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Editorial

It is only on rare occasions that business and pleasure can be combined. When it does happen the impression is often that select groups benefit whilst the rest plod onwards. Now, at Wood Lane, that has changed. The hot-air balloon has been delivered and is ready to start its job of promoting BICC at Universities and Colleges around the country. The business is to help attract the right quality of staff to work for BICC and in particular R & EL. The pleasure comes from the up-up-and-away feeling of the balloon flight and its associated activities - and any member of Staff can apply to take part. Promotional flights will, we understand, be treated as any other "duty visit", so there is no need to worry about time and money (the non-promotional "fun" flights will be the individuals' responsibility in this respect).

So now is the time for you to give Derry Moore the support that his efforts deserve. Go out, promote the Company and enjoy yourselves at the same time. We wish the venture good luck, safe flights and success in achieving its objectives.

Personnel News

STARTERS

Welcome to:

Mr. J.P. Sargent, who joins us as an Assistant Technical Officer in the Transmission and Energy Department.

Mr. E.F. Byrne who joins us as an Assistant in the Corrosion Department.

Mr. W.P. O'Sullivan who joins us as a Gate Security Man in the Works Engineering Department.

LEAVERS

Farewell to:

Darrell Moore, Secretary to Mr. F.D. Lam who leaves us to transfer to Erith.

Esme Morgan, who leaves after seven years as Secretary to Dr. P.C. McNeill.

RETIREMENT

Mr. R.F. Tarbox, Commercial and Patents Manager retires at the end of June after almost 41 years service.

Wanted

Old telephones - working or not.

Contact - George Batchen (Tel. 253)

CABLE MUSEUM

The display cabinet containing historic cables has been moved from the main reception area to the library. This is to allow work to commence on the construction of the new console for the telephone exchange.

Diary of Events

DATE	EVENT	FOR INFORMATION
June 28th	Badminton vs St. Albans (Mens-Away)	Vic Banks
June 30th	Disco - 8.30 to 1 am	Yvonne Ferrier
July 5th	Annual Pitch 'n' Putt 6.15 pm Gunnersbury Pk.	S.M. Castle
July 6th	Last Day for Contributions to Bush Telegraph	Editorial Board
July 10th	Sea Angling	Pete Walton
July 12th	Badminton vs St. Albans (Mixed-At Home)	Vic Banks
Either:	Hot-Air Balloon: Inaugural Showing of G-BREL at Wood Lane	Derry Moore or Angela Thornton
July 11th or 12th or 13th	The Actual date in this Period has Still to be Decided. Please Watch the Notice-Boards for the Confirmed Date and Time	
July 20th	Publication Day for Bush Telegraph	Editorial Board
	<u>Regular Events</u>	
Tuesdays	Badminton Tennis	Vic Banks Terry Alleyne
Wednesdays	Tennis	Terry Alleyne
Thursdays	Badminton Air Pistol Shooting Tennis	Vic Banks Denis Groombridge Terry Alleyne

Presentations

Dr. P.C. McNeill 9 years service (Presentation 24th May)

Dr. McNeill initially joined BICC as Chief Engineer Designate and later became a Board Member, Director of Balfour Beatty and BICC representative at ERA and IEE. He was also for several years Chairman of the Athletic and Social Club.

Mr. Banks in making the presentation of a cut glass bowl and claret glasses thanked him for this loyal service to the company.

In reply Dr. McNeill thanked all who had helped to make his work so interesting and had given him plenty of happy memories to take with him to his new appointment outside BICC.

Ron Dicker 32 years service (Presentation 26th May)

Ron on leaving the army as a corporal, in 1946 joined BICC as a mechanic and driver, a job he held up to his retirement.

Mr. Banks thanked Ron for the help he had given to many people on site and then presented him with a cheque for £87. A reward to somebody who had never taken a day's sick leave, been late or had an accident as a company driver.

Ron then surprised everybody by saying a four letter word - BICC - apparently the only one his wife thinks he knows.

Esme Morgan 7 years service (Presentation 30th May)

Esme joined BICC at Bloomsbury Street as Secretary to Dr. McNeill and subsequently transferred to Wood Lane. Prior to this she had led a very varied life both in terms of jobs and also travel abroad.

Dr. McNeill in making the presentation of a cheque praised Esme for her professional approach to her work, commented on her pungent sense of humour and wished her well in her new job as personal assistant to Sir Edward Lewis at the Decca Company.

In reply Esme stated that she had enjoyed most of her time at Wood Lane and took away memories of many good friends.

Ron Tarbox 41 years service (Presentation 30th May)

Mr. Banks made the presentation to Ron Tarbox who officially retires at the end of June.

