

Touchpaper

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the waltham abbey newsletter

Welcome to the first issue in this new year and, although it's a little late, a happy new year to you all!

As we now enter our second year of publication of the Newsletter I find it most heartening to see that the interest has kept up although I must admit that contributions for this issue are a little thin. I blame Christmas! I know it's difficult to get back into gear after the long break. The first couple of months of a new year always seem to be a time for reorganising our lives and planning ahead so I'm letting you off this time.

For me, the highlight of last year was the re-union held at the Powdermill Club in December and I would like to think that it's success was mainly due to this publication.

Having said that I must say that the re-union has, in return, given a big increase in our register. A large number of EWAs 'not on the books' turned up and most have subsequently 'signed on'. The 'Jungle Drums' are working as well as ever!

To all you newer members, may I welcome you to Touchpaper and hope you may find the time to send in any items of interest.

On that note I'll end this preamble and let you get on with reading the interesting bits - except that I must remind you that articles for the next issue should be sent in by the middle of May for inclusion in the June edition.

Best Wishes

Norman Paul
Hon. Editor

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This is a deliberate Editorial policy so that if mistakes are made in collating you will never know.

TOUCH BASES

LOSW

(LAST OF THE SUMMER WINE)

RANDOM JOTTINGS FROM WALTHAM ABBEY

The LOSW meeting on the last Friday in January was the biggest ever with 15 attendees. One new member was Norman (Ossie) Blay, who is thriving in retirement.

There's no doubt about it; keeping to a fixed meeting place (The Owl) and a fixed date (the last Friday in the month) is a success. The problem now is with everyone seated it's difficult to circulate and talk to all members.

Two attendees came for what may be their last appearance for some time, they were Bob and Margaret Brown who have sold their Cheshunt home and moved to Faversham.

Some say that Bob needed to reduce his phone bills as Margaret used to speak to her sister in Faversham every night.

Meanwhile, back at the Abbey; a 'scaffold' roof has been erected over Number Nine Powdermill Lane and the process of refurbishment has begun. On the negative side "CIVIX" have started felling mature trees just inside Refinery Gate to open up an unobstructed view (for those in the Lea View maisonettes) of the electricity pylons!

Finally: two new potential candidates for the LSW fold with Ernie Cooke (retiring February) and Roy Stenson (in May) - and a footnote quote from Marcus Phillipus seen in Ron Holland's office on a recent visit by Ron Holt and myself - "Explosives are safe, until you forget they're dangerous".

Bryan Howard

LO LO

Calling London!

Still no news from London and I have failed to contact anyone since Christmas.

Come on chaps! I know all about the "pressure of work" but it can't be that bad - can it?

I did hear a rumour that the Chandos meetings were going to be restarted but have yet to have this confirmed.

STOP PRESS:

HEARD FROM DIANE HOWSE JUST MINUTES
BEFORE ACTUAL PRINTING -

Next Chandos Meeting is on Friday 19th March and it is hoped to fix a standard timetable for future meetings.

GLASCOED

A number of us RO EWAs were very sorry that we were unable to attend the reunion on 11th December.

However, by way of compensation, several of us took advantage of a technical working meeting on the same day to stage an "Alternative Gathering at Glascoed".

Participants included, Mark Phillips, Dave Catton., Geoff Turner-Mutch, Deidre Hallam, Andy Wilson and myself. It wasn't as big as the one at Waltham Abbey but most enjoyable all the same.

Best Wishes to you all for 1993.

Ron Hollands

IN TRANSIT

SOMEWHERE IN BRISTOL

I have had various correspondences with one Peter Eickhoff (aka 'Ike'). These usually take the form of a long telephone conversation, either in the early hours of the morning or just as I'm settling down for a post-lunch nap. Seriously Ike it's always good to hear from you and I hope your relocation to the West Country goes well for you and the family.

Ike sent me a copy of an article he wrote for an in-house MoD magazine relating his 'Reconnaissance Visit to Bristol' late last year. I have picked the salient points of this and reproduced here. In future issues I hope to expand on this theme and tell you of other EWAs experiences on relocation.

Ed.

DISCOVERING BRISTOL

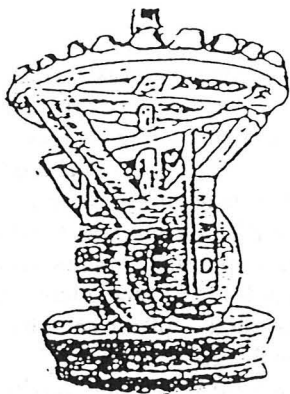
Having nominated the family and myself for a relocation scheme we duly received a visit pack which gave masses of information and even gave choice of food at the two lunch venues. The group departed from Paddington and after a pleasant one and a half hour train journey we were met at Bristol Parkway by the tour guides and escorted to our coach.

The first stop was at the proposed new site at Stoke Gifford for some up to date information and force feeding of a free cup of coffee and biscuits. We then started our first day of the tour armed with OS maps. Lunch was at a pub in Winterbourne followed by an afternoon tour of towns and villages to the north of Bristol. We then went on to Chepstow but as the toll on the Severn Bridge is £2.80 per day I doubt if anyone above Grade 3 would countenance this area.

We stayed overnight in a superb hotel and on the next day we continued with a tour of Bristol itself. Our route then continued to the west taking in Portishead and Clevedon. We were then forced to make a further stop for lunch before continuing along the southern part through Keynsham to the outskirts of Bath. Finally we were taken to the station for our journey home.

