

MARCONI AVIONICS NEWS

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VIP VISITS

The achievement of our Company has been seen as an important factor, both from the export and Aerospace industries. This has led to requests for visits by leading members of the Government and political parties.

We have received the Right. Hon. The Lord Carrington, leader of HM opposition in the House of Lords, who ended a tour of North Kent by visiting the works.

On 29 June the Minister of State for the Royal Air Force, Mr. James Wellbeloved MP, paid a day long visit and after meeting the management and being briefed on the company and its products, toured the works. He met many employees and chatted to them. He also met the Office Committee of TASS (AUEW), and officials of APEX, and a useful exchange of views took place. He was particularly impressed by the training programme, which at any one time accounts for 10% of the work force, and the advanced technology being developed and applied.

On this visit the Minister was accompanied by Mr. Bob Bean MP, member for Rochester and Chatham.



Talking 'shop' with Martin Ingleton, a first year Mechanical Apprentice at the Training Centre. Martin is an ex-Sheppey School pupil. (D)



A chat with a female operative in FCD. (A)



New technology being explained during the visit to FARL. (D)

Preferment



Mr. R.W. Howard. (D)

A signal honour has been bestowed on GEC, and Marconi Avionics Limited and in particular on Ron W. Howard, a Director and General Manager of Marconi Avionics Limited, by his appointment to be Chairman of the Technical Board of the Society of British Aerospace Companies (SBAC).

Mr. Howard takes the Chair formally on 20 July and in the capacity of Chairman, he is in a unique position of being the representative of the total industry.

The honour is particularly noteworthy in that this is the first time anyone has been appointed Chairman of the Technical Board, who is connected with the 'avionics part of aircraft'. In addition it entails membership of other bodies, and acting for the industry in joint consultations with Government, airlines, European industry and the like.

One responsibility of the Technical Board is to co-ordinate the Aerospace Industry views on the UK Research programme, and to convey these to the Joint Research Council, which monitors the whole field of Aerospace Research. Ron Howard, as a result of his SBAC appointment, also becomes Co-Chairman of the Joint Research Council.

In appointing Ron Howard to the Chairmanship, the Industry acknowledges not only the personal qualifications of the man, but the growing importance of the 'electronic package' in regard to the total usefulness and efficiency of the flight vehicle. The position is no sinecure. It has to be fitted in with the normal Company duties and be a real working and purposeful endeavour generating ideas and encouraging the fulfilment of commitment.

The Honours List

The Queen's Birthday Honours List contains the name of Colin Jeffries, a newcomer to the MASD Division Engineering. He has been awarded a commendation for his work in the RAF, in which he served 18 yrs. The presentation was made at the Kent County Agricultural Show, at Detling on 15 July, by the Group Commanding Officer.

Colin, a married man with a 7½ year old daughter and 5 year old son, is a native of Gillingham and attended Woodlands Secondary School. As a teenager, he became a member of 1039 Squadron Air Training Corps and joined the RAF as an apprentice at Halton. He became an Electrical Technician, latterly an Electronics Technician, rising to the rank of Chief Technician.

He saw service at Watton-Norfolk, Singapore, Australia and Hong Kong. Returning to England he was posted to Thorney Island, before being sent to Cyprus and for short spells in Bermuda and Guyana.

For the last few years before leaving the service, he was in the Chatham RAF Careers Office.

He loves cricket, delights in researching Naval History, and is a keen model maker—mainly warships, and an enthusiastic member of the Gillingham Co-op Gymnastic Club, which he proudly notes is still in existence.

Of the Middle and Far east, and the Orient, he comments that there is too much sun. One gets tired of so much of a good thing.



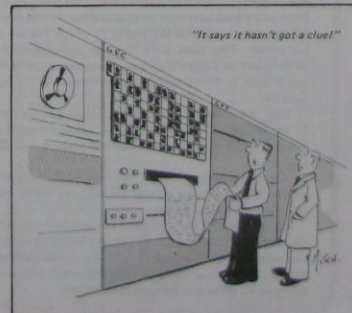
Colin Jeffries. (C)

The Auction

Lot number 3 is Wednesday. What am I bid for Wednesday? This is one of the more interesting weekdays, in that its afternoon is used by the Royal Navy for Make and Mend and by the Army for outdoor sports. The civilian confraternity use it often as an excuse to close their shops. It is also the day before Test Matches start. Do I hear two?

Wonderful Words

When you go hunting, pursuing, chasing, tracking stalking that fabulous, mythical, legendary beast anim. .ptile, lizard, dinosaur the Thesaurus in your kayak, canoe, dugout you need, must have, require a large, bulky, heavy, enormous, great, tremendous boundless, harpoon, barbed, spear.



