

# INAUGURAL STATEMENT



Mr. W.H. Alexander, Assistant Managing Director.  
 Photo Alan Keats

I am pleased to have the opportunity of introducing our new Company newspaper. I hope that it will play an important part in maintaining the happy relationships which exist in our Company. Those of us who have been in the Company for many years tend to take these relationships for granted. This paper should be a great help, however, in helping new people to get to know everyone and appreciate all that is going on around them. It might even now-and-again surprise some of the old hands who thought they

knew all that was going on. I know that it is the intention of Jess Griffiths, the Editor, that this newspaper will be about people, social activities and items of interest to all of us who work here. It will not be about details of the Company performance or full of management exhortations.

It will be possible for our newspaper to be a good 'family' one, however, only if everyone takes an interest in it; by sending in contributions, by making suggestions for topics to be covered and even, if necessary, by saying what is wrong with it.

One of the first opportunities for your participation is for you to enter the competition to find a good name for the newspaper. I hope you will all respond to this challenge.

I should like to wish the paper, its Editor and all his helpers every success for the future.

## THE NAME GAME

What's in a name? It may be an old cliché, or a valuable question. To us, it is of great importance. We have named this first issue 'MEA NEWS', as a means of introduction, but that does not really satisfy. We want it to reflect the purpose and what we want to achieve by this publication. This is

where you come in.

We are offering a prize of £10 for the use of the best name submitted (as judged by the Editorial Board). The only condition being that it must include the initials 'M.E.A.' since it is a Company publication.

Send your entries, bearing your name, division and department to:—

Jess Griffiths,  
 FCD Estimating, Floor 3 Tower 2,

marked 'NAME ENTRY', to arrive not later than Thursday, 1 December, 1977.

# Food for thought—about security

The Security Department wishes MEA News every success and are grateful for the opportunity of presenting some salient facts for discussion and thought.

Managers in every kind of business are nowadays expected to be conversant with a wide range of special techniques, most of which are designed to improve profitability by controlling costs. Yet despite the emphasis placed on cost control, one of the most obvious ways of keeping costs down is all too often overlooked. This is to ensure that all purchased raw materials are used in production, that all finished goods are sold for profit, and that all the firm's assets remain the firm's property. It is the most neglected of the many facets of business today. This neglected facet is called Security.

### Crime on the increase

One reason for the neglect of security may be that it is equated in many minds with major crimes against property—with robbery, forcible entry into premises and theft on a large scale. For some reason no one can believe that he will ever be the victim of such crimes. This is wishful thinking. Every year the number of crimes increases and everyone's chance of being caught up in the crime wave increases with them. Crime has been growing steadily since the beginning of the century, whether the economy is expanding or contracting.

There can be no doubt that more crimes are being committed than ever before, but the published statistics give no indication of the true size of the problem. They do not take into account the vast number of crimes which are never recorded as such. Losses in industry are euphemistically described as 'wastage', but a high proportion of them are due to theft or pilferage.

The conclusion to be drawn from this is that crime in this country has increased, is increasing, and ought now to be diminished. Everyone should look to his own defences.

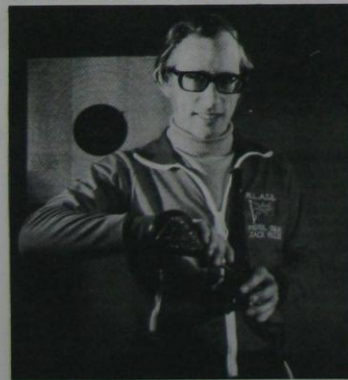
### Action needed

There is an answer to almost every threat, if only we are interested enough to work it out. Amazing though it may seem, people do not take much interest in protecting their assets. Criminals look for the easy jobs, and they seldom have far to look.

If losses are added to the cost of crime, the total bill assumes gigantic proportions. It would be of enormous benefit to the national economy if this huge bill could be substantially reduced. Every tax payer and every consumer in the country would be better off. Crime in particular sustains far too many greedy, idle, and unproductive lives at the expense of useful members of society.

Perhaps in the next issue I may be permitted to suggest some ways and means of dealing with crime.

