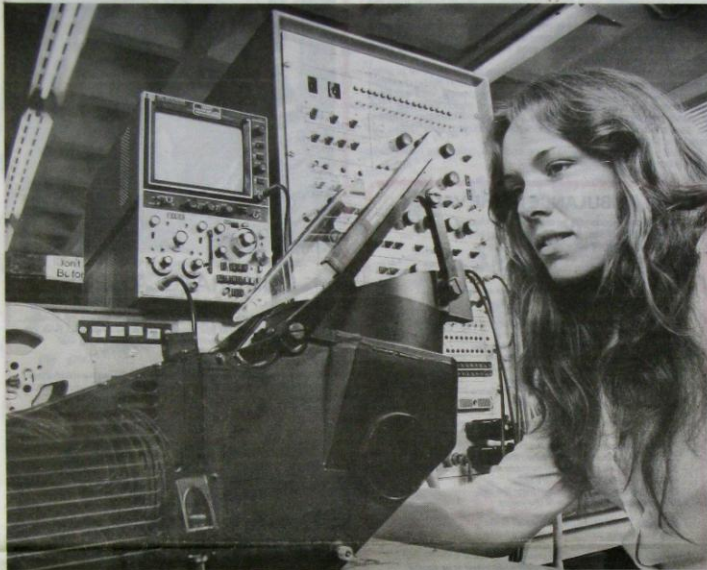


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# MARCONI AVIONICS NEWS

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★ ★ MOTTO FOR THE MONTH ★ ★  
 'Shame may restrain what the law does not prohibit.'



## MARCONI AVIONICS GIRL IS TECHNICIAN ENGINEER FINALIST

Jayne Wood, 22, Computer Programmer at Marconi Avionics Limited, Airport Works, Rochester, has been selected as one of the six finalists for the 'Girl Technician Engineer of the Year' Award, to be decided in London on 31 October.

Jayne, who was born in Maidstone and lives in Detling, joined Marconi Avionics four years ago, having left the Maidstone Girls' Grammar School with 'A' and 'S' level mathematics and 'S' level physics. She was nominated by her colleagues for the Award, which is made by the Caroline Haslett Memorial Trust and the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Technicians. At the finals, she will meet His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, who will present the winning Awards.

Her career has already been outstanding. Starting as a trainee

programmer, she immediately began a company training course, which included a two-year HNC in Computer Studies which she obtained two years ago. She then took another company course in advanced avionics computing in which she came top in a class of some 16 people, nearly half of whom were women. Now she leads a team of four programmers, one of whom is a woman trainee, in the Computer Software Department of the Airborne Display Division. Her work supports the export achievements her division makes, in head-up displays for pilots, of which Marconi Avionics is the world's foremost producer. She recently visited America, in connection with the Company's work for the General Dynamics F-16 fighter, which is in service with five NATO air forces.

Apart from her work, Jayne is very keen on sport. She plays badminton and likes riding her elder sister Lesley's horse. Her sister teaches physical education at Maidstone Technical School for Girls. Having sold her own horse to buy her own MGB sports car, Jayne now enjoys the best of both forms of travel.



## Our champion pistol shooter

Jack Ruler, an Engineer in F&D, Hydraulics Laboratory, has once again proved his prowess with pistols in international championships. He was selected as a member of the British squad for the 8th World Muzzle Loading Championships which were held at Washington D.C., USA, on 23 September for two weeks.

The British selections were made from selected area winners, at a special shoot arranged in May 1988. Jack made the British team, as a member of the team shooting for the Great Britain Pistol team, which came third in the championship to win a bronze medal.

There were 25 separate types of events and in each type of National Championship, Great Britain received the bronze medal. Jack was a member of the team shooting for the Peter Longo event, named after a famous Austrian gun maker. His personal score was 357.

He also participated in the individual competitions, each of which is named after a celebrated gunsmith:

- Cominazzo** (Italian) A smooth bore flint-lock saw Jack placed 14th with a score of 72.
- Colt** (American) antique percussion revolver, he was placed 7th with a score of 91.
- Mariette** (Belgian) modern copy percussion revolver he slipped to 20th place with a score of 89.

He comments that in the individual shoots, he was annoyed with himself as he should have done better. His personal standard was not reached in Mariette, even though only 4 points divided the 4 to 20 placings.

The temperature was around 96° and with a high humidity,



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 Very Happy  
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 and a  
 Prosperous  
 New Year  
 to you all



Jack Ruler.  
 conditions were against giving a good performance. He is looking forward to the preparations for, and hopefully competing in, the 9th World Championships which are to be held in Great Britain during May 1989.

Jack received a part sponsorship from Marconi Avionics Ltd. and is a regular member at the Rifle Club of the Sports Club.



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Others are required for: AS & R (New Road), ATE,  
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Volunteers should offer their services through Divisional Administration  
Officers or direct to Editor.



## News from afar



During the summer, we were privileged with a visit to Rochester, from Bill Kemp, one time Works Convener of Shop Stewards. He and his wife had returned to the Medway Towns from their home in Australia.

On his return home, Bill has sent the following details of things he noted while back in England.

"... having no car, I found the fares on buses and trains very dear, in fact they shocked me. My wife found clothes, food, shoes and fruit were all expensive. It did not take long for me to find out why—when I discovered what the wages were. It amazed me! When I left work, with overtime, I was lucky to get £20. To me the workers don't seem to be very happy, they appear to adopt the attitude—I'm alright, Jack. I found the Medway Towns very dirty and the pavements are a disgrace to the Councils. Another surprise was the price of houses and petrol.

You have the same trouble as we have of finding work for the youth. One thing I did note was the lack of poverty, even pensioners seem to manage OK. Your Social Benefits are much better than the ones here in Australia.

The thing I did enjoy during my visit was meeting my old work mates. They made me very welcome and I thank them all. I would also like to thank the young lady who took my photograph at the Long Service Association Dinner.

I have been out here for 13 years and I love it; the weather is great we have the sun nearly every day of the year, though at the moment we want rain very badly. The people are very friendly, and we have made many friends. The social life out here is much different from England. Houses are cheaper to buy, petrol is also cheaper. There is no free medical treatment and doctors fees are very dear, but pensioners get free medical treatment. I would not advise anyone to come out here, unless he has a trade for which there is shortage of labour."

## THE POWER OF THE 'NEWS'

As a result of our publishing the list of unclaimed property, we are informed that there has been considerable interest and many enquiries.

One of our 'Castaways' was able to help a fellow employee, who had tried to obtain a copy of a record listed, by supplying the label name and number.

Why not advertise your doings, programmes, wants and dis-cards. The MAV News is circulated to over 5400 persons.

## News of the 'Family'

Mrs. A.M. Fisher (Tonil) late Welfare Officer of the Company, who moved to Lancashire on her retirement, sends her good wishes to all members of Marconi Avionics. She is well and contented and recently returned after a visit of seven weeks in the USA.

## OBITUARY

We regret to record the death of John Chambers, of PSD Fuel Flow Rig. This took place, tragically, on 25 September 1980. John leaves a widow and two children, to whom we express our sympathy. He joined the Company in January 1967 and was a former member of AEI and later ISD, until the emergence of PSD, when he was taken over by this division to continue his work in Fuel Flow.

## CASTAWAY



We turn to the younger generation this month for our castaway and found a 'victim' in the Apprenticeship Training Centre, Hopewell Drive, in the person of 18 year old Andrew McIlhenny.