"It says it hasn't got a clue!"

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A DAY OUT

We decided to go fishing, my mates and me,
 Not by river but by boat, at sea,
 So off we went with all our gear,
 With all the essentials, like fags and beer.
 EEE' t' were a lovely day, not calm, not rough
 And we were all singing and joking,
 Yer' know --- all that stuff.
 Any road, --- the boat was a beaut, but Sid said
 "its a sinker"
 And Bill said "that's cos' it's built of clinker."
 Well --- I were first t' tackle up and cast
 And as we all knew, awld' Bill were last,
 It were boat yer' see, it started to roll
 And Bill lost his balance and fell down t' hole,
 His head in a bucket, his wellies were int' air,
 By gum, he looked queer just a laying there.
 Cos we all laughed and skipper did too
 And sea wern't only thing that were blue,
 For language to shout, awld' Bill were 'nt at loss
 Even Paddy cringed and made sign a t' cross
 At last awld' Bill got back out a t' hole
 Swearing like trooper wi a face black as coal,
 Filled wi anger he made a wish,
 That he would catch biggest fish.
 Well --- with Sid on t' stern and awld' Bill on me
 right,
 It were young Harold in t' bows wi "I got a bite"
 He struggled, he strained, he could hardly stand,
 So we all rallied round to lend 'im an' aid,
 I said "it's a size whatever it be"
 His rod were bent double, well --- yer could see,
 We heaved and we tugged fer ten mimutes or more,
 I'll tell yer' this it made mi back sore,
 Then we started guessing what it could be,
 Paddy said "a whale", I thought, "no couldn't be"
 Sid grunted "I know, I bet it's a shark"
 But Paddy replied, "they didn't come out till dark"
 Now leaning from bridge, skipper did shout,
 "Get it inboard and stop xxxxxxx about.
 Fer if it's a mermaid, it won't be amiss,
 Cos' As I am skipper, it's me fer first kiss".
 Well --- if yer must know, we got it t' side,
 And when it were up I wanted t' hide,
 Yer' see, in t' excitement, we hadn't noticed boat
 start t' drift,
 Cos' we'd been helpin' young Harold t' lift.
 It weren't a fish he'd caught with his hook,
 It were ruddy boats anchor he'd caught, right
 round flook.
 EEE' --- young Harold's face weren't half red,
 He told me later he wished he were dead,
 Hoping t' catch yon' share of a lion
 And all he caught was a lump of awld iron,
 So --- we finished up day, all tuckered out,
 Even skipper couldn't muster a shout,
 Wi young Harold's catch and awld' Bills fall,
 No wonder we caught nowt at all,
 Only one of us caught summat as boat pitched and
 rolled
 And that was awld' Bill, he caught a cold.
 Well --- mo more fishin' fer us, yer' must agree,
 Aspecially in t' boat, out at sea,
 So we all met in t' local to plan next year's day
 And at last it's decided, it's on t' Pennine way.

Bernie R. AS & R Division

Apprentices' Arrowing experience

A team of three 1st Year Apprentices, John Corris, Steve Potter, and Gary Hammond, have successfully designed and manufactured a 'Sighting Stand' for use by a blind member of the Elliott Archery Club.

The 'stand' is in 3 sections for easy transportation, and is easily dismantled and re-assembled being in the form of a tripod base with vertical and horizontal screw adjustments it enables the archer to check the lay of his arrow. The team were 6 weeks completing the project and on Friday 7 July had the pleasure of handing it over to the recipient—Don Planner of Sittingbourne.

Don, a former member of HM Forces lost his sight in an accident in Germany and became interested in archery during his rehabilitation training at St. Dunstons.

Already a skilful archer, the new equipment will enable him to achieve greater success, and enable him to gain more enjoyment from the sport.

Neither of the three apprentices is connected with the Archery Club and in completing the project have not only used their acquired skills in a useful purpose, but given an added boost to the happiness and well-being of an otherwise handicapped person.



The Apprentices hand over the aiming aid. (C)

MARRIAGES

Anthony Galley, a 20 year old member of CMS Stores staff to Elaine Newman, a hairdresser, at Zion Baptist Church, Clover St. Chatham on Saturday, 10 June.



Anthony Galley being presented with his wedding gift from his workmates, by Mr. P. Burrows. (B)

Jill Morgan, a clerk/typist in Gyro, to Ray Nunney, at All Saints Church Frindsbury on Saturday, 17 June. Jill received a battery electric wall clock from her many friends in the Division.



Jill Morgan and the gift from her colleagues. (C)

Bernard Stevens (Bernie) FCD DO to Janet McDowell, at St. John Fisher Church, Rochester on Saturday, 17 June. He received blankets and towels from his colleagues.



