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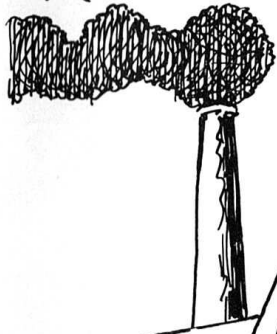
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*Merry  
Christmas*

**December '78**

## **THE SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE WATERWORKS COMPANY**

### **NOTICE**

The Board has decided that with the retirement of the Secretary (Mr. A. W. Tibbenham) the time would be appropriate to consider the top structure of the Company.

Consequently it has been agreed that as and from 1st September 1978 Mr. J. Lamont will be appointed General Manager and that reporting to him will be a Chief Engineer (Mr. W. A. Markham) and a Secretary and Treasurer (Mr. I. E. Wallis). The Secretary and Treasurer will be responsible directly to the Board in respect of his statutory duties.

Resulting changes in procedure will be put into effect after full consultation with those concerned.

**CHARLES BURMAN**

7th August 1978

Chairman

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** My first and most pleasant task as the new Editor is to reproduce the above notice, which was posted throughout the Company in September. An historic moment indeed, as the recent appointment of a General Manager coincides with the 125th anniversary of the formation of the Company.

## Editorial



Readers may be forgiven for thinking that, due to non-publication of the "News Review" it had sunk without a trace under the blue waters of Blithfield Reservoir. However, that is not the case. It may be a little late, but it is certainly still alive and kicking, which is probably more than can be

said for its new editor — that's me in the top left hand corner!

Although I am fairly well known at Birmingham Office, where I work in the Cost Office, I realise that outside Sheepcote Street a lot of people know very little of me, and many of you will have never even heard my name before — a completely different situation to that of the previous Editor, Peter Dodds. Well, there is very little to say, except that I am 19 years old — a young 'un, — I come from Stamford, just outside Peterborough, and have worked for the Company since February this year. Still, I do differ from Peter in that I know nothing about canal barges and less about the Inland Waterways, did I hear a cheer? My personal 'bent', if you can call it that, is a love of classical music, having been trained as a Clarinetist and conductor — NOT the W.M.P.T.E. type! This does not mean, however, that from now on the middle pages will be full of details of what colour socks Beethoven wore!

When I first joined the Company, I soon became aware of the popularity with which the "News Review" was received amongst the staff, and I believe this was due to the blend which my predecessor managed to achieve between Company information and details of the activities of its personnel. This is an important aspect of the "Review" which I fully intend to continue, so, if you have an interesting pastime or know of someone who does, then I'd be only too pleased to hear from you, and articles from retired employees would be particularly welcome. I would ask that any photographs that are sent in are in Black & White, as it is very difficult to achieve the same clarity of reproduction with colour film for printed material.

Finally, I should like to thank everyone for their support in the production of this Christmas Edition, and, in particular, my thanks to my predecessor, Peter Dodds, without whose advice both the "News Review" and its Editor might have disappeared beneath the waves at Blithfield!

Have a very Merry Christmas and I hope to hear from you all in the New Year.

TREVOR MONEY.

## Silicon Chip

The Silicon Chip, we are told is going to radically alter our lives. It may also intrude into the world of Christmas presents. Some irreverent thoughts came to mind about Christmas presents I could give to some of our colleagues and leaders at work.

How about a telephone, programmed to react to voice patterns? When one's wife calls, it automatically answers "will call you back." When a subordinate rings, it replies "he's very busy but will call you in a few moments."

If the Chief rings it states that "he's in a meeting, but I'll interrupt to say you rang."

What a time saver that would be, of course, if one's girl friend rings. It will be programmed to say (in a man's voice, naturally,) "I'll put you through!" Would David Brown appreciate such a machine, I wonder?

Then there's the extension of the T.V. game "A full size squash court can be erected in your own living room" it might say in the small print. By means of sensitive screens one hits an imaginary ball with an imaginary racket against an imaginary wall to an imaginary opponent. Just imagine! It must be what Tony Leach has always wanted.

From the Makers of Monopoly and Totopoly — Electopoly. One can sit in front of the T.V. monitor watching the results come in from a computer generated General Election, calculating trends and setting up one's private "swingmeters". To prevent undue frustration a built in bias option is featured to allow the party of one's choice to win the election most frequently. Perhaps a good choice for Peter Thomas.

What about a marvellous game called the "Action Man Pioneer Game?" The player is lost in a computer generated jungle, and has to find his way out. Maps of different degrees of accuracy and information (according to choice) are thrown up on the screen — there's a random drift on magnetic north caused by thunderstorms (with sound effects) or hidden iron ore deposits, and other random variables like punctures, wild beasts etc. — Just the present for Alan Evers, the Orienteer, or Bob Wright the Caravanner. If they don't come back to work after Christmas, they are obviously still lost — at least it would make a good excuse for too much celebrating.

But for two of our Departmental chiefs, the silicon chip can do nothing that man's inventiveness has not already done.