## Our man in Zurich



Jack Ruler, FCD Hydraulics Laboratory, has recently returned from taking part in the World Muzzle Loading Championships in Zurich. He is seen here filling his pistol with black powder prior to a practice shoot, wearing his Great Britain Team outfit. See back page for all the details.  
 Photo Chris Goldthorpe

# AROUND THE DIVISIONS

### Flight Controls Division—Divisional Manager Mr. D.I. Jackson

The Division continues to be very busy and, in common with other engineering organisations, is having to cope with a shortage of personnel. More people in the right places would enable us to further expand our activities.

Progress is being made on the preparatory work for production of units for M.R.C.A. (Tornado). This is our major production job and will provide work for a considerable period ahead.

However, the Division is not standing still on new business, the go-ahead for the Fly-by-Wire system development for Jaguar being received in July. This is a significant contract, as it puts us in a good position in providing fly-by-wire systems for future combat aircraft both in the UK and for overseas markets.

Developments are also in hand in the Autopilot field to meet the anticipated demand for new civil aircraft which will need new generation digital systems; this should enable us to regain the leadership in this sphere, as we did when the VC.10, Concorde and BAC 1-11 autopilots were being developed.

The future looks good, provided the supply of labour is equal to the demand.

### MASD—Divisional Manager, Mr. P.B. Rayner

Maritime Aircraft Systems Division is one of the youngest Divisions at Rochester, having been formed to take on contracts in the Maritime Surveillance field. Over four years it has built up to a divisional strength of 320, and its main programme, the Acoustic Processing System for British and Australian Machines, is well advanced in development with a substantial amount of hardware delivered. The production phase of the programme is just commencing, and the Division is actively bidding for new work both for helicopters for the Royal Navy and on various export programmes.

As the present programme has put the Division in the position of world leader in its particular field, confidence is high that a continuous programme of new work will reach the Division, which is justifiably proud of its achievements.

### ADD Division—Divisional Manager, Mr. A.J. Colwell

The Social Committee of ADD have arranged a Buffet Dance to be held at the Club-house, Featherby Road, Gillingham, on Tuesday, 25 October.



## New Entrants

We welcome to the fold or MEA Family, the following, who commenced their duties with us in the weeks beginning 19 and 26 September.

### 19 September

Mr. I. Cunningham Development Engineer in ISD  
 Mr. G.W. Stoner Computer Programmer in ATE  
 Mr. P.N. Jones Computer Programmer in ATE  
 Mr. A.R. Rummals Programme Analyst in IND  
 Mr. L.J. Fletcher Quality Assurance Engineer in MASD  
 Mr. K. Nicholls Tester in FCD  
 Mr. S.J. Gregory Pre-University Student in IND  
 Mr. N.A. Wells Apprentice in MEA School  
 Mr. A.C.V. Cass Labourer in ADD  
 Mr. D.J. Moss Labourer in CMS  
 \*Mr. C.J.V. Chick Planner (rejoined) in FCD  
 Mrs. E. Goodhew Office Machine Operator in ASR  
 Mrs. E.D. Curtis Production Clerk in MASD  
 Miss. S.P. Godfrey Junior Clerk in ADD

### 26 September

Mr. J.K.Y. Wong Computer Programmer in ATE  
 Mr. M.S. Pemberton Commercial Assistant in ATE  
 Mr. G.R. Gardiner Computer Programmer in ATE  
 Mr. N.A. Sutherland Commercial Engineer in ATE  
 Mr. S.N. Milburn Development Engineer in ADD  
 Mr. P. Teeling Computer Programmer in EDP  
 Mr. P.G. Holt Development Engineer in FCD  
 Mr. G.F. Walker Development Engineer in ISD  
 Mr. A.P. Curtis Development Engineer in ISD  
 Mr. M.G. Moore Technical Assistant in ISD  
 Mr. R.J. Ward Inspector in CMS  
 Mr. R.J. Woolley Technical Assistant in ATE  
 Mrs. A.Y. Aneen Senior Computer Programmer in EDP  
 Mrs. J.E. Medhurst Office Machine Operator in P/SV  
 Miss. R.J. Abayasekera Computer Programmer in EDP  
 Miss. E.C. Wood Secretary in FCD  
 Miss. T.J. Hartree Clerk/Typist in ASR

We wish them a happy and successful career, in the interests of themselves and the Company.

\*Mr. C.J.V. Chick, was for some years Foreman of FCD Mechanical Assembly, before leaving to concentrate on his family business some 18 months ago.

## Appointments

Consequent on Aubrey Bakewell's retirement, his colleague E.R. Rayner (Ray) has 'moved over'.