At the end of the war he had returned to Cable Research and in 1948 became Assistant Patent Officer of the newly created British Insulated Callender's Cable Company. In 1967 he was promoted to Patents Officer and transferred from Bloomsbury Street to Wood Lane in 1970 as Commercial and Patents Officer (later manager) gaining a wide knowledge of the company by virtue of his bimonthly visits to the manufacturing Divisions.

He was presented with a radio, a comprehensive collection of artists materials and some money.

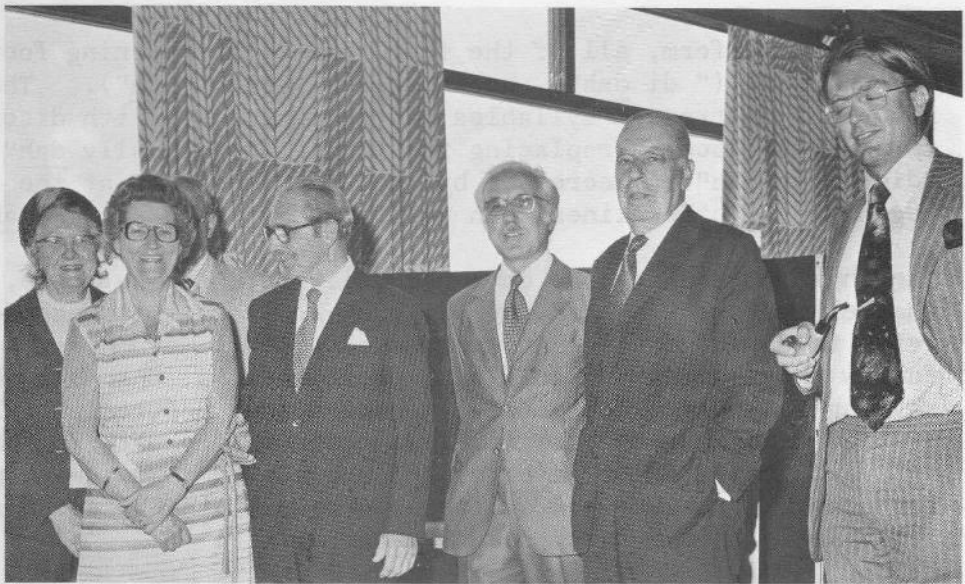
After thanking his staff both past and present for their dedication to duty he asked for some entries to his Puntoon Contest (see March BT) so that he could paint a diploma for the winner. Finally a limerick

There was a division called CRED
That became a limited company instead
Called R and EL
But they now call it BREL
Though it doesn't make hair cream or bread.

Photographs of the presentations to Dr. McNeill and the "Two Ronnies" are opposite.

CLOSING DATE FOR PUNTOON CONTEST END OF AUGUST
details from Ed Board members if you have lost!! your March edition.

Letters to the Editor



Letters to the Editor

Dear Sirs,

The old back-room boffins of BREL can write limericks that rhyme fairly well but a little expansion of their knowledge of scansion might cause feelings of rhythm to swell.

Yours etc

R.F. Tarbox
EX-OBRE

P.S. I try to keep to the following rules when writing limericks:

- (1) There must be three and only three stressed syllables in each of the first, second and fifth lines and only two in each of the third and fourth lines.
- (2) In the basic form, all of the feet, except the opening foot which is an iambus ("di dah"), are anapests ("diddy dah"). The number of unstressed syllables can be increased, with discretion, to vary the pace by replacing the anapest by "didelly dah" or even "didellydy dah" or decreased by replacing anapests at the beginning of other lines than the first by iamboes (di dah).
- (3) The rhyme must always be on a naturally stressed syllable, e.g. channel must be "dah di" not "di dah" (unless it is intended to refer to a perfume!). An unstressed syllable can precede or follow the rhyming syllable but, if it follows, then though the rhyming syllables must differ, the identical unstressed syllable must be used in each case (i.e. objector rhymes with Hector, but not with protected or injector and unexpected rhymes with projected). The number of unstressed syllables preceding the stressed rhyming syllable is unimportant, and they can differ.

Other poets may have different licences, if so I would be interested to hear of them. If I have transgressed, then I am willing to suffer the usual suspension of my licence.

R.F. Tarbox

Do we detect the very faintest cry of.....
er, no, of course we don't. Even so, it's worth remembering the
unknown poem entitled, "The Editors' decision is".

Eschew every licence immoral,
With poor rhythm embark on a quarrel,
Over anapests fret
But never forget
The Editors distribute the laurel.

(Eds)

Bright Ideas Again

In response to publicity in the Bush Telegraph, over 30 ideas were submitted to the New Markets Technology Panel. Two long Panel meetings were required to assess thoroughly these and several 'other source' ideas. The Panel adopted an ideas classification system with the following results.