The whole exercise was well organised and the trip very worthwhile. Further reports to come!

IKE



The Powdermill Club

Eureka! - the fruit machine has released its treasures. Dennis Warren (ex P1) won the jackpot twice in one week. We hope by now that he has re-invested his winnings.

The Club's Christmas Dance was a great success. The live band "The Cuckoo's Nest" were fantastic, playing all the 60's hit songs. The atmosphere was so stimulating that the Chairman, in short bursts (*shouldn't that be short pants?*), did his best to relive his past performances. The disappointing note was that there were no more than a dozen club members among a full house of 250 people.

For the first time the Club Bar was open over the whole Christmas period - yes, even Christmas Day lunchtime and both Boxing Day lunch and evening. Thanks to Kim and Roy Roberts working Christmas Day.

John Harris, as Membership Secretary has suggested that all the original members as at the time of establishment closure should receive a free years membership for 1993 as a thankyou for their continued support and this has been endorsed by the Committee. By now John will have contacted most of the original members but if have not yet heard and are eligible please contact him via the Club.

The football, darts, chess and table tennis sections have been very active and successful. In addition the Table Tennis members have been extremely helpful on the maintenance side of the Club and I find this very encouraging. Staying with a sporting theme the Club now has a new full-size pool table and a successful one night tournament has been run. Also we hope to resurrect the old snooker and darts competitions.

On the financial front the Club has consolidated on its previous progress and is now on a sound basis. Some funds will be used to update furnishings and to improve the decor.

Our next big Social event is a Trad Band evening with the "East Side Stompers" on 13th March and although I realise you may not receive this until too late, a warm welcome awaits for those of you who can make it. The same welcome awaits any of you at any time so if you are in the locality why not drop in for a drink(s) and a chat.

Harry Edwards

LOSW supplement

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF TWO RETIREES

1. Drive to Chingford (Free Parking at Golf Club)
2. 'Tavelcard' to Liverpool Street (Reduced Rate)
3. Walk to Bank of England Museum (Free)
4. Walk to Barbican for lunch (Pay)
5. Free Lunchtime Recital (Brahms - but not Listz)
6. Walk to Liverpool Street
7. No.100 Bus to the Tower (travelcard)
8. Docklands Light Railway to Island Gardens
9. Walk through foot tunnel to Greenwich
10. Afternoon tea in the museum
11. No. 188 Bus to Waterloo (travelcard)
12. Visit 'Gramex' (home of secondhand CD's)
13. Walk to MoD Main Building to collect one weary (still working) Diane Howse.
14. Walk to Strand to catch No. 91 Bus
15. Travel to Euston (travelcard)
16. Walk to Nepalese restaurant (only 200yds)
17. Eat Ginormous meal (pay)
18. Walk to tube at Euston
19. Travel back to Chingford (good old travelcard!)
20. Drive Home

My Aching Feet!

I think I need to go back to my consulting work for a well earned rest

Bryan Howard

Touch Bytes

EXTRACTS FROM YOUR LETTERS

I was interested to see the photograph in the last edition since "I was there!" as they say. It was Tom Gladwell's retirement although I'm not sure of the exact year.

Ron Treadgold took the photograph and I can name quite a few. I do know nearly all the faces but some of the names escape me (old age!).

Hope you are all keeping well
Elsa McFarlane (Bishopton)

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...many thanks for the latest issue of Touchpaper. I enjoyed the comment about 'no more SEX until April' and can vouch for its authenticity. I also recall an hilarious conversation with a young lady in the US Office of Naval Research when I tried to explain that although SEX was in short supply in the UK, I might be able to oblige her needs later in the year when other, higher priorities had been satisfied!

The date proposed for the E Branch re-union is 14th May but more details will be available in due course from Ken Bascombe.

Kind Regards
Cyril Beck.

(Please see Ken's article further on in this issue)
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The Dutch have invented a new unit to measure IQ. It is called the 'TARE' and is appropriate for civilian use although it should be noted that the corresponding unit for soldiers is the 'millitare'!

The lack of success with the 'Scratch and Sniff' panel in issue 3 could be due to your failure to submit samples to Sally Westlake for Compatibility testing. Either that or, as I suspect, it was just a paper exercise.

Many thanks for the re-union - it was a great success.
John Wright

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On the subject of the Re-union a large number of letters of thanks were received including those from:

*Ron and Celia Campbell
Sheila Senior
Kath Weatherstone
Bill Makinson
Stan Wills*

plus numerous phone calls.

A full report on this event will be found further on...
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...many thanks for Touchpaper issue 4. regarding the photo on page x (where x = a positive integer between 1 and 20 - how about numbering the pages?)

(Ed. see note on front cover of this issue)

It was a photo taken on 25th June 1976 to mark the retirement of the P2 foreman, Tom Gladwell, and was taken on the grass opposite P2 men's shift room, looking northwards towards the P1 area. I have named 28 of the 37 people on the photo - please can I have my prize?

Gordon Bromberger

No! But thanks for your letter Gordon.
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Polly Parratt has recently received news from Kevin Potter who is living and working in Trondheim, Norway.

Ever keen to expand the circulation of Touchpaper around the globe we hope to make further contact with Kevin; meanwhile a few snippets from his letter to Polly:

"After a year in the Frozen North we have adjusted to our new country very well. Maggie gave birth to a son, Samuel Frederik, on December 1st - mother and baby doing well. The other children attend the International School in Trondheim and seem to be very happy there.

