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from the editors desk . . .

1984 in George Orwell's predictions presented a fearful existence under the hidden eyes of dictatorial and mind distorting authorities.

I'm sure, we are all relieved that hidden cameras are not monitoring our every movement, but radical changes are occurring throughout the Industrial World and it will be interesting to see the final outcome and results of these developments.

Cut-backs, re-organisation and redundancies are the 'in' words and such steps, I'm sure, were and are still long overdue and necessary, and it would be worth reflecting on the words of Richard Hooker, who once said of change:

"Change is not made without inconvenience even from worse to better."

It only leaves me to, yet again, wish you all health, wealth and happiness in 1984.



FISHING AT BLITHFIELD UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

Blithfield Reservoir was first stocked with trout in 1958 and has been developed over the years to become one of the premier game fisheries in the country.

The Company has always managed the fishery in conjunction with the Blithfield Estate but after reviewing the activities on the site, it has been decided to lease out the fishing on a similar basis to the lease for the Sailing Club.

A new company, Blithfield Anglers Ltd, was formed by the fishermen to take on these responsibilities and a lease was signed on 9 December 1983.

Under the terms of the lease the Company retains overall control of activities at the Reservoir, especially liaison between the fishermen, sailors, bird watchers and divers, but within the terms of the lease the Anglers are free to organise their own affairs.



Mr. W. A. Markham and Mr. N. Spier sign the lease

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Water Aid

JOGGING FOR FITNESS, FUN AND WATER AID

The Company has a long association with the City of Lichfield, where many of the original sources of supply are centred, and Lichfield has an even longer association with the "Water Industry", having had a piped public supply system since the 11th century.

It was therefore an appropriate location for the Water Aid Committee to set up its first major fund-raising activity. Negotiations are currently in hand with Lichfield District Round Table to base a fun-run in support of the Water Aid charity within their very successful annual "Lichfield Sheriff's Run".

This year, the event will be held on Sunday, 18th March 1984 and will consist of a 13 mile run through peaceful Staffordshire countryside, starting and finishing in the City Centre. For the less hardy, a 10 km. (6 mile) jog will be included in the hope of encouraging family participation.

The entry fees, payable to Lichfield District Round Table, will be used in support of the British Olympic Fund and of local

charities, and Water Aid entrants will be asked to try and raise sponsorship for their own charity. It is hoped that this opportunity to enjoy the City of Lichfield at its friendliest, together with the attraction of raising much-needed money for three worthy charities, will attract Water Industry runners from all over the Midlands.

So, on behalf of the Company's Water Aid Committee, may I appeal to you all to give this venture your support by running, jogging or just helping with the organisation on the day, and by persuading friends, family and colleagues to do likewise.

Further details and entry forms will be available soon from David Penna at Sheepcote Street, so mark the date in your diary, start jogging, and 'phone him next week.



IN SEARCH OF A SAINT

Still short of inspiration for a new name for the growing Central Office complex, it was decided to find out whether there was a patron saint of waterworkers. Reference books yielding no information, advice was sought of the public relations officers at the Severn-Trent Water Authority and the then National Water Council both of whom, after some initial amusement, declared their ignorance on the matter.

The next possible source of information was the Birmingham Council of Christian Churches. Their executive secretary, Mr. Ultan Russell, also regretted his ignorance but promised to find out what he could. After a few days, he wrote to say that he had been in touch with the Archivist to the Archdiocese of Birmingham who had suggested three saints "who might be suitable" but recommending one in particular: St. Winefred (also spelt Winefride, Wenefrida, Gwenfrewi or Guinevra) of Holywell in North Wales. Her connection with water is not clear, apart from the place name of Holywell, but she is always pictured closed to a fountain which, as a source of water, symbolises spiritual life and salvation.



According to the details given by the Archivist, St.

Winefred, who died in 650, was beheaded and her head restored by St. Beuno.

Mr. Russell suggested that St. Winefred might be particularly suitable because "we get so much of our water from Wales". We had to admit to him that our water is largely obtained from boreholes in the South Staffordshire area, but perhaps we can stretch a point in view of the water we take from the River Severn whose source is in Wales, particularly as the two remaining "suitable" saints have their origins in Italy.

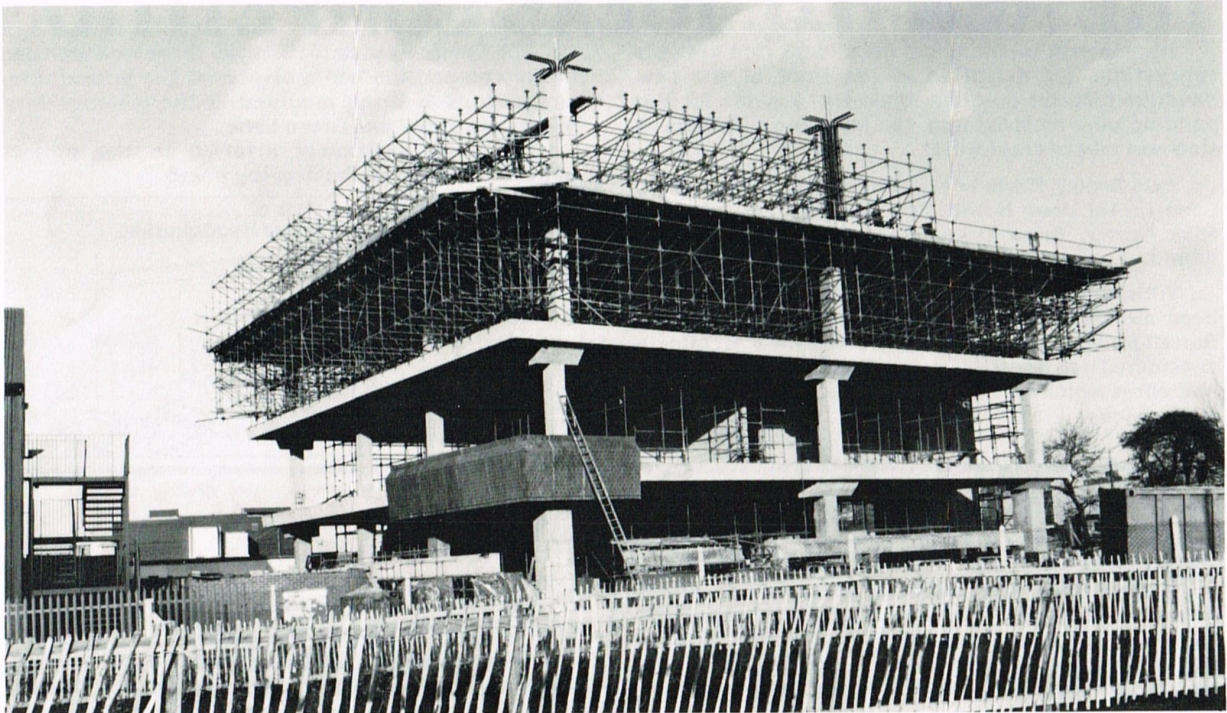
Also, it is not certain whether St. Winefred would feel at home in the spiritual life of Green Lane.

There may be a statue of St. Winefred at Holywell so, if we ever find ourselves in the midst of another drought, perhaps the Company's annual outing should include a pilgrimage there!



Mrs C. HODGSON
Personal Asst to Managing Director

PROGRESS REPORT – NEW OFFICES



Work on the construction of the new offices at Green Lane has been making steady progress and the general shape and size of the building can now be clearly seen. The erection of the concrete structure is nearly complete and Linford have already started to fix the brick cladding panels, which, with the windows, will form the watertight "envelope" of the building. When the final load of concrete is placed the structure will contain nearly 2200 m³ of concrete and over 280 tonnes of steel reinforcement; or put another way nearly four hundred loads of concrete and 130 miles of 25 mm diameter reinforcing bar.