Bernie Stevens receives his wedding gift from the members of FCD. (C)

Anne Nicholas of Accounts to A. Larchford on 5 June at Chatham Registry Office.

Monday 3 July at Gravesend Registry Office, Mavis Wood of FCD Progress Dept. to Mr. Doug Logan, Materials Controller, ISD.

Miss Veronica Loft, a nurse in the Surgery Services Team, was married on Saturday 24 June to Stephen Donaghe, employed at Blaw Knox, at St. Justus Church, Rochester.

Congratulations

Our sincere congratulations are extended to Miss Susan Ruddlesden, one of our Staff photographers in the Reprographic Department, on the occasion of her engagement to Mr. Alan Barnes, on 26 May.

In Memoriam

We regret to record the recent sudden death of Dennis Green, a Project Production Controller in IND.

An ex Royal Naval Radar Mechanic, Dennis started with the Company in 1962 in MAC as a Draughtsman; he transferred to IN and remained with the Division until his death. He was a popular and well liked member of the staff.

All Eldridge, formerly of TAC passed away at home, on Tuesday, 6 June.
 Our sympathy goes out to his family.

We offer our sympathy and condolences to the relatives of Stephen Davis, on his tragic death in a motor accident. A trainee computer programmer he joined us in September 1976 and showed promise in making a successful career for himself.

WHY 'GOLDEN WONDER'?

When William Alexander began making potato crisps in his small Edinburgh bakery many years ago he tried to think of a name for them. He wanted a name which would reflect the quality of his product and which his customers would easily remember.

He asked his son to help and together they discussed at great length a number of different names, none of which was suitable. They decided to let the matter rest for a little while. Later in the day they were discussing the different varieties of potato that grew in Scotland, the most popular one of which was called Golden Wonder. As soon as it was mentioned they both realised it was the name they were looking for—it described top quality potato crisps perfectly. So that's why Britain's favourite potato crisps are called 'Golden Wonder'!

Contributed by K. Washington } ATED Eng.
 W.B. Robertson }



Around the Divisions

FCD World-Wide

Variety, it seems, is the spice of life in the Flight Controls Division of Marconi-Avionics at Rochester, both in the range of flight control systems it produces and the number of nationalities with whom it does business. The division produces equipment for all types of aircraft ranging from the supersonic Concorde to the Lynx helicopter, the vertical take-off Harrier and even autopilots for drones and remotely-piloted vehicles. The division is recognized as a world leader in the application of digital technology to flight control and automatic landing systems, but what is not so well known is the division's involvement in stability and control of hovercraft. Working with the Hovermarine Transport Company of Southampton, the division has

fitted a stabilisation device to an HM2 rigid-walled hovercraft which, according to those who have 'flown' in the craft, dramatically improves the ride, especially in unpleasantly high seas.

The division's visitors travel from all parts of the world for discussions at the Rochester facility. In the last two months, for instance, presentations have been made to parties from Argentina, Brazil, Holland, Japan and America but the party from China with their traditional dress, provided the most significant contrast. The cosmopolitan nature of the visitors provides tangible evidence of the contribution which the division makes to Marconi Avionics' export successes for which the Queen's Award to Industry was recently made.

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY

The activities of the Company representatives continue to stretch world-wide, and after the Hanover Show, there came the **British Aerospace Equipment Exhibition**, held in Tokyo, Japan, on 15 May. Held in the Exhibition Hall in Tokyo, which is the only one of its kind, the Marconi Avionics stand covered the products of MASD, ADD, FCD and Electro-Optics under the overall auspices of the SBAC.

There were approximately 8500 visitors, and a poll among the visitors by an independent body revealed that 75% - 80% voted the MA stand as the most interesting.

At the opening reception, HBM Ambassador, Sir Michael Wilford, was host, and the guest of honour was Professor Hidemasa Kimura, President of the Japan Committee for Civil Aviation Studies. In addition to the stand-manning, and answering the inevitable questions, the MA team took part in the presentation of Papers, on allied subjects.

F.J. Crewe of MASD gave a paper on Acoustic Processing and Display Systems.

L.D. Moore-Searson of ADD gave one on Head-up Displays, whilst **D. Kirk** of Electrical-Optical of Basilidon spoke on Heli-Tele.

Eighteen Companies within the SBAC exhibited at this exhibition, which was supported by the British Government, with officials of the British Embassy in Tokyo taking a full part in making all the necessary arrangements and giving advice on matters relating to the specially invited guests.

Our photograph shows F.J. Crewe greeting Prof. H. Kimura at the Marconi Avionics stand.



Oh! Really?

In order to brighten up the lives of their employees the Company is to introduce some revolutionary new schemes. Thought to be the first of its kind in the country "A Dial-A-Joke" system will enable employees to dial up a daily joke on the internal phone system. A company spokesman remarked that for very little capital expenditure the return in a happier working environment was immeasurable.

