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CAN YOU HELP?

The Imperial War Museum, in collaboration with the Fleet Air Arm Museum, is making a determined effort to accumulate all the information available about the Short 184 aircraft.

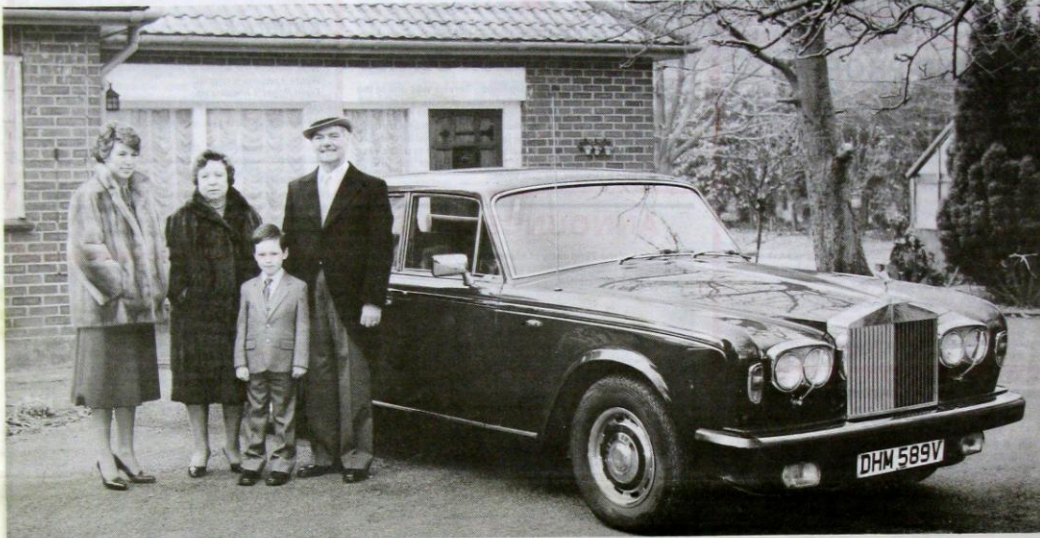
Any sort of photograph, plan, document, 'word-of-mouth' information, however insignificant it may appear would be of value and help. If any reader has, or knows of any item relating to the Short 184, and is prepared to pass it on, please contact Mr. Percy Bennett, Estimating Department, IN Division (int. 2304). He will then transmit it to the authority concerned. Remember, nothing is too small or irrelevant.



★ ★ **QUOTE FOR THE MONTH**
"You cannot make the poor rich by making the rich poor"



Mr. A.J. Harrison MBE



23 February 1982 will long be remembered by Alf Harrison Director of Production Services, as it was the day he, with his family, travelled to London, to receive his M.B.E. from Her Majesty the Queen, at Buckingham Palace.

Our photographs show Mr. and Mrs. Harrison in their own home, before leaving for London, and the family beside the gleaming Rolls Royce car which conveyed them to the Palace.

Result of ballot - reference Marconi Avionics — BP Kent Club

The result of the ballot, conducted within the works, on the matter of the amalgamation of Elliott Sports and Social Club with that of BP (Kent) Social Club, and the consequent setting up of dual membership and take-over of the premises of BP (Kent) Club at Four Wents, Ho, resulted as follows:

Membership of Elliott Sports and Social Club = 4872
 A total of 4106 actually recorded votes, while 776 abstained
 Percentage voting 84.28 of membership

Votes cast:	in favour	3012
	against	1094
	majority for	1918

Percentage of those voting: in favour 73.36%
 against 26.64%

Almost 3 to 1 in favour 46.72%

A sincere thank you to all members who recorded their vote. Further announcements will be made as to the election of management committee etc, from time to time.

The control of the BP (Kent) Club became vested in Marconi Avionics Ltd as from 1 April 1982.



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 Other are required for: CQD, RAS, CMS.

Volunteers should offer their services through Divisional Administration Officers or direct to the Editor



The wind of change!

The last few months have seen many divisions change their working area. One of these divisions is Gyro, who for many years have been fragmented with the Engineering, Sales and Admin Departments at New Road Avenue and the Production Department in various locations at the main complex.

They have now regrouped in Towers 2 and 3 on the fourth floor and this can only help the interdepartmental liaison.

The friendly atmosphere in the division is probably due to their years of isolation but it is sure to remain despite the move.

The final phase of the rationalization due to take place shortly will see the relocation of the Inward Goods Section and Engineering Lab in new surroundings.

Their final comment — We hope PSD will like the New Road as much as we did.

John B.



BLOOD DONOR SCHEME

Blood Transfusion Service

The March visit of the Blood Transfusion Service was one of the most successful yet, when donors gave a total of 619 units of blood. A special thank you to all donors for their invaluable help in this matter has been received from the managers of the scheme and also to the management for allowing the facilities to be used for the visit. For all existing donors, and for others who may wish to participate (there are never enough donors), the next visit of the unit is scheduled for 18 October, for one week.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The reunion of the 72nd entry of apprentices (Locking) is arranged for September 1982. All members should contact the secretary for details as soon as possible.