As fixing the cladding panels and windows progresses up the building, more of the Contractor's effort will be concentrated on the internal finishing work. Balfour Kilpatrick and Rosser and Russel will install the electrical and mechanical services as sub-contractors to Linford; while Linford themselves will be working on the joinery, ceilings, floors, painting and decorating and other finishes. So although it may not appear

so from the outside, the inside of the building will be a hive of activity.

Keith Hodson's move from Green Lane to Tipton Area Office left a weakness in the team supervising the works on behalf of the Consultants. This gap has been admirably filled by Barry Hand from the Workshops. Barry joined Jeff Bishop and Ernie Horobin on the site in January to supervise the installation of the mechanical and electrical works.

All of those people who work at Central Office have, since October, been enjoying the use of the new car park. It was constructed on the land purchased from T.I. Sunhouse and is a great improvement over the rough land that was formally used for parking.

With the completion of the new car park, and the current rate of progress on building the office extension, everything should be ready for the transfer of staff from Head Office in the Autumn of this year.

JEFF BISHOP

BBC COVERAGE

The BBC have compiled a feature for their "Computer Club" which is part of their Schools Education Programmes.

The title of this feature film is "The Computer and the Map Maker", and will be screened on BBC2 on the 5th and the 7th June, 1984.

The programme deals with digital map making and the use of digital maps records in the field by various Utilities.

The involvement of the South Staffordshire Waterworks has been brought about by the N.J.U.G.

Dudley Digital Trial. The Trial incorporates five Utilities, including ourselves, in the Dudley Borough and by the use of Digital Map bases, allows us through a computerised system, with the aid of V.D.U., to exchange records from five separate locations.

The programme has also come to the notice of "The Tomorrow's World" Investigation Team and a meeting has been arranged with them at Dudley to discuss possible future programme content.

J. G. WILSON

THE WINNERS

THE NEW H.Q. IDEAS COMPETITION

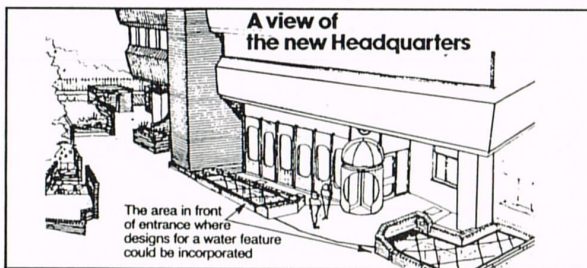
In response to the Company's Ideas Competition suggestions for a feature at the front of the new Headquarters, for possible logos and a name for the building were received from the following members of staff and retired employees:

Pete Bosley, Maria Veitch, Terry Flynn, Fred Burrell, Celia Turner, Joan Hewitt, Len Jackson, Joe Johnson, Mike Farrow, Brian Dacre, Tony Jowle and Norman Round.

Although there was no outright winner, prizes have been awarded to Joan Hewitt, Brian Dacre and Fred Burrell for their ideas which the Company's Architects considered had potential and to Pete Bosley for the time and effort which he had put into his many and varied suggestions.

The Company wish to thank all those who took part in the competition and a display of the prizewinning suggestions is being mounted in the restaurants at Sheepcote Street and Green Lane.

For those intimately involved in the project, however, it's back to the drawing board.



MAXINE MAKES MUSIC

WINNER OF THE POP STAR CONTEST

Maxine Hill of the Computer and Data Processing Department, Head Office, was our lucky winner and she is shown here holding her prize of a Sparkomatic SR 306F Digital Display Stereo Cassette which was kindly donated by Reginald Tildsleys of Wolverhampton Street, Walsall.

There were eighteen all correct entries received and Maxine's was the first drawn out of the hat.

As Maxine has just bought herself a car, it is a surprise extra to make her journeys more enjoyable.



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| 1 BILL HALEY | 5 JOE COCKER |
| 2 ERIC CLAPTON | 6 DEBBIE HARRY |
| 3 ELVIS COSTELLO | 7 ERIC BURDON |
| 4 LITTLE RICHARD | 8 RAY DAVIS |

TIE AND SCARF COMPETITION

The winner of the Tie and Scarf Competition was Peter Bosley (Technical Services).

His entry was chosen unanimously by the small panel of four. The four being Ron Woodhouse (Building), Edwin Lee (Common Services), Brian Morrall (Walsall) and Bob Harding (Technical Services).

They chose two designs in the tie with a choice of two colours (Blue and Green). The scarf which was designed in Blue and Green would match either coloured tie.

I must apologise for the delay in coming to a decision about this competition.

The entries were all extremely worthy of assessment and the panel found it a difficult choice and would like to acknowledge the efforts of other competitors.

John Morrall's design was highly commended and was a close second.



P. BOSLEY

Profile

Clive Kent, the Manpower and Training Officer originally was a Londoner but moved up North in the early sixties and has lived in Hull, Newcastle and York.

He met and married his wife Linda in Manchester and now they have two daughters Jane (7) years old and Ruth (4) years old.

Clive, a firm believer in further education left school and continued his studies and finally went to University in Hull.

Eventually finding work in the field of Adult Education, he worked closely with Newcastle University and the Open University and decided to return to University to complete a further year before entering the National Water Councils Work and Northern Training Centre at Burn Hall near York, where he taught managerial and supervisory courses.

He was also involved in an advisory role with the North West Water Authority.

At an early age Clive found repetitious work a terrible trial mentally and felt a tremendous sympathy with those unfortunate persons required to perform such tasks and understands the desire to expand ones horizons to enable job satisfaction to become a reality.

He decided to leave Burn Hall because his brief contact with people gave him no insight into real problems and he felt work in Industry would be more stable and joined the South Staffs.

He has found personnel extremely friendly but feels that people look back to the past as if it was very important to them.

The South Staffordshire Waterworks image outside seems progressive and technically very good, but he has found some pessimism in peoples attitude mainly due to the recession.

He feels that one of his aims will be to hopefully create an atmosphere where people can not only do their jobs efficiently but will also find job satisfaction either by developing new techniques or by expanding their outlook.

He will encourage Management at all times to be favourable to developing opportunities within the Industry.



FIRST ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF



John Robinson McClean C.R., F.A.S., F.G.S., one of the originators and first Engineer of the Company was born at Bank Buildings, Belfast on the 21st March 1813, the third son of Francis and Margaret McClean. His father was a Merchant.

Originally from the Isle of Skye the McClean family were among the first settlers in Ireland. McClean attended the Tillicoultry School, furthering his education at Belfast Royal Academic Institute. In 1834 he travelled to Glasgow, continuing his studies at its University. He obtained high honours in mathematics and natural philosophy, pursuing at the same time practical studies in mining, engineering and surveying with the intention of qualifying himself for the Civil Engineering profession.

He married Anna, daughter of William Newson of Belfast the same year.

On completion of his education he travelled to London taking up employment with Messrs. Walker and Burgess, Civil Engineers, Westminster, where he acquired the skills of a profession in which he was to excell. Walker and Burgess were at that time engaged in several important contracts including the Thames Embankment fronting the Houses of Parliament, Westminster and Blackfriars Bridges, Commercial Docks and the Thames Valley and Bentley Canals. McClean assisted in preparing surveys and contract drawings, later to become resident engineer on many contracts.

After completing a seven-year apprenticeship a colleague persuaded him to become an independent Civil Engineer, Mr. Walker was loathe to lose McClean and tried unsuccessfully to retain his services by offering a higher salary.

During his first year of practice in 1844, with offices situated at 17 Great George Street, Westminster, he became Engineer in Chief of the Furness Railway. Due to pressure of work he took on a partner, Francis Croughton Stileman, an engineer who had previously been articled to him.

