

BUSH TELEGRAPH



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EDITORIAL

As the nights draw in and the prospects of improving your golf or drowning in Poole Harbour get shelved for another year, I would like to call upon you to light the lamps, stoke the fire and see what masterpieces your quill can produce.

The B.T. is a magazine for the people by the people and can only be as interesting as you make it - so instead of waiting for the heavies to knock on your door, why not decide that it's about time you became more than a zero contributor!

I feel sure that out there in the realms of the Wood Lane brainbank lie talents, as yet unknown. Perhaps an Eddie Shah or a D.H. Lawrence, wasted - quietly contemplating the consistency of the canteen custard.

In an effort to provide the climate and proper nourishment to let you grow, the Social Club is holding an event particularly for those who have recently joined the company, in order to introduce the various clubs and societies at Wood Lane. Representatives will be present from each section to explain what's what and who's who. A warm welcome will be extended to everyone on site who knows a face without a name - look out for details.

PERSONNEL NEWS

LEAVERS Farewell and best wishes to:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Service</u>
Mr O Ethemsoy	C A Manufacture	1 year
Mr G Buckley	Patents & Licensing	4½ years
Mrs P M Littler	Mathematics	2 years
Mr M Littleboy	Plant & Process Engineering	4 years
Mr J Littler	Site Services	21 years
Mr R Wilson-Thomas	Patents & Licensing	3½ years
Mr I C Chapman	Administration	4½ years
Mr A Merralli	Electronic Development	3 months

Mr J R Blackett who joins BSCL at Erith
and Mr D S Ohbi who joins BGCL at Leigh

Long Service Awards

Dr R M Black completed 40 years service on 20th August,
Mr E L Williams completed 20 years on 23rd August.



Miss M S Hudson
Mathematics



Mr R Rahmani-Torkaman
C A Manufacture



Mrs A Turner
Administration



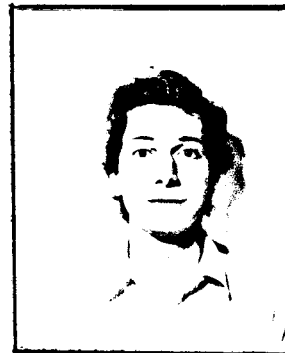
Miss M Baxter
Administration



Mrs R Dutta
Administration



Miss J Howell
Patents - Licensing



Mr J L S Palmer
C A Manufacture



Mr D Teelucksingh
C A Manufacture



Mr I R Wright
Electronic Development



Mr D J Engert
C A Manufacture



Mr J C Moore
C A Manufacture



Mr D V Chalk
Electronic Development

RETIREMENT



JOHN LITTLER

John Littler retired on 31st August, 1985 after almost 30 years with BICC. John, who is a Chartered Engineer and a member of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, joined BICC at Prescot as a Contracts Engineer in the Accessories Division, an appointment he held for one year before becoming Assistant Works Engineer at W.T. Glovers. After three years he returned to Accessories Division as Service s Engineer before coming to Wood Lane as Works Engineer in May, 1973. John held this post under various titles until retirement as Manager, Works Services.

During his term of office John was involved in and also initiated many improvements on the site; he was involved from start to finish on the erection of Brazier Building but most of all he will be remembered for initiating our Health and Safety Committee of which for many years he was Chairman.

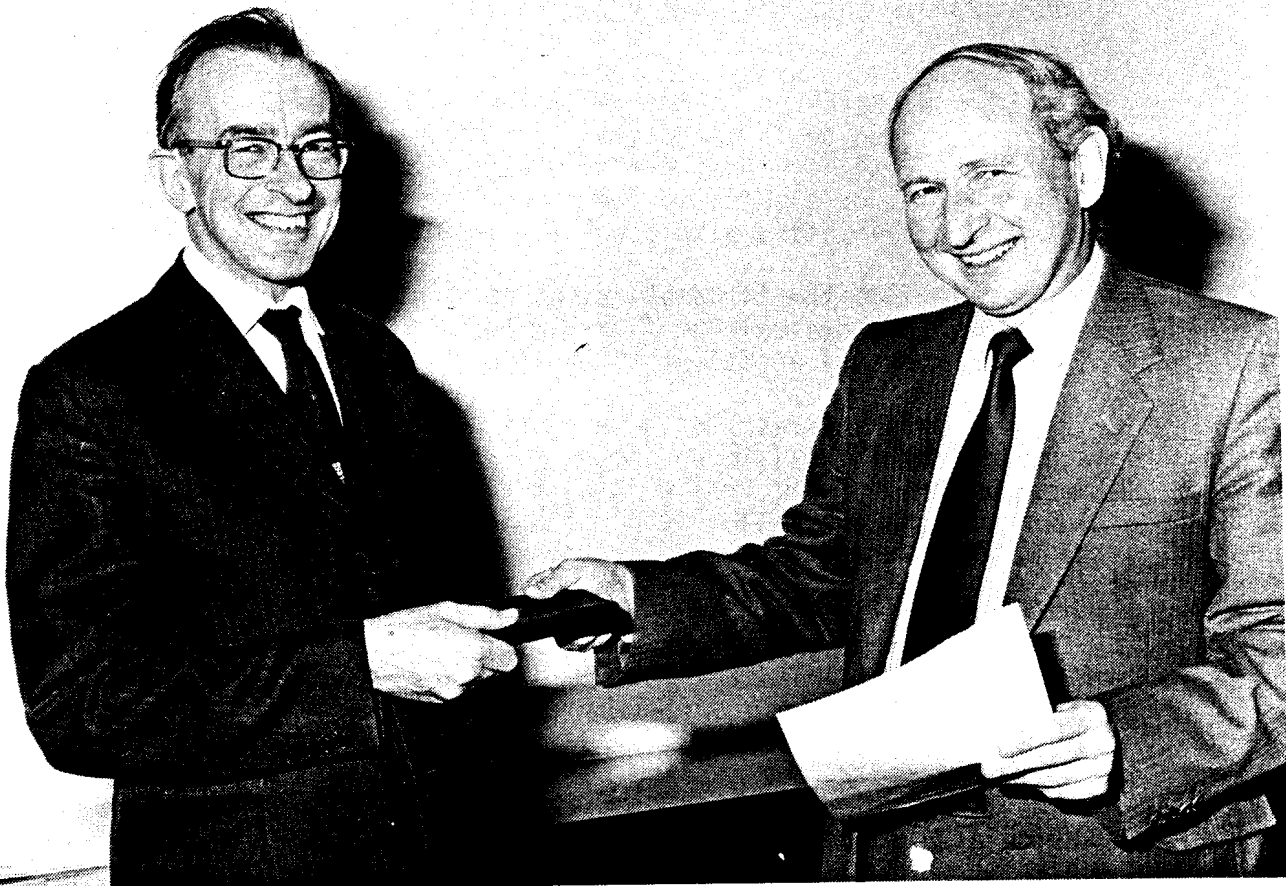
John's wife, Phil, also worked at Wood Lane as Secretary to the Head of Mathematics Department and retired a month before John.

