

GAv's Shop Window for the World's Armies

A wide range of GAv systems and equipment was on show at 'BAEE', the British Army Equipment Exhibition held at Aldershot last month.

This is an important event at which the capabilities and products of the defence industry are on display for senior military and diplomatic visitors invited from throughout the world, arranged on rather similar lines to Farnborough but not open to the public – for perhaps obvious reasons. Opportunities are taken by manufacturers to introduce their products to existing and

potential customers; the Armies of the world are ever seeking the latest equipment and the competition for business is severe.

Several GAV divisions attended, forming an important part of the large GEC Marconi stand. Probably the most prominent and effective was FCD's Phoenix RPV Surveillance System, with the Air Vehicle and payload pod stationed out of doors with the Ground Control Station and associated units. GAV are the prime contractors for supply of the complete system to MoD, and full

development and production are proceeding well for entry into service with the British Army, who will then have Phoenix's all weather, 24 hour target acquisition and surveillance capability. GSD's Digital Map is a vital part of Phoenix, and other GSD products on show were the LNS Land Navigation System, designed for the full range of military vehicles, and the START solid state 3-axis angular rate measurement unit. This has recently concluded successful trials in 155mm artillery shells; START gyros have been

successfully shock tested to 25,000 G.

Other GAV equipment on view included ATED's ORION 9000 and ATE range, Applied Physics Division's Laser Rangefinders, and units from RSD at Nailsea. GSD also exhibited their Ring Laser Gyro technology units which form the first military application of RLGs in the UK.

During the week of BAEE, over 60 company management and divisional representatives were on duty at various times. We may have some pictures of them in our next issue.

Further SCADC business for ISD

Standard Central Air Data Computer

On 30 June, ISD was awarded a \$2.6 million contract from USAF Aeronautical Systems Division, to develop and test a new SCADC variant for the Grumman F-14 A/D Tomcat. The unit which is based extensively on the proven SCADC 'core module' concept incorporates several new features associated with providing high-quality Air Data for this variable-geometry front line strike aircraft.

The contract initially calls for delivery of 10 units for Operational Test in the spring of 1989. Options for delivery of up to 900 production units, at a value in excess of \$40 million, are included in the contract for delivery commencing in late 1990.

Earlier in June, USAF ordered a further 501 SCADC units for delivery between April 1989 and July 1990 at a contract value in excess of \$20 million. This brings the total number of SCADC units on order to 4286, of which over 2400 have now been delivered.



FARL/ADD Team receive The Haskett Trophy

The 1987 Haskett Trophy for Engineering Achievement has been presented to the team of three engineers from FARL and ADD, whose entry "Binocular Helmet Mounted Display System" was judged outstanding among the five high quality contenders.

The prize of £1500 was shared by Keith Harvey, Senior Development Engineer, and Mike Ewer, Development Engineer, both of FARL, and Alex Cameron, Project Leader of ADD; Alex

was in FARL during the early development work on the innovative system which is already being actively marketed by ADD. It is soon to be evaluated by potential customers in the United States and the UK.

The Trophy was handed over – for the eleventh time – by Sarah Haskett, widow of the company's former Marketing Executive Fred Haskett in whose memory the Trophy was inaugurated.

The prize of £500 was

awarded to Stewart Barlow, Development Engineer of RSD at Nailsea. This was for "Design of a High-Density Digital Recording System".

The adjudicating panel was Dr B O'Kane former GAV Chairman, Paul Rayner, Peter Smith and Dave Hussey, with Mr G C Howell, Director of Research of the Civil Aviation Authority.

It is expected that the 1988 Haskett Trophy competition will open in the next few weeks.



Winners Alex Cameron and Keith Harvey with Sarah Haskett, and Stewart Barlow. Mike Ewer was away

We're Delighted to See You Here!

On 24 June, GEC and GAV were hosts to His Excellency Ji Chao Zhu, Ambassador to the People's Republic of China and some accompanying officials, when they visited Airport Works.

The visitors heard descriptions of the products and activities of the three Groups of divisions, saw a display of equipment, and were shown round parts of ADD, before lunching as guests of Lord

Prior Chairman of GEC plc, Ron Howard, and several other senior managers. These included GAV Commercial Director Kit Naylor, who looks after our interests in the market in China.



On arrival by helicopter, His Excellency the Ambassador was welcomed by Lord Prior, with Ron Howard; at left is Commercial Counsellor Li Hau Ren

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BARCLAYS' EASTER EGGS

If you are wondering about the result of the Easter Egg Draw which was held by Barclays Bank at the factory sub-branch, here is Rochester Branch Manager Brian Emery presenting the first prize to **Richard Cotterill**, Development Engineer in GSD. Looking on are 2nd prize winner **Alan Boorman**, GSD Chief Librarian, and 3rd **Eileen Aberre**, Progress Chaser in ATED.



SUGGESTION OF THE YEAR

The second award for the Suggestion of the Year was presented by Ron Howard to **Roger Suitters**, Quality Technician in AS&RD. Roger received the shield which will be on display in the Towers Reception showcase, with a Certificate and last but not least a cheque for £300. His suggestion concerned the fabrication of a special gauge to establish the height of four "nut specials" to support the Jaguar Inertial Platform. The ability to measure these items prior to the costly and complex testing of the platform ensures that test time is not wasted.

The runners up were **Paul Croucher** (left) and **John Govier**, Instrument Fitters in ISD. Their suggestion, which earned them Certificates and £100 each, concerned the manufacture of a special hand tool to separate connectors attached to flexible printed



circuits without placing stress on them. This tool has proved effective in reducing the damage caused to these components.

CQD Manager Ken

Boardman commented as he introduced the winners, that 1987 had brought about 70 suggestions, an improvement on the previous year; 32 awards were made, ranging from £10 to £185.

Now the field is wide open in 1988 for your suggestion to compete for the big prize.

"Bike Ride for the Babies"

Ron Flewett of GSD Planning is the proud father of Kelly, born nine weeks prematurely in February in All Saints' Hospital and who was taken into the Special Care Baby Unit. Following a month of their devoted care Kelly is now flourishing, and Ron decided to show his gratitude and that of his wife Pauline by undertaking a sponsored bike ride.

Ron and his friend **Mark Jackson** of GSD Test rode the 130 miles to Southampton on 15 May, taking about ten hours non-stop, somewhat longer than their daily journey from Lordswood.

They were accompanied by a van, driven by Ron's brother Steve, which was lent by Fisher Controls.

The reward was over £1000 of sponsorship, from individuals both in GAV and outside, for handing over to the Baby Unit.

Dear Sponsors,
 I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting me in raising the amount shown below in aid of the Special Care Baby Unit, All Saints Hospital.
 Mark Jackson and myself



Ron and Mark, a couple of weeks before their sponsored ride

with the supportive help of my brother, raised the excellent sum of £1,054 and with other donations of £144, this came to a grand total of £1,198.

So once again I would like to express my sincere thanks for your support.

Yours thankfully,

Ron Flewett

Have you considered joining the Charity Fund?

If not, have you asked yourself, why not?

Consider how many local people you could be helping who are less fortunate, by donating just 10 pence per week.

With all our contributions plus the company matching contribution, many more charities would benefit, you even have a choice of charity, just contact your charity representative and put forward your suggestions.

We have, in the past, already helped many charities including:-

- The Kent Autistic Community Fund
- The Royal Institute For The Blind
- The Handicapped Childrens Pilgrimage Trust
- The Spastics Society
- The Wishing Well Appeal - Great Ormond Street

The Kent Association For The Disabled
 The Muscular Distrophy Group
 All Saints Hospital Baby Care Unit

Just think, it could be anyone of us one day that could need help.

If you are interested, either collect the forms from Administration Officers, or if you wish to know more, contact one of the charity committee members listed below.

- Mr B J Rogers (Personnel) Chairman
- Mr L Berriman (CACD) Foremen's Representative
- Miss D Taylor (Welfare Department)
- Mrs P Turner (CACD Contracts Department) APEX Representative

Hollywood in CACD – and MASD

By now many people will have seen the YTS advertisement on Independent Television! **Matt Buels** of CACD Production, who started nearly 2 years ago on the YTS scheme and who was promoted to Electronics Apprentice last year, spent about six days at Shepperton film studios during the preparation of the ad, which was sponsored by the Training Commission (formerly Manpower Services Commission), and produced by Saatchi and Saatchi.

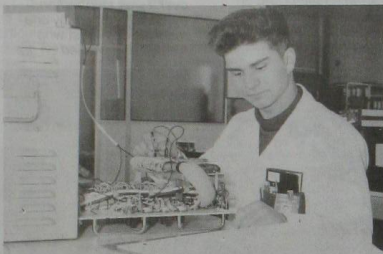
Matt was chosen after a series of screen tests from among 8 YTS trainees who were offered to the advertising agency as possible 'stars' for the campaign from GAV, forming part of a large number from all of GEC.

The last of the filming was done here at Rochester. A film crew of over 40, together with a large number of service vehicles and cars, descended on the factory on 11 May. Equipment was set up in the morning in MASD Engineering area, for shots to be taken of Assistant General Manager Brian Tucker, and in the afternoon CACD Production also 'moved aside' while filming of Matt took place.

