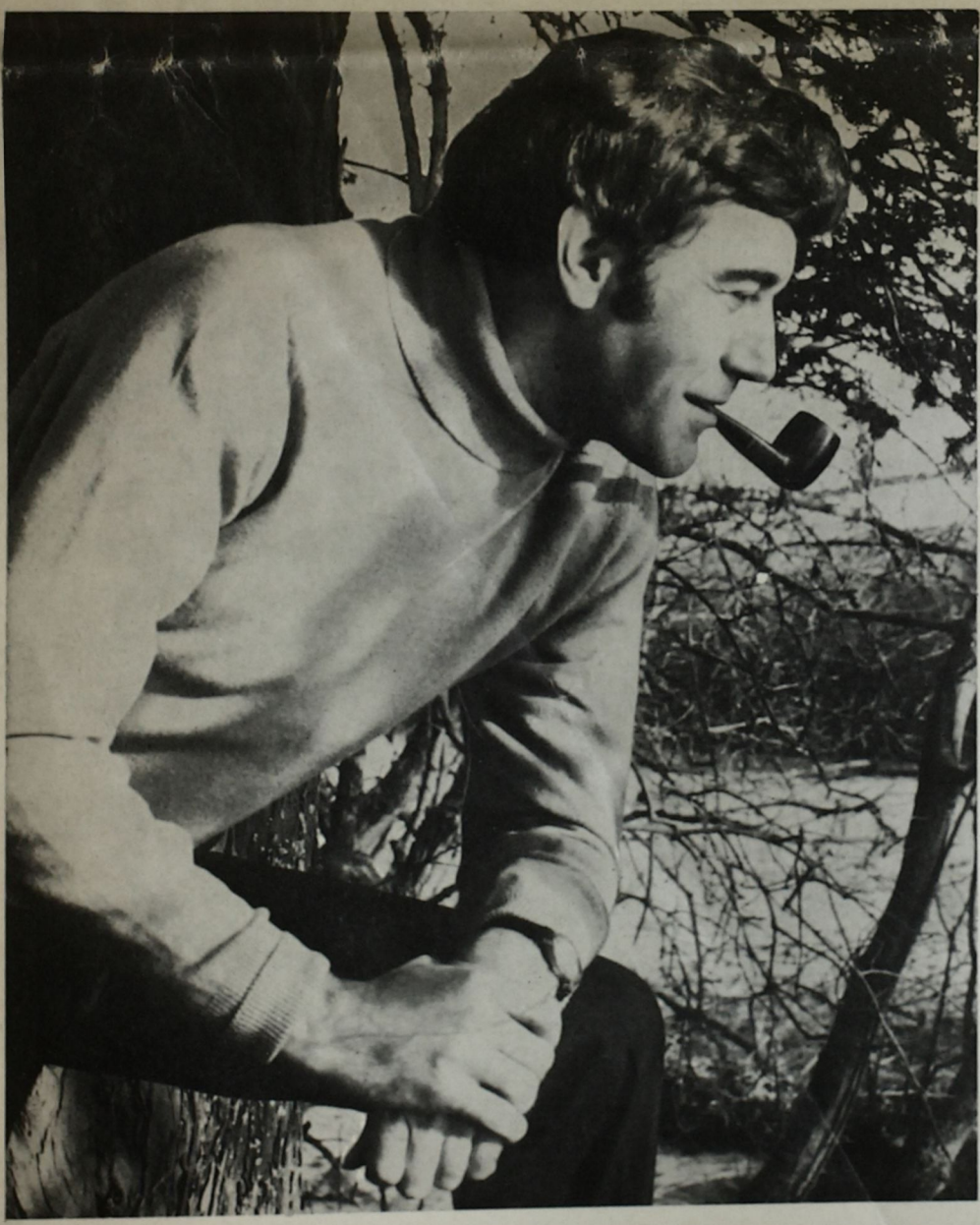
appropriately and briefly after the event, which all agreed had been a most entertaining and amusing get-together by two local clubs. Certainly, to judge from the musical sounds as their coach departed from the King's Head, Bristol took their defeat in good sporting spirit and are looking forward to the return match, on their own ground, in due course.

PREPARING FOR THE FRAY!

THOUGH as yet small, numerically speaking, the Thames Valley Club provided its members with attractive and enjoyable events in May and July—quite apart from their visits to Mr. Irving's 'House of Pipes', reported separately.

The May 25 meeting, at The Dukes Head Hotel, Peasod Street, Windsor, described by secretary Donald Hatt as 'An Open Humorous Evening', certainly lived up to the description with the showing of Churchmans' film, 'Revolutions for All'. This is, of course, the film describing how cigars are made, with a superb commentary by Denis Norden. A prizewinning film at many international contests, members agreed that it fully deserved its awards. Afterwards a smoking contest was organised by Dave Marsh, of Ogden's, and while everyone was puffing merrily away, another film of various comedy sketches spiced with Western shots was run. Though average times of 30-40 min. were recorded the winner and runner-up, Mr. S. Speed and Mr. H. S. Halls, put up times of 59 and 55 min. respectively. A raffle raised £3.20 for club funds.

The July 13 meeting—as already forecast in the report of the London Pipe Club's activities—featured as its main attraction the Tobacco Recognition Contest initiated at The Pavlovs Arms. Despite the fact that Mr. Hatt, as joint winner of the London competition, refrained from participation, Thames Valley did extremely well on this, with Mr. Halls getting eight out of nine brands right, and Mr. R. Woodward seven. Still determined to win their places in the National Pipesmoking Championship through plenty of practice, Thames Valley members then entered into combat by this means, with a marked improvement over the last contest. Mr. Speed registered a time of 84 min., and Mr. M. Moverley 64 min. A special award went to a lady member, Mrs. Jean Hatt, wife of the secretary, whose time was an excellent 63 min.



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TOBACCO SPOTTING:

Novel Contest Appeals to Younger Members

DESPITE appalling weather conditions nearly 50 members braved the elements to attend the June meeting of the London Pipe Club, attracted by the novelty of a 'tobacco recognition' competition. And it has to be said that the majority of those attending the event—held at the club's regular venue, the Pavilions Arms, Westminster—came from the younger generation of club members.

The competition, devised by the new London club secretary, Mr. Stanley Lowe—who donated the first prize of a briar pipe—required members to test their skill in recognising nine different brands of tobacco, by sight and smell only. Smoking, even of one's own favourite brand, was taboo for the duration of the contest. The nine brands were contained in nine glass jars, each labelled with three different brand names, so that the test of skill was to see which name was correct in each case. Surprisingly good results were achieved, despite gloomy prognostica-

tions from some members of the committee, and two members named no fewer than seven brands correctly. The resultant tie—between Mr. E. P. Jenkinson and Mr. Donald Hatt (hon. secretary of the Thames Valley Pipe Club, attending the London meeting as a welcome visitor)—was broken by the time-honoured expedient of tossing a coin, and Mr. Jenkinson thereby became the ultimate winner. Six out of the nine brands were named correctly by both Mr. F. E. Harper-Mayhew and Mr. W. E. Bloomfield, who therefore shared third place. Obviously the nine correct answers

cannot be revealed in *Pipeline*, for Mr. Hatt has planned a similar contest for his own club in the very near future and, in fact, returned home with the nine glass jars and the all-important information.

Other club secretaries wishing to follow the example of the London club are invited to write to P.C.G.B. headquarters for the competition notes and specimen entry form for competitors.