Life here is different in many ways to the UK and in many cases the differences are for the better. The crime rate has fallen and there is little evidence of poverty on the streets. This is partly due to an economy that is holding up and partly to a much better developed social services.

The hardest thing is the price of food - 50 to 100% higher than the UK. At the moment I have no idea what will happen next year when my secondment from BP ends. BP is cutting back so it's quite likely to be a job in the UK. Staying on here may be possible and I must say that it looks increasingly attractive.

God Jul
Kevin Potter
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...I expect you will be surprised to hear from me after all this time. I had a phone call from Roy Fisher who lives nearby who told me of the recent re-union and that you keep in touch via the Touchpaper Newsletter. Can you please put me on the circulation list.

I am pleased to report that my wife and I are both fit and well and looking forward to hearing from you in the near future

Yours Truly
Dickie Doe
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It's a pleasure to hear from you Dick and I am only sorry that we failed to contact you in time for the re-union.

We have contacted as many people as possible over the past year but are aware that there are many more still in hiding.

If you know of anyone not on our list please 'spread the gospel' and tell them about Touchpaper.
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STILL MORE TO COME ----->

...Bryan Howard has kindly offered, in addition to providing the paper and loaning a pen, to deliver this note for me. What a splendid fellow he is!

The idea is to bring you up to date on progress towards the E Branch re-union in May - details below in the advert;

E BRANCH RE-UNION

Friday 14th May
Civil Service Club London

Invitations have now been sent out to 36 people who we think are eligible. The total is limited to 40 so if you think you are eligible and have not received an invitation please get in touch with me as soon as possible.

The cost of the buffet lunch is £9 which should be sent to me by 10th May as the caterers are quite insistent on exact numbers and being paid!

If you worked in E Branch between 1970-80 and have yet to receive an invitation please contact me

Ken Bascombe
25 Monkswood Avenue
Waltham Abbey
Essex EN9 1LA

or phone 0992 715353 (preferably between 6 to 7.30pm)

On a sadder note I have to record the death of Randall Wyatt earlier this month (Feb). He had been suffering from Parkinson's disease, latterly complicated by Alzheimer's. Randall taught me most of what I know (or knew) about explosives hazards and I think it fair to say that he was liked and respected by all who knew him. He seemed to me a fine example of an English gentleman of the best type and I believe others have commented similarly. At the funeral I noticed Geoff Hooper, Ron and Eileen Ayerst, George and Doris Taylor, Ron and Celia Campbell, John Hicks and Tony Burton. Our sympathy goes to Randall's widow, Jessie, their daughters Mary and Jennifer and the grandchildren.

Best Wishes
Ken Bascombe.

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Thanks Ken for reporting this sad news. I have also heard of the recent deaths of two other ex-colleagues; Win Yeandle and Ron Parker.

Win had not been in the best of health over the last two years and was unable to fight off pneumonia in the end.

Ron had retired to the south coast a few years back but had been ill with cancer.

Our condolences to their families.
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LETTER FROM THE AMERICAS:

It's a real pleasure to be able to get word to all my friends from Waltham, Greetings; I hope both of you are well! Life here in Maryland is, for the most part, fun.

Unfortunately NSWC (the old NOL labs) is suffering from reorganisation etc., it is possible that explosives work may be removed from here over the next five years, *deja vu!* Maybe I can move to Iraq, they are bound to need detonation physicists - and I can shut them down within ten years!

To the best of my knowledge, there are no ex-abbeyites in the vicinity of Washington DC so I have nothing to report there. However, if any of you are passing through then I would be glad to meet you, my office number is (301) 394 1189.

I'll be involved in the organisation of the Detonation Symposium this summer (11-16 July) in Boston and it would be great to see some of you there.

Best Wishes, Doug Tasker

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Sir

Keen botanists, among your readers, may have observed a new phenomenon along our urban areas in that a previously rare form of the rubber tree, *Hevea Patensis*, is apparently thriving in our urban gardens. The evidence was most noticeable last autumn when a close inspection of fallen leaves produced large numbers of peculiarly shaped integuments from the dissemination bodies of this species. These take the form of pale brown looped strands, up to about 100mm in length made from a remarkably resilient material. They have been observed as far apart as Essex and Northumberland and tentative estimates puts the number falling on our footpaths as high as four million each day!

It seems sad that this, now indigenous, resource is not put to some use and it appears that no mechanism exists for harvesting this potentially useful crop.

An immediate suggestion as to possible use springs to my mind - they would ideally be suitable for the bundling of letters by the Post Office prior to house to house delivery.

No doubt other uses will suggest themselves to the ever fertile imaginations of your colleagues.

Yours Faithfully

Downcast of Nazeing (Ron Campbell)
GARDENER'S HINT No. 1076

Warning! Don't waste your time trying to grow these from the seeds. I tried it and nothing happened so I assume these are sterile fruits - probably a hybrid. Ed.

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I would like to support the tributes to John White in your last issue. Coming from an army family it was fitting that "Blanco" should be his natural name to his many friends. I worked with him for much of my time at Woolwich and at Waltham Abbey.

Blanco was always quietly reliable with a very helpful attitude to all his colleagues. These qualities made him so successful in his initiator work and it was a pleasure to work with him whatever the project in hand. It has been a sad loss.

Yours Sincerely, Gudge Taylor.