51 Tereslake Green
 Westbury-on-Trym
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 Avon

DOES THE CAP FIT?

The reservists

What a strange place this is.
 People around with plenty to do,
 But rarely a smile or a good morning to you.
 Even on projects where all work together,
 Its sometimes a struggle to mention the weather.

Anon

Congratulations

Sincere congratulations and best wishes are offered to:
 Sue Mant, ATE Division, Gads Hill, on her 18th birthday, 24 March.

Veronica Hester
 Delta Burke students HND, ATE Engineering, were 21 years old on 24 March.

Catrina Jayne Sancto, Secretary to Contracts Manager, CACD and Steven William Ray, Chief Illustrator Technical Publications, CACD on the announcement of their engagement, 23 February.

Marriage

The marriage took place on 27 March 1982 at St. Mary's Church, Gillingham Green, of Stephen Perkins, a Draughtsman in CACD and Sharon Fever, Clerk/Typist in CACD Purchasing Department. Their friends and colleagues subscribed to present them with a Kenwood Chef mixer, slow cooker, washing car and garden tools, the presentation being made by Mr. J. Smith.

Wendy Hoban, a Library Clerk in ATE Drawing Office Library, was married to Andrew Swain, a Bank Clerk with Lloyds Bank, on 20 March 1982, at Christchurch Church, Gravesend.



Remember, any violence displayed by the players always spills over onto the terraces.

FOUND PROPERTY

The following property has been found at the Airport Works, Rochester, during the past months and handed in to security:

- Silver bracelet, engraved Michelle
- Lady's chrome wrist watch
- Metal chain bracelet
- Gold bracelet
- Gold colour bracelet
- Lady's silver ring
- Platinum pen
- Papermate biro
- Small bracelet heart-shape token
- Small silver chain
- Metal tape measure
- Silver Parker pen
- Lady's brown leather gloves, size 7
- Pye transistor radio
- 11 pairs of spectacles

Any enquiries to the Security Supervisor (int. 2258)

OBITUARY

Mr. A. L. Barber, Ex REME - 10 years. Joined MAV in 1969 as an Electrical/Instrument Technician AS&R - Repair Workshop. Promoted to Quality Technician in 1974 and Commissioning Engineer in 1979. Died very suddenly on 29 January 1982, as the result of a heart attack, aged 39 years.



CASTAWAY

Our castaway victim this month is Tom Hamill, FARL, New Road, who joined the Company in 1972 on leaving London University. A married man with three children, aged 5 years, 3 years and 3 months, his main hobby is music, particularly the keyboard. He deputises as organist at St. Andrews URC Church, and his choice of music and books reflects his interests and dedications.

MUSIC

Setting of Nun Danket Alle Gatt by Sighfried Kary-Elast — not technically demanding as some other works, it is still a most electrifying piece of pipe organ music.

Wave by Jobim — for years this has been the electronic organist's 'bench mark'

Sonatine by Ravel — piano music at its most expressive, it has its equals but I feel non better.

Jaquille-du-Pre's recording of Elgar Cello Concerto — an inspiring work, by an equally inspiring soloist. It will prevent me feeling sorry for myself on the island.

The Phoenix by Finden — written for the re-commissioning of the organ in St. Andrews URC Church. One day it will become famous.

Lara's Theme from Dr. Zhivago by Jarré — pure sentiment!

Books
 The Bible — not exactly an original choice, but what other book can you study for a lifetime and still find much to learn?

Websters Technical Dictionary — at last, an opportunity to find out the meaning of all the buzz words.

My Music by Steve Race — having read this book many times, I still find it hilariously funny.

Ode to Anonymous Amour

Oh! where are you Veronica —
 Or was it Valerie?
 Or Ethel, Pam or Julia,
 Or — Gladys... Ponsanby?
 Whichever your identity,
 I love you, just the same!
 Even tho' you're eight-feet-two
 And I never caught your name.

I've sought you in directories,
 In almanacs and guides;
 Perused Lloyd's list relentlessly,
 And studied all the tides,
 (For bottles, bearing messages),
 And gazed into the ether,
 I've even asked the ombudsman —
 But 'e don't know you, neevah!
 D.C.P.



Limerick

There was a young man from Mauritius,
 Who, despite the advice of well-wishers,
 Wrote a resonant chorus,
 From Roger's Thesaurus,
 (Though the bulk of his work was fictitious).
 D.C.P.

Editor's Note

There must be much talent within the Company for writing poems and limericks and the like. We would very much like to receive copies of any such — and may even run a competition for prizes.

Kitchen Kapers

This month we have recipes for three soups, each one has its own merits to recommend it and can be served either hot or chilled.

CHILLED CARROT SOUP

This can be served hot, but its creamy flavour is more pronounced if served chilled.

- Ingredients:** 1 lb carrots
 1 onion
 2 garlic cloves
 1oz butter
 2 pints beef stock
 1/2 pint double cream
 salt and pepper

Method: Slice the onion and cook with two garlic cloves in a little butter until transparent. Clean and chop the carrots and add to the onion and cloves, cover and simmer for 8 minutes. Stir in the beef stock, add salt and pepper and simmer until the carrots are tender, approximately 30 minutes. Blend the soup in a liquidizer or rub it through a sieve. Leave to cool, then fold in the double cream and chill the soup.

