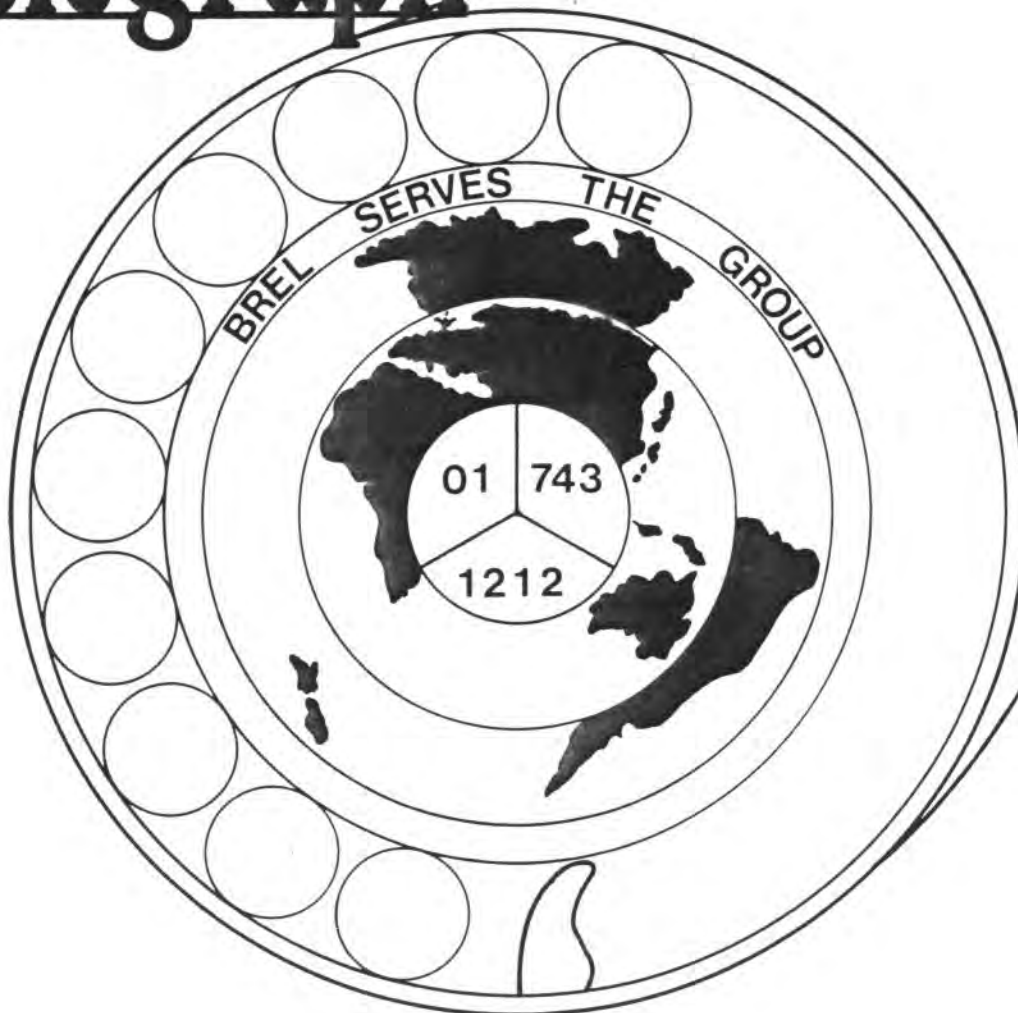


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"Telegraph-Cable"
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Editorial

When Mr. Warren, and others, addressed us 15 months ago there were many cynics in the audience who believed that we were in for another demonstration of Robert Burns' observation concerning mice and men. The fact that it was necessary for Mr. Warren to put in another appearance (this time, bravely, alone), at which he probably felt something like a coconut at a fairground, may have been interpreted by the same cynics as vindication of their beliefs. Whilst nobody can undo the inconvenience already suffered, it is perhaps worth highlighting a couple of points in the hope that the situation may be prevented from boiling over in future.

The first point was made by Dr. Moore in his summing-up when he suggested that Henry Boot had taken advantage of BICC's good nature. We have no record of the number of complaints made so far. We suspect it is considerable. Unfortunately complaining takes time, energy, determination and persistence, and neither staff nor union representatives nor management have limitless supplies of these qualities. There is a tendency after a while to shrug one's shoulders and get on with other things. No doubt Henry Boot are aware of this aspect of human behaviour, but far from hiding behind it they should be more self-critical of their operations. For our part we must maintain the pressure on them.

