

NOTABLE VISITORS



Vice Admiral Sir Lindsay Bryson, KCB signing in at Welwyn Garden City at the start of his visit on 4th May 1982.

Controller of the Navy

Admiral Bryson accompanied by his Naval Assistant Commander Pender Cudlip, had intended to spend the whole of the day with Special Projects Division to be brought up to date on the status of the Naval projects being undertaken there.

The programme was to include presentations and demonstrations of the Divisions work, however the Falklands crisis intruded and Admiral Bryson was recalled to London. We were pleased to welcome him back to complete his visit on 14th May 1982.



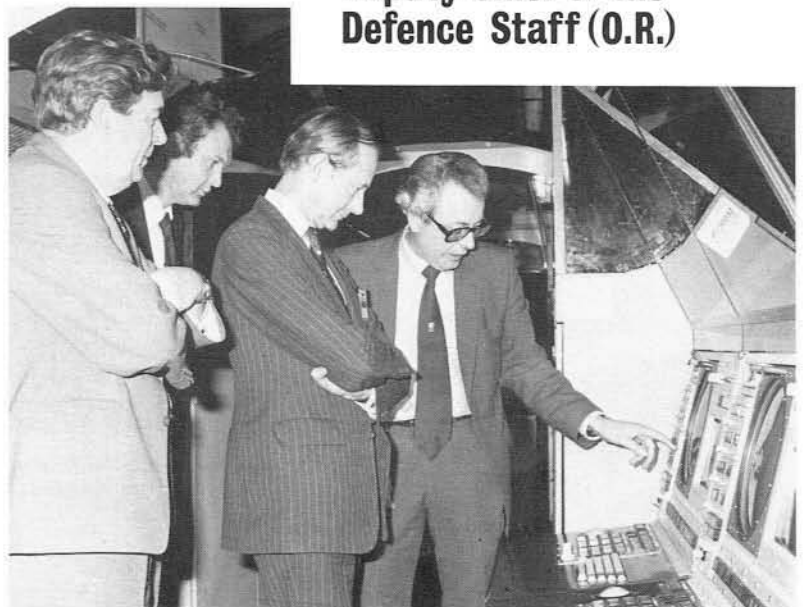
Left to right - Roger Evans, Admiral Bryson & Commander Pender Cudlip.

Director & Deputy Director of the Royal Aircraft Establishment



Messrs P. Whicher and T. Kerr.

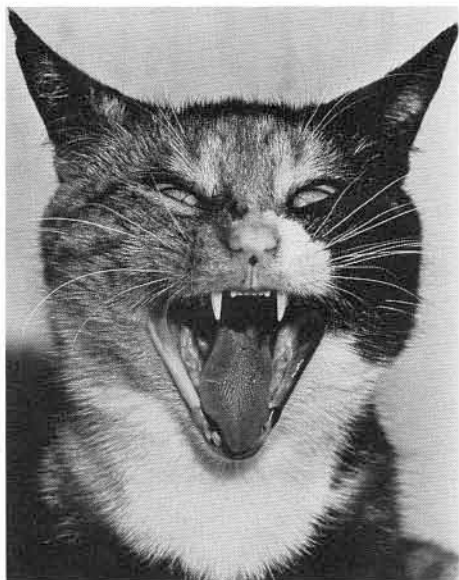
Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff (O.R.)



Lieutenant General Sir Maurice Johnston.

Elliott Sports & Social Club

🌿 Photography 🌿



"Open Wide" - This photograph was awarded an "Ilford" shield, the Hendon Times Cup and has been on a national Exhibition. It has also been used by Carl Ziess Ltd., as an advertisement for their lenses, and has been published in photographic books.

Whether you choose Landscape, Portraiture, Action or Texture, the subjects are endless and varied. There are of course rules and techniques to follow in order to achieve a high standard so don't imagine that award winning photographs just happen. It is accepted though that having learned all the skills, a little luck
cont...★



When on holiday, how many times have you heard fellow travellers calling - "Oh, if only I'd brought a camera"? Perhaps you are one of those! There is no doubt of the satisfaction and enjoyment one gains from the ability to record beautiful scenery, interesting events, people and places and memories to preserve for posterity. Yet all that is required is a camera of reasonable quality and some film!

However, there are those of us who wish to explore photography much more deeply than the odd snapshot, so that we can possess the ability to produce exhibition quality photographs that are satisfying in both content and composition.



"Embryo" - This photograph has won many awards and has been nationally exhibited. It demonstrates creative photography by darkroom manipulations.



▲ *"Painting with Light" - a nude study which has been very successful in club competitions and exhibitions.*

◀ *"Spring Fast" - This photograph has won many awards and has been published by the photographic press.*



'Vive le Sport'!

★ does help. Where does one learn these skills? Many councils run evening classes, but they do tend to fizzle out as the term runs on. Joining a well-established club is a very good means of learning, and is an excellent outlet for your work because they have regular competitions, lectures and demonstrations.

At Borehamwood we have a photographic Section in the Sports and Social Club, of which the writer is a member.