MULLIGATAWNY SOUP

A rich, curry-flavoured meat stock best known as an invigorating hot soup, but can be served chilled.

- Ingredients:** 1 onion
 1 carrot
 2oz butter
 3 tablespoons plain flour
 1 dessertspoon curry powder
 2 pints beef stock
 2 tablespoons mango chutney and juice

Method: Peel and finely chop the onion and carrot. Cook in a little butter over low heat until the onion is transparent. Sift together the flour and curry powder and stir into the vegetables, cooking until brown. Gradually add the beef stock and bring to the boil. Simmer for 20 minutes, then blend in a liquidizer or rub through a sieve. Return the soup to the pan, stir in the mango chutney and juice, bring to the boil.

TOMATO SOUP

This is a chunky soup which can be served hot and made thicker by folding in (until melted) grated Gruyère cheese. Alternatively, liquidize the soup, mix with the cream and chill for 2 hours.

- Ingredients:** 2 lb tomatoes
 2 pints beef stock
 1 small onion
 1 dessertspoonful chopped parsley or basil
 oregano
 salt and pepper
 1 small glass of dry vermouth or sherry if desired

Method: Peel the tomatoes, remove the seeds and chop the flesh roughly. Put in a pan with the beef stock, chopped onion, chopped parsley or basil and a pinch of oregano. Simmer for about 20 minutes, season with salt and pepper and add dry vermouth or sherry.

'Glorious England' — a glorious success!

The audio visual presentation 'Glorious England' which was given by Derek Fors (a Fellow of the Royal Photographic Society) and organised by the Elliott Photographic Society was a great success. The show was staged at the Mid-Kent College of Higher and Further Education, Horsted, on Tuesday 23 February. Despite the freezing weather, more than 400 people, many of them members of camera and photographic clubs in Kent as well as their relatives, friends and acquaintances, came and responded enthusiastically to the excellent performance. Four projects (and stacks of slides) were used to back project the pictures on to an enormous screen. Multiple and panoramic pictures were faded and sequenced into each other to the accompaniment of suitable music (in hi-fi sound) or a complementary narrative. The whole sequence was controlled by pre-programmed Diafade units. (Diafade Ltd. sponsored the original production of the show.)

Mr. Gay Lancaster, Chairman of the Elliott Photographic Society introduced the presenter, Derek Fors and then the show began. 'Glorious England' was portrayed by sequences on seven counties and two cities, each sequence lasting between 6 and 15 minutes. To represent Cumbria, many daffodils by the shores of Ullswater passed before the eyes as Wordsworth's poem 'To a Daffodil' was recited. A visit was made to the Gasmere Sports to watch the wrestlers in their fancy pants and T-shirts, the fell runners and the hounds tracking the aniseed trail, all explained by a local Cumbrian.

Gerald Phillips, an artist born at St. Ives discussed his pictures and their relationship to the Cornish landscape. Juxtaposition of paintings and photographs was a revelation of what the artist was trying to say through his pictures.

In Yorkshire, the famous fell-walker and writer of lakeland guides, A. Wainwright, traced the passage of the River Swale through the dales to the sea, (to the accompaniment of 'The Lass of Richmond Hill' and 'Early One Morning').

Then it was on to the King's College Chapel, Cambridge, with its beautiful stained glass windows and delicate stonework. (As the choir sang one was transported to this beautiful chapel. An illustration of one of the many slides is given in the accompanying picture.)

Back north to Northumberland to find out about the history and manufacture of the smallpipes, to hear them played and to view Coquetdale, the Cheviots and the Northumbrian coastline.

In a portrayal of England, how could one miss out London? This fast moving presentation to music by Eric Coates conveyed the hustle and bustle of city life from Carnaby Street to Buckingham Palace and provided a sharp contrast to the serenity of the north.

Next stop — Norfolk with its Broads, seascides, cathedrals and big houses. One of the slides used, of Norwich Cathedral, is shown here. By courtesy of the National Trust the audience was shown round both the outside and the inside of Blickling Hall, Aylsham.

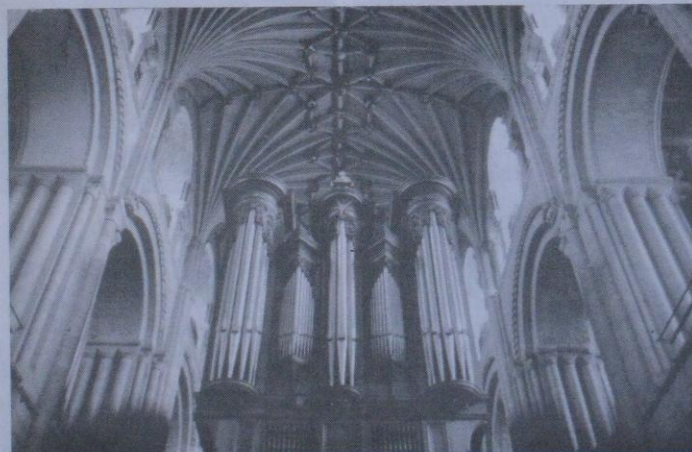
And then, needing no introduction in the South East, in steamed the Bluebell Railway to music by Honegger appropriately called 'Pacific 231'. The whistle blew, the signal fell and the train chugged down the line.

