

# Touchpaper

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DECEMBER 1992

ISSUE 4

## the waltham abbey newsletter

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This issue, number 4, represents our first full year of 'Touchpaper' and, looking back over the previous three issues, it's very encouraging to see how this newsletter has grown. Judging by the growing response it most certainly appears to fill a deep felt need which is a reflection of the great community spirit that was the hall-mark of our old establishment.

As usual, however, I have to express some degree of disappointment at the paucity of articles from you. These don't have to be long articles, phrased in flowery English. All I need are a few short bits of information which I can lengthen, rephrase and even distort to make up an item which may be of passing interest to other readers. The subject can be anything from past reminiscencies to current events. Any cartoons, jokes or competitions will also be most welcome.

I have included some 'pictures from the past' in this issue and hope to build this into a series. Any photographs you may have may well be of interest to others although I can't guarantee best quality of reproduction.

The response so far to the Re-union on 11th December has been tremendous and I hope to see many of you then.

To all of you I send sincere greetings for a very happy Christmas and with the very best wishes for the New Year.

Norman Paul  
Hon. Editor

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CHRISTMAS

TO YOU ALL

AND WISHING YOU A

HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS

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### "Scratch & Sniff"

#### AN APOLOGY

In the last issue we had a 'Scratch & Sniff' panel on the front cover and this has been the cause of numerous complaints.

Apparently most of you failed to detect any odours whatsoever and we can only apologise for this.

It would appear that, due to technical difficulties, most of you received copies which had passed their 'smell by date'!

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# TOUCH

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## BISHOPTON BANNER

Greetings, at last, from Bishopton!

There's plenty going on up here but I'm afraid it's not much interest to EWAs. I thought I would drop a line anyway to let you know who you are not hearing from. Apart from myself we have Dave Davies, John Phillips, Andy Newell, Chris Robbins and Andy Whittaker who spends about half his time at Muiden Chemie in Holland. We did also have Bernard Grabowski, who resigned about a year ago to become a teacher, and Ron Holt who took early retirement at the end of last year. John Anderson was our General Manager until a couple of months ago when he transferred back to Chorley.

That's whose here (and no longer here) but I'm afraid there isn't any actual news about any of them at the moment (they're all a bit boring really) but I'll be sure to let you know if anything happens of note.

George is currently in MoD Contracts in Glasgow where he is engaged in buying fuel for the MoD.

Regards

Elsa McFarlane.

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## THE DYFED GROUP

The most recent (and first) meeting of the Dyfed Group was a couple of months ago at Trewithian House. The number in the Group is small, consisting of Alan and Marjorie Dentry, who live in Llanpumsaint (about 5 miles from Llanllawddog) and Alan and Carole Owen.

On this occasion we were pleased to receive guests from Waltham Abbey - Geoff and Pam Colley. A good time was had by all.

New members are welcome - retire and come to live in Dyfed. No restrictions on the amount of water used in this green and pleasant land of song.

Alan Owen

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## LONDON GROUP

Since the last issue there have been no meetings of the Chandos Group. There was to have been a meeting at the end of August but this was cancelled as virtually nobody was able to attend, what with holidays, detached duty abroad and, of course, sheer pressure of work.

The departure of Ike from London to the West Country represents a severe blow to the organisation of these meetings since he was one of the prime movers (he always was a bully!). Nevertheless we hope that the meetings will restart on a regular basis under the tender care of Diane Howes.

Don't let us down London!

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## THE PORTON POST

### THE PORTON QUIZ NIGHT

Dave Salter, in a mission to push back the frontiers of knowledge and understanding into the West Country, organised a Quiz in the Porton Recreation Club along the lines of the popular Waltham Abbey Quiz Nights of the late eighties.

Ablly assisted by; his family, Pete Maher, Wendy Day and Michelle, who came down for the weekend, the evening was highly appreciated by the 'locals'. The questions were, in the main, the same as those used for the Powdermill Club Quiz of 17th November 1988. Needless to say (although I will say it) the marks achieved at Porton were considerably lower than at WA (Well, we all knew how clever we were there - was it something in the water - or the BBA ?).

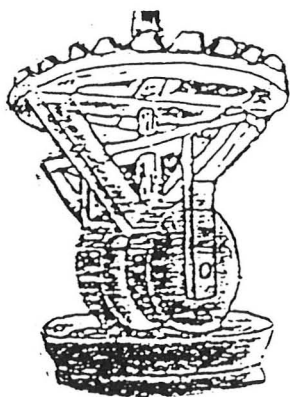
Still, despite the rumours, we don't all wear knotted handkerchiefs, fairisle jumpers and wellies down here - well, at least I don't but I haven't seen Reg Powell lately.

Hope to see many of you at the reunion on the 11th December.

Cheers!

Dave Salter

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## The Powdermill Club

Bill Warren has recently moved house 'South of the River' and consequently has had to relinquish the post of Club Chairman. A Special General Meeting was held in October at which Harry Edwards was elected as Chairman and his first Club report follows:

"Hi Guys! This is your new chairman speaking. Although I have been a great supporter of the Club in the past this has been mainly from the customer side of the bar and I am currently on a steep learning curve on the intricacies of club management.

My first duty is to thank Bill Warren, the outgoing chairman, for all his efforts in keeping the Club going since closure of the site. It has not been an easy task.

The bad news is that the Club has been through a very bad patch financially and there was a very real possibility of closure some 6 weeks ago due to severe solvency problems which was not helped by a series of break-ins! The good news is that, due to the tremendous effort put in by Pete Maher and Wendy Day we are now solvent again and the Club is on a sound self supporting basis - and the drinks are still the cheapest in town! We really do owe our most sincere thanks to Pete and Wendy - it is only due to their efforts that the Club is still in existence!

The atmosphere in the Club has improved and it's now more like it used to be. If you still live within 'striking distance' why not use your club?

Current membership stands at 580 and John Harris must be thanked for his sterling efforts as Membership Secretary.