Class A	- Under Active Development	- 3 Ideas
Class B	- Under Study (to resolve the characteristics of one or more key parameters)	- 9 Ideas
Class C	- Shelved (awaiting appropriate change of expertise, technology or circumstances)	- 6 Ideas
Class D	- Passed On for Report Back (passed to appropriate part of BICC for report back to the Panel)	- 6 Ideas
Class E	- Rejected (not proceeded with either because judged not to have significant or appropriate new business potential for BICC or because already subject of activity within BICC).	- 13 Ideas

Each proposer should have been individually informed of the Panel's decision on his idea(s) and the Secretary is available to discuss each Panel decision, if requested.

Is this the harvest or just the first flush? Some 25 members of the R & EL staff have had a go. How about the others and how about trying again?

THE HISTORY OF ELECTRIC WIRES AND CABLES

The seventh article in Bob Black's series has been held over until next month.

Thank You

Dear Friends & Colleagues,

I would like to thank you all very much for the generous gift you presented to me on the occasion of my retirement.

My wife Sylvia and myself sincerely appreciate your kind thoughts and good wishes, and we will endeavour to find something that will be a constant reminder of the happy times I have spent with you all at Wood Lane.

Thank you also for the card and all your personal wishes which accompanied the magnificent collection of signatures.

I was quite overwhelmed, and I hope that I will be seeing you all again from time to time in the future.

Best wishes to you all,

Ron Dicker

For Sale

- 1) Inertia Reel Seat Belts and Fixings; will suit 1960's BLMC Cars.

£7.50

- 2) Ladies/Gents Skiing Anorak Chest Size 40/42

£7.50

- 3) Gents Fur Lined Military Style Anorak Chest Size 40/42

£7.50

Contact Keith Sichel, Polymers Department Extn. 208 if interested.

Social Club AGM

The 27th Annual General Meeting of the Wood Lane Athletic and Social Club was held in the Main Hall on Thursday 25th May in the presence of 19 members. In the absence of the Chairman (Dr. McNeill) the meeting was chaired by Mr. S.M. Castle (Vice-Chairman) who was supported by Mr. J. Heggie (Hon. Gen. Sec.) and Mr. P. Donovan (Hon. Treasurer).

Although the items on the Agenda did not suggest that the meeting would be anything but brief, in fact a full and lively discussion of various items occurred and, as a result the meeting lasted nearly 1½ hours (a new record?).

The meeting was opened by the formal presentation of the Minutes of the previous AGM which were duly approved. The Vice-Chairman then gave an excellent review of the sections' activities throughout the year, in which he highlighted several successful events that had occurred. He concluded by thanking both Dr. McNeill and Mr. Heggie (both of whom were relinquishing their posts) for their active support on behalf of the Club, and announced under rule 7, that Mr. J. Banks had agreed to be the new Club Chairman. Although a volunteer had come forward to fill the post of Hon. Gen. Sec., no formal announcement could be made until official approval had been received upon Mr. Banks' return from Australia.

The Hon. Treasurer then presented the audited accounts and stated that the Club was in a healthy financial state and that, although budgets for the various sections had been cut back there was no cause for alarm.

There were several questions from the floor on various aspects of the accounts including:

- (i) Sales turn-over figures for the bar (from Graham Taylor)
- (ii) Bush Telegraph and Television Rental (from Dr. Fox)
- (iii) Company grant as related to increased inflation over the past years (from Mike Hagger).

(The chair promised that the new Executive Council will look into this matter)

- (iv) Insurance coverage against film damage (from Annette Mattock).

This led to a fuller discussion on insurance aspects in general and a promise from the Hon. Treasurer for the whole subject to be reviewed with the Executive Council.

- (v) Differentiation in cost to members and non members at functions (from Mike Hagger and Alan Bangay).

The Vice-Chairman then announced that the number of members who had submitted themselves for election to (i) the Executive Council and (ii) the Bar Committee had not exceed the total numbers required under the relevant rules and therefore voting was not required. The names submitted were read out and accepted from the floor. One other person had submitted his name for the Bar Committee too late to be included for election but it was suggested from the Chair that the new Bar Committee might wish to co-opt the said member.

Other items raised from the floor included:

- (i) What action was being taken to fill the vacant post of President of the Club (from Mike Hagger) and he was assured that this matter was being actively considered.
- (ii) Assurance was sought that the new Executive Council would meet regularly every three months as dictated by the Club rules (from Mike Hagger). Such an assurance was given from the Chair.
- (iii) A request that a current list of members be circulated to section Secretaries (made by Annette Mattock) was countered by a proposal from Mike Hagger that a list of non-members would be simpler!

The Chair agreed that the Executive Council could resolve the request to the satisfaction of all!!

- (iv) Finally, Mike Hagger asked for consideration to be given to continuation of Club membership after a person had left the Company.

The meeting closed at 18.55 hours. The Bar opened at 18.56 hours.