John and Phil are selling their house at Pinner with a view to returning North to be with their children and grandchildren. They leave with our best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

40 YEARS ON

LONG SERVICE PRESENTATION

DR. R.M. BLACK



It was a great pleasure last month to be present on the occasion of Bob Black's "fortieth". A gathering of his colleagues heard Dr. Farmer fill in the details of these years of service at Wood Lane.

Bob joined the Company on the 20th August 1945 at the age of 20 years as a Research Chemist having gained BSc GENERAL in 1945 (Chemistry, Physics and Maths). His starting salary was the princely sum of £4-12-6d per week plus £1-3-0d "temporary allowance"* giving him an annual salary of about £300 per annum. The normal working week at that time was 38½ hours. His terms of contract concluded "It is understood that the appointment is of a temporary nature owing to war conditions". Forty years later,.....read on!

Employed in the then Chemical Laboratory, Bob worked on Analysis and Microscopy and, during the early years undertook part-time studies in Chemiluminescence which led to the award of P&D in 1953. About this time Dr. Brazier became aware of work being carried out at Harwell on Radiation X-linking by Professor Arthur Charlesby. LGB arranged for Bob to be seconded to Harwell as a Section Leader working on irradiated polymers. Within the year (1954) LGB had made the decision to buy "one of the electron beam equipments" from High Voltage Engineering. As we now appreciate this proved to be a far sighted move although by a strange twist of events chemical crosslinking was exploited sooner even though electron beam irradiation had been discovered first. Bob returned to Wood Lane in 1956 and within a year was Head of the Irradiation Laboratory.

*Paid "owing to war conditions", and "is subject to modification or withdrawal at any time."

About this time he applied to join the IEE but met some difficulty "because of his chemical upbringing". However the matter was resolved following various correspondences one of which is a classic for an inappropriate (?) choice of words. The note read as follows

"Dr. Black is in charge of the BICC irradiation laboratory. In this position he is responsible for much electrical equipment, including a 2 million volt electron accelerator, demanding the highest degree of electrical and scientific ability. He discharges these responsibilities with complete competence."

In 1961 the Irradiation Laboratory was broadened and Bob became Head of Physical Chemistry, a post he held until 1968 when he became personal assistant to Dr. A.L. Williams.

Bob's interest in the historical side of cables and BICC in particular is well known and he is the official Archivist in these matters. Apart from writing his book on the History of Electric Wires and Cables, Bob has also written a pamphlet for the Science Museum on a similar topic.

After congratulations and thanks by Dr. Farmer on behalf of BICC, Bob was presented with "bread" (money and wallet) and "wine" (a bottle of historical significance to a select few!).

In reply, Bob thanked all who were present for his presentation and reminisced over his time with BICC which was particularly highlighted last year on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the opening of the Research Laboratories at Wood Lane. To mark that occasion he gave a talk on the development of these laboratories, to a meeting of the Wood Lane Technical Society.

It is pleasing to record that Beryl Black was present to witness Bob's presentation. Beryl also worked for BICC, and at one time was Secretary to Dr. Brazier. She and Bob were married in 1957, Beryl subsequently moved to Bloomsbury Street where she served as Private Secretary to successive Group Chairmen including Lord Pennock.

STAFF DISCOUNT AT MOSTYN CURTAIN GALLERIES

The Curtain Gallery at John Sanders in Ealing Broadway are offering a 5% discount on purchases to Wood Lane staff, on production of an identity card.

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

The Photographic Section of the Social Club plan to hold an exhibition of your best prints in early January 1986. Photographs on all subjects will be welcome but prizes will be awarded for the best prints in the following categories.

- (1) Animals
- (2) Sport
- (3) Landscape
- (4) Humorous (with caption)

Prints can be either colour or black and white, and any size from enprint upwards (although larger is preferable).

The exhibition will be held in the re-designed foyer/entrance hall of the McFadzean building in January 1986 for about 1 week.

There will be further information in the Christmas edition of the BT.

GET SNAPPING!

P.S. If you need some film - don't forget we have good stocks of the most popular films at reduced prices.

See notice boards for details

Contact Ian Fordham Ext. 337
Rob Corne Ext. 340

POETS' CORNER

In the last edition of the BT we published a long poem from Peter Jennings of the Polymer Processes Department. Unfortunately, the poem was not one but two, a title got lost somewhere during retyping of the script, and it contained some errors. Our humblest apologies go to Peter for the mistakes, the (hopefully) correct versions of the poems are reprinted below.