Matt said that it was a



Film crew at work in CACD



Matt on a more usual occupation

most interesting experience throughout, but at the studios a great deal of time was spent just waiting around. Maybe it is all just a part of the training he is now under-

taking – he hopes ultimately to become a qualified engineer, if success in his City and Guilds course enables him to win promotion to B Tech.

Hollywood:L.A.

This 'personalised' number plate and its accompanying rust holes belong to our new colleague **Fred White** at Lear Astronics, who is often to be seen screeching between Los Angeles and Edwards Air Force Base.

We are not told how he navigates.



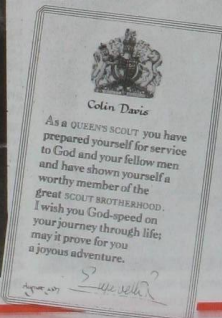
QUEEN'S SCOUT – COLIN



Colin receives his Certificate from the Chief Scout.

Colin Davis, an ex-apprentice and now Logistics Technician in ISD, was one of over 140 young men and women from the United Kingdom who received their Queen's Scout Awards during a Ceremony held at King's School, Canterbury in January.

The presentations were made by the Chief Scout, Major-General Michael Walsh CB, DSO, DL. The Queen's Scouts also attended an Act of



Mayor Visits the Screening Unit

The Right Worshipful the Mayor of Rochester-upon-Medway, (then) Cllr Mary Fennemore, visited the mobile breast screening unit on site on Wednesday 4th May.

She toured the unit and met representatives of the local Cancer Coordinating Committee and community health physicians who are keen to promote cancer education within local industry.

The visit was planned to coincide with European Cancer Week which is part of a 2-year European programme called Europe against Cancer.

Cllr Fennemore also spoke to Welfare and Nursing staff who were closely involved with the GAV education and screening programme, which has been a great success.

The initial education sessions were attended by 1100 female employees, and figures



The Mayor during her visit, in the screening unit with Jackie Taylor, Superintendent Radiographer.

already suggest that over 100 women will have attended for cervical cytology screening for the first time as a direct result of the programme. In addition 370 from a maximum of 420 eligible employees will have attended for mammography.

The local Cancer Coordinating Committee and GEC Avionics Management hope that the success of our campaign will encourage other local employers to become involved in health education.

Trainees Host Visit for Science Teachers

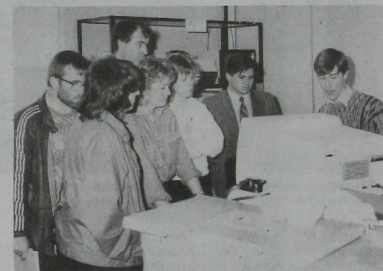
MASD recently hosted a visit of 15 Science Teachers on a conversion course at Mid-Kent College to prepare them for teaching physics at schools across Kent.

The exercise was to introduce teachers to the application of advanced technological processes in industry and to show the environment in which pupils could be providing a real contribution soon after leaving school.

Trainee Computer Programmers Lee Norris, Matthew Collison and Joe Gatt, organised the event with the objective of producing a non "black-box" tour: this was achieved by arranging visits to Production, Engineering Rigs and RST areas. Richard Hale, Senior Training Officer, explained the Company's approach to training of young people and Richard Hall, Software Project Manager, highlighted how scientific principles are applied to MASD products.

Worship at Canterbury Cathedral with an Address by the Very Reverend J. A. Simpson, Dean of Canterbury.

The Award is The Scout Association's highest Progressive Training Award and is given only to Venture Scouts who have maintained high standards of perseverance, community work, physical and creative proficiency and leadership. Part of the Award also involves planning and completing an outdoor expedition during which they must spend at least four nights (under canvas) in unfamiliar terrain. The Venture Scout Section, which was formed in 1967, is celebrating its 21st Birthday this year.



Matthew Collison demonstrates the MASD Engineering Rigs to a group of teachers, with Richard Hale, Senior Training Officer, looking on.

BLOOD TRANSFUSION UNIT

The Transfusion service have written thanking Management and employees for their April visit, when

698 Units

were collected.

The next visit will be for the week commencing

3rd October.

Colin's demanding programme to qualify for the Award, undertaken with the St. John's Venture Scout Unit, Gravessend, included planning and leading a 150 mile cycle expedition in France, becoming proficient in many activities (beer and winemaking, canoeing, rock

climbing, swimming etc), running the Venture Unit for 6 months as Chairman, helping the Community and holding the Venture Award which consisted of many similar requirements. Colin now plans to become a Venture Scout Leader.

MASD raises funds again

Two recent campaigns by MASD people have resulted in big donations for local causes.

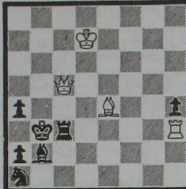
The Division sponsors a different Medway charity every 2 years, and following a 1984-86 donation to the Wisdom Hospice, this year they have raised nearly £900 for the Oliver Fisher Special Baby Care Unit at All Saints' Hospital. This was handed over at a celebration dinner-dance at the Hoo Clubhouse,

which was the climax of a programme of boot fairs, raffles, and sponsored events.

And in June, a divisional team paddled first over the winning line, out of nine teams, in the fifth annual Raft Race at Lower Halstow. This event raised about £200 for the local old folk. Apparently computer-aided design of rafts is MASD's latest diversification into new business areas.

CHESS PROBLEM

White to play and mate in two moves



Solution on Page 12

Reunion for Roy

Roy Bennett of FCD Contracts has been to see the Hastings aircraft at The Imperial War Museum at Duxford, one of many which he flew during his service with RAF Transport Command. He says "I first 'met' this particular aircraft on my Transport Command Co-Pilots course at RAF Dishforth in 1960. Early in 1963 I re-met the aircraft whilst on my Captain's course at RAF Thorney Island. During the eight years I served in Transport Command I logged 53 different Hastings!

It was quite a nostalgic moment to be able to sit at the controls of TG528 again after 25 years.

Prior to being refurbished at Duxford the aircraft formed part of the Skyframe Exhibition at Slaverton. During 1973 I frequently used Slaverton and I have a photograph of the Mitsubishi I was flying at the time with TG528 in the background, albeit in a very sorry state.

When the Imperial War Museum took the aircraft over it was stripped and eventually re-built by one man! - Eddy West who himself had worked on the

aircraft whilst in the RAF at Thorney Island in 1963.

The aircraft is now in pristine condition apart from four seized engines, the result of poor inhibiting at Slaverton, not that it matters as the aircraft could not reach the exacting C of A standards after so many years on the ground.

I can fully recommend a visit to Duxford as the rest of the Museum, apart from the Hastings, is well worth looking at."

Photo by permission of Imperial War Museum

INDENTURES NIGHT

This year's Open Evening and signing of indentures by the 1987 apprentice intake

was hosted by Ron Howard and the Hopewell Drive Training Centre staff. Here

are accounts of the occasion by two of the trainees who were present.



Richard Stone receiving his Electronics Apprenticeship indentures, with mum - Edna Stone of Reception - and dad looking on.

The evening of 25th April was this year's choice for the most important event for GEC Avionics Apprentices, the signing of their Indentures.

I had made it clear to my parents that they should dress as informally as possible and that we had better be on time for our appointment. Two mistakes to start with! As soon as I saw the majority of people wearing suits I knew that was the first. The second was obvious two minutes later, as we found ourselves at the end of the queue outside the end building in a cold wind with no jackets.

The ceremony was running slow, we were told. But once inside it didn't seem to matter because everybody tried to make the best of the situation. It was good to recognise friends except those who had already been through and were reassuring us that we had a little longer to wait in the queue! People liked the chance to wander off from time to time (leaving someone to hold their position in the queue) and look at the various demonstrations set up in the other rooms. A very good way to show the parents what you had been doing during the past eight months.

The tension mounted as we neared the rooms where the presentations were being made and the formal signing of the documents had to be done. It was therefore a great relief to get such a friendly welcome from the Managing Director. He showed a keen interest in my hobbies and ambitions as well as pointing out the importance of the indentures (both to me and the Company). It was a fitting end to a memorable evening.

Nick Jones
Electronics Apprentice

The day went quickly as we tidied up the Training Centre, cleaning and placing the exhibits on display, yes apprentices do work. We were like busy bees trying to prepare the Training Centre for the night's opening to sing our apprentice papers.

As we waited until 7 o'clock to leave home, butterflies crept in fast. We arrived early to look around.

There were many exhibits on display to show the parents what had been achieved over many months of hard work. There were many to look at from the electrical and mechanical side, such as wiring techniques, soldering components to printed circuit boards and

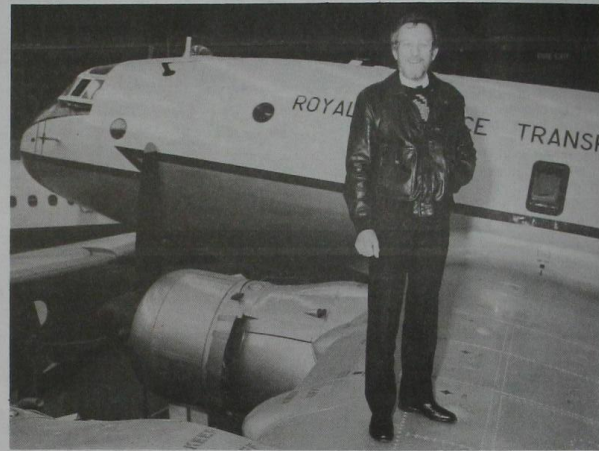
many others. As we looked around our section, our parents talked to our instructors about how we had progressed over the weeks.