His choice of music and books are listed below:

### MUSIC

1. Monty Python Live at Drury Lane—I think this is a classic in comedy and it reminds me of good times when this record was in popular vogue.
2. The Pleasure Principle by Gary Numan—helps induce imagination.
3. Give up the Funk by B.T. Express—a classical funk record which should have got further than it did.
4. Searching by Change—a record which currently creates an excellent atmosphere at the disco.
5. Sergeant Peppers by the Beatles—a thinkers album—simply a classic.
6. Never Forever by Kate Bush—I like this because I feel it is very cultural.

### BOOKS

1. History of the First World War by Liddel Hart—having read his 'History of the Second World War', I consider him a master historian.
2. Einstein's Universe by Nigel Calder—the subject fascinates me.
3. Apocalypse Now—this captures ones imagination and has a hard psychological approach, the film is the same.

## THE AMBULANCE IN THE VALLEY

*'Twas a dangerous cliff, as they freely confessed,  
Though to walk near its crest was so pleasant;  
But over its terrible edge there had slipped  
A duke, and full many a peasant.*

*The people said something would have to be done,  
But their projects did not at all tally.*

*Some said "Put a fence 'round the edge of the cliff,"*

*Some, "An ambulance down in the valley."*

*The lament of the crowd was profound and was loud,  
As their tears overflowed with their pity;*

*But the cry for the ambulance carried the day  
As it spread through the neighbouring city.*

*A collection was made, to accumulate aid,  
And the dwellers in highway and alley*

*Gave dollars or cents—not to furnish a fence—  
But an ambulance down in the valley.*

*"For the cliff is alright if you're careful," they said;  
"And, if folks ever slip and are dropping,*

*It isn't the slipping that hurts them so much  
As the shock down below—when they're stopping."*

*So for years [we have heard] as these mishaps occurred  
Quick forth would the rescuers sally.*

*To pick up the victims who fell from the cliff,  
With the ambulance down in the valley.*

*Said one, to his pleas, "It's a marvel to me  
That you'd give so much greater attention  
To repairing results than to curing the cause;  
You had much better aim at prevention.*

*For the mischief, of course, should be stopped at its source;  
Come, neighbours and friends, let us rally.*

*It is far better sense to rely on a fence—  
Than an ambulance down in the valley."*

*"He is wrong in his head," the majority said;  
"He would and all our earnest endeavour,  
He's a man who would shirk this responsible work,  
But we will support it forever.*

*Aren't we picking up all, just as fast as they fall,  
And giving them care liberally?"*

*A superfluous fence is of no consequence,  
If the ambulance works in the valley."*

*The story looks queer as we've written it here,  
But things oft occur that are stranger.*

*More humane, we assert, than to succour the hurt  
Is the plan of removing the danger.*

*The best possible course is to safeguard the source  
By attending to things rationally.*

*Yes, build up the fence and let us dispense  
With the ambulance down in the valley.*

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## Marriage

John Francis of ADD Test Dept. was married on 13 September 1980, to Miss Teresa Ward, a telephonist employed by the Post Office, at the church of St. Peter and St. Paul, Farmingham. John was given a fitting send off, by his fellow workers in ADD, as our photograph shows.



John Francis, suitably attired, prior to his marriage. (C)

## CONGRATULATIONS

**BIRTHS**  
To David and Christine Myers daughter, Vicki Louise, on Sunday, 9 November 1980, at 7lb 1oz. David is employed in MASD, D/O. We understand both mother and daughter are progressing well.

**ENGAGEMENTS**  
Neale Hunt, Senior Programmer in ISD, to Susan Herridge, Clerk/Typist in ISD Buying Office. Susan's father is employed in MASD Production.



## Kitchen Kapers

### Cheese Dishes

#### CUMBRIAN CHEESE DUMPLINGS

**Ingredients:** 4oz grated cheese (English Cheddar is ideal)  
2 eggs  
2ozs butter  
8 heaped tablespoons breadcrumbs  
fat for deep frying  
seasoning

**Method:** Stir grated cheese and creamed butter together. Add beaten eggs and season to taste. Add enough white breadcrumbs to form a mixture stiff enough to roll into dumplings. Roll in breadcrumbs and deep fry until browned. Serve hot with a boiled vegetable or cold with a salad. The mixture makes about ten large dumplings. (Smaller versions can be served as cocktail canapés)

#### CHEESE CUSTARD PIE

**Ingredients:** 2oz grated English Cheese  
½ pint milk  
pinch salt  
pinch paprika  
1oz melted butter  
2 lightly beaten eggs  
nutmeg

**Method:** Bring milk to boil and add seasonings, cheese and butter. Pour slowly over eggs, mixing well. Turn into a baking dish lined with short crust pastry and dust with nutmeg. Place in a pan of hot water (bain marie) and bake at 350°F, 180°C (gas mark 3) for 50 minutes or until set. Makes about six portions.

#### DALES DESSERT

**Ingredients:** 4oz grated Wensleydale Cheese  
1lb cooking apples, peeled, cored and sliced  
juice of 1 lemon  
1 tablespoon custard powder  
¼ pint milk  
¼ pint double dairy cream  
2 tablespoons clear honey

**Method:** Cook apples in the juice of the lemon on low heat until tender and then sieve or purée. Blend custard powder with some of the milk. Heat remaining milk, pour on to custard powder, stir until blended and return to the heat. Bring to the boil and cook, stirring for about 1 minute. Mix apples and custard and leave until cold. Whip cream until stiff, keep back a little for decoration, and fold the rest into the apple with honey and cheese. Turn into serving dishes and decorate with whipped cream. Serves four persons.





## Questions for Christmas

"Then heigh-ho, the holly!  
This life is most jolly."

So sings a player in Shakespeare's "As You Like It". Well this, the jolliest of seasons, has prompted us to compile a Family Quiz in which all the questions have some connection with Christmastime. We hope it is as you like it! Please turn to page 7 for the answers.

- 1 The star of Bethlehem guided the Three Wise Men from the East. What else is known as the 'star-of-Bethlehem'?
- 2 Where is Wenceslaus Square?
- 3 Apart from the obvious, what does pulling the chestnuts out of the fire mean?
- 4 Which ballet features 'The Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy'?
- 5 Despite his name, Judge Christmas Humphreys who retired recently from the Central Criminal Court is not, in fact, a Christian. What is he?
- 6 In 1969 why didn't the Queen deliver her Christmas-day message?
- 7 Was the first performance of a Christmas pantomime in 1717, 1817 or 1917?
- 8 According to custom, by which time should all the holiday decorations be taken down?
- 9 In the Old Beggar's rhyme, now that 'Christmas is coming' what are 'getting fat'?
- 10 In the carol 'The Twelve Days of Christmas', on the 8th day what did my true love send to me?
- 11 The red-breasted robin is an ever popular subject on greeting cards. What, however, is a round robin?
- 12 Who wrote 'I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas'—Jerome Kern, Cole Porter, Irving Berlin or George Gershwin?
- 13 Which country first made use of Christmas seals?
- 14 Negus is traditional Christmas fare, but what is it?
- 15 Which famous opera opens, in Paris, on a Christmas-eve featuring four students and a chilly heroine?