Starting in the summer the company is planning to employ a Company Jester. This person will roam the factory and offices, wearing a funny hat, and will be responsible for the general jollity of the works. The spokesman said, "We are reviving a tradition practised by the Kings and Queens of olde England, after all, why shouldn't we be happy in our work?" Some precautions will be necessary though, for instance the jester would have to be locked up during visits by important customers.

In line with its Happier Working Environment Policy, the Company will be nominating some of the days in the year as Chaos Days. Along the lines of the traditional April 1st, Chaos Days will be days of absolute lunacy, practical jokes will be rife and there will be prizes for the funniest. It is planned eventually to hold one Chaos Day per month with a full week of chaos at Christmas. For further information contact B. Loon, Silly Products Division.

Appointments

The following appointments have been announced:

M.J. Turner, to be Shop Superintendent, Gyro Division.
John Page takes over as Project Manager, MASD.
P.J. Cooper to be Chief Engineer of ATE, and **L.W.F. Stark** to be Airport Manager.

Among those who recently took up employment with us at Rochester, we welcome 27 of our kinsmen from the Commonwealth of Australia. Spread around the Company we extend to them all a welcome, not only to the Company, but to Great Britain, and the vagaries of English weather.

They are

D.R. Craick	FCD	C. Appla	PSD
S.D. Nixon	"	D.A. Taunton	"
R.P. Berriman	"	T.B. Blight	ADD
L. Strahle	"	G.K. Letcher	"
R.C. Bradbury	"	P.J. Stewart	FARL
D.J. Szigeti	"	D.J. Moriarty	ATE
Miss V.R. Saunders	"	J.A. Morgan	"
D.A. Russell	"	I.M. Schumann	"
Miss A. Vlasoff	"	R.G. Armstrong	"
A.B. Guthleben	AS&RD	M.A. Giesemann	"
G.F. Whitford	ISD	D.J. Simpson	"
G.R. Clark	"	J.T. Faulks	"
D.S.C. Black	MASD	A.L. Young	GYRO
N.S. McVeigh	"		

PERSONALITY



Brian Handley at his desk.

The recently-appointed Chief Accountant of Marconi Avionics is **Brian C. Handley**, ACMA, a former pupil of Gravesend Grammar School.

After leaving school he joined an Insurance Company in London, travelling daily, until his National Service with the RAF caused a halt. In 1964 he joined Baldwins of Dartford, just after they had become part of Elliott Automation. In 1966 he transferred to Borehamwood as a Management Accountant, filling various Accountancy functions, as the changes and amendments to management necessitated, until his appointment at Rochester.

A married man with 2 sons, aged 4 and 7, he retains his interest in cricket and football which he enjoyed taking part in, but now relaxes by 'dabbling' in playing golf. A keen novice at the sport, he should be a valuable addition to the Golf Society.

HAIL SUCCESS



Paul Barstow, M.Sc.

The grit and tenacity of true Yorkshire stock has enabled **Paul Brian Barstow**, an Engineer in GYRO Division (New Road) to achieve a further honour, having successfully obtained his M.Sc. degree in Instrumentation and Systems Engineering awarded by the Council for National Academic Awards (NCAA). This post-graduate course required home study and Day Release, attending Central London Polytechnic, and lasted two years. The conferment congregation was held in the Guildhall, London, on 16 May, when the President of the Council, HRH The Prince of Wales, KG, KT, PC, GCB, conducted the conferment of degrees on Graduates and also on Honorary Graduates.

Paul, born in Huddersfield, is a former pupil of Holme Valley Grammar School, and a graduate of Manchester University, where he obtained his B.Sc. in Physics and Electronics.

Aged 27, and married to a school teacher, he lives in Sittingbourne, with interests in Rugby Union football, golf, and also likes walking and photography, but says the studies over the past two years were time-consuming and caused a surrender of his social activities.

The success of Paul in gaining his M.Sc. not only does himself credit, but highlights the advantages of the Company's system of encouragement and assistance to improve oneself and one's knowledge. As only restricted numbers of persons granted degrees by the NCAA could be accommodated at the Guildhall ceremony, Paul was one of the representatives of the Central London Polytechnic among the total of 160 from the whole country.

IN DIVISION'S SAGA OFF THE BEAT TRACK

CONTINUED:- STARRING

FRED KELLY AND HIS WONDERDOG.

BLANCO SILVER



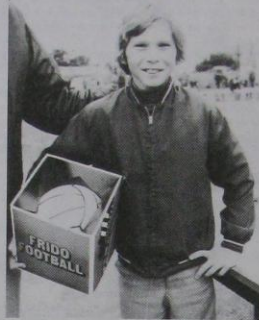
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Our own Pearly King and Queen with Bert Hosmer.