The other point revolves around that old problem, communication, or lack of it. That Henry Boot have had enormous problems is now perfectly clear, but why was it necessary to learn of them so late in the day? It has been demonstrated time and again that people left in ignorance get upset. A little information at the right time goes a long way to promoting understanding and cooperation. If Mr. Warren wishes to send in a "Monthly Report" in future our columns are at his disposal. A couple of paragraphs every four or five weeks must be preferable to the inquisition.

Personnel News

LEAVERS Farewell to:-

Bill Yarranton of the Mathematics Department who left after 10 years service to take up alternative employment.

Tony Barrett of the Patents and Licensing Department who left after two years service. Best wishes for a full and speedy recovery.

John Jansz of Design and Supply who left after 1 years service to take up alternative employment.

STARTERS Welcome to:-

Ian Taylor who joins us as a Student Apprentice in the Physics Department.

Mavis Thomas who joins us as a Clerk/Typist in the Product Engineering Department.

Alan Halliday who joins us as a Technical Officer in the Mathematics Department.

George Heisler who joins us as a Technical Officer in the Optical Systems Department.

RETIREMENTS

Best wishes for a long and happy retirement go to Doug Latimer of Product Engineering, Applications, who retires at the end of February after 28 years service with the company.

LONG SERVICE AWARDS

Congratulations on 20 years service with the company go to:-

Bob Puckowski on 16th January.

Nicko Schuurman on 1st February.

OBITUARY

MR. W. A. DEAN

We were very sorry to hear that Bill Dean, ex member of the Works Engineering Department at Wood Lane, passed away on 7th January, 1981 aged 78 years.

Bill worked at Wood Lane for 23 years until his retirement in 1973 and will be sadly missed by all his colleagues and friends.

Biccarella



LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE,
ITS SO MUCH EASIER TO
RESIST A PUDDING WHEN
IT COSTS 15p!

PHILATELY

If anyone would like any of the following Catalogues,
please collect from H. W. G. Boulton, (Ext. 237)

- 1941 Whole World Simplified
- 1961 Whole World
- 1962 British Commonwealth (Part One)

Dysphagian Diary

(the occasional column where seeing is not always believing)

A few people in government and industry are beginning to make noises, admittedly of low audibility, suggesting that the pace of the recession is slowing down. When the Chairman of the Chemical Industries Association spoke at a recent business meeting it wasn't altogether clear if he was referring to the same trend when he remarked that,

"It is true to say that after the first six months of 1980, the chemicals industry found itself on the edge of a precipice. It has now taken a step forward".

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One effect of the recession has been to push people further into debt, and some will inevitably be unable to meet their debts later on. One of the strongest claims for an old debt was made to the War Office in 1943.

"An Army officer noticed in the London Gazette that his promotion was dated 1443, so he wrote claiming arrears of pay for the previous 500 years. The War Office acknowledged the justice of his claim, but pointed out that, as he was the oldest serving officer in the British Army, they must hold him responsible for certain losses of arms and equipment.

They sent him a carefully enumerated list of all bows and arrows not accounted for after the battle of Flodden, muskets mislaid at Malplaquet, cannon lost at Dettingen and tents and stores not brought back from Waterloo.

Strangely enough the bill for these expenses was exactly 5p more than the officer's claim for arrears of pay."

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Finally this month an observation from an unknown source, but one that we should all bear in mind.

"The objective of all dedicated company employees should be to analyse thoroughly all situations, anticipate all problems prior to their occurrence, have answers to these problems and move swiftly to solve these problems when called upon.

"However, when you are up to your backside in alligators, it is difficult to remind yourself that your initial objective was to drain the swamp."

Thank You

Many thanks to all pensioners who sent cards, letters and messages of good will to the Bush Telegraph over the festive season. We greatly appreciate these, and are pleased to know that you find the magazine worthwhile.

Editorial Board

White City Industrial Park

A very high percentage of the site gathered in the Main Hall last Friday (30th January) to listen to the representative from Henry Boot (Mr. Warren) explain why the development was not proceeding according to the originally announced schedule, and to make complaints and suggestions. For those who did not attend the hour passed as follows:

Fran Lam briefly outlined the history from October '79 when Mr. Warren first came to Wood Lane with his associates, to talk to the staff and to explain the proposed development. He then handed over to Mr. Warren who started by explaining the structure in the British Contracting Industry and the relationship between Henry Boot, in this case the main contractor, and the other parties such as the gas and water boards who he claimed would not enter into binding contracts regarding when various work should be carried out. Mr. Warren then turned his attention to the access road which was initially scheduled to start in November, 1979 and be completed prior to phase 2. Essentially he cited two main reasons for the delay, both of which should now be sorted out.