Ray, as he is universally known, joined Aubrey in Sub-contracts from FCD in 1975, where he was Project Controller after serving several years as Chief Planner - FCD, until reorganization did away with that office, having come from TAC, when that division amalgamated with the old MACD.

John Chaplin has now transferred from Central Machine Shop Planning to assist in the Sub-contract Department.

John started his 'Elliott' career in 1958 with Fisher Valves, as a Mechanical Inspector. Then in 1959 he joined Servo Components Division, also as an Inspector, eventually being appointed a Planning Engineer. On that division going to Dartford, he went with them, and stayed there until 1968 when he joined Central Machine Shop as Planning Engineer.

Being a Kent County Cricket fan, he takes his holidays in odd days, in order to follow the County at Canterbury or wherever the venue.

He has a great interest in dog training, and is currently a Vice President of the local dog training club and as such has acted as Tutor for dog training classes. As might be expected, John's interest in dogs leads him to wider work with animals, and he is a Committee Member of the Chatham Branch of the R.S.P.C.A.

Ray Bevis has now been promoted to Chief Production Engineer in CMS from Chief Planning Engineer. He has now completed 25 years' service with the Company, and recently celebrated his Silver Wedding Anniversary.

Peter Dawson, 7 years' service, and John Cooke 29 years' service are promoted to Production Engineers within CMS from Planning Engineers.

Mr. Milton, previously Time Clerk, ISD, has now transferred to Flight Controls Division as a Technical Clerk.

thanks to so many of his friends whom he was not able to see before leaving.

### CONGRATULATIONS

To Dave Lucas, on becoming a Grandfather. Is this a discord, or the start of a new scale for David or just something to sing about?

### IN MEMORIAM

We extend our condolences and sympathy to the widow and daughters of Jack P. Loughran, who passed away on Saturday 24 September.

He was a member of MEA Accounts, dealing with Import/Export matters.

Brian Latimer of the 'Over 65' Club, and formerly in IND, passed away on Sunday 11 September 1977 after a short illness.

Ex R.N. CPO (Radar) from 1932-1954, he joined Elliotts in 1960 remaining until retirement.

## MARRIAGES

### 7 May 1977

Adrian Clive Bailey, a Buyer in FCD, to Cindy Smith at the Garrison Church, Brompton, Gillingham. Adrian was presented with a pressure cooker and linen basket by his friends and colleagues to mark the occasion.

An ex apprentice he was formerly in CMS.

### 3 September 1977

Malcolm Osborne, a fitter in CMS formerly an Elliott apprentice, to Elizabeth Rowe, at St. Peter and Paul Church, Boughton, Nr. Canterbury. The honeymoon was spent in Belgium.

### 10 September 1977

David Regan, Section Leader in IND Progress, to Linda Parker, IND Production, at United Reformed Church, Balmoral Road, Gillingham.

They were presented with a clock from all work-mates and colleagues to mark the occasion.

### 17 September 1977

Len Stone, Gyro Test Department, to Wendy Morris, typist in CMS Production Office, at St. Augustines Church, Gillingham.

To mark the occasion, Len received a figurine from his colleagues and Wendy received a set of glasses and kitchen set.

### 24 September 1977

Keith Taylor, IND, to Lesley Watson. Keith joined the Company as a Technician Apprentice in 1970, and is now an up and coming Development Engineer, responsible for card and module testing on a considerable part of the Nimrod CTS Project. He is a popular member of the staff, and his friends and colleagues contributed to the gift of an Infra-red grill to mark the event.



Adrian Bailey and his bride - Cindy Smith, outside the Garrison Church, Brompton, Gillingham.

We would like to find the longest married couple from among MEA personnel. Either one or both partners to be on MEA payroll. Please let the Editor have details. Date and place of marriage, and family data.

## Elliott '65' club

When the years roll on, and the magical 65 arrives, the question of retiring naturally arises, posing the problem "What shall I find to do?"

One way to solve the question and to keep alive friendships and acquaintances, struck when working together, was evolved by Elliott Sports and Social Club, when they developed and sponsored the formation of the 'Over 65' Club which meets at the Club-house, Featherby Road, Gillingham each 3rd Thursday evening in the month from 6.30p.m. Sid Randall, ECV, and Harry Staff (Safety Officer) guide, direct and support this work, even though it is self-governing with its own Club Officers.

