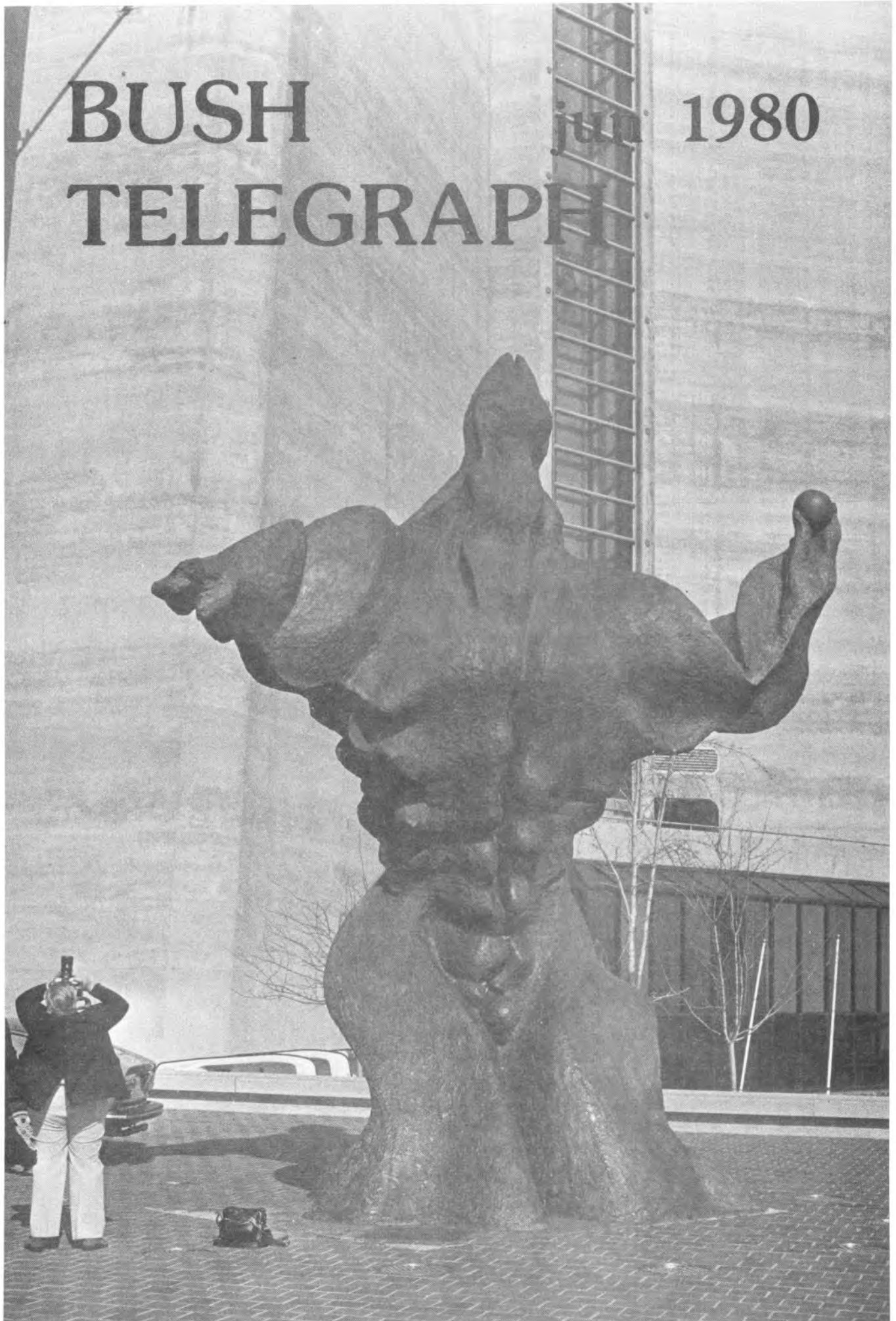


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Editorial

It is extremely pleasant to note that news of "Gabrielle", R&EL's own hot-air balloon, is once again featuring in our pages. After an uncertain winter, with withdrawal of support from Publicity Department and failure of the van both threatening to bring activities to an end, arrangements have now been made through local management and the Social Club for revised funding levels and purchase of the old Company van for the Section.

Despite these initiatives, made at a time of financial stringency, regular flying can only take place if the Section raises considerable additional funds on its own behalf. This it is doing by promoting events at Wood Lane, such as the planned Balloon Disco, and accepting donations towards the expenses of attending various fetes and galas. The level of personal contribution by each balloonist has also increased.

To debate the pros and cons of full Company/Social Club support against an element of do-it-yourself would bring us perilously close to certain political parallels. Nevertheless the present shift of emphasis does demonstrate that if something is wanted badly enough, people will find the energy and resources to carry it through. We hope the balloonists continue to enjoy their sport, and also continue to bring BICC and R&EL to the attention of a wider public.

Personnel News

STARTERS Welcome to:-

Mr. G.R. Bandurek who joins us as an Assistant Technical Officer in the Communications Department.

Mr. G. Coombes who joins us as a General Operative in the Works Engineering Department.

LEAVERS Farewell to:-

Peter Wardle of Product Engineering, Development who leaves after 2½ years service to take up alternative employment.

