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For many years Richard produced a games magazine called *Dolchstoss* - here are a few excerpts selected by the family:

After Dominic's first skiing holiday:

Great relief to have the son and heir back in nice flat Hampshire. I scanned the headlines every day for the dreaded news (Actuary falls on village - many feared dead, or Matterhorn broken - actuary sought).

On Pippa's wedding:

The bride looked suitably bridal, the champagne flowed, and no one seemed to notice that the two halves of the bride's father's suit had never met before.

Unbiased Book Review by Drahcir Prah:

Not since War and Peace have I read a more compelling account of the human predicament than Richard Sharp's **The Best Games People Play**. Informative as the London Telephone Directory, exciting as The Lord of the Rings, stylish as Hamlet, it compresses the sum of human experience into a mere 96 pages. I was spellbound for all the twenty five minutes it took me to read it. Moreover, it is the perfect size for propping up my slide projector. Thank God that's over - can I have my £5 now?

Before a holiday in the Dordogne...

The holiday started in routine fashion, with a disaster. The cars were packed, Bron was showering, I was sitting at the Amstrad trying to remember what I'd forgotten. Then I heard the sound of heavy rain. Very heavy rain. In the dining room.

During a holiday in the Dordogne...

Even from where I sit Bron looks a bit fuzzy round the edges; God knows what it must be like from her side.

Octoberfest

Vic proved himself the ideal guest, supplying a case of claret then not staying to dinner.

Times Crossword - unfair clue

We finish crossword except for final, unfair clue. It relates to a non-alcoholic drink in a bar, a specialist subject of which we have no knowledge. Bron wanders in and says "why haven't you filled in 'chocolate'."

And after a visit to the dentist

I think I liked it better when Glyn Palmer and I were young - none of this cissy bit with the needles, just half a bottle of rum and a tap on the head with a mallet.

ORDER OF SERVICE

On arrival

Beethoven's Violin Concerto in D major

Welcome and Introduction

Tributes from:

Stephen Walsh

Colin Harrison

Music from Schubert:

An die Musik

An Sylvia

Committal

Closing words

On departure

Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 in D minor

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*Bronwyn and the rest of the family
invite you to join them at
the Saracen's Head, Whielden Street,
after the Funeral*