A sincere vote of thanks must also go to Terry Stemman who has put a tremendous amount of effort into maintaining and improving the fabric of the building - especially the heating!

So, apart from a leaky roof, the absence of Keg due to low demand and the fact that the main fruit machine jackpot hasn't paid out for 3 weeks, things are currently running quite well.

Harry Edwards.

## Touch Bytes

A SMALL SELECTION OF SNIPPETS FROM YOUR GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE:

"Retirement is great (as you know, I had been practising for years in preparation), there's not enough hours in the day. In my very few spare moments I have been developing a non-linearity of time theory whereby time passes progressively faster as you get older. This will be a further, even more confusing addition to the Special Relativity Theory which has serious implications for those poor devils travelling at relativistic speeds on motorways".

Chris Evans.

".. it is now 6 years since I moved to rural Oxfordshire where time stands still; only the seasons change. It is therefore, perhaps not surprising that I find it hard to appreciate that PERME has shut down but from reading Touchpaper it is clear that its spirit still lives on in various enclaves around the country - long may it last! I am pleased to read that so many have found worthwhile occupations proving that there is indeed, as I have discovered, 'life after PERME'. Looking forward to meeting many of you at the re-union - weather permitting."

Les Dingle.

"...regret I will be unable to make the re-union. However, an advance notice to all exE Branch - Pam Garaty and Ken Bascombe are organising a get together on 14th May next year at the Civil Service Club in London. Further details nearer the date.

One reminiscence which may amuse: 'When ERDE amalgamated with RPE to become PERME I pointed out to Lionel Bellamy that he now had 2 SE branches, Explosives at Waltham and Engineering at Westcott. Being an ever helpful chap I suggested that our lot become SEX but the director ruled against this; we stayed as SE and the others became SEng - Pity!'

Cyril Beck

*Editor's Note: I remember another story about Cyril and S\*X. As I recall he had requested samples of an HMX precursor compound called SEX. At this time the availability of this material was difficult and in one of the old (now archived) WA files there is a note to the effect that "Dr Beck cannot have any more SEX until April!" Honest, it's true.*

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# BASES

## L O S W

The Last Of the Summer Wine group seems to grow each month as more and more retired 'locals' latch onto the idea of escaping from household chores to attend an Important Meeting in a local hostelry. Attendance at their meetings is somewhat erratic but you know what it's like when you retire (or you will find out one day); there never seems to be enough time to do all the things you wanted to do when you were still working. Bryan Howard is the main organiser of the group but as he is only semi-retired I suppose he can still find the time!

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## OLD COMRADES

The Old Comrades continue to meet in the Powdermill Club on the first Thursday of the month, 7.30 - 8.00 start until 10 - 10.30pm.

All former employees and their spouses attending these meetings will receive a warm welcome. At our 'advanced' ages, however, we tend to concentrate on such less strenuous activities as; bin go, mock auctions, raffles, reminiscing and fish & chip suppers coupled with an occasional glass of lemonade etc. These meetings are usually attended by about 40 people.

We enliven our tranquil existence in the summer by day trips to resorts such as; Margate, Southend, Deal, Felixstowe and Eastbourne; not to mention a so-called shopping trip to Peterborough. The trips are well organised by Alice Negus. Some of us have been known on such occasions - as well as feeding our faces - to actually walk the promenades, to take the floor at a tea dance or even play indoor bowls.

We still maintain the long established tradition of a Christmas Dinner coupled with a party and a little dancing. This year it will again be held at the Powdermill Club on the evening of Dec 3rd and prior booking is essential at £4-50 a head - contact Alice Negus 0992 716557.

We shall be attending the re-union in force on the 11th and hope to see many of our friends there.

Glyn Lock

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## FORT REPORT

This report was to have been a specially commissioned one from Geoff Hooper but unfortunately he has been unable to meet the deadline due to pressure of work. Geoff has been seconded to head a special DRA survey team and is currently out more often than in. He has promised to write something for the next issue. I certainly hope so since I am finding it increasingly difficult to find things to write about.

Everyone here from Waltham Abbey seems to have settled down and as far as I am aware there have not been any major personnel changes.

I did say, in a previous issue, how easy the commuting was now that the Dartford Bridge is open. Unfortunately there are currently major road works on the M25 at its junction with the M11 resulting in considerable delays. There is now a large trade in maps showing alternative routes for getting home - getting in doesn't appear to represent a major concern!

We are all looking forward to the re-union, especially those who still live locally as it means a day when we don't have to travel!

As Christmas approaches most sections are busy organising their Christmas festivities, in keeping with the spirit of Waltham Abbey, and December looks to be a very busy month.

All of us here at the Fort wish you all a Merry Christmas and an exciting and challenging New Year.

Norman Paul

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No reports in this issue from;  
SUMMERFIELD,  
BRIDGWATER,  
GLASCOED  
or CHORLEY

but that's only because;

- a) There isn't room on the page  
and
- b) I didn't receive any.

PERHAPS NEXT TIME?

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# Information Wanted



**WHEN**  
was this taken?

**WHERE**  
give grid references if possible

**WHO ARE THEY**  
How many can you name?

If you possess any similar photographs we would like to include them in future issues.



# Touch Bytes

## CONTINUED

" Sorry I won't be able to attend the re-union due to another commitment.

Have you heard the sad news about 'Blanco' White who passed away very recently? I don't have any details but I remember him as a genuinely nice man and he was particularly helpful to me when I started 'wet behind the ears' in the Initiator Group. Let's hope we don't lose any more old friends for some time.

Paul Collins.

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR LETTER PAUL AND I CAN ONLY ECHO YOUR COMMENTS REGARDING 'BLANCO'. I TOO REMEMBER HIM AS A KINDLY HELPFUL COLLEAGUE. IT IS PARTICULARLY SAD THAT WE HAD ONLY JUST REMADE CONTACT WITH HIM  
Editor.

