

Norman Tebbit visits MAV

MOTTO FOR THE MONTH

★ ★ We should all be concerned about the future because we will have to spend the rest of our lives there ★ ★

Gliding championships a huge success

The Marconi Avionics National Gliding Championships were rated a highly successful first venture by the Company into sponsorship of a national aviation event.

The scene was Lasham Airfield in Hampshire, from 23rd to 31st July. Competitors, officials, and a large number of leading figures from the aerospace industry who were invited to witness the various stages of the competition, enjoyed an exciting nine days, which were only slightly marred by inability to set some of the competition tasks on three days, including the final one, because of weather conditions.

The award of trophies and prizes on the Sunday was by guest of honour Sir Austin Pearce, Chairman of British Aerospace. Before presenting the awards, he paid tribute to the Company's decision to sponsor the Championships. It had made an important contribution to the sport of gliding, and the theme of Excellence in Aeronautics was an appropriate one. Mr. J. Pateman, Managing Director of Marconi Avionics, spoke also to the large audience of competitors and supporters, congratulating the British Gliding Association, the governing body of British Gliding, and the Lasham Gliding Society Ltd., on the actual organisation and running of the Championships. Some idea of the size of this task may be gained from the fact that eighty top glider pilots were contesting the Open Class National Championships and Lasham Regional competitions, each held in successive stages over the nine days. Supporting them were a host of over 200 ground staff, glider handlers and launchers, meteorological experts, towing aircraft crews, briefing staff and the all-important task setters for each day's competition.

Mr. Pateman also presented to the organisers a copy of the video tape produced by our Audio-Visual Unit of the week's proceedings and the background to the gliding sport, and himself received an advance copy of a commemorative petition signed by the competing pilots in appreciation of the Company's sponsorship.

The winner of the Marconi Avionics National Open Class Championships was Ralph Jones, flying a 24-metre Nimbus 3 of advanced carbon fibre and kevlar construction. This was his fifth win of the National Open title. Many other class and event awards were made, and among the trophies presented by the Company were the Marconi Avionics Cup and Marconi Avionics Trophy for high-performance soaring.

The aims of the Company in sponsoring the Championships were to support a national event encompassing excellence in an aeronautical art and the personal skill needed to be successful, and hence to identify MAV with these attributes in the eyes of leading members of the aerospace industry and in the gliding movement itself.

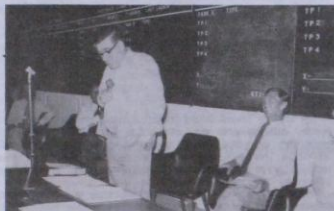
The initiative behind MAV's involvement was Mr. P. Hearne, Director and General Manager, who is himself a highly experienced glider pilot.

Although the private nature of the event might have limited the potential for widespread publicity it was well covered in sports and features pages in national newspapers, as well as on BBC TV, ITV, Radio 4 and commercial radio, with more coverage in leisure and technical journals still appearing as we go to press.

It was unfortunate that because of the event being held on MoD property, it was not possible to offer facilities for MAV employees such as exist at Farnborough SBAC Shows. Hence in our next issue it is hoped to give a much fuller account of the proceedings; the Company management have appreciated the interest and support and a full record will be provided.



Getting the most out of some good weather. An entrant practices a high-speed racing finish. Making a final glide from several miles out, he arrives at the finishing line 6 feet off the deck at 150mph. By pulling into a climb, the pilot regains enough height to make a circuit and landing.



Mr. J. Pateman addressing the audience at the prize giving ceremony. On the right is Chris Day, competition director.



Sir Austin Pearce handing over the BGA's Cup to Ralph Jones, winner of the Open Class Championships.



As part of a visit to Medway Towns on 24th June, Norman Tebbit MP, Secretary of State for Industry, was a guest at Airport Works. He was in Rochester to learn about the local initiatives being taken to create new training opportunities for school leavers. Among these, MAV has this year created 174 training places for young people, of whom 115 are 16-17 year old school leavers. Compared with the Company's previously-scheduled intake, this represents an increase of 62 places for 16-17 year olds, which directly results from the new Youth Training Scheme of the Manpower Services Commission.

The Company is to help other local firms to create a further 80 places in this age group, by seconding an experienced executive, full-time, to supervise their training, and is investing money and executive skills in Medway's recently-announced Information Technology Centre, to create 40 further training places.

Mr. Tebbit's visit was also personal, since he is an ex-airline pilot and takes a keen interest in the people who make the electronic systems for aircraft. He was shown round parts of ADD, FCD and CACD. Our picture suggests that he had plenty to smile about when watching the work of Eileen Zedgitt of Wiring Section in ADD, who is assembling F16 computer cards. Looking on is Barnaby Shaw, Mr. Tebbit's Principal Private Secretary, and a glimpse of Joe Smith, Production Manager ADD (top right).



The Marconi Avionics Trophy and Cup for high performance soaring, with other prizes.

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Do unto other, as —

On holiday from Northern Ireland, I decided to visit a few of my Irish relatives living in London, but before doing so, I thought how pleasant it would be to do a little shirring first.

This proved to be rather thirsty work, walking around the many famous places, so I visited a pub and ordered a pint of liffy water (Guinness to the uninitiated). While quaffing this delicious nectar I overheard four people discussing the Irish race and deriving great pleasure from the many jokes they told each other. After a while one of them turned to me and asked if I knew of any such jokes. And so I told them that I did not relate such items of wit. On hearing my Irish accent, each one began to apologise in a clumsy embarrassed way.

"Please do not apologise" I explained "for although you may insinuate that the Irish may be slow witted and thick, I have it on the best authority that London has the densest population in the world".

by M.R.

Sports Day 1983



£5 prize for the most suitable caption. Carefull

CASTAWAY

For this issue, we have invited Peter J.R. Burrows (Production Manager - CMS) to be our victim. Peter, was for some years Production Manager of ATE, and is interested in "Young Enterprise" at Maidstone, being the current chairman.

His choice of music and literature is:-

MUSIC
 'Herbodes Overture' (Fingale Cave) by Mendelssohn — close your eyes — and you are there!
 'The Lords Prayer' by Choir of a Thousand Welsh Voices — a constant reminder.
 'The Ride of the Valkyries' by Wagner — for excitement.
 'Moonlight Serenade' by Glenn Miller — a classic of our time.
 'The Battle Hymn of the Republic' by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir — my favourite choral work.

BOOKS
 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens — my favourite book.
 'Whittakers Almanack' — plenty of interest.
 'The Complete Army and Navy Stores Catalogue' — pages of reminders of the good things in life.