NO MORE SWEETNESS

The tears of knowledge cry forever,
revealing all and baring nothing.
Yet the fruitless search continues,
laughing, truths stay haunting the memory.
Only another will laugh at I,
The impassive stone lies broken to see.
Buy why?
I ask in desperation,
The answer comes spoken in cruelty
leaving me with only humiliation.
Happy memories partner my desolation,
No more sweetness of her scent,
The charity of her arms or the honey of her kiss.

EVERYTHING IS WHITE

Slowly in a dream I wake,
the bright light dazzles.
My hands and feet are tied,
I'm dressed in white.
Bells are ringing in my ears,
a chair falls over,
I must have propped it up.
They place me in a wheel chair,
the wheels are spinning
faster and faster
Round and round I spin.
Flying down the corridor.
I can see round all the corners
This is fun.
Each spotlight fuses into one.
The colours change,
suddenly he shouts stop,
Crash,
I fall from my perch.
The white coat laughs,
His teeth flash
reflecting those lights
They open a soft door,
I'm pushed inside,
I fall.
More lights,
where am I?
My throat is dry,
like the corridor the room is round,
everything is white.
I am in white,
the room smells.
I hit my head and feel no pain.
In a dream they leave me.
Slowly the door closes,
bright lights cease.
Click,
the key turns.
I'm alone.

P. Jennings.

The Worlds at peace,
Its had its final war,
And the deadmen sleep,
Appalled by what they saw,
Living corpses struggle on,
Put back a thousand years,
Their souls all gone,
Destroyed by a million tears.

It started as a nightmare
On some cold and lonely night,
It ended all dreams of Love
And God and all his might,
No laughing children in our seed,
Just pain and satans spell,
And what reasons did they need?
To blow us all to hell.

FAT CAT

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

This year's party will be held on the afternoon of Saturday, December 21st. Member's children, grand children, nieces and nephews between the ages of four and twelve years old are eligible to attend.

All form are required by the 31st October.

Boy	Age	Girl	Age

Member's Name

Return the completed form to P.T.J. Walton

FOR PET OWNERS

PATENTS CORNER

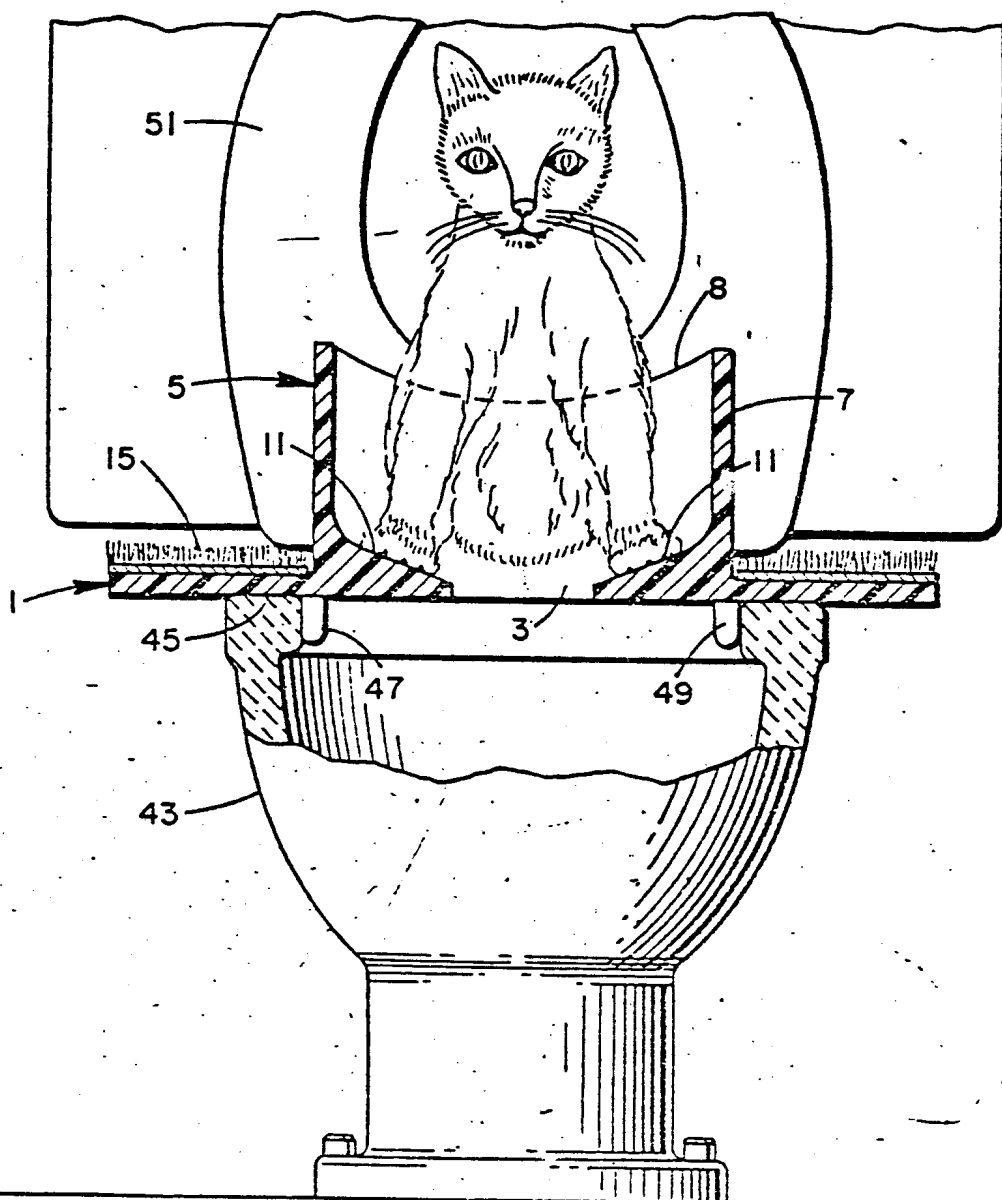
No. 1 in a series of inventions that didn't quite catch on

THE CAT LOO

U.S. Patent Jun. 9, 1981

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This handy add-on attachment to a domestic WC allows your moggy to go in style. No more unpleasant clearing out of cat litters - all you have to do is to teach your cat to pull the CHAIN!!!

