

Replicants Stanley (50) stays at Douglas, Cromwell (10), Herbert (10), Bouchier (10) and Roos (130 -30 south of the River Trent) move and set siege to Rockingham, and Scrope alias the protector of Bristol is declared at Masham. John holds one Crown card.

April, Revolting Peasants call King Henry and Beaufort (Ex) alias the Constable of the Tower of London to Blackheath, and Stafford (Vi) to Leeds.

Rainbow Warriors Pole (30), Clifford (10), Berkeley (110) and George join Le Michael at Caernarvon, Le Lucas sails from Penzance to Milford Haven. Gareth holds six Crown cards and a Free Move.

June, the Plague afflicts London.

Vibrators Grey (20) is besieged at Rockingham, and being outnumbered makes no attempt not to be. Stafford (80 +200 in Wales) at Leeds, Howard (40) at Farnham, and Holland (90) at Compton. The faction holds a Crown Card, a Writ, a 'Parliament may', and a Free Move.

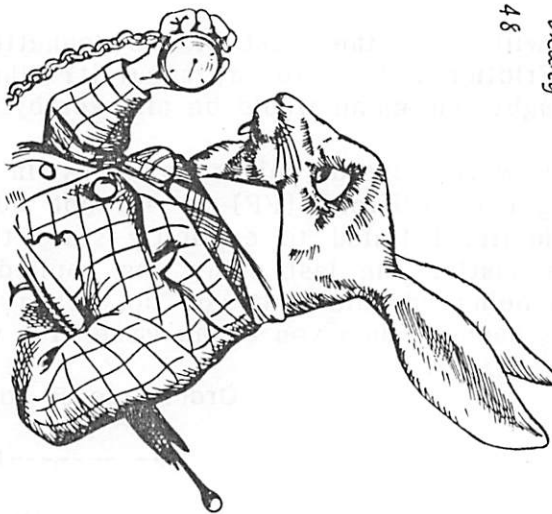
October, Revolting Peasants call Bouchier (Re) to Pleshey, Pole (Wa) to Wingfield, Holland (Vi) alias the Earl of Essex to Colchester, and the Marshal to Maldon.

Royalty King Henry is with the Exonians at Rye, Margaret at Fotheringhay, and Edward of Wales in Coventry. Edward of March is at Harlech, George of Clarence with the Warriors ~~at Shrewsbury~~, and Richard of Gloucester in Calais.

Orders Please for Chronicle Eight

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"Diary"
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Hold The Back Page!
and turn it into
the front cover.

And why not, when
you're planned
layout is shafted
by the non arrival
of your one and
only outside GMed
game.

This has left a few
inaccurate entries
in the contents list
on page one.
'Joseph' is not on
page 2, it stays
housed in "Night"

for another issue. Its' place has been taken by an
annotated form of Bill's 'Housewarm One' report.

I've given up trying to finish the decade (the one based
Eighties, of which 1990 is the tenth year) with issue Five
One. It would have meant posting an issue in December,
something I try to avoid doing. The deadlines for the rest
of the year are on page one, ish four nine should be with
you by November 23rd.

Nosferatu's Topical Advice Spot

Trust not the nation whose
national anthem tells its people
to think of their country first
and foremost, because that's
where it deserves to be.

-----DDR-----



Kingmaker

'Mafeking'

Nineteen

Black Spots Mowbray (100 +100 in Devon and Cornwall) takes Compton by siege, Percy (150) and Roos (20) move to Belvoir, and Le Nicholas sails to Dover. Bob holds a Writ, two Free Moves, and five Crown cards.
R Parkins

Early February, Revolting Peasants call the Earl of Kent to Rochester, Percy (Bl) alias the Constable of Dover Castle to Dover, and the Marshal to Black Heath.

Friends of the Earth Berkeley (10) moves to one South of Wells, where he is joined by one of two new Friends, Courtenay. The other new Friend Scrope moves to three West of Conisboro. Gareth holds two Writs, two Free Moves, and six Crown cards.
G Davies

Storms at Sea.

Mouseketeer Pole (30) is at Wingfield. The faction holds two Crown cards.