" ..very pleased to see the newsletter and to read about my old friends and colleagues. I'm now in my 78th year and since a coronary towards the end of last year I have lost some mobility in the legs so I can't get about very much. My best wishes to you all.

(Dr) John Gooding.

"Dear Ed. I did. on receiving Touchpaper scratch and take a good sniff. I can't tell you what effect it had on me as you could not print it but I'm sure if you bottle it we could make a fortune.

Yours Still excited"

Jimmy James.

*To all you complainers that you couldn't smell anything perhaps I should have said that you needed a good imagination! Ed.*

"Having retired once I'm now back at the Fort on a part time come and go as I please basis until April. It took almost 9 months to sort out the contract and I have to be escorted until I have been cleared by security!

You meet ex WAs in the oddest places - would you believe the gynaecology ward at Princess Alexandra Hospital (*What were you doing there? Ed.*). I half recognised the husband of one of the three ladies sharing a room with my wife (*Oh! I See. Sorry Roy - hope she's much better*). He turned out to be one of the ModPlod from WA, now at Mill Hill".

Roy Atkins

" We found Touchpaper very interesting but also nostalgic. Oh how times have changed! We certainly had so many happy times both socially and at work and we do still miss the people there. We wish you all the very best of good fortune in the years to come, wherever you are".  
Beryl and Derrick Wren.

"Many thanks for copies of Touchpaper which I found very interesting. I enclose form - please register me for future issues. I haven't thought of anything for an article - maybe I will one day!

I plan to be at the re-union,

Best Wishes

John Vernon.

"Apologies for not having replied sooner but I was hoping to find time to design a logo (though I doubt whether an elephant with a stick of dynamite up its bum is really what you wanted!) I thought you might consider a "where were they then" or "who is this then" competition and to get the ball rolling (sorry I couldn't find one of me) I enclose the first entry - that's if you dare print it!"

Dick Morrell.

*Of course I dare, although with considerable misgivings. You will find this picture hidden further on in this issue. Ed.*

...and here's another brilliant idea:-

"How about a 'Nostalgia Corner' or Tales of the Unexpected. For example; how many people know the true story of Harry's Ammonium Perchlorate Crystal?

I hope this may spark off a profitable flood of stories. It might be fun to see who can come up with the best 'Rick' story!

Bryan Howard

P.S. Marjorie Short fell for the Scratch & Sniff ploy.  
Tee! Hee!

I've taken up Bryan's idea and reproduced another couple of his anecdotes later on in a special Nostalgia section. If you start sending some more we can make this a regular feature.

If you know of some stories so scurilous that you don't think they're fit to print I would still be very happy to read them.

Don't forget the deadline for issue 5 will be mid February 1993.

# Nostalgia Corner

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As promised earlier we bring you tales of the past starting with a contribution from the originator of this feature, Bryan Howard:

"I'm told by Alan Short that the old H16 Electronics staff used to get to the canteen by barge before the bridge was built between the library and H10. This barge was powered by pulling on a rope attached to the opposite bank. Needless to say someone leapt nimbly aboard one day, missed his footing and fell in - Can anyone provide the name of this intrepid swimmer?

On the same lines; the EWs got a tot of rum if they fell in the 'oggin' while loading the powder barges. One lad did it so often that he earned the nickname "sailor".

Another story, perhaps under the sub-heading of "Now It Can Be Told" is the story of "Griff" the safety officer in the early days of LAW. He was sitting in the library reading when a LAW motor was fired in the proofstands opposite. Griff saw, out of the corner of his eye, an object in full flight, which he took to be an errant motor, or part thereof. A full enquiry revealed that it was a cat that had been sleeping peacefully on top of the proofstand who departed somewhat precipitously when the motor fired underneath him. We all reckon that the cat's name was SAM!"

Bryan Howard

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"One misty autumn morning I was riding my bike up the Long Walk to the Main Lab. It was about a quarter to eight. No one stirred (scientific staff were all still abed). As I approached the old H10 building I heard the clip-clop of hooves and, looking round I saw a fully grown stag trotting along behind me. I yelled in fright and must have scared it because it started to gallop - towards me! I pedalled as fast as I could, yelling at the top of my voice with the stag rapidly gaining. As I reached the Main Lab it suddenly passed me, veered in front and then turned left while I ended up at the foot of the steps to the Main Lab. Who was most scared I shall never know.

Win Yeandle

*Knowing those old government bikes it probably thought, with the handlebars, that you were another stag! Good job it wasn't the rutting season - Could have been very nasty. Ed.*

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THERE MUST BE LITERALLY HUNDREDS OF STORIES OUT THERE  
WE PROMISE TO PRINT ALL THAT ARE PRINTABLE

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# WALTHAM ABBEY SITE NEWS

## NORTH SITE

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The editor has invited me, as a man already on the spot (and not just put there!), to amplify the comments made in Touchpaper No.3 on the above subject. I don't claim to know the whole story, but here goes:

As most EWAs will know, MoD employed a firm called CIVIX as planning consultants. They gave a presentation of their preliminary conclusions and ideas to staff a few weeks before the site closed in June last year. Since then they have continued with the work and have themselves been consulting very widely for thoughts and suggestions. In particular two Planning Forum days have been held this year in the Powdermill Club, one at the end of February and the other in late July. These have been attended by representatives of about 15 organisations including the three tiers of local government, residents associations, wild-life and historical associations and interested individuals, including the local MP, Steve Norris. Among the historically oriented organisations was the Gunpowder Mills Study Group, to which Malcolm McLaren and yours truly both happen to belong. This Group is pressing for one of the larger buildings, possibly L149, to be used for a museum exhibition of the history of gunpowder.

### Historical Preservation

There was a high degree of consensus within these meetings on the beneficial new uses that should be provided on the site - that it should be taken into the public realm with extensive public access (this not necessarily to include the SSSI at the north end); and that the historic interpretation of the site was also essential. (There is far more visible evidence for this industry at Waltham than anywhere else in the UK). Naturally a lot of individual ideas also came up.