LETTER FROM NEW ZEALAND

(CHRISTCHURCH)

Dear All,

The receipt of the long awaited copy of the BT prompted me once again to put pen to paper (sighs in the typing pool - if you've still got one!) It was very interesting to see the international flavour of the latest edition - perhaps we could get Alistaire Cooke to write a letter from America for the next edition.

Well it hardly seems that we've been over here for the best part of a year now, and are looking forward to our first family visit from the UK (the mother and father in law!) Unbelievably everything arrived in one piece and nothing went missing on route - all credit to P & O.

Since our arrival we have had two further additions to the family a tabby/ginger cat and an alsation/border collie bitch, mainly at the instigation of the children - we could'nt argue we didn't have enough room any more. Sorry to report the children have now gone native!

The winter has been mild by UK standards and spring has really sprung. Temperatures have been up to 23⁰C already and most of the trees are in bloom. It's quite exciting to see all of the new species. Our prize possession (so far) is a 15' camelia covered in deep red flowers. The garden is a bit chaotic at the moment as we are having an extension to the dining room to make, in N Zese, a "rumpus" room.

I am getting about quite a bit and have been to Auckland, Rotorua and Wellington recently. Auckland is very cosmopolitan compared to Christchurch. Wellington lived up to its reputation as a wet and windy city. Like Vic Denholm I found Rotorua very interesting but I didn't find the sulphurous smell any too healthy! The thermal activity was spectacular ranging from small steam vents amongst the bushes to heaving pools of boiling mud, aptly named "Craters of the Moon". Like Vic we also travelled the desert road which follows the main trunk railway, currently being electrified with extensive use of ABCAL cables passing Mt-Ruapehue covered in snow. I speculated on the specification for a cable to replace the existing BICC Erith uncross linked PE cable that was giving trouble after 20+ years service. Quick note here for Ann and Vic - military museum situated close to main army camp situated in rugged open exercise area. Ended up flying to Wellington in a 25 year old Freindship but that is not old over here, Bristol Freighters are still in daily use dating from 1958 and they we not all new then!

NZ is currently gearing up for the introduction of VAT at 10% next year and they claim we're all going to be better off!

However the NZ \$ appears to be on the up at the moment, with petrol coming down to £1.70 per gallon - helps offset the speeding ticket I got four days after passing my driving test! First time I've ever been caught - cost me £10 which was cheap by UK standards. Radar traps are very common here! Other comparative costs are road fund - actually spent on roads of £26, milk is 16p/pint, steak £1.50/lb and SLR Cameras @ £300. We have an EEC style wine glut at the moment, pushing wine down to about £1/litre, beer is about 60p/litre.

Well guess its time to close now

Kind Regards

Stuart Castle

WOOD LANE DEVELOPMENTS

Anne Buchanan and Peter Walters of the Editorial Board held a lengthy discussion with Tony Docherty recently. The discussion was wide varying and is summarised below.

FUTURE OF THE BUSH TELEPGRAPH

The problems of the Bush Telegraph were discussed at length in the light of the non-appearance of the magazine between January and August. Among the points raised were the recruitment of new members to the Editorial Board, problems with production of the B.T. (especially typing and collation), the scope for contributions to the magazine from a wider range of staff.... not least from senior managers, and the future of the B.T.

The immediate future of the B.T. is secure, i.e. there will be a Christmas issue this year. It is hoped that publication will be bi-monthly during 1986, the deadline and publication dates will be advertised in the Christmas issue.... and will be rigidly adhered to. This rigidity is considered vital to enable the B.T. to fulfill one of its major functions - the communication of information of immediate (and near immediate) relevance to everyone.