The Club Officers and elected members are now:-

President	:	Vacant
Vice-President	:	Mr. C.H.B. Pipkin
Chairman	:	Mr. J. Banks
Vice Chairman	:	Mr. S.M. Castle
Secretary	:	Vacant
Treasurer	:	Mr. P.T. Donovan
Executive Council:		Mr. E.I. Cooke
		Miss Y. Ferrier
		Mr. R.A.G. Fraser
		Mr. D.J. Green
		Mr. D.R. Groombridge
		Mr. R.G. Maidlow
		Miss A. Thornton

The Bar Committee is:-

Mrs. L.C. Buchan
Mr. D. Goff
Mr. K.J.M. Sichel
Mr. G.C. Taylor
Mr. S.M. Castle

Section Reports

MOTORING

The Motor Section has purchased a number of Autobook workshop manuals for popular British cars. These were selected from the Top 40 selling Autobooks in the U.K. for 1977 and are as follows:-

1. Austin Allegro 1100, 1300, 1973 onwards
2. Austin Morris 1800, '64 - '75
3. Ford Capri 1300, 1600 OHV, '69 onwards
4. Ford Capri 2000 V4, 3000 V6, '69 onwards
5. Ford Cortina Mk 3, '70 - '76
6. Ford Cortina Mk 4, '76 onwards
7. Mini '59 onwards
8. Rover 2000, 2200, '63 onwards
9. Triumph 2000 Mk 2, '69 onwards
10. Vauxhall Viva HC, Firenze, '71 onwards.

As is normal there will be a small charge for borrowing these. If the existing copies prove popular and useful more may be purchased later.

G.C. Taylor

P.S. Just received:-

Morris Oxford Series II and Morris Cowley W/M, in excellent condition.

PITCH 'N' PUTT

Wednesday 5th July - Gunnersbury Park - 6.15 pm

Pairs, Individual, Ladies and Booby prizes

10th Hole - Bull's Head, Strand on the Green

Details from Stuart Castle (283)

The Film Column

Some years ago the BT carried a regular feature under this heading, and we now intend to revive it. We hope to carry regular news about not only Wood Lane but also the general London film scene.

Wood Lane The next season of Wood Lane film shows, the 25th, is due to start in the autumn. The film committee is now hard at work selecting the films to be shown.

National Film Theatre The last few issues of the BT have carried the NFT programme summary for the period from publication day to the end of the month; the details for the following month usually not being to hand by the BT's press date. We are, after this month's, discontinuing this service, but instead we will supply copies of the full programme summary regularly to anyone who requests them. Please contact Tom Ruben (212) by the end of June if you wish to come on to the initial list. Remember that the NFT is a membership-only cinema; the Film Section's Group Membership Card may be borrowed from Annette Mattock (243).

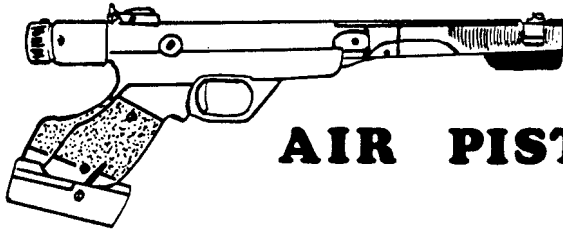
Although the programme summary will no longer appear, we will still include news of NFT programmes. This month there are seasons devoted to "unknown masters of Japanese cinema", and to the films of Bryan Forbes.

Film Recommendation This is another feature of the old Film Column which we hope to include occasionally. We shall be eschewing the STAR WARS which need no recommendation, and seeking out some more unusual entertainments. The films that will appear here will be personal choices, usually by some member of the Film Committee, and we hope that some of you will be encouraged to try the fare offered. If you like the films, let the Film Committee know.

This month's choice: Just time to catch some films in the Electric's season devoted to Michael Powell, "the most inventive, provocative and generally astonishing film-maker that this country has yet produced". PEEPING TOM, described as one of the greatest British films of all time, and THE SMALL BACK ROOM are showing on 20th and 21st June; ILL MET BY MOONLIGHT, a Mediterranean-style Western, and the Australia-made THEY'RE A WEIRD MOB on June 26th. The Electric, in Portobello Road, is a club, but membership is cheap; they also recognise NFT cards.