Congratulations

Marriages

John Siffert, Engineering Administration Officer in ADD and Linda Bartfield, Library Clerk in the same Division, were married on June 30th at Chatham Registry Office. Colleagues and friends made a gift of bed linen with their congratulations.

Brian Johns, a Planner in AS&RD, married Betty Gardner from Accounts Department on June 18th at the United Reform Church Gillingham.

Carole Gutsell of PSD was married to Alan Hall of CMS Production on 18th June 1983 at St. Augustines Church Gillingham.

Carole works in the Production Department as a clerk typist and was presented with various gifts by Mr. M.G. Meakin the Production Manager.

Her friends and colleagues in PSD wish them both a very happy life together.

Holiday time

The Holiday Shop run by Pickfords which has been a popular attraction in the Snack Canteen over the last few months closed for the summer but will re-open on September 7th. In the first session a large number of enquiries were handled and were followed up by 164 firm bookings, with more taken at the High Street Office.

In the meantime John Neate in Personnel Department has some information about winter holidays.

In addition, Pickfords are hosting a Winter Sports Evening at the Crest Hotel on Thursday 1st September.

Travel agents will be offering information and showing videos and films, in fact all you need to know about winter holidays, insurance, skiing equipment (on exhibition) and travel arrangements and bookings. Come and see this show from 7.30pm.

English Tourist Board

The English Tourist Board publish a mass of information about holiday arrangements and attractions. Some of you may be particularly interested in their reference to the HOLIDAY CARE SERVICE. This helpful organisation will send information to a broad range of people with special needs — and whose needs are not always catered for by mass-market operations.

Hotels offering single parent family reductions and more general information on transport, financial assistance hints. Self-catering accommodation for disabled people — or simply where there are ground floor bedrooms — even adapted narrowboats — holiday information for the visually handicapped and a range of information sheets for elderly people, operators offering holidays for senior citizens and many, many more. For further information contact the Service at 2, Old Bank Chambers, Station Road, Horley, RH6 9HW (02934-74535).

Weekend Jaunts

You may remember that 1972 saw the green light given to the GLC and other authorities to build a flood defence for London. Some ten years later, the THAMES FLOOD BARRIER became operational. Although the Barrier is open, the work will not be complete until 1984 — when a new complex opens along the shoreline next to the barriers.

The complex will consist of a Thames Barrier Centre with A/V presentation and exhibition, a riverside walkway, pier and more than ample parking. It is proposed to fully raise the giant gates on a monthly basis as part of maintenance, but visitors should be able to see one gate in the raised position during their visit. So, what originally was built to keep out the floods, is now trying to draw another sort of flood — tourists.

HEVER CASTLE near Edenbridge in Kent has been in the doldrums lately due to the widespread, but totally false, impression that everything worth seeing there has been sold up and dispersed. It is a delightful place, former home of Anne Boleyn and more recently the Astor family. There are superbly kept gardens complete with proper Yew maze, a restaurant and a children's playground. In the castle itself, there are all sorts of interesting things to see: pictures and fine furniture, medieval instruments of torture and costumes from the TV Series 'The Six Wives of Henry VIII' and 'Elizabeth R'. Hever Castle is perfect for a day out for a picnic. Entrance to the gardens is £1.00 and a further £1.50 for those wanting to go round the castle. It is open every day of the week except Monday and Thursday, the latter being "connoisseurs day" for special parties.

Butterflies establishments seem to be popping up all over the place. The latest place to visit is the BUTTERFLY CENTRE at Eastbourne. Live indigenous, tropical and semi-tropical butterflies in landscaped gardens with pools, waterfalls and fountains. Also new is THE LIVING WORLD — an exhibition of live, native and foreign butterflies and moths in two converted Sussex barns at Exceat, near Seaford in the middle of the Seven Sisters Country Park. There are also dozens of other live insects — from snails to scorpions. BRAMBLES ENGLISH WILDLIFE AND BUTTERFLY CENTRE at Heme Common, near Canterbury is in 200 acres of English woodland park with small animals and a butterfly world. Free flying British and tropical butterflies and moths in a large enclosed roof garden. Further information from South East England Tourist Board Press and Information Department, tel: Tunbridge Wells (0892) 40768 or from various centres: D. Lowe, The Butterfly Centre, tel: Eastbourne (0323) 64522. Robin Symington, The Living World, tel: Eastbourne (0323) 870100. Derek Dolding, Brambles, tel: (0227) 712379.

Jaundice Meter Appeal

The following letter has arrived at the editorial office but we are unable to trace the person to whom it was written. Hopefully these thanks will reach those concerned.

Rochester Health Centre
 Delce Road, Rochester

Dear Sir, Madam,
 Many thanks for your donation of thirty pounds towards our Jaundice Meter Appeal. The response is slow but steady, so we hope to purchase a machine in the not too distant future.

Yours faithfully
 J. Town, SRN SCM

ARE YOU GUILTY?

The following are actual statements found on insurance forms where car drivers attempted to summarise the details of an accident in the fewest possible words. The instances of faulty writing serve to confirm that even incompetent writing may be highly entertaining.

- 1 Coming home I drove into the wrong house and collided with a tree I don't have.
- 2 The other car collided with mine without giving warning of its intention.
- 3 I thought my window was down, but I found out it was up when I put my head through it.
- 4 I collided with a stationary truck coming the other way.
- 5 A truck backed through my windshield into my wife's face.
- 6 A pedestrian hit me and went under my car.
- 7 The guy was all over the road. I had to swerve a number of times before I hit him.
- 8 I pulled away from the side of the road, glanced at my mother-in-law and headed over the embankment.
- 9 In an attempt to kill a fly, I drove into a telephone pole.
- 10 I had been shopping for plants all day and was on my way home. As I reached an intersection a hedge sprang up, obscuring my vision and I did not see the other car.
- 11 I had been driving for 40 years when I fell asleep at the wheel and had an accident.
- 12 I was on my way to the doctor with rear end trouble when my universal joint gave way causing me to have an accident.
- 13 As I approached the intersection a sign suddenly appeared in a place where no stop sign had ever appeared before. I was unable to stop in time to avoid the accident.
- 14 To avoid hitting the bumper of the car in front I struck the pedestrian.
- 15 My car was legally parked as it backed into the other vehicle.
- 16 An invisible car came out of nowhere, struck my car and vanished.
- 17 I told the police I was not injured, but on removing my hat found that I had a fractured skull.
- 18 I was sure the old fellow would never make it to the other side of the road when I struck him.
- 19 The pedestrian had no idea which direction to run, so I ran over him.
- 20 I saw a slow moving, sad faced old gentleman as he bounced off the roof of my car.
- 21 The indirect cause of the accident was a little guy in a small car with a big mouth.
- 22 I was thrown from my car as it left the road. I was later found in a ditch by some stray cows.