We are fortunate in having a fully equipped darkroom, which can be booked for any evening to process films, print enlargements, both monochrome and colour. Darkroom techniques are demonstrated by experienced members from time to time.

We also have Studio evenings where our office girls or girlfriends are "bribed" to pose for portraits. I have often been called upon to run such evenings for beginners, where techniques of lighting, posing and camera angles are fully explained and demonstrated with photographic examples. Members are invited to take as many photographs as they wish and with appropriate liquid refreshment from the club bar, the evenings are most enjoyable.

As a follow-up to put into practice what is learned from the teach-in, we have the occasional professional model whose brief (not a pun) is Portraiture, pin-up and figure, the latter if its not too cold!

It is often surprising or is it to see the crowd of members who turn up for these professional model evenings. It wouldn't be surprising to see someone turn up with a cardboard box perched on three bamboo canes! We even had a member who came along without a camera, he'd had it stolen, at least that was his story!

The thing is, we look upon our hobby as "not to be taken too seriously". It's a bit of fun, although some very high calibre results are often achieved. It is our way of enjoying our leisure time.

Ray Miles,
Research Laboratory

INTERNATIONAL ENDS ESSC. RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB'S FIRST SEASON

Sunday 25th April, saw E.S.S.C. play their last game of the season against a team from Borehamwood's twin town in France, namely Fontenay-Aux-Roses (near Paris).

Apprehensive from the start at playing a town team - particularly a French one - E.S.S.C. fought bravely up the slope in the first half against a heavier pack. The forwards worked hard and the backs defended well but alas! the visitors had quite a lead by half-time.

Our moment of glory came in the second half when a scissor move with Phil Weller put fly half Peter Savage over for a try in the corner. BUT!! the French scored again and the final score was 38 - 4 to Fontenay.

Everyone had a good time, shirts were exchanged, beer and wine was drunk (as were a few of the players in keeping with the rugby tradition), pies were eaten and the usual songs were sung.

The day was a memorable end to our first season, one of variable

fortune. Three games were won and five lost, not including the French game, but including a 61 - 0 defeat? by Hertford 5th team? (Ah well - you can't win them all).

The weather caused the loss of a few fixtures and one or two were cancelled through lack of players. So anyone who is interested in playing rugby for us next season please contact Keith Oakes (the jumping bean) on Ext. 3529 or Phil. Weller Ext. 3184. Experienced players are particularly welcome as next season, the club plans to play every fortnight or so, culminating with a tour of France as guests of Fontenay-Aux-Roses.



EXCHANGE OF TROPHIES BEFORE THE GAME -

Captain Phil Weller (Neutron Division) making an exchange of trophies with the French Captain before the game, watched by the Mayors of Hertsmere and Fontenay.



Successful Candidate

LONDON BOROUGH OF BARNET COUNCIL ELECTIONS - MARCONI AVIONICS CONTRACTS ACCOUNTANT SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE.

Malcolm Lester - Contracts Accountant at Kenwood House was a Conservative candidate in the recent Barnet Council elections and was successful in that competition.

Malcolm Lester, aged 57, is married with two daughters. He was educated at Hackney Downs Secondary School and flew with the R.A.F. as a Warrant Officer Wireless Operator/Air Gunner. He qualified as a certified accountant in 1954 and is a fellow of the

Association. He successfully built up and directed a wholesale import & export company in London, until joining Marconi Avionics in February 1980.

Malcolm joined the conservative Party in 1975 after a lifetime of loyal support. He served inter alia as chairman of the Mill Hill Central Committee for three years and is its president.

He is interested in housing and finance and strongly supports the rights of tenants to buy their own home and the police in their difficult task of maintaining law and order.

He is popularly known in Hendon and Mill Hill as "The Conservative Man".



Central Publications Department

Micrographics in Full Swing

In early January of this year, Central Publications Department announced the start of the Company's new Micrographics Service. After 4 months in operation the proud parent is pleased to say that the youngster is alive and well in spite of a few teething troubles at the start.

Staff has nearly doubled and further equipment has been added to increase the capability.

In addition to the 35mm equipment already installed for filming technical drawings, 16mm equipment has been brought in to enable us to deal with the ever growing mountain of other documents which we generate in our business and which occupy

large areas of valuable space. The inference of the last statement is that micro-copying is only a means of saving space. This is not so; whilst savings of well over 90% of filing area can be made, significant savings can also be obtained in time, money and effort.

Accounting documents form a large part of our current 16mm activities, such things as time sheets, invoices, goods received notes, clock cards etc., in fact, all sorts of documents which require to be held for a time. The record of these is in the form of a 30 metre (100 ft) roll of 16mm wide film containing approx 2500 frames of copied material.

Another form of output which is

proving popular in the industry is "Jacket Fiche", this uses the 16mm roll film cut into strips of up to 12 exposures each and inserted into clear film jackets containing space for 5 strips i.e. maximum 60 images. Each jacket has an eye readable title to aid retrieval. This method can be used for distribution of documents which are used for reference e.g. Company and Departmental standards, procedures, etc. Multiple copies can be provided cheaply. Using this method, savings are made in space/storage, ease of retrieval, postage and/or transport costs, copying costs, etc.