The remaining feature of what proved to be a very pleasant and informative evening for London club members was provided by P.C.G.B. director Mr. Peter Macnab, who presented to Mr. Peter Spearing, vice-chairman, a plaque bearing the P.C.G.B. emblem to be exhibited at all future London Pipe Club meetings.

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WELCOME TO OUR FIRST CLUB IN E. EUROPE

CZECH MEMBERS DO WELL IN COMPETITION

The calm and friendly atmosphere that pervaded the opening meeting of the first club in Eastern Europe to become affiliated to the Pipe Club of Great Britain—I Pipe Club of Prague—was typical, in all but location, of similar occasions elsewhere.

Taking place on April 29 in the hall of the Czech Television Club, the members of the Prague Pipe Club had as their hosts two representatives of the British-American Tobacco Co. and Mr. Norman Wiggott as delegate from the P.C.G.B.

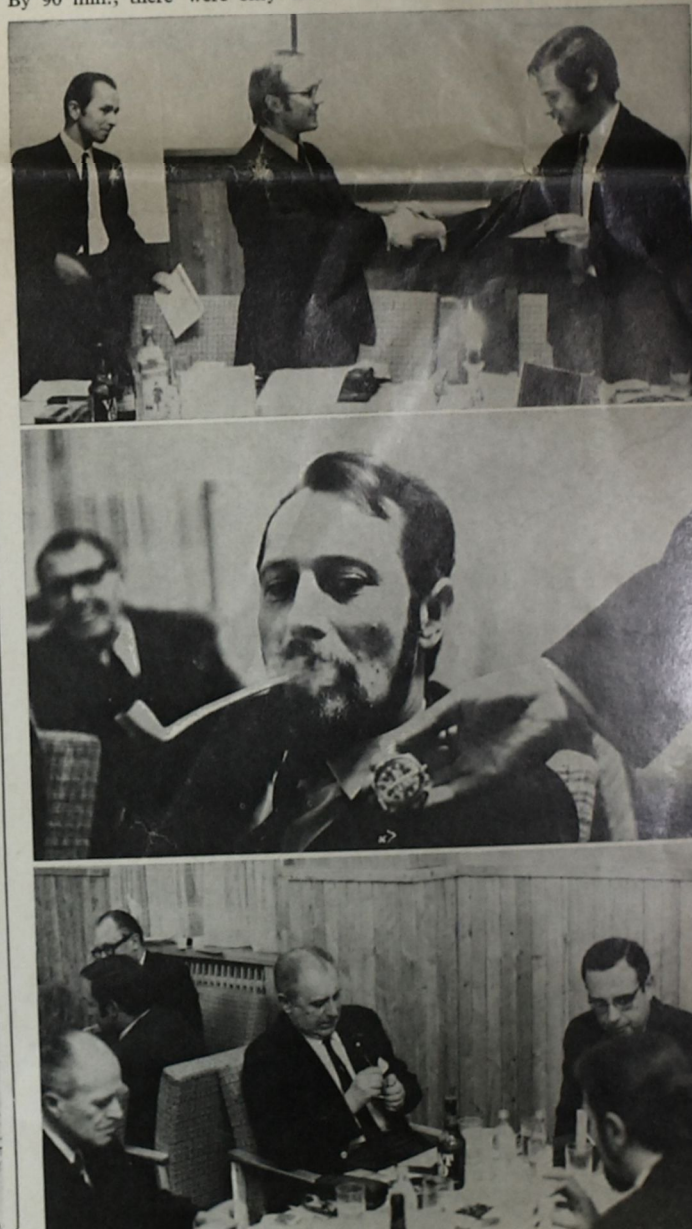
Though the main purpose of the meeting was to establish relations and to get to know the history of the British pipe club movement, a pipe smoking competition, under P.C.G.B. rules and using the same clay pipes and one brand of tobacco as in the British contests, was the 'star attraction' of the evening. One thing is certain: the competitors could not have practised beforehand; they did not know the rules.

A bell rang and the competition was on, with the hall soon redolent of the aroma of good English tobacco. Times were recorded by a panel of three supervisors. At 2 min. the unlucky first smoker failed; even experienced smokers found it difficult to exceed the half-hour mark. Between the 50th and 70th minutes, the 'jury' was kept busy recording times. By 90 min., there were only three

smokers left; at 94 min., another failed; at 96 min. there was only one left, Mr. M. Capek. He puffed his way to victory quietly and leisurely until—at 106 min. 15 sec. he tapped out a little ash, smiled happily, and became the winner.

All agreed that it had been a 'lovely evening'. The committee of I Pipe Club of Prague accepted with great delight affiliation to the Pipe Club of Great Britain. Great interest was shown in a recording of a speech of welcome by Mr. Peter Macnab, the P.C.G.B. Director, which was followed by a showing of slides of typical pipe club activities in Britain, and the film 'Virginian Venture'.

The tobacco used in the competition was State Express London Mixture, and the Czech pipemen also had the opportunity of trying such British brands as Capstan, St. Bruno, Gold Block and Three Nuns. By the kindness of B. Barling & Sons, six Barling pipes were awarded as prizes, and the whole successful enterprise was the fruit of co-operation between the Pipe Club of Great Britain and representatives of the British-American Tobacco Company.



Pictures above show (top to bottom): Mr. Krasny, president, I Pipe Club of Prague, (right) accepting affiliation to the P.C.G.B. from its representative, Mr. Norman Wiggott; the Czech pipe smoking champion, Mr. M. Capek; members of the winning team filling up for the fray ahead.

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more club news:

- NORTH CHESHIRE'S 100th MEMBER
- PIPE CLUB'S 2000th MEMBER TO GET PRESENTATION

NORTHANTS CUTS COMMITTEE

WHEN the Northamptonshire Pipe Club held its annual general meeting—at Tarry's, Harpole Turn, Northampton, on June 23—the 30 members present voted unanimously that the first chairman and secretary should continue in office for another year and that there should be a committee of four—a reduction from six.

The roll of officers for the current year, therefore, is as follows: chairman, Mr. G. Reeve; hon. secretary/treasurer, Mr. Steven Voigts; committee, Messrs. J. Berkeley, M. Billson, G. Brown and Mrs. A. Voigts.

The entertainment which followed the formal business was sponsored by Churchman's—to whom the club owes grateful thanks—who provided tobacco and cigars for all members,

as well as their excellent film on cigar-making, 'Revolutions for All', for which the commentary is by Dennis Norden. The second film, 'Rally to Win', was kindly provided by W. D. and H. O. Wills.

Discussed at great length was members' participation in the National Pipesmoking Championship. Other clubs are warned that Northants members are very determined to do well.

MODEST START AT BIRMINGHAM

A HOT night in the middle of the Midland city's holiday season may hardly have seemed propitious for the formation of a club for enthusiastic pipe smokers. Yet a handful of devotees of the briar—and their ladies—did in fact get together at the Quinborne Community Centre's Bennett Hall on July 28 and unanimously decided to form themselves into the City of Birmingham Pipe Club.

The meeting was attended by the Director and Administrative Officer (Miss Rhona Brown) at the request of a number of members living in and around Birmingham.

Unfortunately, owing to a misunderstanding with the film projectionist, it was not possible to show the normal inaugural meeting film programme, and Mr. Macnab found himself in the position of having to entertain and advise his audience single-handed for some two

hours. Perhaps the fact that the enthusiasm of the audience seemed undiminished at the end is the best tribute that can be paid to the Director. After discussion and election of officers—Mr. Peter Widdowson, of G. E. Widdowson Ltd., Peckingham Street, Halesowen, Worcs., is the club's first secretary—members and other interested pipe smokers (some of them ladies) entered an informal pipe smoking competition, with tobacco kindly supplied by John Player & Sons. Some very good times were recorded, with James Widdowson, the secretary's younger brother, clocking up 75 min., closely followed by Mr. Tom Bailey, welfare officer from Kings Norton, who kept his clay pipe alight for 74 min.