In conclusion, a tribute was paid to Sir Edward Elgar by a visit to his birthplace as well as to some of the houses in which he later lived. Naturally the accompanying music was composed by Elgar — Salut d'Amour, Enigma Variations, Pomp and Circumstance No. 1 and the Dream of Gerontius.

Mr. John Diddell, the President of the Kent County Photographic Association, concluded the evening by thanking Derek Fors for showing how 'Glorious England' had inspired and continues to inspire musicians, artists and, of course, photographers, with its beauty.



King's College Chapel, Cambridge.



Inside Norwich Cathedral.

LE WEEKEND EN PARIS

The closeness of the Rochester establishment to the channel ports makes a weekend in Paris a must for personnel from the larger divisions.

To have maximum time in the French capital, a night crossing on one of the new luxury ferries is advised. With careful route planning it is still possible to get lost before the autoroute. My suggestion is Saint Omer where the one-way system keeps bringing you back to 'Centre Ville'. Even at three in the morning life is still evident in this old city, contrary to the belief of thousands of British motorists whose only knowledge of the place is the mammoth hypermarket. Indeed an elderly French lady sweeping outside her house and cleaning the windows bears witness to the fact.

Once on the autoroute its 'allez' and 'offwego'. Ignore the all-night petrol stations selling second rate food so that you may enjoy breakfast in Paris just after dawn. The smell of fresh coffee and still warm croissants taken at one of the small pavement cafes, listening to the water gushing down the roadside is one of more pleasant activities that one can indulge in at such modest cost.

It is a little known fact amongst trippers from England that it is possible to pay up to three times as much as the listed price for food by eating at a pavement table. The Parisiens all lean against the bar and drink coffee for two francs and watch the tourist sitting outside paying six.

A walk by the banks of the Seine in the warmth of the early morning sun with the fragrant scent of the chestnut trees wafting on the light breeze is a never to be forgotten experience.

It is at this point, when you are at the furthest distance away from your car that you should remember that at least half of the French sneak thieves operate in Paris and have a key to your boot. It will have helped them to work quickly, as they must, by laying out the contents in an orderly manner with the most expensive items like cameras on top. Duty-free spirits and money are also popular. Now is the time to test your French by reporting the incident to the police. They will, at first, display no interest and will shout 'petite' and you and wave their arms. Persist, but not past the point when they draw their pistol and offer to arrest you. Do not ask their name, rank or number.

A visit to the Centre Pompidou is an unusual experience. This very modern building, all girders, tubes and perspex covered walkways now shows one of the world's finest collections of litter. However, it is hoped that the cleaners' strike will soon be resolved. Other places that are obligatory for the tripper are the Louvre, the Eiffel Tower, Montmartre and Pigalle.

Driving on the Avenue des Champs Elysees should be avoided at almost any cost. If you should require to go west of Paris say to La Defense, the only help I can give you is don't panic — they are all quite inane. As you approach the network of roads by the Arc de Triomphe, you will be amazed that you cannot drive through it. This is because of the small memorial fire kept burning in memory of lost generations of roast chestnut sellers from the Left Bank. *DO NOT LOOK TO LEFT NOR RIGHT*. Select your route and let them miss you, that is what they are fairly good at. Anyway the Parisienne is much more interested in having a collision with an out of town frenchman than you, they like them marginally less than they like us.

All too soon it is time for home. Stock up with plenty of wine (a Cotes de Rhone at about eight francs is excellent value), some crisp baguette and a tin of Monsieur Brunger's fruit and glucose bites for the journey home. Do not forget l'escargot about sixteen francs a tin and delicious with garlic butter.

Then, at last, the British customs. 'Bonjour Monsieur, avez vous quelque chose à declarer?'

John Brambleby

Visit an English Garden 1982



The English Tourist Board has re-issued the popular 'Visit an English Garden' guide, to be published on 18 March 1982.

This colourful A5 publication features over 200 gardens open to the public throughout the country, with admission times, and suggests the seasons to see the gardens at their best.

Special sections include a list of coach tours and holidays based on garden visits and a calendar of events with this year's floral and horticultural highlights.

The guide costs 60p and will be on sale at tourist information centres, many bookshops and newsagents, gardens and garden centres. It is also available by post from the English Tourist Board, 4 Grosvenor Gardens, London SW1W 0DU (add 20p for postage).

Fit for work

The Manpower Services Commission has been pleased to award the 'Fit for work' trophy and plaque to the Company for its efforts in utilizing the skills and services of the disabled.

Among the workforce, we have blind employees, some confined to wheelchairs as well as the less noticeable disabled. Many of them

were in the audience at the presentation which was made by the Lord Lieutenant of the County, Lord Astor of Hever.

Mrs. McMillan received the trophy on behalf of the Company, Mr. W.H. Alexander OBE, the citation certificate and the plaque was received by Mr. F.E. Ward, a Checker Draughtsman in ADD.