The NFT programme for the remainder of June is as follows:-

19 Mon- 23 Fri	NFT2	2.15 daily	THE ANDROMEDA STRAIN (J.)	25 Sun	NFT1	3.00 5.40 8.20	A Star is Born (1977)
19 Mon	NFT1	8.00 8.45	King Rat	25 Sun	NFT2	4.00	Treasure Island (1971) (all seats bookable at 60p)
19 Mon	NFT2	6.15 8.30	And Yet We Live	25 Sun	NFT2	8.45	Fifty Years of Country Music (all seats bookable at £1.00)
20 Tue	NFT1	6.30 8.45	The Wrong Box (J.)	28 Mon- 30 Fri	NFT2	2.30 daily	THE LITTLE GIRL WHO LIVES DOWN THE LANE
20 Tue	NFT2	6.15 8.30	Hung Yu	28 Mon	NFT1	6.00	The Madwoman of Chailiot
20 Tue	NFT3	8.30	'Screen' Seminar (admission free - no pre-booking)	26 Mon	NFT1	8.45	Grierson Night (all seats bookable at £3.00 including buffet and drinks)
21 Wed	NFT1	8.00	The Whisperers	26 Mon	NFT2	6.15 8.30	Snow Flurry
21 Wed	NFT1	8.00	The Huntsmen	27 Tue	NFT1	6.30	The Railway Children (J.)
21 Wed	NFT2	6.15 8.30	Repeat	27 Tue	NFT1	8.45	The Go-Between
21 Wed	NFT3	8.30	'Screen' Seminar (admission free - no pre-booking)	27 Tue	NFT2	6.00 8.35	A House in the Quarter
22 Thu	NFT1	6.30	I Caught Acting Like the Measles/Goodbye Norma Jean	27 Tue	NFT3	8.30	'Screen' Seminar (admission free - no pre-booking)
22 Thu	NFT1	8.45	The Whisperers	28 Wed	NFT1	6.30 8.45	The Raging Moon
22 Thu	NFT2	6.15 8.30	The Moon Has Risen	28 Wed	NFT2	6.15 8.30	Sweet Sweet
23 Fri	NFT1	6.20 8.45	Deadfall	29 Thu	NFT1	6.30 8.45	The Stepford Wives
23 Fri	NFT1	11.00 p.m.	Yessongs/Born to Boogie (J.)	29 Thu	NFT2	7.00	The Straits of Hunger (all seats bookable at £1.50)
23 Fri	NFT2	6.15 8.30	Kämpfer	30 Fri	NFT1	6.00 8.35	The Slipper and the Rose (J.)
24 Sat	NFT1	4.15	The Travelling Players (Japan)	30 Fri	NFT1	11.15 p.m.	Flame (J.)
24 Sat	NFT1	6.10	Country Music Caravan/Country Boy (J.)	30 Fri	NFT2	7.00	L'Argent (all seats bookable at £1.50)
24 Sat	NFT1	9.00	Country Music (J.)				
24 Sat	NFT2	4.00	Treasure Island (1971) (all seats bookable at 60p)				
24 Sat	NFT2	6.15 8.30	Growing Up				



AIR PISTOL SHOOTING



Member of

Shooting Averages at 1.6.78

Pos.		Ave.	Pos.		Ave.
1	Joe Lou	46.4	6	Roger Roberts	27.6
2	Tom Doré	40.1	7	Pat Donovan	27.0
3	Bob Maidlow	38.4	8	Keith Sichel	26.3
4	Dave Marriage	29.0	9	Janet Walters	20.0
5	Pete Walters	28.6			

SNOOKER & BILLIARDS SECTION

The draw for the First Round of the Billiards Tournament has been posted on the notice board, and by the time the BT is published I hope that some of the Group matches will have been played.

The 4p-per-frame levy appears to be working well and the cash is trickling in at something approaching the estimated rate - I hope that when everyone is used to the idea, no-one will forget to pay up.

Now for the bad news of the month. The key to the Snooker Equipment cupboard, which is normally kept behind the bar for the use of members on Social Club evenings, was not there on Thursday evening, 1st June. As a result, people who were awaiting their turn at the Air Pistol range were unable to have a game. Most accepted this as hard luck, and cursed the forgetfulness of whoever had forgotten to return the key to its place of keeping. (It has since turned up in mysterious fashion, though nobody has owned up to having kept it). But after the evening's shooting had finished, somebody saw fit to break open the lock - not to steal anything, but simply in order to be able to have a game. (And, to add insult to injury, he didn't pay his 4p for the privilege!)

Although a minor example, perhaps, this is the kind of mindless, anti-social act which along with graffiti on walls, slashing of train seats, and the tormenting of frightened old ladies, is a disease of modern times. This is no place to sermonise about it however, so suffice it to say that the matter has been reported to the proper authority. One result should almost certainly be the tightening-up of the Social Club rules on the signing-in of visitors. Over to you, Executive Council.

POT WHITE '78

(from our Special Correspondent)

"Now here is a story that's certain to bore
Of a grand snooker final staged on the 4th floor...."

(with profound apologies to the probably now deceased author who told of another grand elemental contest of yesteryear). With not the slightest possibility of reward for my suffering I allowed JMRH of the 'Board' to persuade me to report the Pot White '78 Final for the rapidly expanding sports pages of the BT. To get things off to a good start both finallists refused to be interviewed by the press, despite the fact that I'd carefully done my homework and let one's bike tyres down to prevent a quick get away and spoke to the other whilst sucking a large boiled sweet.