We made our way to the queue only to find that it was long, very long.

We queued for some time, and having to queue up with butterflies and trembling hands was like a punishment. We finally signed our apprentice indentures and talked to Mr Howard about ourselves



Nicholas Beckwith showing his parents the finer points of electronic wiring.



Blackwater '88

and how we were getting on. The talk was friendly, interesting, but short - with talking to over 300 parents and apprentices I am not surprised. We looked around one more time in the Computer Room and looked at different programs and equipment, and then home. And having queued up for longer than expected, there was no time for our free cup of tea!

Gary Byron-Arnold
Electronics Apprentice

After a week of cold strong northerly winds the weather relented for the annual visit of the GAv dinghies to the Marconi Sailing Club at Stone; the morning was grey and dull but as the day wore on the sun came out and the afternoon was warm and sunny. Unfortunately the wind dropped to be lightish and fickle.

This year GAv had a very strong team. In addition to the regulars there were 2 new members, Clive Everest of ISD and Christopher and Dave Jibb of ADD. Clive is a past winner of the prestigious and arduous Hoo Freezer and sails a very high tech Moth; provided he keeps it upright and the boat stays in one piece he usually wins. Christopher Jibb is better known for his swimming but clearly is a natural sailor.

The Marconi Sailing Club team was a Mirror, 2 Lasers, an Enterprise, a Stampede Catamaran, a Solo and a 420.

The first race started in moderate wind and the

Catamaran streaked away only to be seen again as it lapped all the boats except for Clive's Moth. Luckily the Moth is very fast in these conditions and quickly got clear of the fleet to finish 2nd on the water but 1st on handicap with the Stampede 2nd.

Peter Belcher (ISD) in his Laser gradually drew away from his father, Gordon Belcher (GAv), to finish 3rd with his father 5th. For once Richard Stone and his wife Karen were unable to keep up with Peter and finished 4th. Pam and Maurice Chapman (PSD) never recovered from a modest first leg and struggled as the wind lightened. Christopher Jibb in the Mirror had even more problems as the strong tide almost matched the boat speed, making progress difficult.

Neither of the MSC Lasers had a good start; Ron Greygoose who normally sails a Solo discovered one of the Laser's problems: he got his ropes in a tangle at the first buoy so losing any

Watch out... today's artful dodgers have learnt new tricks

Stay alert – and stop the “steamers” from snatching your purse or wallet. That was the warning from Scotland Yard as the holiday season approached. Also, check personal insurance to be certain you are properly covered. For although the pickpocket menace has been reduced through “concentrated policing” it is still a problem, say Yard detectives directly responsible for combating today’s artful dodgers.

“Theft from the person”, including pickpocket offences, fell by 1,294 to 33,535 cases last year, but traditional “dips” – larcenists highly skilled in spiriting cash out of their victims’ pockets – have mostly been succeeded by “snatchers”.

Their favourite target is the unsuspecting shopper in a busy store who puts her bag down to look at some item on the counter. When she reaches for her purse, she finds it is missing, and often the bag as well. The snatcher will have vanished, too.

“No one can afford to relax for a second,” says the CID. “Steamers” are snatchers operating as part of gangs

which rush, or “steam,” through crowds, wrenching away items such as shoulder-bags, brief-cases, hand-held purses, jewellery and cameras.

Resorts, summer festivals and London’s West End are particular risk areas. “A lot of money is stolen in Oxford Street,” say the police.

It is also a problem on the Underground, not only at Oxford Street but at several other central interchange stations, says London Regional Transport. “It is particularly ‘popular’ where there are crowds of shoppers, and very organised,” an LRT spokesman said.

One gang “worked” their victims by jostling them, grabbing their wallets and then – exemplifying the new, more violent methods – shoving them from the platform into the train, using the outside push-buttons to close the doors.

They were brought to justice after they picked unwittingly on an American tourist who happened to be a Texan law officer.

Other victims have been less fortunate – one reason why British Transport Police have

made a special study of the problem. This has revealed that the high-risk times are Fridays, Saturdays and Mondays – peak shopping days – and that pickpockets are most active in the day, yet not during evening rush-hours.

Why? The theory is that pickpockets are pathologically lazy late-risers who cannot operate in really intense crowds.

The study has enabled British Transport Police to predict likely trouble spots and focus their crime-busting efforts more effectively. After five South American dips were apprehended at a tube station, the West London magistrate called them “a nasty gang of pickpockets... it is my duty to put you out of action.” He did, jailing each for three months.

In another case, two Italians caught in the act were found to share 22 previous convictions in capital cities as far apart as Athens, Brussels, Paris and Rome. Some operators are “incredibly experienced”, say police. Yet the “dip” or his accomplice may use one of the corniest tricks to mark

their victim – a bogus, well-spoken shout of “Watch out, pickpockets!”

Certain people in a crowd will reflexively check their pockets. The “dip” moves in and treads “accidentally” on the victim’s foot or bumps into him or her. This counts on the fact that if you feel pressure on one part of your body, the rest of you is less sensitive. Even as he apologises, the “dip” will be lifting your cash.

As soon as he or his gang have been rumbled they disappear and lie low, like maggots. The one thing they can be trusted to do is reappear, just like flies, London today, Leeds tomorrow, Brighton the day after...

Useful deterrents include carrying as little cash as possible, having button-up back pockets, and keeping purses out of sight.

Standard cover under a home contents policy does not normally extend to money or possessions stolen from you while you are absent from home. But an all-risks extension covers against loss of cash, credit cards, cheque book, season ticket,

etc, through a pick-pocket theft or mugging attack.

Personal money can be covered from under £5 a year, all possessions from about £20 a year per £1,000 insured.

The policy may require you to report any loss to the police. Holiday insurance certainly specifies this for any such loss abroad.

With acknowledgment to Charles Kersley and “The Guardian”.

Pastures New



Personnel Manager **John Ainley** has left to join Smiths (WH not Industries), and is seen here after receiving gifts and best wishes, with **John Bradley**.



Roland Thomas, Exhibitions Manager, is setting up his own business. **Ron Howard** wished him every good fortune in his venture, on behalf of many.



Georgina Bennett has gone to the Middle East deserts, where her husband has taken up a contract. (A)

chance of covering the GAV boats. Rochester won the first race by 36¼ points to MSC’s 42 points.

After lunch the 2nd race was sailed in lighter winds with the tide changing. The wind backed on the first leg to give Maurice Chapman a brilliant first leg and at the first mark he was close behind the Stampede and Clive Everest’s Moth. Peter and Gordon Belcher had opted to stay out of the tide and the wind change left them in problems on the first leg.

The long run downwind to the next mark, into the sun, was slow and the fleet lost sight of the catamaran and the Moth. Luckily Catamarans are not very good in light winds and the Stampede found it difficult to make progress for the rest of the race, with the result that it finished last on handicap. Clive Everest again sailed well and crossed the tide before the wind dropped, to win the second race.

Richard and Sharon Stone always sail well in light winds and were close behind Clive, to be 2nd on handicap. Peter Belcher could not get away from Richard and had to be content with 3rd place.

The MSC Enterprise sailed by Steve Evans and the Solo sailed by Malcolm Gandy

never lost touch with the Lasers so on handicap they scored well. Gordon Belcher and Derek Webb had a close race, with Derek trying to lure Gordon aground in a final attempt to overtake. However, one bad gybe cost Derek two or three boat lengths and that determined the placings.

Maurice and Pam Chapman found the combination of fickle winds and tide rather different from their normal sailing conditions at Mote Park and finished 8th. Christopher Jibb learnt quickly and had a fine battle with the MSC Mirror to beat it on the water and the Stampede on handicap.

GAV won the 2nd race by 30¼ to 47. The racing was organised by Robbie Sims, the MSC Commodore who had the unenviable job of declaring Rochester the team winner and Clive the individual winner.

Joan Stone presented the Colwyn Stone Challenge Shield to Clive and the Medway Cup to Rochester.

The Marconi Sailing Club provided another enjoyable visit with good class racing, good food, good weather and a good atmosphere on and off the water.

G. Belcher.

Results

		1st Race	2nd Race
GAV, Rochester			
Maurice and Pam Chapman	Enterprise	11	8
Clive Everest	Moth	¾	¾
Christopher and Dave Jibb	Mirror	13	11
Richard and Sharon Stone	Wayfarer	4	2
Peter Belcher	Laser	3	3
Gordon Belcher	Laser	5	6
		Total	36¼ 30¼

Marconi Sailing Club

Ron Greygoose	Laser	9	9
Derek Webb	Laser	6	7
Steve Evans and Dave Cohen	Enterprise	8	5
Trevor and Christine Milton	Stampede	2	(13)
Mike and J. Battle	Mirror	(12)	12
Mike and Irene Helewell	420	10	10
Malcolm Gandy	Solo	7	4
		Total	42 42

Individual Winner – Clive Everest

Team Winner – GAV (Rochester)

AROUND THE DIVISIONS

Applied Physics Division

Applied Physics Division in Borehamwood is one of the new groups to join GEC Avionics, Rochester. As many of you have probably never heard of us, perhaps we should take the opportunity through 'GAv News' to introduce ourselves.