The trophy, plaque and certificate canister.



The platform; hearing from the MSC representative the details of the award



Mrs. McMillan, Welfare Officer, receives the trophy.



The certificate is handed over.



The handing over of the plaque to Mr. F.E. Ward.



The team together, left to right: Mrs. McMillan, Lord Astor of Hever, Mr. F.E. Ward, W.H. Alexander OBE.

Marconi Avionics Open Lecture, Kent University, Canterbury

Dr. J.E. Midwinter, Head of the Optical Communications Division, British Telecom, was the chosen one to give the open lecture, sponsored by Marconi Avionics. The lecture was delivered at Canterbury on 19 February 1982, and before proceeding to Canterbury he was the guest of the Company at Rochester, together with university officials and senior academic staff who are involved with the presentation of the lecture.

The visit gave an opportunity for officials of the Company to brief the speaker on the Company's activities in general and on optical data transmission applied to aircraft. Dr. Midwinter's visit took in ADD for head-up displays and Holographic 'Hud' Combat Aircraft

Division — 'fly by light' system. At FARL, New Road Avenue, he learned of the origins and later achievements in fibre-optic data transmission for aircraft and other current research activities.

This is the second Marconi Avionics open lecture, which was inaugurated in 1981, and is part of a series organized by the University of Kent.

During the lecture Dr. John E. Midwinter gave an account of the extensive work being undertaken by British Telecom into ways of improving the nation's telecommunications network by the use of advanced fibre-optics techniques.



Dr. Midwinter is shown the production techniques and various parts of an aircraft system.



COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY

On Wednesday, 11 February 1982, various divisions within the Company played host to a party of staff from the local RAF recruiting office in Chatham. The aim of the visit was to acquaint the RAF personnel with the type of equipment being introduced into RAF service. The visitors were greatly impressed with our technology and equipment performance. The divisions visited were ATE, IN, MAS and CAC.

A second party, made up of personnel from Chatham and Canterbury, made the same tour on a different date.



The party in ATE (left to right):
Fl Lt Ian Walker, Fl Lt 'Robbie' Robinson (SDF attached to ATE), Geoff Rands (ATE Sales), Sgt Mike Pearce, Cpl Ray Wheelhouse

Design expert is a Marconi Avionics 'fan'

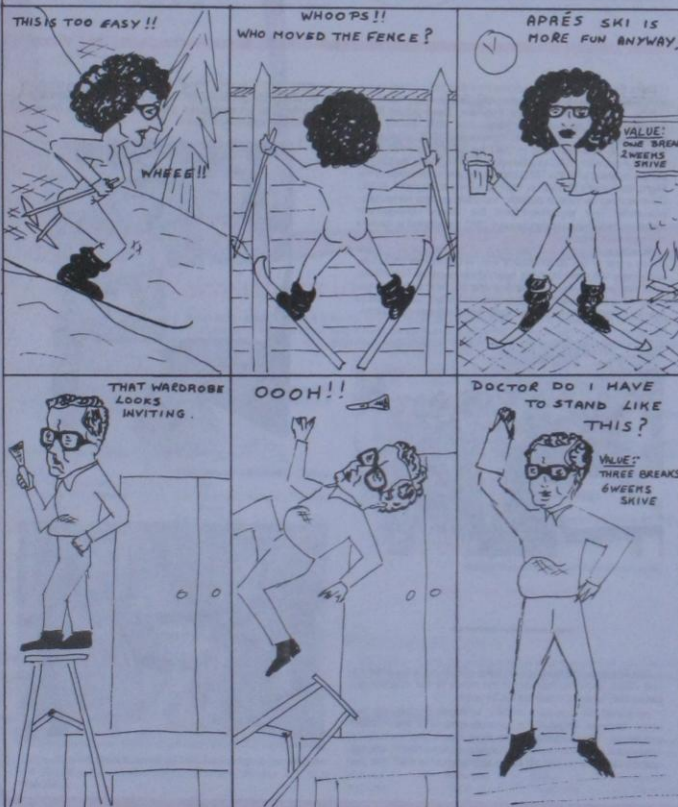
On 15 February 1982, the Director of a new exhibition of industrial design at the Victoria and Albert Museum came to Rochester to see for himself the avionic design which he has singled out for praise.

Stephen Bayley who is an expert on design and also a great aviation enthusiast, was approached by the Sunday Times for examples of 'good British design', and he chose ADD's Holographic Lantern Hud. Mr. Bayley, during his visit, saw many other innovative systems including Gyro Division's 'Strapdown' altitude and heading reference equipment and the 'Pitot head' of the ISD helicopter air data system. A visit was also paid to the airport and company aircraft office.



Mr. Bayley and Martin Polley, ADD

THE LENGTHS ADD CONTRACTS STAFF WILL GO TO
FOR A FEW DAYS OFF — OR SO THEY SAY !!



APPOINTMENTS

I have pleasure in announcing the appointment of Professor J.S. Shepherd to be Technical Director of Marconi Avionics Limited.

Professor Shepherd will be directly responsible to the Board of the Company and it is not intended that this appointment shall affect any of the existing reporting channels.