Dr. Mike Richards would surely be at home with the "Acme D.I.Y. Brewers and Vintners sampling kit" and for Gordon Sims there must be nothing better than a model steam engine — or maybe a boiler for the Beam engine at Sandfields.

So with some of our senior officers replete with exotic presents, lets wish them **all** a very Merry Christmas

PETER DODDS

# £91,000 Christmas Present

It is not often that someone in the Company wins a large amount of money from the likes of Littlewoods, but it happened in October, and not just to one person, but to seven. The Lucky winners were a syndicate, in the Distribution Department Tracing Office at Birmingham Office, and they struck lucky on the National Littlewoods "Spotting-the-Ball" competition to the tune of £91,000!

Vivian Hodgetts was the first to find out when she and her husband were told on the Monday evening. "I just sat down and accepted it," she said calmly. When Vivian told the other tracers the good news the following morning, the reaction was slightly different, according to Celia Turner.

"When Viv said £13,000, we thought 'great'! It wasn't until we realised it was £13,000 each that it hit us. Poor Chris just started to cry!"

Along with the cash came a £600 dream holiday for two in Sicily, which the girls had to draw straws for. The lucky winner was Chris Hollis, who also placed the first cross on the coupon.

So what will the girls do with the money? 'Invest it' was the unanimous reply. Not just a bunch of pretty faces, obviously.



(Left to Right) Celia Turner; Jean Tolley; Chris Hollis; Vivian Hodgetts; Kathleen Rowley; Chris Whistance; Margaret Hollington.

# Social Club News

## THE SOCIAL CLUB (BIRMINGHAM) A TRIBUTE TO BILL MARKHAM

Whilst I am sure everyone in the Social Club joins me in offering warm congratulations to Mr. Markham on his promotion to the post of Chief Engineer, it does mean that his additional workload prevents him from giving to the Club the amount of time which he considers the position of Chairman warrants and he therefore reluctantly stood down in favour of his Vice-Chairman at the Special General Meeting held on the 30th November 1978.

During his 2½ years in office Mr. Markham has guided the Social Club through one of its greatest periods of change since its inception 58 years' ago. He first turned his attention to the name of the Club and, acknowledging the Union role in staff negotiations, he successfully achieved the change of name from Staff Association to Social Club (Birmingham). Then, having recognised the imbalance of grants to the various clubs within the Company, he carried out a thorough investigation and produced a comprehensive report, as a result of which the Directors revised their grant arrangements to the mutual benefit of all the clubs in the Company. At this time he also assisted in the creation of the Tipton Social Club, which is now thriving, and negotiated a revision of the Birmingham Club rules to widen membership to all employees of the Company.

Finally, to encourage greater social intercourse throughout the Company, Mr. Markham created the co-ordination committee comprising the Chairmen and Secretaries of all the clubs within the Company. With the inevitable changes to the Company structure which will occur following the implementation of the proposed move to Green Lane, I shall be endeavouring to continue the work instigated by Mr. Markham by encouraging this closer liaison.

ALAN EVERS.  
29th November 1978.

## SOCIAL CLUB EVENTS

The following Social Club Events are planned for the early part of 1979:

- January 6th** — Childrens' Party to be held in the Staff Dining Room, Sheepcote Street.
- January 19th** — New Years Dance, to be held in the Staff Dining Room, Sheepcote Street.
- March 23rd** — Annual Dinner and Dance, at the Pavilion Suite, Edgbaston Cricket Ground.

## She planed, she sawed, she conquered – and not only the boys!

At the end of the third year, when all pupils had to make a decision about what subjects they would be doing, I had already made up my mind about one subject: WOODWORK.

Of course it meant I had to ask permission from the Head of School and the Board of Governors, and I realised that traditions were deeply set and that no-one was enthusiastic about revolutionary school girls, but I got my way.

I started the two year course enthusiastically, and I found no real problems with the written areas in which I covered a great variety of subjects such as tools, cabinet making, laminating and lathe work. We then travelled off on a "limb" to cover trees and their timber.

The course was very interesting, but also exhausting due to the difficult practical work, and not only did I have to make sure that my craft was correct, but I also had to prove to the rest of the class who were all Male Chauvinists, that a mere female WAS capable of doing woodwork, and **well** at that!

During the 'O' level course, I completed five items of craft, which I was quite proud of, and I was very surprised when I found out that I had been assessed to be the fifth best in the whole year!

The 'A' level course brought me down to earth with a bump. I was the only student in the class and I found it very hard. It involved the study of the History of Furniture and cabinet making and this meant that the student had to visit Stately Homes and Museums to make sketches, and in their own time too! The practical exam lasted for a gruelling SIX HOURS, during which the student had to complete an entire piece of work from start to finish!

I have much to thank my teacher for as he devoted a lot of time and energy to me. The work was not wasted as I put up some shelves recently and mounted the bathroom cabinet onto the wall, and it is still there... I hope!