Clive West of Works Engineering who leaves after 20 months service to take up alternative employment.

Diary of Events

Date	Event	For Information
Wed. 25th June	Visit to Lamberhurst Vineyard	Rob Weller
Wed. 25th June	Sea Angling - Littlehampton	Andy Platt
Sat. 28th June	Ballooning - Teddington Hospital	Joe Lou or Roger Millward
Mon. 7th July	Last day for contributions to BT	Editorial Board
Wed. 9th July	Annual Pitch 'n' Putt - 6 pm	Stuart Castle
Mon. 21st July	Sea Angling	Andy Platt
Mon. 21st July	Publication Day BT	Editorial Board
Fri. 8th Aug.	Balloon Disco	Yvonne Ferrier
<u>Regular Events</u>		
Tuesday	Badminton	Vic Banks
	Keep Fit	Dave Cole
Thursday	Air Pistol Shooting	Peter Walters or Denis Groombridge
	Bridge	Roy Fraser
Friday Evenings and Weekends	Hot Air Ballooning	Joe Lou or Roger Millward

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editors,

Thank you very much for sending me, regularly, the "Bush Telegraph", which I read with great interest - perhaps I enjoy reading the finished product rather than the "copy" for reproduction.

I am particularly interested in Bob Black's "History of Electric Wires and Cables" and in the photographs which are included. The majority of these were taken (by me!) in the middle and late 1930's. On my return to Wood Lane after the War, I rescued all the negatives (8½" x 6½" glass plates) and stored them in a tin box in the basement filing room. At some stage someone decided that they had a better use for the tin box and the negatives were either lost or destroyed - even used for someone's glass-house! This means that the present reproductions are made from original prints made at the time of photographing the cable samples. My congratulations to the Photographic Section on the high standard of these reproductions. The prints, many of them over 40 years old, were not always first-class when they were made!

Congratulations too to Bob Black for the efficient system he must have for filing.

The original work was done for Mr. Temple-Hazel on behalf of Mr. P.V. Hunter and many prints were incorporated in their book on the History of Electric Cables.

Yours sincerely,

Norman Davis

THE HISTORY OF ELECTRIC WIRES AND CABLES

As most people will know Dr. Black has been ill recently, and was unable to prepare part 28 of "The History of Electric Wires and Cables" for this issue.

We are happy to report that Bob has now recovered, and the series will resume next month.

I thank You

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Thank you very much for the giant card and the many other cards and messages that I received when in hospital and for all the Good Wishes.

The card from Records and Personnel and some of the messages were so funny that my newly acquired stitches were in great danger of bursting, and they certainly cheered me up.

Best Wishes,

Harold Boulton

Competition Answer

Biccarella Competition

We were a little disappointed with the response to this competition. Four entrants were angling for the right line with a combined total of eight captions, although the rest of you did not seem to be hooked on this competition.

The Editorial Board tackled the problem of picking a winner and in doing so came across this entry from Andy Platt (of Angling Section fame) "Funny! I thought they said that the skipper's name was Colin, not 'Hughie'." For a full explanation of this caption please contact the author, then you too will be able to enjoy the joke. Continuing the judging, Mr. Hemmings came close with "No, this is not the 'Bristol' Channel," but it was Frank Walker with "Do we all cast off together?" who landed the prize of a "two pounder" which will be coming his way shortly.

ACCESS ROAD

Motorists will have noticed that there is now a 5 mph speed restriction on the temporary diversion in the Access Road. The object is to limit the discomfort caused to pedestrians by the vast clouds of dust thrown up from vehicles travelling at excessive speeds. Your co-operation would be appreciated.

Dysphagian Diary

(the occasional column for occasional people)

This column has never been slow to report typographical and related errors from other publications, so we must redress the balance a little and look at ourselves. In last month's Wine and Beer Making report we glibly reported the acquisition of a brew-heat boiler for "wire and beer making."

The wrath quickly descended. "A long drawn-out process" complained one; "Doesn't conform to best modern practice" said another; "Quite the wrong lubricant" said a third. Jack Lysaght however thought the idea was at least worth a preliminary sketch.



We have received no comment from the Patents and Licensing Department.

Your diarist recently found himself with a spare twenty minutes at Prescott so he fulfilled a long-standing obligation and scrounged a cup of tea from Ken Baker, Les Ireland and their colleagues at the Technical Library. Tucked away in the oldest building on site they seemed delighted to see someone from R&EL's Southern outpost, and sent their good wishes to all. They have also sent a cutting from the Liverpool Echo about the annual ceremony in Holyhead to remember the 99 men who lost their lives in the submarine "Thetis" which failed to surface from trials in Liverpool Bay on June 1st 1939. Unfortunately the Echo chose to describe the disaster as "one of Britain's worst in post-war years."

To ensure that reports of other people's errors outnumber our own this month we note a recent item from the Daily Telegraph applauding the recent "Buy British" campaign from BL. "The top ten models in March" says the paper, "were: Ford Cortina (23,838); Ford Escort (13,370); Ford Fiesta (12,034); BL Marina (£10346);"

Sir Michael must be rubbing his hands at such a thought.

