

**BICC Wood Lane  
Supplementary Newsletter – Summer 2011**

**Vivienne Shepherd**

As most of you know, Vivienne Shepherd, for some years leader of the Typing Pool at Wood Lane, sadly died of lung cancer at the end of May. Many of us had wondered why she did not attend this year's reunion, but the information about her illness only emerged after her death. She was 67.

Wood Lane was strongly represented amongst the very large congregation for her funeral in Ruislip; the attendees being Lesley Irwine, Maureen and Eve Taylor, Shirley and Richard Hammond, Sandra McCormack, Mike Hagger and Brian Tilbury.

**John Cutting**

A name possibly known only to one or two of you was John Cutting, who died recently in his 80s. As a young man he worked for about 2 years at Wood Lane, as far as is known in High Voltage. This was in the late 1940s. He then went to do his National Service after which he moved on to other things. His main achievement came later in life as a most distinguished chairman of the IEE Wiring Regulations Committee, which body has overseen the writing and publication of the rules governing the safety of low voltage industrial and domestic wiring for well over 100 years.

**Bush Telegraph**

We have at last, and with very grateful thanks to Michael Pater for his work with the scanner, started to put some copies of the Bush Telegraph on to the Wood Lane website. To date you can find:

January 1963 (Actually Christmas 1962) – Vol 9, No 1

August 1963 – Vol 9, No 8

“Holiday” 1963 – Vol 9, No 9

October 1963 – Vol 9, No 10

December 1963 – Vol 9, No 12

July 1964 – Vol 10, No 7

Midsummer 1965 – Vol 11, No 7

September 1965 – Vol 11, No 9

All these have been done with fairly basic scanners, and one consequence is that each copy is large in electronic terms. It would be wonderful if anyone has access to a faster, less memory-hungry scanning system.

We will look to expand the list as we are able. In the meantime please visit the site at:

<http://www.woodlanebicc.co.uk/>

Also please let Peter Walton have any other items of interest that you think could add to the portfolio. One suggestion would be to add to the appreciations of former colleagues. Any volunteers? Peter's address is:

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## Memory teaser

Who can identify the five ladies sitting around the fountain in this BT cover photo from July 1964?



## New Zealand

We had a phone call from Stuart Castle in Christchurch a few days ago to say that he and Tess came through the latest series of after-shocks (up to level 6 on the Richter scale) without serious problems. The predictions are that the shocks could go on at least until the end of 2011, and this is beginning to affect local morale. They are keeping cheerful and send their good wishes to all who know them. They are planning to be in UK next year, hopefully to coincide with the reunion.

We also had a message from another "Downunderer" in Murray Irvine, who welcomed being kept in touch.....though he did ask to be the first one to apologise for not attending in 2012!!!

## 2012

Just to confirm that we have made a booking at The Bull for **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2012.**

See you there.