SITE DEVELOPMENT

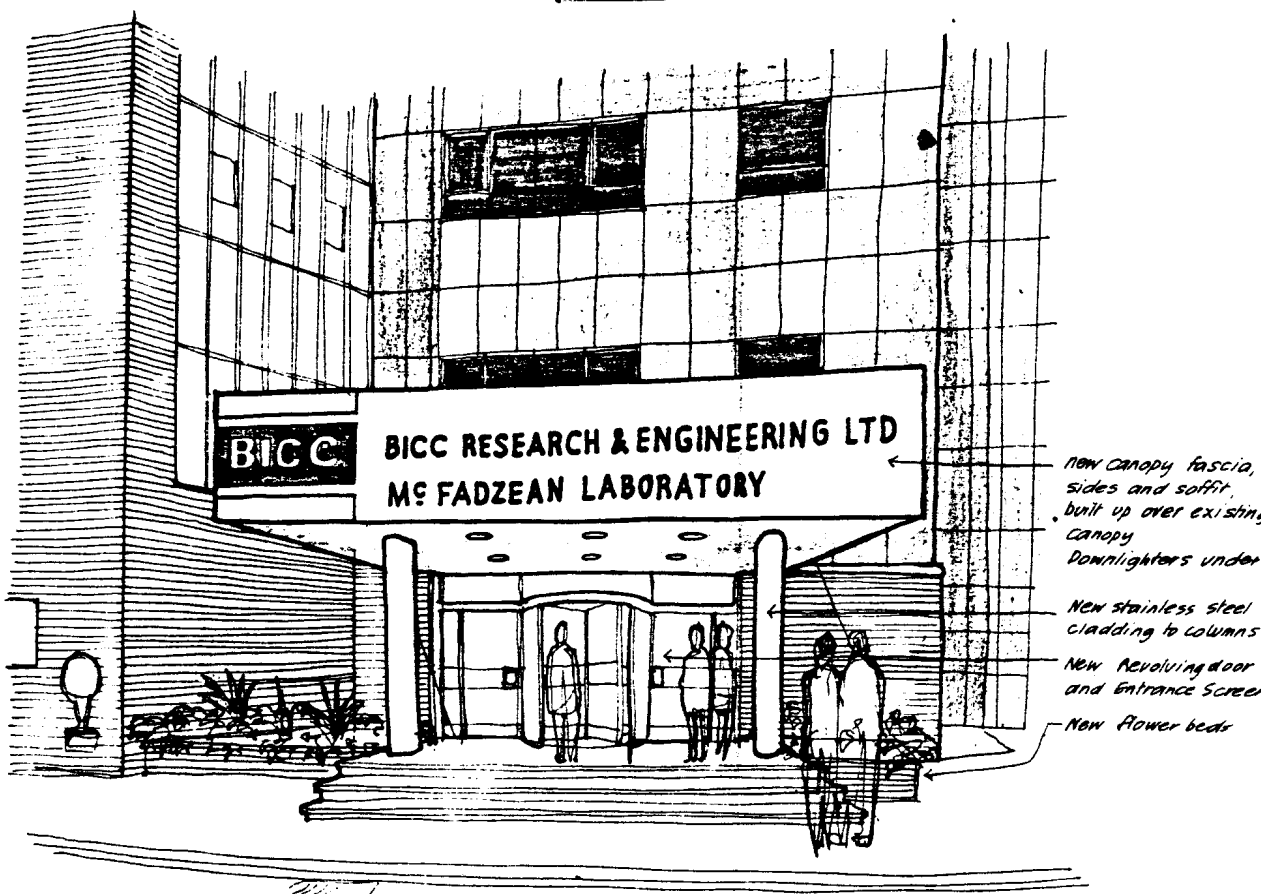
A number of site developments.... both completed and planned have been the subject of notices issued by John Watson and Tony Docherty, others have been the subject of much speculation. The information following is correct at the time of going to press.

McFADZEAN LABORATORY

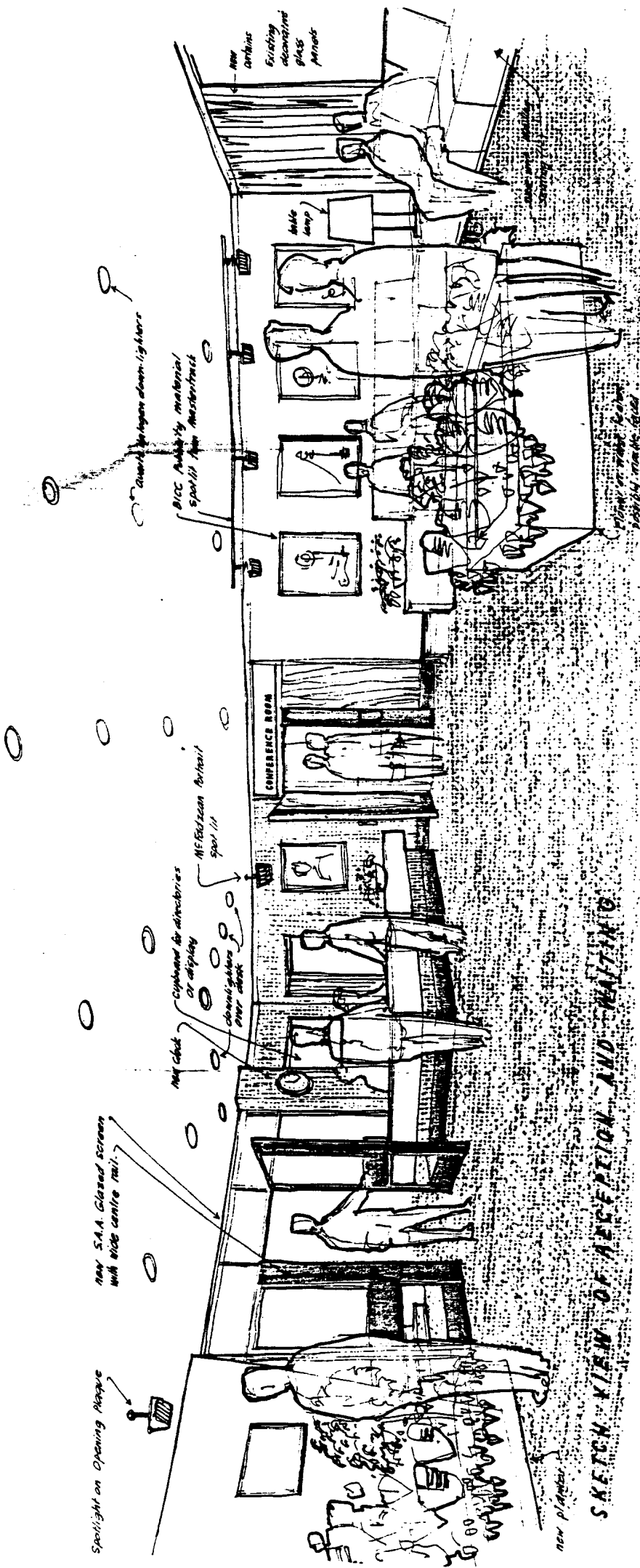
Many people will have seen the plans for changes proposed for the Reception Area of the McFadzean Laboratory when they were displayed there earlier on this year. The major aspects of these plans have now been agreed upon. Essentially they consist of alterations to the entrance canopy, changing the swing doors for a revolving door and relocation of the switchboard to provide a more open area than at present. The diagrams, overleaf, show how the area will look eventually.