Our history goes back over thirty years when we were called the High Voltage Tube Division of Elliott Electronic Tubes Limited, long before the amalgamation in 1968 which brought into existence the new shape GEC. Our work in those days was concerned with the design, development and manufacture of microwave sources such as magnetrons, klystrons, travelling wave tubes (TWTs), X-ray tubes and

particle accelerators including neutron generators. It was the day of the high vacuum thermionic valve, when HiFi systems used high power, high voltage tubes and ultra linear feedback systems instead of the semiconductor devices now so well accepted into everyday life. Our forte was, and still is, the manufacture of specialist high voltage devices operating up to 250 kilovolts and for very short duration pulse widths and also DC, with glass or ceramic insulations sealed to metal envelopes via special seals, and output powers up to many megawatts.

We grew out of the old Elliott Brothers (London) Limited's Company Re-

search Laboratory, formed at Borehamwood as an offshoot of Lewisham in south east London. Borehamwood village was, in the 1950s, just a small overspill housing area from London, now it has grown considerably with 'Hi-Tech' companies moving into new buildings, the creation of a large shopping plaza within the village, not to mention Elstree Film Studios and the ATV Television Studios, not least of whose productions include the 'Eastenders'.

As GEC evolved so did the products of the Division, most of the microwave tube work was transferred to English Electric Valves at Chelmsford, leaving the Division more opportunity to

Yet another US success for CACD

Combat Aircraft Controls Division's recent successes in the United States market on T-42 and AFT have now been further consolidated by the award in extremely stiff competition of a contract for NASA. This is for the supply of the Servo Control System for the YAV8-B Harrier V/STOL Research Aircraft, based at the NASA Ames Research Centre in California.

The purpose of the research programme is to investigate through flight tests the use of an integrated flight and propulsion control system to provide automatic transition and hover operation.

CACD's Automatic Flight Control System (AFCS)

has been extremely reliable in service for many years on the UK's Harrier and Sea Harrier aircraft, noted for their Vertical Take Off and hovering capability; the AV8-B is a derivative.

This award is a key element in our business strategy to develop our FCS capability for the ASTOVL (Advanced Short Take-Off and Vertical Landing) aircraft programmes likely to be awarded in the 1990's.

The 14 month contract is to design and supply the integrated actuation system which consolidates the command signals from the two simplex FCC's (supplied

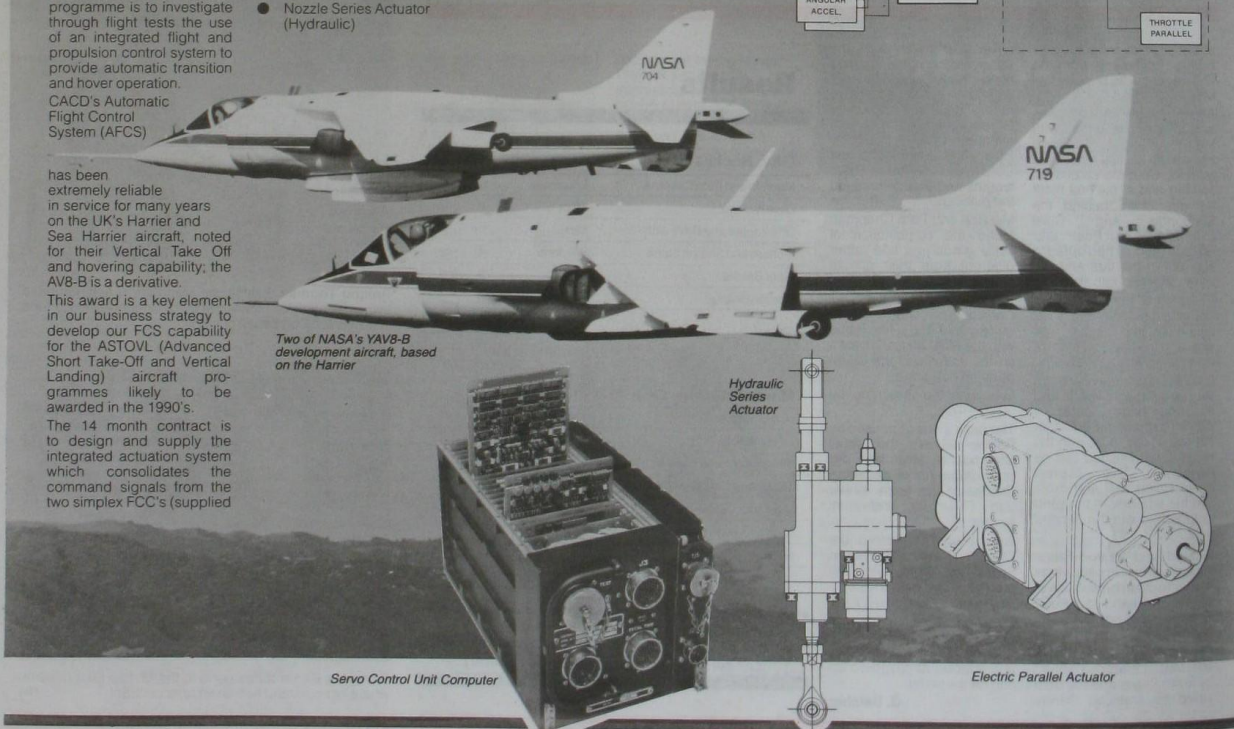
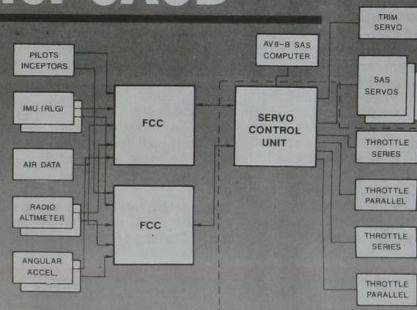
by Sperry) and drives the primary flying controls, the throttle and the nozzle.

The principal elements to be supplied are:-

- Servo Control Unit Computer (3/4 ATR)
- Throttle Parallel Actuator (Electric)
- Throttle Series Actuator (Hydraulic)
- Nozzle Parallel Actuator (Electric)
- Nozzle Series Actuator (Hydraulic)

The Servo Control Unit Computer utilises the digital technology developed for the Italian/Brazilian AMX aircraft which is now coming into full production after a successful test programme. The electric actuators will be designed in CACD's design department. The hydraulic actuator will be sub-contracted to a hydraulic actuator manufacturer.

Integrated Flight and Propulsion Control System



Two of NASA's YAV8-B development aircraft, based on the Harrier

Servo Control Unit Computer

Hydraulic Series Actuator

Electric Parallel Actuator

sion, Borehamwood

concentrate on X-ray equipments and neutron tubes. For many years the mainstay of the Division's business has been neutron generator tubes for the Ministry of Defence and commercial customers, particularly detector calibration and more recently for the interrogation of radioactive waste, and high powered rotating anode X-ray machines for providing very high brightness X-ray sources for crystallography in University and Scientific research establishments throughout the world.

The Division has been supported by a loyal group of people who have served the Division for many years, and who have acquired considerable expertise in this unique scientific world of vacuum high voltage and applied physics. To select some of the long-serving staff by name would be churlish to those who were not mentioned, but the name of one, Bill Watkins, must be recalled as he has just retired

after 42 years of service with Elliott/GEC. He was asked by Lewisham to transfer temporarily in 1947 when the research group was set up. This temporary assignment was to be just for a year, but he stayed for 41!!

Do not get the impression that we are a Division that looks back towards a glorious past and years for those old days - we do not. The neutron generator tube work has advanced, has become more complex in the search for high reliability and consistency, and has extended into many associated areas of electronics, calibration and maintenance of plant and facilities in many parts of the country. Our responsibilities and business have continued to expand and are likely to continue to do so into the future. Whilst the X-ray generator work has now been sold, it has been replaced by new work in the laser field. Here we are concentrating on the use of carbon dioxide gas filled lasers of both con-

tinuous and pulsed designs, employing many of the constructional and processing techniques developed for the neutron generators. These laser tubes have been designed to meet severe environmental specifications of extreme temperature, vibration and shock. Indeed, one of our laser tubes has been selected for use with the American M1A1 Abrams Main Battle Tank laser range-finder system, recently awarded to GEC Avionics Inc, Atlanta. Ultimately we shall be required to produce up to 100 laser tubes per month enhancing still further the business of the Division. Although we are separated from the Rochester site by 60 miles of motorway and the congestion of the Dartford Tunnel, the people of Applied Physics Division look forward to closer social as well as business ties with their colleagues within the wider Company.