DEBBIE YAPP.



Your cold has gone straight to your chest. I don't blame it!

## “New Pipes from Old”

During the latter half of the 1960's the number of consumer complaints about dirty water appeared to be increasing. The actual number, however, was not particularly high but subsequent investigation proved that too many consumers accepted discoloured water from time to time without complaint proving that reportable incidents were only the tip of the iceberg.

A full scale investigation into the problem followed and, in 1972, pieces of main were removed from service for examination and these were accompanied by samples of water which passed through them and were examined by the Chief Chemist.

The results of these early tests revealed a situation which, had it been allowed to continue would have created a severe financial burden on the Company in a very short time, by a crash programme of renewals.

In some of the samples of pipe the bore had been reduced by corrosion products to such an extent that it was difficult to pass a knitting needle through them. The historical solution to this type of problem is to renew the mains but this was out of the question in the short time available, as well as being prohibitively expensive.

There was, however, a technique which had been developed as long ago as 1934 whereby the mains could be scraped and relined with cement mortar without removing them from the ground. Experimental lengths were tried out and a large scale programme of renovation introduced from the information obtained from the physical samples of pipe and in close co-operation with the Chief Chemist whose advice on water quality assisted the choice of areas for treatment.

To date the Company have renovated 500 kilometres of small diameter mains and a full programme of dealing with all the small diameter unlined iron mains could take up to 20 years at the present rate of progress.

The subject is one of considerable national and international interest and it formed the basis of Mr. Lamont's recent Paper at Keble College, Oxford, and his abridged contribution to the International Water Supply Congress in Kyoto, Japan.

Lord Nugent, the former Chairman of the National Water Council, stated that the colossal sum of £26 Billion would be required to restore to a satisfactory state the Country's underground water mains and sewer assets and it is reassuring to note that the Company are well ahead of the industry in this matter.

BOB WRIGHT.

## Last of the Hathorn Davey's

Once upon a time **the** name in Waterworks pumping was not Lawrence Scott, Sulzer or Allen Guynnes, (who provide many of today's machines) but Hathorn Davey — a Company once synonymous with steam pumping engines. Sulzer's in fact today occupy the old Hathorn Davey works in Leeds.

Hathorn Davey specialised in a type of engine known as a horizontal tandem compound direct acting engine. The mouthful simply meant that there were two steam cylinders, the low pressure one working on the exhaust steam from the high pressure (compound), working on the same piston rod one behind the other (in tandem) and that the pumps were mounted on the end of the same piston rod. The whole works, if you like, centred on the one rod moving back and forth, driving or being driven as the case may be.

The Company had many examples of this type of engine including Pipehill, Fradley, Trent Valley, Shenstone, Ashwood and Brindley Bank. The engines at Brindley Bank have been preserved as part of the Company's museum.

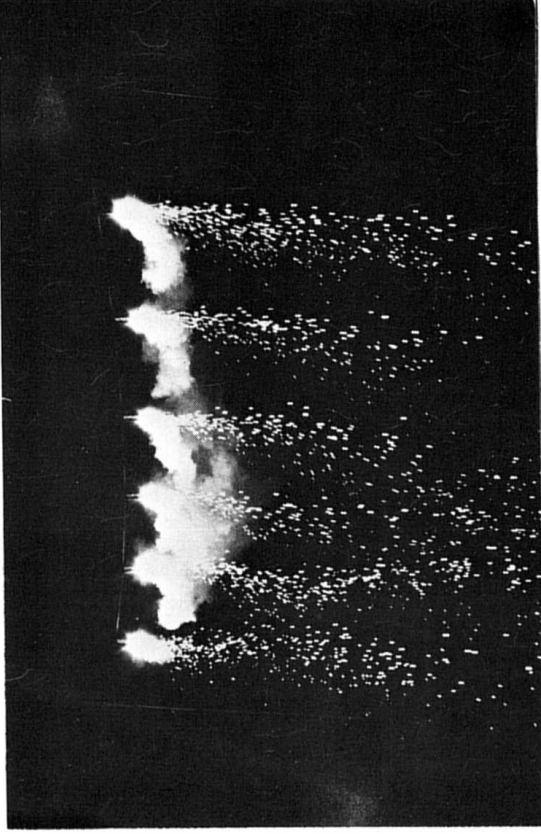
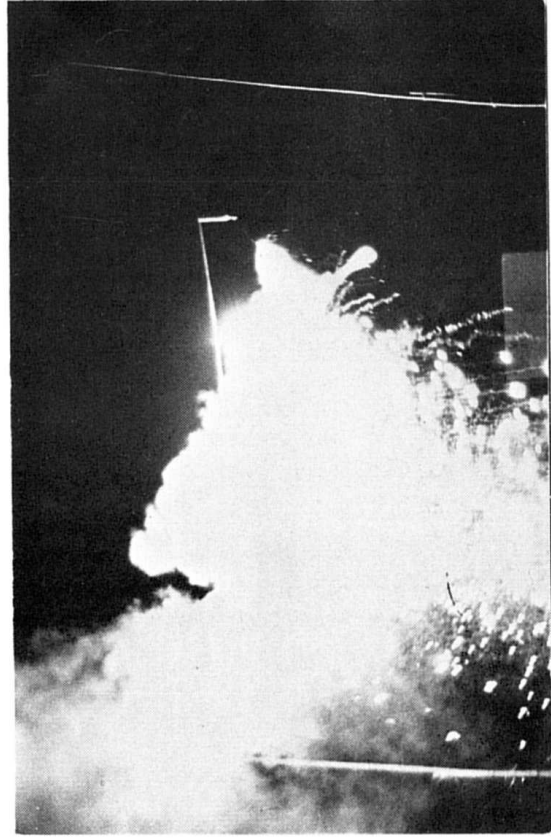
At Millmeece, near Stone, in Staffordshire a pair of Hathorn Davey type horizontal tandem compound engines are still at work, owned now by Seven Trent Water Authority. These engines are finally to be scrapped after a rather precarious career in the last 50 years. They were due to be replaced by electric pumps in 1938, and the borehole pumps on one engine were in fact replaced, but the war prevented any further work. Then in 1965, the question was again raised, but they won a reprieve and the boilers were converted to mechanical stoking instead of hand, to save money.