A number of developments have resulted from the move from Bloomsbury Street to Devonshire House. Dr. George Moore is returning to Wood Lane where he will have a permanent office on the 3rd floor. Dr. Moore's accommodation, and that of his secretary will cover the area at present occupied by the Photographic Studio, Dr. Rothman's office and part of the end of the corridor. As a consequence of this, the Photographic Studio is to be moved to the 5th floor, to the area presently occupied by the Conference Room. Dr. Rothman will have a new office in the former photocopier room.

Also on the 5th floor, the offices formerly occupied by Dr. Moore and Dennis Lott (Administration Office) are to be converted into a 3-module multi-purpose Conference Room. A room divider is being fitted to enable easy conversion to two 1½ module-sized rooms as required. These changes are imminent !



SKETCH VIEW OF ENTRANCE



Spotlight on Opening Plaque

New S.A.A. Glazed screen with wide centre rail.

new desk
Cabinet for directories or display
downlighters over desk

MF Redman Portrait
spot III

BICC Authority material
spot III
Architectural

downlighters down-lighters

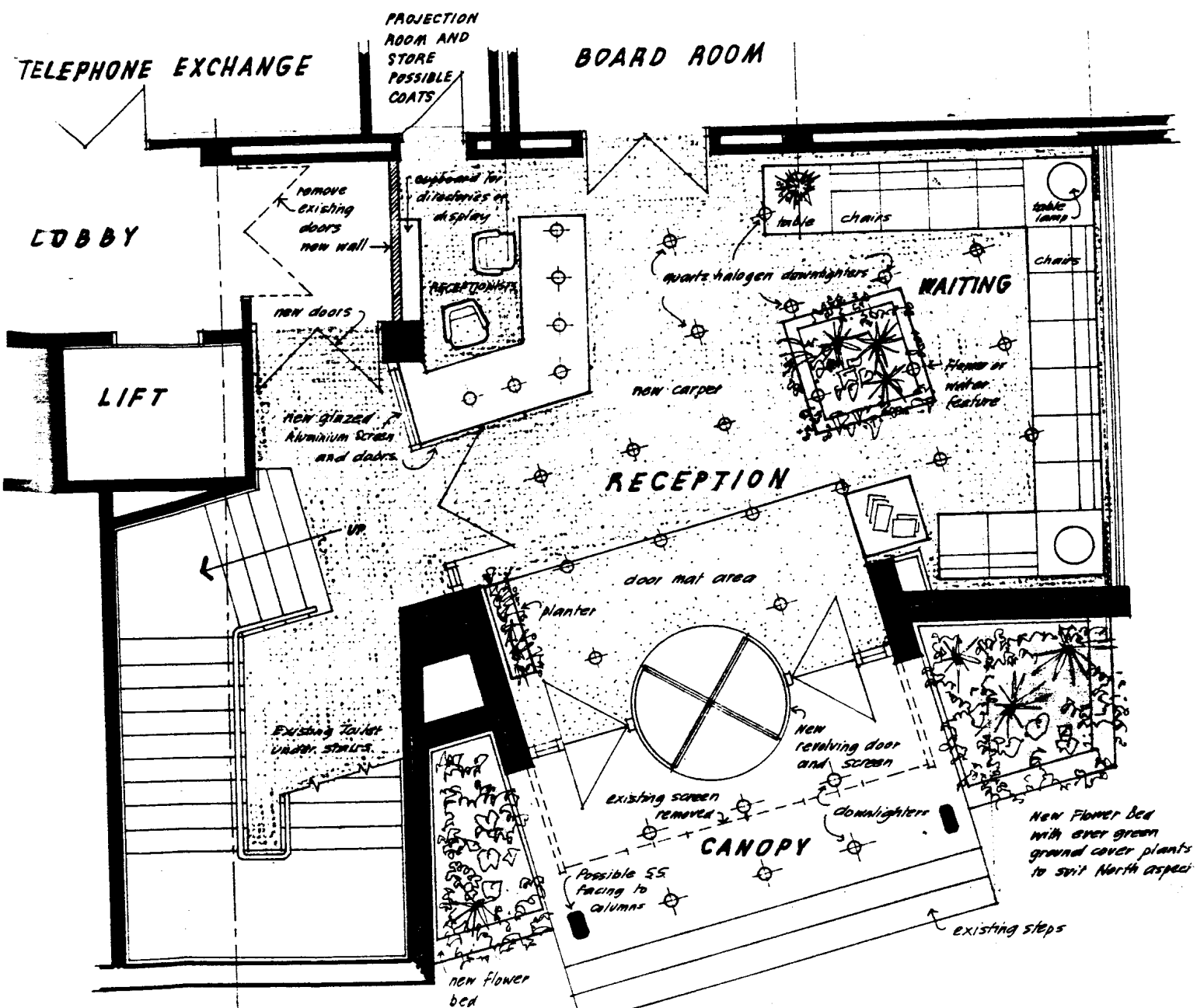
table lamp

CONFERENCE ROOM

SKETCH VIEW OF RECEPTION AND WAITING

new planter

plant or table lamp
possibly remote office



PLAN

HV BUILDING 1 AND 2

The Export Department is moving to Network House (for the uninitiated that is the office block at the junction of Ariel Way and Wood Lane). Some of their number are to be accommodated at BREL, in the area formerly occupied by the Typing Pool and Accounts. All of the Export staff (at Network House and BREL) will share the BREL dining facilities with BREL staff. A number of car parking spaces are to be reserved for Export Department staff.