1. The services could not be laid as was planned over the existing underground railway tunnels.
2. It was necessary to excavate a shaft to below the level of the tunnels for effluent drainage.

Mr. Warren then outlined the present order of events, which had been finalised on the previous Wednesday, stressing however that they were subject to change of which BICC would be notified.

Starting, 9th February, the traffic island at the BICC site entrance is to be made larger. Simultaneously the electricity board will be working in the same area to connect up Phase 1. Access will therefore continue to be on one side of the triangle only.

Due to a reduction in the allowed thickness of the new road surface all the curb stones, laid some weeks ago, are to be repositioned. The footpath will then be surfaced, mainly over weekends, towards the end of February. In the mean time the path will be swept daily.

Major excavations are going to occur at the Wood Lane entrance to enable service ducts to be laid. This will result in a width restriction which will last for 1½ - 3 weeks and possibly will entail installation of traffic lights. Construction of the road will start in March and last for 2 months. Initially all the existing surface must be removed and this again probably means traffic lights.

In May the road will be dug up again to lay a gas main along the centre (4 weeks).

Finally on a broader front Mr. Warren gave the overall completion dates for the Henry Boot development, these are:

Phase 1 - Mid February 1981

Phase 2 - (along access road) - End July 1981

Phase 3 - (Wood Lane entrance)- February 1982

with the final road surface, including yellow lines, being laid in January - February 1982.

The meeting was then thrown open for questions which Fran Lam suggested were grouped into main categories. The main points raised were as follows:

- Footpath Height with respect to the crash barrier and the barbed wire on the L. T. wall.
- Hazard to pedestrian caused by the sharp edges on the crash barrier.
- Drainage and sweeping.
- Lighting.
- Positioning and relative height of service ducts.
- Width of path on the corner opposite triangle.
- Road Cleaning (Mr. Warren stated that if anybody knew a satisfactory method to clean the road he would get it done).
- Who was responsible for damage to vehicles (Fran said that he was looking into the position regarding possible claims for damage to clothes and vehicles.)
- Obstruction both by contractors vehicles and lorries parked overnight.

George Moore in summarising expressed the company's displeasure at the non appearance of the architect who should have accompanied Mr. Warren and said that he hoped to see him at some time in the future.

Reproduced opposite are a selection of the photographs of the drive taken by Bob Maidlow on 22nd January.

Holiday Accommodation

A terraced cottage close to the harbour at BRANCASTER STAITHE, NORTH NORFOLK, available for holiday lets, from April to October. Local amenities include good beach, Scolt Head bird sanctuary, sailing and a golf course.

Details Mike Kendle (341)
Polymers Dept.



The Footpath



The B.I.C.C. Triangle



The Sea of Mud

Christmas Party

Tuesday 23rd December marked a new event for the Social Club when Yvonne Ferrier, and helpers, organised a cocktail evening which attracted between 35-40 people including several who do not normally use the Social Club bar. We can only assume that most people had a good time as many claim not to remember much about the event. A prize of free beer, for the year, was on offer to anybody who managed to drink every cocktail listed in Yvonne's little black book. Obviously Brian thought that this prize was within his capabilities before being carried, or was it stretched? from the bar. Others such as Derek and Lee confined themselves to the well tried and tested Gin and Tonic. Needless to say the prize remained unclaimed. Given below is the list of cocktails that were available from the bar.

We are informed by Yvonne that what finished her off was, quote, "A double Between the Sheets".