Now the end of an era has finally arrived and these engines will stop work some time in the spring of 1979 after almost 70 years continuous service. Severn Trent W.A. have been very enlightened however, for realising that these engines are the last pair of the type still at work, they have arranged to preserve them **in steam**. The Mechanical Engineers of the local office masterminded a scheme to form a Preservation Society to run the engines and look after public visits etc., whilst S.T.W.A. are to lease the engines and buildings to the Society and provide the expert help needed to train "drivers" and engine men from the voluntary body.

To publicise the venture and to discover whether there was a demand from the public for the engines to be preserved, S.T.W.A. held an open day in September. The response was overwhelming. More than 4,000 people visited the engines on the open day, the queues sometimes 100 yards long, the car parks and nearby fields jammed full and the ice-cream man sold out twice. There's no doubt about the viability of the project now! So lets wish luck to the last of the Hathorn Davey's.

PETER DODDS.

**“Fireworks at West Bromwich—what a great time was had by all!”**



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# The South Staffordshire Waterworks Company Superannuated Members' Annual Outing

Visit to Warwick Castle, followed by Tea at the Guy Nelson Hall,  
Warwick School, Myton Road, Warwick.

On Wednesday, 19th July, 1978

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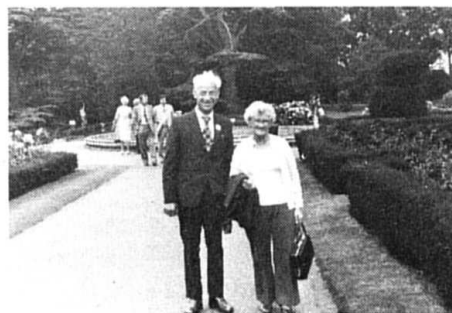
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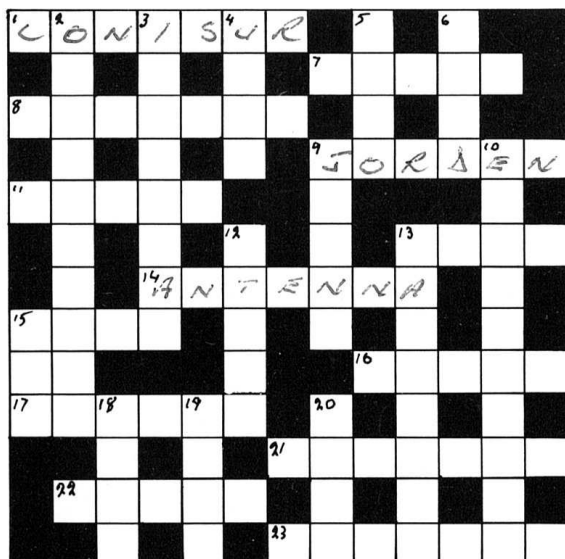
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<b>A</b>	Mr. and Mrs. W. King.
<b>B</b>	Mr. W. Shaylor, Mrs. S. Morgan, with Sir Charles Burman, ( <i>The Chairman</i> ).
<b>C</b>	Mr. and Mrs. W. Rippin.
<b>D</b>	Mr. J. Wise, a Guest, Mr. D. T. While, Mr. S. Morris.
<b>E</b>	Mr. and Mrs. S. Stanley.
<b>F</b>	Mr. and Mrs. D. Parker.
<b>G</b>	Mr. and Mrs. G. Anderson.
<b>H</b>	Mr. and Mrs. W. Bott.
<b>J</b>	Mr. F. Sawyer and Mr. E. Horobin.
<b>K</b>	Mr. and Mrs. H. Clarke.
<b>L</b>	Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Price and Mr. and Mrs. H. Pitch.
<b>M</b>	Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Orton.