Visitors at 'House of Pipes'

MEMBERS of both the Solent and Thames Valley Pipe Clubs have reason to remember, with gratitude, the hospitality offered to them on several occasions during the summer by Mr. Anthony Irving—who by now surely needs no introduction from us.

Not only were the visitors fascinated by the vast array—amounting in all to some 12,000 items—of antique pipes and tobacco items, but they were hospitably entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Irving to light refreshments.

So fascinated was one party from the Solent Club, that, arriving at around 8 p.m., they did not leave for their home destinations until the smallest hours of the morning. Mr. Irving told us that, so far from this being any sort of burden, he was delighted to receive his pipemen visitors and for them to stay as long as they wished.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving's kind invitation still holds good for any pipe club within

travelling distance of his home on the Surrey-Hampshire border. One point: parties must obviously be limited in number. Branch secretaries have full details, if members wish to take advantage of this offer which is limited also in time—for the collection may soon be on the move.

Our pictures, from member R. A. Woodward, show (l. to r.): genial host Mr. Irving with Thames Valley Pipe Club chairman J. A. Craught and member M. Moverley (possessor of a choice but smaller collection himself); just a glimpse of items from Mr. Irving's collection on just one wall of 'The House of Pipes'.



TO new member Mr. W. A. Missenden, of Failsworth, Manchester, a special welcome and congratulations. For 53-year-old Mr. Missenden—pictured here—is not only a welcome recruit to the go-ahead North Cheshire Pipe Club—he is also their 100th member!

And congratulations, too, to Mr. Fred

Royle, the chairman and committee member of the North Cheshire club, in attaining his century in well under a year. Married, with a 12-year-old daughter, Mr. Missenden is area foreman with the Express Dairy (Northern), and quotes as his hobbies reading adventure thrillers and watching wrestling; outdoors his gentler interest is in gardening and especially growing dahlias and carnations. A member of the T.A. (Lancashire Fusiliers) from 1936-1942, he served in the Royal Dragoons from 1942-1946. As a member of the Company of Veteran Motorists, it's not surprising that he likes 'tinkering' with cars. He's been a pipe smoker for about 35 years—after having tried, and given up, cigarettes—and quotes his favourite brands as Condor and St. Bruno.

THIS strapping young man from Swansea, South Wales, is member No. 2000 of the Pipe Club of Great Britain—and shortly to become a foundation member of the Pipe Club of Swansea when its inaugural meeting is held at The Dragon Hotel, Swansea, on October 26.

18-year-old Paul Robinson, a steady smoker of two ounces a week, Paul was persuaded by his local Accredited Retailer, Mr. Edwin Hall, to join the pipe club. A self-confessed novice, he already has half-a-dozen pipes, of which his favourite is the long-stemmed cherry with which we photographed him. 'It's ideal for me, because it was inexpensive. And if you look after a cherry, it will last quite a long time', he says. The economy of pipe smoking also appeals to Paul, at a weekly figure of about 75p. But, he adds, 'It costs me a small fortune in matches!'

Paul quotes his principal hobbies as riding, clay shooting and—naturally in South Wales—Rugby football, but he still finds time to read the classics. His current favourite tobacco is Clan, and he finds the fair sex appreciate the pleasant aroma of that brand.

The P.C.G.B. will, of course, mark Paul's enrolment as its 2000th member appropriately—but the form of the presentation we're keeping a secret; until 26th October.

THE FLAVOUR LINGS ON

CONCLUDING THE STORY—STARTED IN 'PIPELINE' No. 8—OF SOME FAMOUS TOBACCO BRANDS STILL FAVOURITES AFTER MANY YEARS

PRUIN is a twist selling mainly in the Midlands, but regular quantities are sent to Dorset and the North West. It was first registered by Ogden's in 1898, two years before they registered **Headway**, a tobacco in demand mainly in Northern Ireland but with a following in the North-western area—indicating a brand loyalty among migrant Irish families who had crossed the water to Scotland. Some quantities find their way to Southampton and the Isle of Wight where, most likely, there are other 'exiled' Irishmen.

The famous **St. Bruno** was registered in 1895 by Ogden's Ltd. **Walnut**, another well-known Ogden brand, came to them through a little-known company named Percy Brothers, who registered the brand in 1890. **St. Julien** was first registered in 1906 while **Nut Brown** joined Ogden's from Adkin & Sons, one of the smallest original Imperial members. Adkins first registered the brand in 1876, and submitted a 'Claim of User' that establishes the tobacco as having been launched in 1869.

W. A. & A. C. Churchman joined Imperial in 1902, and of the tobaccos they were then manufacturing the sole survivor is **Celebrated Counter**, a packet shag that commands strong support in Norfolk and Suffolk and sells 'across the borders' in Essex and Cambridgeshire.

Black Beauty, a dark packet shag, was originally produced by E. & W. Anstie Ltd., of Devises. The company appears to have been founded some time before 1710, and it is not known how old Black Beauty actually is—it could be 200 years.

Extra Fine Shag falls into the same category. Today both brands are selling well in the Wessex area. W. D. & H. O. Wills first registered

Old Friend in 1887; it has become known in the trade as the 'fishermen's tobacco' having always sold well in the fishing ports of Hull, Grimsby and Fleetwood. Likewise, **Early Bird**, registered by Wills in 1893, has an attraction for the fishing fraternity, but sells best in the North Midlands.

One of the most interesting of the old Wills' tobaccos is **Bishop Blaze**. The company registered the brand with the Trade Marks Office on December 2, 1876, and were granted a 'Claim of User' for 28 years preceding April 4, 1877, which points to an original launching date of 1849. However, the picture depicted on the label of **Bishop Blaze** had been used fairly widely in the tobacco trade by a number of manufacturers and there are reasons to believe that a **Bishop Blaze** label similar to that of today was in use in the later years of the 17th century.

There seem to be three spellings of the name—Blaze, Blaise, or Blasius—but how this Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia (now known as Sivas in Turkey) came to be associated with tobacco is obscure. Bishop Blasius was martyred in A.D. 316 under the Roman Emperor Diocletian. He became the Patron Saint of Wool-combers, hence the wool-combing equipment in his hands.

In the Middle Ages the wool trade was all-important to England, and St. Blaise's Day was a popular festival until the 19th century.

At Richmond in Yorkshire, there is an hotel named after him, and in the West Country there was a chapel dedicated to him at Henbury, in the area now known as Henbury Wood, Bristol. There are thought to be connections with Blaise Castle too.

These old brands recall for us the tempestuous conditions in the

country's tobacco trade in the latter half of the 19th century. Competition was cut-throat and misrepresentation rife. Cigarettes, beginning to find favour with the smoking public, were making inroads into markets previously dominated by the pipe and cigar. Unscrupulous manufacturers were imitating the labels and packaging of successful brands. A variety of coupon schemes was operating. Advertising claims were often extravagant. Price-cutting was driving many tobacconists and manufacturers into bankruptcy.

The tobaccos that have survived to this day had thus already been through rigorous tests to survive even to the turn of the century.

In 1875, some sort of order was brought to the picture by the passing of the Trade Marks Registration Act, designed to apply legalities to merchandise labelling and packaging and to enable official action to be taken against operators who had been imitating quality goods with inferior products. The introduction of the Act did not stamp out such practices immediately, but once some of the larger firms started taking people to court, obtaining damages, costs and perpetual injunctions, misrepresentation virtually ceased.