Finally this month, the last word (or is it?) on Stephen Pile (he of the "Heroic Failures" book and the "Not-Terribly-Good Club"). Ray Slaughter suggests that having failed to stay in the club he founded he should now be eligible for re-election!

Poets Corner

LIFE

The years and seasons roll on
Over the centuries
Then the bud turns to blossom and
the child is born.

As the wave is formed and crashes
The season comes and dies

As the snowflake falls and lands
The man is dead.

His life like a tree nobody caring
Until the leaves had fallen
But it was too late the child had
grown

And grown and grown
Until the twilight falls and the sun
is gone.

Now the fog has lifted and I can see
Ahead of me

Now the path has cleared
But its too late now

For the snow has melted
The Plant has withered
Holding

My eternal secret.

Peter Jennings

The **Tallest** Structure In The World

Standing between the railroad tracks and the lakeshore and not far from Toronto station stands the CN Tower, the tallest man made structure in the World. Constructed of reinforced concrete, it has a cruciform cross-section up to the level of the Sky Pod, about 360 m above ground level. From there on it changes to hexagonal section up to the Space Deck at 447 m and then upwards in cylindrical sections to the tip of the AM aerial which is 553 m above ground. It tops a similar structure in Moscow by about 16 m.

The Sky Pod consists of a series of circular sections mounted one above the other housing respectively the microwave aeriels, outdoor observation deck, indoor observation deck, revolving restaurant, UHF, VHF aeriels and finally the mechanical works and services. The Space Deck is a much smaller enclosed observation area some 96 m above the restaurant.

The CN Tower whilst acting as a mechanical support for a wide variety of communication systems, also provides an excellent tourist attraction for the City of Toronto. It also provides conference and exhibition facilities in the base, which must measure about 150 m across the corners. At the time I visited the tower it was given over to an Italian Exhibition which covered everything from Arts and Crafts though Mechanical Engineering to the Culinary Arts. A faint aroma of garlic pervaded the area thereby ensuring that the tourists would not be picked off by high flying vampires at night.

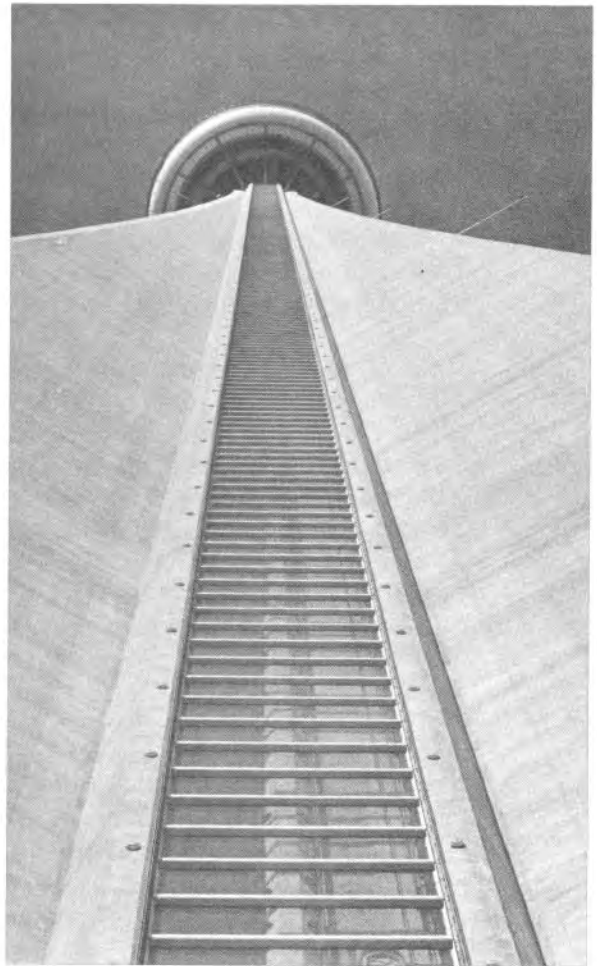
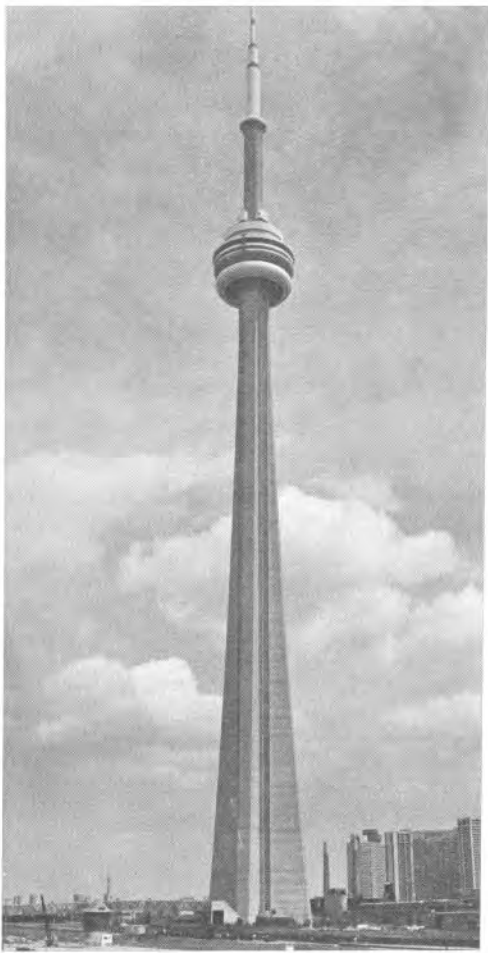
On Sunday the restaurant serves "Brunch" from about 10 am to 4.30 pm. The minimum charge for this is \$8.50, about £3.20, and includes reserved table, admission to the tower and to the Space Deck. A very modest charge by any standards these days. In the evening dinners are served in the restaurant but the prices then tend to reach the stars. The "Brunch" menu, printed in both English and French, is quite amusing to read. All courses have space age nomenclature which gives no real clue to the contents of the dishes. Fortunately this is also set out in bi-lingual detail so that one knows exactly what one is going to get. A most sensible approach that in no way detracts from the enjoyment of the food. A few examples, picked at random, will illustrate the point.