All you ring you have.



Prize Winner.



Field Gun Competition. Medway Sea Cadet Corps in action.



Field Gun competition. Winners - Medway Towns Sea Cadet Corps.



Fancy Dress section. Jack really in the box.



3 - legged race.



Egg and spoon race. The finish! Then she dropped one!



Try again!



Elliott
8 July
Featherby

In spite of the morning rain and overcast skies, the Fête on 8 July was as usual well attended.

Our photographs show the various activities that went on.

Prizewinners were :-

- Baby Show 0-9 months**
 1st Adele Lloyd
 2nd Rachel Walklet (Father in FCD)
 3rd Philip Schofield
- Bonniest baby** - Daniel Mark Slattery
Happiest baby - Benjamin Fox } equal
 Patrick Erwin }

- 10-18 months**
 1st Natalie Crooks
 2nd Daniel Laming (Father one time FCD Tool DC)
 3rd Kelly Hinkley

- Bonniest baby** - Carla Arnold
Happiest boy - Jamie McShane
girl - Kellie Jane Wright



Photographs



Baby Show. 2nd prize winner - 0-9 months, Rachel Walklet, with father.



A group of race winners



Other Baby Show winners.

Throwing the eggs! Can't 'em you're out.



Tug o' war.

FETE DAY

Fête Day
July 1978
Road, Gillingham



Field Gun Competition

1st heat Medway Towns Sea Cadet Corps
beat Chatham Marine Cadet Corps

2nd heat Royal Engineer Army Cadet Force
(Chatham) beat Sheppey Sea
Cadet Corps

Final Medway Towns Sea Cadet Corps
in 3 min 51 secs. beat Royal Eng-
ineer Army Cadet Force (Chatham)



Lieut. A.E. Appleby RNR of MASD was Field
Gun Officer

Tug 'O' War

Total of 5 Teams An American-type contest
best of 3 pulls, all teams
pulling against each other.

For the Challenge Shield at 600 kilos

Winners: Folkestone A

Runners-up: Folkestone B

For the Elliott Challenge Cup at 660 kilos

Winners: CURZON

Runners-up: Folkestone A

Judges were Messrs. Bus Thwaites and Bernard
Cook

by Alan Keats.



Archery en masse.



'Ain't it fun?



Prize Winner.



Field Gun Competition. Runners-up, Royal
Engineer Cadets.



with prizes.



Baby Show 10-18 months. 2nd prize winner -
Daniel Laming and proud Dad Peter.



The Junior Judo Ladies carry on regardless.



1039 Squadron ATC Drill Squad.



Don't you've in, miss



Fancy Dress section. Fairy on a rock cake?



Sack race. They near the finishing line.



Do it this way!



Pony rides too!



Typical of the children's races.

RETIREMENTS

The team that founded the Company on the Rochester site continues to shrink as one after the other retire to well-earned rest.

It was in 1947 that Ernest Henry Simmons joined the young Company of Swift Swallow as a Machine Tool Setter and for the past 31 years (all but one day he emphasises) has been engaged with machining the components used. Starting on the Red Indian contract, he became General Foreman at a time when he had neither men nor machines to supervise. Following the development he became part of MER and worked on ball revolvers and in the hydraulic section. When IN was established at Borehamwood, Rochester he did sub-contract work machining for them and on the Division moving in to Rochester, Ernie transferred to them and has remained ever since.

The youngest of 4 children, his father was a professional gardener who was killed in the First World War. His early schooling was at Hunton, Nr. Maidstone. Leaving school at 14 he joined Tilling Stevens as an Apprentice in mechanical engineering.

During the depression years of the late 20s he had to turn to many jobs. He tells the story of how, cycling around looking for work he came upon a lorry unloading at Yalding canalbank, and he stopped to watch, when he was approached by a man who asked if he knew anyone who wanted a job as a watchman for the cargo that was being unloaded. He replied he was and was willing to do the job, and he was prepared to start right then. He got the job, and filled it for 9 months, until he became a Fitter and Turner with a haulage firm on lorry maintenance.

In 1936 he returned to Tilling Stevens and was married in 1937.

Of his Elliotts days he says they are among the happiest of his life, but has memories of many strange happenings. Saying that at one time the Company used to take on each and everybody and the position arose when he had 12 machines and about 45 people to operate them, then when Monday came he had not enough persons to operate the 12. They had all been dismissed as they left on Friday.

He told MA News that one day the Toolroom Foreman was instructed to cut back and reduce the number of men he had and there was one person due to be dismissed but because the Foreman could not spell his name, substituted the name of another which he could spell.