Merchandise Marks Acts—better described, perhaps, as trade description Acts—were also put on the statute book.

W. D. & H. O. Wills had occasion in 1891 to prosecute a tobacconist for selling a plausible imitation of **Three Castles** cigarettes. The packet was described as a 'colourable imitation' and the wording on the packet was 'D. W. & O. H. Wills Three Castle cigarettes'.

Coupon trading took various forms, both in tobacco and cigarettes—one scheme offering a quantity of

free cigarettes in exchange for coupons. J. & F. Bell Ltd., of Glasgow, later to become part of Imperial, introduced **Belmont** in 1901, each packet containing a coloured picture of British Colonial troops. The smoker who collected the most cards in a given six-month period could win £100.

Ogden's came out with a scheme whereby 200 of their **Guinea Gold** picture cards could be exchanged for one guinea. An unfortunate aspect of this scheme was that they had to take advertising space to draw attention to a perpetual injunction against a wholesaler for taking the cards out of the packets before he sold the cigarettes to the public!

Patent pipes, cigarette-making machines and countless inventions ancillary to the tobacco trade were being put on the market as entrepreneurs sought to corner some part of the rapidly developing tobacco market. Perhaps one of the wildest schemes was reported in the *Pall Mall Gazette* in 1872: 'Miners will smoke like railway travellers, whatever regulations may be framed to hinder them from so doing. It is proposed to enable them to enjoy their pipes without danger. To effect this object earthenware jars of tobacco are to be deposited on the surface of the ground near the pit's mouth, the smoke from which can be inhaled through india rubber tubes running inside the mine. Tobacco smoke is, in fact, to be laid on to the mine as gas and water are laid on to houses. The jars being lighted from above, the tobacco may be smoked in perfect safety, and the miners will no longer be tempted to carry lucifer matches in their pockets.'

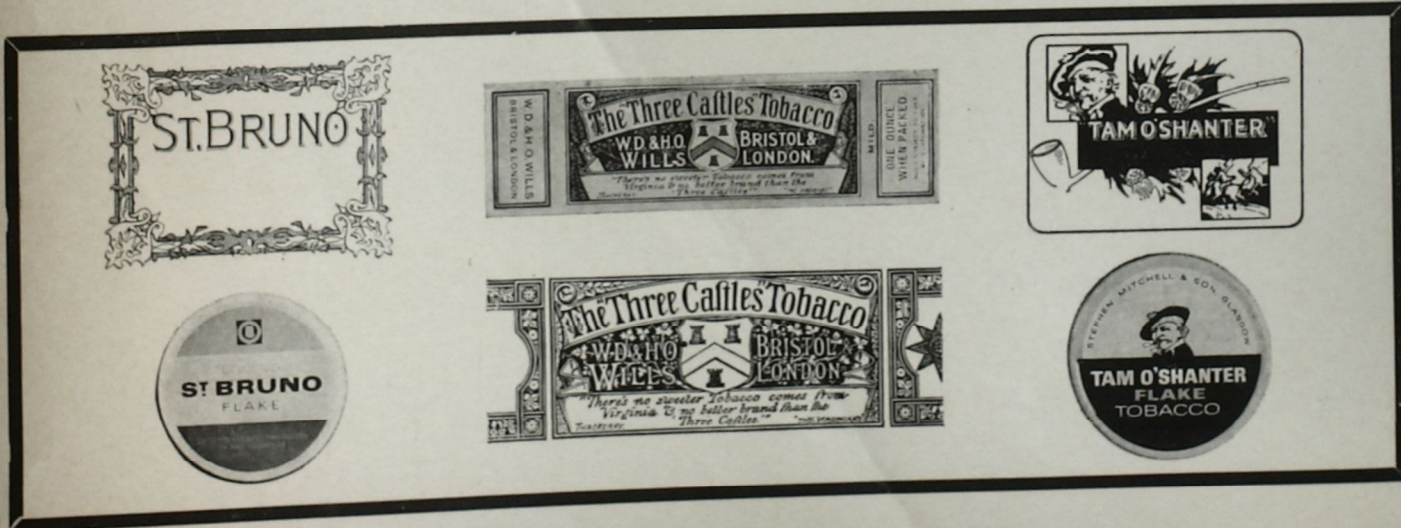
This was not the only scheme of its kind because the following year in



Exmoor Hunt labels: above, circa 1880; below, 1971

Virginia City a German Professor, Maulesel, was reported to have purchased a piece of ground and to be embarking on the construction of a special project bearing a striking resemblance to the local gas works. He planned to burn tobacco in large retorts and pass the smoke to a special receptacle somewhat resembling a gasometer where it would be cooled and scented to have 'the flavour of the finest Havana cigar'. A contemporary reported that the next stage would be to pipe the tobacco to all houses and hostels so that fine, cool smoking would be available 'on tap' throughout the city!

Illustrations below show (left to right): St Bruno labels of circa 1899 (above) and 1971 (below); The Three Castles labels: 1971 and, below, circa 1877; Tam O'Shanter labels: above, circa 1928; below 1971.



A typical Ogden's advertisement in 1901.

CALLING POETIC PIPEMEN

Christopher de Chazal

IN the last issue of *Pipeline* there appeared an excellent little poem comparing women with the pipe. This has inspired 'D.C.F.' of London to write in praise of briar and leaf:

*How manifold is Earth's rich store
Of bounties, which it yields!
Food crop—plant—and precious ore
From forests, mines and fruitful
fields.*

*The sheer necessities of life
Abound in sheer subvention.
Yet, while 'tis true that these are
rife,
Two others merit mention.*

*Within the earth there lies a root
Which gives Man untold pleasure;
The noble briar—sublime, yet mute
Companion of our leisure.*

*Garnered from the soil when ripe,
By craftsman's skill translated
Into that constant friend, the Pipe,
Of whose joys we're never sated.*

*In different climes there grows a leaf
Which has a pre-determined role
For Man's delight—beyond belief—
When married to the Briar's bowl.*

*Two make a marriage, normally,
Which lasts for life's whole span,
But smoking is a trinity
'Twixt Pipe, and leaf, and Man.*

*Long may the earth yield up its store of
Tobacco leaf and rooted briar,
For, while it lasts, Man can be sure of
A harvest for his heart's desire.*

We hope that 'D.C.F.' will make himself known to us, so that we may send him our small fee for published poems.

It is surprising how many contributions we have had from the ladies and we hope to publish some of these in our next issue. An additional verse to John Masefield's famous poem, 'Cargoes', has come from 'A.B.'.

*Big ships and little ships ploughing
through the oceans
On their way to Britain's tobacco
ports,
With cargoes of leaf from the
Balkans or Virginia
Soon to give inspiration to pipemen's
thoughts.*

(You see, 'A.B.', we have taken advantage of your permission to effect an 'improvement'). Regular readers of *Pipeline* will have read the interesting article on the member who grows his own tobacco. Henry E. Brown, who must have come from the land of the 'Missouri Meerscham', wrote this poem to inspire us to make our own pipes:

*There's clay pipes an' briar pipes an'
meerscham pipes as well;
There's plain pipes an' fancy pipes—
things jest made to sell;
But any pipe that can be bought for
marbles, chalk or pelf,
Ain't eal to the flavor of the pipe
you make yourself.
Just take a common corn cob an'
whittle out the middle,
Then plug up one end of it as tight as
any fiddle;
Fit a stem into th' side an' lay her
on the shelf,
And, when she's dry, you take her
down—that pipe you made
yourself.
Cram her full, clear to th' brim,
with nacheral leaf, you bet
'Twill smoke a trifle better for bein'
somewhat wet—
Take your worms and fishing pole,
and a jug 'long for health;
And you'll get a taste of heaven
from that pipe you made yourself.*

We wish readers success and hope they will let us know if they get that 'taste of heaven'. Thank you, P. A. Emmerson-Smith, Brighton, for your 'Ode to Pipemen' which we hope to include next time.