Frame 1 - Keith broke on Geoff's win of the toss and had most of the play potting 7 of the reds; Geoff conceded on the pink with a 20 pt deficit.

Frame 2 - complete reversal with Geoff having most of the reds; Geoff got out of Keith's snookers and Keith conceded on the yellow 35 points adrift.

Frame 3 - a scrappy game with only one memorable stroke played - Geoff potted an early red to end up in the middle of eight reds but successfully played the green on its spot off 3 cushions for a snooker. Geoff should have won but spoiled a simple yellow pot and had to concede on the pink.

Frame 4 - Keith played very disinterestedly (yes! it was Monday lunch-time) and missed some easy chances early in the frame; Geoff made tactical errors throughout, (perhaps the whole weekend in the Penge Temperance Hall had its effect) but crept home on the blue.

Frame 5 - The decider had to be unusual with perhaps an unkind twist; Keith only potted 3 reds, but Geoff went in-off two of the remaining seven so he had his chances.

Geoff looked certain to win when it was down to the last 4 colours but in an effort to position to 'take the Table' he 'Potted-White'. So well done Keith, Geoff will be back next year with vengeance, plus 'Ponderosa' Johnnie, 'Hustler' Alleyne, 'In-off' Bonzo, etc and yours truly 'Hurricane' K.

Good effort says JMRH when he reads this - this lad must go to Argentina for us, expenses paid, everything laid on !.....

(Many thanks Mike, perhaps we'll finance you for a swift half at the Argentina Arms in Balls Pond Road - JMRH).

CRICKET SECTION

Match Report v Wallingford CC (Hammersmith Borough KO Competition - 1st Round)

It came as a bit of a shock to the Wood Lane team to find warm sunshine and a cloudless Tuesday evening sky for their first venture into competitive cricket, not because it was in any way contrary to the forecast but because it highlighted the dismal weather in early May which had restricted practice to a few knocks by the goldfish pond. Nevertheless the "XI" was in confident mood as it breathed in a couple of inches more than last year and pulled on its flannels (some distinctly off-white, presumably because Mr. Wrangler said so!) before taking the field. The sign on the factory wall at one end of the Alperton Sports Ground said "BICC", nobody was taking advantage of the regulation that "Hammer Throwing is permitted on Tuesdays, 6-7.30 pm" and Terry Alleyne won the toss and elected to bat. If these were all interpreted as good omens then the sight of Vic Banks and Steve Drury putting on 26 for the first wicket against some fair bowling on a slow pitch was surely confirmation enough. But as soon as Vic was out, caught at long-off trying to hit the ball on to the athletics track, the picture changed dramatically. There was, as it is said, a middle order collapse, and a number of people have paid high sums of money to keep their dismal batting performances from being mentioned in this report. The extent of the collapse can be judged by mathematically minded readers when it is realised that, with a last wicket partnership of 7, the final score reached 41.

Wallingford's victory was not entirely a formality. Peter Raw and Terry bowled very tidily, Mike Kendle took an excellent catch behind the stumps, the fielding was generally very efficient and so it wasn't until the 11th of their allotted 15 eight ball overs that our opponents won with 7 wickets in hand.

The post-mortem at the Lord Nuffield was filled with "should haves, could haves and would haves", and the pint pots with Courage Directors. BICC may fall but CAMRA marches on!

HOT AIR BALLOON SECTION

The first weekend of the month was marked by a most enjoyable and unforgettable Balloon Meet. It was the Anglo-French Meet held in Vittel in the Vosges. The actual venue was in the grounds of the local Club Mediterranean, and all the facilities of the club were extended to the balloonists.

About 24 balloons attended this team event and the team prize was won by the English. The non flying entertainment provided by the French was lavish and included a banquet, a barbeque and presents of perfume for the ladies.

The proposed ballooning calender printed last month remains unchanged.

As from July 1st Angela Thornton will be taking over the job of Secretary of the Hot-Air Balloon Section from Darrell Moore who is transferring to Erith.

Derry

For only 50p (that's peanuts)

SON OF
DISCOSNOOPY

Main Hall 8.00 pm
Friday 30th June



"If she doesn't turn into
a pumpkin at 12 o'clock
I'll ask her for a dance"

Recently seen in Popular Hi-Fi magazine:

"With a combination of rugged mechanics, fine electronics and host of convenience features in their auto-reverse cassette deck the Dual C939 is the very apogee of what cassettes are all about - hi fi with pain and up to 1½ hours of uninterrupted enjoyment"

Masochistic Audiophilia?

First With The Muse

We only had one entry to this competition, which is a little surprising considering how many people in REL are steeped in cable lore and also the number of poets we have! It was Ken Baker, Technical Library and Information Centre, Prescott, who knew (!) the answer. Well, found the answer. Here is what he says.