The immediate plans for retirement are first a holiday, and then to do some travelling about when his interest in DIY jobs give him time. To help him 'get the jobs out on time' he was presented with DIY tools - sander, saw and power drill together with cards suitably inscribed by Mr. D.H. Harris, Production Manager, who spoke of the difficulty in replacing such men as Ernie, with wide practical knowledge and the ability to pass it on.

He received not only the gifts but the personal good wishes of a large contingent of fellow workers, including a



Ernest Henry Simmons smiling with delight. (A)

number of retired members of the Company who returned to wish him well.

A family man with a wife and son and daughter, both of whom are married and with 3 grandsons - with another grandchild expected shortly - he will have much to occupy his time and mind.

His attitude to life is perhaps summed up when speaking of his liking to do things - "even bricklaying, I'm not very good at it, but so long as it stands up, I'm happy."

The social activities of the Company and the Long Service Association have found Ernie an enthusiastic member and supporter and benefitted by his organisational ability as well as practical doings.

A well-known figure on the Rochester site for more than 20 years has now retired and although not an employee of Elliotts (Marconi) Eddie Barnard was very much a part of the scene.

He was a Foreman for Durrants, the establishment's

Contractors and then joined Gransdens when they took over the servicing on this site.

The many friends and associates in Works Engineering and throughout the Company contributed to the presentation of a cheque to mark the occasion.

Eddie is expected to emigrate to Canada in August to join his family already established there.

He has asked that we pass on his thanks and deep sense of gratitude to all those who contributed, and sends his best wishes for the future to everyone.

Douglas Sample, an Inspector in Gyro Division, has now retired and hopes to leave Maidstone and start a new life in Seaford, Sussex.

He came to Elliotts in 1967 and has always been in Gyro Division. Having begun his career with Autopilot Motors and then joined the Army with whom he served for 25 years and became a member of the Army Physical Training Corps. Still a 'keep fit' man, he now relaxes and tries to keep himself trim by plenty of swimming and playing golf. He says his only regret is he did not take up golf earlier.

In retirement he hopes to maintain his contact with people and proposes to take up some sort of Youth Club work especially on the physical education side.

His friends and colleagues presented him with a golf trolley to mark his retirement, handed to him by Mr. Essex, Div. Manager.



Douglas Sample, Mr. Essex - and golf trolley. (B)

25 YEARS' SERVICE

With the presentation of a quartz clock by Mr. Frost (ISD Divisional Manager) to Phil Greening, the Division has added another member to the Long Service Association.

Phil, a Welshman from Monmouthshire (Gwent) was one of the original two to inaugurate the Aviation Drawing Office at Rochester. He joined the Company from Humphreys of London where he had spent 6 years after leaving Shorts for whom he also worked 6 years. He came to Shorts, and the Medway Towns after receiving training at a Government Training Centre during the depression years. His first job after school was in a clothing shop in Wales.

He married a local girl and has 2 sons and 1 grandchild. One son is with a Sittingbourne firm as Chief Engineer, whilst the other is studying Theology and training to be a Minister in the Church of England.

Always a member of the DQ first in Aviation then MAC, FID and after amalgamation ISD where he is a Project Leader.

Among his out of work interests he lists 35 years as a Sunday School Superintendent.



Phil Greening and Mr. Frost admire the binoculars. (C)

Born in Ashford and brought up in Faversham, and now living on Davis Estate, Ron Chittenden a Wireman in ADD Model Shop says he has worn a track to and from the works. Working here for the past 25 years has earned him the gift of a quartz clock to mark the occasion which was recently presented to him on behalf of the Company by Mr. A.J. Colwell.

He learned his trade as an electrician with Tilling Stevens of Maidstone before joining Elliotts in ETR on the AGWAG project.

His movements within the Company reflect the growth and development going into MER, IN, PTE, ATE and ADD

as a Production Wireman, then becoming a Model Shop Wireman in ADD where he now is.

A married man for 24 years, his silver wedding anniversary is in 1979) he has 4 children, 3 girls and 1 son.

Ron enjoys life and has a pleasant personality, not flappable but a deep thinker.



Ron Chittenden, wistfully contemplates time, as he handles his quartz clock. (C)

Alex Slcombe the Embodiment Loan Officer of ISD has been admitted to the Long Service Association, having completed his 25 years' service on 28 May. A west countryman he became an Engineering Apprentice in Bournemouth and after 5 years he moved to the Medway area, taking up a position in the Motor Trade until the outbreak of World War II when he joined Short Bros as an inspector in charge of engines. When they moved away, Alex joined Percival Aircraft at Luton, Beds, still on the inspection side and commuted on a weekly basis. Not wishing to settle in the Luton area, he was advised to join Elliotts which he did as an auto pilot fitter. Later he became a foreman in Service & Repair then Embodiment Loan Officer in FID retaining the position when the merger with AEI formed ISD.