Preserving Our History

In the last issue of 'Touchpaper' a series of pictures was published of scenes from the past at Waltham Abbey. I thought it might be appropriate in this issue to let you know what has happened to some of the historic artefacts that we all took for granted but, were only saved for posterity thanks to the dedication of Malcolm McLaren, Ken Bascombe and others.



The majority of the "Special Collection", painstakingly catalogued by 'Mac', was handed over on permanent loan to the local museum curator, Kate Carver, shortly before we moved to the Fort.

Some of the bulkier items could not be accommodated in the museum or in the Epping Forest District Council store, so these have been 'relocated' at the Fort; at least until such time as the future of the North Site is finally resolved. As you may know, there is a proposal to establish a 'Gunpowder Heritage Museum' on the site within which these historical items would find their proper place. Until such time, rest assured that they are being lovingly preserved.

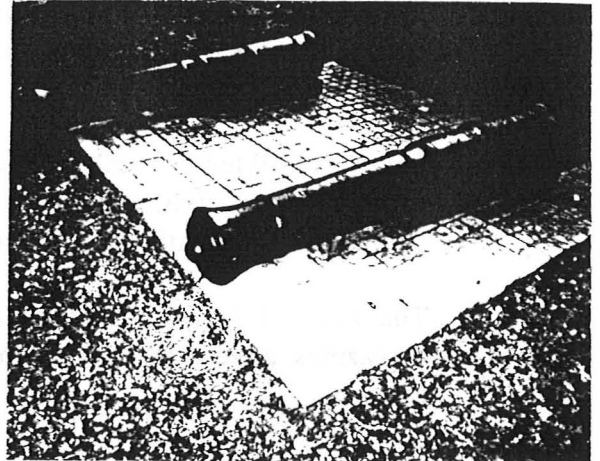
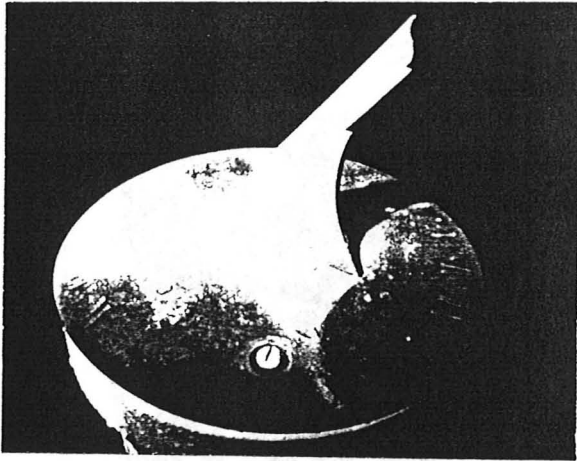
Perhaps the most important item has yet to find a home and that is the genuine full size Powder Barge, a model of which is shown above, being presented to Kate Carver. At present this is under tarpaulins at the Fort but is in urgent need of restoration. Unfortunately we do not have the resources to undertake this work so I end on a special plea to any of you who may be aware of any organisation or body willing to assist us in this. Any suggestions or ideas will be most welcome.

My Best Wishes to you all

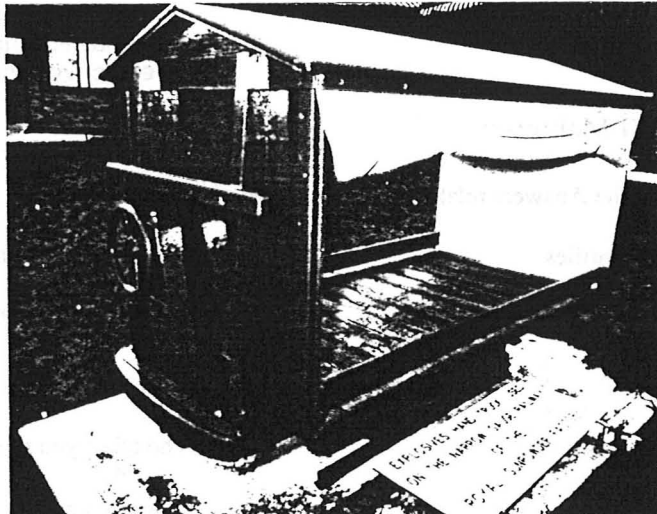
Geoff Hooper.

New Homes for Old Things

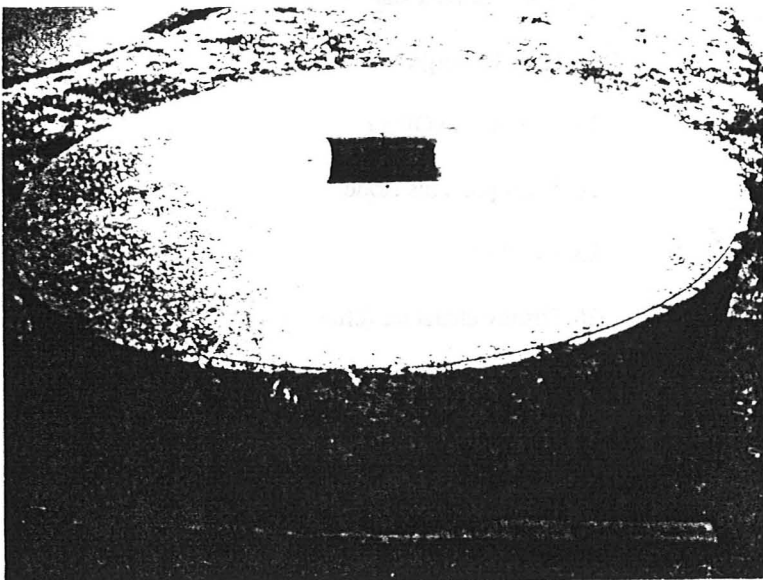
The **Sundial**, dating from the taking into public ownership of the Powdermills, now stands outside the Fort Halstead administration block, as do the **two Cannon** from outside Walton House.