Pipeline would still like to hear from readers, especially those who are willing to contribute an up-to-date, original verse or poem. Write to Mr. de Chazal, c/o *Pipeline*, Kipling House, 43 Villiers Street, London WC2N 6NE.

'PATIS' ANSWERS YOUR QUESTIONS

Soon after the Pipe Club of Great Britain was established, we became aware of the need which existed for readily-available and accurate information for pipe smokers in particular, as well as for news media of different kinds. We therefore extended our activities by creating The Pipe and Tobacco Information Service (PATIS for short), whose services are available to members and non-members alike.

OUNCES OR GRAMMES?

I HAVE just read *Pipeline* No. 7 with great interest. With more tobaccos being packed in 25-gramme pouches I was anxious to discover what this represented in ounces. I was surprised to find it is only 0.883 oz. I wonder how many pipe smokers (a trustworthy breed) have been duped into thinking this was a 1-oz. pack? Those generally expensive pouch tobaccos have suddenly become more so in my eyes. I would be interested to find through your columns whether my surmise is correct. It seems that, if we do not lose with decimal currency, we are caught with metric weights. Your 'Time for a Pipe' leaflet appears to contain a wealth of useful information. I would be most grateful if you would send me a copy.

(Non-member, Southsea)

With very few exceptions the pouch packs to which you refer contain imported tobaccos on which, of course, not only is there the normal Tobacco Duty levied, but also import duty. Furthermore, the manufacturers in most cases are based in Europe, where metric weights and measures apply and where machinery for weighing and packing operates on a similar basis. You have, therefore, a combination of factors: a disproportionate amount of the price going to the Government and a tradition of gramme weighing.

I am not at all sure whether 'mixed' weights are, as you suggest, an unmixed blessing but I am sure we may safely acquit the manufacturers and importers if any deliberate attempt to suggest that, say, a 25-grm pack is the equivalent of 1 oz. Their packs and advertising customarily make the weight quite clear.

As a matter of interest, in the conversion of the prices for British-made tobaccos, it is a fact that 'rounding up' and 'rounding down' to decimal currency were just about even. By and large I think we must lay the blame for the present situation in regard to weights and measures to the operation of the interim period of conversion from the traditional British weights to the metric variety—and, perhaps, to our native obstinacy!

'Patis'

SHOPS FOR ANTIQUE PIPES

I WONDER if you could supply me with a list of shops or dealers who sell second-hand or antique pipes, tobacco jars, etc.

(1339, London)

I am afraid we cannot supply such a list for, as far as we know, the trade in antique pipes is not so well organised that there are any specialist shops.

There is always the possibility, however, of picking up antique pipes at domestic auction sales not to mention town and country markets. Increasing attention is being paid to smoking antiquities of all kinds and the days when bargains could be picked up very cheaply have, we think, passed by. Nevertheless I am sure that, if you take every possible opportunity of looking at the suggested sources, you might still find some items at quite reasonable prices. You could also instruct an antique dealer to buy for you, provided you make quite clear what price you are prepared to pay.

'Patis'

'ETNA' SPILLS (ACCREDITED RETAILER'S ENQUIRY)

The Etna spill makers and refills are obtainable from the Dura Co. (Cheadle) Ltd., Harley Road, Sale, Cheshire (Telephone Sale 2900).

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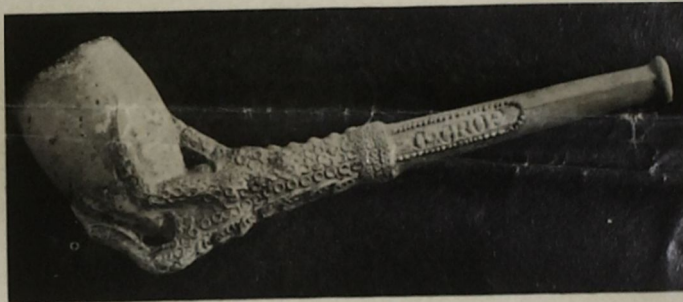
SAVINELLI PIPE WANTED

I HAVE been trying to no avail, to buy a Savinelli pipe. Do you know of any firm who would be willing to supply me by mail?

Whilst this well-known Italian manufacturer has no agents in this country, we understand that, if you will write to Merton Pipes (London) Ltd., at Unit 17, 784-792 High Road, London N17 0DA, giving them full details of the type of pipe you require (and your price limit), they will use their best endeavours to obtain the nearest equivalent Savinelli model for you.

'Patis'

COLLECTORS' CORNER: Anne Leigh-Simon



RIPPED-up floorboards in a house in Kent dating from 1610 have brought to light this small clay pipe in perfect condition.

The owner of the house, Mr. Fred Coles, had made up his mind to lay fitted carpeting in his front room. The old floorboards were uneven and were wearing marks in the carpet he wanted to replace. In order to prevent the same thing happening to the new carpet, he decided to renew the floor. It was while he was lifting the

original broad dark oak boards that he found the pipe. It is three and a half inches long, with the maker's name, C. Crop, London, on the stem. An unusual feature is the detailed moulding on the stem, which represents a bird's leg with the claw holding the bowl. The scaly surface of the leg and the sharp points of the claw are

clearly defined. There is some nicotine staining to prove that it has been smoked in its time, but it is otherwise almost as new.

Although the house itself is more than 360 years old, the front section where the pipe was found is a later addition, built 150 years ago on excavations from the older part. It seems possible that a workman busy on construction in the 1820s put down his pipe and forgot to pick it up again before the floor was laid.

This conjecture can be queried, however, by the decorative nature of the pipe—an unlikely possession for a working man of the period. Again, it could be an older relic which has survived the rigours of building and rebuilding to come down to the present time without a blemish. Perhaps Pipe Club members can help to throw some light on the age of Mr. Cole's find: when, for instance, was C. Crop of London in business? And is there any significance in the small size and the intricate design?

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mainly about people:

BRITISH smoking has lost one of its most famous names—and the tobacco trade one of its most distinguished 'characters'—with the death in July of Mr. Alfred Dunhill, M.C., president of Alfred Dunhill Ltd. Mr. Dunhill, who was in his 76th year, joined his father, the founder of the world-famous business, a few years after the latter had opened a small tobacconist's shop in Duke Street, St. James's, in 1907. It was there that he learnt how to blend tobacco, to care for cigars and the hundred-and-one other jobs that began his extensive knowledge of the tobacco trade.

During the First World War he served as a private soldier in the Royal West Surrey Regiment, later being promoted Captain and awarded the M.C.

On his father's retirement in 1928, Mr. Dunhill became chairman of the company, a position he held until 1961. He was largely responsible for the company's high standing at home and abroad.



Something of a Victorian in appearance and attitude, Mr. Dunhill's lifelong devotion to the family business did not lack a sense of humour well known to his colleagues. For example, when a landmine devastated the company's Duke Street headquarters in 1941, he was to be seen sitting among the debris in the street, selling off what remained of the pipe stock to passers-by.