ACCOMMODATION WANTED

New graduates will be joining the Company during the next few weeks and will require accommodation in the Medway area. If you have property or rooms to let, or have knowledge of anyone who has, please contact Mrs. E.C. McKilian, Welfare Officer on internal telephone extension 2027 giving details.

Kitchen Kapers

FLUFFY BLACKCURRANT AND LEMON (Serves 4)
Ingredients: 2 1/2 oz lemon flavoured jelly block
 2 1/2 fluid oz boiling water
 1/4 teaspoon finely grated lemon rind
 1 tablespoon lemon juice
 1 egg white
 4oz fresh or frozen blackcurrants (thawed)
 1 1/2 teaspoons cornflour
 2 tablespoons cold water
 few drops of vanilla essence
 liquid sweetener

Method: Dissolve the lemon jelly in a large bowl with the boiling water. Make up to 8 fluid oz with cold water. Stir in the lemon rind and juice. Chill until it is almost set. Add the egg white to the jelly mixture and beat with an electric whisk until light and fluffy — about 2 minutes. Pour into one large or four individual moulds and chill until firm. Crush 1/3 of the blackcurrants in a saucepan. Blend together the cornflour and water and add to the crushed blackcurrants. Cook over a medium heat, stirring constantly, until the mixture is thick and bubbly. Remove from heat and stir in remaining blackcurrants and vanilla essence. Sweeten to taste. To serve — unmould the lemon fuff into a dish and spoon over the sauce.

RHUBARB FOOL (Serves 4)
Ingredients: 1lb rhubarb
 2 tablespoons lemon juice
 rind of 1/2 lemon (finely grated)
 liquid sweetener
 2 egg yolks
 5oz carton natural yogurt

Method: Wash, trim and cut the rhubarb into 2" lengths. Put into a saucepan with the lemon juice, lemon rind and sweetener, to taste. Add 3 tablespoons of water and simmer gently until tender. Blend in a liquidiser or sieve. When cool, beat in the egg yolks and fold in the yogurt so that the "fool" is streaked with threads of rhubarb. Spoon into dishes and chill.

"Atlanta Account"

Ground Breaking for
New MAV inc. building



H.D.F. Eagles addressing the guests at the Ground breaking ceremony.

Not only at Rochester do new buildings appear in the night. On June 21st an important event in the history of the Company in Atlanta, Ga., took place in the presence of managers, employees, and a number of distinguished people from the local community. The occasion was the start of building work on a new site at Gwinnett, the move is planned to be completed within a year.

Mr. H.D.F. Eagles, President of MAV Inc., who is remembered by many of us from previous posts in ADD and AS&RD, has written the background story for the Atlanta news-sheet, and the following has been quoted from his column by permission.

It seems that I have been looking forward to writing this particular column for quite a long time since it is entirely devoted to discussion of the Company's new headquarters and main manufacturing plant which is just now beginning construction. During the next few weeks, a model, together with plans and other data, will be placed on display, but for immediate information I am sure the following will be of interest.

Where is it?

One of the main considerations in selecting our new location was to minimize travel difficulties for our employees, and our new address will be 2975 Northwoods Parkway, Norcross, Georgia 30071.

Northwoods Parkway is the main thoroughfare in a new business park to be known as Northwoods which is being developed for occupancy by companies such as ours who work in areas of high technology; the development places considerable emphasis on landscaping and amenity features that are intended to afford a very pleasant working environment.

The new plant (Gwinnett) is approximately six miles from our present facility (DeKalb).

We have obtained a fifteen acre site which has an ultimate capacity for a two-storey building of 200,000 sq. ft., a car park holding 900 cars, and workforce 1,000 strong. Of course, the site will only be developed to its limit if the level of business warrants it, but it was an important consideration that we should have the room to expand if we needed it.

The initial construction will provide approximately 84,000 sq. ft. on two floors which compares with the approximate 58,000 sq. ft. that we presently occupy. Being in our own building under one roof should make things a lot more comfortable for everyone, and I am sure it will greatly aid our efficiency too.

When do we go?

We will take ten to eleven months to complete the new building and we shall therefore move in during April-May, 1984; the move will need to be carefully co-ordinated in order to minimize disruption of day-to-day operations and we expect to transfer on a gradual basis during that two month period.

Why are we moving anyway?

The overall objective has been to provide the Company with a new facility that would be available at the expiry of existing leases; that would minimize the impact on employee travel patterns; that will provide an improved, more attractive and more comfortable working environment; that will provide scope for expansion if needed; that will enhance the image of Marconi Avionics Inc. as a high technology enterprise and reflect our growing importance as the U.S. based subsidiary of a major international avionics company.

Beyond these, however, it is the skill, experience and loyalty of our almost four hundred employees that will make the greatest contribution to the future and I sincerely hope that the new plant will provide a fitting framework for our continuing endeavours. ¹⁾

H.D.F. Eagles

Promotions and Appointments

Congratulations to the following who have recently been promoted.

B.C. Wortley	FARL	Project Manager
A.M. Poed	FARL	Principal Systems Engineer
S.W. Burr	FARL	Chief Software Engineer
F.A. Wickham	ISD	Materials Controller
M.J. Stafford	ISD	Head of Progress
R.G. Haworth	CACD	Asst. Production Manager
L.J. Ladd	CACD	Project Manager
R.J. Benjamin	Nalissea	Principal Engineer
J. Allen	Nalissea	Principal Engineer

Ann Evetts, Contracts Manager, ATED, has moved to ADD as Contracts Manager following the transfer of Colin Boorman who has taken up a post with Marconi Space and Defence Systems, Portsmouth.

Suggestion Scheme

Recent awards include £70.75 to J. Brumpton Leading Hand in AS&RD for an improvement to ESR platy m stands, and £33.76 to K. Parker, Wireman in ADD Model Shop for a modification to power supply modules.

Applications are invited for the
Seventh Annual Award of the

HASKETT TROPHY FOR ENGINEERING

The Haskett trophy for engineering which is judged to be the best engineering achievement of the year that is likely to lead to an improved product.

The competition is open to all engineers employed by Marconi Avionics Limited at Rochester up to and including Project Manager or equivalent grade. It is open to an individual entry or team entry.

The trophy engraved with the winners' names will be exhibited in the main foyer and a replica miniature trophy will also be displayed in the winning entrants' division, in each case accompanied by a suitable descriptive panel of the entry. A miniature souvenir trophy will be presented to the winner or members of the winning team, as appropriate.

In addition, the Company will donate a gift to be chosen by the winner or winning team to the value of £700.

The sum of £30 will also be paid to every other qualifying entrant, up to a maximum of £120 for a team entry.