Storms at Sea

Friction F King Richard, Neville (100 +30 north of the Trent), Grey (50), Howard (80), Clifford (40), Audley (80), and Talbot (30) are outside Leeds. Le Margaret and Le Christopher are at Rye. Ian holds three Crown Cards and a 'Parliament' event card.
NMR!

Late January 1472, the Plague visits Calais, killing Richard of Gloucester.

Joanettes Holland (360 -200 outside Wales) and George are near Swansea, Stanley (50) and Le Rose at Douglas, and Cromwell (10 +30 north of the Trent) one north of Brecon. The faction holds five Crown cards and two Writs.

February, and if Richard wasn't sole King, a Parliament would have to be summoned.

Royalty King Richard is with Friction F at Rye, and George of Clarence with Holland (Jo) near Swansea. Beaufort is not declared.

Who will make the most of the Joanettes absence, the Guild or the Friends? What will Friction F have to say about it? When, if at all, will Beaufort be declared? And I thought this game would be all over by Christmas!

There were several minor mistakes in last issue's adjudication and inserts. The strength of Clifford (FF) is 40, not 30; Percy is a Black Spot Guildsman, not a Frictionite; I failed to explicitly state that the entirety of Friction F were outside Leeds castle. The last point was implied by my not saying who moved into it, and there being no rule that you do, but a clarification would have been helpful. These things happen when you do an issue in a weekend, my apologies.

Orders please for Chronicle Twenty.

-----DDR-----

Kingmaker

'Victoria'

Seven

Exonians King Henry, Talbot (30), Beaufort (100 +200 within two of London +30 north of the River Trent) and Neville (70) are at Rye. John holds two Crown cards and a Free Move.
NMR!

January 1459, Revolting Peasants summon Courtenay to Okehampton, Holland (Vi) to Compton, the Duke of Exeter to Exeter, the Chancellor of the Duchy of Cornwall to Plymouth, and the Marshal to Bodmin.

I'm as mad as flip and my 'bots are on the move

George and Nicholle surround X-4, allowing George to see 4-E-4, as X-4 moves out of sight. The rest of the Expedition, which now numbers seven plus one, begin to circle Section 5, in an attempt to rejoin the others without having to visit 5-E-4.

They have not got very far when, for reasons which will become apparent in the fullness of time, X-4 reappears at 5-E-4.

George, the Prof & A-4, and Nicholle and the Disintegrator are at 3-M-4 to 3-M-2 respectively. Demon is at 5-J-7, Z-10 at 5-F-7, Muscles at 8-M-1, Scoop at 5-M-5, and Z-10 at 5-G-7. Demon has two of the safe demo charges, the other is at 5-E-4, and the live ones are at 5-E-7 and 8-G-2. X-4 is once again at 5-E-4.

A correction. In issue 42, as a result of correcting the initial set-up, I announced that the 6-F-6 corridor was blocked. I have since realised that before doing so I moved some robots through it, so I now announce the reversal of the correction. 'Enola Gay' is now an 'Asteroid' variant, in that there is one less blocked corridor than usual.

-----DDR-----

Mertwig's Maze

'Red Shula'

Five

The Gronlins and Bonkers continue to make their way towards the Purple castle.

Roscoe throws one of the new five Mertwig silver coins into Jean's Well, and the Magical Bucket of Jackanjill descends. To the party's dismay, on its return it contains only the coin, and a small note apologising for the Well not yet accepting the latest Mertwigian currency.

Benjamin and his party gaze silently in awe at the remains of the once great Temple. Only Theowulf can find words to express their feelings.

"Must have been one hell of a party" he remarks.

"Who do you suppose toppled it?" Walten asks Wolf pointedly, as they make their way through the ruins towards one of the three mighty doors.

Wolf pretends not to hear the question, or notice the large number of circular elephant's foot shaped indentations scattered across the site.

Benjanites Benjamin, Wolf, Theowulf, Walten, Onnagyn and Thegwik (wooden club), 8 Gold. At the Toppled Temple, about to choose a door.

R Parkins

Gronlins Gennie, Bolok (dagger), Barefoot Holtman and Owlswill, 2 Gold. Three away from The Purple Castle, throw of two. Encounter Player, orders should included arrangement of Temple's three Treasures and six Encounters, details of which should be enclosed.