McClean's professional engagements became varied and extensive. Among his earlier important works he was to become engineer to the South Staffordshire Railway which was built in 1849, serving the areas of Lichfield, Walsall and Dudley. Within six months of its opening he submitted a proposal to the Directors to lease the line, a twenty-one year lease being agreed upon. An Act of Parliament was required prior to this being put into effect (13 and 14 Vict Cap 58), it was the first occasion in history of leasing a railway to an individual. In its early years the line ran at a loss and in 1861 it was taken over by the London, North Western Railway. McClean was compensated One Hundred and Ten Thousand Pounds for the unexpired portion of the lease. Profits of the railway for the six months prior to take-over averaged One Thousand Pounds per week.

Acquiring the South Staffordshire Railway proved to be a strategic business move in the formation of the South Staffordshire Waterworks Company and the Cannock Chase Colliery Company. Frank James, Chairman of the South Staffordshire Waterworks Company 1875-1905 recalled that McClean conceived the idea of bringing water from Lichfield to Dudley after attending railway business meetings in Dudley where he refused to drink water which was supplied by Dudley Waterworks Company, describing the water as disagreeable in taste, smell and colour. The idea eventually flourished, the main was laid along side the railway line from Lichfield to Dudley, a distance of 16½ miles.

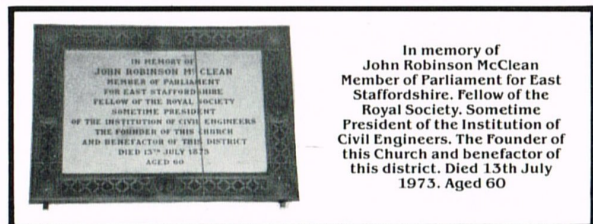
He became the first engineer to the Company in 1853, no salary was received, McClean and Stileman received 5% of all contracts. He resigned as Engineer in 1868 and was made a Director until his resignation due to ill health in February 1873.

Cannock Chase Coalfield provided him with his biggest source of income after favourably approaching the Marquis of Anglesey, the principle landowner, a Company was set up to mine coal.

Richard Chawner who joined McClean on the board was later to become first Chairman of the South Staffordshire Waterworks Co.

Other West Midlands Enterprises included the Birmingham, Wolverhampton and Dudley Railway renowned for its high retaining walls and a double tunnel traversing Birmingham and the West Bromwich, Wednesbury and Bilston railway, opening in 1854.

Railway projects in other regions included the Furness Railway (Barrow to Lindel and Kirkby, carrying the Furness Railway Extension Act Ulverstone to Broughton through Parliament in 1846, and surveying for the Conniston Railway 1856 and obtaining this Act in 1857. Tottenham and Hampstead Junction Railway followed and his final railway involvement was the Bristol and Portishead Pier and Railway which opened in 1867, prior to the railway construction Portishead was an isolated village.



In memory of
John Robinson McClean
Member of Parliament for East
Staffordshire, Fellow of the
Royal Society, Sometime
President of the Institution of
Civil Engineers. The Founder of
this Church and benefactor of
this district. Died 13th July
1873. Aged 60

In 1855 he was invited by the Viceroy of Egypt to form part of an International Commission to consider the practicability of forming a ship canal between the Mediterranean and the Red Sea, later to be built and named the Suez Canal.

McClelland served on Royal Commissions on the Thames Embankment, Cattle Plague and Railways. He was Fellow of the Royal Society, Fellow of the Astronomical, Geological and other Scientific Societies and presided as a Chairman or Director of two Telegraphic Companies.

James Walker, his former employer died in 1862 and so created several vacant government appointments which were offered to and accepted by McClelland among which were Engineer to the harbours of Dover, Alderney and Plymouth. Other appointments too numerous to mention included Consultant to Eastbourne Water and Sewage Works.

His involvement with the Institute of Civil Engineers commenced in 1839 as a graduate becoming a member in 1844, Vice President in 1858 achieving the greatest honour a civil engineer can attain by becoming President for 1863 and 1865.

St. Annes Church, Chasetown, built in 1865 at a cost of Three Thousand Pounds was the gift McClelland made to the Parish, the population of which contained many of the mining fraternity. Edward Adams was the Architect of the Church which was built in the Byzantine style. Adams was also responsible for the design of many of the Company's properties. A stone bust of McClelland is still contained within the building together with a commemorative tablet inscribed:

The first incumbent was the Rev. Donald McClelland, the originator's nephew. St. Annes has the distinction of being the first church to be lit by electricity in 1883. A desk, said to have belong to John McClelland, is also on view.

Politically, McClelland was a Liberal, standing unsuccessfully as candidate for Belfast in 1857. At the General Election of 1868 he was elected along with Mr. A. Bass as members for the new division of East Staffordshire, a constituency created by the Reform Act, which contained the towns of Walsall, Wednesbury, Tipton, West Bromwich and Smethwick.

Little can be said of his political life, his business commitments and state of health at this point of his life prevented him from taking an active part in Parliamentary affairs, a bad speaker he declined to engage in debates.

McClelland's health in the 1870's caused him to retire from the active engineering duties, henceforth he devoted more time to leisure, travelling to Egypt several times. One of his extended journeys, intended to cover India, China and Australia was halted in India where he suffered sunstroke, causing him to return to England. His health never completely recovered.

During the summer of 1873 he journeyed from his home, at that time 8 Park Street, Westminster, to Stone House, St. Peters, Ramsgate this being the seaside residence of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Archibald Campbell Tait. The holiday, it was hoped would have improved his health, however, after two weeks there was a sudden change for the worse, so much so that telegrams were despatched summoning his family, who travelled by special train to be present before his death which came at one o'clock on the morning of 13th July, 1873.

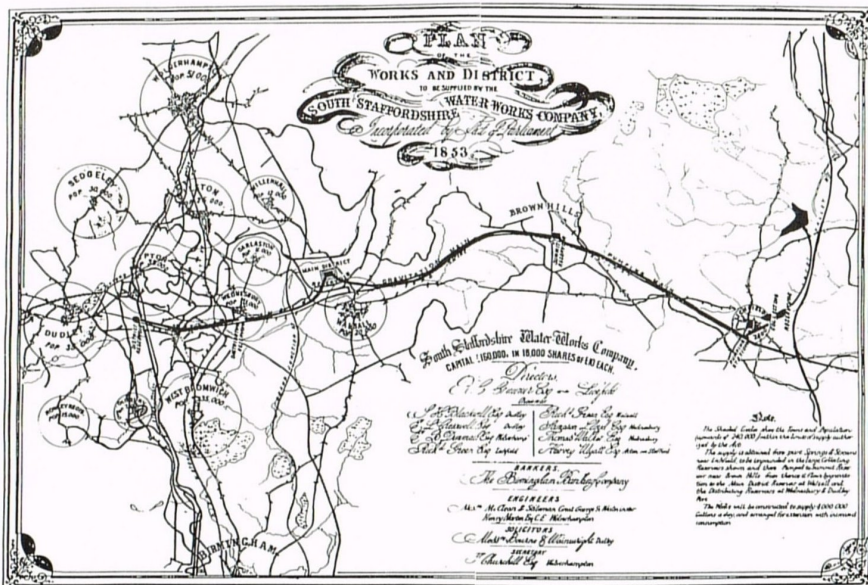
Even in death the railway played its part, his remains were conveyed by train to London, via the London, Chatham and Dover Railway from Broadstairs Station.

He was interred in the private cemetery of Kensal Green, London where there is a family mausoleum.

During his short life John McClelland occupied a prominent position in the Civil Engineering profession with skillfulness, extreme accuracy, extraordinary soundness of judgement and great foresight, his loss was deplored by a wide circle being described as kindly, conscientious and generous.

Letters of Administration of the personal estate of McClelland were granted to his son Francis (Frank) McClelland, the estate being sworn under Seven Hundred Thousand Pounds, stamp duty paid was Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred Pounds. Frank had joined his father as a partner in 1862, on his father's death he withdrew from his profession in the enjoyment of a large income. Interested in astronomy he subscribed generously to the advancement of this science.