THE DEEP SEA CABLES

Upon receipt this morning of the Bush Telegraph, May 1978, I did a search with the Unit Concept Co-ordinate Indexing system using the concepts 'Cables - Submarine' 'Cables - Telephone' and 'History' and retrieved a book 'Voice Across the Sea' by A.C. Clarke. On page vi of this book are the first two verses of the poem 'The Deep-Sea Cables' by Rudyard Kipling. The book, relating to the Transatlantic Submarine Cable, is available on loan from Prescott Library by quoting UCR No. 492.

I enclose a photocopy of The Electrical Engineer's Ballad Book which includes several verses on cables, together with photocopies from The Oxford Dictionary of Quotations and from The Atlantic Cable by B. Dibner, Burndy Library 1959.

I trust that these will provide some useful ammunition for future issues of the Bush Telegraph.

Yours sincerely,

Ken Baker

Many thanks Ken. Your good friend U.C. Co-ordinate Index will be receiving a small prize in due course.

We shall be reproducing some poems from "The Electrical Engineer's Ballad Book" in future issues, but in the meantime here is perhaps the most famous (or infamous) poem (!) about wires and cables ever written. It is attributed to Alfred Austin (1835-1913) and is entitled "On the Illness of the Prince of Wales, afterwards Edward VII"

Across the wires the electric message came:
"He is no better, he is much the same".

Photographic Competition

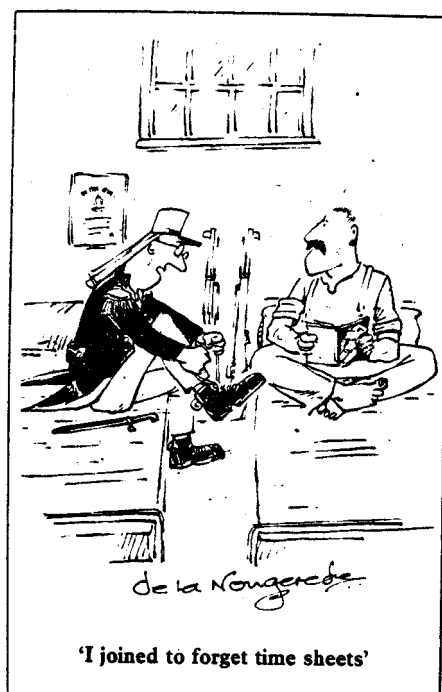
To celebrate the arrival of the hot-air balloon we are running a photographic competition, for which the title is:

"Aspects of G-BREL"

The main opportunity for photography will be on the occasion of the tether at Wood Lane on Wednesday 12th July (or the 11th or 13th - watch for further announcements), but entries can relate to any event (or non-event!) involving G-BREL.

Ballooning is a colourful sport, and many of you will want to take photographs or slides in colour. Please submit these to us, but bear in mind that the competition will be judged in black and white, i.e. we may make a black and white print from your colour print or slide.

Entires should reach Denis Groombridge (Tel.212) by Friday 29th September which gives you a chance to finish your roll of film on your holiday. £3 prize for the winner, £1 for the runner-up. Result in October's Bush Telegraph.



(With acknowledgement to Accountants Weekly)

Leadergram

Seven correct entries were received, and of these, that submitted by Carol Platt was the first one drawn from the 'hat' (actually a cardboard box). Carol therefore receives the £2 prize offered.

For the benefit of those who didn't complete the puzzle, the answers to the individual clues were as follows:

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| A. THOUGHTLESSNESS | N. MAMMON WINS |
| B. HOT AS HELL | O. OWNER DRIVEN |
| C. ERNEST | P. DEPRESSED STATE |
| D. LAMINATION | Q. EDGEWISE |
| E. ARCHAEOLOGY | R. ROCK AND ROLL |
| F. NAPKIN | S. NEED TO BE FEEDING |
| G. GASKET | T. POETS |
| H. UTOPIA | U. HUTTON |
| I. ANATHEMA TO ME | V. YOGA EXERCISE |
| J. GOSSIP FREE | W. SENTIMENTAL CHIME |
| K. EPIGRAM | X. INKSPOT |
| L. OMEN OF DOOM | Y. CLATTER AND CRASH |
| M. FAST TALK | Z. SCIENTIFIC EYE |

The book was "The Language of Modern Physics" by Ernest Hutton, and the quoted passage read as follows:

"Our knowledge is contained in the theories, laws, and hypotheses of science and these are expressed in statements and formulae: the task is to give their meaning. To apply logic and semantics (like applying mathematics) to problems of knowledge, or to make clearer the meanings of our sentences, is not a matter of dogma".