"Satellite Supreme" \$1.45

Coconut cream, pineapple and orange juice.

"Scrambled Message" \$4.50

Scrambled eggs, waffles and sausages.



"Brunch Wellington 2001" \$5.90

Scrambled eggs, ham, onions and tomato
baked in puff pastry, sausages and tomatoes.

The organisation of such an enterprise needs to be good if long queues of impatient visitors and diners are to be avoided. Four lifts, each holding about 12 persons serve the Sky Pod and since the latter can hold about 500 people at any one time the lift movements must be carefully synchronised with the flow of people entering and leaving the tower. Those who are dining check in at desks similar to an air-line terminal where reservations are checked and table numbers and times are allocated. Diners are then called as tables become vacant and join the small parties of other visitors shuttling skyward.

The ride up and down is an experience. The journey takes 58 seconds and for about 54 seconds of this time the lift is travelling at 6 m/s. If one is lucky enough to get a position by the one window in each lift, one can look out through the glassed walls of the tower and watch the earth recede at a rate considerably faster than in a normal jet take off. The slight decompression quickly registers on the ear drums and the lift attendant includes in her spiel helpful hints on how to clear the ears. This is followed by an outburst of coughing, nose blowing etc. as the occupants attempt to put the advice into practice.

The restaurant is very comfortable and quiet and provides superb panoramic views of Toronto and the lake side. There is a small airport south west of the tower and it is rather surprising to look down on aircraft as they land or take off. Even the light aircraft which tow advertising slogans over the city pass several hundred feet below. For the photographer the seats at the periphery of the restaurant provide a unique vantage point for photography including telephoto work. There is absolutely no vibration and one can comfortably brace one's elbows on the table and use a 300 mm lens without fear of camera shake. A word of warning should you visit the tower and be taking photographs. Don't put your camera on the padded ledge under the window whilst you take a bite or wait for the next view to come round. By that time your camera will be some distance away because you are moving and the ledge is not!

G.B. Wills

THE LINK

The dispute in the printing industry which has been delaying publication of The Link has now been resolved. Unhappily in the case of Swale Press, printers of The Link, the dispute precipitated their closure with the loss of 150 jobs.

The Link has now found new printers, and the next edition should be published early in July.

..... Father did not know Lloya George

The memory I have of some of my father's recollections goes back only as far as the Great War (i.e. World War I) and so I cannot claim any far-reaching historical links for them. Nevertheless, I have always found them immensely interesting, as much for the unique period in the history of that war, as for the personalities that Dad encountered.

At the outbreak of hostilities in 1914, Dad enlisted as a volunteer in the Royal Naval Air Service, and the following year found himself in the Eastern Mediterranean, stationed variously on small Greek Islands off the Turkish coast, in preparation and back-up for the Dardanelles operation.

As an aero engineer his job was to maintain and keep flying those antiquated contraptions of string and sealing-wax such as the Farmans,^(a) Sopwiths, S E's, B E's, Voisins etc. Sometimes he would have to accompany a young pilot on a flight after repairing a machine, to prove his faith in it and give the pilot confidence in the machine. Not all of the pilots were the heroes that the popular press made them out to be.