B. WILLIAMS & J. VAN LEERZEM
(Tipton Area Office)



B. Williams



J. Van Leerzem

THE BYGONE BOUNTY

Sam Morris worked for the Company for 29 years as a mechanic before retiring, due to ill health, in 1977. A long standing hobby, collecting and renovating old electrical and battery operated wirelesses, toaster, cleaners, toys in fact anything old and interesting, working or rusty, keeps Sam busy and far from bored.

His prize possessions include a hair dryer dated February 18th 1913, 1st and 2nd World War toasters, a 1935 Goblin cleaner and a "Bustler" vacuum cleaner dated 1938 - Mrs. Morris praises the efficiency of these old machines saying the suction is far better than today's cleaners. He also has a 1936 wireless for the blind, the wave-bands being in braille. It took two years to restore it, finding the parts being the most difficult. Several bits had to be made - something else Sam turns his hand to.

He is at present restoring a 1920's hairdryer which works off a traction engine voltage of 50 and is therefore thought to be a showman's hairdryer.

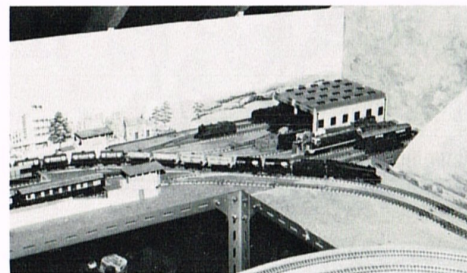
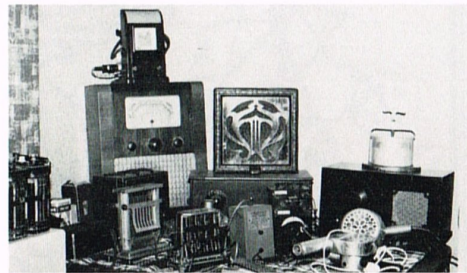
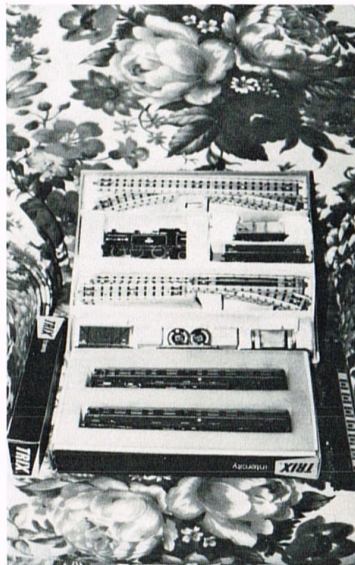
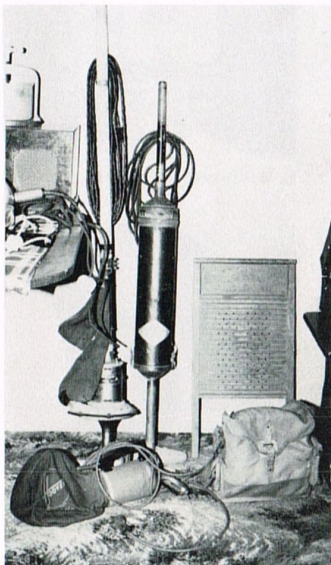
His toy collection includes a Wrenn unit, which was the forerunner of Scalectrix, with Brooklands type cars, a collection of Hornby "00" tankers ranging from 1939-1950 and "0" gauge wind-up railway stock.

Sam's hobby is shared by his son and his very understanding wife. During the summer months they put on displays of their interesting "bygones" at local charity functions.



Another hobby which Sam and his son share is building and running model railway layouts. They have two layouts, one permanently installed in their loft and a portable one which they take to exhibitions and which has won several prizes.

A recent assessment for insurance left Sam reeling when the assessors put a figure of £17,500 on the collection. A lot of his acquisitions have cost him only a few pence because of their delapidated condition, others have been given to him in several pieces, all have been repaired, rebuilt and restored to their original working state by Sam.



GARDEN OUTINGS 1983

During the last year four successful garden outings were arranged despite the inclement weather on some occasions.

The first outing was to Liverpool University Botanic Gardens at Ness in Cheshire on 14th May. The day began bright and sunny and a stop was made at Chester for lunch and a look round the shops. On then to the gardens where the azaleas and rhododendrons were in full bloom. Tea was taken at the gardens and we were joined by a party of local beekeepers.



The second outing was to Bowood House and Gardens in Wiltshire on 25th June. A more perfect day could not have been made by prior arrangement. The journey down was made in dull, humid conditions. On arrival at Bowood the sun came out, the sky cleared and the temperature shot up into the 90's. The park with its landscaped lake, waterfall and stream was laid out by Capability Brown. The grounds contain a famous arboretum (over 200 different kinds of trees and shrubs), a Mausoleum designed by Robert Adam, a childrens adventure playground, a Doric temple and many other hidden delights. The house itself contains a fine picture collection, costumes from the Victorian age, objet d'art and ceramics from India. The day was rounded off with a perfectly presented English afternoon tea, eaten in the house cafeteria.



The third outing was to Luton Hoo, Bedfordshire on 10th September. Unfortunately it was a very showery day but although we could not see much of the gardens the house and its treasures were a delight to see, especially the Russian collection comprising portraits and jewelled objects by Carl Faberge, belonging to the Russian Imperial Family. Tea was taken at Luton Hoo and everyone remarked on the kindness and attention given by the staff there.

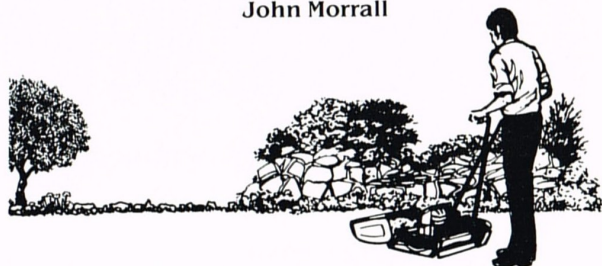
The fourth and final outing was to Tatton Park in Cheshire. Again the day started off well but because of a delay on the motorway we were late in arriving and the weather had turned showery. However, the house was most inviting and a good tea completed the afternoon for us all.

Three definite trips are being arranged for this year and one provisional one. These are:

- Sat. 19th May – Saville Gardens and Windsor
- Sat. 30th June – Harewood House, West Yorkshire
- Sat. 22nd Sept – Liverpool International Garden and Flower Show
- Sat. 20th Oct – To be announced

Again we shall try to book teas, either at the gardens or at an hotel. We look forward to seeing all our old friends again on these trips and we extend a warm invitation to anyone else who would like to join us.

Betty Greenhall
John Morrall



Our children's parties

Childrens Ch

BIRMINGHAM

The Children's Christmas Party organized by the Social Club Birmingham featured a change of venue.

A trip to the Crescent Theatre to see 'Alice in Wonderland' was arranged and the group assembled in the foyer before the show.

Ice creams were arranged for the interval and the party entered the Theatre.

As the children's ages ranged from approximately three to thirteen years of age, we were apprehensive as to the success of the venture.

However, John Bryan assures me that the children seemed mesmerised by the whole thing and the amazing costumes and

scenery and special effects such as the train puffing real 'smoke' held them spellbound.

After the show there was a chance to meet 'Alice', the 'Mad Hatter', and the other members of the cast. 'Alice' was played by fourteen year old Shena Lindsay whose amazing performance, word perfect, shows a talent with a promising future.

My granddaughter Claire thought she was beautiful and like many children identified with her, as she stated 'my hairs like hers'.

Back to Sheepcote Street for a party and to meet Santa (Len Jackson, Operations Department) and to receive their presents. A successful venture that may well be repeated in 1984.



Christmas Parties were held by the Birmingham, Tipton and Walsall Social Clubs

NORTHERN AREA

The children's party was held at Burton Rugby Club on the 4th November 1983. A feast was prepared and served by the members wives and a magician had been hired to entertain. Father Christmas made his usual appearance to the delight of the children and a good time was enjoyed by all.