## Puzzles and games for all the family

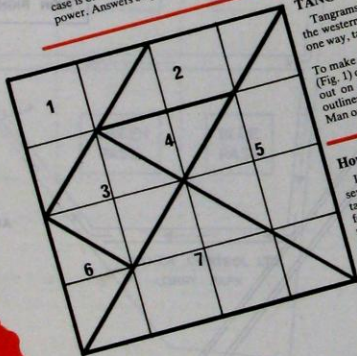
### ANAGRAMS

In its simplest form, an anagram is a word, phrase or name whose letters can be re-arranged to form another. It is a favourite of crossword puzzle compilers, who delight in clues like 'made a cornish drink'—to which the answer is 'mead'. This simple example would not satisfy anagram addicts; they require a stricter definition to explain or describe the word from which is made. 'Voices rant on' is an appropriate anagram for 'conversation' in this context. Try your hand with these apt anagrams. The answer in each case is one word and completing them will enhance your word power. Answers on page 7.

- A. 1. A rope ends it
2. Our men earn it
3. Nine thumps
4. Sea term
- B. 1. Heats thrones
2. Endless ambition
3. Sir, am I not pretence
4. Apt is the cure
5. A stew sir?
6. Restore plugh
7. Let's rush
8. Often sheds tears
5. Greed's sad end
6. Is not solaced
7. Life's aim
8. Negroes get aid

### TANGRAMS: the Chinese jigsaw

Tangrams are the original Chinese puzzle, closely resembling the western jigsaw. But, while jigsaws can only be completed one way, tangrams have infinite possibilities. To make your own set of seven tans, trace the tangram square (Fig. 1) on to tracing paper, then on to thick cardboard and cut out on the thick black lines. Then use the pieces to make outlines of figures, such as (1) Rampant horse, (2) Runner, (3) Man on horseback, (4) Magician, (5) Sitting cat, etc.



### How to win at seven-five-three

It takes two people to play the deceptively-simple game of seven-five-three. Three rows of matches are used, the players taking turns to pick up matches and the winner is the one who forces his opponent to pick-up the last match from the remaining pile.

Lay out 15 matches in rows e.g.

IIIIII  
IIII  
III

There is only one rule: you can pick-up as many matches, or as few as you like at one go, providing they are all taken from the same row. There is a way of playing seven-five-three so that you win every time. Try a few games for fun and see if you can spot the winning way. An answer to this will be given next month.

## FOR YOUR DIARY

### ELLIOTT SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB ANNUAL CAROL SERVICE and GIFT and TOY SERVICE

Baptist Church, Green Street,  
Gillingham

Monday, 15 December 1980 at 7.30pm

Carol sheets provided  
Service music by Elliott Concert Brass

Christmas-tree will be decorated with dolls  
(competition entries) toys and gifts (to be donated to  
childrens homes)

If attending please bring gift or toy (suitable for boys)  
to place on tree. If not attending please send a gift or  
toy to Eileen Papworth, Sports Club by 10 December

### CACD SOCIAL COMMITTEE

### GRAND DANCE

### & PRIZE DRAW

9 January 1981

Stanley Rooms, Gundolph Road, Chatham

Tickets—£5.50/£6.50

A.R.O.A.R.

### CAROLS IN THE CANTEEN

with

Holy Trinity Church Choir (Twyddall)

and

Elliott Concert Brass

Wednesday 17 December

Noon until 1.00pm



### ANNUAL STAFF DANCE Royal Star Hotel, Maidstone

Monday 22 December

8.00pm to 1.00am (doors open 7.15pm)

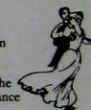
Dancing to The Ken MacKintosh Orchestra  
and Singers