<u>RED SQUARE</u> [1]		<u>BETWEEN THE SHEETS</u> [12]			
Vodka, Kirsberry, Orange	50p	Brandy, Cointreau, Barcardi	70p		
<u>RED BARON</u> [2]		<u>DESIRE</u> [13]			
Vodka, Gin, Vermouth, Kirsberry	70p	Brandy, Dry Vermouth, Amaretto di Saronno	70p		
<u>HARVEY WALLBANGER</u> [3]		<u>ALMOND COCKTAIL</u> [14]			
Vodka, Galliano, Orange Juice	50p	Gin, Amaretto di Saronno, Soda	50p		
<u>AMBER CLOUD</u> [4]		<u>GIN & SIN</u> [15]		<u>POLLY'S SPECIAL</u> [23]	<u>ORANGE BLOOM</u> [27]
Brandy Galliano	60p	Gin, Cinzano, Soda	50p	Scotch, Cointreau, Grapefruit	60p
<u>BUNNY HUG</u> [5]		<u>GIN DAIQUIRI</u> [16]		<u>ICEBERG</u> [24]	<u>PIRATES COCKTAIL</u> [28]
Gin, Whisky, Pernod	60p	Gin, Bacardi, Lime Juice	50p	Cointreau, Galliano, Orange	60p
<u>ABBEY COCKTAIL</u> [6]		<u>DIXIE</u> [17]		<u>GOLDEN FROG</u> [25]	<u>POMPANO</u> [29]
Gin, Vermouth, Orange Juice	50p	Gin, Orange, Pernod, Dry Vermouth	50p	Vodka, Galliano, Lemon	50p
<u>AMERICANO</u> [7]		<u>AFFINITY</u> [18]		<u>MIAMI BEACH</u> [26]	<u>CHERRY DAIQUIRI</u> [30]
Campari, Vermouth, Soda	50p	Scotch, Sweet & Dry Vermouth	50p	Scotch, Dry Vermouth, Grapefruit	50p
<u>NEGRONI</u> [8]		<u>DRY MANHATTAN</u> [19]			
Campari, Vermouth, Gin	60p	Scotch, Dry Vermouth	50p		
<u>CANADIAN CAMPARI</u> [9]		<u>WHITE LILY</u> [20]			
Whisky, Dry Vermouth, Campari	50p	Gin, Bacardi, Cointreau	70p		
<u>COGNAC MINT</u> [10]		<u>EMERALD ISLE</u> [21]			
Creme de Menthe, Brandy	50p	Gin, Creme de Menthe	50p		
<u>BAIRN</u> [11]		<u>CHURCHILL</u> [22]			
Scotch, Cointreau	50p	Scotch, Cointreau, Sweet Vermouth, Lime	70p		

NAME THE NEW BUILDING

Opening day for the new building is getting closer, and entries for our competition to find a suitable name for it are still coming in. A number of you have told us of your intention of entering, but still have not put pen to paper. Time is running out, so send your choice, or choices, to Mike Hagger - now.

Howe Much This Year?

Last year's Budget-guessing competition was, in terms of number of entries received, the most successful audience-participation exercise we have ever had. So; we are giving you another chance to get out your crystal balls and see if you can predict the secrets of the despatch box before Sir Geoffrey speaks.

Listed below are a number of items which may be affected by the budget proposals. The object of the competition is to predict the new levels of the various taxes or allowances, and the changes, if any, in various duties. A £5 prize will go to the person with the highest number of correct predictions, and £2 to the runner-up.

All entries should reach Richard Hammond by 3.30 pm on Budget Day which, at the time of writing, is thought likely to be Tuesday 10 or 17th March. Answers will be checked against figures given in the transcript of the Chancellor's speech as reported in the following day's newspapers.

Item	Currently	Prediction
1. Standard rate of income tax	30%	
2. Personal tax allowance - married man	£2 145	
3. Taxable earned income charged at standard rate	£11 250	
4. Ceiling for tax relief on mortgage	£25 000	
5. VAT	15%	
6. Road fund licence	£60	
7. Minimum Lending Rate	14%	
8. Change in price of:-		
(i) Pint of Beer	-	
(ii) Gallon of petrol	-	
(iii) 20 cigarettes	-	
(iv) Bottle of wine	-	
9. Tax-free Luncheon Voucher	15p per day	

Leadergram

The solution to the Christmas Leadergram was "Agatha Christie: Death on the Nile," and the passage from the book read as follows:

"Some people were playing tennis in the hot sun. He paused to watch them for a while, then went on down the steep path. It was here, sitting on a bench overlooking the Nile, that he came upon the girl of Chez Ma Tante. He recognised her at once: her face as he had seen it that night was securely etched upon his memory. The expression on it now was very different."

The solutions to the individual clues were as follows:

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| A. All the Kings Men | B. Ghettoes (Anag.) |
| C. Anchors Aweigh | D. Thumbs Down |
| E. Hen Party | F. Apothecary (Anag.) |
| G. Cheese and Wine | H. Home Cure |
| J. Reveal the Truth | K. Informed Opinion |
| L. Stand-Up Fight | M. Two-Tone Horn |
| N. In Hot Weather | P. Elephant |
| Q. Deep Freeze | R. Empty Vessels |
| S. Anyhow | T. Technical (Anag.) |
| U. Hitherto | V. On The Set |
| W. New Testament (Anag.) | X. Thin Ice |
| Y. Hewers of Wood | Z. Exposes |
| A! Nice as Pie | B! In the Fashion |
| C! Laughing | D! Et Cetera |

Fifteen entries were received and all were put into a hat substitute (a cardboard box) and an independent member of staff drew out the winner, who turned out to be our old friend "Doc" Watson, who retired to his country seat just a few years ago. Nice to hear from you again, Doc, and congratulations.