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NICKNAMES AND SCHOOLDAYS

Do nicknames disappear with our childhood? Apart from the odd one associated with initials, e.g. 'WAM' or 'JR'; there appears to be a lack of usage of nicknames within the grown up world of the Company. Even universally popular figures like John Morrall and Bob Wright don't have regular tallies. Both are often referred to as 'wankers', but the over-use of such hackneyed jargon invalidates it as a genuine attempt to tag them by some peculiar physical deformity of characteristic trait.

When I was at Wednesbury Boys High School, we had funny names for everyone, especially the teachers. Generally they were obviously descriptive, such as 'the scarlet pimpleneck' for the master with an excess of boils. Another voluble man whose Jamaican-type lips used to flap when he got excited, and who had large ungainly feet, was known rather elaborately as 'the duckbilled flatty foot'.

Other physically descriptive names included 'curly' for one of the masters whose cranium had an affinity to a well-polished billiard ball, and 'twitcher' for the chap who taught English and did rabbit-like things with his nose. He was an ex-fighter pilot, and there was a lot of conjecture that a German bullet had scarred his upper lip. As this area was now covered by a luxuriant moustache, and it was the days when heroes were reluctant to recount their exploits, the truth remained a mystery.

We also had job-descriptive type names, like 'foamer' Hopkins for the Chemistry master. This poor soul suffered badly from hay-fever, and with no relief in those pre-anti-histimine days, he had severe bouts of continuous sneezing. One of the more enterprising lads would gather a crowd before chemistry lessons and take bets on the number of sneezes old 'foamer' would achieve in one minute. My memory suggests he was most inconsistent, and invariably it was the bookie who pocketed the winnings.

Some other names that come to mind include 'Dapper' Mangam the French master, 'Lammy' Legge who taught art, and 'Chas' Taylor who looked after the first eleven football team. 'Chas', who was an old Villa player, wasn't a Charles and I don't think he had a C as an initial. None of my contemporaries knew of the derivation, so it must have been attained in some previous age.

Our history master was 'Gandhi' Ede. He was a tall aesthetic figure, with a very prominent adams apple and a high-foreheaded Egyptian-looking head. Those were the days before Richard Attenborough introduced the real Mahatma to the world, and we may have been a little confused as to his real appearance. 'Gandhi' Ede was a fine teacher and a good friend. He had several books published, including a 'History of Wednesbury', which remarkably makes very interesting reading.

The headmaster, C. S. Kipping, was known simply as 'The boss'. A throwback to the Victorian era, he was a strict disciplinarian and you didn't mess him around. A brilliant brain, he was the foremost chess problemist in this country, and he corresponded regularly on first name terms with all the Russian Grand Masters. Chess was a compulsory subject for the first three years at that school, and thus I was never enamoured to a game which I might otherwise have found enjoyable.

Besides being mischievous, little boys can also be cruel, and this was reflected in the nickname of our maths master 'Ernie' Powell. He was the only member of the teaching staff who did not possess a degree (during the war recruiting difficulties had led to some lowering of standards). All the other masters dashed around with mortarboards askew and the compulsory book tucked under the arm. Little rotund 'Ernie' used to slouch around in a threadbare suit and down-at-heel shoes, probably because he didn't fiddle extra clothing coupons, with unkempt hair and a bad habit of biting his finger nails. Additionally, he was a rotten teacher - in all, a thoroughly unsympathetic character. Most of the other teachers had posh names, usually beginning with C, like Claude, Cecil or Clive, and the reason we called him 'Ernie', was simply because it was the most common (in the worst sense of the word) name we could think of. What a stuck up lot of little prigs we were.

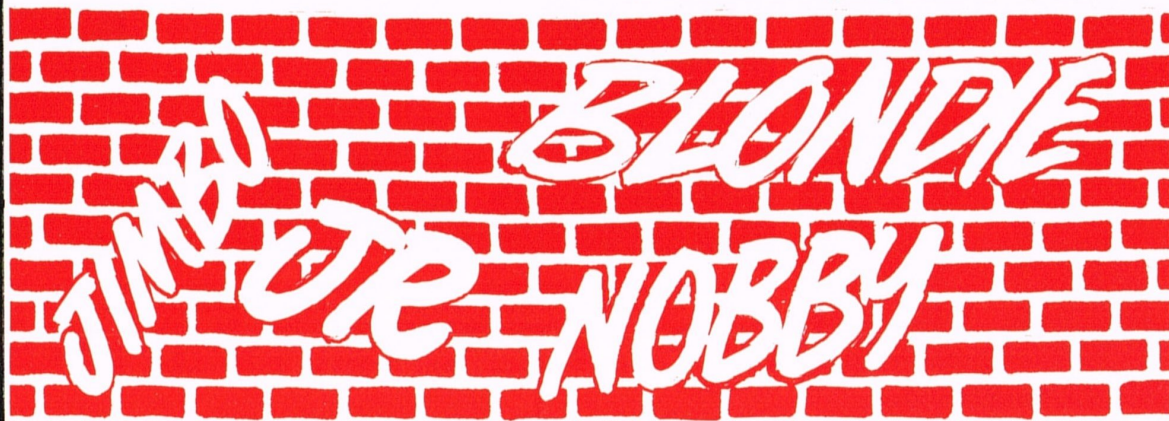
The nickname game did not end with teachers, of course. Almost every boy in the school had one. Anyone not so blessed had to be devoid of any personality or be totally inconsequential. We were inventive, funny, cruel, and almost every other adjective you can think of in choosing names, but generally it was done in a natural and unaffected manner. I shall conclude by not revealing some of the several ridiculously incongruous names by which I was lovingly known.

ALAN LANDER

Come on Alan, I never took you to be a shy person. I am thoroughly intrigued and would have liked to have known the nicknames attributed to yourself. I had a few and some I recall were as follows:

- 'CIGGY' That was because my initials were C.G.
- 'Celi' Obvious shorter form of my name.
- 'Sealion' An extension to 'Celi';
- 'Red' Because I had deep auburn red hair.
- 'C' Given when close friends reverted to calling each other by the first letters of their names, e.g. I for Iris, P for Pat.

I recall as you, we had many nicknames for teachers. One I remember well was Mighty Mouse. This was given to our Physical Training Instructor, who always wore brown shorts, brown shirt and thick brown stockings. She was small but was, one might say, extremely top heavy.



THE LADIES IN THE RESTAURANT

The Ladies in the Restaurant

The ladies in our Restaurant,
Are such a friendly bunch,
We like to meet them every day,
When we go in to lunch.
From till to grill and back again,
They greet us with a smile,
And chat to us politely and
Take our money with such style.
They like to keep the Restaurant,
All tidy, clean and neat,
And take a lot of trouble,
With the things we like to eat.
Everyday, in every way,
They bring us some surprises,
Variations with the veg's,
And lots of lovely pie's.
Ham, with parsley butter,
That slides down past our lips,
Freshly cooked and basted,
Our favourite egg and chips.
Meat roll or bacon roll,
We polish off with glee,
And sandwiches that our Frank,
Can take home for his tea.
Lovely curries, mild or hot,
Moussaka or some fish,
There is so much to choose from,
And we appreciate each dish.
So, to the ladies in our Restaurant,
We'd really like to say,
We thank you for the care,
You take of us each day.
We suppose it is a forlorn hope,
And not likely to come true,
When it comes to Christmas lunch,
Someone else will cook for you.

ELIZABETH HARRIS - Labs.

Creative Cuisine



The Restaurant Manageress, Sylvia Pawlowski, and her Merry Band always endeavour to create culinary delights for all occasions, and at Halloween they excelled themselves. Admst carved and lighted pumpkins and an array of black cats etc., they served us, dressed in witches hats, to the delights of the menu shown. A slurp of Witches Brew was offered to help wash down that "frog in the throat". I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of you all to thank Sylvia and her staff for the great service we receive throughout the year.