Professor Shepherd is expected to relinquish his appointment at Cranfield Institute of Technology and to take up his appointment on 1 June 1982.

Nilsea
In order to obtain essential additional business in the field of power supplies it will be necessary for the Chief Engineer, Paul Cooper, to devote his time and energies to marketing for the next few months. To enable him to do this and to develop the organization to handle this expected business effectively I am pleased to announce the temporary appointment of Howard Jones as assistant to Mr. C.J. Frost.

RETIREMENTS

Daisy Ryder, a cleaner in IN Division, retired from the Company after 11 years in IN and 4 years in AEID.

Daisy will be remembered affectionately by all who knew her for her unflinching cheerfulness, boundless energy, lack of inches, flaming red hair and annual holidays in exotic places such as Bangkok and Miami. At her farewell ceremony, which was attended by a large number of her friends, she was presented with a sandwich toaster, a set of wine glasses, a pair of slippers and a bouquet. However, despite the slippers, nobody, who knows Daisy, can imagine her putting her feet up. She left with the good wishes of all her friends for a long and active retirement.



Daisy Ryder. (C)

Mr. B. Box, Assistant Production Manager IND, presented Mr. **Harry Parkinson** with a workmate from his friends and colleagues on his retirement on 17 February 1982. Harry joined Short Bros at the age of 17 as an apprentice Fitter, working for them until he went to Canada in the early 1950s. He stayed in Canada about 12 years working for AV Roe, Fairley Aviation and Canadian Pacific, taking in most of Canada, Toronto, Vancouver Island, etc. He thoroughly enjoyed Canada where he did quite a lot of fishing.

On his return to this country, in January 1962, he joined the Fuse Division as a Fitter and later joined ACD as an Inspector.

He joined IND in May 1971 as a Mechanical Inspector, mainly working in the Inward Goods Department.

Harry is married with a son and two grandchildren and a daughter. He is a gardener, fisherman, woodworker and DIY enthusiast and is thinking about wood turning as a hobby in his retirement.



Harry Parkinson. (A)

In March 1982, **Roy Solby** who was a Storeman in CACD retired, after 5½ years with the Company, to concentrate on the long neglected decorating, as well as knocking the garden into shape and watching sport.

Starting life with Vye's (the grocery chain) he was with them until the outbreak of war, when he joined the army being posted to 'The Buffs', seeing service in Egypt, North Africa and Italy. On demobilization he returned to Vye's for a short time then joined Thorns as a Valve Tester and was later promoted to Production Foreman. He remained with the company for 24½ years.

On retiring from Marconi, he was presented with gifts by Mr. R.C.A. Tomlinson, Materials Controller CACD, on behalf of his many friends and colleagues in the Division. These consisted of an inscribed tankard and a season ticket for the Gills (Gillingham F.C.) plus mascot.



Roy Solby. (D)

Mrs. **Doreen Wood** was in CMS at the time of her recent retirement. She had been with the Company for 14 years, the whole time spent in the Cost and Budget Department of CMS. Her parting gift, subscribed for by friends and colleagues in CMS, was a folding chair.

She says she enjoyed her time with the Company, made many friends and loved her work. She is looking forward to taking life a little easier and making sure the garden is the picture she would like it to be.



Doreen Wood trying out the chair 'for size'. (A)

25 YEARS' SERVICE

Robert Rolf, (Bob to his many friends), a sprayer in the CMS Paint Shop, has completed 25 years service and received a clock to mark the event.

He began his service in Fisher Division as an Assistant Store Keeper, then transferred his aptitude to becoming a cylindrical Grinder in Servo Division. He went to Dartford, still as a Grinder, and returned to the airport in Fuse Division in the same capacity. On the removal of Fuse Division to Portsmouth, Bob joined CMS and became a Sprayer in the Paint Shop.

He is a native of Norfolk, coming to Medway from Great Yarmouth, it was while stationed at Cliffe, during the war, that he became a lover of kenti. Bob is interested in football and was a player of some note, until he reached 50 years of age and now he manages some junior clubs. He is married with three sons, two of whom are married, and has three grandchildren, two boys and one girl.



Bob Rolf. (C)

Dave Pearce, has recently earned the distinction of being the sole Nalaise representative of the Long Service Association.

Now a Senior Development Engineer, Dave joined Elliott Brothers as an apprentice in September 1956, shortly after leaving school. By 1960 he was a member of MAC, working on the MK. 16 auto-pilot, and in 1961 he gained his HNC. After further work with MAC as a Development Engineer, including a period involved with the TSR2 project, he was transferred to the Flight Instrument Division in 1967 as a Project Engineer. At FID Dave worked on various projects, including air data computers, pneumatic test equipment and the stores management systems for Tomado and in January 1981 transferred to Nalaise in his present capacity.

As a memento of his achievement of 25 years service, Dave chose a pair of 8 x 30 binoculars with which he can more fully appreciate the view from his new hilltop home at Tickenham, near Nalaise. Having now settled into his new surroundings, together with his wife Rosemary and son Simon, Dave hopes to devote more time to his hobby of rebuilding and repairing clocks.