The Weller Jazz Band

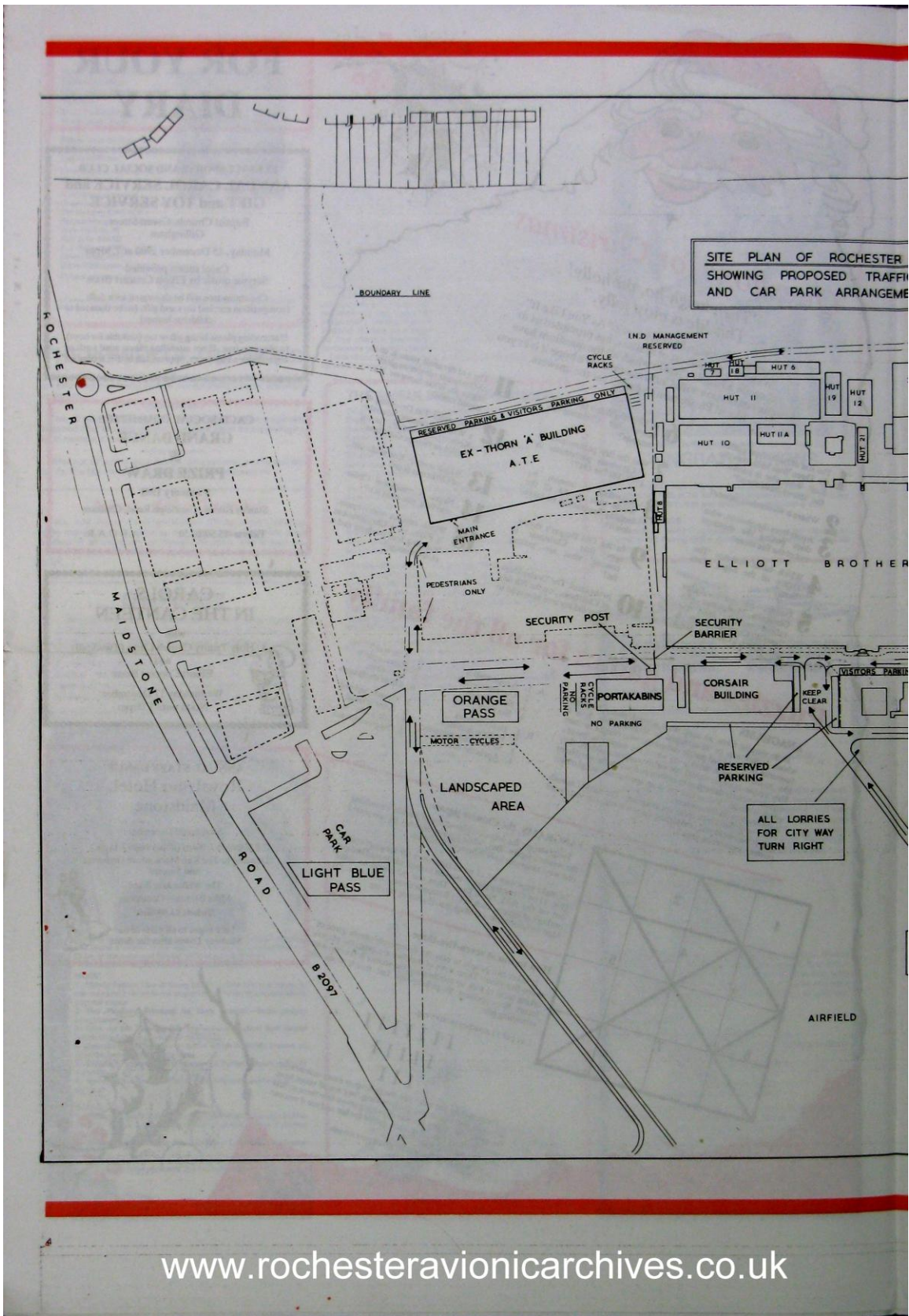
Mike Burton—Comedian

Tickets £4.00 each

Late buses to all parts of the  
Medway Towns after the dance

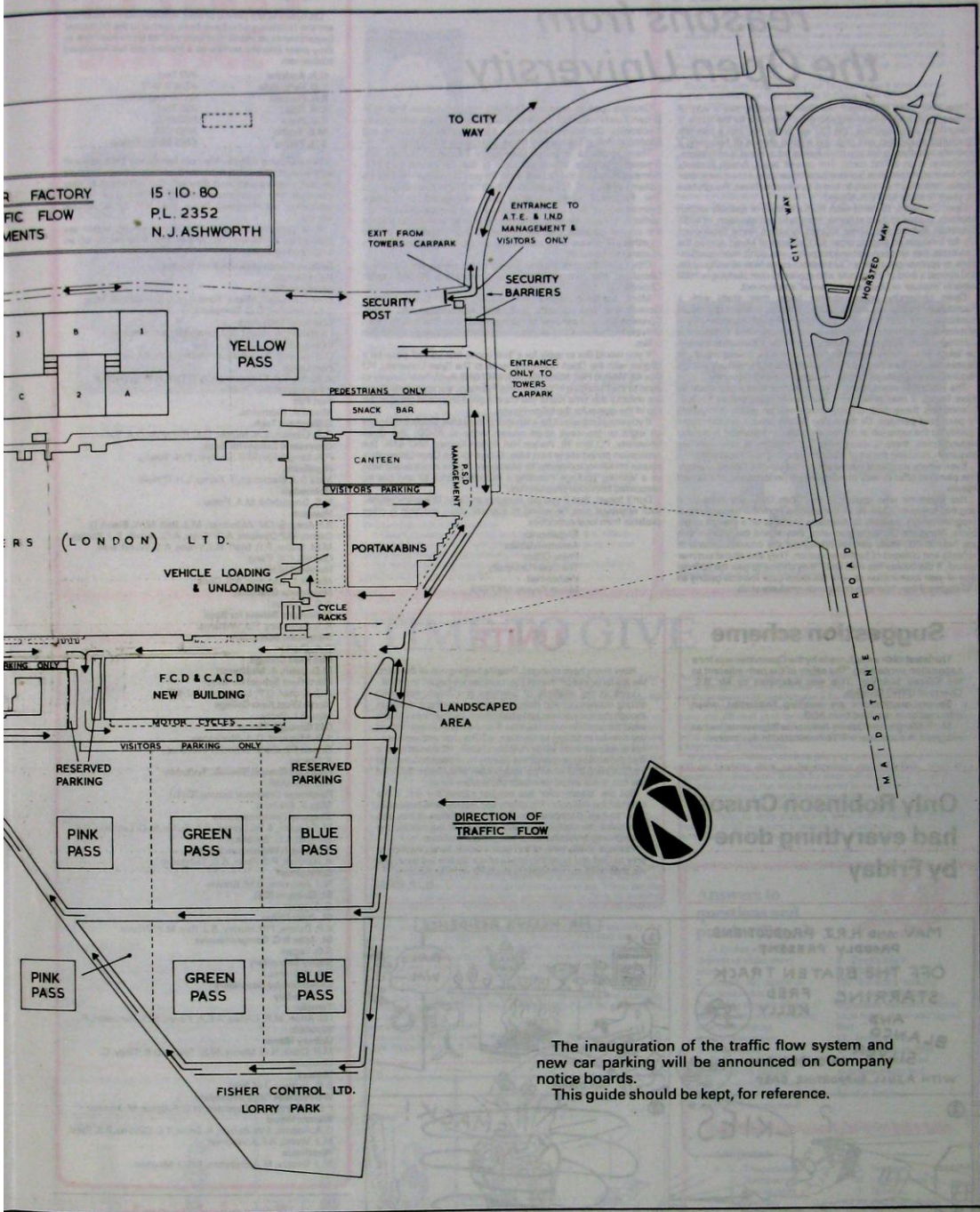






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The inauguration of the traffic flow system and new car parking will be announced on Company notice boards. This guide should be kept, for reference.



# Why a degree? A plan for all reasons from the Open University

New year, new resolution: the Open University has a way of harnessing your will-power and your good intentions for the future. If a degree is your objective, the OU will settle you into a carefully structured study plan and give you a good chance of becoming a graduate whether or not you have formal educational qualifications. Admission is on a 'first come, first served' basis, though students who have some previous higher education can take a short cut to their degree, reducing their study to two or three years. Most, though, take six years to study for a B.A. (Open).

Open University students work from a mixture of specially written booklets, posted to them at home, from radio and television, or audio cassettes and records. Some courses include a Home Experiment Kit, for example an electric organ for Elements of Music. And as the University has an open admissions policy, you don't need qualifications to apply or get a place. OU students come from all walks of life and almost a third of the people who applied to start studying in 1980 were in 'manual' or 'routine non-manual' employment.

Open University undergraduates begin their study with a Foundation course in mathematics, science, technology, social science or arts - this first-year course and some others, especially in science and technology, includes a compulsory week's residential summer school. After that the field is open: over 100 courses that can be taken in any combination to make up the six course credits or passes needed for a degree. If you haven't studied previously you are required, at some stage, to take a second Foundation course.

The academic world, then, is your oyster and as many students have found, it may rise open new career opportunities for you. Sometimes, these mean changing into a new job sector - computers or personnel perhaps. Or there may be the chance to climb more quickly up the same job or promotion ladder. In a world of increasing redundancies, there is also greater job flexibility as new skills are acquired - including the art of study and learning new knowledge.

Even where vocational moves are not the aim, the Open University has plenty to offer by way of improved job performance, or enriched leisure.

Not everyone who applies to the Open University aims for a degree, however. Over 80 of the courses from the undergraduate programme are available to Associate Students on a one-off single basis. Alongside OU undergraduates, they attend the tutorials that are held at 260 study centres throughout the country - mostly in schools and colleges of further education. They also attend summer school, if the course has one, and if they choose to take the optional end-of-year examination can use the exam pass towards getting an OU degree if they later sign on for undergraduate study.

Courses open to Associate Students include Decision Making in Britain, Food Production Systems, Conflict in the Family, Introductory Electronics, Control of Technology, Ecology, National Income and Economic Policy, Elements of Music and Greece 478-336 BC.

There is also a range of Community Education courses, e.g. Governing Schools, which last eight or ten weeks and cost £14. Homework, which the OU will mark for you, is optional - there's no diploma at the end. For courses such as The First Years of Life and The Preschool Child, students are encouraged to organize themselves into local self-help groups, so that they can get together, perhaps to watch the associated television programmes and discuss the course booklets that are posted to them. Gathering people together in this way often means that the group splits, helpfully into students and creche!

Other such courses include Energy in the Home and Consumer Decisions, and two new courses: Childhood 5-10 and Health Choices.

More academic tastes are catered for in Doing History, Government and Industry, Industrial Archaeology and Water Conservation - these are all abstractors from full-length Open University courses and give you a taste of what studying for a degree is like.

If you would like to apply for a 'first come, first served' place for a degree with the Open University, write to The Open University, PO Box 48, Walton Hall, Milton Keynes, MK7 6AB. Apply from January to June to start studying in the following February, and apply early. If you are unlucky this time round you stand a good chance of going to the top of the queue for the following year.