Taking a leading part in the post-World War II revival of the Worshipful Company of Tobacco Pipe Makers and Tobacco Blenders, he was Master in 1955-56. As historian, public speaker, businessman and enthusiast who regarded smoking as a subject as rich and rewarding as wine and food, Mr. Dunhill's position in the tobacco industry was probably unique. His published works include *The Gentle Art of Smoking* and *The Pipe Book*, a revision of the survey of pipes of all nations originally published by his father in 1926.

He is survived by a widow and by his sister, Mary Dunhill, who took over the chairmanship of the company from her brother in 1961—to whom *Pipeline* extends its sincere sympathy on behalf of pipemen the world over.

WHEN Miss Jean Murray, principal of the Mather College of Education, Manchester, retired earlier this year, her students knew just what to give her for a retirement present: a meerschaum pipe! For Miss Murray has been a pipe smoker for over 20 years, taking up the habit when an A.R.P. Warden during the war ('to fill in the quiet moments'), and now reckons to get through two or three ounces a week. 'It's a bit of a joke', comments Miss Murray, principal since the college opened in 1963, 'but everybody seems to accept it'. Her great-grandmother smoked a pipe and Miss Murray is quite content to light up in any company and doesn't think it unfeminine.

Members of the North Cheshire Pipe Club are hoping that this distinguished pipewoman will join their happy organisation.

OUR 'poetic pipeman', from Preston, Christopher de Chazal, is not only a versifier in his own right; he also writes a very entertaining letter. One of his recent missives to *Pipeline* told us of a recent holiday in Italy, when he called at the famous pipe shop of Achille Savinelli in Milan and bought a pipe. (Incidentally, Mr. Savinelli himself is a P.C.G.B. member.) Somehow he managed to take a photograph of himself with the pleasant and knowledgeable assistant who sold him the pipe. (Don't ask us how!) We have persuaded him to send us the picture and here it is. Perhaps we shouldn't repeat the following, but Christopher told us that he found Savinelli's shop much more interesting than looking round the Italian city's famous Cathedral. There's a real pipeman for you!



Incidentally Christopher also tells us that he used to live in the very appropriately named French town of Curepipe and is hoping to put us in touch with a pipe smoker from that town.

SEQUEL to a holiday visit to the Isle of Man by Teesside Pipe Club member Clive Hewett is this picture of Mr. William Ingram in the factory of Manx Pipes Ltd., The Quay, Old Laxey. Mr. Ingram guided Clive on a most interesting tour of the factory which produces about 1,500 block meerschaum and meerschaum-lined pipes every week. The firm was established about six years ago and most of their output is exported.



Clive was very lucky, in fact, for visitors are not normally shown the various processes which result in a very high standard of finished product. It was only his membership of the Pipe Club of Great Britain which influenced the management to show him around.

Footnote for potential visitors: Clive tells us that it is possible to buy from the factory shop reject pipes at very attractive prices (Clive himself bought five). So, a personal visit—even if a factory tour is not possible—would seem to be worth while for Club members who happen to be in the Isle of Man.

A PIPEMAN with a preference for 'giant' pipes is new Solent Pipe Club member Mr. Stanley Boshier, of Ringwood, Hants. And to prove it, Mr. Boshier sent us this Emmwood cartoon of himself done in 1966. Asked why he preferred large pipes, Mr. Boshier told us these reasons: they are much more economical to smoke; more enjoyable; cooler. An additional plus for Mr. Boshier—who is a member of the British Racing Drivers' Club and has done a great deal of motor racing and rallying in the past—is the fact that, when motoring, the big pipe lasts for anything up to 2½ hours without refilling, thus requiring less attention on the longer trips. Yet another reason, perhaps for pipe smoking as well, is that the pipe has always proved so much more satisfactory when under pressure or strain before and after competitive motoring events.



A KEEN member of the Pipe Club—and favourite columnist of millions of *Sunday Express* readers—Michael Watts is the author of a new book, to be published by Sidgwick and Jackson on October 28, at the sensible price of £1.25. Based as it is on a popular section of his weekly column, 'I Say! I Say!' is described as a collection of Great Britain's best corny jokes. Of special interest to fellow pipe smokers, of course, is the chapter entitled 'The Man You Can

Trust', which stresses the opening theme: 'the dedicated pipemen of Britain are honest chaps on whom you can rely'. Admitting that there might—there just might—be one or two exceptions to this dictum, Mr. Watts goes on to prove his point with chapter and verse, but without losing his sense of humour.

This is an ideal Christmas present for the pipe smoker, from one of his own kind.



Just how intelligent are Gold Block tobacco smokers? Very, to judge by the large number of all-correct entries in last year's Christmas competition sponsored by the makers, Ogden's, which was judged by Victor Serebriakoff (seated), chairman of the Mensa International committee. To win 50 meerschaum pipes and consolation prizes that could lead to Mensa membership, competitors had to answer a Mensa test contained in the 2-oz Gold Block tin and also in *Pipeline*. The other judges (l. to r.) were Hugh Wakefield (Ogden's advertising and marketing manager), P.C.G.B. director Peter Macnab, and Noel Underhill, of Haddons, Ogden's advertising agents.

CALLING ALL CARS by 'PIPEDRIVER'

APOLOGIES for my non-appearance in *Pipeline* No. 8—I was banished to Outer Mongolia by the Editor and it's taken me ever since then to get back. In fact, this 'Car of the Month' will be the last, as the cost to the club somewhat overshadows the response by club members—which brings me to my next comment.



CAR OF THE MONTH Saab 99

picture by 'Pipedriver'

What next? In the first issue I explained that I hoped to make the series an interesting one, but participation has to come from readers as well as the writer—it's no good just putting on a 'chat show'—for one is, after all, rather restricted in a magazine devoted to the promotion of the pipe club movement.

So please let us have some contributions on club motoring matters, either as individual club news or single items of interest from members: any motoring activity, treasure hunts; club outings; visits to exhibitions (we are trying to organise vintage car activity in Manchester); holidays abroad; accidents of interest—anything. Otherwise 'Pipedriver' will have to go on 'that last ride out of town'!

I make no apology for once again choosing a foreign car; indeed, one of the main reasons for my absence from issue No. 8 was the complete lack of interest by local British car distributors. Having already tested the smaller Saab 96, I approached the local distributors, Andersons of Stockport, who were only too glad to loan me a brand-new, four-door model. In this test we used 500 miles of Scottish roads—an ideal proving ground for any motor. This Saab, the largest and most expensive model, has the 1850-c.c., in-line, B.L.M.C. 'Stag'—or, rather, half of it—mounted at an angle of 45° with front-wheel drive. The first thing one notices is the common-sense approach to the engine layout. The clutch assembly is in the front of the engine and all the electrical parts, coil, distributor, battery, fuses, etc., are placed for easy access. The exterior is more beautiful than previous models and is correct aerodynamically, particularly the drooped bonnet, giving wonderful clear viewing on all surfaces, once one has got used to not being able to see the front of the car!

For the price, the interior is quite luxurious; plush seating, thick, door-to-door carpets, well laid-out front dash and a semi-scooped steering wheel, with light/flasher sticker placed on the left-hand side. The main problem here was understanding the rather complicated procedure for controlling heating/ventilation. The car sports a near floor column gear-shift and I understand that an automatic version is available.

Conveniently placed rear-view mirrors on each front door are an essential safety factor, in my opinion (standard on most foreign cars now) and, incorporating the complete wrap-around window system, make for a safe, clear and non-claustrophobic drive—a factor neglected by many motor manufacturers.

This is not the kind of motor, however, to go bending round corners, à la 'boy-racer'. It is extremely competent on acceleration, giving 0-50 in around 10.5 secs. but, due to the front-wheel drive, tends to come back at you on cornering and has to be controlled with a firm hand; at slow speeds, in fact, the steering feels rather heavy.