The judgement as to whether an entry is of qualifying standard will be made by the Divisional Manager of the appropriate Division.

The competition will be judged by a panel of five engineers from within and outside the Company. Innovation, effort and cost effectiveness will be taken into account.

A written paper must be submitted to support the entry (six copies will be required for review by the adjudicating panel) and the entrants will be required to make a presentation of their entry to the panel.

The list of entries will be published on the Company Notice Boards in early December 1983.

Where practical, the winning entry will be submitted for publication in the GEC Journal of Science and Technology.

Further information about the competition may be obtained from J.M. Neale, Personnel Department. Entries should be made in the first instance through the Divisional Manager of the appropriate Division and should reach the Personnel Department by 25 November 1983. However, a brief synopsis of the proposed entries should be submitted by 28 October 1983.

Marconi Avionics (Rochester) Computer Appreciation Scheme (MAV CAS)



In order to encourage employees to gain an understanding of new technology the Company is developing a scheme to assist with the purchase of a personal computer.

The scheme will be open to all employees and will not be limited to those currently working with computers or computing.

The scheme will initially offer the BBC Model B microcomputer under a purchase plan that will involve:

- The employee paying 20% to join the scheme and purchase the computer
- The Company contributing 20% as an incentive to the purchaser
- The remaining balance being deducted from the employee's wages/salary over a 12 month period.

Currently the BBC Model B microcomputer is priced at approximately £400.

It is hoped that user groups will form with co-ordination from divisional representatives so that interchange of software and ideas will result. It is also intended that the scheme will link with in-house training activities and facilities.

There will be no Company requirements on computer use but it is hoped that hands-on experience with computers will enhance employees' appreciation of the current trends within the Company into computerization.

If you are interested in finding out more about this scheme, please complete and return the slip below. Further details will be available in September; aspects of the scheme will depend on demand so please help us gauge interest by replying soon.

PLEASE SEND ME DETAILS OF
MAV CAS

Name _____

Division _____

Department _____ Int Phone _____

Return to:-

Brian G.S. Tucker
Technical Manager
Flight Control Division

Nailsea News

A notable achievement by Colin Wood, who is an Engineer in the Offshore Projects Group, resulted in a donation of £145 to the British Epilepsy Association. In May he took part in a Marathon run at the Kingswood Festival, finishing 303rd out of 750, in 4 hrs 12 mins which was 3 minutes under his target. Well done!

In June a social day, football match and skittles match were held, in conjunction with British Composite Materials. The footballers were victorious but the skittles ended up 468-41. A return event with suitably prejudiced pins is planned for the autumn.

On 10th September there is to be a sponsored 12-mile canoe tour through the Wye valley in aid of a buy-a-bed appeal for the new hospital in Weston-super-Mare.

CAREER COUNSELLING

FOR ENGINEERING & PROFESSIONAL STAFF
AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS YOUR
CAREER ASPIRATIONS
Contact Christine Carter on extension 2367
for an appointment

Winner in National Design Competition

Tim Tanner, a Development Engineer in the Air Data Group of ISD, has won a first prize of £100 in a competition organised by "Electronics Today International" magazine. This was for his entry of "a bolt-on goodie" for the increasingly popular digital alarm clock, enabling a less abrupt awakening to the typical MAV engineer by a gradual increase from zero to the alarm tone. Congratulations to Tim, who joined us in 1979 from his degree course at Lancaster Polytechnic.

Young Enterprise Company 'Delta Products' Wins Best Company Award.

At the recent Young Enterprise prize giving ceremony held at Fort Pitt School before an invited audience including the Rochester City and Gillingham Mayors, Delta Products had the distinction of winning the Best Company Award. Readers of MAV News may remember an article which appeared earlier this year when a group from Delta Products visited Instrument Systems Division. This particular Young Enterprise company is sponsored by MAV and was one of six involving an overall total of 150 youngsters based at the Chatham centre which forms part of a National and International Scheme. Some factors considered by the judges for the award were; the success of the company in its trading, the product, attitude and enthusiasm of the participants, number of advisers, examination results, company organisation and the role played by its directors. Delta Products were very successful in the Achievers Examination held in February; out of the 18 Achievers taking the exam 2 gained distinctions and 7 obtained credits.

Important to any successful Young Enterprise company are the Advisers even though they take no active part in the running of the company. From conception in October 1982, the Delta products advisers were Mick Fillon-Payoux and Mick Porter who both work in ISD. Both continued with Delta Products until it went into liquidation, as required by the Young Enterprise scheme, in April 1983. For the two Micks it was their first time with the Young Enterprise scheme and for a time they felt like Achievers themselves as the basic concept of the scheme is one of 'learn by doing'. It was they who arranged the visit to MAV by Delta products as it was felt that the Achievers would have a better understanding on how the knowledge they were gaining under the Young Enterprise scheme actually works in a large company.

The success of Delta Products in winning the Best Company Award is a measure of this knowledge and its utilization within their own company. The Company hopes to sponsor more Young Enterprise companies in the near future.



Mr. Eric Page, President of Chatham Rotary Club, presents the award for Best Company Award to Derek Hardy, Managing Director of Delta Products.

Photo by courtesy of Chatham Standard.



AS&R's 800m/1500m champ, Kevin Minter.



Long Jump winner Trevor Atkins (ISD).



SPORTS DAY 1983

RESULTS



CACD pull their way to a tug-of-war victory. L to R: Parts of John Smith, with Barry Booker, Adrian Rickersey, Kevin Tumber, Andy Harris, Andy Edmonds, Sam Morley urges.



Women's 100m finish: Julie Gilson (ATE) beats Saker (PSD) and Pegg (CACD).



Ray Reese (CACD) takes the Veterans 100m as favourite Lan Murphy vanishes in a cloud of dust. Noel Baby and Sam Morley are in hot pursuit.



Paul Nihill (ATE) 1500m walk champion.



UK International Maxine Bennett (FISHER) prepares to throw in the women's javelin - which she won with a colossal 46m 30. Maxine also put up the best individual performance of the day, having been placed 7th the previous day at the Women's AAA meeting at Crystal Palace.



Mens 100m finish: Sean Talbot (MAV) wins from Gower, (315), Butler (312) and Atkins (448).



The FARL sports team. Top L to R: D. Thornycroft (Team Captain), R. Murrell, M.P. Earl, I. Thomson, C.J. Trachwell, D. Cardwell, S.A. Cheatham and G.E. Cheatham. Bottom L to R: A. Smith, D.J. Larner, D. Hicks, R.W. Davies, M. Jenner and S.R. Cheatham.



Mark Butler (FCD) retains his 400m title.