If you would rather opt for a ten-month Associate Student course or an eight or ten-week short course, write to ASCO, The Open University, PO Box 76, Walton Hall, Milton Keynes, MK7 6AN. The application period starts next May, except for the Open University's course on Microprocessors for Managers. This is available any time as a learning package including a microprocessor kit and has no associated television programmes.

Don't forget, that if you are studying an Open University course, your employer may be willing to sponsor you - and help is often available from local authorities.

Enquiries to:  
Annette Mathias  
Press Office  
The Open University  
Walton Hall  
Milton Keynes MK7 6AA

## Apprentice activity

Completing the period of their agreements in December are the following who have been posted to the Divisions/Departments as listed. Our best wishes go to each one as they enter into the service as a trained and accomplished tradesman.

G.R. Andrew	-	IND Test
C.D. Felthouse	-	AS & R W/T
R.R. Flewett	-	GYRO Inspection
K.N. Still	-	IND Test
K.C. Peen	-	PSD D/O
M.B. Smith	-	ADD Q/A
S.R. Young	-	CMS Bench Fitting

We welcome into the Marconi family, the 1980 intake of apprentices. We wish them well as they embark on their chosen careers and trust they will find fulfilment as they discover the mysterious secrets of being a 'skilled craftsman'. At Hopewell Drive, they will be in capable hands.

It is pleasing to note that seven young ladies are preparing to tackle life within the framework of an engineering background.

### Beacon Comprehensive, East Sussex

- P.E. Mooney.
- Chatham South**  
D.W. Campbell, Miss L. Fosberry, C.B. Hebditch, Miss J.E. Shoveller, G.D. Tompkins.
- Chatham Tech Boys**  
I.A. Billest, A. Foard, S.J. Lowndes, A.C. Weaver.
- Cornwallis**  
D.G. Barrett, A. Ledger, P. Martin, A.W. Rogers.
- Fort Luton**  
A. Dunn, T.A. Chessman, A.S. Day, P.M. Drew, D.P. Etherington, A.J. Riddle.
- Fort Pitt**  
Miss J.A. Clements.
- Gillingham Tech.**  
G.R. Gibson, S.A. Mutter, G.K. Richards, D.A. Salter.
- Gravesend School for Boys**  
P.A. Langridge, M.B. Lockyer, P.N. Young.
- Highfields**  
Miss S.J. Blackman, T. Kemp, L.H. O'Neill.
- Holmsdale**  
N.S. Goodchild, M.A. Potter.
- Howard**  
R.I. Acey, S.J.M. Alderman, M.J. Batt, M.W. Bland, D. Darnit, M.P. Davison, A.W. Gray, A.G. James, P.J. Phillips, M.M. Slater, P.R. Staff, R.J. White, A.C. Wood, N.M. Oxford, C.K. Pang.
- Hundred of Hoo**  
Miss X.L. Baguley, A.S. Cook.
- Maidstone Grammar**  
A.C. O'Niou.
- Maidstone School for Boys**  
R.S. Saunders, P.J. Williams.
- Meopham Secondary**  
D.A. Clark.
- Mid Kent College**  
M.D. John, A. McIlheron.
- Northfleet School for Boys**  
A.J. Archer, G.P. Lawrance, P.J. Miles.
- North West Kent College**  
Miss S.L. Perry.
- Old Borough Manor**  
A.B. Muggford, D.A. Shallcross.
- Queen Elizabeth School, Faversham**  
P. Stacey.
- Riddings Comprehensive, Yorkshire**  
A.C. Marshall.
- Rochester Grammar School (Girls)**  
Miss A. Brothony.
- Shapney Comprehensive**  
M. Coppins, R.W. Corder, P.A. Fuller, M.D. Lambkin, G.K. Sanger, A.D. Silvestor.
- Sir Joseph Williamson (Maths)**  
R. Hannah, P.J. Rann, A.C. Thirgood.
- Springhead**  
N.J. Atkinson, B.M. Brown.
- St. Georges (CE)**  
G. Siggers.
- St. John Fisher**  
K.P. Dunne, P.R. Hurley, S.J. Ray, M.P. Wilson.
- St. John R.C. Comprehensive**  
S.D. Fagan.
- Sturry Secondary**  
P.A. Williams.
- Swanscombe Secondary**  
P.J. Hoadley.
- Temple**  
I.D. Attoe, M.R. Gildea, A.E.A. Keyse, M.S. Ramadan, P. Woollett.
- Upbury Manor**  
M.R. Clare, N.D. Moore, M.S. Taylor, D.B. Tilloy, C. Westcott.
- Vinters**  
S.R. Jackson, I.M. Reid.
- Walderslade Boys Secondary**  
P.D. Barrett, M.D. Easdown, N.C. Fuggles, M. Jackson.
- Warren Wood**  
G.R. Adams, J.W. Barrett, R. Brunt, T.C. Giddins, B.S. Reed, M.J. Webb, A.F.J. Woollett.
- Westlands**  
M.J. Cesary, M.J. Endacott, R.A.J. Moulton.

## Suggestion scheme

The latest cash award, made by the Committee was for a suggestion concerning 'The safety of the path adjacent to the Corsair building'. This was submitted by Mr. B.E. Cherry of GYRO Division.

Several suggestions are awaiting finalization, when information is received from ADD.

Mr. T. Morgan the Quality Assurance Representative has resigned. A successor will be nominated in due course.

## UNITE

How times have changed. Despite helping win all the wars, we are far worse off than all the countries we helped to defeat.

Look at the example of Germany and Japan, both with strong economies and rising currencies, striding forward as though the last war was just a bad dream. I sometimes wonder what the position would be now if we had been losers! Would we now be as strong as Germany is? The clear answer is no - not unless we were led by men like Lincoln, for the sad truth is that the working people of this country have been hoodwinked into believing that when the steam-roller of socialism flattened the rich, there would be wealth and welfare for all.

But the 'steam-roller' has not just robbed the rich, it has crushed the real poor - the elderly and retired - who have seen their savings disappear into the fire of inflation. It has also destroyed the traditional wealth-creators of our nation, the enterprising private business and professional man.

Perhaps at this time of the year it would be appropriate to pray to God and hope this phase of our decline will pass, and we shall unite as one nation to reach for worthier horizons.

D.J.R. (CMS)

## Only Robinson Crusoe had everything done by Friday

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BLANCO WAL

GOLD BONE

③

SMACK!

## Appointments

It is announced that Mr. R. Callan is appointed to the position of Chief Buyer in CAC Division.



# 25 YEARS' SERVICE



Jim Glover with Mr. J. Luck at the presentation.

For **Geoffrey Glover** (Jim) of ATE, the merry-go-round of employers has turned full circle. He started his industrial life as an apprentice with the BTH Company Ltd at Rugby the still can show his indentures) and became a Draughtsman. He joined Radio and Radar as a Draughtsman and moved to the Medway Towns, moving on to Naval Weapons and ultimately to ATE, where he is now a Product Controller. While with Naval Weapons he committed to Frimley after the Division moved there before returning to a Rochester Division.

Jim is a likeable colleague and workmate, with interests in gardening and making and playing an electronic organ. He is married with six daughters and has five grandchildren to keep him young at heart. Since three of the daughters are still at Grammar School, he may be kept young thinking for some years to come.

Mr. J. Luck, Divisional Manager ATE, presented him with a pair of binoculars to mark the occasion. This was the first presentation of a 25 years' service award in the new Thom 'A' Building.



