

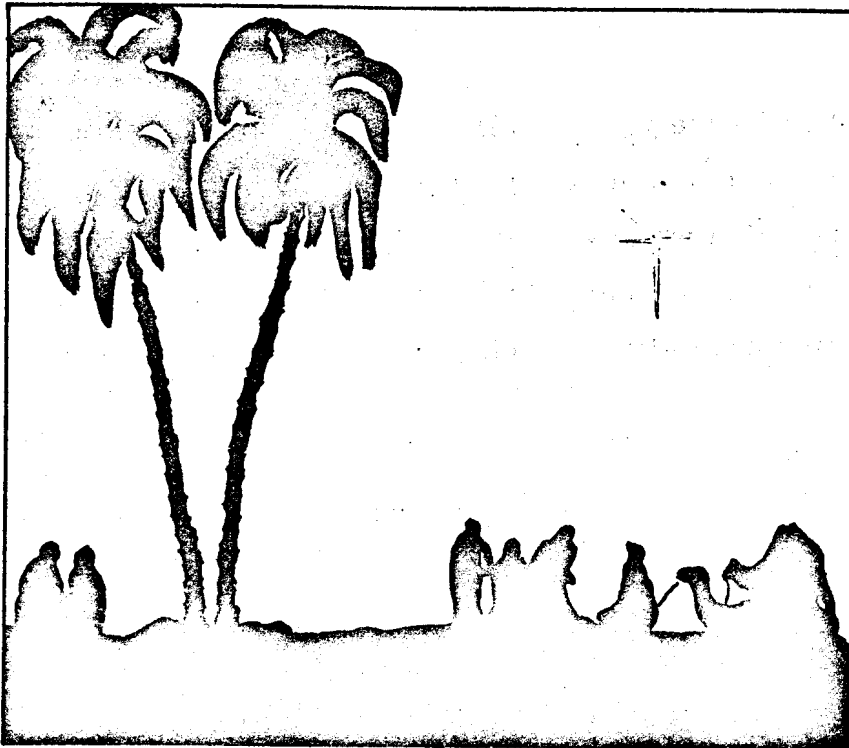
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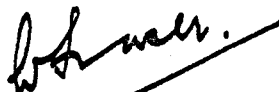
Christmas Messages

from the President

By the time you read this message you will know that arising from changes in the BICC Group Organisation the Central Research and Engineering Division has been replaced by a Corporate Company to be named BICC Research and Engineering Limited, which will have its own Corporate Board and, as such, will continue to look after and manage the affairs of the old C. R. E. D.

I feel sure you will all appreciate that the status now being accorded to your activities is a clear indication of the emphasis which we are placing on the essential requirement that we continue to maintain a high level of research and engineering capability, which is so vital to the future well-being of the Company.

In once again thanking you for all your efforts throughout 1974, may I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



W. FRASER

President, Wood Lane Athletic and
Social Club.

and from the Chairman

of the Athletic and Social Club

As you know, this is the last occasion on which I shall have the privilege of addressing a Christmas Message to all members of the staff at Wood Lane. Unforeseen circumstances have arisen which have made it desirable for me, on health grounds, to relinquish my duties as General Manager of the Division at the end of this year.

I want you all to know that it has been a privilege to have participated for the last twenty-two years in all the activities at Wood Lane and to have assisted in some degree in the growth, not only of its technical functions for the Group, but also in the range and variety of the Social Club interests. These have played and, I hope, will continue to play an increasingly important role in providing on the site the means for members of the Club to relax with their colleagues outside the spheres of work and enjoy the comradeship and understanding which is fundamental to the growth of the Divisional spirit. With intense pleasure, I have watched this aspect of Divisional life grow over the years and I hope that it will continue under the new organisational structure in which the Division has an even more important and onerous part to play.

Though prevented from participating in the activities of the future, I shall no doubt learn of their progress from time to time and shall rejoice to see a continuation of the strong qualities of loyalty and dedication which have characterised your attitude in the years past. It is with hope and belief in the future of this Division, the Group and this country that I send you all my most sincere wishes for a Happy Christmas and further successes in the years to come.

E. H. Reynolds

RETIREMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN

During the twenty one years that he has been at Wood Lane Mr. E.H. Reynolds has been an active supporter of the Athletic and Social Club through times both good and lean. Since he became Chairman in 1972 he has helped the Club to navigate such hazards as the change in facilities, the drop in numbers and the almost fatal energy crisis of last winter. Now when things are beginning to look better, it is unfortunate that he should have to relinquish the helm.

On behalf of the Executive Council and the Members of the Club we thank Mr. Reynolds for his efforts on our behalf and wish him and his wife a healthy and happy future and assure them of our welcome on any occasion that they should care to visit us.

MUSIC SECTION

A few seats are available for a performance of the double bill:

CAVALLERIA RUSTICANA (Mascagni)

and

PAGLIACCI (Leoncavallo)

by the English National Opera Company at the Coliseum on Wednesday, January, 15th at 7.30 p.m. Stalls seats normally priced £2.40 are available for £1.60. If you are interested ring R. Grigsby (336) as soon as possible to avoid disappointment, as allocation will be on a first-come first served basis.

HISTORY AND GENEALOGY SECTION

Two more books have been added to the section's library.

"Sources for Nonconformist Genealogy and Family History" by D.J. Steel

"A list of Parishes in Boyd's Marriage Index" (Society of Genealogists)

These and other books are available to members at all times. Contact Mike Kendle or Mike Hagger (Tel. 208).

FILM SOCIETY

Our pre-Christmas show this year was Robert Altman's MxAxSxH which judging by the audience reaction index of 81% and the raucous laughter coming from the front row, was much enjoyed by nearly all the 50 people who came.

An innovation for this show was the use of halogen-quartz projection lamps; the modifications necessary to enable these high efficiency lamps to be installed in the Bell and Howell projectors had not, as far as we know, been attempted by anyone else before. The work was done by members of the Film Section with considerable ingenuity and the burning of a lot of midnight oil and resulted in a gratifying 70% increase in brightness measured at the screen and greatly improved picture quality.

The Film Section's about to suffer a severe set-back as our very hard working and efficient Secretary Carol Tilbury is leaving us to start a family. We would like to thank Carol for all her hard work and to wish her every happiness for the future. Meanwhile we badly need a new Secretary, preferably someone who can type - any offers?

Our next show is on January 13th which is a Monday again. The film is the CAINE MUTINY starring Humphrey Bogart as Captain Queeg, the captain of a minesweeper who enforces discipline on his ship with a zeal that verges on the psychopathic. His behaviour eventually causes the crew to mutiny. The subsequent court martial is the climax of the film and probably one of the most memorable sequences in the history of the motion picture.

TABLE TENNIS

Would anyone interested in playing table tennis either at lunch time or in the evenings please contact Glynn Stainthorpe on internal telephone 208.

BICC
Film Society

present

THE GAINES MUTINY

Monday
13th January
1975