As one Wag put it, "We have the Micro-Fiche to go with the Micro Chips".

GRAND BREAD PUDDING

In March, a 'Grand Bread Pudding' competition was held by CPD at Eaton Rd. As this was their first venture in this field and a standard specification was unobtainable, entries were restricted to department personnel. Lunch time conversations for several weeks prior to the event consisted of discussions concerning the relative merits of cold tea, brandy essence or wine as additives. Secret ingredients were mentioned in whispers and a saboteur suggested that eggs were unnecessary.

Three judges were appointed and the great day dawned with a list of seven entries (slightly disappointing but quite enough for the judges to test).

By dinner time excitement had reached fever pitch and suggestions of bribery and coercion were being bandied about.

The judges were then shut in an office with the puddings (identifiable only by number) and a constant supply of water was on tap. After prolonged deliberation they announced that the winner was a Bread Pudding made to a traditional recipe and the Rosette and Scroll were duly presented to a blushing Annette Bell (who admitted to a little help from Mum!)

Joyce Phillips.
Central Publications Dept.



'When shall we three meet again?'

Cartoon -
Barry Dearmer. Central
Publications Dept.

Return

On a recent short holiday trip/visit to my daughter and grandchildren in Jersey, the term 'return journey' suddenly took on a new and more sinister meaning.

My wife and I set out for Heathrow and arrived in good time to catch the 8.30 a.m. flight to Jersey. Our first surprise was that we had to carry our suitcases right down to the loading area due to a baggage handler's dispute.

After a short ten-minute delay we took off for Jersey. The first announcement by the captain was that due to an Industrial dispute, refreshments were unable to be served on the flight.

We cruised high above the clouds for about 25 minutes before losing height for a landing at Jersey airport. As we came in to land, it was obvious that visibility due to fog was poor and just as we almost touched down the pilot suddenly zoomed up again. We circled again for a further abortive attempt at landing and then the captain announced that we would circle and wait for a further 15 minutes to see if the fog would clear. It did not, and so we were told that because of fuel problems we would return to Hurn

The Peterborough Office



engineers throughout our main sites. Current commitments include Specifications and Handbooks for AWSD, ARSD and SPD plus a Post Design Service for Mobile Radar Division.

Journey

(Bournemouth). After heading in that direction, a further announcement told us we were going back to Heathrow.

We landed back at Heathrow, by which time some of the passengers with business appointments were loudly demanding their money back. Others, like myself, were demanding a sandwich and a cup of coffee. This was proving difficult to organise due to the industrial dispute and heated arguments broke out between passengers and the crew.

Eventually after a further one hour delay due to refuelling and negotiating with unions regarding emergency refreshments, we took off for Jersey again, less ten passengers. When airborne, we had a cup of coffee and a biscuit and within forty minutes had landed at Jersey without further incident.

The most vivid memory of the incident was the feeling of utter futility during the compulsory return journey to Heathrow. i.e. after a 1.1/2 hours flight we had achieved nothing.

Doug Blickett
CPD

The inevitable problem of publications lag in engineering contracts has to a great extent been overcome thanks to the forward planning of our Central Publications Department. Several ongoing projects running in parallel create 'peaking'; a time when maximum effort must be exerted to reach important contractual milestones. Pressures brought upon engineering staff to meet these target dates often result in delays to engineering services - none more so than documentation.

Back in 1978 CPD acknowledged a need to attract an eminent pool of technical writing staff into the Company to support existing publications personnel located in Borehamwood-based divisions. To achieve this goal, a satellite office was opened in June 1978 at Bretton Court, Peterborough. This rapidly developing Cambridgeshire city provides very good recruiting potential, not only in Peterborough itself but also from a surrounding catchment area encompassing many RAF stations. By 1980 a group of over twenty technical authors, specification writers and word processor operators had established themselves effectively within the Department providing expert assistance to projects undertaken by the majority of Borehamwood divisions.

With a present staff of thirty, Peterborough continues its supporting role, operating closely with other CPD writing staff and



Model Shop

Terry Jumps for Joy

Terry Spears of 313 Model Shop would like to thank all those who so generously sponsored him on his recent parachute jump. An amount of £330 was raised, and cheques will be sent to "The Home for the Incurables" at Putney and the "Hangerswood Childrens Home" at Watford as soon as all sponsorships are collected.

Retirement

Mr. Alan Hosking of the Model Shop retired on 31st March, 1982 after completing 20 years service with the Company.

Alan enjoyed a farewell luncheon with some of his colleagues from the Model Shop.



Neutron Division

Ted Glover Retires



March, 1982, after 54 years service with the group.

Ted joined A.E.I. in 1928, as an apprentice and finished as foreman responsible for Industrial Electronic Valve production. He joined High Voltage Tube Division of Elliott Brothers Limited as a technical assistant in 1964 and was raised to Production Engineer in 1966. In 1967, the Division changed its name to Elliott Electronic Tubes, which later became the Neutron Division.

It was in 1975 that Ted was made a production supervisor, a position he held until his retirement.

A presentation was made to him on March 31st, on behalf of his many friends and colleagues by Mr. C. Gill, Divisional Manager of Neutron Division.