### Constraints

There are of course financial constraints which MoD Lands must take into account in any disposal and development of Crown Property.

There is also a decontamination problem although the results of samples taken over the site on a grid pattern suggest that ground contamination by explosives may be less of a problem than contamination by asbestos.

In addition there is a requirement to obtain planning permission for development of each part of the site before work can commence.

### CIVIX proposals

An exhibition by CIVIX was on show at Waltham Abbey Town Hall in September when their various proposals were put forward. Details can be provided to those interested and I understand that a small exhibition will be on display on Dec 11th at the re-union in the Club.

It must be faced that, while many familiar landmarks will remain, the site that we hope will emerge is bound to differ very much from the nostalgic picture outlined on the cover of Touchpaper Issue 3! Some demolition has already started behind Powdermill Lane although No.9 and the old club building and police lodge will remain. One controversial aspect is the proposal to demolish the buildings which, up to closure, housed the admin. and Head of Site's office and the old coach garage and an objection has been made to this.

Later developments proposed include a small boat basin and the creation of a canal loop around the Queen's Mead and Long Walk areas. The southern end of this would include various leisure and craft activities and an hotel.

### Future Mangement

Many participants in the Planning Forum hoped that the site would be administered, not by a developer but, by a local management trust and a few weeks ago the Waltham Abbey Town Council announced initial steps to set up such a trust.

Whether the MoD will be satisfied that their proposals are acceptable remains to be seen and it must be borne in mind that without a substantial initial financial input, such as may be provided by the sale of some land for housing, no significant progress can be made.

### Personal View

Whatever the outcome it is evident that with all the different aspirations and views of all the various interested parties, each will have to accept compromises where conflict does occur.

Finally, on the comment in the last issue concerning the 'depressing state' of the site. Obviously the area is becoming unkempt but personally I am less gloomy.

There is little or no evidence of vandalism, except that caused by the elements. I hope to update this report in future issues.

Ken Bascombe



# PICTURES FROM



"Powder Barge and Millstones - SOUTH SITE"



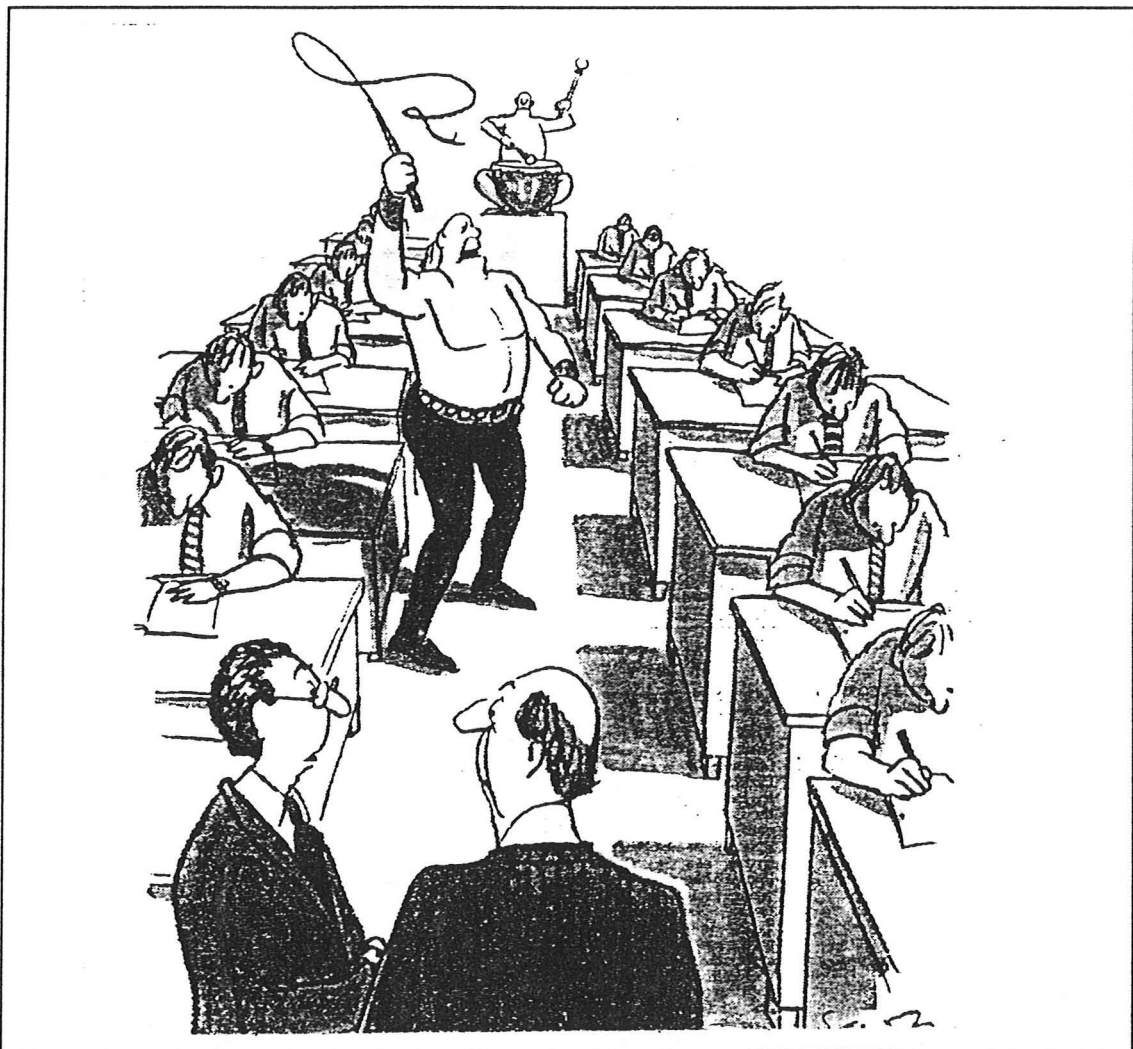
"TR's Tower"

# Caption Competition

We reproduce here a cartoon provided by Cyril Beck who asks:  
"Can you think up a suitable caption?"