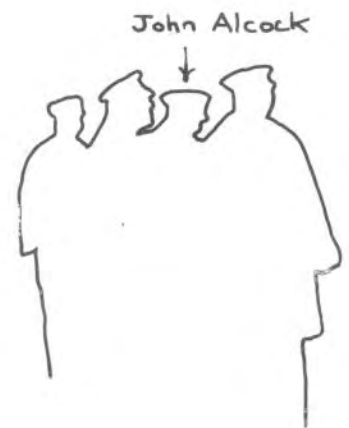
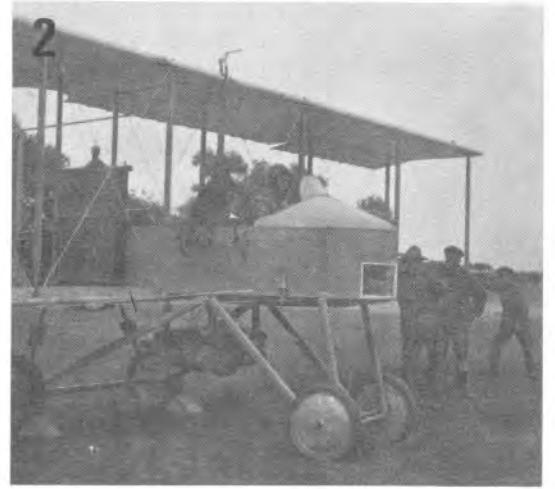
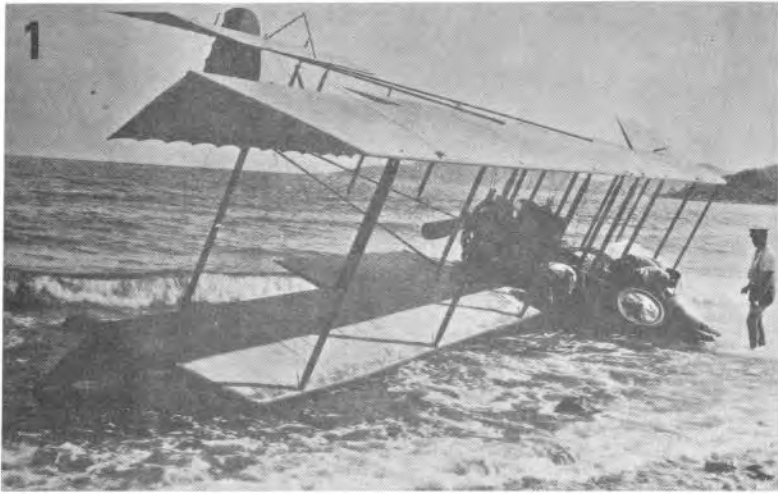
During the course of his Service career, Dad encountered many flying personalities, amongst whom were two notable characters. In 1915, while stationed at Imbros, he met John Alcock^(b) who, with Brown, later in 1919, established the first non-stop Atlantic flight. He also knew Bert Hinkler whose solo flight from London to Darwin in 1928 was commemorated on its 50th anniversary in 1978 by Flight Lieutenant Cyster, who made the same journey in a Tiger Moth.

One of my most treasured possessions is the collection of photographs which Dad made while stationed in the Dardanelles war zone. It contains some wonderful records of the early aeroplanes, some of the disasters and much of the activities of the men. Two of the photographs which I find particularly poignant show (i) one of the large provisioning encampments at Imbros in 1915 prior to the Dardanelles operation^(c) and (ii) the troops in camp at Imbros in 1916 after the evacuation^(d).

So vivid were Dad's recollections that, with his photographs before me, I feel almost as if I had been there myself.

- (a) Fig. 1 Henri Farman being salvaged
Fig. 2 Henri Farman ready for take-off, showing bombs carried underneath.
- (b) Fig. 3 John Alcock and others.
- (c) Fig. 4 Provisioning encampment of Imbros 1915, prior to the Dardanelles operation.
- (d) Fig. 5 Troops in camp at Imbros 1916, after the evacuation.

Molly Nalon



Word Square

In the square below are the names of a number of species of mammal, including marsupials, cetaceans, etc., within this broad classification. How many can you find? As usual, we aren't saying how many there are, but as a clue we'll tell you that less than 10 per cent of the letters are unused. The names run only in straight lines, left to right, right to left, up or down, or diagonally, and at least one letter of each name is also used in at least one other name so that all are in fact connected together. Some names are alternatives to others - both will count in this case; but if there are duplicates of the same name, it will count once only.

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Send your list to Geoff Holder, Polymers Dept., not later than Monday, July 7th. The sender of the longest list will, as usual, receive a modest prize.

Section Reports

GENEALOGY SECTION

The 2nd edition of the "Register of One Name Studies" has been added to the section's growing library of reference books. This publication lists surnames which are, or have been, the subject of in-depth studies. These studies usually include complete indexation of all references to the name in St Catherine's House.

Since joining the Federation of Family History Societies the section has received a number of journals and newsletters from other affiliated groups. These include Essex, Oxfordshire, Hertfordshire and E. Yorkshire societies, Palgrave and Martin one-name groups and, most recently, The Heraldry and Genealogy Society of Canberra. All are available on loan from the secretary, Mike Hagger.

CRICKET

v. Kenboro All Stars, Wed. 21st May

Wood Lane's cricketers began their 1980 campaign with a healthy 6-wickets win over Kenboro All Stars in the 1st round of the Hammersmith KO competition.

After weeks without rain it was predictable that the Wormwood Scrubs pitch would not be at its best, and so it proved. The unpredictable bounce caused even the most seasoned performers to whince, and in retrospect it was miraculous that nobody was seriously hurt.

Batting first Kenboro made a hesitant start against Bob Dean and Mostyn Christopher and soon lost wickets, including one to a good catch by Denis Groombridge. The middle order threatened to make a stand, but tight bowling and good fielding eventually resulted in the batsmen becoming frustrated and a couple of wickets fell to rather wild strokes. Bob Lewis and Sarath de Mel soon polished off the tail, but not before one of Sarath's tweekers had bounced over not only the batsman's head, but also wicket keeper Mike Kendle. A word of praise for Mike who kept wicket magnificently under atrocious conditions.