DAVE HARRIS,
Divisional Manager



HARRY PRICE
Deputy Divisional
Manager - Lasers

TERRY LANE
Technical Manager

DAVE HARRIS
Divisional Manager

COLIN LENNON
Business Development
Manager

GORDON WATSON
Quality Manager

JEAN WILSON
Secretary to
Divisional Manager

GILLIAN SANDYS
Controller

NOEL NASH
Production Manager

SMALL, BUT PERFECTLY FORMED

Recording Systems Division, Nailsea

Nearly everyone is familiar with tape recorders; used in the home or in the car they are in common daily use. In the world of avionics they find use in flight test (to record data for analysis) and are production fit to modern aircraft as black box crash recorders, mission data recorders or, more recently, as video recorders in the cockpit. Wherever the environment is severe and the performance required is high, RSD's products can find a market.

RSD's activities include Post Design Services to the MoD on Nimrod Anti-Submarine Warfare Mission Recorders; the current production of Sting Ray torpedo test recorders and Sea King acoustic snapshot recorders; and a wide range of development activities designed to keep the division at the forefront of existing technology.

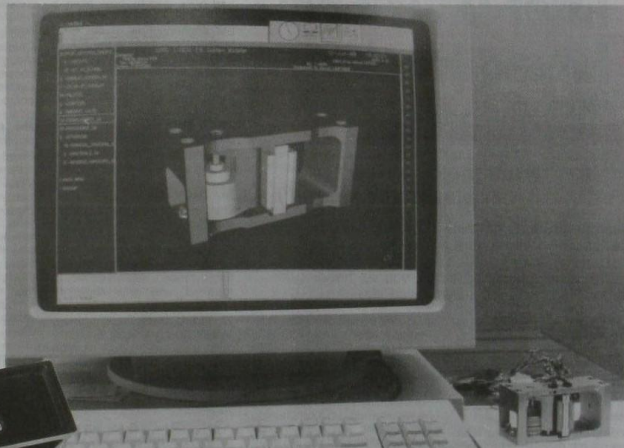
Because of the precision mechanical aspects of its

products a highly skilled production team (small but perfectly formed!) has been assembled under the management of Colin Hambidge whose experience of recording systems has been vital to the operation.

With Stewart Barlow's outstanding runner-up award in the Haskett Trophy competition under its belt at the first attempt, RSD's building of a design team backed with very advanced computer aided design equipment begins to pay dividends.

Optical recording, solid-state crash recording, super-VHS video recording, and connector-less program loaders are all part of an ambitious programme being carried forward at Nailsea close to the fast-growth high technology city of Bristol.

The compact disc will soon become the next generation of airborne recorder and development is already taking place at RSD.

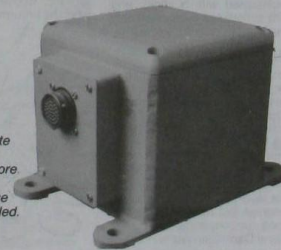


Advanced Mechanical design and structural and dynamic analysis of recorder performance is carried out in RSD on two SUN workstations. Here the original 3-D computer realisation is seen next to an advanced recording head prototype.

The Haskett Trophy runner-up, Stewart Barlow, was highly commended for application of the CAE technology in the design of the new high-density digital data recorder for which this component is destined.

RSD are supplying this Acoustic Snapshot Recorder for the Royal Navy's latest Sea Kings to provide rapid analysis of ASW Tactical Data.

RSD's 1 Megabyte CrashSurvivable Accident Data Store. All attempts to destroy it or cause amnesia have failed.



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The Royal Aeronautical Society MEDWAY BRANCH

A shared interest in Aviation

The Medway Branch of the Royal Aeronautical Society, the only Branch in Kent, is one of the most active in the world. It comprises men and women of all age groups, from widely-varying career backgrounds, who share a common interest in aviation.

The Branch meets at 7pm on the third Wednesday of the months from October to May, inclusively. (December meeting may vary - please see annual programme.)

Illustrated talks on matters of current and historical interest are given by distinguished members of the aeronautical profession. These talks, which can be enjoyed by all members, whether technically-minded or not, are given at Airport Works, once the land-plane factory of Short Brothers, who founded the Medway Branch in 1938. The Branch lapsed in 1946 when Shorts left Rochester, and was re-formed in 1975 by GEC Avionics.

Welcomes New Members

The Royal Aeronautical Society, founded in 1866, is the oldest in the world. Its 30 Divisions and Branches flourish throughout the UK and the Commonwealth. Medway has had a vigorous aviation industry continuously since 1913 and its Branch of the Royal Aeronautical Society welcomes new members.

The popular lecture programme and low subscriptions are the principal reasons for the Branch's large membership and good lecture attendances.

Organisation & Activities

Officers of the Medway Branch are:-

President - P A Hearne, FRAeS
Vice President - M F Moulton, MRAeS
Chairman - R T Twine, MRAeS
Treasurer - A J Maynard, ARAeS
Secretary - G E Sim, AMRAeS

They are supported by a strong Committee which consists of members of GAv as well as people outside the aeronautical profession. Half the membership of the Branch are people from outside the profession and there is a good proportion of lady members and youth members. Branch activities are as follows:-

- 1) Branch lectures held at the Main Canteen, on the third Wednesday of the months October through April inclusively, commencing 7 p.m.
- 2) Visits and social activities involving trips to places of aeronautical interest, etc.
- 3) Annual General Meeting and film show, held on the third Wednesday in May of each year.
- 4) Specialized activities by the members themselves. These include -

Aircraft Preservation Group. Headed by Lewis Deal, this is the largest group in the Branch, which exists to preserve and restore aircraft of interest to the members and to the Medway community.

Rochester Airport Historical Group. This group prepares unique histories of the Airport from a wealth of data supplied by members and their friends.

Aircraft Modelling Group. Members of all ages prepare and exhibit models illustrating in detail the types of aircraft which are featured in the development of aviation in this country and overseas.

Lecture Programme 1988/89

1988	
19 Oct	History and present application of the Ram Air Turbines - Mr Brian Kirkman
16 Nov	EH 101 Helicopter - Mr Clive Sooard
14 Dec	History of Flight Refuelling and present application - Mr Phill Syms
1989	
18 Jan	Aircraft versus submarines - Mr Laurie Hampson
15 Feb	Airships/Fly-by-Light - Mr Trevor Hall
15 Mar	Bomber Command 1943/44 - Mr Peter Smith
19 Apr	Escape Systems - Mr B A Miller
17 May	AGM

- 5) Encouragement of Branch Members working in the field of aeronautics to participate as members of the Main Society in professional engineering activities and to obtain the professional qualification of MRAeS and Chartered Engineers.

Since its re-formation, lectures have been continually attended by audiences of up to 500 people and some 250 attend the Annual General Meetings.

Becoming a Member

Temporary membership, for one meeting only, is available at meetings for 50 pence. The annual subscription of £2 (£1 for associates) entitles members to all meetings and to receiving the periodic Branch Newsletter. Either form of membership can be obtained at the lecture meetings. (It is best to arrive early to avoid congestion) Alternatively, contact G E Sim.

No academic qualifications are needed to join and membership does not confer any professional status.

Inter-Divisional Mixed Hockey Tournament

(or "What me? I haven't played for years!")

"Marguerite, don't you think it would be a good idea to play mixed hockey against a few other divisions?" With that one sentence were the lives of over 50 people in four divisions placed on a new course, heading for Strood Sports Centre's Synthetic Pitch.

MASD

Inside MASD the appeal went out. "Are there any hockey players out there?", and slowly but surely it emerged that there were.

Finding the male half of the team was not too difficult, in fact, with three regular club players and two or three others who had played at various standards in their chequered pasts. The female half of the side posed a slightly more difficult problem, but the instillable persuasive powers of Marguerite Blackwell soon produced six "volunteers". Eventually all was prepared, the side selected, (each player provisioned with a stick), and with substitutes available it only remained to face the first test.

MASD v ADD

This was interesting experience for all concerned, several players not having played on the Strood surface before and finding that above all it is rather, well, big. Still, all buckled down to their jobs and the well-intentioned aim of victory whilst having a good time.

Not everything went quite as planned, but MASD turned in a good performance, ex-county player Daniel Simkins very effec-

tive in the middle of the defence. Perhaps one young ADD lady would phrase that slightly differently after a collision with Daniel in the second half that left her rather dazed, though, happily, not seriously injured. Daniel did however keep on complaining how unfit he was - a common complaint in the side by the way.

Other notable events included Chris Noonan scoring an excellent goal, he was promptly substituted at half-time to give other players an opportunity. Indeed Danny Hemmings and Mark Parkiss revealed their true sporting ability in the second half - or rather in the bar. The award for the best facial expression in the game must go to the ADD forward, whose surprise came when he brought the ball into the

D, looked up before shooting and suddenly found that the ball had gone and he had taken a short aerial trip (with that inevitable consequence of the hard landing), courtesy of the MASD goalie, Ian Smythe. This sequence of events featured several times in the game, demonstrating clearly that (a) ADD had several chances to score and (b) where there's no sense, there's no feeling.

The final result was a hard won 1-0 victory, a confident start.

MASD v FCD

This match was postponed slightly from its original date. The amazing efficiency of Strood Sports Centre led to the discovery that, on the original date, the Synthetic Pitch was being repaired and was therefore unavailable.