On this occasion your editor has provided a caption but what we now need is similar contributions for future issues.

If you come across a suitable drawing, picture or cartoon send it in and perhaps our readers can supply a suitable caption; unless of course you provide one yourself.

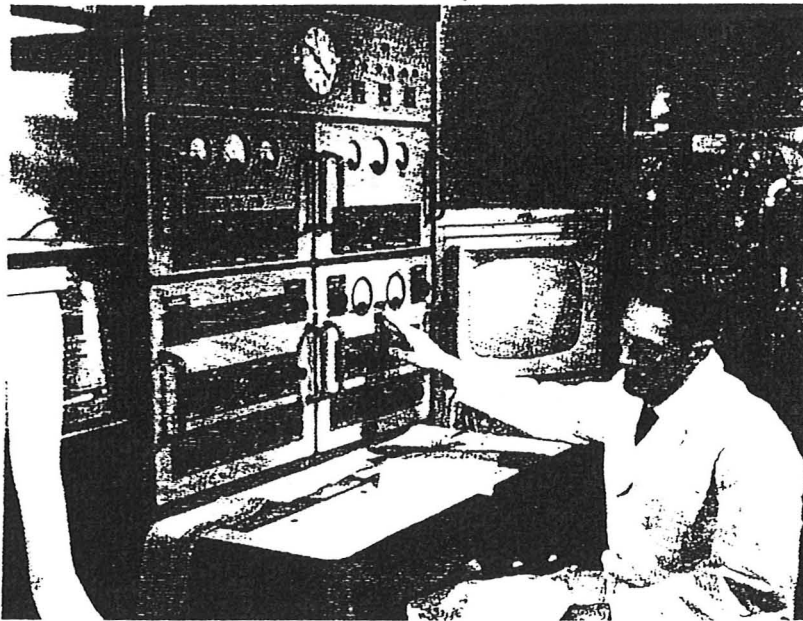


"It's DRA's new incentive scheme in line with the government's New Management Strategy!"

## "Where were they then?"

I, rather foolishly, took up Dick Morrell's dare and reproduce below his entry in this new section.

This could also have been entered in the previous 'Caption Competition' feature since Dick has also provided a caption. Ed.



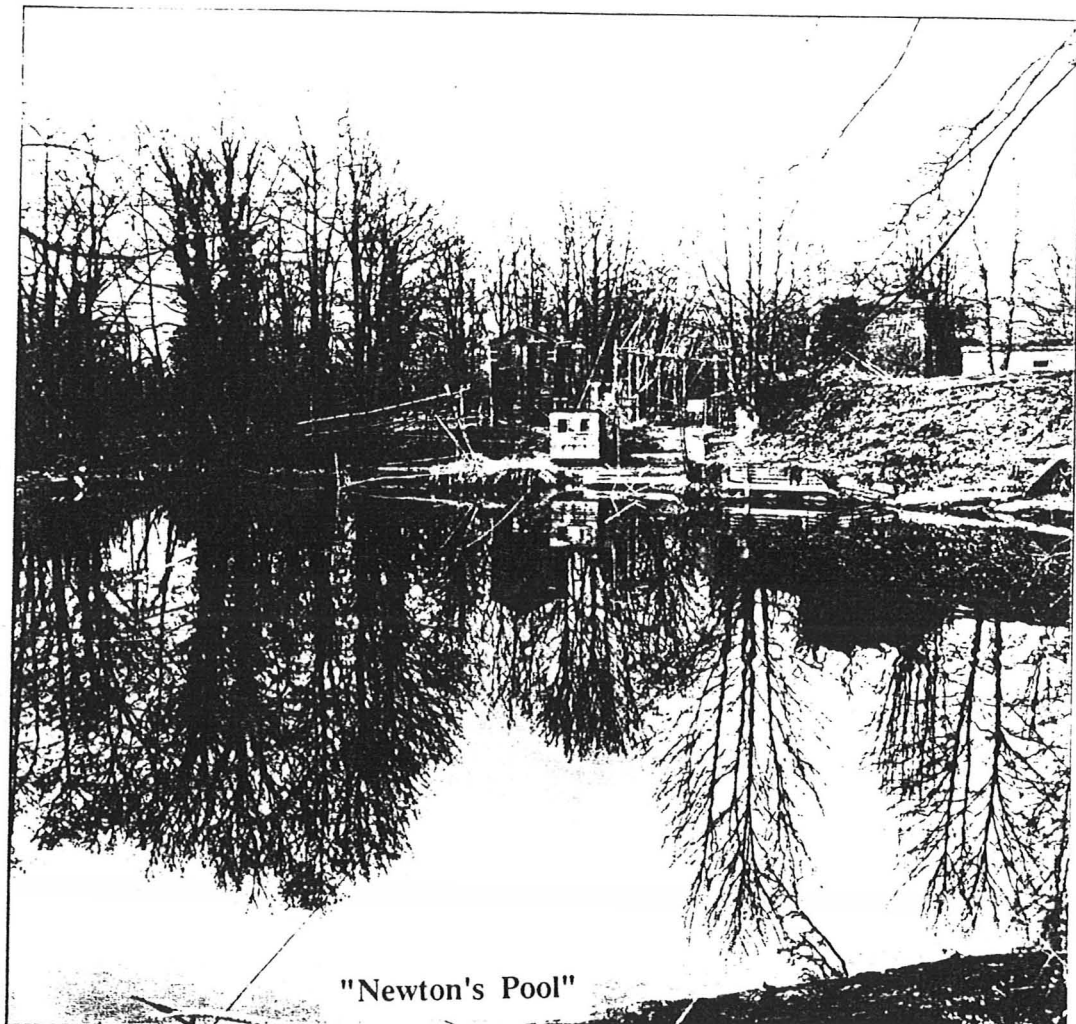
The Editor at work using state-of-the-art high-tech equipment to produce the latest edition of Touchpaper to a strict deadline!