G. F. Holder

Christmas Disco

Friday the 19th of December saw the annual BICC Xmas Disco. The event nearly never took place, however we finally kicked off at about 8.30 p.m. Unfortunately compared to previous years, it was not as well supported as one would have liked, however I'm sure all who came enjoyed it.

At its peak perhaps 50 attended which made it quite cosy. There was plenty of food, and indeed for a week after I was eating nothing but sandwiches. I've still in fact got some Cole Slaw left any offers?

The D. J. who has been at the Embassy, Crackers and the Rock Gardens on the whole I think catered for most people's needs, and was quite good. His quizzes though were perhaps a little difficult so few prizes were won.

The disco finished just after 1.30 a.m. and the place was empty by 2.00 a.m. Everyone who came went home with food, chocolates or bottles of wine, or should have.

S. Akish

Children's Christmas Party

The children's party was held on the 13th December with 93 tickets being issued as compared with 130 for the previous years party.

Following the well established format the party kicked off with Punch & Judy which as usual was enjoyed by everybody. The children then descended to the 4th floor to have tea. This year the catering was organised by the Social Club with Captain Bob 'Birdseye' Maidlow, complete with chef's hat, acting as unpaid hamburger chef (liquid lunch provided) and Eric Chawner as the Jelly King. The children did give the helpers one problem in that they did not eat the Angel Whip and 10 litres down the sink was found to be not a very good idea.

The children then returned to the 5th floor to watch a series of cartoons before the most popular man of the afternoon Father "John Graves" Christmas arrived to distribute presents to the children.

One obvious absentee from this year's party was Eileen King, who had previously been involved for more years than we can remember, which left the job of organising the party to Peter Walton and Roy Fraser. We are informed by Roy than even now they are thinking about organising next years' party.

On behalf of the children a big thank-you to all the helpers.

ONE R

Nobody came forward with an explanation of our primitive tribe's multiplication stones, so it is left to the Editorial Board, non-mathematicians all, to make some observations on the problem.

Because of the halving and doubling it is reasonable to assume that the number '2' has some bearing on the mechanism, and if one examines the example given, 19×17 , we note that the final answer is given by the sum of $2^4 \times 19$ and $2^0 \times 19$. We also recognise that 17 can be written as $2^4 + 2^0$.

If we take another example, 24×12 , we could say that 12 can be written as $2^3 + 2^2$, and if we followed the primitive stone shifting technique we should end up adding $192 (8 \times 24)$ to $96 (4 \times 24)$. A quick check shows this to be so

24	12
48	6
96	3
192	1

This may not be a sophisticated mathematical explanation, but it seems to work. A more rigorous treatment would be welcomed.

Health and Safety

SAFETY SIGNS AT WORK

A recent request has made it obvious that not everyone on site is aware that under the Safety Signs Regulations 1980 all new safety signs on premises covered by the Health and Safety at Work Act (that includes all BICC sites including Wood Lane and Alperton) must conform with new regulations implementing an EEC Directive of 1977. Existing non-conforming signs must be replaced within five years.

The Regulations refer to British Standard 5378: Part 1: 1980, which is a revision of the earlier BS 5378: 1976, for details of safety signs. There are four main types, each with its own characteristic shape and colour as follows.

PROHIBITION



Circular, red border with red diagonal bar across **black** symbol on a white ground. Used to ban particular action, e.g. "Do not extinguish with water."

MANDATORY



Circular, white symbol on a blue ground. Used where a specific action must be taken e.g. "Hearing protection must be worn".

WARNING



Triangular, black border and symbol on a yellow ground. Used to indicate hazard, e.g. "Caution, toxic hazard".

SAFE CONDITION



Rectangular, white symbol on green ground. Used to indicate emergency exits, first aid posts, position of safety equipment, e.g. "First Aid".

Note that circular signs compel, triangular signs warn and rectangular signs inform.

The symbols are intended to be understood internationally without words, but further information may be provided on supplementary signs. Additionally if identification is required of places where there is a risk of collision, falling, falling objects, etc. or

where there are awkward steps, or holes in the ground (Balfour Beatty and Henry Boot please note), danger identification strips should be displayed around the perimeter of the dangerous area. Such strips comprise alternate diagonal bands of orange or yellow and black.