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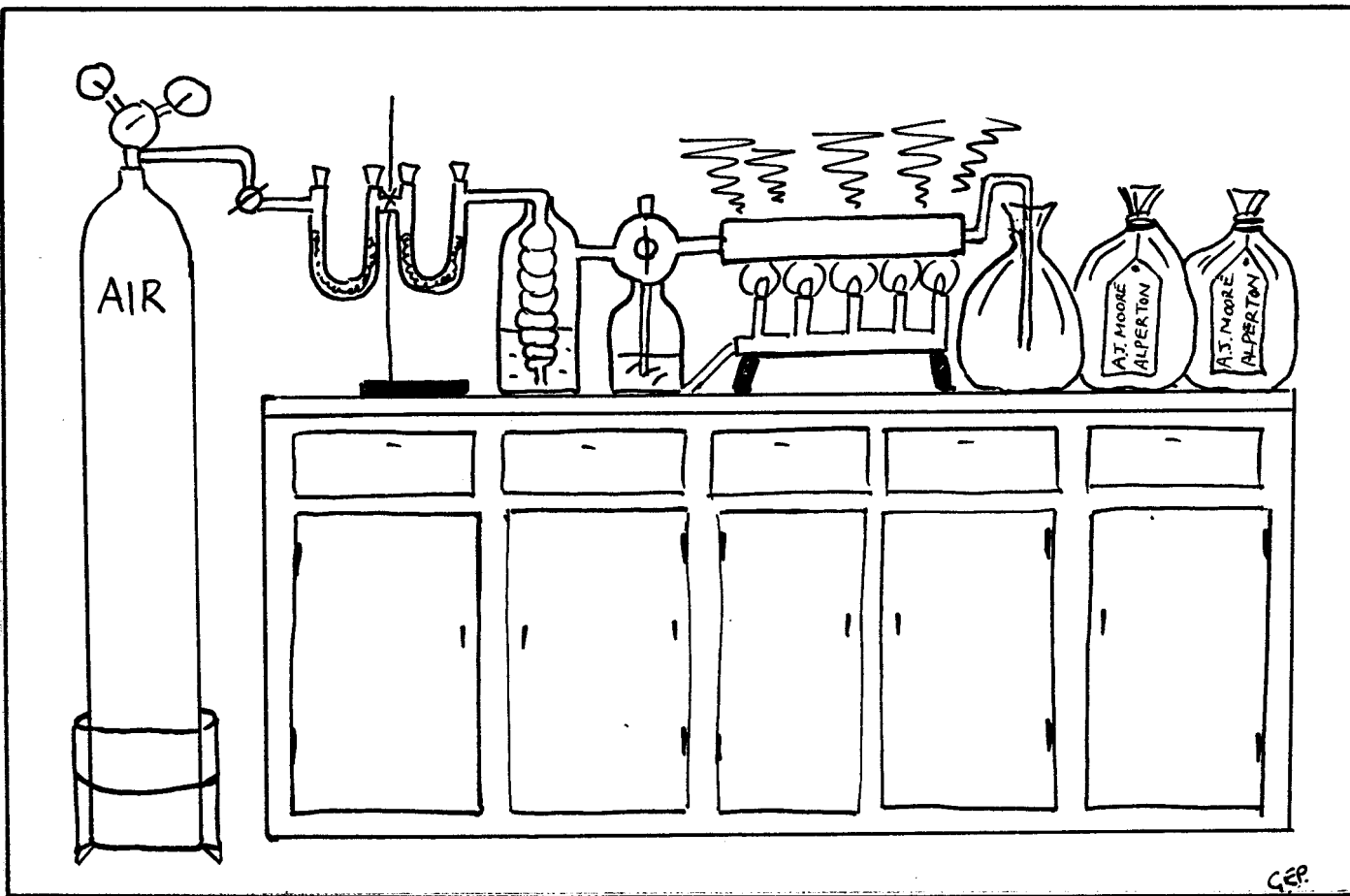
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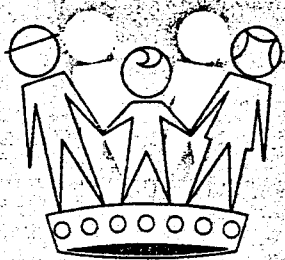
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For contributor and spouse, following in-patient benefit of 14 nights or over in Hospital or Nursing Home. Also £7/£14 for a child.

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A single payment in respect of the contributor or dependant on being admitted for in-patient treatment to Hospital or Nursing Home.

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**25p
OPTION**

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OPTION**

**£21
PER WEEK**

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PER WEEK**

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EACH**

**£84
PER WEEK
EACH**

£14

£28

£50

£100

**£ 6
MAXIMUM**

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£12

£30

£60

£60

£120

£21

£42

Married contributors taking advantage of **The Family Double Benefit Option** will receive **TWICE** the amount shown

This is a summary only. For full details and conditions see latest HSA form C.I.A.

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Contact your Hon. Group Secretary:

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