Stan Osborn. (C)

A man whom many people will not have seen around the Works has completed his first 25 years with the Company. He is **Stanley Richard Osborn** the Night Electrician, on the Maintenance Staff of Works Engineering.

He began life at Chatham dockyard and later joined Poboys. His career also includes a period at Hurlingham Castle, under the Astronomer Royal, Spencer Jones looking after the lighting and he lived in!

He came to the Company in 1955 and worked on Security for about nine months, he then commenced work in Model Shop on prototypes. Stan became Night Electrician under the late C. Martin; he later tried his hand at day-work in MASO, but returned to his old love as Maintenance Electrician on nights.

He was a Gunner in the Royal Artillery during the 2nd World War and was evacuated from Dunkirk. He then went to Africa and served in the Western Desert with the 8th Army.

A cheerful personality and conscientious workman, Mr. S.A. Williams presented Stan with his chosen gift of binoculars and in doing so paid tribute to his integrity, loyalty and efficiency.

For hobbies he likes helping out with electrical appliances and is in much demand in repairing items.

# RETIREMENTS

In May, two well-known and colourful characters of the Company, a man and wife team decided to 'call it a day' and retired together. **Albert Edward Stevens** (Steve)—the man with the bow tie to all his friends) of GYRO Production Dept. and his wife **Kathleen** of AS & R, have chosen a quieter life. They got to know each other through their association at work after they had each lost their former partners.

Steve was with the Company for 18 years after a spell with Le Grand, Sutcliffe and Gell. Starting in Fisher Coast Office, he then joined GYRO and remained with them. Kathleen, was employed for 20 years, 5 weeks and 4 days (she says it with a twinkle in her eye). Originally starting as a wirewoman in IN, she then served in Fuse Division and later in the Library. She has been in AS & R for 8½ years, as a Stock Control Clerk, besides her unofficial duties of providing a good cup of tea for visiting personnel. Kath also spent some 4 years in Australia.

For their leisure, they both enjoy walking and could be seen regularly, all weathers, walking through the woods around their home in Walderslade. They both enjoy music, as their music-centre proves. Steve is a DIY man, while Kath loves her garden and reading.

For farewell gifts GYRO Division presented Steve with a lighter and AS & R gave Kath a clock together with other items, including the polished teapot, suitably impaled on a board and engraved.

Married for 18 years and very happy, they are to continue enjoying their retirement at Herne Bay where they have many friends who have also retired.



Mr. Andrews presents Kathleen with her gifts, cards and tokens of goodwill; Steve is in the background. (A)

## \*\*\*\*\* A TIME TO GIVE \*\*\*\*\*

As you plan, with growing excitement, your family celebrations, remember those who are not so lucky. For who else is there to think of them?

It might have been you sitting opposite me in the railway carriage yesterday, a young woman with her two children and their grandmother. They had had a fine day in town, shopping and looking at the Christmas decorations. There had been lunch at a restaurant and seats had been booked for a pantomime during the following week.

It was not surprising that the little boy and his younger sister had eyes like stars and bubbled excitedly of the day's delights. They had met Father Christmas himself in a big store and he had promised to bring them the longed for cycle and doll's pram and, as evidence of good faith, he had given them there and then a toy apiece from his bulging sack of goodies.

The train rushed on through the dark December afternoon and after a while the little party sobered down. The children fell quiet, surfeited with bliss, and the mother and grandmother put their heads together over 'the list', crossing off some items and adding others. From snatches of conversation there emerged a clear picture of the happy days ahead. There was to be a big party on Christmas-day. There were two children's parties in the offing. There was a dance on the Boxing-day night and a new dress to buy for it. The tree and the turkey had been ordered, the cake and the puddings were made and grandmother was baking her unbeatable mince pies for which she was well renowned.

### Christmas-day magic

There would be a lot to do on Christmas morning, but no chance of oversleeping and not getting the turkey ready on time. The children would be awake at dawn to see what Father Christmas had brought, making such a racket over their toys that no one would be able to sleep after that...

"Do you think Father Christmas will really bring a bicycle?" the little boy asked, heavy-lidded now.

"I think he will if you're a very good boy," his mother said, and she and grandmother exchanged glances, happy partners in the joy of giving which is the Christmas-flower of family love. The child's eyes closed

and the two adults went back to discussing the list of presents. "Now, have we forgotten anyone? You remember poor Joan last year..." I daresay it was not you in the train, but I expect you have made the same bright plans for your beloved family and friends.

You are the fortunate ones, elderly maybe, in good health, with no more than the accepted financial cares, and a lovely family to welcome you at Christmas; you younger ones with your homes and those you love around you and the means to provide Christmas fun and fare. They are fortunate children indeed who have parents able to make their dream of Christmas come true. They have strong limbs to ride that bicycle and the lusty health to make a racket in the house on Christmas morning.

### Like every other morning

There are, however, those less fortunate, who will not enjoy Christmas as you will. They are the aged, with no one left now to welcome them into the family circle. There are the sick and disabled who will wake up to their affliction on Christmas morning just as they do every other morning.

There are also the children in homes for the blind who will never see the shine and glitter of the tree; those who are deaf and dumb and cannot raise shrill, sweet voices on Christmas morning. There are the children in orphanages, those who are crippled or lying in hospital beds, sick and in pain. All these, and many others, are cut off from the joys which you will have with your family in your home.

But, you may say, surely people like these—and especially the children—have a wonderful time at Christmas? You may have seen pictures of homes for the aged and disabled, children's homes and the hospital wards all so beautifully decorated, or maybe done the decorating of such places yourself. The children are given toys and the old people gifts and they all have the Christmas-day feast, with entertainments laid on. They are not forgotten at Christmas.

No they are not forgotten. Not one of them is shut out from the holiday we make of the Holy Day, from the glitter and the gifts and the rich plenty at table.

### But who remembers them?

You and I know there is no Father Christmas to ride out of the sky with a gift-laden sleigh. It is from people like you and me, from us alone,

that those material gifts must come. It is the little we can spare from the much we spend on our own family and friends that makes Christmas for those many who cannot make it for themselves.

If we forget them, they will be forgotten. The Christmas-tree, the party, the gift must go to them for each one of us. A toy for a child, or a little money to one of the Christmas funds, is not a great deal and can serve as a thanksgiving to crown all the easy joyful giving which is such a happy part of Christmas.

If you have children let them join you in making this special gift. It will be teaching them to be generous and unselfish, what finer opportunity than here? It calls for some self-denial and this makes the best kind of giving, that which may never be known and which seeks no gratitude or return except the happiness of the one to whom you give.

Your children will respond warmly and imaginatively, I believe, if you ask them to deny themselves some small thing, so that a less fortunate child may have a present for Christmas... if you have set them the example by your own giving.