Users of old catalogues may find signs depicted which are no longer legal for new notices, particularly a series based on the I.C.I. range of safety symbols. When ordering or devising new safety signs, please check that they conform to BS5378: Part 1: 1980. If in doubt or if advice is needed, contact Ron Hall (285) or John Littler (242)

Shell - Shocked

Workers in HV2 and HV4 will be relieved to hear that Mr. Littler and staff were immediately on top of the situation when a shell was unearthed recently next to the North Wall, by the industrious workers of Messrs. H. Boot and Co. Henry Boot informed Mr. Littler of the occurrence immediately, and the police were on the scene within a few minutes. The police gave an assurance that there was in fact no immediate danger to R & E L personnel and that evacuation of the premises was not necessary. The Bomb Disposal Squad arrived after a very short interval, and removed the shell from the area. A case of triumph for steady-state over big bang theory?

The above calls to mind an earlier incident, which took place during the war years, and we quote from "The History of Wood Lane" which was serialised several years ago in the B.T. It concerns our former neighbours on that part of what is to be the White City Industrial Park,

"R. Adair and Company Limited who, as scrap metal merchants, were reclaiming quantities of defective war material, including, as it happens, a number of 'dud' shells. One such reputedly 'dud' shell responded to this 'reclaiming' treatment by exploding within a few moments of the worker (a woman) putting down her oxy-acetylene cutting equipment to fetch a cup of tea. The windows on the north side of our premises were shattered and shrapnel marks made in the wall. The polythene shop in HV2 was short-staffed that afternoon and, so far as Adair's were concerned the bottom had been blown out of the second-hand shell market!"

One wonders, idly perhaps, how many other such "duds" may be buried out there.

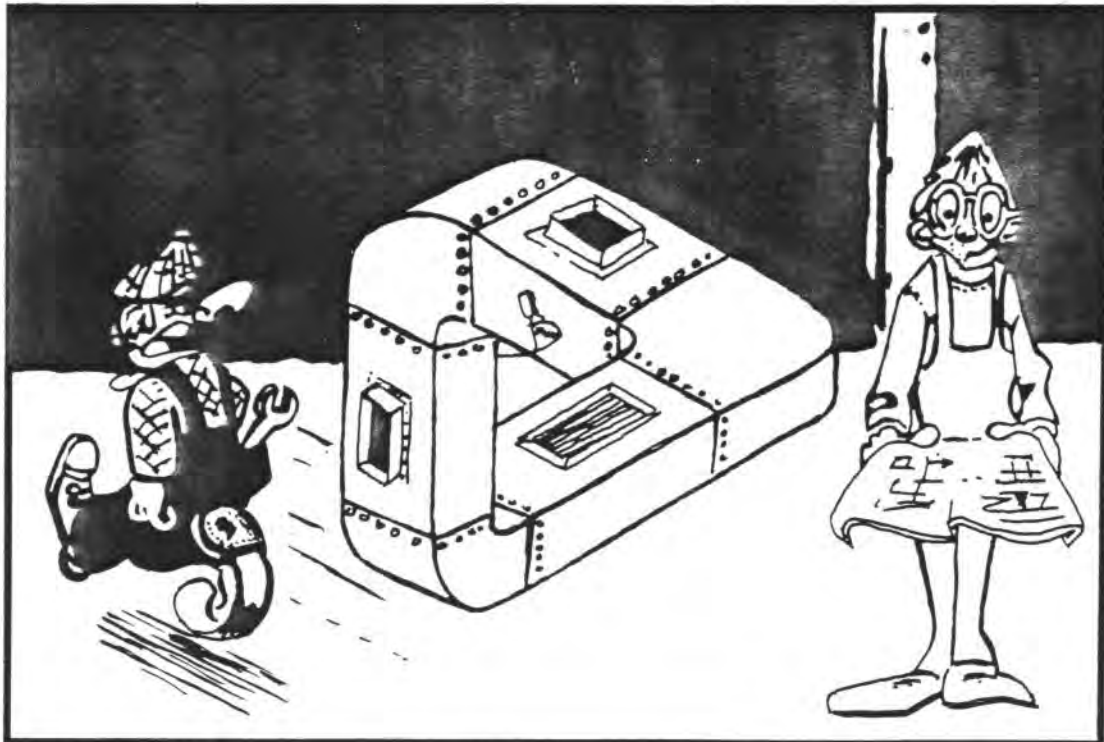
The History of Electric Wires and Cables

Due to the reorganisation of the Library Bob Black has not had sufficient time to complete part 33 of the History of Wires and Cables, but does hope to have it ready for publication in the next edition of the B.T. in early March.