MEN

100 metres

1. S. Talbot	MAV	11.6
2. I. Gower	ISD	11.7
3. M. Butler	FCD	11.9
4. T. Atkins	ISD	12.3
5. D. Harman	CACD	12.5
6. A. Peak	PSD	13.0

200 metres

1. M. Butler	FCD	23.9
2. S. Talbot	MAV	23.9
3. I. Gower	ISD	24.7
4. A. Smith	FARL	25.1
5. T. Atkins	ISD	25.6
6. I. Thompson	FARL	27.3

400 metres

1. M. Butler	FCD	51.3
2. S. Talbot	MAV	55.3
3. K. Minter	AS & R	56.5
4. K. Peen	PSD	57.6
5. Simon Cheatham	FARL	62.4
6. L. Langley	CACD	68.6

800 metres

1. K. Minter	AS & R	2:05.4
2. Simon Cheatham	FARL	2:06.6
3. L. Langley	CACD	2:18.4
4. A. Giles	ADD	2:19.5
5. Steven Cheatham	FARL	2:22.5
6. D. Thornycroft	FARL	2:23.5

1500 metres

1. A. Bridge	Guest	4:17.4
2. K. Minter	AS & R	4:34.03
3. Steven Cheatham	FARL	4:40.4
4. S. Hunter	CACD	4:43.3
5. M. Earl	FARL	4:44.2
6. I. Langley	CACD	4:44.7

1500 metres walk

1. P. Nihill	ATE	6:53.0
2. T. Naves	ISD	7:08.8
3. K. Randall	CMS	8:15.6
4. L. Martin	ISD	8:34.2
5. M. Osbourne	CMS	9:25.2
6. G. Cheatham	FARL	9:35.8

High Jump

1. M. Martin	CMS	1m 56
2. I. Gower	ISD	1m 55
3. I. Thompson	FARL	1m 55
4. A. Peak	PSD	1m 55
5. M. Chapman	ADD	1m 50
6. T. Atkins	ISD	1m 45

Long Jump

1. T. Atkins	ISD	5m 68
2. A. Peak	PSD	5m 54
3. I. Gower	ISD	5m 50
4. I. Thompson	FARL	5m 37
5. M. Chapman	ADD	5m 28
6. K. Peen	PSD	5m 22

Shot

1. G. Storer	ATE	11m 90
2. J. Smith	CACD	10m 24
3. M. Giles	ATE	10m 07
4. A. Peak	PSD	9m 47
5. M. Chapman	ADD	9m 36
6. A. McIlharron	ISD	9m 21

Discus

1. M. Giles	ATE	36m 50
2. M. Chapman	ADD	30m 90
3. G. Storer	ATE	29m 80
4. J. Smith	CACD	28m 90
5. M. Osbourne	CMS	23m 42
6. T. Atkins	ISD	22m 70

Javelin

1. M. Chapman	ADD	48m 46
2. G. Storer	ATE	43m 64
3. P. Jarvis	CMS	38m 54
4. P. Lamb	FARL	36m 16
5. G. Clark	CGD	34m 72
6. D. Aldridge	CACD	33m 20

Inter-divisional relay

1.	ISD	49.2
2.	FARL	50.6
3.	CMS	51.8
4.	PSD	52.0
5.	CACD	52.9

Tug-of-War

1.	CACD	
2.	CGD	
3.	ISD	
3.	CMS	

Victor Ludorum

Men

1. Ian Gower

Women

2. Rosa Hargrave

Management Team

1.

2.

3.

This year, following the move to the new club premises at Hoo, the Annual Sports Day was held at Deangate Sports Centre on 31st July, a Sunday for the first time.

The winners received their prizes from Mrs E. Alexander. Results from some first-class competitions are listed below. Action and prizegiving photos by Alan Keats.

We believe there may be a number of would-be athletes in the Company. The Athletic Section would welcome new talent particularly in field events, high jump, and sprints. The Team runs many fixtures throughout the year. Contact Len Murphy, Internal 2893, Extn. 395.

ULTS

WOMEN

100 metres

1. J. Gilson	ATE	13.8
2. N. Saker	PSD	14.3
3. E. Pegg	CACD	14.9
4. R. Hargrave	CACD	16.5
5. M. Abraham	CACD	16.7
6. C. Hendry	ATE	18.3

High Jump

1. D. Falkner	CACD	1m 40
2. N. Saker	PSD	1m 40
3. R. Hargrave	CACD	1m 30
4. J. Tomlinson	ADD	1m 25
5. E. Pegg	CACD	1m 25
6. M. Abraham	CACD	1m 10

Long Jump

1. T. Falkner	CACD	4m 41
2. D. Falkner	CACD	3m 96
3. R. Hargrave	CACD	3m 93
4. J. Thomdick	COD	3m 75
5. E. Pegg	CACD	3m 72
6. N. Banks	FCD	3m 68

Shot

1. J. Thomdick	COD	6 m 81
2. N. Banks	FCD	6m 56
3. E. Pegg	CACD	6m 50
4. S. Marshall	MV	6m 40
5. V. Mooney	MV	6m 25
6. L. Fuller	COD	5m 85

Discus

1. R. Hargrave	CAC	18m 18
2. V. Mooney	MV	15m 80
3. J. Thomdick	COD	14m 88
4. N. Banks	FCD	14m 53
5. S. Marshall	MV	12m 62
6. M. Abraham	CACD	11m 14

Javelin

1. M. Bennett	Fisher	45m 30
2. V. Bennett	Fisher	29m 52
3. N. Saker	PSD	22m 70
4. R. Hargrave	CACD	18m 96
5. J. Thomdick	COD	17m 34
6. T. Falkner	CACD	15m 80

100 metres veterans handicap

1. R. Reese	CACD	13.0
2. L. Murphy	ADD	15.8
3. N. Baby	MV	16.4
4. H. Morley	CACD	19.7

Inter-divisional relay

1.	CACD	58.8
2.	ATE	63.4

BOYS

100 metres — 10-12 years

1. M.P. Thomsett	CACD	14.7
2. K. Jeffrey	MV	15.8
3. K. Rickersey	CACD	18.1

400 metres — 13-15 years

1. S. Minter	AS & R	60.4
2. C. Rose	CMS	69.5

800 metres — 13-15 years

1. I. Langley	CACD	1:17.0
2. D.J. Akridge	CACD	2:18.9
3. G. Horohan	CACD	2:13.9

1500 metres —

1. M.P. Thomsett	CACD	5:32.7
2. K. Jeffrey	—	5:46.4

3000 metres — 13-15 years

1. I. Langley	CACD	10:44.1
2. P. Gallagher	Fisher	12:05.2

GIRLS

100 metres — 11-12 years

1. T. Harris		14.6
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160 metres — 15-16 years

1. M. Blackman	IND	14.7
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160 metres — 15-16 years

1. T. Falkner	CACD	13.9
2. N. Saker	PSD	14.5
3. E. Pegg	CACD	15.0
4. D. Falkner	CACD	15.4

3600 metres walk (Kent league)

1. C. Hobbs	Guest	15:29.5
2. Doug Hopkins	Guest	16:33.8
3. F. Jennings	Guest	16:34.9
4. T. Hayes	ISD	17:24.8
5. N. Phillips	Guest	17:44.5
6. R. Prendergast	Guest	18:33.8

Trophies

ISD 18 points

CACD 20 points

Trophy CACD 105 points

ISD 53 points

ATE 44 points



Jan Gower (ISD) picks up the Mens Victor Ludorum cup.