But the 99 comes into its own on motorway hikes. It will do a genuine 'ton' and at that speed you can even hear the clock! There are absolutely no wind vibrations, squeaks or other distractions and, when cruising at 70 (no, officer, we did not exceed the limit!) one gets the impression that the car is just sauntering along without effort. I would say that perhaps this is the car's main selling point, plus plenty of room, quietness, smooth running, good visibility—an all round family car with just enough power to make life interesting, not a car for the '120 m.p.h. in second' boys. And for pipe smokers—yes, you've guessed it—a decent ashtray (sorry, pipe tray).

Another important factor: the brakes; independent discs all round with the Saab dual system of alternate cross pipes, thus making failure virtually impossible. And, to make things easier, servo-assisted. An alternator keeps the electrics alive and the rectangular Halogen headlamps make for good night driving, with separate well-placed buttons on the dash (incidentally, if the headlamps fail, they can be disconnected without interfering with the auxiliary systems).

Main specifications: Engine, 4-cylinder 1,850 c.c. Triumph Stag, mounted 45°. B.H.P. 95 at 5,500 gross. M.P.G., 28 average. 10-gal. tank (test average only). Length; 14 ft. 3 in. Weight, 23 cwt. Basic price, £1,479; on the road, £1,525.

Before I go, 'Pipedriver' took delivery on 1st September of the new fuel-injection B.M.W. 2002-II (who says I am biased?) Any member who is interested and would like a test drive, or any information, please contact me through *Pipeline*.

'Pipedriver'



CLAIMED to be an aristocratic tobacco for the pipeman who appreciates the best, a special smoking mixture—**Balkan Sobranie No. 759**—is now available in the U.K. Previously for export only, this superb blend is made from a mixture of red dappled Virginia, finest Macedonian tobaccos and, for extra measure, Mountain Blue Latakia. An

outstanding favourite abroad, in the United States particularly, it is considered the tobacco for the seeker after extra character with coolness and mildness. Packed in 1-oz. and 2-oz. airtight tins and selling at recommended retail prices of 49p and 98p respectively, sampler tins can be got at a recommended price of 17p.



A BRAND new pipe designed to give every pipeman a really cool, satisfying smoke has just been announced by **Ronson**, after many months of designing and testing. Available in three striking stem types—satin metal; black; black with silver tone ring—there are two bowl types: polished or rustic finish. Five shapes of interchangeable bowl are avail-

able, too, and may be bought separately from the pipe in handy pocket packs. Easy to keep clean and dry, an additional help for the wet smoker is the absorbent discs, five of which are packed free with every pipe. Recommended prices range from £2.30 to £2.60, with interchangeable bowls at £1.00 (rustic) and £1.10 (polished).

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING LIST

A RANGE of gifts is available to pipe smokers under the coupon scheme operated by the makers and distributors of **Troost** pipe tobacco. The attractive items—all with a Dutch flavour—include Delft hand-painted tobacco jars, Delft blue ashtrays, Troost jewellite pipes in



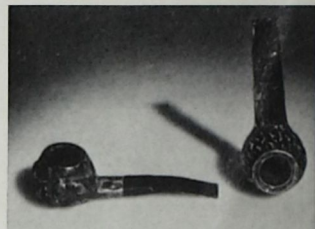
seven shapes, brass pipe racks (with and without pipes) and Terry cloth tee shirts. Our picture illustrates the pipe rack with complete range of pipes, the ashtray and tobacco jar. The gift catalogue is obtainable by writing to the U.K. distributors, W. P. Solomon Ltd., 26-29 Maunsell Street, London, S.W.1.

ALREADY a very popular series, and the only block meerschaum pipe produced in the United Kingdom, the **Barling Block Meerschaum** illustrated here now has an added attraction: an



interchangeable mouthpiece, which makes it quite unique. Apart from the simplicity for the smoker to interchange mouthpiece styles, there are no problems in effecting a replacement when a mouthpiece is worn or damaged. Delays in refitting are obviated, too, for all the mouthpieces provided in the series will immediately fit any of the bowls. Retails at around £5.10-£9.12.

WE have been able—through the courtesy of **Oppenheimer Pipes Ltd.**—to present just in time for the Christmas present season a really fine collection of examples of modestly-priced pipes in 'trendy' Italian shapes and styles. All these models should be coming into the best shops any time now and are well worth your enquiries. First the Polo 'Dinghy'—an attractive 'holiday' shape retailing at around 99p. In two sandblast



finishes. Another popular Polo shape is the 'Piper' illustrated below and available in three finishes. Retails at around £2.20.



Something really new from Dr. Plumb is the superb quality coloured 'Carnival' pipe at the very reasonable recommended retail price of £1.96. Six attractive colours are featured in this range.



Coming in seven attractive shapes the superbly-styled Lorenzo 'Connoisseur' retails at around £2.99. Look out specially for the large flat matt walnut finish version.



Finally, a collector's piece which is still suitable for everyday smoking. This is

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THE SIGN OF



GOOD SERVICE

A regular advertising feature listing the names, addresses and telephone numbers of a selection of P.C.G.B.-Accredited Retailers offering a special service to members.

Enquiries regarding space in this feature should be addressed to the Administrative Officer, Pipe Club of Great Britain Ltd., Kipling House 43 Villiers Street, London WC2N 6NE

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Exeter: McGahey the Tobacconist, 245 High St. (Tel. 73625)

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Shrewsbury: E. Adlard & Son, 6 Shoplatch. (Tel. 2718)

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OVERSEAS

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

Dun Laoghaire: Thomas Brown, 86 Lower Georges St. (Tel. 801080)

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING LIST from p. 11

the Lorenzo 'Rio', with three distinctive mouthpiece finishes in white, grey and amber. These 1972 models, now available, retail at about £7-50.



ANOTHER economical range—this time in smokers' requisites—ready for the Christmas season comes from Comoy's and is illustrated here. All priced at under £2, any one would make an attractive Christmas gift from you to yourself. You could, of course, always leave this copy of *Pipeline* within eyeshot of the woman in your life—just as a hint! The smoker's knife pictured below—and such a useful thing to have around the pipe—retails at £1-00, whilst the zip-fastened pouch is a modest 90p. The companion button-up pouch sells in the shops at around £1-20.



The attractive 'gate' pipe rack sells at £1-25, whilst the tobacco jar carries a retail price of £1-65.

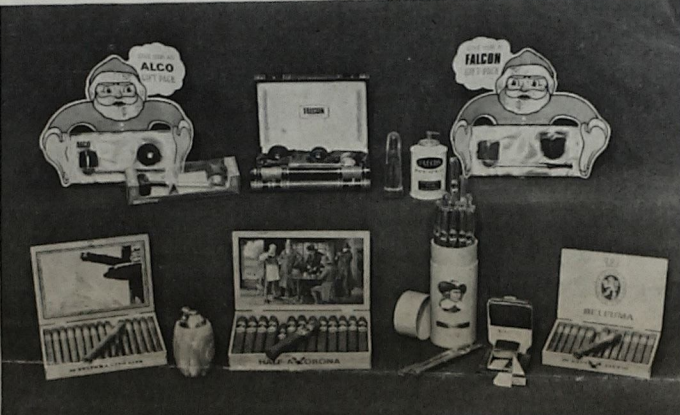


'Shopping List' is provided as a service to members of the Pipe Club of Great Britain, solely as a guide to the latest introductions in the pipe and tobacco field. The Editor, whilst taking every care possible to ensure



ATTRACTION but inexpensive and an ideal gift for the pipe smoker is this gaily wrapped drum of pipe cleaners supplied by Parker Hardcastle. Containing 90 pipe cleaners in a variety of colours, this is a delightful little Christmas Tree gift for Dad or to give as a prize for Christmas party games. Price: 20p. Available from good tobacconists throughout the country.