When the match finally started, MASD who had only a slightly changed side, (one player having gone to the States on holiday) were expecting a relatively easy victory after reports of FCD's 7-0 defeat at the hands of GSD in their previous game. This proved not to be the case mostly (although it must be said

not entirely) due to the efforts of Malcolm Earl who played exceedingly well in the FCD defence, even if only just about legally. (Hi Malc).

Chances to score were around though but Wayne Moore showed his true Herne Bay centre forward style by failing to score when faced with an open goal whilst only one yard off the line, and missing several other opportunities. (Sorry Wayne).

Eventually, however, the pressure was rewarded when Kenny Watkins scored after a short corner, and soon after Chris Noonan scored a superb individual goal, running the ball from the half way line and slotting it into the net. (It must be said, however, there was some dispute as to whether the ball was struck in the D - but the umpire's decision is final). Other notable events were the sight of Gerry Wood actually running, and a wonderful dive from Kenny Watkins who somehow managed to trip over an opposition stick just as he was about to score. How careless!

Finally, a mention for Debbie Soames who bravely played on, even after being knocked to the ground by some callous brute in the opposition.

The final result was a 2-0 victory, convincing, but leaving a win required to beat GSD in the final game as GSD had superior goal difference.

MASD's Team was: John Anderson, Daniel Simkins, Adam Bridge, Chris Noonan, Debbie Soames, Alison Wood, Kenny Watkins, Joanne Arney, Sally Childs, Mark Parkiss, Wayne Moore, Gerry Wood, Marguerite Blackwell, Alison Falconer, Angela Allen, Ian Smythe, Danny Hemmings.

ADD

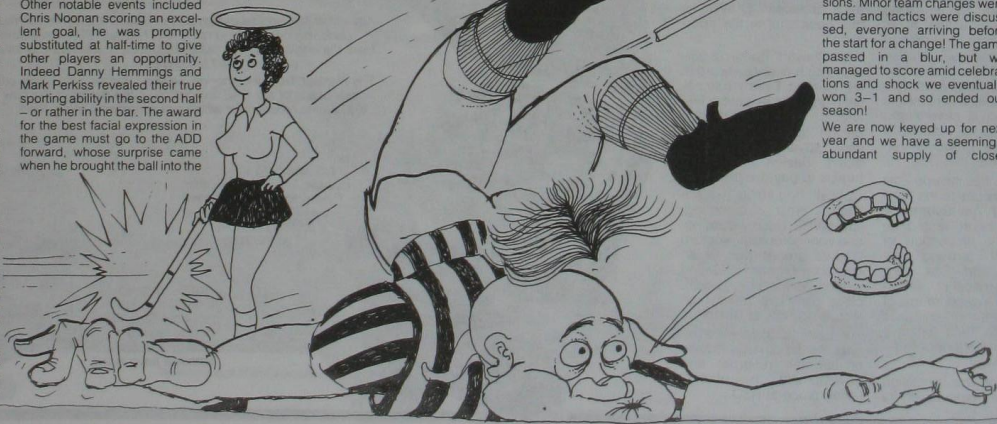
Having spent two days frantically organising a team with great help from Marguerite Blackwell we approached our first game. Working on the princi-

ple of "Have you played before?" and "Can you name a position?", the formation was chosen. Geoff Bell played in goal due to his desire to "kick a few people". Charlie Hooper played centre half being star player having played more recently than "at school". Our first game was against MASD who were rumoured to be well endowed with experts. Nevertheless a spirited performance was put up by all and there were occasions when we threatened to score. Eventually we went down 1-0 in a very even game.

The next game saw GSD as our opponents; we made a few tactical changes, Gary Bryant jettisoned back from the United States for his debut in goal. Again up against several experts in the GSD team we fought hard frustrating our opponents in the Wimbledon style! After holding out for most of the game we were hit by a killer blow a few minutes from time by an extremely well taken goal, by the surprise substitute.

Into the third and final game and the big question was would we score? We had been rumoured to have come close on occasions. Minor team changes were made and tactics were discussed, everyone arriving before the start for a change! The game passed in a blur, but we managed to score amid celebrations and shock we eventually won 3-1 and so ended our season!

We are now keyed up for next year and we have a seemingly abundant supply of closet



25 years' service

Brian Herring joined Gyro Division as Design Draughtsman, and transferred to Production Engineering two years later. In 1971 he was promoted to Chief Production Engineer and in 1975 to Production Manager, continuing until the formation of GSD from Gyro and IND. Now Brian is in CACD as Deputy Production Manager.

His outside interest include sailing and music, he is a member of the GEC Avionics Brass Band. (A)



Jim Reid's twenty five years started with his studies at Borough Polytechnic and Brunel University as Student Engineer – leading to BSc and MSc qualifications. During that time he undertook vacation training in ADD, and on completing his Master's degree he joined IND, as Senior Development Engineer working on the Jaguar NAVWASS System. In 1972 he took on responsibility as Project Engineer for design of some of the modules in the Royal Navy's NCS1 compass stabiliser project. Transfer to ADD in 1974 brought Project Leader status for the successful design of special computers, and in 1980 Jim joined CACD's Future Systems Group as Principal Engineer, he has been involved in many projects and now looks after ASTOVL interests.

Outside interests include cycling, and specialised car repairs, maybe rather more peaceful than some of the adventures which befell him during various trials assignments. (B)



After 12 years aircrew service with the Royal Air Force, **Dick Lewis** joined Transport Aircraft Controls Division at Borehamwood in 1963, and within 2 weeks found himself responsible for the installation of the Compass System and Flight Director System on the VC10 and the Compass System on the BAC 111.

During this period he was sole company rep. on 'The Day Trip to the North Pole' with the RAF and the first Compass swing on the first BAC 111 pre-flight flight! (See GA's News March issue for more about these projects).

Dick became Project Leader, Concorde Development Flight Director in 1965, and Assistant Project Manager Concorde in 1966. In 1967 he became Project Manager CSA Crosswind System, a post which later incorporated CSA ELMAC and was held until 1973.

In 1973 he transferred to ISD to become Project Manager Tornado SMS, and in 1977 he became Engineering Manager responsible for continued Tornado SMS activities and the Modular Stores Management System.

Last year, Dick transferred to ISD Marketing as a Marketing Executive.

Here he is seen with Fred Mackley, Kelvin Lynch, Peter Hewlett, and Ken Hyde. (A)



hockey players who emerged once word got round that we were playing, next year promises great things!

The players this year were Gary Bryant, Kath Loynes, Geoff Bell, Andrea Calver, Charlie Hooper, Linda Mose, Sue Sunnucks, Tracy Home, Rob Andrews, Pete Williamson, Jenny Vane, Andy Walter, Phil Sadler and Alison Gifford.

FCD

GSD and FCD opened the Mixed Inter-Divisional Hockey Tournament, neither side really knowing what to expect. As it was, FCD were in for a bit of a shock. GSD were more experienced with a number of regular local team players, FCD having to borrow most of their equipment ie hockey sticks and padding. Thus the final score in this match was 7-0 in GSD's favour and could have been greater. FCD were short of experienced players and spent most of the game defending, only one real chance came their way, with Ricky Brown failing to convert the opportunity into a goal.

FCD in their second game against MASD were determined to perform better and with the added strength in the team of Malcolm Earl (local team player) were hoping to collect their first points of the tournament. This however proved a bit premature, as once again most of the team were forced to play in defence. Though there were signs of overall team improvement as was reflected in the final score, MASD had been restricted to scoring only 2 goals.

In FCD's final match ADD had taken a 2 goal lead at half-time and there seemed little hope for FCD of getting anything out of the game. But 15 minutes into the second half Duane Hedbigge scored their first goal of the tournament and brought with it renewed hope. FCD pushed for the equaliser knowing time was against them, though this was in vain as ADD finally put an end to their hopes, scoring in the last few seconds of the match.

The tournament proved to be an enjoyable affair with a good competitive atmosphere in all the matches and even though FCD finished without a point, the team, in their 'End of Tournament meal' at the Poona restaurant, all agreed that 1989 could be their year! Also the FCD team would like to thank those people who loaned them equipment throughout the tournament.

Players: Andy Wilson, Andy Travis, Richard Curzon, Vicky Brown, Dave McMenamin, Nigel Blackwell, Kate Twyman, Duane Hedbigge, Ana Turner, Clive Nash, Peter Crundwell, Debbie Taylor, Nina Hurd, Irene Szalay, Catherine Jackson, Malcolm Earl, Keith Desalvo.

GSD

An inter-divisional hockey tournament? It sounded a good idea; the first of its kind, and of course we were keen to play. We had no problem in finding 6 men to play, but when it came to finding 5 women to make up the team it emerged that hockey was perhaps not as popular amongst women as we would have liked. "I haven't played since school", was the general reply. But again the enthusiasm to at least have a go was there.