His many friends wish both Ted and his wife Maisie a happy retirement.

On March 26th, Mr. P.F. Mariner, Assistant Managing Director of Marconi Avionics was host at a special luncheon for Ted and some of his colleagues and friends, to mark his retirement and to recognise his long service. Ted retired from Neutron Division of Marconi Avionics Ltd., on 31st



: Congratulations : Congratulations :

Birth

A NEW ASSISTANT FOR THE LASER LAD

Congratulations and best wishes to Dave Miller of Neutron Division and his wife Pat on the arrival of 'Clare Louise' on June 1st 1982 at Bedford General Hospital.

Wedding Bells

Congratulations and Best Wishes from friends and colleagues of Neutron Division to Mr. Mike Campbell, who married Miss Janice Vance at St. Mary's Church, Irvine, Scotland on Saturday May 22nd, 1982.

..& Good Luck

Best of luck and good wishes to Cathy Levin who left the Company on April 29th, 1982, to take up residence in Poole, Dorset. She was secretary to Mr. T.J. Lane, Technical Manager of Neutron Division, who presented her with gifts on behalf of her many friends and colleagues.



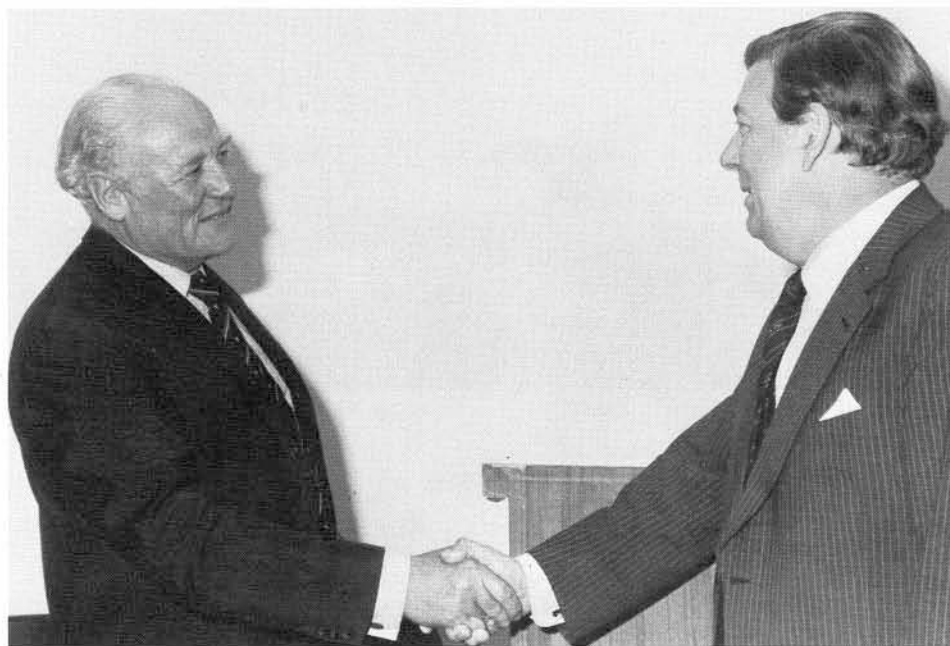
Cathy Levin

'BIG K'

In Kuwait
It's forty-eight
That's far too hot
To do a lot.
So sling your hook -
Go up the Souk
And buy some gold
If you're that bold!
Just past the cafe
They sell Hi-Fi
To drown the din
Of the muezzin.
The Sheraton and Hilton
Like the land that they're
built on
Are really quite expensive
But their menus are extensive
Unless, of course, you're after
A wine or a cassata.
When you've toiled with all
your might
Don't forget - confirm
your flight!
So to the U.K.
Where it's a grey day
Not Like Kuwait
Where it's still forty-eight

J.S. Bryan
Mobile Radar Division

Cdr. MacIntyre Retires



Clive MacIntyre our Security Controller retired on 2nd June having handed over his job to Henry Ellis who is now staggering under the weight! Talking of staggering Clive gave a small farewell drinks party at which some of his many friends and colleagues from all companies on Site attended. He very much regretted not being able to see all his chums there which number so many and said so at the presentation pictured here. Mr.

Mariner presented him with a cheque which was a farewell present from his management colleagues. This will be used to provide a ship/shore radio for Clive's boat and not only is he very grateful but as he said - "the Guernsey lifeboat will be greatly relieved!!"

We all wish him and Mrs. Mac the best of everything for the future.

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CATERING SPECIAL DAYS

All the Sites catering staffs are busy organising special days now. These will not take place all that frequently but a lot of effort goes into the organisation of staff presentation and food. Points will be scored by each Site and a prize given for the best result. Welwyn Garden City's contribution was an Egyptian Day complete with belly dancer! Hemel Hempstead is organising an Old London Day.

Site Services

In this issue we would like to highlight the efforts of our Catering Staff (Sutcliffe's) at Borehamwood. We will be including some item of Site Services in every issue and will of course "expose" the catering staffs at sites in due course.