Graham Watkins:
"Move along the wall Norman Evans"



Walsall Central Office Xmas Party was served by an exclusive and elite group of waiters. Entering into the spirit of things, our photograph shows from left to right Bob Wright (the Penguin), Alan Jones (beardless Santa's boy), Dr. Richards (Boiler Man Extraordinaire), Edwin Lee (the Ref.), Nick Curtis (towering Emmanuel), Tony Woodward (Tinsel Treatment), Terry McAllister (Daddy Santa), Andy Meadow (Rudolph).

A taste of India – Gourmet Evening

You do not have to travel to Bombay in order to eat Indian Cuisine of the highest standard, a short trip to the Raj Mahal Restaurant in Walsall will enable you to indulge in the real tastes of India.

The Social Club is arranging a gourmet evening at the Raj Mahal on Thursday, 8th March at 8.15 p.m. You are offered a choice of menu which can be enjoyed in a comfortable, informal atmosphere accompanied by first class service at your table. The selection of menu has been made with both the novice and experienced eaters of Indian Cuisine in mind. In order that this specialised cuisine can be cooked, presented and served to the satisfaction of all, the number of diners is limited to a maximum of 20. If the numbers greatly exceed the maximum, a further gourmet evening will be arranged. Join us and make this meal the jewel in your crown!

MENU

Appetizers
Papadam with Onion Salad

Starters
Dal Shorba
(Cream of Lentil Soup)

—*—

or

Muglai Kebab
(Tender Spring Chicken
marinated in spiced
yoghurt and herbs)

—*—

or

Boti Kebab
(Marinated Lamb Pieces
served with a Yogurt
Mint Sauce)

Main Courses
Murgh Shah Jehani
(Tender Spring Chicken
cooked Kashmir Style
with Cream, spices and
flavoured with herbs in a
mild sauce)

or

Lamb Pasanda Rampuri
(Lamb pieces cooked in
cream and almonds and
spices flavoured with
green herbs in a medium
sauce)

Both Main Courses are served
with Saffron Pillau Rice (Raj
Mahal special Basmathi Rice
with Saffron and Spices)

and
Navrattan Korma
(an assortment of
vegetables cooked in
butter, herbs and cream)

and

Nan Bread

—*—

Coffee with Fudge and
Turkish Delight

—*—

After Dinner Mints

—*—

Price including V.A.T.
Service and Gratuities

£6.25 per person

To confirm your booking, contact John Morrall,
Personnel, Head Office, no later than Friday, 2nd March 1984

A PUN – JUST IN FUN – by Pete Bosley

We were standing outside the Warley Theatre last week, myself, **Corny Bill** and **Mabel Thorpe** when this chauffeur driven Yoxall Yentora drew up at the kerb. The chauffeur opened the door and out stepped a young man in top hat and tails.

"Do you know who that is?" asked **Mabel Thorpe**, going all weak at the knees, that's **Wins Hill**, the singer. I'll ask him for his autograph.

She came back in ecstasy a minute or two later and explained how she had waggled her hips and blinked her eyes at **Wins Hill** and how he had given her some complimentary tickets for the show. I turned round to thank him but he had disappeared into the theatre. **Corny Bill** suggested we go and have a drink first before the show so we wandered up **Saxon Street** looking for a cosy bar and found ourselves in the lounge of the **Holly Grange**. Having purchased a round of drinks and settled ourselves comfortably in the corner we got chatting to a friend of **Mabel Thorpe's** who's name was **Sitting Lill**. She told us she was waiting for a friend of hers called **Ella Stone** from **Sandfields**. "Were going to see the wrestling" she explained. "The champ **Little Hay** is on tonight fighting 'Speedy' **Bill**."

Well, we decided we'd rather go the wrestling than to see **Wins Hill**, all except **Mabel Thorpe** that is, and she didn't want to go on her own so we gave the tickets away. As soon as **Ella Stone** turned up

we left the cosy warmth of the **Holly Grange** and we all piled into **Sitting Lill's** car (which was also a **Yoxall**) and breezed over to the **Croxden Sports Arena**, just in time for the first bout between **Stan Ton** and **King Stone**. We were surprised to learn that **King Stone** and **Ella Stone** were brother and sister and she opened up such a tirade of abuse directed at her brother that he lost the bout through lack of concentration.

Then came the highlights of the evening the fight between 'Speedy' **Bill** and 'Little' **Hay**. Well, right from the start it was obvious that 'Speedy' **Bill** was cast as the Villian of the piece.

He kept thumping **Little Hay** in the **Hampton Loade** when the Welsh Referee, **Bryn Lee Bonk** wasn't looking.

Of course, the crowd all sympathised with **Little Hay** and to encourage the crowds sympathy he took the first fall. **Mabel Thorpe** was furious as she had taken a fancy to **Little Hay** and even **Corny Bill** who was normally a placid type protested loudly, until **Bryn Lee Bonk** had a word with **Speedy Bill**.

"Now look yer Boya. Lets 'ave a clean fight, is it"? Soon after that, **Little Hay** caught **Speedy Bill** at a disadvantage, spun him around and threw him clean out of the ring into the expansive lap of **Sitting Lill** who had a ring side seat.



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25 YEARS SERVICE

On Monday, 17th December 1983, four of the Company's employees received their gold watches for 25 years service.

Three of them, accompanied by their wives, attended Head Office for an official presentation by Mr. Thompson, the Chairman of the Board.



Albert Langston, Chief Ganger, who has worked all over the Company area on mains of varying sizes, including the 1,000 mm diameter main from All Saints to Barr Beacon. During his years with the Company he has progressed to become one of the Company's most senior gangers. Married for over thirty years, with a daughter and son, he enjoys a quiet relaxed life gardening. He is also a keen Wolverhampton Football Club supporter.

Sadly, recently his health has deteriorated and he has only been performing light duties within the Cannock Depot.



Derick Massey enjoys being a Waterman and being personally involved with the Public. He has been a working member of the Municipal Boilermakers and Allied Trade Union and is at present the Chairman of the Cannock Branch.

Married, with seven grown children, four girls and three boys, he already has two grandchildren but as the years go by I'm sure he will have more grandchildren to brighten his life.



Geoff Webster, Fitter, started as Deputy Foreman at Hagley Pumping Station when it was automated in 1965, he became responsible for the operation and maintenance of unattended booster stations in the Northern Area.

He was a keen and active sky-diver but in 1976 decided it was a young man's sport.

Married, with one son, he enjoys gardening and car mechanics and his ambition on retirement is to rebuild a vintage car.

Mr. D. L. Borley, Assistant Superintendent at Tipton, declined to receive his gold watch in an official presentation.

WEDDINGS



Jayne Arthur (Central Office) to Paul Hodges on August 27th, 1983, at St. Peter's Church, Little Aston, Streetly.

Jayne and Paul were driven from church by the 'Noddy Riley' featured in our last Review.



Kay Royall (Operations) to Peter Lynes (Walsall) on August 6th, 1983, at 2.00 p.m. at Great Barr Parish Church.



John Bird (Tipton) to Jean Tolley (ex employee) on December 22nd, 1983, at Birmingham Registry Office.

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WHAT A WAY TO GO!



As friends gathered to wish Tom Potts, who was retiring under the 'Job Release Scheme', a fond farewell, they were perhaps curious to the identity of a fur coated young woman in their midst.

All was 'revealed', one could say, as she slipped out of the fur and approached unsuspecting Tom and planted a kiss on his cheek. The photograph shows the scantily dressed lady, who was from Kissogram. I only hope she is as well trained in how to give the 'Kiss of Life', as such visual shocks could be dangerous.

Ron Lawrence presented Tom, on behalf of his colleagues, with an Electric Planer and a 'Workmate'.