On Monday 11 April we arrived at Strood Sport Centre to commence play at 6.30pm against FCD. This being the first match we were eager to get the footballers off the pitch and practice before the game began. Fortunately the pitch remained intact despite the fact that several of the girls were attempting their first hit of the ball in what was 10 years for some. Once the game started it was obvious that both teams were playing the same tactics, with the girls mainly to the right and the men to the left, and of course in GSD's case, Pete Gummer in goal. Needless to say most of the play was down the left and GSD were proving to be a good side, which was to be expected as all the men belonged to various hockey clubs in the area and played regularly. FCD put up a

good fight but the final result was 7-0 thanks to some fine play by Tony Heritage who scored twice, Sue Wallace who scored three times and Pete Strevin who also scored twice.

Our second game was ADD, which after a late start due to heavy traffic through Strood, was a much closer game. Their attack was very noble, stringing together some good passes to put the GSD defence under a lot of pressure. At half time the score was 0-0 so a change of tactics was called for, by bringing on Sue Wallace. We kept on applying pressure to ADD's defence and were eventually rewarded by a goal by Sue Wallace in the closing minutes of the game, to make the final score 1-0.

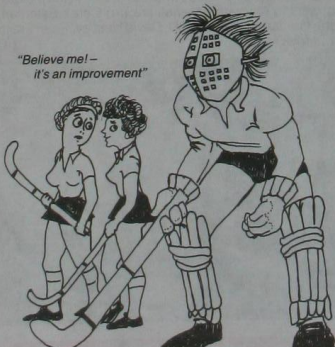
The last game was against MASD, which we knew would be our hardest game. Unfortunately we were doomed to failure from the start. We had failed to notice the earlier start time until the Friday before and couldn't get hold of Mick Cheese who was at college, and then our regular goal keeper Pete Gummer said he couldn't play, using some feeble excuse about a business trip. Many thanks to Mark Pridmore who stood in at short notice. However by 4 o'clock on Tuesday we had eleven bodies

who could play. 5.15 we had 10, having failed to pick up one of our girls on City Way!

The actual game was closely fought with both sides probing each other's defences. Unfortunately for us MASD's attack proved better than our defence, and by half time we were 1-0 down. At half time we all vowed that we would pull the goal back as we only had to draw to win the tournament. With the re-start of play things seemed to be going well, with several fine attacks. Our less experienced players were showing the benefits of having played in the two previous games, with some excellent tackling and passing. However it was not to be, and MASD sealed our fate towards the end of the half with a second goal.

So at the end we became runners-up, of what proved to be a very enjoyable tournament. After the final game the reaction from all the players was that they couldn't wait for next year to try again.

The Players: Tony Heritage, Pete Gummer, Pete Strevin, Robin Vane, Mick Cheese, Charlie Hewitt, Gary Twocook, Pam Crisby, Kay Skinner, Sharon Wallace, Nicky Burton, Sue Longbottom, Pat Bissenden, Mark Pridmore.



The Final

Tense, nervous, the match of the century. The FINAL MASD required a victory, whilst for GSD a draw would be sufficient. At least half a dozen spectators turned up in time for the start, which is more than Alison Falconer managed! Still these things happen and MASD was not short of substitutes for this last game.

This was MASD's toughest game, Kenny Watkins was even seen running on more than one occasion. Indeed good midfield play was the eventual key to victory. The was excellent play from all the forwards, Sally Childs wide on the left, Chris Noonan and Wayne Moore causing no end of trouble to the GSD defence and Angela Allen linking well with both midfield and forwards on the right.

The defence must not be overlooked, with Alison, Gerry and Debbie playing solidly at the back, even if it was necessary to explain the off side rules to Debbie – twice!

	ADD	FCD	GSD	MASD	Goals For	Goals Against	Points
ADD		3-1	0-1	0-1	3	3	3
FCD	1-3		0-7	0-2	1	12	0
GSD	1-0	7-0		0-2	8	2	6
MASD	1-0	2-0	2-0		5	0	9

Well done all those who took part. It only remains to thank all those who umpired, not an easy task at the best of times, and mention those 'outsiders' who were occasionally roped in to cover for unavailabilities ie David South, Nigel Williams and Mark Tottom of Old Holcombeians Hockey Club. Company umpires

were Tony Heritage and Robin Vane of GSD, Kenny Watkins and Ian Smythe of MASD, and Charlie Hooper and Gary Bryant of ADD.

P.S. The persons who asked the original question that started all this? Well, they were Ian Smythe, prompted, aided and abetted by Wayne Moore. So now you know! See you next year.

Collated by Ian Smythe.

Retirements

AS&RD's Marketing Manager **Bill Bland** has taken early retirement after over 30 years with the company, mostly with the division of which he was a founder member. He had the reputation of being able to deal with the impossible in a very short time, and has built up a fund of memories and anecdotes about various people – we spare their blushes, especially the DM who got landed in jail in some remote territory. Bill's long experience in AS&RD's sales activities, particularly in the civil business, was noted by Divisional Manager Mike Barton, who handed over a colour TV and other items. (B)



Pat Docherty, Deputy Safety and Site Security Manager has retired after a total of 18 years with the company, which he joined from the oil industry. Pat spent 4 years in Accounts and 5 years as Section Leader Ratelixer, before moving to the Safety Office in 1979. Pat was well known to many over a number of years as Senior Representative on the Works Committee for APEx.

Here John Bradley gives his best wishes to Pat at a gathering of friends and colleagues in the Lounge Bar. He presented gifts of a strimmer, a workmate and garden furniture, all of which should come in handy for Pat's hobbies of gardening and DIY, but maybe not for snooker or bowls!



Senior Personnel Officer **John Roberts** is seen here on his retirement, with friends and colleagues John Bradley, Ken Castle, John Ainley, Sarah Kenny, and Ray Reese. (B)



Jack Derrett, Senior Logistics Support Engineer in AS&RD, retired after 27 years in the division. Earlier years there were in Tech Pubs, Sales, and Supplies and he has been ten years in Logistics. (A)



Audrey Comery, Secretary to the Technical Manager in GSD, retired at the end of 28 years' service, all of it in IND/GSD. Here is another instance of a great many years of service in one picture, since Audrey's son Barry (right) is also in GSD with 22 years, and husband George scores 32 years. Daughter Lynda (left) is on the Temporary Pool. (A)



Margaret Millgate has decided to put her feet up after 26 years, most of which were spent working for Alan Essex in Gyro Division and 'upstairs', who is to her left in the picture. Also bidding Margaret farewell are (l-r) Derek Bateman, (Alan), Graham Hawks of GSD, David Hussey, Peter Smith and Derrick Hamlin. (A)



Nailsea have said farewell to **Ron Moore**, who is the longest surviving double amputee in the country, disabled at age 11 and outliving Douglas Bader. Ron's career has been with a number of companies as Mechanical and Design Draughtsman, including Elliotts, Borehamwood (1957), Marconi Instruments St. Albans (1958-68), BAe Stevenage (1968-73),

Westlands Weston-super-Mare (1973-79), EMI, and GAV Nailsea since 1981. In 1983 Ron took over Configuration Control. Now Ron, seen here with PCSD's Divisional Manager Howard Jones, is going to spend an active retirement oil-painting, gardening – and walking. Also his ambition is to visit old friends in New Zealand.

Photo: Chic Carter

Two long-service stalwarts who have retired are **Ray Skinner**, Machine Shop Foreman in CMS with 35 years, and **Bob Mulford**, Production Controller, who has been in FCD and its forebears for over 40 years.



Ray and his wife Nina are seen here with Peter Burrows. (A)



Bob receives farewell and best wishes from Doug Webster. (A)

Betty Giddings, Storekeeper in MASD, receives a watch from John Goodhand to commemorate her 17 years with the company. (B)



'Tug' Wilson, Labourer, Progress Dept. in MASD with John Goodhand, retires after 8 years in the division. (A)



Maisie Parker with Don Freeman. Maisie has spent 8 years as one of the WES cleaners, usually in the Towers. Her friends will ensure that her hobby of knitting is kept with plenty of orders. (B)



ATED's Production Manager Alex Castle and Tom Chipperfield, retiring after nearly 20 years in the division's Shipping Department. (A)



Sports and Social Club round up



Gareth on the desperate part of Void (Tremadog)



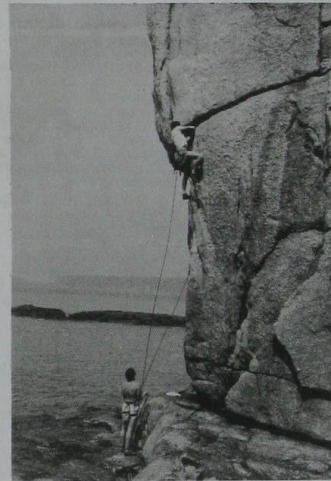
Gabrielle below Bidean Nambian - Scotland

The life and damp times of the Climbing Club

OK, so last summer was a trifle damp. But were we tempted to stay inside in a nice warm and dry pub? Yes, of course we were. But did we? Yup! We're not completely stupid. Occasionally we stuck our heads out to see if the sun was shining. In fact on one memorable day we could be sighted on the beach at Sennen Cove (Cornwall) debating whether we should go for a swim or have another ice cream as it was obviously far too hot to climb.