He comments that the Aviation Division started as a very small unit and is a cause of amazement at the growth that has taken place. It is from acorns that oak trees grow.

A keen philatelist, he specialises in Great Britain issues and is also an accomplished artist - painting in oils. Married with 1 daughter and living in Rainham Mark, he appreciates his memento gift of a quartz clock which Mr. Frost, Divisional Manager, presented to him on behalf of the company.



Alex Slcombe receiving his award. (B)

PRODUCT SALES

Hotpoint advise that the following reduced prices apply to the items indicated until 31 August 1978.

If you are interested in purchasing, contact Mrs. Eileen Papworth, Social Club Office, phone int. 217 for further details and order form.

Refrigerators		
21040	Iced Diamond 4.1 cu ft down to	£ 63.95
21050	" " 5.0 cu ft	£ 67.95
22050	" " 5.0 cu ft de luxe	£ 72.95
Fridge Freezers		
23060	Iced Diamond 7.9 cu ft down to	£125.95
Washing Machines		
1469	Twin Tub Supermatic de luxe with worktop down to	£142.95
1509	Liberator top loading automatic with worktop	£209.95
1826	Liberator front loading automatic	£157.95
1828	Liberator front loading automatic de luxe	£193.95
Tumble Dryer		
1701	Liberator de luxe 9 lb.	£ 88.95

ELLIOTT FETE DAY

8 JULY 1978
FEATHERBY ROAD, GILLINGHAM

SET COMPETITIONS



MODEL RAILWAY

JUDO

WRESTLING

DAVE GEORGE v ALAN HAYES

STEVEN VIDOR v MAL STEWART

TED CHURCH v JIM WEST

TUG-O-WAR FOR THE ELLIOTT TROPHY

ARCHERY

BABY SHOW



CHILDREN'S CORNER



SLIDES

AEROPLANES

SWINGS



OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

TIME	CENTRE ARENA
2.15 pm	Royal Marine Cadet Band
2.30	Children's Fancy Dress — prizes £10, £5, £2.50 Complete entry form below and send to Secretary, Elliott Sports & Social Club
2.45	Field Gun Competition Heat 1 Royal Marine Cadet Force — Chatham v Royal Naval Sea Cadets — Chatham
3.10	Rainham Majorettes
3.25	Ladies' Egg and Spoon Race
3.35	Field Gun Competition Heat 2 Kent 1039 Squadron ATC v Royal Engineer Cadets
4.00	Children's Races (Boys and Girls)
4.15	Men's Sack Race
4.25	Royal Anglian Regimental Band
4.55	1039 Squadron ATC — Drill Squad
5.10	Lady and Gent Three-Legged Race
5.20	Field Gun Competition Final Winners Heat 1 v Winners Heat 2
5.45	Rainham Majorettes
6.00	Royal Marine Cadet Band

BAR OPEN UNTIL 9 PM.

ALL THE FUN O' THE FAIR



GOLF

ROLL 'EM UP

RAFFLE

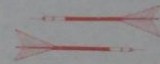
COCONUT SHIES

LUCKY STRAWS

HOOPLA

CARD STALL

DARTS



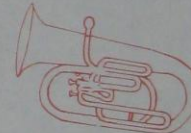
COCKLE STALL

REFRESHMENT TENT

ICE CREAM & CANDY FLOSS

FRUIT STALL

ELLIOTTS CONCERT BRASS WORKS BAND
(Musical Director — Bill Skinner)



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CHILDREN'S FANCY DRESS

Name _____

Age _____

Address _____

Subject Chosen _____

Complete and send before the day to:—
The Secretary, Elliott Sports & Social Club, Airport Works, Rochester.

Sports and social club round up

INTER-DIVISIONAL FOOTBALL

IND 4th Time of Winning

On Wednesday evening, 24 May, at Featherby Road, IN Football once again showed its superiority by winning for the fourth time in its history, the Inter-Divisional Cup Final against arch-rivals - AS & R.

The 'Finches' fought a hard game with the 'Eagles', falling behind after 25 mins to a well-taken goal by Griffin of AS & R. IN rallied and equalised 5 mins before half-time with an opportunist effort converted by Brian Crumbe after beating the offside trap.

The second half was a repeat of a hard fought physical encounter with both sides attacking and re-surging for the winning goal. Tactics then played its part when IN substituted and rearranged its attack, with Brian Crumbe scoring the winning goal in the 70th minute now operating from the right wing.