Before deciding what we're going to spend it on, can you think of a way of getting the coupon there by yesterday?

## QUIZWORD

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### ACROSS

1. Person of fastidious taste in food and wine, etc. (7)
7. and 6. Dickens character after whom a large, untidy umbrella is named. (5, 4).
8. Maize whisky originally made here in Kentucky. (7).
9. Syrian city dating from about 2000 B.C. (6).
11. and 22. Famous song to the tune of "Eileen Aroon". (5, 5).
13. Nickname of Thomas Waller. (4).
14. Wireless aerial. (7).
15. James, actor (e.g. in "The Godfather"). (4).
16. An Eisteddfod official. (5).
17. Polish composer of poetical piano music. (6).
21. Film starring Glynis Johns as a mermaid. (7).
22. See "11".
23. Character famous for her "Box" that contained all the ills of mankind. (7).

### DOWN

2. Picture made with light. (10).
3. One of England's best goalkeepers. (8).
4. "The Small Back —," by Nigel Balchin. (4).
5. Abnormal growth, e.g. the oak-apple. (4).
6. See "7".
9. One who represents or acts for another. (5).
10. Radar device for guiding missiles into a target area. (10).
12. Jan, noted for his paintings of Dutch popular life. (5).
13. Catherine Glover "The — — of Perth" (4, 4).
18. Bookmakers lay them. (4).
19. Coloured part of the eye. (4).
20. Italian monetary unit. (4).

## Grey Cock-a-doodle!

Do you sing in the bath, or when you are driving, or when you are on your own? Perhaps you don't bother, because you have been told that your singing is not appreciated! If this is the case then there may be hope for you yet.

Singing is a way of expressing feelings and so it comes naturally to pretty well everyone as children. Unfortunately, as we grow up, our society tends to dampen our musical enthusiasm by telling us that we cannot sing, when in fact all that is needed is some helpful advice and the chance to practice. We cannot really sing while we work, which is what working people used to do and still do in some societies (just imagine it, Office staff singing shanties as they slave away with their pens and paper, or the Waste Inspectors singing as they march along the streets). Singing is no longer a family activity in this country as it is in some parts of the world, so where does the ordinary person get the chance to sing?

I used to sing quietly to myself when I was on my own because I was usually told to shut up if I sang aloud in company. Consequently I believed that mine was not a good singing voice. However, when I went along to the Grey Cock Folk Club I was encouraged to sing along with everyone else, and with their advice and criticism and the opportunities to do so I now feel able to stand up and sing in a Folk Club. What is more, many of the members of the Club are just like myself. For years friends and relations had told them that they couldn't sing, but, helped and encouraged by the other members they have turned into very worthy performers — some I feel are excellent singers.

One of the most important factors that contribute to a good performance of a song is the emotion and feeling that is put into it by the singer. I have many times been bored stiff by singers with wonderful voices singing without putting any feeling or interpretation into the words — they were just reciting words to a tune. Fortunately this is not common at the Grey Cock Folk Club.

The songs and music at the Grey Cock include both traditional and modern styles and are sometimes political. The guests are either traditional singers and musicians or revival artists who are trying to use and extend traditional forms. The Club has its own resident groups who play a very high standard of music on a wide range of instruments — Fiddle, Concertina, Guitar, Banjo, Penny Whistle and many others, including even a Hurdy Gurdy. At many Folk Clubs the audience is composed of watchers and listeners. At the Grey Cock the emphasis is upon everyone joining in — There is an evening, every month or so, when everyone is encouraged to stand up and sing and this is always a very popular night's entertainment.

As I mentioned earlier, the Club believes that anyone can learn to sing and play traditional music, and actively helps those who wish to — how about you?

IAN ROBERTSON.

## Don't Stand Sideways, I can't see you!

On the 3rd April 1978 20 determined slimmers started weighing in every Monday between 12.30 and 13.00 hours to see who could become the SLIMMER OF THE YEAR.

This was no carrot juice and soggy lettuce starve yourself campaign — this was an earnest desire to see how eating three balanced meals a day and nothing in between could work on a cross section of employees each with their own varying problems depending on each one's height and weight at that time.

We were all weighed and height checked and given a low carbohydrate list of foods and their corresponding points, then asked to try and aim for a low score daily. The secret was to keep a daily check on food eaten and not have more than the body needed.

For a few hectic weeks daily checks on what to eat and when, was the main topic of conversation by the stalwart 20 members who joined; 12 females and 8 males. Gone was the pie and chips, doughnuts and chocolate biscuit routine, Mrs Speake (herself a member — who better to help us trim the lbs off) organised fresh fruit — which is now on sale daily at break times and members would anxiously look round the canteen to see who was watching if they skipped breakfast and desperately needed a slice of toast, you could be dead sure to be caught in the act. Was it worth it when Monday came round and that needle pointed to + (plus) instead of the hoped for - (minus). Gasps of "but I haven't eaten a thing" resounded through Central file which was a veritable Weight Watchers club room.