The photograph shows the Borehamwood staff in the canteen the base of their operations which however cover not only the provision of 158762 meals last year plus functions but include morning and afternoon trolley services, tea kitchen services and a very large vending operation of some 50 machines.

It may be of some interest to know that at Borehamwood they provided and customers consumed amongst other things last year:-



14 tons of
2 1/2 tons of
2 1/4 tons of
3 1/4 tons of
11 3/4 tons of

47000 dozen
2 1/2 tons of
over 3000

Chips
Baked Beans
Sausages
Beef
Potatoes other
than chips
Eggs
Tomatoes
Cucumbers

over 3 1/4
tons of
12500
3 tons
3 tons
1/2 ton of
1 1/2 tons of
1 1/4 tons of
2 tons of
1 ton of

Cheddar Cheese
Yoghurts
Margarine
Flour
Sirloin Steak
Ham
Fresh Fish
Peas
Custard Powder

THE GREAT FLOOD

When the storm struck Borehamwood on Wednesday 2nd June the area was submerged. The Centre Block was completely flooded, the centre roadway under two feet of water and that old problem the Car Park had its customary three feet or so. One motor car looking sad and disconsolate with water over the wheels!

The pictures on their own give a graphic description of the day on which the Works Engineering Department, Security and Contractors worked flat out for the rest of the day and night to contain the damage and get rid of the water.



This picture we felt was worthy of special mention in so far as a suitable caption might raise a laugh and put it all in perspective. So please send in a caption and we will publish a selection of the best in the next issue.

Captions to me please 1st Floor, N. Wing, East Block, Borehamwood.

J.L. Burden
Editor.



Photographs: Mike Dobbs



Ah So!



On Thursday 20th May Airborne Software Division held a party to celebrate their 5th Birthday, when a good time was had by all.

Mr. Mariner is shown here delivering the Happy Despatch to a sumptuous birthday cake proudly bearing 5 candles and the divisional logo.



Jack Unwin BEM



In our Autumn 1981 issue we reported the award of the BEM to Jack Unwin in the Queen's Birthday Honours List. He is now living in Canada and the picture shows him after the presentation of this well deserved award by The Honourable John Aird the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario on November 27th last.

Best Wishes for a Happy Retirement



Mrs. D. Gillan (Dora) our much loved and respected Restaurant Manageress retired on 12th March and is now going to devote her time to her family. She and her husband Denis like to cycle around the countryside and Dora's devoted waitress staff presented her with a superb bicycle in addition to many other presents, not the least of

which was a sampler embroidered with the names of all the waitresses in her team.

The regular users of the Visitors Room also presented her with cut crystal wine glasses and a card recording their best wishes and appreciation of all her good work during her six years in the job.



Airborne Radar Systems Division

£500 for Charity

ARSD SLIMMERS RAISE £500 FOR CHARITY - WITH BAREFACED SUPPORT!

ARSD's sponsored slim and Mr. Pat Doggett's sponsored shave reported in the last issue of Earshot raised £524.39 for the new Milton Keynes Hospital.

With determination, will power, and scarcely a (tummy) rumble 38 cuddly members of 309 Division shed a total weight of 447 lbs. (=32 stone). Individual winners in this huge exercise in self denial were Sharon-Anne Murden, the leading lady who lost 20 lb. and David Aitken the winning man who shed 29 lb. Sharon-Anne also won the award for the largest personal contribution in money raised with £53.20.

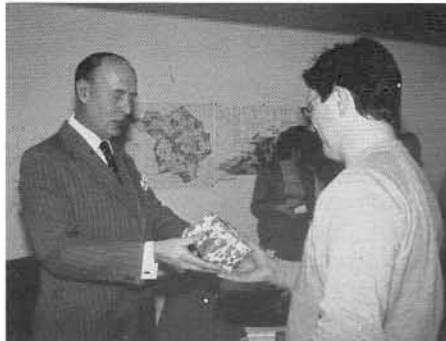
For those readers with a mathematical bent and calorific interest, the total weight lost 447 lbs is equivalent to 1609200 calories. In terms of food, these calories equate to:

- 1,524 lb of chips
- or 8,006 pints of Guinness
- or 10,449 pints of Watneys Bitter
- or 7,774 Mars Bars
- or 1,037 lb Jelly Babies (all boys)
- or 5,382 McDonalds Big Macs
- or 4,921 Cream Doughnuts

Finally, for readers keen on physical exercise: if we assume that 3600 calories are burned for 1 lb fat lost and that sexual relations



Sharon-Anne receiving prize from Gary Bach.



David Aitken receiving prize from Gary Bach

consume on average some 300 calories per event, the weight loss 447 lbs is equivalent to making love 5724 times - which works out at once a day for 817 weeks or every day for 15 years or more frequently if you have a shorter memory.

! Doggett Uncovered!

True to his promise, Mr. Pat Doggett gave splendid support to the slimmers at ARSD and shaved off his beard amid cries of "Shame" and "Put it back"! Despite the fact that friends now walk past without recognising him, Pat's courage and barefaced cheek deserves our admiration and thanks. His personal effort raised £30.50.