The value of Mike's effort was soon witnessed when Vic Banks and Richard Hills went out to chase Kenboro's total of 70 - nine byes came in the first over! After that it was a case of keeping one's head (down and on!) whilst the opposition irritated themselves to defeat. The openers each made a few, Sarath succumbed to a nasty one and Clive Carroll was run out in a manner which, as a discreet and respectable magazine, we must describe only as ungentlemanly. Bob Lewis played a captain's innings of 29 not out, including two glorious sixes and, as the sun vanished and the chill wind raced across the rapidly emptying playing fields, he and Mike Kendle steered the side home with overs to spare.

There was an understandable degree of enthusiasm at the prospect of another tilt at Rosser and Russell in the 2nd round of the KO competition, even though the hero of last year's win, Peter Raw, had left for other pastures. The enthusiasm quickly turned to apprehension though when it was learned that Bob Dean would be under the influence of the examiners (good Luck Bob), and Bob Lewis would be "up North" on business (disgraceful in the cricket season!). Willing replacements were found in the persons of "Footballer of the Year" Vince Allard and "Kiwi" John Moody (on loan from ABC via a BICC Travelling Scholarship), and the eleven set off for the Alperston Sports Ground. Only nine arrived. Vince and Mike Hagger coughed to a halt somewhere on Western Avenue, and by the time Mike, who confesses to being one of life's all-time great vacuums when it comes to motor mechanics, had caught the 105 and Vince had spent a fruitless 20 minutes trying all combinations of legitimate persuasion to shift the ***** brute before thumbing a lift, Skipper Banks and Mike Kendle were both back in the pavilion. Sarath de Mel and Richard Hills almost rescued the situation with 15 and 22 respectively, but in the end it was only a cheerful thrash and run by the tail which took the total over 50.

It is not easy to defend a total of 53, and Mostyn Christopher and Mike Kendle, although trying hard to stem the flow of runs, could not achieve a significant break-through. Denis Groombridge in the unfamiliar role of wicket keeper, made some good takes; Peter Walters almost suffered a broken rib cage attempting a catch at backward square leg, but no amount of heroics could prevent the inevitable, and with a mighty six off an unnamed bowler (aren't we kind) R&R were home by 8 wickets.

It was a lovely warm evening and the best bitter at the Lord Nuffield

PITCH 'N' PUTT

The annual Pitch 'n' Putt Tournament will be held on Wednesday 9th July at the Gunnersbury Park Golf Links, "Drive off" will be at 6 pm.

Prizes will be offered in the following categories:- Pairs, Individual, Ladies and Booby.

It is anticipated that a 10th hole will be played at the Bulls Head, Strand-on-the Green.

Please notify Stuart Castle (283) if you wish to participate.

5-A-SIDE FOOTBALL AWARDS

GALA PRESENTATION NIGHT

On Thursday 22nd May, by popular demand, (well thats how Roger persuaded me) I was asked to present the trophies and awards for this years inter-departmental 5-a-side football competition. With Roger 'Doc' Roberts officiating and me standing by feeling rather like Princess Anne at the British Film Academy Awards Night (have you noticed how she doesn't have to say anything?) the presentation ceremony got under way.

The award for the winners of the Super-League competition was won by the Polymers team, captained by Peter Jennings who collected the magnificent shield on behalf of the team; Dennis Cooper, Richard McHale (transferring to Fords next season for a record fee?) Pête Walters and Mike Kendle. Polymers scored 6 points out of 9 in their competition.

Winners of the Runners-Up League were Chemistry scoring maximum points in all their matches and captained by Denis Groombridge with his team of; Simon Rustom, Bob Brown, Kevin Doke, Dave Green and Andy Platt. Perhaps having six people in the team helped a little bit? Roger assures me all six did not play at the same time.

The next award was for the 'Top Goalscorer of the Year' and this went to Clive Carroll who scored a total of 11 goals during the competition. After collecting his trophy Clive thanked his team, and also thanked Works Engineering, who allowed him to score 7 of the 11 goals in two matches. Closely behind Clive with 10 goals for the season was Kevin Doke ex Chemistry Department.

The winner of the final award went to the person voted by all the players in the competition as 'The Most Outstanding Footballer of the Year'. The name of the winner had been a closely guarded secret and the tension mounted as Roger handed over the envelope with the name inside. The winner, voted top of the poll, was Vince Allard.

Many thanks on behalf of all the players must go to Roger Roberts who organised the competition and to everyone who volunteered?? to give up a lunch hour to referee a match.

Thanks also to Derek Glockner who made the shields for the winning teams, the Machine Shop for the engraving and to Lindsey Buchan for her lettering. Last but not least thanks to all the supporters who turned out in all weathers to cheer on their teams. Let's hope next year's competition is as successful.

The prospects of a deep water wrecking trip on Colin Turner's new 33' Lochin boat 'Colanjoy' certainly wetted the appetites of many of our enthusiastic fishermen and until a couple of last minute withdrawals it looked as if a draw for places would be necessary for only the second time. As it was seven members set off for Brighton including the two Coles', Dave and Adrian, both making their first appearance on a club trip in the 1980 season. The rest of the party was made up of Graham Taylor, Derek Glockner, Alan Bangay, 'Gene Nalon and yours truly.

