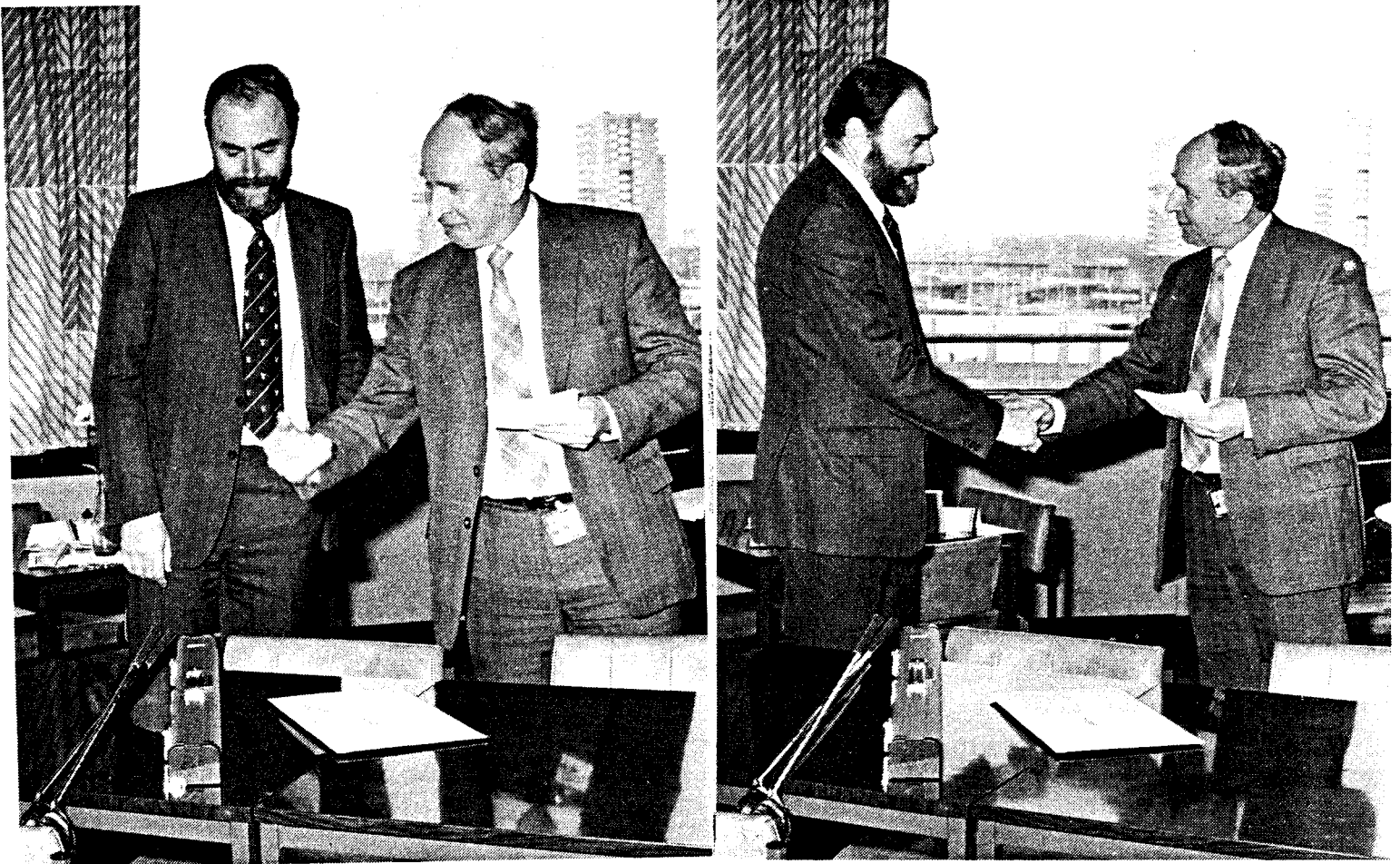


Derek Edwards



Derek Edwards retired at the end of January after 38 years with the company. His popularity and reputation throughout the whole of BREL, or rather the whole of BICC, were reflected in the very large number of friends and colleagues who attended his retirement presentation on January 31st. At the presentation, Dr. Farmer outlined a few of the very many activities that Derek had been involved in throughout his years with the company. These included many facets of high voltage cable work, one highlight of which was his involvement with the Cook Strait Cable, which took him to New Zealand.

In his reply, Derek thanked everyone for turning up to witness his departure and for his retirement gifts, which included some golf clubs. These, Derek hoped would become family heirlooms! He then made mention of a number of aspects of his career with BICC and the changes he had seen. In a lighthearted vein he mentioned the late-lamented River Boat Dances. One of his former members of staff was apparently never seen at Wood Lane again after leaving one of these dances - the last any one saw of him was on the gangplank! - Happy Days! We hope that there are many more of them for Derek in his retirement.