Congratulations and well done to all ARSD slimmers and Pat Doggett - and many thanks to their sponsors for raising the splendid total above £500.



☀ Blue Tits ☀ Vs Fighting Cocks!

BOYS AND GIRLS BATTLE IT OUT AT MILTON KEYNES IN SOCCER MATCH FOR GRAND CHALLENGE CUP IN SUPPORT OF LOCAL CHARITY

There is a football song which starts "I had a dream". At Woughton on the Green on Tuesday night, several people had a nightmare about a football match. In front of the massed crowd of fanatical supporters numbering nearly eighty, some strangely attired Marconi people roughly organised into two teams contested a charity game, which was disputedly won by the aptly named BLUE TITS 11 - 10.

Tactically the game was interesting, the BLUE TITS mixed their game with flashes of netball, handball, thighs, rugby and occasionally football which contrasted with the high balls of the FIGHTING COCKS played up to the big blond in the middle. The big blond P CHILD known to all as BIG BERTHA had a hand in many of the moves.

The Welly-ing tactics of FIGHTING COCKS did however have some benefits, the wellies being capable of concealing water pistols, shaving foam and other diversions. FIGHTING COCKS showed some remarkable lapses of concentration, perhaps defensively they concentrated on the buckets of water, water cannons and adjusting their suspenders though their ball control gave rise to considerable applause on occasion from the crowd.

At half time FIGHTING COCKS entertained the crowd with their version of the HAKA. This is normally a MAORI war cry but in this case closely resembled the HOKEY COKEY. Afterwards the MARCONI MUG was presented to the winners who celebrated in true style with a quarter bottle of LUCOZADE, the runners up received an egg cup to compensate for their disappointment at losing. Prizes for best dress were given to PHIL CHILD and JANET



WELLARD. As to the fans it was clear that the BLUE TITS were by far the best supported.

In such a hotly disputed match it was difficult to discern the goal scorers, if players claims are to be believed 34 goals were scored. Summarising the game, one reporter said the girls were inches in front for most of the play and the boys lost by a short head. If anybody is in any doubt FIGHTING COCKS are the MAV Football Team and Beautiful, Luscious, Unique, Exotic, Tantalising Indispensable Teasing Starlets were the girls team. The game was in aid of the Hospital Fund, so pay up sponsors.

Roger Garrini
ARSD.



: Congratulations : Congratulations :

Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Stuart Lissaman of MAV Milton Keynes who was married to Joy Treadwell at St. Marks Church, Washwood Heath, Birmingham on Saturday 24th April, 1982.

He says:-

"We both lived in Stechford Road, Birmingham, with only about 50 yards between our houses and started going out with each other in June, 1977. I was away at North Staffs Polytechnic for four years getting a degree in Computing Science. I took French as a subsidiary subject which meant spending the third year of the

course working for a French computing firm in Paris. Meanwhile Joy was working in Birmingham maintaining the remarkable efficiency of the West Midlands Gas Board.

When I had obtained my degree and was offered a job with MAV at Milton Keynes we decided that we would like to continue living in the same road as each other on a more permanent basis, only not on opposite sides of the road. So we now have a house in Bradville where we are settling down to married life".



First Season Success

Marconi Avionics Football Club at Milton Keynes have just completed a successful season. Being their first season, they were put in Division 5 of the Milton Keynes Sunday Football League, where they finished top. In the last game at home to second placed Aspley the players began the match knowing that a draw would make them champions, but playing in front of an enthusiastic Marconi crowd, they were in no mood to sit back. After a magnificent first half, with every kick being cheered by the home crowd the Marconi team came in with a 5 - 0 lead. Goals from S Bruce (3) and A Perry (2). In the second half captain N. Clifford added another goal, and the game finished as a 6 - 0 win,

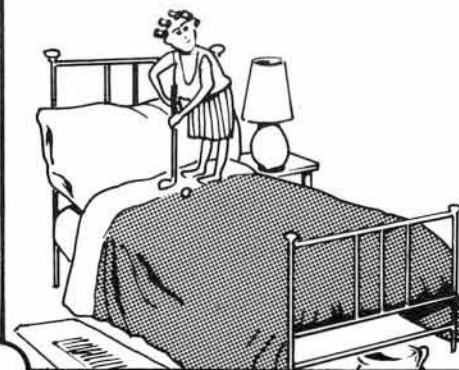
ensuring that Marconi's were champions.

This win capped off a great season for the lads who were beaten only twice in 24 league games, scoring 118 goals and conceding only 17. The team established themselves as one of the better teams in the league with fine performances in two cup competitions. The most notable result was a 4 - 3 extra-time victory over Newport Bagnell, who were 5 divisions above Marconi.

It was also to the club's credit that the season was completed without anyone being booked or sent off, and everyone is now looking forward to next season and the better opposition it will bring.

Ladies Golf

"So come on girls don't let the men have all the fun."



Mrs. Pat Edwards, the Tony Jacklin of Neutron Division would like to hear from any ladies who would like to join the Golf Section. Well girls, if you are interested, ring Extension 3692 and get all the details of Golf lessons and information on Social Evenings which are held with the ladies of Laings. These evenings are held after friendly matches either at the Laing Sports Club or at our own Sports and Social Club. (P.S. - They are friendly before the matches start)!!