### Answers to questions and puzzles (Page 3)



1. A flower which has clusters of white starry blooms
2. Prague, the capital of Czechoslovakia
3. Taking steps to salvage a bad situation which is not of your own making
4. The Nutcracker
5. A Buddhist
6. Following the TV film Royal Family and the Investiture of the Prince of Wales the Queen thought she might be 'over-exposed'
7. 1717
8. Twelfth Night
9. 'The geese'
10. '8 maids a' milking'
11. A document bearing signatures written in a circle so as not to show who signed first
12. Irving Berlin
13. Denmark, in 1904
14. A hot mixture of sweetened wine and flavoured water
15. La Boheme

### Anagrams

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|----------------------|--------------------|
| A 1. Desperation     | 5. Waitress        |
| 2. Remuneration      | 6. Upholsterers    |
| 3. Punishment        | 7. Hustlers        |
| 4. Steamer           | 8. Softheartedness |
| B 1. Hearthstones    | 5. Degradedness    |
| 2. Indomitableness   | 6. Dissomolate     |
| 3. Misrepresentation | 7. Families        |
| 4. Therapeutics      | 8. Desegregation   |





# Sports and social club round up

## INDOOR GAMES

### MONDAY LEAGUE

BARTS					CMB								
P	W	D	L	F	Pts	P	W	D	L	F	Pts		
CMS 'A'	3	3	0	0	22	8	6	2	1	11	4	4	
FCD D/O	3	3	0	0	21	9	6	2	1	11	4	4	
M&S shop 'A'	3	2	1	0	20	10	5	4	3	2	10	5	4
Training O	3	2	0	1	18	12	4	3	2	1	8	7	4
AS & R 'A'	3	2	0	1	18	14	4	3	2	1	8	7	4
M&S 'B'	3	2	0	1	16	14	4	3	2	1	8	7	4
IN/D/O	3	1	1	1	13	17	3	2	1	8	7	4	
ATE 'A'	3	1	0	2	11	19	2	2	1	7	8	7	4
EDP	3	1	0	2	11	19	2	2	1	7	8	7	4
PSD	3	0	1	2	12	18	1	1	2	5	10	2	2
M&S 'A'	3	0	1	2	11	19	1	1	2	5	10	2	2
ADD	3	0	0	3	11	9	0	3	0	3	6	0	0
GYRO N/R	3	0	0	3	10	20	0	3	0	3	2	13	0

### WEDNESDAY LEAGUE

BARTS					CMB								
P	W	D	L	F	Pts	P	W	D	L	F	Pts		
M&S D/O	3	3	0	0	25	5	6	2	1	11	4	4	
ADD CORSAIR	3	3	0	0	19	11	6	2	1	11	4	4	
CAC	3	2	1	0	20	10	5	4	3	2	10	5	4
M&S shop 'B'	3	2	0	1	19	11	4	3	2	1	8	7	4
IN	3	2	0	1	15	15	4	3	2	1	8	7	4
ADD D/O	3	1	1	1	16	14	3	2	1	8	7	4	
AS & R 'B'	3	1	1	1	16	14	3	2	1	8	7	4	
F&R	3	1	1	1	13	17	3	2	1	8	7	4	
CMS 'B'	3	1	0	2	15	15	2	2	1	7	8	7	4
M&S Services	3	1	0	2	15	15	2	2	1	7	8	7	4
ATE Eng	3	1	0	2	12	18	2	2	1	7	8	7	4
FCD	3	1	0	2	12	18	2	2	1	7	8	7	4
Accounts	3	0	0	3	12	0	3	0	3	2	1	0	0
Training 'C'	3	0	0	3	12	0	3	0	3	2	1	0	0

EUCHRE					COMBINATION								
P	W	D	L	F	Pts	P	W	D	L	F	Pts		
EDP	3	3	0	11	4	6	2	1	11	4	4		
M&S 'A'	3	3	0	10	6	6	2	1	11	4	4		
ATE 'A'	3	2	1	10	5	4	3	2	1	8	7	4	
IN/D/O	3	2	1	10	5	4	3	2	1	8	7	4	
PSD	3	2	1	9	6	4	3	2	1	8	7	4	
CMS 'A'	3	2	1	9	6	4	3	2	1	8	7	4	
FCD D/O	3	2	1	7	4	3	2	1	8	7	4		
M&S shop 'A'	3	2	1	7	8	2	2	1	7	8	2	2	
Training O	3	2	1	7	8	2	2	1	7	8	2	2	
PSD	3	1	2	7	8	2	2	1	7	8	2	2	
GYRO N/R	3	1	2	7	8	2	2	1	7	8	2	2	
Fisher	3	1	2	7	8	2	2	1	7	8	2	2	
EDP	3	1	2	6	9	2	2	1	6	9	2	2	
M&S 'B'	3	1	2	6	9	2	2	1	6	9	2	2	
Training O	3	0	3	3	2	13	0	3	0	3	2	13	0

EUCHRE					COMBINATION								
P	W	D	L	F	Pts	P	W	D	L	F	Pts		
FCD	3	3	0	12	3	6	2	1	11	4	4		
ATE Eng	3	3	0	12	3	6	2	1	11	4	4		
ADD Corsair	3	2	1	11	4	4	3	2	1	8	7	4	
M&S shop 'B'	3	2	1	11	4	4	3	2	1	8	7	4	
IN	3	2	1	11	4	4	3	2	1	8	7	4	
F&R	3	2	1	8	7	4	3	2	1	8	7	4	
AS & R 'B'	3	2	1	7	8	2	2	1	7	8	2	2	
M&S Services	3	2	1	7	8	2	2	1	7	8	2	2	
Accounts	3	2	1	7	8	2	2	1	7	8	2	2	
IN	3	2	1	7	8	2	2	1	7	8	2	2	
ADD D/O	3	1	2	6	9	2	2	1	6	9	2	2	
M&S D/O	3	1	2	4	11	2	2	1	4	11	2	2	
CAC	3	0	3	4	11	0	3	0	3	2	1	0	0
Training 'C'	3	0	3	0	15	0	3	0	3	0	15	0	0

All results up to and including 3 November

All results up to and including 5 November. Training centre have no euchre team every team to be given two points and five legs.

### FIVE-A-SIDE-FOOTBALL: MONDAY EVENING LEAGUE

Final results:	2 v FCD Stores	4
CAC	0 v FCD	2
M&S Test	3 v M&S Prod. Office	6
CMS	0 v ATE	5
ADD	2 v Accounts	1

Final league positions:										
P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	Diff			
M&S Prod. Office	18	15	1	2	77	38	31	+39		
ATE	18	15	0	3	30	34	30	+46		
ADD	18	13	1	4	61	33	27	+28		
FCD	18	9	1	9	57	44	17	+13		
FCD Stores	18	7	3	8	63	54	17	+9		
M&S Test Dept	18	7	1	10	41	48	15	-7		
CMS	18	6	0	12	36	57	12	-21		
Apprentices	18	4	2	12	42	57	10	-15		
CAC	18	5	0	13	44	79	10	-35		
Accounts	18	5	0	13	41	80	10	-39		

The committee wishes to thank all teams for their cooperation during the competition. They also offer congratulations to M&S Prod. Office team for their excellent performance in winning the League title and for their superb sportsmanship throughout the competition. Well done, everyone!

M&S Test Dept. would like to know of anyone interested in playing for them, especially to become penalty taker. Please contact: John Key (int. 624) (where are my bifocals!).

### RUGBY

The second fixture for the Marconi Avionics XV was played against a U.S. Chatham XV at the U.S.C. grounds on Sunday, 12 October.

The result was MA 16 - USC 6  
The tries were scored by Martin Coleman - 1  
Murray Kirkhope - 3

It was a good, fast, clean game, with only a very slight amount of antagonism apparent! Luckily the referee was well in control and prevented any escalation of the incidents!  
We had more support this time round, but could still do with much more.