Some of the wide range of Christmas gift packs available from the Falcon Pipe Group are illustrated here and, as will be seen, include pipes, smokers' accessories and cigars. Featured are onyx table lighters in a variety of shapes,



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Nimrod gold plated pocket lighters, pipe sprays, pipe reamers and Belfuma cigars. Fully illustrated brochure obtainable by writing to Falcon Pipe Group Ltd., Commerce Road, Brentford, Middlesex.



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PRESENTS WITH THE PIPE CLUB TOUCH

THINKING of Christmas Presents with the Pipe Club touch? Let us give you one or two ideas: why not Pipe Club membership for a male relative—Father, Brother, Uncle, Cousin, Son—who has not so far seen the light? Cost: £1-25 (62p for senior citizens), sent with your greetings without extra charge. Then there are ties—navy or maroon—price £1-00 each; key fobs, price 37p each; cuff links, 62p per pair; brooch-type badges, 25p each. Take all these last three together and the cost, including post, packing, and

special greeting from you, is only £1-13.

In the book line, there are Alfred Dunhill's *Gentle Art of Smoking* (club price £1-05) or his *The Pipe Book* (£1-87); *All About Tobacco* by Milton M. Sherman (£1-50).

All in all, there's something in our list for almost every pipe smoker. But please order early and send your greeting with your remittance. We'll do the rest.

No orders accepted, we regret, after November 1.

THE sharp eye of North Cheshire Pipe Club member Alan H. Butcher, from Cheadle Hulme, has spotted a factual (and geographical) error in the book, *Discovering Smoking Antiques*, published by Shire Publications and available direct from P.C.G.B. headquarters. The authors have, on page 13, located the clay pipe-making town of Broseley in Staffordshire, instead of in Shropshire. A nice letter from the publishers promises a correction in the new edition of the book.

MORE SHOPS TO LOOK FOR

Here is the latest list of Accredited Retailers who have been appointed by the Pipe Club of Great Britain, to increase the service to pipe-smokers, resident locally or visiting:

BRISTOL
Ridgways, 62-64 The Mall, Clifton 8.

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Hopson & Son, 27 Albany Rd.

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Guernsey: Martin & Phillips, 39-41 High St., St. Peter Port.

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Maldon: Smokers World, 55 High St.

MONMOUTHSHIRE
Newport: H. Phillips, 11a High St., NPT 1FQ.
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H. Siger & Son, 24 Pink Lane, NE1 5DW.

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Wooler: T. & M. R. Whitlock, Market Place.

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WARWICKS
Solihull: R. I. Jones, 380 Stratford Rd., Shirley.

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Huddersfield: J. H. Beresford, 11 The Arcade, Market Hall.
Leeds: Horsey's The Lighter Specialists, 77 Vicar Lane, 1.

Due to closure, the following Accredited Retailers have been deleted from the official list: Coventry: Lennon Bros., 7 Hertford St.; Torquay: Frederick Wright, 77 Fleet St.; London W.1.: David Morris, 22c Curzon St.

Letters in the

PIPE LINE

IS THIS A RECORD?

IAM still smoking a pipe given to me in 1932. Apart from an overseas stint between 1941 and 1945, it has been in use regularly ever since. As a comparative newcomer to the Pipe Club, claims in excess of this may already have been established, but I will stick my neck out and ask 'is this a record?'

R. M. HORNER

1 Delamere Road,
Ainsdale,
Southport, Lancs.



We welcome this most interesting challenge from member Horner, pictured here with the 'record' pipe. Have any other members a longer-serving briar? Perhaps the ultimate winner might be suitably rewarded. Let's hear from you—Editor.

TRIBUTE FROM CANADA

IRATHER think that fellow-club members would appreciate hearing of the unique service which Alfred Dunhill Ltd. provide through Rothmans of Pall Mall, their distributor here in Western Canada. Several of my older Dunhill pipes were in need of new stems, which is a somewhat costly repair, when I learned that, if I contacted the Rothmans representative in Winnipeg, he would in turn forward them to Toronto, where Dunhill stems would be provided—free of charge! I was even more astounded to hear that this service is rendered for the lifetime of a pipe. In my opinion, service as well as quality are constant characteristics of Dunhill pipes.

RONALD NELSON

7-745 Winnipeg Ave.,
Winnipeg, Manitoba,
Canada.

'SONGS' OF PRAISE

IWISH to thank you for the enjoyment you have brought me through *Pipeline*.
ROBERT E. DORKSEN
37441 Grove Ave. Apt. 301,
Willoughby, Ohio.

PLEASE find enclosed my remittance for next year's subscription. Thank you for a most interesting magazine. Please keep up the good work.

J. G. GLENDINNING

184 High Street,
Dunedin,
New Zealand.

'I SPY'

THE article on the Ropp family pipe-making business published in *Pipeline* No. 7 was of great interest to me. My wife and I passed over the Col du Bassang recently, where the business was founded, and we played 'I Spy' for wild cherry trees, from which the early Ropp pipes were made in that area.

LEONARD H. GANT

45 Castle Road,
Colchester, Essex.

CLAY COLLECTOR

IAM an enthusiastic collector of clay pipes but, unfortunately, my collection does not include a single English-made pipe up to now.

Therefore I should be glad if you would put me in touch with members of the Pipe Club of Great Britain who could possibly help me in obtaining some. I am interested in exchanging as well as in purchasing pipes.

A friend of mine and I are organising an exhibition of all kinds of clay pipes, to be held near Ghent. If one of your members is interested in participating in the exhibition I should be delighted if he would notify us as soon as possible.

CARL UYTTERHAEGEN

Kortrijksepoortstraat 58,
Ghent, Belgium.

THE BRAGGE COLLECTION

IN the last issue of *Pipeline*, Mr. T. F. C. Dimmick mentioned that most eminent of pipe collectors, the late William Bragge, F.S.A., F.G.S., and enquired if anyone had more details regarding the collection exhibited at the Alexandra Palace in 1881. Some years ago I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Bragge's great-granddaughter, who presented me with drawings of the fabulous pipeman. I have also been fortunate in acquiring some very fine drawings of Bragge's pipes and an article which appeared in the *Birmingham Post* on December 16, 1870, when the collection was exhibited at the Midland Institute Museum. At that time the collection totalled over 6,000 pipes and tobacco items. Many more specimens were added and it was again exhibited at the International Exhibition at South Kensington 1873.

In the hope that you may wish to devote a page of *Pipeline* to this great pipe collector, I shall be pleased to let you have the original material in my possession on loan.

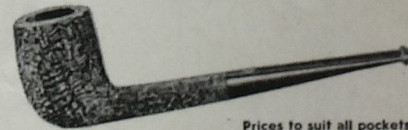
J. T. BARTON

Jasmine Cottage,
Letchmore Heath,
Watford, Herts.

Mr. Trevor Barton's generous offer has been gladly accepted; we hope the article will appear in 'Pipeline' No. 10—Editor.

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A unique blend of mature Virginia and rarest Yendje leaf.

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Eleven selected leaves combined to give rich aroma and coolness.

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Rubbed out by hand to preserve the original flavour.

Balkan Sobranie Virginia No. 10

Friendly Virginian, subtly touched with choicest cigar leaf.

Balkan Sobranie

For the pipe smoker seeking perfection