S Barry

Bonkers Bob, Thykskul, Crypigia and Petrovich, healing potion, Bottle of Courage, no Gold. Eight away from The Purple Castle, throw of 9.

J Camble

Blindettes Roscoe, Ywdmyr, Aylbart, Cromyn (wounded) and Fasfyngre, no Gold. The Mystic Vale, specifically The Wise Oak, throw of 6, 5 gold pieces or free magic draw.

C J Reader

Of course I know I mistyped 'Benjanites' for 'Bonkers' in last issue's adjudication!

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Contrary to the contents list, but not the cover, there is no adjudication in this issue.

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Der Ausreisser

'Margarita'

Frome

Change of format. The right hand column is now cards played this turn only, the cards for the leaders for next turn are shown in the left hand column. This makes it easier to tell what card a particular rider's leader has played, and simplifies how to show who has played Gegenwinds, Spurts and Steigungs (by '+2', '-2' or 'St' after the rider's name in the right hand column). Steigungs will also be shown in the left hand column, by the underlining of the time of the group which has been steigunge.

Change of adjudication. Having got my mind around a sensible method of adjudicating this game, I went back and re-adjudicated the last turn. The changes are minor, and can be found in the right hand column. Any orders affected were, where possible according to the cards held, amended accordingly.

Completing the introductions, the recently returned from Australia Steve Barry's team is the 'Top Gears' team, resplendent in a 'gold with a red star-burst on the front'. Alpha Axle, Bravo Bell, Charlie Crossbars and Delta Drop-Handlebars.

0	DELTA (39), Kim, Richard, Charlie.	50	Delta, Meurig (-2), Rupert, Alan.
+3	NIGEL (46), Bravo.	49	Kim, Maelgwyn, Richard.
<u>+5</u>	LES (50), Graham.	48	Charlie, Les.
+8	ALPHA (43+2), YNYR (50), Gwyn, Maelgwyn, Meurig, Bob.	47	Bob, Nigel, Ynyr (-2).
+11	RUPERT (48+2), ALAN (49).	46	Bravo, Graham.
		45	Alpha.
		44	Gwyn.

What follows is a copy of the table I drew up for adjudicating the above turn, hope it helps. Each column represents one of the groups at the beginning of the turn, the columns being offset vertically by the separation of the groups. A rider's position in a column is determined by their card. To work out the new groupings, I simply work my way down the page, bearing in mind that a rider one or two lines below another in the same or a more-to-the-left column counts as at that rider's time.

50	Delta	-	-	-	0
49	Kim, Richard				
48	Charlie				
47	Nigel	-	-	-	+3
46	Bravo				
45	-	Les	-	-	<u>+5</u>
44	-	-			
43	-	Graham			
42	-	Alpha, Ynyr	Maelgwyn	-	+8
41	-	Gwyn	Meurig		
40	-	-	Bob		
39	-	-	-	Rupert, Alan	+11

-----DDR-----

Its a con, Jim, but not as we know it

Back in the Spring, Paul bought a house. Inevitably he soon came under pressure to have a housewarming party. It was going to be in May, I think, then June, finally September 14th was made to stick.

I'm stretching a point to call it a con really, very few games were played. But as I only seem to see Dave Cowle, 'your old drinking partner' as Paul always bills him, at housecons, that was excuse enough. It's a shame Don Clarke wasn't there, we must all try to get to Manorcon 91. Don, if you see this, take note.

I bill Dave that way because when they first met, at my 22nd birthday party, they spent the entire evening drinking together to the point where Bill was physically unwell, I seem to recall.

I arrived early and unannounced, which fortunately was okay, and Paul and I played a game of "They've Invaded Pleasantville" with Paul as the Alien (surprise), while waiting for Dave who got there later Friday evening. A good deal of talk was talked and a small amount of beer drunk. How'd I do in the game? Fubar! Humbug!

Saturday morning we read some of Paul's graphic novels, and finally got round to retrospecting the sixty or so copies of Paul's zines which he's sent me in readiness for "Diary of a Dead Raven" Fifty. We had some fun, particularly with the old 'Intruder' reports, I hope Paul can knock the resulting chaos into some sort of shape... We toyed with the idea of a game of something, but went down the off-license instead.