The remaining **Narrow Gauge Railway Truck** that stood by the library has been given a fresh coat of paint and a new cover and stands outside the Fort equivalent of "NP2 building" (an amalgamation of H10, L133, etc. for those of you not familiar with the more recent organisation charts).



The **Millstone** stands (or lays) near the Synthetic Chemistry labs (G432 replacement) but a suitable site for the Iron Bridge has yet to be decided.



A Touch Amusing

CARTOON

Yet another cartoon from Cyril Beck which, considering the constant reorganisation and cutbacks, seems very apposite.

I know we all tend to make jokes about the earnest deliberations of the grey suited accountants but the only alternative is to weep.

Thanks Cyril, for your ever vigilant search of magazines, adverts and papers for these cartoons.

I think your caption sums it all up - unless others of you out there can think up a better one!



"Yes Director, I'm sure that staff will jump at the chance to participate in another cost-effectiveness exercise"

CARQUIZ by Bill Makinson

All the Answers relate to a Type, Model or Make of Car.

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|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. A bay in the Greater Antilles | 15. Eminent composer or conductor |
| 2. A type of bread | 16. A sport (but not 11.) |
| 3. A national bird | 17. Italian one |
| 4. A small mediterranean island | 18. Who takes you round |
| 5. Dogs name | 19. Dangerous cat |
| 6. TV station | 20. Type of store (misspelt) |
| 7. Another TV station (new) | 21. Yacht or boat station |
| 8. A London bridge | 22. Paris Underground |
| 9. Royal title | 23. Opposed to Oliver |
| 10. Type of fruit | 24. Semi-precious stone |
| 11. A mint or sport | 25. Climber? |
| 12. Spanish celebration | 26. Disney character (clue: Female) |
| 13. Nice weather (but not for ducks!) | 27. A northern English river |
| 14. A scombroid fish | 28. The name of the Winner! |

When We Were Young(er)



E Branch 14th December 1972

HOW MANY CAN YOU RECOGNIZE?

... much Younger



Organic Section 1954/5

BUT CAN YOU SPOT Dr Alan Owen?

a belated FORT REPORT

Just about to go to press when it was realised that, although we have an article by Geoff Hooper, there was no report of activities from Fort Halstead. It's no good the editor banging on and on about the lack of articles from other groups when we don't even get a report from basecamp.

As it happens we do have somethings to report, for a change, so this isn't just a space filler.

On the people front there are no changes except that Steve Pike M/ET5 (they like to be called Managers now) is departing for the black hole of Farnborough headquarters from the 1st April. That's assuming he doesn't get there on the day and is told 'it's was just a joke!'. His new job sounds very important but he tells us that he only needs a year there to put everything in order and then expects to return - what as or exactly where he doesn't yet know - still, it's a whole year to get the rumours circulating.

Geoff Hooper has been busy in the last month presiding at special opening ceremonies. The first of these was the opening of the new Club premises of the FH Recreational Society. The new facilities are quite exceptional though not quite up to the Powdermill Club standard. One important advantage of the FH club however is that the bar is open at lunchtimes!

The second opening was of the new library building. Sorry, I should have said, the new 'Information Centre'. This is now housed in a purpose built modular building with much improved facilities. There still isn't enough room for all the books and journals but then there never is!

No doubt you will have heard of the DRA's need to reduce staff numbers by a substantial margin but fortunately, for us, most of the reductions are at other establishments. The smaller number at the Fort are mainly administrative and engineering and to my knowledge no EWA's have escaped.

And now

MEDICAL MATTERS

The following article is going the rounds within DRA and is reproduced here without permission or acknowledgement

from our Medical Correspondent:

A study of the most recently identified work and environment related disorder has demonstrated that sufferers pass through 3 phases of the condition.

The transition from the primary phase - distress, to the secondary - depression, is not clearly defined although in many cases it has been reported that patients feel giddy, (rotational syndrome) which, it is suspected, is caused by spending excessive periods of time, going round and around in circles.

However, the onset of the debilitating tertiary phase is extremely rapid and can easily identified by both psychological and physiological techniques. In this third phase sufferers become oblivious to their surroundings and are completely unaffected by any stimulus and may well be completely anaesthetised by their environment.

Due to the giddiness experienced, it has been proposed that the latest ailment should be referred to as Distressing, Depressing or Debilitating Rotational Ailment (or Anaesthesia) depending upon the stage to which the condition has progressed.

Latest research shows that DRA is confined to a narrow band of Southern England stretching from Dorset in the West, through Hampshire and Surrey and into Kent. Previous steps taken in the past to contain the spread to other parts of the country have been partly successful in that Essex now seems to have been spared although there remains a small restricted area of outbreak in South East Scotland.

It has been postulated, though yet to be confirmed, that DRA affects the renal function since a number of our researchers report that sufferers constantly reiterate "I'm p.....d off with DRA."