Colin's new boat proved to be a vast improvement on the somewhat cramped 'Wavecrest' and we were soon speeding out to deep waters. It didn't seem long before Colin stuck his head out of the wheelhouse to tell us to tackle up with either pirks and cod feathers, or Eddystone Eel 'ures in preparation for drift fishing a wreck.

The first couple of drifts proved to be something of a disaster with a lot of tackle being lost on the wreck and also frequent tangles whilst people found the correct weights for the conditions. Once Colin had got the line of drift with respect to the wreck right fishing became productive. Alan was first into a fish, a plump 12 lb Cod caught on pirk and feathers, and it was not long before further fish started to steadily come aboard. Despite the close attentions of two other charter craft which had followed us out, one anchoring right at the start of our drift line, most drifts produced at least one fish, either a fighting Pollock or a double figure Cod. Eventually the presence of the anchored boat brought about crossed lines and the volatile Colin was engaged in a lively verbal exchange with the other Skipper. At this stage Colin decided to try another nearby wreck but his new installed navigational aids were not working to their usual accuracy and so it was back to the original mark.

When it was announced that there was time for just one more drift, everybody had at least one decent fish, with the exception of 'Gene who seemed destined to go fishless despite all his efforts and changes of tackle. However, just at the last 'Gene hooked and landed a nice Pollock, and so we all set off back to Brighton in good spirits. In total the members caught 8 double figure Cod and 11 Pollock for a total weight of 164½ lb., which together with the skipper's catch of 6 Pollock gave a total weight of well over 200 lb. Best individual effort was that by Derek with 60 lb of fish including a fine 20 lb Cod. Catch details are given below:

A. Bangay	12 lb	1 Cod
A. Cole	27 lb	2 Cod & 2 Pollock
D. Cole	12 lb	1 Cod
D. Glockner	60 lb	3 Cod & 1 Pollock
E. Nalon	3½ lb	1 Pollock
A. Platt	23 lb	4 Pollock
G. Taylor	27 lb	1 Cod & 2 Pollock

The next trip is to Littlehampton with Frank Short on 'Hoppy IV' on June 25th.

A. Platt

The Film Column

Win One, Lose One

So Rank are to stop making feature films. A pity - they had a distinguished record over many years. But it is reported from Hollywood that MGM, who in recent years had made virtually nothing except the occasional TV film, are to re-enter the feature business.

And we hear that, at the age of 80, James Cagney is to make a film again.

National Film Theatre

The MGM retrospective continues in July with more films concentrating on the role of the director, with films ranging from the twenties to the seventies. Directors featured include Rex Ingram (MARE NOSTRUM), Ernst Lubitsch (THE STUDENT PRINCE) Cecil B DeMille, William Wellman, Fred Zinneman, John Huston, Stanley Kubrick (2001, LOLITA), Vincente Minelli and several others.

The NFT is also showing films by Mark Rappaport, Jon Jost and Boris Barnet. And for a bit of local colour, how about some films showing aspects of life in the Borough of Lambeth? As part of the Lambeth Summer Festival, they are showing films of local interest ranging from the 1931 WATERLOO ROAD via the 1967 UP THE JUNCTION to DREAD, BEAT AN' BLOOD, which dates from 1978.

Jazz Films

The Electric Cinema is putting on an event of special interest to lovers of jazz, a Jazz Weekend from July 11th to 14th. Friday's films are all British and centred on the life of the jazz musician, while Saturday's programme is devoted to Duke Ellington. Sunday is Blues Day, and Monday rounds off the proceedings with two pictures of master tenormen and a portrait of the Swing Era.

The Electric is a club cinema, but membership costs only 30p and can be purchased at the door. The Electric Cinema, which is a rare survival of a very early (1913) purpose-built cinema, is in Portobello Road, Notting Hill.

Film Recommendation

Those of you who have been waiting since 1963 to see Spencer Tracy in the film of Ernest Hemingway's THE OLD MAN AND THE SEA need wait no longer. In October of that year we should have shown it here at Wood Lane, but there was a last-minute enforced change to a film called - believe it or not - PHFFFT. Well, on Friday 11th July at 6.15 and again at 8.30 the NFT are showing THE OLD MAN AND THE SEA.

Gabrielle

Although Ballooning is becoming increasingly popular it is still difficult for the newcomer to the sport to find a way into a traditional wicker basket. The Social Club is, I believe, in a unique position in having a Hot-Air Balloon at the disposal of its members, making it possible for them to become involved with the minimum of effort.

In April after a long winter hibernation the Balloon Section stirred to find a month of mostly unfavourable winds, - and May little better. Six free flights were made in this time by means of dedicated wind watching, and by a coincidence all the flights were made from different launch sites!

The 7th of June saw Gabrielle at her first tether display of the year. The event was St Mary's Church Fête at Hitcham in Buckinghamshire.* The weather was kind and over sixty people were given short flights in the course of the afternoon - "Derry" Moore being the pilot.

Our next "event" is at Teddington Hospital Fête on the 28th of June, but in the meantime Gabrielle will be trying to fly every weekend as usual.