Polymer (Materials and Processes) will be the main beneficiaries of major changes planned for HV2. Here a mezzanine floor is to be constructed over part of the old HV test area, while offices on the east side (facing the railway line) are to be refurbished and extended when the corridor running along their length is moved.

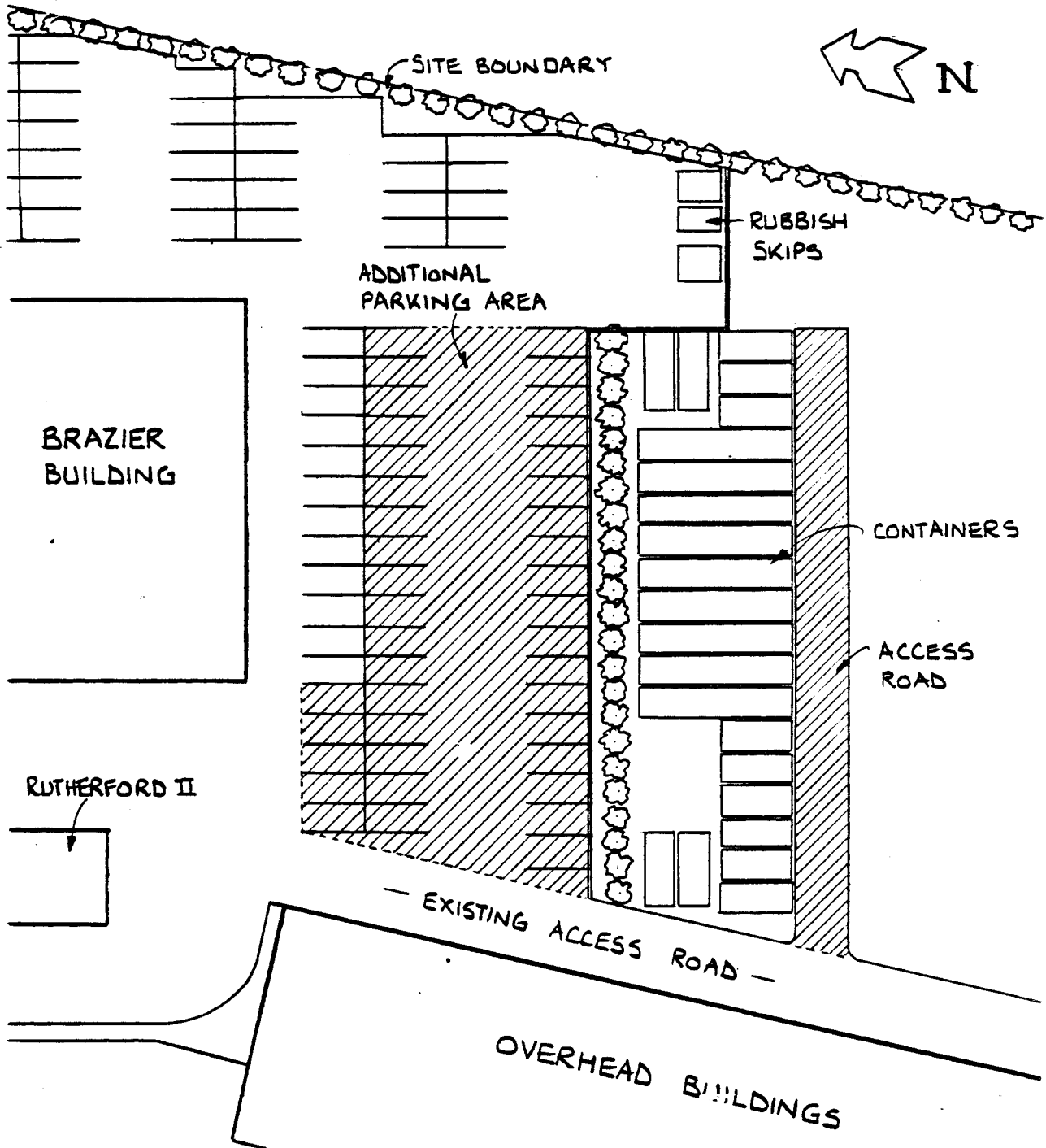
GATEHOUSE AND HV3

The area around the gatehouse is to be altered and, in general, smartened up. Following resiting of the liquid nitrogen cylinder and other equipment, HV3 is to be faced to give it a more modern, hopefully tidier, appearance.

CAR PARK AND ROADS

The extension of the car park, construction of a new road and relocation of the storage containers behind the Brazier Building has already been the subject of a notice from John Watson (see Notice Boards). The changes planned (and in part already completed) are shown in the following diagram.

The traffic island in front of McFadzean is to be reduced in diameter, to enable freer access, particularly for large vehicles. It is hoped, thereby, that the paving slabs surrounding the island will not be run over as frequently as in the past.



LAYOUT SHOWING PROPOSED ADDITIONAL
CAR PARKING AREA, CONTAINER LAYOUT &
ACCESS ROADWAY. SCALE 1:500

Other changes that will not affect the appearance of the site. (once they are completed) will include :

- (a) changing the oil-fuelled boilers to dual purpose oil/gas fuelling. This will require the laying of a new gas main to the site.
- (b) Laying of a new services conduit between McFadzean and the HV buildings to accommodate cabling etc. for word processors, computers, etc.
- (c) Once all the mains and conduit laying has been completed the entrance road between HV3 and 4 and the west wall is to be relaid.