STOP PRESS

THE NEW SOCIAL CLUB

ROTTERDAM (8th June)

As usual John Morrall is yet again hoping to arrange one of his now famous long weekends and those of you who have taken the opportunity to enjoy the previous trips will, I am sure, be eager to join him again. For those who have not previously attended, don't miss this golden opportunity to see and enjoy a new location in the company of friends.



APPRENTICESHIP DEEDS

John Hawkes (Fitter) and Ian Pritchard (Welder) both received their deeds and our congratulations go to them.

They also attended Head Office and shared their presentation with the Long Service Award employees.

ENGAGEMENTS

Helen Bunn (Common Services) to Ian Savigar (Junior Accountant) on 15th October 1983.

Sue Barker (Labs) to John Cresser-Brown (Bio-Medical Engineer) on Sue's Birthday, 24th October, whilst on holiday in Tenerife (Planned 14th July wedding).

Glen Tymon (Northern Area Office) to Dawn Bannister (Nurse at Burton District Hospital) on 24th December 1983.

Peter Worthington (Stores Central Office) to Bron Thurston (ex. employee in Personnel) on November 26th, 1983. (Bron's Birthday was on 28th November).

BIRTHS

To Kelvin Webber (Northern Area Office) and his wife Valerie a baby son, Gareth Ian, the best Christmas present they could have wished for on Christmas Day.

Baby Gareth weighed in at 7lb. 2oz.

CONGRATULATIONS

Walter Arms on reaching the grand age of 90 years. Walter was a Chief Waste Inspector with the Company and has enjoyed a long and fulfilling retirement.

SILVER WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Mills (Maple Brook) celebrated their Silver Wedding on 26th July 1983. A party was held at Chorley Village Hall for Families, Friends and Workmates who wish them all the best for the future.



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Retirements . . .

Many of our retiring personnel have given long service to the firm and all worthy of some notable reference. However, it is impossible for me, with limited news space to give credit to all concerned and I would beg their indulgence. I wish you all good health and happiness in your retirement.

Retirements	Date Retired	Start Date with Company	Place of Employment at Retirement
F. R. Wood	7.7.83	18.9.78	Burton
M. Hancocks	31.7.83	14.6.71	Head Office
K. Edge	1.11.83	11.8.74	Hampton Loade
G. Lockley	9.11.83	6.12.54	Walsall
P. C. Yates	31.8.83	29.1.79	Head Office
C. W. Bridge	30.9.83	31.1.66	Hampton Loade
W. T. Baker	31.10.83	12.12.63	Sandfields P.S.
G. Blakemore	30.9.83	22.5.69	Hampton Loade
L. R. Torr	30.9.83	12.2.54	Burton
H. G. Sims	25.11.83	4.1.60	Technical Services
<u>T. Potts</u>	4.12.83	5.5.47	Northern Area
D. Shuker	22.1.84	2.5.55	Bliethfield
C. J. Morley	9.1.84	7.6.60	Cannock

TOM POTTS

During the war Tom travelled in the Armed Forces to Africa and also landed on the beachhead near Bayeaux. Although he cannot recall any glorious battles, he does remember a few retreats, including Ardennes.

In 1947 he joined the Company at Cannock as a plumber and took further studies to obtain his City In Guilds, Advanced Crafts, Full Technological and Sanitary and Domestic Engineering Certificates.

Promoted in 1958 to Fitting Inspector, he spent some time at Walsall before returning to Cannock.

He advanced in 1965 to Assistant Superintendent (Mains & Services) and during the time the Uttoxeter Area was taken over, became Assistant Superintendent (Consumer Services).

The formation in 1981 of the Northern Area Office presented Tom with the task of forming an Operations Department. Tom unfortunately suffered some setbacks in health and underwent three operations, and the Job Release Scheme has allowed Tom to retreat once more with honour.

Tom intends to enjoy his retirement with his wife and joking says he intends to train her in the Television programme "Potter" tradition. However, she intends to see that Equal Rights means equal rights and she will start his Induction Course as from now.

SAD NEWS

MR. BRIAN FERNS 1962-1983 WALSALL

It is with much regret and sadness that I have to announce the passing away on the 18th October, 1983, after a short illness, of Mr. Brian Ferns.

Having completed his National Service in 1962 Brian joined Walsall Area as a Trenchman. Under the influence of Mr. Alf Riley he soon progressed through the ranks to become a Ganger in the early 1970's. His good nature and patience kept his gang on an even keel and it may be said that a man's outside interests and hobbies often reflect attitudes at work. Brian's great love was pigeon breeding and racing in which he had great success. It was not unknown when his gang was on standby for Brian to request that the lorry return via his home to enable him to let the pigeons out. In 1980 his efforts and skill were recognised and he became Waterman for the Aldridge area. Here again he quickly became competent in all that he was asked to do.

In these days of change, the community and the Company will miss this type of man.

Our deepest sympathy is extended from his colleagues to his wife Margery and his daughters Linda and Kay.

G. BLUNDY

DEATHS IN RETIREMENT. . .

Our sincere sympathy goes to all the families of our ex-employees in their grief. We endeavour to publish all known bereavements and regret any notification that has been or will be omitted owing to ignorance.

	Retired	Died
F. G. Whitehouse	31.12.75	19.8.83
W. S. Wellings	31.5.76	11.8.83
E. J. Borley	10.2.71	19.8.83
P. Smith	4.3.81	24.8.83
Mrs. F. G. Meredith	12.2.76	31.7.83
W. T. Chapman	1.3.79	19.11.83
L. A. Wheelton (Ex Gratia)	29.6.68	9.12.83
A. Hargreaves	26.5.69	1.11.83
P. F. Thomas	31.3.80	7.12.83
J. E. M. Taylor	4.3.81	24.11.83
R. E. Lowe	6.1.75	20.1.84
W. C. Niblett	10.3.68	22.1.84

Death in Service

J. B. Ferns, Walsall

Died 18.10.83



MONEY AND YOUR RETIREMENT

In today's climate we are constantly hearing the words 'Unemployment', 'Redundancy' and 'Early Retirement' to name but a few.

Eventually someone is affected and then finds they are woefully short of the right kind of information.

Information is available, the problem is getting hold of it in a 'neat package'. To this end a booklet has been published, details below, which gives a whole host of information on retirement matters.

This booklet is frequently revised so that the information is fairly up to date and some of the topics dealt with are as follows:

- Retirement matters
- Estimating expenditure
- Estimating income
- Income Tax
- Problems of investment
- Commuting a pension
- State benefits, how much can I earn in retirement
- Tax free investments

The booklet is entitled 'Money and your Retirement' by Edward V. Eves and is obtainable from:

Retirement Choice Magazine Co. Ltd.,
Covent Gardens, London, WC2E 8HA

Price £1.50 including postage.

W. WINTER

Example taken from booklet

Calculation of Retirement Income

NOTES:

1. It should be noted that in all the examples set out below, graduated pensions are excluded because everybody's position is different. So the ability to add on the pension where people are affected by the old graduated scheme means that the net income will be more favourable than that shown.
2. The tax deducted is 30%.
3. The pensions are those payable until Nov. 1983
4. Although the calculations in these examples show that those on most incomes of up to about £10,000 a year enjoying good occupational schemes, will be better off when they retired, it should be added that people on much higher incomes will find there is a gap between their working and retirement incomes. In fact, the higher the income, the greater the gap. In many cases there may be personal resources that can be used to close the gap, or at least ensure an acceptable standard of living.

Example 1 relates to a married couple, retiring in 1983-84 at age 65 on pension from the employer equal to half of the normal salary.