STOP THE PRESSES AGAIN ! TOUCH BYTE JUST RECEIVED:

Dear All

As you may remember I was a staunch supporter of the CSMA but alas I have had to, temporarily, give up my licence following a blackout in January 92. I hope to be able to take up driving again in 1994. Despite this I manage a full and active life, going to Chelsea FC, the Festival Hall, Barbican and local jazz concerts. I hope you are all well and settled in your new

surroundings. It's nice to know people are in touch and that the Powdermill Club is still going. I will probably make the effort and catch a bus for the Jazz concert on March 19th.

I still see some of the old EWAs down Sainsbury's at Waltham Cross.

Kind Regards, Cliff Blunt.

Nice to hear from you Cliff after all this time.

Touch Register

THE NEXT FULL REGISTER
WILL BE PUBLISHED IN
THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE

MEANWHILE THE FOLLOWING
ADDITIONS
AND
AMENDMENTS
HAVE BEEN RECEIVED

AMENDMENTS:

<u>name</u>	<u>currently at</u>	<u>WA dates</u>	<u>WA section 's</u>
Paul Collins	Burghfield	1973 - 85	E Branch/PR
Mike (MEN) Evans	RO Bridgwater	1965 - 89	CE/PR
Davina Evans	RO Bridgwater	1986 - 89	P1
John Holloway	RO Chorley	1959 - 89	Chem.Eng/PR/NM/P2
Val Holloway		1970 - 79	Stores Office/Reg.

Please continue to keep us informed of any changes in details.

and

If your current details are incorrect or incomplete please up-date.

Additions to the Register:

<u>name</u>	<u>currently at</u>	<u>WA dates</u>	<u>WA section 's</u>
John Abbott	Waltham Abbey	1975 - 90	Admin
Bernie Argent	Waltham Abbey	1979 - 89	P2
Ron Ayerst	Broxbourne (rtd)	1949 - 81	SCE/P1/P2
Eileen Ayerst	Broxbourne (rtd)	1949 - 53	Crystallography
Doreen Bird	Waltham Abbey (rtd)	1981 - 91	Registry
Norman Blay	Southgate (rtd)	1938 - 82	AS
Peter Bourn	Harlow Council	1970 - 89	P1/P2/PR
Bob Brown	Faversham [rtd]	1949 - 89	AS/RP/P2/EMB
Roy Carrington	Hemel Hempstead (rtd)	1977 - 83	R&TAB/ estab.
Ernie Cooke	Cheshunt	1952 - 90	P2
George Cummings	Waltham Abbey	1976 - 88	P1/P2/ISRG
Rose Darrington	Waltham Cross [rtd]	1961 - 77	NM
Dick Dedman	Louth LINC'S [rtd]	1952 - 81	SEI/GC
Charles Erwood	Welwyn HERTS		ISRG/P2
D Eve	MMS St Giles Court	1974 - 89	P1/ P2/E
Pam Garrod	Banbury (rtd)	1968 - 79	Admin/E Branch
Yvonne Gillingham	Waltham Abbey (rtd)	1977 - 88	NP2/ET5
Joyce Girvan	Waltham Abbey (rtd)	1978 - 91	L149
Victor Girvan	Waltham Abbey (rtd)	1978 - 91	L149
Ron Gooding	Broxbourne (rtd)	1962 - 81	Materials
Desanka Grubnic		- 1991	Admin
Sharon Gumble		- 1991	Admin
Terry Jupp	Fort Halstead	1976 - 91	NM/PR/ISRG
Bill Makinson	Waltham Abbey (rtd)	1947 - 84	MechDO/P1/P2
Denis Mansell	Waltham Abbey (rtd)	1949 - 87	Instrumentation/PR
W J Moss	Waltham Abbey (rtd)	1948 - 79	Fire Service
Muriel Nicholls	Salisbury [rtd]	1940 - 69	PA.CEO/Admin.
Dick Pace	Epping (rtd)	1950 - 86	AS/LTR/NM/ISRD
Jean Paddick	Waltham Abbey (rtd)	1962 - 91	GC/NP4
Bernie Parker	Waltham Abbey (rtd)	1948 - 91	SE1/Admin/P2/Safety
'Polly' Parratt	Fort Halstead (semi retd)	1962 - 88	M2/PR/P2/NP
Bill Pember	DRA Fort Halstead	1961 - 91	Electron/Deton/ISRG
Mark Phillips	RO Bridgwater	1963 - 89	CE/PR
Avis Pollard	Enfield	1982 - 89	Surgery
John Scrivener	Tunbridge Wells	1951 - 72	Combustn/P1/P2/E
Sheila Senior	Waltham Cross (rtd)	1955 - 89	General Chemistry/NP2
Jean Smith	Fort Halstead	1987 - 91	NP4/ET7/ISRD
Margaret Smith	Waltham Abbey	1976 - 89	PR/NP4
John Stennett	Waltham Abbey (rtd)	1977 - 91	Stores/NP2/ET5

<u>name</u>	<u>currently at</u>	<u>WA dates</u>	<u>WA section 's</u>
Doug Tasker	NSWC Silver Spring USA	1971 - 81	E/S&H2
A Taylor	MMS St Giles Court	1971 - 89	P2
Bernard Tucker	CBDE Porton Down	1968 - 86	P2
Cecil Wackett	Waltham Abbey [rtd]	1979 - 84	GC
Kathleen Weatherstone	Grange Park Enfield (rtd)	1952 - 77	Transport
Phyll Webb	Saffron Walden (rtd)	- 1977	Stores Office
Sally Westlake	Fort Halstead	1978 - 1991	GC/NP2/ET5
D C Wren	DRA Fort Halstead	1967 - 91	H16/DO/ISRG

JUST RECEIVED:

<u>name</u>	<u>currently at</u>	<u>WA dates</u>	<u>WA section 's</u>
Cliff Blunt	Waltham Cross [rtd]	1961 - 91	Stores
Leslie Cooper	Enfield [rtd]	1978 - 85	Elect. Maint.