However after finding out how and what to eat the 17 weeks passed by and the excitement mounted and bets were taken on the winner.

Here were some of the basic points given for reducing weight:—

Walk instead of ride — forget the car, the bus and the lift, make your heart and lungs work and breathe deeply,

Eat three balanced meals per day.

Don't eat in between these three meals a day.

Eat plenty of fresh fruit and vegetables.

We finally met to present the winner with a set of Royal Worcester oven-ware to table dishes. The winner and runners up were as follows:—

1st — Kathleen Rowley — D.D.

2nd — Norman Ashworth — New Works.

3rd — Irene Phillips — Administration.

Mr. Markham, Chief Engineer presented the prize and stressed the importance to all present of keeping fit and enjoying good health, and said he hoped we would keep up the good work and get encouragement from the results already achieved.

SARA STEVENS

## "Is That Really You"?

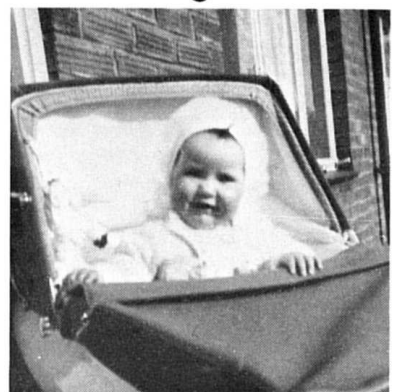
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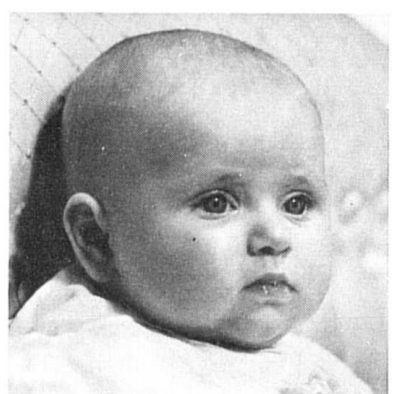
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In keeping with Christmas tradition, the "Review" is posing this amusing question:

**Who are the six 'babies' whose photographs appear above?**

The six names are listed below. A £5.00 gift voucher to the first correct entry opened. All entries to be received by January 28th, 1979, please.

Andrew Willmott (*Costing*);

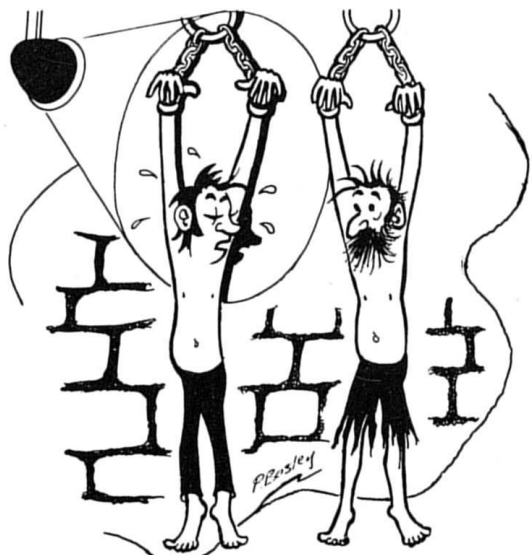
Harold Hatfield (*Accounts*);

Sally Young (*New Works*);

Alan Jones (*E/M.D*);

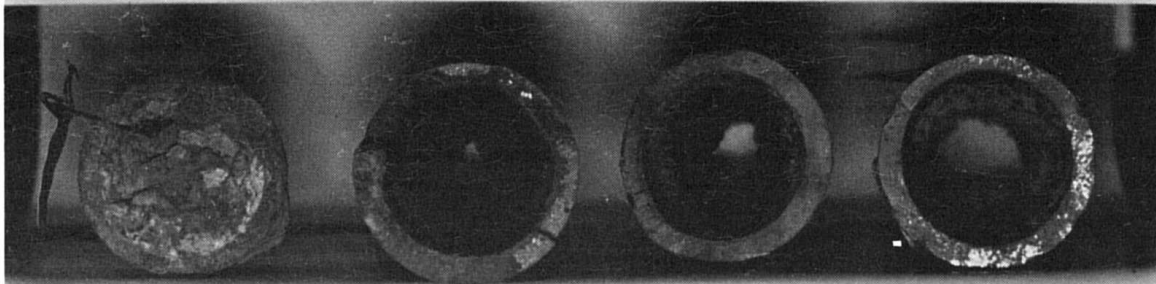
Julie Court (*D.D*);

Debbie Yapp (*C.O.S.*)



"I'm just helping the Police with their enquiries, what are you in for?"

~ 3' dia mains Reduction in carrying capacities ~



99.5%    96%    88%    74%

"Have you ever wondered why pipes are scraped and relined??!"