The members get together to entertain and be entertained, and take the opportunity of a good 'chat' while raffle tickets are sold and supper served.

Entertainments vary from month to month, and cover bingo, film shows, talks, junior show-time performances, sing-song, Outings to seaside and country in the summer and shows in the winter.

At the September meeting on 15 September a Fruit, Flower, Vegetable and Produce Show was held. There were good entries in the various classes, the prize winners were

	Number of		
	1st Prizes	2nd Prizes	3rd Prizes
Mr. Hobson	1		1
Mr. Foster	2	2	
Mrs. Fraser	1	1	1
Mr. Stanley	1		1
Miss Mutton	3	1	
Mr. Eastwood	4		
Mr. Mankelov	1	1	
Mrs. Boorman	1		1
Mr. Dyer	1	3	1
Mr. Fox	1		
Mrs. Carpenter	1	1	
Mrs. Howlett		3	1
Mr. Fraser		1	
Mr. Healey		1	
Mrs. Shepherd		1	
Mrs. Dyer			2
Mrs. Mankelov		1	
Mrs. Haslett		1	
Mrs. Biss		1	
Mrs. Kilby			1

Congratulations to Mr. Fraser, on his 87th Birthday on 15 September. A regular at the monthly meetings together with his wife, who officiates as pianist as and when required.

## Junior News

Dear Juniors,

Each month, we shall be giving you your own little bit of 'MEA-NEWS', with competitions from time to time, and items of interest to aguse you. But we want you to join in, so why not write in and tell us about yourself, your hobbies, your pets, what you like and don't like, and why! Who knows—we may come along and talk to you and tell your story in Junior News, so that others may share it with you.

The address to write to is:—

The Editor, MEA News,  
 Marconi-Elliott Avionics Limited,  
 Airport Works, Rochester, Kent.

### JUMBLLED WORDS

Solve these jumbled words and win yourself a book token.

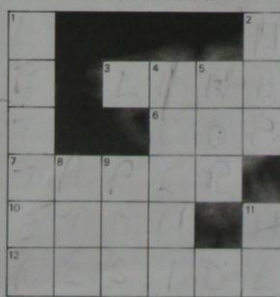
1. SCTESATE
2. CDEIRD
3. EAALRGB
4. TAETHCIL
5. PYOGGEAHR

Write your solutions on a piece of paper giving name, age and address and send to:—

The Editor,  
 MEA NEWS,  
 Marconi-Elliott Avionics Limited,  
 Airport Works, Rochester, Kent.

by 11 November 1977. The first correct solution opened will receive a book token.

### JUNIOR CROSSWORD No. 1.



#### ACROSS

3. Girl's name (4)
6. Policeman (3)
7. Usually of wax (5)
10. Famous school (4)
12. Live (6)

#### DOWN

1. Alphabet (6)
2. Show the way (3)
4. Tribe of ancient Britons (5)
5. Neither (3)
8. Consumed (3)
9. Sop (anag.) (3)
11. Male (2)



# RETIREMENTS

Aubrey Bakewell, Manager, Sub Contract Manufacturing, retired 10 June 1977 and will move shortly to South Wales. He was presented with a picnic ice box and a sum of money, as a parting gift.

Monday, 12 September 1977 was the last day that Herbert James Hoggart (Bert) would bring the charm of his personality into IN Division, that being the day he retired.

Bert, complete with his 'bow tie' was a familiar figure around the plant for 26 years, having started in ME (R) on 19 April 1951, coming to Elliotts from Morrison Engineering (who were then next door) following a successful career which began with an apprenticeship at Tilling Stevens, Maidstone, and service with Short Bros., 1945-46, and Miles Aircraft, Reading, 1946-48.

He began as a Planning Engineer in ME (R) on the C.R.B.F. contract and transferred to IN Division in 1953 as a Production Engineer, a function he has continued to fill up to his retirement.



Mr. J. Collins (Social Club Secretary) congratulating Bert Hoggart after presenting gifts to mark his retirement at a gathering in the Social Club. Photo Chris Goldthorpe

Bert is a man of many parts, and he has been on the Social Club Management Committee for 20 years, taking more than his share of the 'work required'. He recalls how the committee members had to get up into the roof and clean the girders of the old canteen before putting up decorations for functions!

He was a founder member of the Suggestions Committee, and has continued to be a member.