	£	£	£
Income while at work	4,000	6,000	10,000
Deduct income tax	361	961	2,161
Deduct Nat Ins contributions	310	447	721
Deduct Superann Conts	300	400	700
Net Income	3,029	4,192	6,418
Income in retirement			
Pension from Employer	2,000	3,000	5,000
Retirement Pension	2,732	2,732	2,732
Gross Income	4,732	5,732	7,732
Deduct Income Tax	293	593	1,193
Net Income	4,439	5,139	6,539
Difference between income at work and income in retirement	1,410	947	121
	better off	better off	better off

Example 2 relates to a single person, retiring in 1983-84 at age 65 on a pension from the employer equal to half of the normal salary.

	£	£	£
Income while at work	4,000	6,000	10,000
Deduct income tax	664	1,264	2,464
Deduct Nat Ins contributions	310	447	721
Deduct Superann Conts	300	400	700
Net Income	2,726	3,889	6,115
Income in retirement			
Pension from Employer	2,000	3,000	5,000
Retirement Pension	1,708	1,708	1,708
Gross Income	3,708	4,708	6,708
Deduct Income Tax	404	704	1,477
Net Income	3,304	4,004	5,231
Difference between income at work and income in retirement	578	115	884
	better off	better off	better off

Note: Where people are worse off than in these examples, it would be possible to take a part-time job at £57 a week without affecting the Retirement Pension and, after deduction of tax this would leave them subject to age allowance limits, £2,075 a year and so make them better off.

Example 3 relates to a married couple retiring in 1983-84 at age 65 with no pension from the employer but one of them takes a part-time job.

	£	£	£
Income while at work	4,000	6,000	10,000
Deduct income tax	361	961	2,161
Deduct Nat Ins contributions	360	540	900
Net Income	3,279	4,499	6,939
Income in retirement			
Retirement Pension	2,732	2,732	2,732
Additional Pension⁸	170	290	450
Part-time Job	1,500	2,000	2,500
Gross Income	4,402	5,022	5,682
Deduct Income Tax	194	380	578
Net Income	4,208	4,642	5,104
Difference between income at work and income in retirement	929	143	1,835
	better off	better off	worse off

⁸It is assumed that the employers have not contracted out of the State scheme and the National Insurance contributions are calculated accordingly.

⁸These figures are based on the assumption that the worker's earnings for each year from April, 1978 were £4,000, £6,000 and £10,000 respectively.

Note: These examples cannot be applicable to more than a limited number of people because everybody's circumstances are different. They are only intended to demonstrate the wisdom of working out one's net incomes carefully, because it could well be more favourable than one might guess.

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

NEW "CENTRAL OFFICE" SOCIAL CLUB

The inaugural A.G.M. of the new Social Club was held at Central Office, Walsall. All members were invited.

The new Social Club had been formulated by the committee members of the Birmingham Social Club, and the Walsall Social Club. It had been agreed by all that, when Head Office staff were relocated to Walsall, it would be unsatisfactory to have two social clubs on one site.

The new Social Club will still hold functions at the two sites until the big moving day.

The plans for the new site include better Social Club facilities, a bar and larger recreational areas.

The new Social Club will continue the Walsall Social Club practice of a free raffle with "big money" prizes.

The Angling Society, Photographic Society, and the Gardening Club will all continue and, we hope, grow with the new club.

All employees are welcome to join the new Social Club.

The following were elected to the Committee of the New Social Club:

Chairman:	Ron Perks	Secretary	J. Morrall
Vice Chairman:	T. Haycock	Deputy Secretary	D. Kinsey
Treasurer:	T. Smith	Deputy Treasurer	P. Hopkins

Committee Members:	Celia Turner	Peter Lynes
	Celia Tennant	Ron Groom
	Christine Gracey	Arthur Worthington
	Christine Whistance	John Bryan

Mr. E. J. Thompson (Chairman of the Board) will be offered the Presidency.

TIPTON - SOCIAL CLUB

Sadly Tipton Social Club has decided to close, a decision taken with a great deal of regret. However some of their members have expressed a desire to join the new Social Club at Green Lane and their membership will be most welcome.

I'm sure all member would wish me to convey their sincere thanks to those who have organised so many successful and enjoyable events over the years.

NALGO NEWS & SPORT

The elected members of the Branch Committee of N.A.L.G.O. for the forthcoming year are as follows:

Chairman:	J. P. Dunne
Secretary:	Mrs. A. Gould
Education/ Publicity Officer:	D. J. Harrison
Welfare Officer:	Mrs. P. Taylor
Treasurer:	A. M. Phipps

Representatives:

P. A. Lynes
R. J. Wright
D. N. Davies
N. Beer
T. Smith
P. Graham
Mrs. G. P. Winfield
G. J. Ford
J. Harris

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Head Office
Northern A.O.
Tipton A.O.
Fradley

From the Executive Committee the following were elected to the Joint Staff Consultative Committee.

J. P. Dunne
Mrs. A. Gould
D. J. Harrison
T.A. Smith

A. M. Phipps
J. Harris
Mrs. G. P. Winfield

This Committee meets with the Management on a regular basis and enables the J.S.C.C. Union representatives to inform and debate many of the problems or queries brought to their attention.

WEST MIDLANDS DISTRICT NALGO INTER-BRANCH ROAD RACE, 1983 TEAM RESULTS

44 Teams entered the event, 29 achieving 3 finishers on the day.

1	WMCC "A"	17	16	Stafford DC "A"	165
2	Dudley "A"	22	17	Birmingham DC "H"	183
3	Coventry "C"	41	18	Coventry "D"	189
4	North Staffs Gas "A"	51	19	West Midland Gas "D"	191
5	Birmingham DC "A"	52	20	Birmingham DC "J"	203
6	Sandwell DC "A"	57	21	Birmingham DC "F"	207
7	WMCC "B"	69	22	Tame Water "A"	239
8	Severn Trent WA "A"	86	23	Birmingham/Solihull Health	255
9	Coventry "E"	117			257
10	WMCC "C"	131	24	Stafford DC "B"	272
11	West Midland Gas "C"	138	25	Coventry "B"	276
12	South Staffs DC "A"	149	26	Birmingham DC "L"	277
13	South Staffs Water "A"	151	27	Birmingham DC "G"	284
14	West Midland Gas "A"	160	28	Birmingham DC "B"	323
15	Coventry "A"	159	29	South Staffs DC "B"	

The Nalgo Branch entered a team in a six mile road race organised by the District Council. Members representing the Branch were:

W. J. Lindley
A. Evers
D. M. Penna

All three ran extremely well, with John and Alan getting inside 39 minutes, and David inside 42 minutes (not bad for a bloke who only recently underwent major heart surgery).

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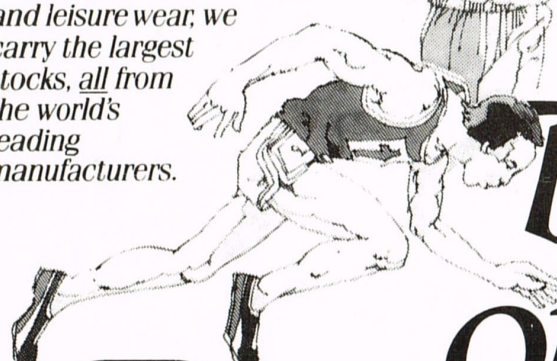
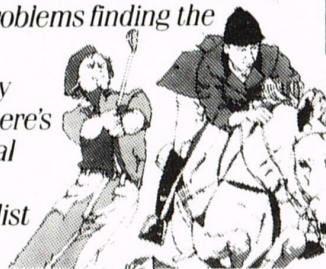
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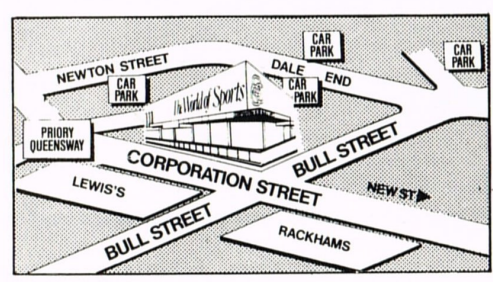
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