## "Some of the things we have done this year"

### DISTRIBUTION

#### New Mains Laid

Size	Number of Sites
80 mm	81
100 mm	55
150 mm	44
250 mm	3
300 mm	2
400 mm	1

#### Burst Mains Repaired

Size	Number
80 mm	185
100 mm	254
150 mm	48
Others	18

Up to the end of September, 492 kilometres of service mains were scraped and relined.

Up to the end of October, 5,333 new dwellings were connected to supply and 780 supplies were disconnected. A total of 22 service reservoirs and water towers were cleaned.

### ELECTRICAL/MECHANICAL

Water pumped averaged 309.29 MI per day.

Water repumped averaged 33.03 MI per day.

The new Central Vehicle Maintenance Depot at Walsall was completed and is now in service.

The Workshops at Wood Green have also been busy, dealing with 124 power failures and fixing a staggering 28,397 metres of electrical cable! Also 4 new Diesel Alternators have been installed.

### NEW WORKS

The biggest single job has been the detailed negotiation and investigation into the development of the new offices at Green Lane.

27 Chlorine Leak Detectors were installed at Borehole Pumping Stations and 3 Service Reservoirs have been waterproofed and internal maintenance including safer access was also carried out.



Scraping and re-lining (see page 6).

In protecting supplies 581 Planning Applications within the Company's Catchment Area have been studied and commented on.

On the domestic front major repairs and maintenance have been carried out at 11 Company houses, and 5 have been fitted with full central heating.

Eight houses surplus to operational requirements have been sold, 5 to Company employees.

45,000 trout were successfully reared at the new Seedy Mill installation and transferred to Blithfield for fattening prior to planting in the Reservoir. Surplus fish from this venture were sold to Company employees. A tasty dish indeed!

### WATER QUALITY CONTROL

The department has been as busy as ever in ensuring the maintenance of high quality water to our consumers.

Up to the end of October, 30,003 samples were taken and analysed. Of these, just over half were chemical samples, 5,000 were bacteriological samples and a little over 8,000 were chemical and bacteriological samples.

## Changes in Blithfield Reservoir's Fish Rearing Installations

The success of a trout fishery is dependent upon many factors, of which, the most important is the overall quality of the trout put into the reservoir each year.

During the early years of trout fishing at Blithfield, all the trout, both Brown trout and Rainbow trout, for annual reservoir stocking, were obtained from commercial trout farmers located in various parts of the country, but as the rearing installation developed at the reservoir, so the requirements from the fish farms progressively reduced, except for Brown trout, which were not successfully reared in sufficient numbers, whereas no such difficulties were experienced with Rainbow trout.

In 1976, a pilot scheme was commenced at Seedy Mill to hatch fertilised trout eggs in borehole waters and this approach showed sufficient potential in the first year to warrant the establishment in 1977 of a production unit for supplying annually, all the five to six month old Rainbow trout to Blithfield for onward rearing and which would be more advanced in growth than could be obtained commercially.

The major contribution from Seedy Mill F.R.I. materialised this year — just under 37 thousand Fry (young trout), were transferred to Blithfield between May and November.

Additionally, a revised policy has been adopted this year, which takes advantage of each fish rearing installation complementary role, such that the rearing cycle from eggs to 1½ lb. trout for planting into the reservoir, may be reduced from over two years to under two years and that any surplus production may be sold for the table to off-set costs. The new cycle has now commenced and sale of surplus trout at the changeover is now practically complete.

A certain amount of natural regeneration takes place within the reservoir and in both the River Blithe and the Tad Brook from resident wild trout, but is not considered to be adequate numerically or reliable enough from year to year to effect significantly any stocking policy.

### RETIREMENTS

Best Wishes for a long and enjoyable retirement to:

**Dick Orton**, Foreman at Chilcote . . . . . **3/7/78**

**John Hodgkinson**, Labourer at Blithfield . . **8/8/78**

**Jack Chater**,

Chief Fittings Inspector at Tipton . . . . . **21/9/78**

**Ken Rhodes**, Assistant Superintendent at Burton . . . . . **16/9/78**

**Alec Roberts**, Foreman at Ashwood . . . **18/10/78**

**Charlie Peate**,

District Inspector at Walsall . . . . . **23/11/78**

**Bill Pearson**, Waterman at Walsall . . . . **18/12/78**

**Dick Chamberlain**,

Consumer Services Officer . . . . . **31/5/78**

**Arthur Hollowood**, District Inspector at Sutton . . . . . **9/6/78**

**Joe Hough**, Plant Attendant at Chilcote . . **4/4/78**



Photo—Dick Chamberlain.

### GOLD WATCHES

A Gold Watch Presentation was held on 30th October<sup>1</sup> in recognition of **25 years service** for:

**Harry Bentley**, Attendant at Seedy Mill.

**Don Hall**, Attendant at Slade Heath.

**Arthur Howes**, Fittings Inspector at Walsall.

**Maurice Maddox**, Foreman at Pipe Hill.

**Reg Malbon**, Clerical Assistant at Walsall.

### SPECIAL LONG SERVICE AWARDS

Were presented by the September Board to:

**Arthur Hollowood**

District Inspector at Sutton, after **44 years**.