Flying High



Free Air Experience flying and gliding. The chance of a week to ten days in the sunny Mediterranean or Germany. Frequent opportunities to practice rifle shooting on indoor or outdoor ranges. Sports, adventure training, technical training and practical project work.

These are some of the activities and interests available to cadets in the Air Training Corps, a youth organisation dedicated to fostering an interest in aviation by young men between the ages of 13 and 20.

Although supported and sponsored by the Royal Air Force, it is not a recruiting organisation. It is modelled on the RAF for discipline, uniform and administration, and squadron officers are commissioned into the RAF Volunteer Reserve (Training Branch).

These overseas trips are real. As an example, this year from 57 (Potters Bar) Squadron, three cadets have already been to Cyprus, two will be going to Gibraltar in July and one to Germany in August. Additionally (but not for the same cadets) there is an annual camp at a RAF station in the UK.

Other outside activities offered to cadets at minimal cost are mountaineering, rock climbing and canoeing courses (from beginners to advanced standard) and participation in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. Instruction in aviation related topics includes airframes, engines, theory of flight, map reading, navigation, radio and radar, etc.



*A Cadet Sergeant in the co-pilot seat of a Hercules
Photograph - P.M. Jones.*

Most squadrons include in their programmes visits to RAF and USAF airfields and other peripheral activities include trips to civil airlines and talks by visiting specialists.

On the project side, many squadrons specialise in particular activities - for example the Hertford/Ware Squadron has built its own Control Caravan and organises a "fly in" each year. Potters Bar Squadron is building a "SCAMP". The Wing has close links with the Popular Flying Association (PFA) and is responsible for gate manning, car parking and aircraft marshalling at the PFA Annual Rally - this year at Cranfield.

Presently membership is - in

general - restricted to boys, but there are pilot schemes where certain squadrons may accept girl cadets. There is no doubt that this will be made more general in the future.

Within the EARSHOT area there are squadrons, for example, at Berkhamsted (which takes girl cadets), Borehamwood, Harpenden, Hatfield, Hemel Hempstead, Milton Keynes, Potters Bar, St. Albans and Welwyn Garden City.

Further information on the Corps may be obtained from HQ Herts/ Berks Wing A.T.C., RAF Halton, Aylesbury, Bucks - or from:

J.A. Jones (Flt. Lt. RAFVR(T))
Mobile Radar Division,
Borehamwood. Ext. 3250.



Suggestion Scheme



Since the Company Suggestion Scheme was re-introduced last summer, many suggestions have been submitted by employees, covering a wide range of subjects.

Awards have recently been made to Mr. D. Hazell and Mrs. S. Church both of Special Projects Division, Welwyn Garden City, in respect of suggestions which were aimed at improving our products and our purchasing efficiency

respectively. Also to Messrs. S.J. Beldzik and B. Maguire, security guards at our Milton Keynes site, who jointly proposed a novel device for securing filing cabinets left open after working hours, even though the padlock is in position. Whilst cabinets should never be left unlocked, this will ensure that the cabinet contents are safeguarded, and the "owner" brought to task the following day. The award which was shared between the two

originators of the idea was presented to them by Mr. P.L. Harris at an informal ceremony at Milton Keynes on 14th May.

Further ideas will be welcomed, and thoroughly investigated by the Company Suggestions Committee, appropriate awards being made for suggestions which are accepted under the scheme.

Retirements

Fred Mason retired on 19th May after nine years as a loyal and conscientious member of the Engineering department of Mobile Radar Division. Fred first joined the company in 1962 as a wireman with Elliott Automation Radar Systems and served in a variety of occupations and with various companies on the Borehamwood site until he was made redundant in 1972. A year later he was able to return and join Mobile Radar as their Laboratory Steward and Project Expeditor.

During the war Fred served in the Royal Air Force as an M.T. Radio Mechanic and saw service in India.

Fred is a man of diverse talents. He is a skilled wine maker which made him especially popular during the festive season. He is also a keen gardener and was a generous provider of plants for many members of the department. One talent which Fred kept from us until just before he retired was



Fred Mason

his skill with brush and pallet. He had studied at Art College and now looks forward in his retirement to many hours relaxing with his brushes. To help him with his hobby his many friends and colleagues in the company presented him with a selection of oil paint materials and wished him and his wife and family a long and happy retirement.

P.E. Haig
Mobile Radar Division

Fred Hales retired from the Company on April 23rd 1982 - after 23 years of service. He started with the Company at Stanmore on security, and later transferred to Product Support at Borehamwood. Working in the Stores he later became Chief Storekeeper. In 1976 Fred had a major heart operation - and after recovering from this he returned to work until retiring at the age of 72.

A retirement lunch was given on behalf of the Company in recognition of his long service. This was attended by his wife, colleagues, members of Personnel Department, and his Divisional Manager - Mr. Neil Robinson.

Friends and colleagues met to wish him well, and presented him with a leather wallet - naturally full of cash!