LIBRARY

We welcome to Wood Lane our colleagues from the former Prescott Technical Library, who are now in residence. Barry Mitchell arrived shortly before Christmas, and he was joined in mid-January by Ken Baker and Les Ireland. They look forward to making your acquaintance - but please don't all rush over together, they are still getting straight.

With all the building, re-building and re-locating currently going on around us it is perhaps understandable that one or two hiccups are occurring. We hope that none of them will be quite as disturbing as that suggested below in a Christmas card sent to Ben in the Works Engineering Department by Vent Installation Limited.



'The draughtsman designed it, let him install it'

New Telephone System

The Prescott site will be connected up to the BICC telephone network on the 2nd March. Following this date it will therefore be possible to dial direct to Prescott without going through Sandra - assuming that is that you know the number you require!!!

Reminder

You are reminded that the stores will be closed during the period 9 - 23 February, while the stock is transferred to its new location in the old machine shop.

Goods inward and the changing of laboratory coats etc. will however continue as normal.

Poets Corner

He sits in a corner,
The sun never reaches him,
Nobody stops to say hullo,
His eyes are a glaze,
Still unaccustomed to the dark or even the light.

Tears roll out of his sunken eyes,
They fall into the gutter, mingling with the rain,
Will you wave to him?
He won't hear you,
His ears only hear his thoughts.

The rain never stops here,
The dirt won't wash away,
Some day the sun may rise,
His womb is yours and mine,
He cries our tears and we don't know how to thank him.

He never speaks beyond a whisper,
The soft voice never carries,
He tells himself he's dreaming,
But he never smiles,
His release will be eternity.

Peter Jennings

Puzzle

The following puzzle is based on predecimal currency when there were twelve pennies to the shilling and twenty shillings in the £1. All you have to do is make the following list worth £25.6s.8d.

Bicycle
Headgear
Leather worker
Stone
Singer
Domestic rodent
Sun-Moon-Stars

Send your answers to this puzzle, to Richard Hammond by 23rd February. A prize of £1 will be awarded to the lucky winner drawn from the hat.

SECTION REPORTS

BRIDGE SECTION

The team playing in the 3rd division of the LBH League are now in a good position having won five of the six matches played to date. The latest victory being against '33' Club by a 9-3 margin, this avenged our defeat by the same team earlier in the season.

In the 1st division of the Hammersmith League the competition is much stronger and we continue to obtain mixed results. After losing to NTG 'A' by 2 - 18 we gained a pleasing result by defeating 'Young Chelsea' for the first time ever by 15 - 5.

RESULTS FOR JANUARY

NTG 'A'	26 - 76	IMPS	2 - 18	Victory points
Young Chelsea	60 - 32	IMPS	15 - 5	Victory points
33 Club 'A'	79 - 49	IMPS	9 - 3	Victory points

HAMMERSMITH LEAGUE 1st Division

<u>Team</u>	<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>I.M.Ps.</u>		<u>Victory Points</u>
					<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	
Hammersmith Flyover	8	6	1	1	556	312	116
NTG Fulham 'A'	7	5	-	2	419	298	90
Lyons 'A'	8	3	2	3	452	428	83
Young Chelsea	8	4	-	4	418	446	76
B.I.C.C. 'A'	8	3	1	4	382	513	65
NTG Fulham 'C'	8	2	-	6	387	506	59
Wimpey 'A'	5	1	-	4	247	358	31

The Film Column

NEXT FILM SHOW: KEATON AND RAFFERTY

The next film show starts with something which should appeal to Wood Lane's balloon fraternity: Buster Keaton in THE BALLOONATIC. This is followed by RAFFERTY AND THE GOLD DUST TWINS, a comedy starring Alan Arkin and Sally Kellerman. The show is on Wednesday 18th February in the Main Hall of McFadzean, starting at 6.30.

THE FILM COMMITTEE

Helen Royal has joined the Film Committee, and has taken over as secretary from Ted Cooke; Ted continues as treasurer.

If you would like to join the happy few who select the films which are shown at Wood Lane (as well as sharing in the hard work of putting on the shows), the AGM on March 4th (see below) will see the election of the new committee, and you can be on it. Contact Helen Royal in Analytical Services Department (ext 284).