Mrs. E. Alexander presents the Management trophy to CAC Captain Ross Hargrave — who also won the Womens Victor Ludorum.



Womens Shot — Jackie Thomdick (COD).



Mens Discus — Mick Gilce (ATE).



Womens Long Jump — Tracy Falkner.



Womens High Jump — Debbie Falkner (CACD).



Mens High Jump — Malcolm Martin (CMS).



Mens Javelin — Mark Chapman (ADD).



Mens Shot — Graham Storer (ATE). This was a superb win with a throw of 11m 80, no mean feat for a novice non-competitor.



Combat Aircraft Controls Division — 1983 Management trophy winners. L to R: Dave Hargrave, John Smith, Marian Abraham, Andy Edmonds, Kevin Tumber, Emma Pegg, Ray Reese, Ross Hargrave, David Akridge, Bob Acey, Tracy Falkner, Debbie Falkner, Barry Booker. Rest of team not present.

RETIREMENTS



Rita Newbury, well known in ADD and elsewhere retired on 1st July. Rita first worked for the Company as a 'temp' working in Gyro Division for two months, then for Harry Eagles in ADD. She joined the division as Secretary to the Assistant Chief Engineer Mr. R. Richards and later as Secretary in the ADD telex room. Mr. A. J. Colwell appointed Rita as his Secretary in 1973. She now retires as Secretary to the Divisional Manager Mr. J.C. Spinks; she was also Secretary to the ADD social club for 11 years. Her other activities include participating in the RNR at HMS Wildfire and as Secretary to the Wildfire Association.

Rita with her stepson Richard and son Keith who both work for the Company. (D)

Ron Mepstead of Gyro Division has completed 25 years as Instrument Fitter, but prior to joining Gyro 13 years ago, spent 5 years in Survey Division, 2 on the Blue Streak project then 5 in AS&R. Mr. A. Essex, Divisional Manager, presented him with a carriage clock in recognition; with a lifetime in the trade following apprenticeship in watchmaking, Ron was able to pass favourable comment on the quality of his choice of gift. His hobby is watchmaking and he also spends leisure hours in DIY and gardening. He has lived in Chatham all his life - his wife has worked for the Company over 25 years but not continuously, and is now in ATE Library.

Ron Mepstead receiving his clock from Mr. A. Essex. (A)



Editor to Editor

Jesse Griffiths with his wife Alice and the gifts which were presented to him by the Editor in the presence of a number of his friends and Liaison Officers of this newspaper. In the card are the signatures and good wishes of a vast number of colleagues who wished to record their farewell messages and appreciation of Jesse's long service, on the occasion of his retirement. (D)

Jess has sent this message to all readers:

The Editor
MAV News

May I, through you, and the newspaper, express my sincere thanks and deep appreciation for the gifts which I received on my retirement?

The Teasmade, and Carriage Clock, together with the Bouquet (which my wife received), made us realise how many friends we had made within the Company. Also a sincere thank you to the Company Management, for their tangible expression of goodwill.

We shall always be reminded of the good times, as well as the not so good, we shared, and know that there is a bond of friendship between us all, and to those people whom I was just

not possible to say "farewell" to personally, will they take this note as such, and assure them how much their support and good wishes meant to me.

Yours sincerely
J. Griffiths



25 YEARS' SERVICE

Sid Martin has lived in Gillingham for all but a few weeks of his life. Following 15 years in the Navy as Apprentice and ERA, he was invalided out and was licensee of the Cricketers Arms in Gillingham for 19 years. In 1966 he joined the Company and after a series of jobs which sank under him he took up the art of Progress Chasing, which he undertook for 8 years in ADD followed by the last 5 years in PSD. Sid will now have time for his son and daughter and 3 grandchildren and to follow his hobbies of DIY and gardening.



Sid Martin receiving a gift from Mick Meakin, Production Manager PSD on his retirement. (D)

NEW INDUSTRIAL CHAPLAIN

John Marsden has recently been appointed as Industrial Chaplain in the Medway Towns. He hopes to develop a number of contacts with local industries, and to relate to people and organisations with a concern for the industrial life of the Medway region. The high level of unemployment will provide an important perspective to the work, and he would like to have some involvement with groups which are making a response to this pressing issue.

He sees the role of the church in 'industrial mission' as one of attempting to raise christian insights and promote a concern for humanity and truly human values within industrial society.

John took up his new appointment in July, and in the first six months he would like to begin to familiarise himself with the industrial life of the region. In September he will begin a programme of initial visiting here at MAV. We are therefore pleased to welcome him - he is likely to be seen in many places in the Company in the coming months, in succession to Arthur Heathcote and Richard Bateman remembered by many of us.

He has only recently moved to Medway, having been brought up and educated in the Chester area. He first took a degree in 1974 at

York University in Maths and Physics, then after working for 3 years in the British Library Division at Boston Spa, he went to St John's Theological College and Nottingham University to study Theology. In 1980 he went as curate to a small town in South Lancashire, until taking his present appointment. Aged 30, he is now settling into the area with his wife and 3 children.

We wish John Marsden every success.



Rev. John Marsden

Pastures New

Terry Smith, Production Manager of ATE, recently left Rochester to take up the position of Production Director at McMichael, Slough, who are members of GEC. This fulfils the ambition he has stated for many years, that he would be a Director by the time he was 40. Terry started his 20 years' service with 3 years as a Fitter, was promoted to Technician then to Student Apprentice. The rest of his time has been with ATE, apart from two years when he was seconded to the Domestic Appliance Division of the former English Electric Co (now GEC). Mr. A. Colwell, Divisional Manager, presented Terry with a briefcase and other gifts in the presence of many colleagues and friends; we wish him every success in his new post.