Prior to this IND's goal keeper, John Duffet sustained a broken toe (or toes) thwarting a vigorous AS & R movement. Alan Clarke taking over between the posts, IND held out against extreme pressure with only 10 men, Alan Hughes and Ken Edwards being the driving force in the IN defence.

A good game but AS & R disappointing on the day.

Result: IND 2 AS & R 1 (H.T. 1-1)

Path To The Cup

AS & R v ECV (4-0) IND v Training Centre (4-3)
 AS & R v ATE (7-4) IND v CMS (3-2)
 AS & R v ISD (2-0) IND v PSD (2-0) Semi-Final



IN Division winners. (A)

IND Indoor Bowls League

After a most enjoyable season the final position of the six Protagonists are:-

Team	IN Bowls League				Shots	
	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
NCSI	10	9	-	1	335	224
CDS	10	6	1	3	307	267
Production	10	5	2	3	289	249
CTS	10	4	-	6	279	283
Jaguar	10	4	-	6	258	264
Programmers	10	-	1	9	205	386

guys v. girls



Photograph of the Guys v Girls match reported in the last issue. (A)

CROSSWORD No. 9



Across

- When the flight can build up big (7)
- The battle hardened leader (5)
- A sin when north east (4)
- By gum! This one's odd (3)
- Edward in with part tiera to begin (9)
- Popular naval man of guns (init) (3)
- When its in, it is captive (3)
- To make the number with ours (4)
- The Military Medal between oh oh! (4)
- An ally makes it the done thing (7)
- You look ahead and plan, and it works (5)
- Bend backwards to earth, and get a girl's name (4)
- The songs it sang, forced the wheels to clang (6)
- In the palace, not the grotto (4)
- The button pressed, it does the rest (7)
- Deserved after tea? (4)
- Teds mixed up, he missed a date (anag) (4)
- Small things noticed but useless (5)
- For the female, would be here (3)
- In sight of Police, you could be charged (4)
- Did Nelson call out in his sleep? (4)
- A tired mind (5)
- Has an appointment with the sea. (2)
- Ah! sweet mystery of life (6)

Down

- When received it will be (5)
- As the wizard meets the flower, the Greeks knew it (6)
- Its not this but playing that matters (3)
- The dull one is in at the start (7)
- It separates the fish from the sea (3)
- She may use him as one (3)
- The counterfeit result (3)
- Its contents cause the same result (anag) (7)
- The ancient art, still through the furnace (6)
- When arms outstretched you stop (2,2)
- Demonic fury gives it out (7)
- It was found with rejoicing (6)
- The clam with the pearl of a price (6)
- You might say shep's a lady but is a flower (5)
- The boys add oh and it's a burden (5)
- Grasp it tight, to avoid a bite (6)
- If she were not, where would we be? (6)
- Smooth it and it's towards the end (7)
- Neat and tidy (4)
- The man that sailed away, but with us still at sea (6)
- Hospital argon, cuts it short (2)
- 'Sir' between up, and you take over (5)
- You might mistake it when going out (3)
- Dad and the water make a fine place (3)
- Neither can anyone (3)

FOR AMUSEMENT ONLY

Solution to Crossword No. 8

ACROSS:

1 Impossible, 6 Miss, 10 Carat, 11 Easel, 12 Inn, 13 Paste, 14 Eight, 16 Oldrum, 19 Sash, 21 Optimum, 25 Crime, 28 Phrased, 29 Diana, 30 Ants, 31 Eel,

DOWN:

1 Inch, 2 Party, 3 Situp, 4 Ideas, 5 Listens, 7 Icing, 8 Sanctioned, 9 Elvers, 15 Dogo, 17 Let, 18 Remnant, 20 Sister, 22 Prize, 23 Mice, 24 Apple, 25 Crash, 26 Ran, 27 MES, 32 Et.

Photographs taken by the Staff Photographers will be acknowledged in the following way: (A) Alan Keas, (B) Susan Ruddisden (C) Linda Jones (D) Tim Murray.

TEAMS

IND

J. Duffet
 C. Tappend
 M. Hogbin
 K. Edwards
 C. Carter
 K. Taylor
 A. Hughes
 A. Clarke
 D. Chapman
 M. Snelling
 B. Crumbe (CAPT)
 P. Cary (SUB)



AS & R

R. Jenner
 T. Obrion
 K. Harvey
 D. Harvey
 M. Doggett
 G. Turner
 B. Marshall
 G. Berg
 G. Gibb
 S. McColl
 R. Griffin
 T. Bushall

The Presentation was made in the Club-house by Jim Casey who managed to maintain a smile.



Presentation by J. Casey. (A)



Mrs. Finch presenting the wooden spoon to the Programmers.



Mrs. Finch receiving a bouquet at the hands of smiler Mike.



AS & R Division losers. (A)