There must be many other shameful examples of this type.

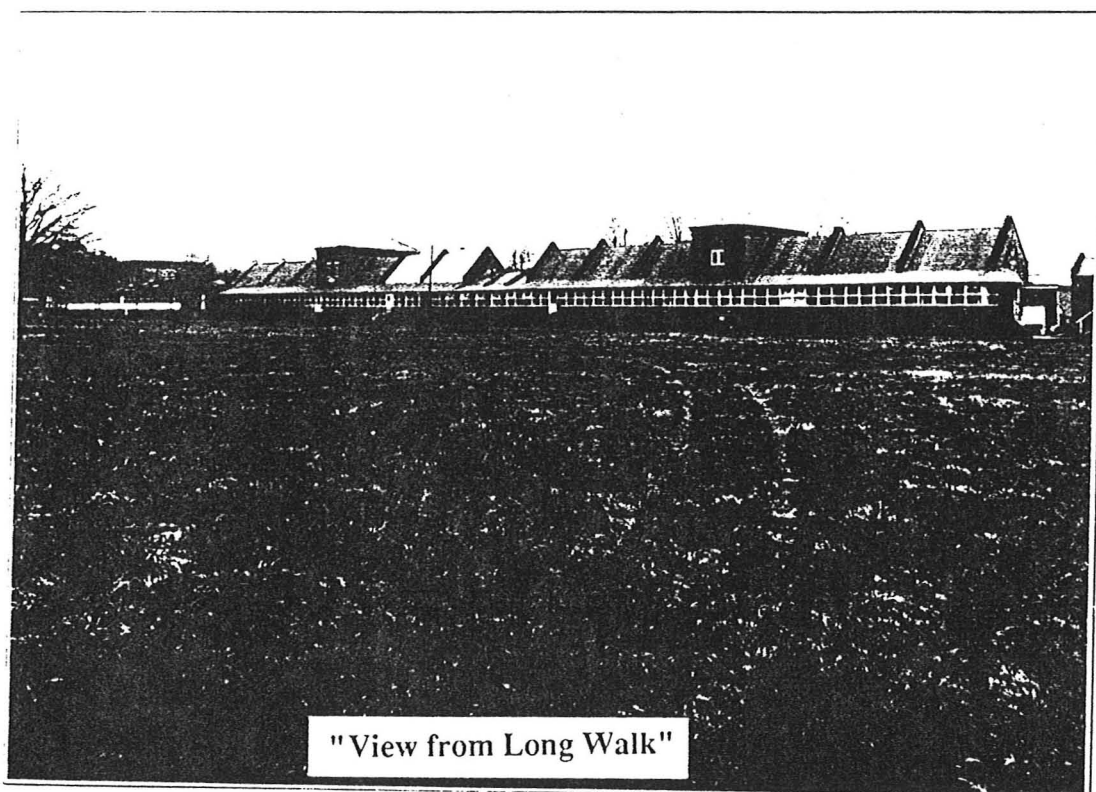
Send yours in, with or without caption.

All photographs will be carefully treated, sniggered at and returned safely.

# THE PAST



"Newton's Pool"



"View from Long Walk"

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# Touch Register

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As at 25th November 1992

**You will note some gaps in the information provided.**

**Amendments or additions should be sent to the Editor.**

## **PLEASE NOTE**

**Future issues will contain only additions and amendments to the register except that a full listing will be produced each year in the September issues.**



<u>name</u>	<u>currently at</u>	<u>WA dates</u>	<u>WA section 's</u>
Len Abbott	Waltham Abbey (rtd)	1973 - 78	P1/P2
John Alexander	Leafield Eng. WILTS.	1969 - 88	PR/P1
Yvonne Allen	Waltham Abbey (rtd)	1983 - 91	Admin. Registry
John Anderson	RO Bishopton	1976 - 79	P1/PR
Roy Atkins	Sawbridgeworth (rtd)	1948 - 91	ISRG/P2/ET5
John Ayre	Waltham Abbey (rtd)	1948 - 84	P1
Greville Bagg	Fort Halstead	1963 - 90	PR
Michael Bagley	HSE Sheffield	1969 - 79	GC/SE/P2/PR
Colin Bailey	FMBRA Chorleywood		
Susan Ball	Van Egdom Leisure WORCS	1986 - 89	P2
Tony Barratt	HSE Buxton	1959 - 79	Combustion/Main Lab.
Ken Bascombe	Waltham Abbey (rtd)	1961 - 91	Combust/Sensit.& Haz.
Claire Basinger	MoD Whitehall Library	1984 - 86	Library
Les Bates	Fort Halstead	1968 - 86	Init/Expl.
'Maxie' Bear	Waltham Abbey (rtd)	1961 - 77	PR
Cyril Beck	Newbury BERKS (rtd)	1971 - 81	SE
John Bird	Met.Police PSD	1965 - 84	Civil Design Office
Steve Boorer	Harlow ESSEX		
Gordon Bromberger	Cheshunt (rtd)		
Hilary Brown	Fort Halstead	1983 - 91	Admin
Paul Bunyan	Fort Halstead	1978 - 91	GC/PC3/NP2/ET5
Jim Burgess	Fort Halstead	1967 - 91	various
Richard Burlend	Fort Halstead	1980 - 89	ISRD/G/ EC4
Paul Burnham	RO Summerfield	1979 - 84	EFB/ QA
Arthur Cadman	Waltham Abbey (rtd)	1979 - 84	Machine Shop
Ron Campbell	Nazeing (rtd)	1956 - 90	PRI/PRII/E/ISRG/ISRD
Iain Carmichael	Fort Halstead	1990 - 91	NP2
Andy Carter	Dowty Maritime Greenford	1979 - 89	PR
Frank Carver	Sevenoaks (rtd)	1959 - 67	PR1/AS
Martin Catt	South Devon	1974 - 89	P2/NM/PR/P1
Vera Chaplin	Lowestoft (rtd)	1977-91	L149
Dave Church	Stanstead Fluid Power	1970 - 88	Eng./Drawing Office
Win Clark	Enfield (rtd)	1952 - 82	Admin.
Allen Clarke	NSW Australia (rtd)		
Andy Clayton	RO Chorley	1979 - 1986	PR
Geoff Colley	Waltham Abbey (reted.)	1951 - 1991	PR2/E/12/ISRD
Pam Colley	Waltham Abbey (reted)	1950-56/66-91	Reg./E/Lib./Elec./ISRD
Paul Collins	AWE Aldermaston	1973 - 85	E Branch/PR
Bob Cook	Fort Halstead	1980 - 91	E/PC3/NP2/ET5