Mr. A. Colwell presenting Terry Smith with his farewell gifts. (D)

GEC LONG SERVICE ASSOCIATION
(ROCHESTER)

ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

SATURDAY 29th OCTOBER
in the MAIN CANTEEN

LAST FAREWELL

I first came here long years ago, in the Spring of '48
No Towers to obstruct the view - no Coppens at the gate
The Chestnut Trees then reigned supreme wild roses and the like
The ladies then all walked and dreamed, of when they'd own a bike!
If someone had a Bull Nosed Morris, he was a King by far,
Or if he ran an Austin 7, he couldn't afford a jar!
Inspectors woges, held your breath, Four Pounds and Twenty P
But only if you worked 'till Eight and skipped your ruddy tea!
I've watched the Monster grow and grow, I left for Eight long years
My last eqoum with good old 'Shorts', my love for many years.
When they broke up alas bleak, sad days for all and sundry
Where would we go, what would we do without that lovely money!
So back I came with cap in hand once more my case to plead
But everyone sang loud and loud said, we have no urgent need:
Aircraft Inspectors? What are they! We're going into Space
With all the modern knowhow - that scares the Human Race
Rudder Bars! and Apron Runs! Surveys and the like,
Drogue Winch Flying! Camera Guns! Get on your flaming bike
We don't need them or even you to supplement our aims
The Jaguar's our slowest job - go shake your pre-war brains
Reluctantly I took a back job, in the Fisher net!
I'd stay here for a wee short while and then get out - you bet
I transferred into AEI down in the little Huts
A good Division bags of work and lots of lads with guts
Then boom, amalgamation with famous FID
Golly here we go again - what will become of me!
But SSD once FID was my last port of call
And has been now for 12 long years - as best I can recall
And now I leave this new Tech world - to potter in my garden
What now has modern space unfurled - who understands the jargon!
I'll also paint some landscapes, then change maybe to prose!
And pen my little ditties of that and these and those,
I hope the modern world will find its faith and true direction
And leave me wond'ring ever more, what was full scale deflection!

Ode to What's Her Name

Here's an ode to Ann Watts her name,
The place without her will never be quite the same,
Although she has not strayed too far
Just up the road to AS&R.
She left her typewriter, cabinets and files
For a word processor machine with much more style.
No one has replaced her, no one ever could,
A cold water dispenser stands where her desk stood.
No smile of "Good Morning, how's things today",
Just a glop and a gurgle as the water runs away.
No progress reports of the building of her home,
"Am it for you, Dave's on the phone".
I know we all miss her, she gave the place cheer
To all of us she was very dear.
So good luck to you Ann from us ATE swells
We hope things in your new job will go very well!

From ATE Division

"Open Evening at Hopewell Drive for New Intake of Apprentices"

The Company Training Centre was open on the evening of Tuesday 12th July for this year's new intake of apprentices. The evening was designed to enable young people to attend with their parents so that any questions they may have had about their future careers could be answered; over 50 expected trainees were present.

In order to give and youngsters an insight of the programmes from a trainee's point of view of life in the Training Centre generally, the following group of young employees were made available to talk to the visitors:

Sheillah Reynolds Stephen Freed
Lesley Friend Carl Poynter
Edward Jones Jeremy Scriven
Garry Myers

It was especially pleasing to training staff in attendance that more than one parent remarked on the obvious enthusiasm and maturity of the group and we congratulate them on a job well done.

Airworthiness course visits Rochester

The Civil Aviation Authority holds, roughly annually, a three week course, mainly for overseas airworthiness officials who are just graduating and who are being "groomed" for senior positions in their own countries' airworthiness organisations. They come to the CAA because of this country's good reputation in this field. Countries represented include African, South American, European (including Eastern bloc) and others. There are other courses available to students; The Federal Aviation Authority holds one in USA, but the Union tends to train its own people exclusively. Some students attend more than one course before returning to their own country.

The CAA holds its courses in Eliot College, Canterbury, and from its earliest beginnings engineers from our company have gone to the College to give a day's lectures on airworthiness subjects from our industry's viewpoint. Subjects have included the fault analysis and general airworthiness demonstration of flight control systems, advanced forms of display and quality management, every subject being treated from an airworthiness viewpoint.

Since 1967, we have stopped going to Eliot College and each course now makes a day's visit to Rochester. The emphasis has gradually changed, at the wish of the CAA. We now give much briefer lectures and complement these with visits to those parts of the factory which security can permit. This not only helps the CAA to include a better industrial flavour to its course but also makes a welcome break from the College classrooms, while giving our company a chance to cement good relations with future airworthiness authorities around the world, and to do this in a more relaxed manner. The shift of emphasis has also helped to overcome difficulties with the English language experienced by some students.

We nowadays lecture on subjects of interest such as flight control, radio and inertial navigation, cockpit displays, etc., explaining such military developments as are already freely published, in order to show where technological spin-off may occur in the future. We try to refer to airworthiness aspects in the course of these presentations but without expecting too high a level of understanding of the detail. We now try to achieve a roughly equal mixture of "walking and talking".

This year's visit on July 7th provided a welcome for a party of 25, from countries ranging from British Virgin Islands to Yemen and Malawi. The various talks and visits involved FCD, ADD, ATED, AS & RD and CDD. Mr. P. Rainer, Assistant General Manager and Mr. D. Clews, Divisional Manager, FCD were principal hosts, with contributions from P. Daniell (FCD), D. Stonehouse (ADD), N. Donithorne (ATED), N. Evans (CDD), F. Ewen and H. Perry (CDD/ETL), R. Rose (AS & RD) and members of their teams.



Postscript to The London Marathon

There must be easier ways of travelling from Greenwich to Westminster than running the route of the London Marathon. Even to enter involved queuing overnight outside Post Offices last November. Then for most, there were months of hard training to be done.

The culmination to all this effort came on a wet, overcast April morning. Thousands of runners collected for the start, many clad in black bin liners to keep dry. These were discarded soon after the start as the runners settled down. Most of us enjoyed the first few miles, waving at TV cameras and pretty girls along the way. Tower Bridge was nearly half way but the leaders had already run underneath as the slower runners crossed for the first time. In between, the route took the runners out around the Isle of Dogs. It was here that we were getting very tired but with smaller crowds to cheer us on. For most, this was the worst part but eventually Tower Bridge reappeared. From there back to Westminster, much bigger crowds encouraged the runners home. So after twenty-six miles we came into Parliament Square for a 'sprint' finish to Westminster Bridge.

Exhausted runners were soon revitalised by a medal and kiss from a row of attractive females. Then hot drinks and warm dry clothes.

The memories of the day will vary but without doubt, it was the encouragement from the huge crowds that made it such an enjoyable and successful day. Most will remember their personal feelings at the start - excitement and expectancy and at the finish - exhaustion and relief but we will probably try to forget the few hours between!

A special thanks to those in the Training Department who sponsored me.