The AGM of the Film Section will be held on Wednesday 4th March at 1 p.m. in the Small Conference (2nd floor McFadzean). Please come along to help elect the new committee (and join it? see above). It is also proposed to adopt amendments to our constitution, the purpose of which is (a) to change the name officially to that by which we have been unofficially known for many years, BICC Film Society; (b) to bring the financial provisions up to date; and (c) to specify a maximum attendance at film shows in order to ensure that the capacity of the hall is not exceeded.

These changes to the constitution, which were discussed at last year's AGM, have been approved by the Social Club's Executive Council. You will find full details on the Social Club Notice Board (4th floor); if you would like a copy, please contact Tom Ruben (322).

FILM RECOMMENDATION

Akira Kurosawa's latest and, according to numerous critics, best film is the epic KAGEMUSHA. At the time these notes are being written, it is showing up the road at the Coronet, Notting Hill Gate, at the Gate Two in Bloomsbury, Cinecenta in Panton Street and Chelsea Classic. Don't miss it if it comes your way.

And don't miss THE BALLOONATIC and RAFFERTY at Wood Lane, Wednesday 18th February.

GENEALOGY SECTION

In the House of Lords, just before Christmas, the Lord Chancellor announced that plans to close the Central London reading rooms of the PRO (Chancery Lane and Portugal Street) are in abeyance. The transfer of all records to Kew is being studied further, together with the vexed question of public access to registers of Births, Deaths and Marriages over 100 years old.

On the subject of Births, Deaths and Marriages, Molly Nalon has circulated details of the revised arrangements at St. Catherine's House. These particularly affect the location of the index files on Deaths. If you have not received details please contact Molly.

The following additions have been made to the section's library.

- i) "A Simplified Guide to Probate Jurisdictions" published by the Federation of Family History Societies.
- ii) A full set up to June 1980 of "The Norfolk Ancestor" (the journal of the Norfolk and Norwich G.S.) donated by Alan Bangay.
- iii) "How to tackle your Family History", a short beginner's guide published by the Federation.
- iv) Reprints of Federation leaflets covering,
 - (a) British Local Record Offices
 - (b) Marriage Indexes in England and Wales.

All these may be consulted or borrowed via the Secretary, Mike Hagger.

In addition, George Batchen has obtained two books of particular interest to those with Scottish ancestry. These are,

- i) "Scottish Genealogical Research" by Donald Whyte.
- ii) The Scottish Genealogy Society's Register of Member's Interests.

Please see George if you wish to borrow them.

One of the most disheartening things that family historians encounter is the "wrong certificate". At £3.50 each it is frustrating to receive a certificate and find it is not what you hoped and has no connection with your researches. The Birmingham and Midland Society is compiling a national index from these misfits, in which all names, including witnesses, maiden names etc, are being logged. If you have any certificates to donate the Secretary will forward them on your behalf or give you the appropriate address.

Lastly this month, the North Middlesex FHS advise us that they are holding a conference on Saturday, 25th April at the Friends Meeting House, Euston Road. More details later.

Diary of Events

DATE	EVENT	FOR INFORMATION
Wednesday 18th Feb.	Film Show: Main Hall 6.30 p.m. 'RAFFERTY AND THE GOLD DUST TWINS' and 'THE BALLOONATIC'	Ted Cooke
Monday 23rd Feb.	Last date for contributions to the Bush Telegraph.	Editorial Board
Monday 9th March.	Publication day Bush Telegraph	Editorial Board
Wednesday 18th March	Film Show: Main Hall 6.30 p.m. 'GIRL ON A MOTORCYCLE' and 'TRUCK STOP WOMEN'	Ted Cooke
Wednesday 15th April	Provisional party booking the 'The Provok'd Wife' by Sir John Vanbrugh at the National Theatre (Lyttleton) 7.45 pm	Richard Grigsby
Watch Notice Boards.	5-a-Side Football	Peter Walters
<u>REGULAR EVENTS</u>		
Tuesday	Badminton Keep Fit	Vic Banks Dave Cole
Thursday	Badminton Air Pistol Shooting Bridge	Vic Banks Peter Walters or Denis Groombridge Roy Fraser
Weekends.	Hot Air Ballooning	Joe Lou or Roger Millward.

**BICC
FILM SOCIETY
27th SEASON**

**Rafferty and
The Gold Dust
Twins**

Wednesday February 18th

MAIN HALL 5th FLOOR 6.30 pm

Admission by programme
Members 50p Guests 60p

and
BUSTER KEATON
in
The Balloonatic