**J. Hough**,

Plant Attendant at Chilcote, after **42 years**.

**Dick Orton**,

Foreman at Chilcote, after **40 years**.

**Dick Chamberlain**, Consumer Services Officer,

after **48 years**.

### SPECIAL LONG SERVICE AWARD

Presented at the November Board to:

**Charlie Peate**,

District Inspector at Walsall, after **43 years**.

## New Appointments

Within the Company since July.

### Ashwood Pumping Station

Syd Gold, Group Foreman.

### Birmingham Office

Vera Farren, Secretary to Distribution Engineer.

Mervin Penny, Seconded Safety Assistant.

Graham Watkins, Consumer Services Officer.

### Bourne Vale Pumping Station

Arthur Stevens, Foreman.

### Brindley Bank Pumping Station

Edwin Fletcher, Group Foreman.

### Burton Area Office

Phillip Bech, Service Layer.

Chris Cresswell, Yard Foreman/Storekeeper.

### Cannock Area Office

Paul Pearson, Fittings Inspector

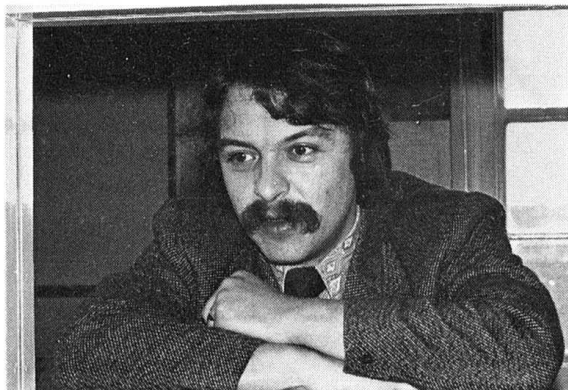
### Churchill Pumping Station

Tom Wall, Group Foreman.

### Little Hay Pumping Station

John Curtis, Group Foreman.

### Seedy Mill Pumping and Treatment Works



Rod Bloodworth, Superintendent Seedy Mill.

Keith Marshall, Assistant Superintendent.

### Somerford Pumping Station

Tom Richardson, Group Foreman.

### Trent Valley Pumping Station

Les Bryan, Group Foreman.

### Walsall Area Office

Dennis Bradley, Waterman.

Mick Taylor, Waterman.

Peter Winwood, Waterman.

## Newcomers

Who have joined us since July.

### Birmingham Office

Arthur Good, Clerical Assistant Consumer Services

Joan Lloyd, Secretary to Chief Elec/Mech. Engineer.

Mandy Payne, Junior Clerical Assistant.

Miar Rowlands, Shorthand/Typist.

Maria Veitch, Secretary/P.A. to Chief Engineer.

Maria Withers, Junior Clerical Assistant.

Ron Woodhouse, Building Maintenance Controller.

Debbie Yapp, Junior Clerical Assistant.

### Burton Area Office

Ruth Cartwright, Telephonist/Clerk.

Susan Clarke, Clerical Assistant.

Jonathan King, Trainee Waterworks Operative.

Ian Salmon, Trenchman.

Francis Wood, Yardman/Assistant Storekeeper.

### Cannock Area Office

Doreen Austin, Telephonist/Clerk.

Peter Baggaley, Trenchman.

Jon Higgins, Trainee Waterworks Operative.

Kelvin Webber, Trenchman.

### Chilcote Pumping and Treatment Works

David Jackson, Labourer.

### Hampton Loade

### Pumping and Treatment Works

Peter Hodgson, Trainee Lab. Assistant.

### Tipton Area Office

Alexander Brown, Trenchman.

Phillip Hankin, Mechanic.

Tony Leach, Trainee Technical Assistant.

Patrick Mason, Trenchman.

### Sandfields Pumping and Treatment Works

John Biss, Treatment Maintenance Operative.

### Water Quality Control

Julie Parke, Trainee Lab. Assistant.

### Walsall Area Office

Keith Clarson, Trenchman.

Phillip Connor, Waterman.

Denise Kemp, Clerical Assistant.

John McManus, Storekeeper.

Leslie Orton, Assistant Storekeeper.

### Walsall Transport

Alison Baker, Clerical Assistant.

Stephen Baker, Apprentice Mechanic.

Ian Talbot, Apprentice Mechanic.

### Wood Green Work Study Office

Vickie Brown, Administration Trainee.

Ray Cooksey, Work Study Assistant.

Tony Phipps, Work Study Assistant.

### Wood Green Workshops

Neil Harrison, Apprentice Electrician.

Neil Haynes, Apprentice Machinist.

Edmund O'Connell, Labourer.

Kenneth Taylor, Electrician.

### Wednesbury Building Compound

Colin Carwithen, Painter.