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Bill & Maisie Corthine	Somerset (rtd)	-	-
Ron Darby	Hunstanton (rtd)		
Dave Davies	RO Bishopton	1970 - 90	GC/P2/P1
Tony Davis	Fort Halstead	1959 - end	NM
Sandra Day	Lowestoft	-	-
Dave Debenham	Fort Halstead	1962 - 91	too many
Alan Dentry	Dyfed (rtd)	1977 - 91	
Marjorie Dentry	Dyfed (rtd)	1976 - 91	
Hemant Desai	Fort Halstead	1988 - 91	NP4
Les Dingle	Chinnor OXON (rtd)	1954 - 85	CE/PR
Paul Dossetter	RO Summerfield	1986 - 90	QA/P2
Bernard Downes	Fort Halstead	1979 - 91	GC/NP/ET
Ray East	Home Office LONDON	1965 - 84	SE/P2
Gladys Eckworth	National Audit Office LONDON	1972 - 84	Library/PR/P1
Harry Edwards	Fort Halstead	1964 - 89	P2/PR
Peter 'Ike' Eickhoff	DGDQA LONDON	1967 - 89	CE/PR/QA
Dave Endicott	Hertford Heath		
Mike (MEN) Evans	RO Bridgwater		PR
Davina Evans	RO Bridgwater		
Nigel Evans	RO Westcott	1972 - 84	PR
Chris Evans	Newport	1962-89	M2/PR/P2
Mike Farey	MOD LONDON	1954-7/67-91	SE1/PC3/NP2
Roy Fisher	Bury St Edmunds (rtd)	1950 - 83	Engineering
Ron Fletcher	Bishop's Stortford	1988 - 91	QA & Eng.
Roy France	Portsmouth	1970 - 80	GKA/GC/P1
Eddie Gallacher	Abergavenny (rtd)		GC
Maureen Gaughan	Beccles SUFFOLK		GC/NM/PA HdWA
Clive Gibbs	Darwen LANCS	1987 - 88	QA
Dawn Gilbert	Fort Halstead	1986 - 91	NP1
Roy Gledhill	MOD Main Bldg LONDON	1966 - 91	ISRG/A&R P2
Veronica Gledhill	Roding Valley School	1967 - 74	A&R P2/Library
Peter Golding	AWE Aldermaston	1976 - 89	PR/PC1/PC2/NP4
John Gooding	St.Neots (rtd)	1947 - 76	Mats/ISRG/P1
Martin Gough	Fort Halstead	1987 - 91	P1/NP1
Les Grindrod	Waltham Abbey (rtd)	1935 - 78	P1
Deidre Hallam	RO Glascoed	1986 - 89	Expl.
Brian Hammant	Fort Halstead	1961 - 89	-
Peter Hart	OB Empress State	1960 - 89	Combust./Prop./Expl.
Mike Healey	Main Building London	1966 - 86	P1/GC/P1

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Eileen Henshaw	MOD Fleetbank Hse. LONDON	1969 - 91	EN6/SE/PR/PC2/PA
Dave Hewkin	Empress State LONDON	1969-79/85-9	P1
Joan Hills	NSW Australia (rtd)	1963 - 86	ISRG, Draw.Office
Marcia Hohn	Fort Halstead	1991	ET7
Ron Hollands	RO Glascoed	1984 - 89	P2/ R2 Group
John Holloway	RO Chorley		
Val Holloway			
Ron Holt	SDE Stanstead Abbots	1960 - 91	P2/P1
Peter Honey	Fort Halstead		PR/NP/ET
Geoff Hooper	Fort Halstead	1972-8/88-end	E / Hd WA
Bryan Howard	SDE Stanstead Abbots	1961 - 89	P1/P2/PR
Diane Howse	Main Buildg LONDON	1967 - 90	GC/ NP2
Rita Hugill	Waltham Abbey (rtd)	1962 - 75	PR
Steve Hutchings	Fort Halstead	1967 - 91	BWD/Safety
Jimmy James	Waltham Abbey (rtd)		
John Jenkins	AWE Aldermaston	1967 - 88	Init./Expl./P2/NP2
Dave Johnson	RO Summerfield		
Sheila Johnson			
John Kemp	Waltham Abbey (rtd)	1948 - 91	ET7/ET1
Jill Kemp	Waltham Abbey (rtd)	1967 - 91	PR/ET5
Eric Kendrew	Fort Halstead	1947 - 91	E Branch/ISRG
Daphne Knight	Waltham Abbey (rtd)	1967 - 87	L 146
Tony Kosecki	OB Empress State Bdlg	1976 - 91	Pr/NP1
Sylvia Krelle	Clacton-on-Sea	1987 - 90	Adhesives/NP2
Ron Lamb	Waltham Abbey (rtd)	1972 - 85	Stores
Dave Lee	HSE LONDON	1959 - 77	P1/P2/GC
Tom Lewis	Fort Halstead	1956 - end	'various'
Glyn Lock	Waltham Abbey (rtd)	1951 - 77	Admin.
Phil Lodge	Portsmouth (rtd)	1939 - 43	RGPF
Dave Manners	AWE(F) Foulness	1951 - 90	Propellants/Hazard
Roy Martin	AWE Foulness	1966 - 75	P1/GC/SE/Safety
John 'Doug' McDougall	Waltham Abbey (rtd)	1959 - 82	AS/GC
George McFarlane			Admin/Stores Office
Elsa McFarlane	RO Bishopton		Personnel
Malcolm McLaren	Chingford (rtd)	1954 - 91	Inform./Manag.Services
Sue Morgan	Hertford	1979 - 89	PR
Dick Morrell	Fort Halstead	1976 - 91	P1/GC/PC3/NP2/ET%
Dave Mullenger	Fort Halstead	1965 - 90	AS/GC/E/NP
Derek Needham	Enfield (rtd)	1950 - 71	PR II/ CE