The next match is to be played against a Kent Police XV on the pitch adjoining this factory on Sunday, 26 October. For further details contact either Vic Fisher or Clint Elliot, CACD and FCD respectively.

- The team on 12 October was:
- Full Back - Martin Roskill
  - Right Wing - Martin Weller
  - Right Centre - Murray Kirkhope
  - Left Centre - Gavin Caller
  - Left Wing - Jim Romaguera
  - Outside Half - Phil Lamb
  - Scrum Half - Gary Cordier
  - Lock - Martin Coleman (Capt.)
  - Open Side - Derek Cleaves
  - Blind Side - Jim Rowe
  - Second Row - Barry Booker
  - Second Row - Dick Clover
  - Prop - Vic Fisher
  - Hooker - John Landers
  - Prop - Martin Davies
  - Subs - Neal Johnson
  - Malcolm Walling

Well played lads, let's have more like it!!

### '65 CLUB

The October meeting of the Elliott '65 Club, held in the club-house on Tuesday, 14 October, was entertained by the musical group known as the Wallace Collection. The repertoire was varied and interesting and was received with pleasure and approbation.

During the business meeting, two new pairs of members were welcomed: Mr. and Mrs. J. Butler and Mr. and Mrs. E. Kama. Greetings and congratulations were extended to the following, who celebrated wedding anniversaries during the month:

- Mr. and Mrs. Joe Willans 20 years
  - Mr. and Mrs. Dick Sheppard 45 years
  - Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kilby 47 years
  - Mr. and Mrs. Len Monk 54 years
- The members gave a "bon voyage" greeting to Mr. and Mrs. Bert Mulford and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Cox who are all taking a trip to New Zealand, to visit members of their families who reside there. Both couples expect to be away for about 3 1/2 months.

On Tuesday evening of 11 November 1960, the Elliott Concert Brass were invited to entertain the Club to an hour of 'light music' as you would expect to hear from a brass band under the baton of Alec Cooke.

A variety of music was played from Marches by Kenneth Alford to a Waltz by Kenneth Alford. Modern music was played with the theme from the TV series, 'Van Der Valk' and a song arrangement of 'Hello Dolly'. Songs from the shows of 'My Fair Lady' and the 'White Horse Inn' were also played and it was nice to hear the folk joining in and singing.

A moment of thought was given for those people that had lost their loved ones in two World Wars when a 'Solemn Melody' by Walford Davies was played with feeling and expression.

The Americans were represented when the band played at lightning speed 'Sousa on Parade' and the Australians, with an arrangement of 'Waltzing Matilda', the 'Skye Boat Song'.

The Band and the members of the Club all had a very enjoyable evening.

### ELLIOTT CONCERT BRASS

If you would like to participate in the Elliott Concert Brass come along on Monday evenings at 6.30 - 8.30, (the band would sound that much better with a Soprano Cornet), you will find a warm welcome from all our members.

If you would like to hear more of the band, come to the Baptist Church, Green Street, Gillingham on 15 December at 7.30, the Works canteen on 17 December at 12.30 and St Francis' Church, Strood, on 17 December at 7.30.

It has been suggested by an employee that a request programme should be arranged. This would be possible, providing all requests are forwarded to the Band Secretary, Mr. M. Polley, ADD Division, well before hand.

### AN INVITATION

If you are north of the border - or indeed south of it -

### THE SCOTS KIRK IN GILLINGHAM

will welcome you  
They are to be found in Paget Street, Gillingham and have been there for over 100 years now - just up from the foot of Canterbury Street. Each Sunday at 11.00am there is a Sunday School for children at the same time.  
We will be happy to see you.

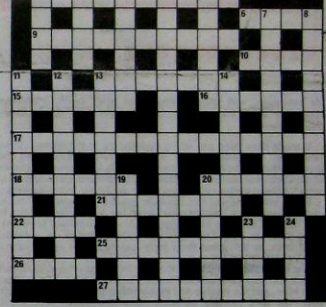
### MUSIC IN THE CLUB-HOUSE

- DECEMBER 6 Mescalero
- 13 ZEBEDEE
- 20 AURA



### CROSSWORD NO. 30

Compiled by R. Cole, M&S



- |  |   |  |   |
|--|---|--|---|
| <b>ACROSS</b>  | 1. Cheek to give lines (10)                                       | <b>DOWN</b>  | 1. Image from coin (4)                              |
| 6. Out of order, liquid food makes music (4)                 | 2. Track (4)  | 3. Nest of in confusion (6)                          | 4. Well known aquatic friends                       |
| 9. Not a good sign (3,2,5)                                   | 5. (5,3,2,1,4)  | 6. You could spot this creature in South America (6) | 7. Historical recipe (4,6)                          |
| 10. Foreign capital, a card game? (14)                       | 8. Fashion decrees it could soon be with us again. Whoopee! (5,5) | 11. Boy + Girl + Cinema = ? (3,4,3)                  | 12. This type for file (6,4)                        |
| 13. After exposure this is a logical progression (7)         | 14. Floored by wood (7)   | 15. First part of your car to wear out? (17)         | 16. Spirited butterfly (6)                          |
| 15. All may desire this, only the good succeed, they say (6) | 17. As it grows up, it grows down (4)                             | 18. Not one of the big shots in the Church (5,5)     | 19. The last thing you will ever do (8)             |
| 16. A writer's efforts in the first part prove the whole (6) | 19. Not one of the big shots in the Church (5,5)                  | 20. Unknown, soon (4)                                | 21. Dated (24,4)                                    |
| 17. Mouse with gum (6,3,6)                                   | 22. Not the sort of advice to a rolling stone (6,4)               | 23. Means of varying away (4)                        | 24. Unknown, soon (4)                               |
| 18. Teeth to bite with? (6)                                  | 25. Not the sort of advice to a rolling stone (6,4)               | 26. Means of varying away (4)                        | 27. Not the sort of advice to a rolling stone (6,4) |
| 20. First part of your car to wear out? (17)                 | 27. Not the sort of advice to a rolling stone (6,4)               | 28. Means of varying away (4)                        | 29. Not the sort of advice to a rolling stone (6,4) |
| 21. Spirited butterfly (6)                                   | 28. Means of varying away (4)                                     | 29. Not the sort of advice to a rolling stone (6,4)  | 30. Means of varying away (4)                       |
| 22. Not one of the big shots in the Church (5,5)             | 29. Not the sort of advice to a rolling stone (6,4)               | 30. Means of varying away (4)                        |   |
| 23. Means of varying away (4)                                | 30. Means of varying away (4)                                     |  |   |
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| 27. Not the sort of advice to a rolling stone (6,4)          |   |  |   |

### SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD No. 29

- ACROSS**  
1 Tutankhamun, 9 Snow, 10 Apple, 11 Beak, 12 Pinnacle, 13 Kinross, 15 Pele, 17 Irit, 18 Larch, 21 Stall, 23 Snye, 24 Acme, 27 Concord, 29 Zealand, 32 Tarn, 33 Virgo, 34 Sid, 35 Montgolfier.
- DOWN**  
2 Urwin, 3 Anarchic, 4 Kapi, 5 Adelle, 6 Umler, 7 Endive, 8 Parsic, 14 Pinto, 16 Eli, 19 Aga, 20 Werewolf, 22 Thorax, 25 Manila, 26 Cravat, 28 Carito, 30 Lisle, 31 Brio.

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