Dave Pearce with his friends and colleagues.

inhabitants of 'Clayton's Place' are one happy efficient family.

He chose the gift of a silver tea service and to accept the gift his wife (also an employee) joined him as Mr. G. Thomas, General Manager, presented it.



Mr. & Mrs. Clayton. (A)

Sid Clayton, the well-known head of Reprographic Services and Allied Sections, has joined the ranks of the long service personnel, having completed his 25 years.

He joined the Company in 1957, in Works Engineering, but soon became engaged in photography and the related processes. The success of the Print Room and its satellite operations is due in no small measure to Sid himself, and his enthusiasm has rubbed off on to so many of his staff that the



Mr. Thomas congratulates Sid Clayton on 25 years. (A)

Sports and social club round up

TO ALL DINGHY SAILORS

The annual match against the Marconi Sailing Club for the Colwyn Stone Challenge trophy will be held at Stone on the Blackwater on Saturday 29 May 1982. First race midday. The sailing is first rate on open water with good club facilities. It takes some two hours to get to the Blackwater and sailors can make it a day visit or camp overnight to make an enjoyable weekend.

For further details please contact G. Belcher, CACD (int. 2732)

PHOTOGRAPHIC SECTION

Future events:

Elliott Photographic Society members or visitors are invited to the events remaining in this year's programme which contains many interesting items:

- 28.4.82 Competition with Sittingbourne
- 5.5.82 Auction — bring and buy
- 12.5.82 Up and coming members show us what they are trying to do in photography
- 19.5.82 Model session in Mote Park
- 26.5.82 AGM followed by slide show

INTER-DIVISIONAL INDOOR BOWLS COMPETITION

Final league tables and competition results

League A	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
IN 'B'	3	2	1	119	69	4
ATE 'B'	3	2	1	93	75	4
Works Eng.	3	2	1	78	78	4
MASD Plan	3	0	3	55	123	0
Gyro	Withdrawn from competition					

League B	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
IN 'A'	4	4	0	194	70	8
ATE 'A'	4	3	1	152	81	6
MASD DO	4	2	2	77	96	4
CDD	4	1	3	63	122	2
ADD Corsair	4	0	4	67	184	0

League C	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
ISD	4	4	0	185	73	8
MAV Services	4	2	2	124	126	4
ADD D/O	4	2	2	115	119	4
65 Club	4	1	3	98	131	2
Model Shop	4	1	3	79	152	2

League D	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Fisher	4	4	0	185	66	8
CMS	4	3	1	152	77	6
CACD	4	2	2	94	124	4
AS & RD	4	1	3	85	167	2
FCD	4	0	4	70	151	0

Semi finals	Final
IN 'B' 31 v IN 'A' 25	ISD 15 v IN 'B' 43
ISD 31 v Fisher 18	

Champions for 1981/82 IN 'B' team.

ATHLETIC SECTION

This section has during 1981 achieved many successes and gained entry into Division 1 of the Southern League. This gives an added incentive, since it enables the club to meet larger and more well-known clubs and thereby give inspiration to go from strength to strength. This can only be good for the club and its members themselves. The more experience one gains, the better does one's own performance become.

The beginning of 1982 has also seen a continuing round of success and the club is reckoned to be among the top dozen of athletic clubs. With many fine young athletes in its ranks, it can look forward to more important successes.

Many members are still at school and have done well, both for the club and for their schools. Maidstone Grammar School members being particularly well to the fore. Alan Guilder, now at Loughborough College, continues his success as he moves up through the sections. A possible successor to Alan for his schools and junior titles may well be Christopher Sellars of Sittingbourne, while Christopher Annand also of Sittingbourne is also showing his worth.

Among notable achievements in March was the national cross country championship, where the Elliott A.C. team took third place. The best showing by a club team in national events ever. All the runners were first-year juniors. Alan Guilder, Kent County Champion led the team entries. Chris Sellars next, Chris Annand followed and Kerry Hayes completed the scoring finishers. They were only beaten by Birchfield Hamers and Swansea.

Dublin, capital of the Republic of Ireland, was the venue for the 1982 Aer Lingus International Business Houses Cross Country races. Len Murphy, as Manager, led a small team to Ireland and under the Marconi Avionics banner they emerged winners of the Senior Men's team race, against entries from all over the British Isles, as well as Denmark and Sweden. First home was newcomer Adam Bridge in 10th place, with Kerry Hayes and Kevin Minter in 12th and 13th, while David Minter completed the scoring team at 16th.

For juniors to be so high in the placings, among such an array of experienced runners, shows the strength in depth the club has. The individual winner of the event, Gerry Finnegan, has become a member of the club and will be running in their colours soon.

The Northern Schools' Championships held at Stockport was dominated by the Maidstone Grammar School members. Obtaining their experience by participating in events all over the country under the auspices of Elliott A.C. they showed their worth by being adjudged winners. The team consisted of Chris Sellars at 3rd, Andrew Saker at 8th, David Coney at 9th and Kevin Minter 25th.

The individual Colts trophy for 1981/2 went to club member Matthew Stickle. We congratulate him on this success. Aply backed up by Guy Osborne at 18th, Blake Morris 19th, Marc Morris 21st and Les Underdown at 36th, they gained the third place team overall and third in the Young Athletes League. The Elliott Boys team finished in 8th place in the race and 5th position in the League.