If you would like to try ballooning, or would prefer just to watch (or take photographs) contact me for details - I'm one of the trainee pilots.

Joe Lou

- * The attendance of "Gabrielle" at the fete, held to raise funds for the restoration of this old and historic church, was arranged by Mr. Lampitt of Bloomsbury Street and supported by a generous personal contribution to the costs from Dr. George Moore. The Balloon Section is very grateful for this support.

Executive Council

At an executive council meeting prior to the AGM the following points were noted.

- (i) Christine Haylock was welcomed as the new Hon. Treasurer, and the list of signatories to the Club's cheques was amended accordingly.
- (ii) The Film Society had agreed to limit the number of tickets to a maximum of 200.
- (iii) Coach trips would be organised in future on a self-financing basis.
- (iv) The balloon van was to be available for hire by other sections at a rate of 8p/mile.
- (v) A set of small speakers and some tapes are

Social Club AGM

The AGM of the Social Club, held on May 15, was, like many such events, thinly attended. On behalf of the Executive Council, Stuart Castle (Vice-Chairman) reported a generally good year and emphasised the revival of the Football Section under the guidance of Roger Roberts.

A number of financial problems, including withdrawal of Publicity Department's support for the balloon and lower than anticipated income from the bar, had been encountered and subsequently overcome.

The Vice-Chairman thanked Pat Donovan, who had resigned as Hon. Treasurer, for his work, and announced that Christine Haylock had undertaken to carry out this function in future.

The officers, executive council and bar committee for 1980-81 were elected, and are as follows:

OFFICERS

President	-	Vacant
Vice-President	-	Vacant
Chairman	-	Dr. G.F. Moore
Vice-Chairman	-	Mr. S.M. Castle
Hon. Treasurer	-	Miss C.D. Haylock
General Secretary	-	Mr. P.T.J. Walton

Executive Council

Mr. C.R.E. Carroll
Miss Y.M. Ferrier
Mr. R.A.G. Fraser
Mr. D.J. Green
Mr. D.R. Groombridge
Mr. R.G. Maidlow
Mr. R. Millward

Bar Committee

Miss Y.M. Ferrier
Mr. D. Goff
Mr. R. Roberts
Mr. N. Thearle

Disco

Friday the 16th May provided an opportunity for about one hundred people to gather on the fifth floor for another in the very successful series of Discos. Without the magnetism of the buffet to encourage an early arrival only a handful of people had arrived by about 9.30 pm and stepping from the lift only the music confirmed that you had in fact come on the correct night. However, as the light outside faded and the DJ cured the gremlins in his record decks things began to pick up. Encouraged by these late arrivals the first dancers moved on to the floor and were soon followed by most of the other people present. The disco had now come alive and apart from short interludes, when the DJ obviously played music which did not appeal to most people, continued to be so through to the finish.

Overall the Disco was another success and for this our thanks go to the organisers, bar staff, the people who

Health and Safety

Lifting Tackle

All the portable lifting tackle, such as shackles, wire rope slings, etc., has now been collected together on a rack in the General Fitting Workshop, where it will be available for general use against a signature. All the approved items have been painted a distinctive orange colour or carry orange markings, and also carry a tag stamped with the Safe Working Load, along with an identifying number.

All the marked items have been checked and approved by the Insurance Inspector, and it is in your interest to use only approved items. There may still be one or two pieces of equipment hidden around the site which have escaped attention - if you come across any of these, DON'T use them but return them at once to W.E. Department for checking. They will either be approved, marked and re-issued, or disposed of if they fall short of requirements.

One thing further; if a piece of approved equipment you are using gets damaged - a wire rope sling may get distorted, or a strand break - don't simply put it away and say nothing; report it at once. There will be no recriminations. Better the expense of buying a replacement than the far greater possible expense of a serious accident.

G.F. Holder
H & S Committee

Poets Corner II

Aphrodite

I look at her once more, holding her gently in my arms,
And she is transformed -
Charming and ecstatic, she gazes at me.

Patches of moisture near her eyebrows, lips parted slightly;
Her eyes wide open, engaged in silent conversation;
Bosom heaving slowly, limbs laid softly by her side.

I stare into the depths of her eyes,
And suddenly the myths of ancient Greece
Come to life before me.

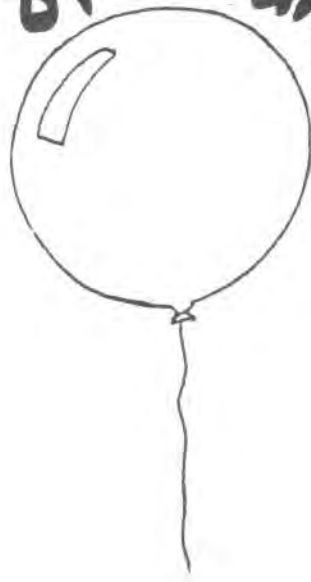
I cannot put a name to that face,
Although I feel I have seen her before.
I know, she is Aphrodite, the maiden of love.

"Ambidextrous"

August 8th

balloon disco

8pm ~ 1am



members 70p
guests £1.00



all proceeds
go to the
balloon section