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RE-UNION REPORT

Being a brief report of a Re-union of
ex-members of the Waltham Abbey Establishments
held at the Powdermill Social and Sports Club Waltham Abbey
on Friday 11th December 1993 in the afternoon.

Well, what can one say about it? It far exceeded our expectations when the idea was first mooted in the middle of last year.

People came from far and wide and word must have spread through the grapevine outside the current Touchpaper list to many long lost ex-colleagues. Nearly all of the latter have now signed up for Touchpaper as you will see from the extensive additions to the Register.

The only regret is that the travelling distance was too great for many of our friends now working so far away. Also, perhaps it was not a good time of year for most of them and it has been suggested that a reunion be organised in the summer. Rest assured we shall keep you informed.

Originally the event was to have been held in the Club bar but as numbers rose leading up to the day it was evident that a much larger area was essential and it was transferred to the main hall. This may not have been as comfortable as the bar in terms of furniture and decor but at least there was room (just about) for people to circulate easily and meet many old friends. Our thanks to Pete Maher and Wendy Day for assisting in the Club arrangements and manning the bar.

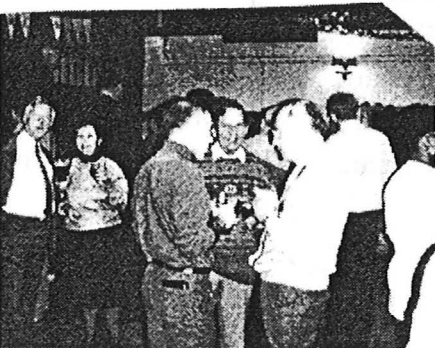
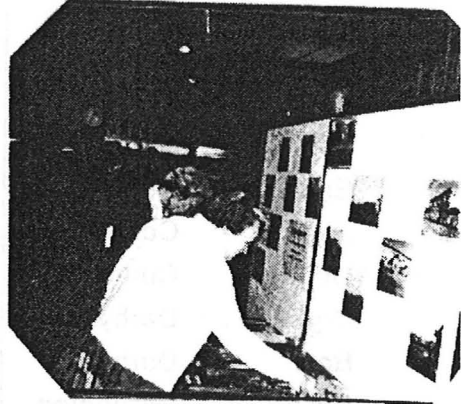
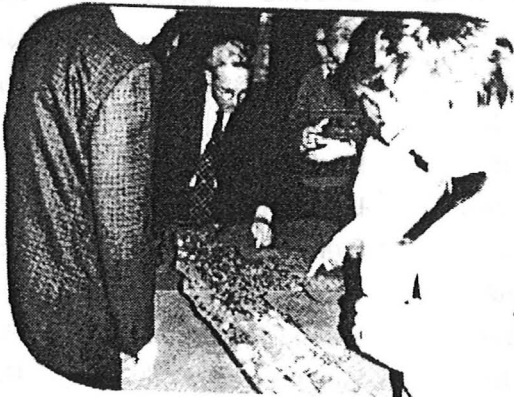
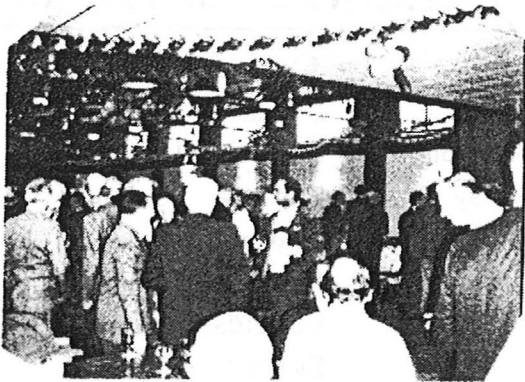
A buffet lunch was available at a very reasonable price provided by a small local catering firm run jointly by Dot Bass (wife of one of our old MDP) and friend. Thanks are due to them for their sterling efforts and there was just about enough food despite the fact that many had come but not booked!

Just in case any one ran out of conversation two mini exhibits were mounted. The main one was a display model and posters of the proposed 'Civix' plans for development of the North Site which created a great deal of interest. A smaller in-house exhibition consisted of a large number of photographs gathered over the years of people and places of the past. This appeared quite popular and was a source of great merriment on occasions.

It was difficult to count the numbers there as they wouldn't keep still but an reasonable estimate is that there were in excess of 180 people. An attendance book was provided at the entrance which nearly everybody signed. A list of attendees is appended in the Register Section in so far as we could read the names - if your name is missing please accept our apologies for being unable to decipher your signature.