His plans for retirement are very fluid. He hopes to catch up on reading, and possibly learn a language, but expects mostly to keep busy on an 'ad hoc' basis.

His wife, who must be a very tolerant person to allow him to spend so much time for the Social Club, is the cashier at Thorns, and a very active member in the National Savings movement for which she received the Queens Silver Jubilee Medal.

He hopes to be still around, as he plans to continue doing what he can for the Social Club, of which he has been made an Honorary Life Member.

At a party held in the Elliott Club-house on Friday, 9 September he was presented with a Black and Decker Workmate as a gift from his personal friends and fellow Social Club Committee Members.

At a short ceremony in the IN Production office on Monday 12th Mr. D. Harries, Production Manager, on behalf of all his friends and colleagues presented him with a



'Bert' Hoggart surrounded by some of his friends and immediate colleagues, after being presented with gifts to mark his retirement by Mr. D. Harries, Production Manager, 3rd from right of picture. Photo Susan Ruddlesden

Russell Hobbs Teasmade, and toaster; a pot plant was given to his wife as a token of esteem, and all good wishes for a long and happy retirement.

Walter (Wally) Harvey, the genial foreman of Mechanical Maintenance, of Works Engineering, retired on Friday, 9 September 1977, after 30 years 8 months' service. Wally came to Elliotts in January 1947, under the B & P Swift Banner, to take a position as Maintenance Fitter. He has seen great changes during his period of service; among these are the changes from a large open-plan workshop to divisional segregation and partitioning of departments, and the increase in personnel, — from approx. the 50 people in 1947 to the 4500 in MEA plus GEC Control Valve personnel.



The picture shows Wally Harvey in a happy mood, receiving a cheque and other gifts to mark his retirement from Mr. G. Thomas, Assistant General Manager. Photo Susan Ruddlesden

During his service, he graduated from Maintenance Fitter to become Foreman, a position he has filled for many years.

He came to Rochester from Abingdon, in Berkshire, where he worked for the original MG cars, having transferred there from Cowley, Oxford, where he had begun his working life with Morris Motors, at the age of 14.

A keen sportsman in his younger days — he played almost all ball games with much success — he now contents himself with being an intelligent spectator. He and his wife have 3 children, 2 daughters and 1 son, with 4 grandchildren. Their son now at CAV was an Elliott apprentice.

He has no special plans for his retirement, but plans to keep himself busy by maintaining his own and family motor cars, and doing gardening, which he enjoys.

Looking back, he remembers playing football against the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Michael Ramsey. He says he has really enjoyed his years at Rochester, working with such a fine body of people without animosity or unpleasantness.

He was presented with a shaver and umbrella, together with a cheque for £100 as a token of esteem and good wishes from all his colleagues and friends, at a ceremony held in the No. 4 Conference Room, on Friday, 9 September 1977, by Mr. D.G. Thomas, Assistant General Manager, who expressed the thanks of the company for all his devotion to duty, zeal and efficiency, over the years. He mentioned the many 'firsts' Wally had been associated with, including how he worked night and day to install the first machine on Rochester site. It is believed that he is the first to retire after 30 years' service on this site.

Friday, 16 September 1977, brought to a close 19 years of service by Leslie Warwick Rhodes, a Mechanical Fitter in IN Division. Les started work at Elliotts in IND on the 'Blue Steel' contract and has remained in the Division. He came to the Airport Works from Bagshaw's of Rochester where he was a foreman for 11 years.

Les and his wife have 4 children, 3 sons and 1 daughter. One son living in Australia, one in the R.A.F. and one in the Fleet Air Arm. Their daughter is married and lives in Wigmore. They have a total of 6 grandchildren, who, Les says, will keep him pretty well occupied during his retirement.

During his retirement he will devote more time to his hobbies of stamp collecting and watch repairing.

He has had a very happy and enjoyable life, and he pays tribute to his wife, who he says has been a real partner, and without her support and help, life would have been very much retarded.



Our picture shows Les Rhodes receiving his radio/cassette recorder from Mr. D. Harries, subscribed for by his friends and colleagues to mark his retirement. Photo Susan Ruddlesden

To celebrate his retirement, the family held a party for which their son and his family have travelled from Australia to be present, on Friday 16 September.

His workmates and friends subscribed to a presentation of a radio cassette tape recorder which was handed to him, on their behalf by Mr. D.H. Harries, Production Manager, before a large gathering.