Do we ever actually go climbing, I hear you ask. Well, yes. As Kent is notably devoid of anything resembling real mountains we have to travel further afield. During '87 we visited Scotland (in winter and summer and had good weather both times!), Wales, The Lake District, Cornwall, Devon, the Peak District and Yorkshire. Some of the more foolhardy went off to Europe to see if they could find (and drain) the mythical wine lake. There is, however, climbing to be found closer to home. Club members can often be found lurking in those sports centres which possess climbing walls, discussing topics such as the relevance of the ontological proof to God's existence to modern free climbing, or the number of pints of Scrutucks Old Dirigible you have to consume before you accept a lift off Gareth.

The local sandstone crags, can also offer hours of entertainment for the Kent-bound climber. These are situated around Tunbridge Wells and make an excellent playground for those warm summer evenings we're going to get this year. What experience do you require to have a go at any of the above? Easy! None (unless you want a lift off Gareth, in which case you must have a doctor's certificate). Just give us a call. Contact Rob James (New Road ext 43) or Gareth Williams (Airport Works ext 3230) for more information.



Yosser leading Samson at Sennen Cove



Charlie and Gareth trying to decide which way is up



Gabrielle leading at Stoney Middleton - Peak District

GA/BP Swimming Section

Competitive Swimming GA/BP Comets

'C' Gala

On Saturday 18th June at the Club Pool the "Comets" were hosts to Beaver S/C and Black Lion S/C. After a very close competition the "Comets" emerged victorious by 2 points! The final result: 1st "Comets" 87 points, 2nd Beaver S/C 89 points, 3rd Black Lion S/C 94 points (lowest points wins).

Bronze Gala

On the 25th June the GA/BP "Comets" travelled to Sheerness. On this occasion the "Comets" went into the lead straight away and never looked back, winning by the large margin of 19 points. Final result: 1st "Comets" 80 points, 2nd Herne Bay 99 points, 3rd Sheerness 103 points. The "Comets" won the Annual Cup.

ASA Teachers Certificate

Congratulations to **Mrs. Connie Gilbey** who has just passed her ASA Teacher's exam at Hundred of Hoo Pool.

Awards

ASA Ultimate Swimmer Award

This is the highest award in the ASA Award Scheme. The first person to achieve this award at the Club pool is **Sarah Moffett** (age 12) – *congratulations.*

RLSS Aquagold Award

Nicola Holt, age 15

ASA Water Polo Award – Silver

Sarah Moffett, age 12

Nicola Holt, age 15

ASA Speed Awards – Gold

Front crawl, back crawl, breast stroke and butterfly – Sarah Moffett.

Adult Achievements

Tim Law STA Swimming Pool Rescue
STA Water Safety Grades 1 & 2

Connie Gilbey ASA Speed Award Freestyle – Silver

ASA Water Polo Award – Silver
Connie Gilbey, Peter Eastwood, Denise Dutton, Colin Newman

Junior Gala

Teaching Classes

Held at the Club Pool on 14th May

Girls (2 widths with float) 1st Rachel Baron (5); 2nd Debbie Frances (8); 3rd Samantha Rains (7); 4th Becky Frances (6); 5th Laura Comfort (5)

Boys (2 widths with float) 1st Daniel Gilroy (8); 2nd Richard Baron (8); 3rd Matthew Gilroy (6); 4th Christopher Vyse (5)

Girls (2 widths) 1st Anna Maxey (6); 2nd Natalie Davis (8); 3rd Claire Thorndick (9); 4th Ruth Franks (8); 5th Anna Franks (7); 6th Kelly Thorndick (6); 7th Amy Franks (6); 8th Louise Moir (9)

Girls (Length) 1st (21.02 secs) Jenny Owens (10); 2nd (25.36 secs) Sarah Covington (9)

Boys (Length) 1st (20.09 secs) Mark Covington (11); 2nd (22.38 secs) Owain Comfort (9); 3rd (24.20 secs) Gary Vyse (7); 4th (24.41 secs) Michael Harvey (9); 5th (24.50 secs) Christian Martin (7)

Distance Awards (10,000 metres) Mandy Atkinson (15); James Marshall (14); (4,000 metres) Kirsty Samuels (14); (3,000 metres) Steven Jamieson (9); (1,500 metres) Lucy Davis (8); Julia Purcell (10); Kalli Samuels (8); (800 metres) Dawn Goldsmith (12); (400 metres) Vicky Purcell (7); (200 metres) Helen Goldsmith (9); (100 metres) Mark Newman (6); (50 metres) Daniel Gilroy (8); Natalie Davis (7); Lloyd Smith (6); Aaron Smith (9); Alison Young (8); Stuart Young (6); (10 metres) Graham Dutton (3); Matthew Gilroy (6); Debbie Frances (8)

ASA Water Skills Award

Grade 1. Matthew Gilroy (6); Debbie Frances (8); Becky Frances (6); Grade 2. Daniel Gilroy (8); Lloyd Smith (6); Grade 3. Lucy Davies (8); Natalie Davis (7); Helen Goldsmith (12); Vicky Purcell (7); Kalli Samuels (8); Anna Maxey (6); Jane Maxey (9); Aaron Smith (9)

REAPER CLUB

Since our last report, we have had two meetings and an outing. There is a continuing increase in our membership.

The meetings followed our time honoured pattern of business meeting, greetings to new members, and the Anniversary greetings, both Birthday and Wedding.

On May 17th, we were impressively entertained by Susan Lynne and her talented group of young people, in song, dance and humorous routines. On May 25th, fingers were crossed that the weather would be kind to us, for the first outing of the season.

This was to Kew Gardens, and on to Runnymede. The day was warm and dry, and everybody enjoyed the facilities that Kew has to offer. Something of interest for all, whatever one's preference. A very weary and exhausted party set out for

Runnymede in the late afternoon, to have a quiet relaxation by the river before returning home.

June 21st was one of our annual highlights, when the Works Band came to entertain us. And what a delight the programme was, under the direction of the new Musical Director, who also gave short comments on the pieces to be played, and also the varying solo instrumentalists. It was considered to be the best of many excellent programmes.

The next 'event' will be the tour of the works, on the evening of July 7th.

Names have been taken, and pick-up points announced for the next outing, which will be to Brighton and Folkestone, with tea at Folkestone, on Wednesday July 13th.

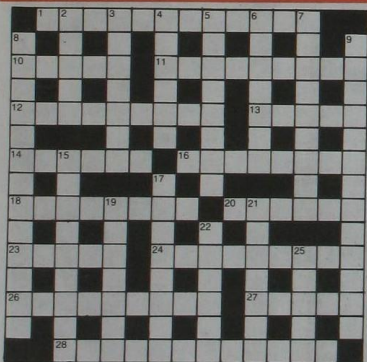
CHESS PROBLEM SOLUTION

KINGPIN

Key 1 Kd8! Waiting
1 ... R moves (including Rd3+) 2 Bd5 mate
1 ... Sc2 2 Bd5 mate
1 ... B any 2 Qxc3 mate
1 ... Pa3 2 Qb5 mate

In some problems the White King has no function on the board other than

to comply with the convention that he must be there, but it is certainly not the case here. Without the White King, there is no problem. A waiting move to solve the problem can come only from the White King, and only 1 Kd8! prevents the Queen or Bishop from becoming pinned e.g. 1Kd6? Ba3! 2 Qxc3? 1 Kc5/7/8? Pa3! 2 Qb5?, and 1 Kc5/7/8? Re3! 2 Bd5?



Crossword No. 91

For amusement only

Across

1. Something the tired organist sought. (3-4-5)
10. A weight term, not metric. (5)
11. When the floods have subsided, a mess is. (9)
12. A dog, used by gunners. (9)
13. Having given everything! (2-3)
14. A bird of prey, nearly extinct. (6)
16. Clothed in a minimum of cover. (8)
18. What a Boy Scout ensures are tight. (3-5)

20. A Spanish town. (6)

23. Musical composition of unequal number. (5)

24. By which one records joining. (9)

26. Working to the limit, sometimes even more. (9)

27. The Chairman's tool of order. (5)

28. May every touchdown, everywhere be this. (5-7)

Down

2. When a visitor manifests itself frequently. (5)

3. They wreaked havoc among industry. (7)

4. Going without food or drink. (6)

5. Waterfall, which could also impair vision. (8)

6. Rowers. (7)

7. Convert into play. (9)

8. The flash that proves greatness. (5-2-6)

9. When icy winds blow, most of us become. (6-7)

15. What the armed tries to do. (3-6)

17. Trooping the colour and such like. (8)

19. Rock emerging at surface. (7)

21. Bound by gratitude. (7)

22. Where the runaways attempt to marry. (6)

25. Spritely as Spanish conveyance. (5)

Solution to Crossword No. 90

Across

1. Figures of speech; 8. Inscribe; 9. Spring; 11. Aloe; 12. Curmudgeon; 13. Adept; 15. Sideways; 19. Corn rent; 20. Smart; 23. Cheque book; 25. Swat; 27. Eighty; 28. Catacomb; 29. Marie Antoinette.

Down

1. Friday; 2. Gasholder; 3. Rare; 4. Subdue; 5. Pipe dream; 6. Exile; 7. Highness; 10. Ambit; 14. Prouette; 16. Arrowroot; 17. Ice cream; 18. Snobs; 21. Tobago; 22. Stable; 24. Elgar; 26. Dam.

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