The youths, although one short in number, were strong enough to earn the winners title for the race and also winners of the Youth League. Stephen Buttlings-Smith led the club contingent at 5th position, Douglas Bruce 11th, Stephen Nyahwa 23rd and Neil Foster 24th.

At the indoor leisure centre at Crofton, Tim Coudrey won the colts standing long jump with 1.88 and Gary McLochlan the colts 75 in 16.2.

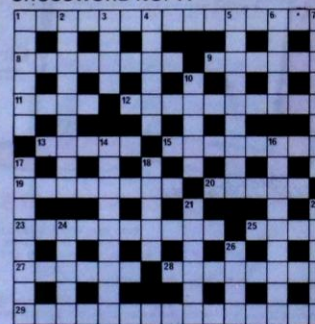
Crystal Palace saw Kerry Hayes better the record of Graeme Sakers in the 200m steeplechase, being 1/10th second faster at 6.12.2. Graeme Sakers was the winner in the 1000m at 2:35.5.

The club affords the opportunity for anyone who would like to partake and/or become a competitor in athletics. Many members do not work for the Company, while those still at school are particularly invited to join us. Training is given and the experience of established competitors is available to aid any would-be athlete.

Provisional Programme for three months

Date	Fixture	Venue
May 1	Southern League Division 1	Alexandra Park, Redhill
3	Gillingham marathon	Rochester
9	Young Athletes League London marathon	Rochester
15/16	Kent championships	Crystal Palace
22	Southern League Division 1	Plymouth
	Division 6	Luton
	Kent Colts and Boys championships	Rochester
23	Kent relay championships	Bromley
26	LBH 5 mile road race	Battersea
29	GRE Cup 1st round	Bromley
30/31	UK championships	Cwmbran
June 5	Southern League Division 1	Harlow
	Division 6	Basildon
	Kent AA graded meeting	Ashford
6	Southern Womens championships	Crystal Palace
12	Kent Schools championships	Broadstairs
13	Colts and Boys League of Kent	Etham
	Kent Womens League	Dartford
16	Kent Senior 1000m and Junior, Youth 3000m	Bromley
19/20	Southern championships	Crystal Palace
20	Young Athletes League	West London
23	LBH main championships	Crystal Palace
26/27	Southern under 20 championships	Motspur Park
30	City charity meeting	Eastbourne
July 3	Southern League Division 1	Rochester
	Division 6	Rochester
4	Colts and Boys League of Kent	West London
5	LBH 5000m, long and triple jump championships	Birmingham
9/10	English Schools Championships	Featherby Rd
10	Elliott Sports Day	
11	GRE Cup 2nd round	Erith
11	Gordon Prize meeting	Croydon
17	Southern League Division 1	
	Division 6	
18	Young Athletes League Senior inter-county	Brighton
24/25	AAA championships	Crystal Palace
25	Colts and Boys League of Kent (reserved date)	Erith
	Kent Womens League	Bromley
30/31	WAAA championships	Crystal Palace
Aug 31	AAA under 20 championships	Cwmbran

CROSSWORD NO. 41



- ACROSS**
- ... and jubilation (15)
 - If not needed, could end up striped (3,9)
 - He does it on thick ice (6)
 - Leave out (4)
 - Extra information not needed (6,4)
 - Size of type face 5 (15)
 - Small staff for atom lanterns (8)
 - Yellow brown East Indian tree (8)
 - Clear sky, upper air (5)
 - Servants quarters, not always (10)
 - A King, Shakespearean style (4)
 - If you are this, not taxable (6)
 - A seat that saves lives - pilot waste (8)
 - Doctors orders, means rest (5,6,4)
- DOWN**
- A youngster after bovine (3,3)
 - Barbed rusty (7,3)
 - You 'lak' the high, I 'lak' the low (4)
 - The reason for twiddling with knobs (6)
 - A plea of encouragement when low (4,3)
 - Oh! It's a kind of port (5)
 - Low and harsh grating on ears (8)
 - A man from the side of America (5)
 - Part of sea-form church (8)
 - A mnemonic form of Lakes (9)
 - The ultimate in proing (4,4)
 - Muslim holy book (5)
 - Appertaining to Troy (6)
 - A spirit to revive (6)
 - To gratify vengeance, inflict (5)
 - The tops in cards and sports (4)

- SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD NO. 40**
- ACROSS**
- Dante, 6 Santa, 9 Uncle, 10 Supporter, 11 Lecture, 12 Standin, 14 Broken-reed, 15 Fang, 18 Ruhr, 19 Roundabout, 23 Harwell, 25 Susan, 26 Rackner, 27 Orin, 28 Model, 29 Luminance.
- DOWN**
- Doubtberth, 2 Sackcloth, 3 Executes, 4 Pasteur, 5 Riposte, 6 Slogan, 7 Nosed, 8 Av, 13 Nightingale, 16 Adoration, 17 Passed on, 20 Oil well, 21 Nostrum, 22 Reveal, 24 Reed, 26 Rum.

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