## Long service awards.....

1952 saw the influx of a large number of employees into the Company, of which no less than 35 will have received their '25-year Award Gifts' by the end of 1977.

The following have received their awards or qualify to receive one by the end of the year:—

- Mr. H. Scott, Machinist CMS, received a carriage clock.
- Mr. J.L. Miller, Sheet Metal Worker CMS, received a pair of binoculars.
- Mr. R.H. Bevis, Chief Production Engineer CMS, received a pair of binoculars.
- Mr. L.H. Smith, Admin. Officer FARL (New Road), received a watch from Divisional Manager, Mr. R.G. Collinson, on 12.9.77.



Mr. L. Smith with his 25 years' award being congratulated by Mr. R. Collinson, Divisional Manager FARL, after the presentation. Photo Chris Goldthorpe



Mr. R. Collins with 3 CMS recipients of 25 years' awards. Left to right: Mr. Scott, Mr. R. Collins, Mr. J. Miller and Mr. R. Bevis. Photo Chris Goldthorpe

- Mr. D.W. Emmett, Assist. General Manager, received his choice of cutlery from Mr. J.E. Pateman, Managing Director, on 19.9.77.
- Mr. P.A. Podesta, Planning Engineer FCD, qualifies on 9.10.77.
- Mr. F.W. Longley, Statistics Clerk IND, qualifies on 21.10.77.
- Mr. W.J. Palmer, Machinist CMS, received a tea set.
- Mr. G.W. Hayward, Inspector FCD, qualifies on 15.9.77.
- Mr. K. Martin, Nightshift Superintendent, qualifies on 15.9.77.
- Mr. F.C.R. Latter, Personnel Officer, qualifies on 22.9.77.
- Mr. L.R. Smea, Foreman CMS, qualifies on 22.9.77.
- Mr. T.J.H. Rye, General Machinist IND, qualifies on 2.10.77.

- Mr. G.W. Attwood, Superintendent ISD, qualifies on 27.10.77.
- Mr. R.H. Brooks, Leading Hand ATE, qualifies on 27.10.77.
- Mr. H. Oxford, Plumber W.E.S., qualifies on 10.11.77.
- Mr. S.A. Goodearl, General Machinist IND, qualifies on 17.11.77.
- Miss J. Harris, Assembler FCD, qualifies on 1.12.77.
- Mr. G.W. Greenfield, Planner IND, qualifies on 29.12.77.

We congratulate all these employees on their loyalty and devotion which laid the secure foundation for the Company, and whose skills have helped to build it into the pre-eminent position it holds today.

Francis C.R. Latter, a Personnel Officer at MEA Rochester, received his 25 years' service award at a short ceremony in the Personnel Office on Wednesday 21 September. His chosen gift — a pair of binoculars — was handed to him by Mr. E.J. Bradley, Personnel Manager.

Francis earned his award under the new conditions of unbroken service with any of the GEC companies. He began as an apprentice at Luton, in the English Electric Guided Weapons Division, afterwards moving to Stevenage. He then took up Personnel Management, at the English Electric Headquarters in London until the merger with GEC when he transferred to GEC Stanhope Gate. From there he transferred to Rochester, where he has remained ever since.

It was noted that he must be the youngest person on the Rochester site to receive the award, to date.



# Sports and social club activities

**Elliott Photographic Society, Secretary: D. Vollor, ISD Engineers, Int. 416.**

The section has begun its activities for the 1977-78 session, with an impressive programme, which in the words of the Secretary will ACCENTUATE the 'camera', being the main item of the hobby. Persons interested, would benefit by joining the section. Programme is as follows:—

- 14 September 1977 Practical evening — Portraiture.
  - 21 September 1977 Lecture — 'Portraiture' by Mr. A. Pemberton.
  - 28 September 1977 Practical evening — Portraiture.
  - 5 October 1977 Lecture — 'The R.P.S.' by N.D. Osborne.
  - 12 October 1977 Society Competition — Subject selection.
  - 19 October 1977 Practical evening — Close up photography.
  - 26 October 1977 Sound-Sync — Preparatory meeting.
  - 2 November 1977 Lecture — 'The camera and associated equipment' by Mr. G. Lancaster.
  - 9 November 1977 Visit — Program Microfilming Service, 2nd Avenue, Luton. Host Mr. D. Meredith. (Time: 7.30 p.m. sharp at Luton).
  - 16 November 1977 Lecture — 'Colour Photography' by EUMIG.
  - 23 November 1977 Practical evening — Table-top photography. (Bring an object(s)).
  - 30 November 1977 M.T.P.A. Slide Competition.
- All meetings are held at 7.45 p.m. (unless stated otherwise) in the Committee Room, Tower 1.