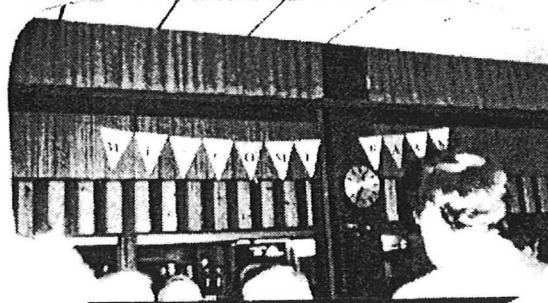
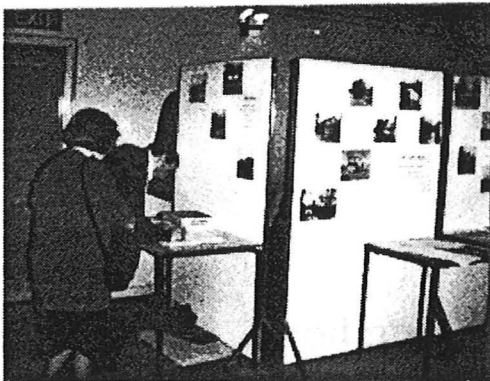
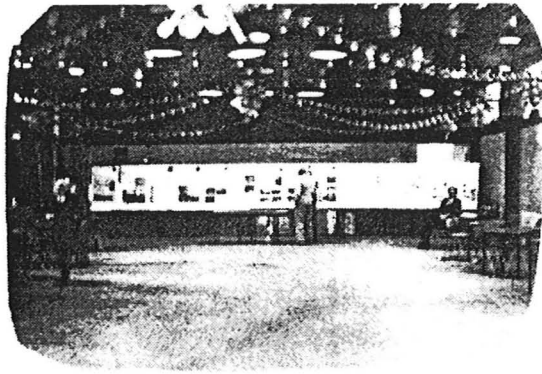
So, summing up, it was a truly rewarding experience which is sure to be repeated in the not too distant future.

We will keep you posted.



Attendees at the 1993 Re-Union

Les	Abbott	Les	Dingle	Diane	Howse	Phil	Pye
John	Abbott	Bernie	Downes	Steve	Hutchings	Ivor	Quickende
Mrs	Abbott	Ray	East	Martin	Ives	Audrey	Quickende
John	Alexander	Gladys	Eckworth	Jimmy	James	Pat	Reeve
Sue	Alexander	Harry	Edwards	Mrs	James	Dot	Revill
E J	Alexander	Daphne	Edwards	Terry	Jupp	Jean	Richards
Yvonne	Allen	'Ike"	Eickhoff	John	Kemp	John	Rowley
Roy	Atkins	Nigel	Evans	Jill	Kemp	Dave	Salter
Ron	Ayerst	Valerie	Evans	Eric	Kendrew	John	Scrivener
Eileen	Ayerst	Mike	Evans	Sheila	Kilbey	Eileen	Scrivener
Sue	Barringer	Davina	Evans	Daphne	Knight	Mary	Searing
Ken	Bascombe	Janet	Evans	Dave	Lee	Mary	Sears
Les	Bates	Chris	Evans	Lynne	Lennard	Sheila	Senior
R	Bidmead	Mike	Farey	Harry	Little	Steve	Shaw
Doreen	Bird	Roy	Fisher	Glyn	Lock	Neil	Shepherd
Ozzie	Blay	Ron	Fletcher	Peter	Maher	Alan	Short
Gordon	Bromberger	Terry	Foulsham	Bill	Makinson	Dave	Sims
Paul	Bunyan	Maureen	Gaughan	Dave	Manners	Pearl	Speller
Richard	Burlend	Brian	Gaughan	Denis	Mansell	R	Speller
Arthur	Cadman	Eve	Gillingham	Jock	McDougall	Terry	Stemman
Pauline	Caliaghan	Vic	Girvan	Julie	McGuchan	John	Stennet
Ron	Campbell	Joyce	Girvan	Gordon	McKinnon	Mrs	Stennet
Celia	Campbell	Roy	Gledhill	Malcolm	McLaren	Malcolm	Stewart
Ian	Carmichael	Peter	Golding	Ross	Millar	Gudge	Taylor
Roy	Carrington	Ron	Gooding	Shirley	Montgomery	A M	Taylor
Joe	Chance	Martin	Gough	Dick	Morrell	Mary	Tingle
Betty	Chance	Lily	Green	Dave	Mullenger	Ron	Treadgold
Win	Clark	Desanka	Grubnic	Alice	Negus	Ray	Vaughan
Eamon	Colclough	Sharon	Gumble	John	Norton	John	Vernon
Pam	Colley	Jean	Haigh	Gordon	Orr	June	Wallace
Geoff	Colley	Brian	Hammant	Susan	Orr	Bill	Warren
Bob	Cook	Terry	Hardy	Dick	Pace	D	Warren
Ernie	Cooke	Eileen	Henshaw	Jean	Paddick	Kath	Weathersto
Louis	Courtney	Kim	Henshaw	Alice	Palin	Phyl	Webb
George	Cummings	Syd	Hewitson	Bernie	Parker	Sally	Westlake
Doreen	Darby	Dave	Hewkin	Audrey	Parker	John	Williams
Ron	Darby	John	Hicks	Polly	Parratt	Enid	Williams
Rose	Darrington	Marcia	Hohn	Mrs	Parratt	Stan	Wills
Tony	Davis	Ron	Holt	Norman	Paul	Harry	Wilson
Wendy	Day	Eunice	Holt	Dennis	Paveley	Doreen	Wilson
Dave	Debenham	Peter	Honey	Avis	Pollard	Arthur	Witham
Alan	Dentry	Geoff	Hooper	Frank	Porter	John C	Wright
Marjorie	Dentry	Bryan	Howard	Carol	Porter	John	Wright



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