The party was alright if you like that sort of thing, and added a pinched 'For Sale' sign to the front garden and a kipper to the hot water tank. A wandering fish salesman came round the pub just as Matthew was wondering what sort of stroke to pull, it was later claimed. Paul did the washing up. And there was a game of 'Trivial Pursuit'.

Which Bill, Dave and I won, by the way, despite my loathing of the game.

Sunday saw a game of 'Der Ausreisser', won by Paul, and after going out to lunch we made our ways home. The feud between Paul's Maxi and me as a passenger, which has caused some amusement in the past, seems to have escalated to dangerous proportions, but fortunately its' brakes were on our side, so no damage was done. A nice house, Paul.

As it turned out, the motoring incident alluded to was not part of the 'Bill v Paul's car' feud, but of the 'Michael P Wiper v cars in general' feud. MPW, as he is known, has been in a car when it was rolled, another car when it written off at a crossroads, and now my car when emergency stopped while on collision course with a bus. It has since been suggested that by having both Bill and MPW as passengers, I was asking for trouble! I am counting the fact that my car was not written off as some small victory.

-----DDR-----

This issue has six sides. That's three sheets of paper at 1p/sheet (3p), six sides of copying at 4p/side (24p), standard second class postage (17p), and a brown A5 envelope (3p), bringing the provisional cost per copy to 47p. This is rounded up to 50p, the difference being consumed by such things as printer ribbons (£3.50 each), paper to print the originals on, depreciation of the £600 copier, etc, etc.

-----DDR-----

Life is good. No, the above isn't lying, this is "Diary", I am its usual editor, and I did just say 'life is good'. This new perspective was brought about by a recent and unpleasant 'dial 999, get taken to hospital, stay off solids for two days' experience. Quite how long its psychological effect will last, I do not know.

The good news is that this episode seems to have marked the end of a fortnight of extreme ill fortune. To precise, I did a textbook reflex emergency stop to avoid putting my car, myself and three of my friends into the side of a bus; the 'O'Neill v Paul's car' Feud continued, as almost a week later the driver's side suspension collapsed; I spent a stressful weekend gardening; "Green Goblin" published a perfectly fair and damning attack upon me by Mark Nelson, in response to which nearly all I can do is apologise; British Gas sent me an almost but not quite completely inaccurate bill; one day on business near Croydon unexpectedly became two, neither of which was at all productive; I lost a lens out of my glasses whilst there; and then my health failed me, which I am putting down to stress.

Looking on the bright side, I got to see the new 'Star Trek' pilot; my glasses lens has been found, which is especially pleasing as when I checked, the loss was not insured; my car was fixed locally within one working day; and with hindsight, I feel 'Housewarm One' (~~no room for Bill's report this issue~~) went very well.

The £250 repair bill and site of my injection still smart, though.

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The November deadlines are the 9th ('Joseph') and 16th (everything else)

-----DDR-----

In this issue, one down, one to go ('Howard's Wake', below); more magical and mystical mayhem ('Joseph', page 2); stockings and suspenders still setting the pace? ('Margarita', page 3); that's Mr X-4 to you, pal ('Enola Gay', page 4); no rules changes, no 'Rex v Rex' ('Mafeking' & 'Victoria', page 5); and 'Red Shula' (page 4).

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Barbarian Prince

'Howard's Wake'

Under Mirk Wood

Arnie manages to find the river, fails to find a way across it, and back in Ogon (1,1 not 0,0, thanks Bill) finds five Mercenary Guardsmen riding towards him. He can choose to negotiate, evade or attack.

Bill O'Neill, no gold, no food, no followers, endurance of eight.

Bazza finds the river, finds a way across it, and spends the next eight days finding his way out of the swamp he finds himself in. No sooner has he done so and continued south through some countryside into a forest, than he finds himself trapped by giant spider's webs. Unexpectedly realising that giant spider's webs are spun by giant spiders, he is not surprised when three of them attack. He manages to kill one of them before they kill him.

Bob Parkins, the current "Diary" 'Barbarian Prince' champion.

And there we go, the first End of Game, Bob's entire game being adjudicated in about an hour. His score to beat, Bill, is ten, the number of days he lasted.

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