## ARCHERY

The 12th Annual General Meeting was held in March 1977 when the various reports were given and accepted. Among the items of interest was that from the Captain, who reported that a Charity Shoot had raised £80.00 for the Paraplegics, and that a Paraplegic Archer had taken 3rd place in an international shoot in Canada.

A new committee and officers were elected as follows:—

- Chairman — Brian Cherry
- Vice Chairman — Ted Saunders
- Secretary — Nick Gibson
- Treasurer — Reg Bloodworth
- Club Captain — Derek Avey
- Records Officer — Brian Smith
- Social Secretary — Jean Saunders
- Equipment Officer — Reg Bloodworth
- Junior Organizer — Reg Bloodworth
- P.R.O. — Joe Duffy
- Ordinary Member — Martin Power

This is a sport which caters for adults and juniors alike. Elliotts have one of the largest (numerically) Junior Clubs in Kent. Meetings are held on Sundays at the Sports Ground, Featherby Road, Gillingham, commencing at 10.00 a.m.

## Result of Bat & Trap Inter-Divisional Final

In the Bat & Trap Inter-Divisional Final, played on Wednesday, 14 September, at the Sports Ground, Featherby Road, Gillingham, IND (A) beat FCD (A) 2-0.

The IND (A) team finally achieved their ambition of winning the trophy which forms a fitting climax to the work of the captain — Bert Hoggart and becomes a signal honour, in the week of his retirement.

For the play-off, for 3rd place, between the losing semi-finalists, FCD (MRCA) and A.S. & R.D., tied at the end of play, and on the toss of a coin FCD (MRCA) emerged to take 3rd place.

## Cricket Section ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

8 November 1977  
Sports Club-house, Featherby Road, Gillingham  
Commencing 6.30 p.m.

Members and supporters, old or new, welcome

## Athletic Section

The section, which among other activities, competes in the Kent League is anxious to improve on its last season performance of 4th place. Any interested persons are urged to contact Len Murphy on Int. 641.

The immediate programme is:—

Date	Fixture	Venue
22 October	Harlow marathon (Seniors)	Harlow
"	Folkestone 5 mile road race	Folkestone
29 October	Kent League cross-country 1st round. (Colts, boys)	Mote Park, Maidstone
"	Inter-club home match (Youths, juniors, seniors)	Aylesford
5 November	Redhill and Reigate 6 x 2 1/2 mile relay. (Juniors, seniors)	Reigate
"	2 1/2 mile youth race	"
6 November	Mike Sully cross-country	Fry's Sports Ground, Bristol
12 November	South of Thames Junior Schools cross-country	Denmark Road, Wimbledon
"	14-15 years and young athletes	Chatham
19 November	Greater London cross-country league 2nd round	Herne Hill
"	Five mile cross-country, inter-club	Hayes, Kent
20 November	Metropolitan Police	"
20 November	Rochester 5-mile road race	Rochester
25 November	North Kent cross-country championship (Youths, juniors, seniors)	Bexley
"	Schools invitation (Seniors)	"
2 December	Elliott-Reed Dinner Dance Club-house, Featherby Road	Fonstcroy, Sidcup Gillingham

# PROWESS AND SKILL-JACK RULER

Elliott Sports and Social Club had a special interest in the World Championships for Small Bore Rifle Shooting, which were held in Zurich on 21 September, 1977. Jack Ruler, a 36-year-old Engineer in FCD Hydraulics Laboratory was competing in the World Muzzle Loading Pistol Championships, for 25 and 50 metres. These were individual events, but he was competing also as a member of the Great Britain Revolver Team, which consisted of 4 people.

Jack is a member of the Small Bore Rifle Section of the Sports Club, and regularly shoots for the team.

His selection to represent Great Britain follows his success in the Regional Competitions, when he won the 5th Open Competition at Dartford, with a score of 94, and took 3rd place in the British Competitions at Bisley. His career in shooting, which started in 1964, when he joined the Elliott Club, has brought him County Honours too, being called upon to represent Kent in Small Bore Rifle Shooting — 3 position shoots — prone, standing and kneeling.