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GEC Honorary Members Section of the Sports & Social Club

A Section of the Social Club for retired employees and ex members of the Social Club has been formed and is flourishing. The first meeting of the section was held on 21st September, 1981 and on 10th February, 1982 an official committee was voted in by the membership. The officials are Mr. C. Tarling - Chairman, Mrs. M. Rising - Secretary, Mrs. D. Jones - Treasurer, Messrs. E. Rising and J. Ronane - Entertainment Officers. The Section holds its meetings on Wednesdays of each week from 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. The entrance fee is 20 pence and this covers the cost of tea/coffee and biscuits.

Activities are numerous, Bingo, Raffles, Snooker, Darts, Cards, Keep Fit are some and outdoor visits are also made. Recently the Section visited Windsor to see Jimmy Davidson and the Holiday on Ice Show at Wembley. They also saw the Flanagan and Allen Show at the Prince of Wales Theatre and two coaches took the members - 100 of them to Clacton. Future

activities include a mystery trip on 16th June which will be over by the time this is printed, a coach ride and Boat Trip down the river in July and an outing to Brighton in August.

Any retired ex member of the Social Club interested in joining should contact Mrs. Doreen Turner in the Sports and Social Club office on Wednesdays between

12.30 and 2.00 p.m. The section began with 23 members and there are now over 100 so it is pretty popular.

Finally Mr. C. Tarling, Chairman, who will welcome all new members would like to thank the Sports and Social Club staff for their help and co-operation and for the use of the Club facilities.

In Remembrance

It is with deep regret that we have to report the death of Alan Gilmour on April 29th 1982. Alan was born on the 2nd April 1940 and following an extensive career with the RAF, joined the Peterborough office of CPD on the 19th August 1980. During his all too brief time with the Department, Alan assisted in the production of component

specifications for ARSD. He was respected by friends and colleagues both within the Company and outside for his polite and courteous manner and will be sadly missed by all.

Our sympathy extends to his family, he leaves a widow and two daughters.

★ WELWYN FUN~RUN ★

If you'd been at Stanborough Lakes on the evening of May 13th you'd probably have had quite a surprise. Huddled at the top of a bank overlooking the yachting lake was the most unlikely collection of characters you've ever seen, including Worzel Gummidge and a Pantomime Horse, all shepherded by a six foot fairy and a large brown bear wielding a megaphone! Yes, you would have been witness to the Special Projects Divisional Fun-Run, which raised over £300 for the Q.E. II Hospital Gym appeal.

The event was to be divided into two sections, a three man team relay race over a one mile circuit of the lake, and a fancy dress "jog" over the same course for the less fleet-of-foot. The response to the event was very good indeed, and far better than the organisers (Bob Davis, Dave Holland and Nick Bedford) had dared to hope. On the night, thirty six serious runners and about thirty fancy dress entrants lined up for the start, all anxious to do well.

The serious race saw some remarkably courageous performances, fast times, and quite epic duels. There was one casualty, Tom Donnelly put so much into his battle for the line with Eric Cross that he had to be treated for exhaustion by the attending nurse. Blonde Bombshell Chris Norris began her final leg contribution with a huge deficit to make up on the other ladies team, but fought back magnificently to collapse across the line just feet in front. Chris was then in grave danger of being trampled to death in the rush to give her the "kiss of life"! The first team to finish, by a clear two minutes, was the Welwyn Winkers, but they had previously agreed to forfeit any prize because the team included a club runner and two members of the organising team. The team prize was therefore shared between the two teams who came in equal second, System Shifters I and The Late Arrivals. The ladies team prize went to the B.B's, which we are assured stands for "Blonde Bombshells", though several other options are available!

First to complete the course in the fancy dress section was "dark horse" Peter Cleale, who was adorned in numerous Union Jacks, and an Argentinian flag pinned to



an unmentionable part of his anatomy! Peter later revealed that he used to run seriously some twenty years ago, and has in fact run a mile in the very impressive time of four minutes twenty three seconds, clearly this man is no "Joe the Jogger". There was again only one casualty in the fancy dress, Carol Jones collapsed half way round the course and had to be carried back on a stretcher by one of the other teams taking part, the Marconi Medics. Carol insists that she pulled a muscle, but the general opinion was that her

demise was brought about by anaesthesia of a very non-medical nature!!

The costumes on display were of a very high standard, and picking out a winner was no easy task. However, the judges finally chose Worzel Gummidge and Aunt Sally (Rachel Burley and Teresa Densham) for the best costume, and the Hairy Fairy (Bob Davis) and the pantomime Horse (Tony Davis and Bill Chapman) for the "funniest run".

The organisers would like to express their gratitude to everyone who took part in what turned out to be a very successful event. In view of the good response to the run, it is hoped that further events of this nature can be arranged in the future, and that a running section might be formed within the Sports and Social Club. At the moment there is a fifteen man team from Special Projects entering in a five kilometer fun-run at Tring, and it would be nice if teams from other divisions were formed with a view to inter-divisional races. So, all you budding Seb Coe's, why not issue us a challenge? Anyone interested in this or any other aspect of running should contact either Dave Holland or Nick Bedford on W.G.C. 28511 Ex. 97 during working hours.