Nick Mellor
Student Technologist
(Imperial College)



Company Trophies



A display cabinet has now been provided as a home for the many cups, trophies and awards received by Divisions or individuals. This has recently been installed in the Towers Reception area, in response to a need identified by senior management.

The design was undertaken by Sid Clayton, Manager Reprographic Services; construction and fitting were done by Cyril Cawley and Fred Westcott of Works Engineering Services.

Custodian for the trophies will be Simon Lyons of Reprographic Services, to whom all applications for inclusion or withdrawal should be made.

WANTED



PLANT THIEF DEAD OR ALIVE (PREFERABLY DEAD)

LATEST VICTIM (BLACK EYED SUSAN) WAS LAST SEEN ALIVE ON THE 24th JUNE IN THE VICINITY OF THE DRAWING OFFICE WEARING ONLY A MAXPAX COFFEE CUP
HE (OR SHE) IS BELIEVED TO BE MEAN, DANGEROUS, NASTY, AND DEADLY WITH THE BABY BLO

TO THE THIEF WHO HAS BEEN TAKING FRESH YOUNG PLANTS IN THE MAKING IF YOU DO NOT BRING THEM BACK, YOU MAY BE FACING INSTANT SACK SO BRING MY BLACK EYED SUSAN HOME YOU STUNTED TWISTED GARDEN GNOME

PROXIME ACCESSIT

No medal or a Cup, no Emblem to hang up,
No trophy to hang about the wall,
No cups to bear his name, not one to dull his shame,
His wife had won the lot, one and all.

There are Trophies here and there, and Medals everywhere,
They've even got them hanging in the hall,
Not one that he can claim, no Emblem of his Fame,
His wife has won the lot, one and all.

He has worked, and he has tried to make the winning side,
Defended with his back against the wall,
But now the record shows, to the best the credit goes,
His wife has won the lot, one and all.

But he often plays at chess, and though he's not the best
You can often hear him make that checkmate call
But in Pool there's something lacking, and in soccer needs the backing,
As for medals, well his wife has won them all.

ANON ATE

"Game for a laugh!"

Amusement only

Breakfast television has been with us for some months now, but what is not widely known is the Company's intention of setting up its own in plant network to be called MA-AM.

Malcolm Moulton the Information Executive (known to his friends as Arthur Spokesman) and Bob McCall (him of the Robin Day neckwear) the Company video expert are to install screens in workshops and offices throughout all MAV sites.

A sample pilot script has fallen into our hands.

Opening shots from top of Rochester Tower block over airfield where a group of smiling managers are seen boarding Navajo GECMA en route for the Paris Air Show, camera pans over adjacent countryside - "Morning" from Peer Gynt plays discreetly in background. Scene fades to Moulton's luxurious pent house office at Rochester. There is a large aligned portrait of the Assistant Managing Director on the wall behind the huge oak desk.

Moulton - "Hello, Good morning and welcome, except for those on flexi time, whom I hope will join us later. Coming up in the next half an hour - keep fit with Tom Crooks, Weather from Staff Ellis".

McCall - "And the Divisional Manager of the week will be giving his comments on the newspapers, cooks corner - Mrs. Scott's special way with haggis. There is 'Do it Yourself' with Les Fell of Works Engineering, Charlton Athletic and Crystal Palace to tell us how a cup final medal helps him keep our drains in order.

Moulton - "So it's over to our resident consultant for an up to date weather check".

Staff - Camera fades to the Fourth Floor Oval office of Mr. Ellis, dominated by a full wall map of Australia.

Ellis - His mouth moves but there is no sound - he proceeds to stick sunshine emblems over the entire wall with high pressure of 1100 millibars over the Great Barrier Reef.

McCall - "Well we seem to be having trouble with the sound there - we will go back as soon as Works Engineers have cured the fault" - picture returns briefly to weather map - still no sound but Mr. Ellis is caught downing a tube of Fosters.

Moulton - "So it's over to cooking" - scene - a large kitchen - Mrs Scott is seen up to the elbows in the entrails of a sheep.

Mrs. Scott - "and so when you have roughly minced all the ingredients, stuff them like this into a sheep's stomach, add dried blood and a good nip of whisky" - adds small amount of whisky to mixture and drains glass - "Then tie using"

Moulton - "Yes, well I think that's more than enough of that first thing in the morning."

McCall - "It's keep fit time - Tom Crooks will show us what he does with the Chief Draughtman's Committee once a month."

Scene changes to number three conference room where a group of aged, overweight and balding men hang about in a disconsolate manner.

Enter Crooks leaning heavily on a walking stick.

Crooks - "Good morning gentlemen, before we start I would like to mention keep fit at sub contract offices. It seems to me Voice from back "Get on with it".

Crooks - "Have you heard the one about the Technical Manager, the teardrop and a sponge - well he got this sponge and He is cut short by a sudden burst of music - the assembly shuffle off. Scene fades.

Moulton - "Now it's our weekly review of Topic and MAV News - our Divisional Manager this week is Mr. John Hunter Dunn of GFC - John. Picture cuts to DM's office. DM is caught stuffing 'Playboy' into a drawer - he looks up in a guilty manner adjusting his tie.

Hunter Dunn - "Good morning. My secretary has been looking through MAV News and has found one or two rather exciting items - on page six there is a nice picture of me presenting a clock to Fred Grimes our storeman on completion of fifty years service and on the back page some splendid photographs taken in my last modelling assignment for the Camera Club." Sits back waiting for picture to fade - it doesn't, after some minutes he ducks behind desk and leaves on hands and knees.

McCall - "And finally Les Fell, who for many years had hoped for a pass from an inside forward when wearing the number seven shirt, tells us of the problems of keeping a large organisation ticking over."

Fell - "It wasn't my fault you know."

McCall - "What wasn't?"

Fell - "Losing in extra time to Derby."

McCall - "Now, about the main drainage system in the towers is it true to say that every day, hundreds of gallons of"

Fell - "It was that bloke Turner putting through his own goal."

McCall - "Yes, I see, but people working in the huts say that on a hot day they can"

Fell - "One all at full time you know - thought I was going to get a gold."

McCall - "Well thank you Les - I think our viewers have got some idea of the type of problem that you are up against."

Moulton - "That's all we have time for today - don't forget - we will be on your screens at the same time tomorrow."

Scene fades - closing sequence in Towers reception as camera homes in on the John Curtis sword.

Land of Hope and Glory builds to a crescendo

RAF Halton Aircraft Apprentices Association

A present member of the Association already knows of one or two other members now at Rochester, but feels that there must be many other ex-Halton apprentices on the site. If anyone is such an ex-apprentice, or knows anyone who is, they are invited to drop a note to Robin Sheridan, MASD QA. This is party in connection with a Reunion for all "Old Haltonians" due to be held at Halton in October.