The muzzle loading pistol, is one in which the weapon is filled with the black powder, rammed home and the shot

loaded. He makes his own 'shot' from pure lead (having a purity better than 95%). The weapon used in the Championship shoot was a reproduction model. The value of his selection in the Great Britain team can be gauged from the fact that in the 1976 World Championship events, the national team gained the Bronze Medal. The sport not only needs skill, but dedication, and Jack, a single man, puts in 8 hours each weekend and 12 hours during the week, in practice or competing.

## Championship results

Reproduction revolver event — scored 89, winner scored 93.

Antique revolver event — scored 85, winner scored 91.

The score of 89 for the Reproduction Revolver event gave him a placing of 20th from about 51, so keen was the competition.

Team events — Great Britain scored 5th place.

All the results are subject to confirmation due to computer failure during the Championships.

# FOR YOUR PLEASURE

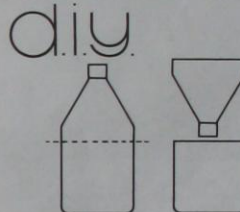
FCD Social Committee proudly announce their programmes as below. (Watch the notice boards for specific details of each event).

- 18 February 1978 Dinner Dance — St. George Hotel
- 5 May 1978 Candlelight Supper
- 1 September 1978 Candlelight Supper

## Proposed

- January/February 1978 Ice Show?
- March Medieval Supper — Chilham Castle
- May Trip to Tulip Fields — Amsterdam
- May Schoolboys International — Wembley
- July Windsor Safari Park
- ? Trip to Television Studios for TV or Radio Shows.

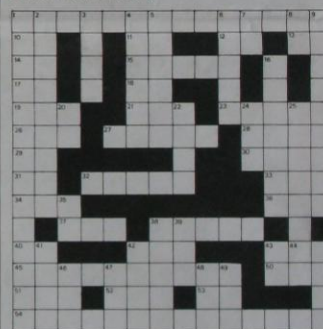
The Committee has been congratulated on the excellence of the Candlelight Supper, which they organised on Friday, 16 September. This augurs well for the success of the events already planned. In the words of one participant — "It was a swell do".



Question — What do you do with those empty plastic squash bottles?

Answer — If you saw the bottle in halves, the top makes quite a useful funnel whilst the bottom can be used for many things, from a drinking cup to the container used when bleeding your car brakes.

## CROSSWORD No. 1.



## ACROSS

1. To find the guilty ones (14)
10. Dr (2)
11. Either (2)
12. Still batting (2)
13. Boy behaved (2)
14. For valour (2)
15. Pair (5)
17. Let reduced (2)
18. Before Christ (2)
19. Come and — with me (3)
21. Cathedral City of the Fans (3)
23. Rust will do it (5)
26. Three part (3)
27. The angler's keep (5)
28. Small, but all the power (4)
29. Having clocked (2)
30. Penal cut short (4)
31. General arrangement (2)
32. Ready to use (5)
33. Cathode Ray Tube (abbr.) (3)
34. There's a campaign for the real stuff (3)
36. Golfers pag (3)
37. Not walk (3)
38. Mother (kind slang) (5)
40. Same as 29 across (2)
42. Good dog! (3)
43. By way of (3)
45. Suburb not quite so far as the bridge (10)
50. Slippery flat (3)
51. Not taken up (abbr.) (3)
52. Big mouth! Big hat! (3)
53. Yes, but not in England (2)
54. Could bring joys or tears (14)

## DOWN

1. To find the cause by these (14)
2. Rooms by night (9)
3. Smooth (4)
4. Highwayman (6)
5. Consult for the future (6)
6. Phonetic tins (5)
7. Not out (2)
8. Nay (2)
9. Organise from chaos (5)
16. Gloves, or helmet maybe (7)
20. Greek letter (2)
22. Stout (4)
24. Told off (3)
25. Was he for England? (3 & 5)
35. Elizabeth Regina (abbr.) (2)
38. Girl's name (5)
39. Consumed (3)
41. Memo (4)
42. Child's conveyance (4)
43. Special 1945 day (2)
44. When you have this you're not alone (4)
46. Solar (3)
47. For records & rivalry (3)
48. Establishment (abbr.) (3)
49. The other half of ORA (3)

Compiled by J.G.

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