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Alice Negus	Waltham Abbey (rtd)	1964 - 78	Library/Stores Office
Laurie Nesbit	RO Radway Green	1979 - 84	Design Office
Ted O'Day	OB Empress State	1973 - 86	E/PR
Gordon Orr	RO Bridgwater	1985 - 89	P2
Suzanne Orr	RO Bridgwater	1986 - 89	PR analyt.
Alan Owen	Carmarthen (retd)	1952-67/78-88	SEI/Hd RARDE WA
Audrey Parker	Waltham Abbey (rtd)	1954-5/59-87	Admin.
Norman Paul	Fort Halstead	1961 - 90	AS/GC/NM/PR/NP/ET
Dennis Paveley	Waltham Abbey (rtd)	1979 - 91	L149/L153
Peter Pearce	Mats.Rsch Victoria AUSTRALIA	1955 - 78	E/NM/JTRU
Frank Porter	Harlow	1970 - 90	Services
Carol Porter	Harlow	1972 - 89	Laundry
Ian Powell	RO Summerfield	1986 - 89	P2
Phil Pye	Hatfield (rtd)	1969 - 82	P2
Ivor Quickenden	Waltham Cross (rtd)	1941-5/47-91	Plumbers/ISRG/D
Ron Rapley	Standard Fireworks HUDDSFLD	1959 - 78	GC
Rita Rapley	Derbyshire	1965 - 70	Typing Pool
Jean Richards	Waltham Abbey	1963 - 80	Autox/NM/GC/PR
Mark Roper	RO Glascoed	1982 - 89	Eng.
John Rowley	Building Rsch	1972 - 91	GC/NP
Michael Sales	Fareham HANTS	1979 - 87	Eng/QA
Dave Salter	CBDE Porton	1958 - 90	SE1/SAI/PR/NP4
Andrew Sanderson	NIMIC Brussels	1988 - 91	NP4/ET7
George Savill	Waltham Abbey (rtd)	1952 - 87	BWD
Mary Searing	Harlow	1978 - 91	Messenger
Steve Shaw	DRA Farnborough	1976 - 91	Adhesives
Neil Shepherd	Fort Halstead	1985 - 91	NP/ET
Alan Short	Waltham Abbey (rtd)	1947 - 89	Electronics
Dave Sims	RO Summerfield	1961 - 90	Materials
Roy Speller	Enfield (rtd)	1972 - 82	Stores
Pearl Speller	Enfield (rtd)	1972 - 82	W.Indust.
Dave Spooner	ASD Metropole Bdlg LONDON	1969 - 89	Stores Office
Terry Stemman	Waltham Abbey	1975 - now	Services/PR/WA Site
Malcolm Stewart	Fort Halstead	1980 - end	NM/PR/NP/ET
'Gudge' Taylor	Harlow (rtd)	1952 - 76	SEI/SE
Dave Tidmas	Fort Halstead	1985 - 91	ISRD
Mary Tingle	Fort Halstead	1987 - 91	Admin.
Dave Tisley	RO Summerfield	1985 - 90	Hd/RO WA
Dave Tod	Fort Halstead	1979 - end	P2/ Rheology

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Bob "Togs" Torry	Fort Halstead	1975 - 88	P2/P1/NP1
Ron Treadgold	Chingford (rtd)	39-43/54-84	RGPF lab/ERDE prop.
Peter Vandersluis	Harlow	1972 - 90	BWD
Ray Vaughan	Fort Halstead	1967 - end	GC/ NP etc.
John Vernon	Epping (rtd)	1953 - 70	Rheology/Pl.Prop./ISR
Bill Warren	Fort Halstead	1977 - 91	E/NP
D Warren	Waltham Abbey (rtd)	'30 yrs'	
Ian Weston	DPEC Bath	1979 - 80	Cash Office
Tony Whittaker	Fort Halstead	1960 - 91	SEI/AER/E/ISRG
John Williams	Broxbourne (rtd)	1949 - 91	AS/GC/PC/EC/NP
Janet Williams( <i>nee Etchells</i> )	HSE Bootle	1975 - 79	PR
Tony Williams	HSE Bootle	1975 - 86	PR
Stan Wills	Waltham Cross (rtd)	1954 - 80	Machine Shop
Andy Wilson	RO Glascoed	1978 - 89	PR
Harry Wilson	Brentwood (rtd)	1961 - 91	TR
Doreen Wilson	Brentwood (rtd)	1967 - 90	EWII NM/NP4
Arthur Witham	Waltham Abbey (rtd)	1933 - 82	Chemical Plumbers
Stephen Wood	BaE Stevenage	1983 - 89	P1/P2
Derrick Wren	Broxbourne (retd)	1978 - 90	Stoker/GC/escort
Beryl Wren	Broxbourne (retd)	1977 - 90	Messenger
John Wright	Wolverhampton	1955 - 80	NM/PR - JTTRE Aus
John C Wright	OB Empress State Bldg	1962 - 81	AS/P1/NM/GC
Win Yeandle	Waltham Abbey (rtd)	- 89	Admin/GA Registry