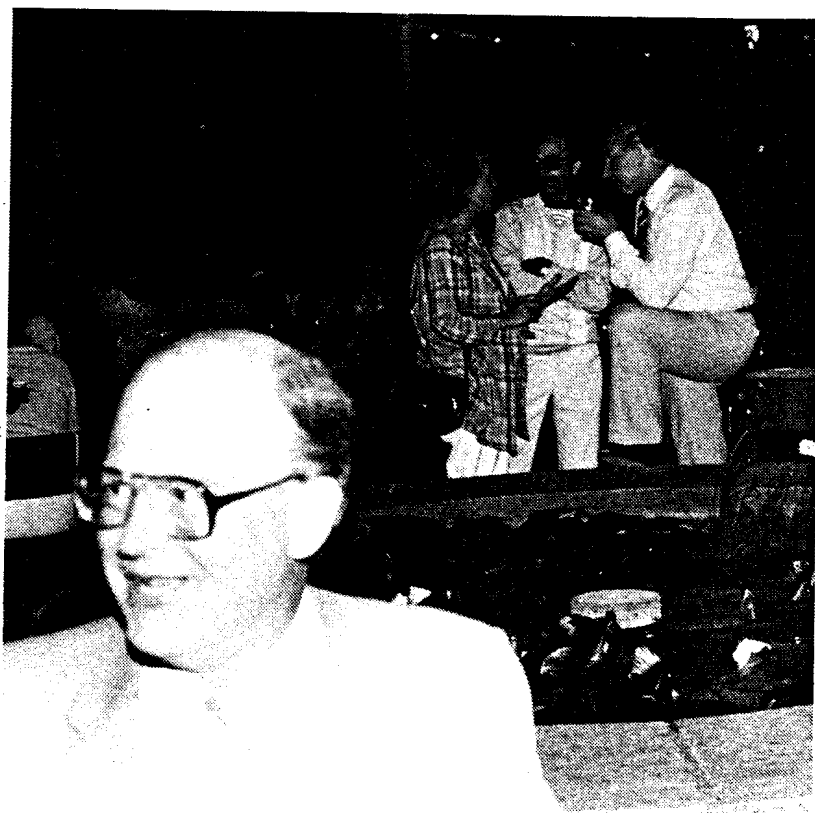
THE BICC "BARBIE"

The rainy weather which had prevailed most of the week gave way to clear skies, juicy steaks and pints of beer, at the inaugural BICC barbeque. Friday evening, the 26th of July saw the Wood Lane courtyard transformed. Tables and chairs surrounded the gardens, a well-stocked bar surrounded by people, and two large barbeques made up the scene.

The serious faces which haunt the courtyard by day were replaced by relaxed smiles, further relaxing as the evening wore on and the stocks at the bar wore down! Evidence of the quality of the food was given by the many people who returned for second (and third) helpings!

The BBQ was planned as a "family and friends" night. In this it was successful with both young and old enjoying the social atmosphere. Many people expressed the view that it was an excellent way to spend a summers evening and in providing an alternative to the disco enabled the very young and those who prefer a quieter time, to take an active part in the BICC social scene.

MURRAY IRVINE



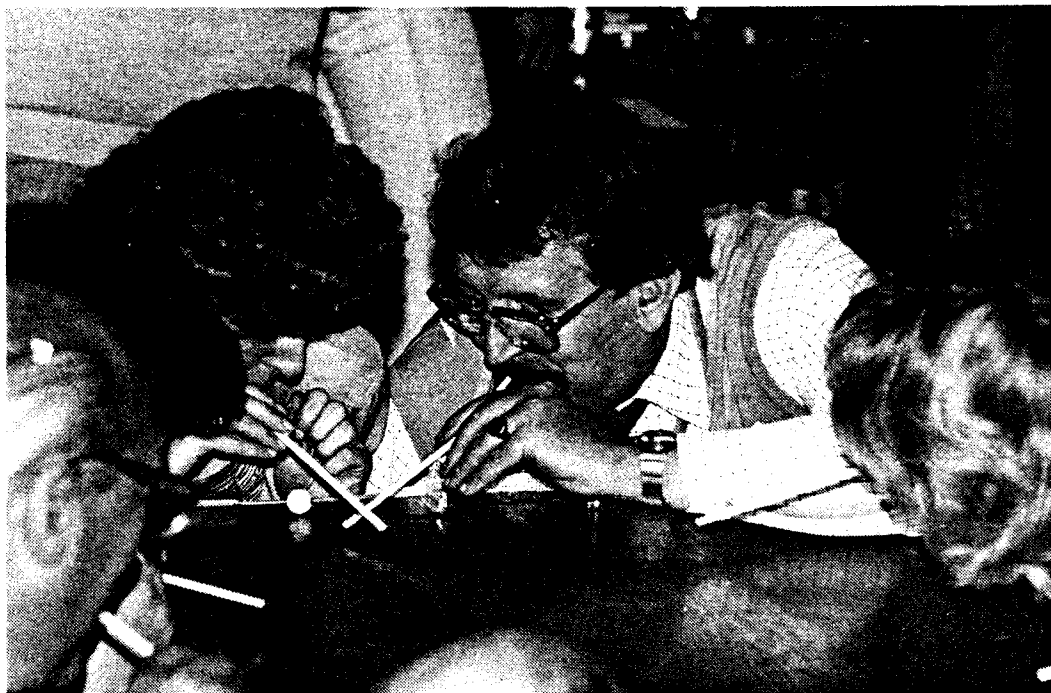
SCENES FROM THE BAR-B-QUE

GAMES EVENING

March 6th saw the first of what is hoped will become an annual event at Wood Lanethe Interdepartmental Games Evening.

Following suggestions made at a Social Club Executive Council Meeting that a games evening should be held, Denis Groombridge volunteered to be principal organizer and was aided in his task by Peter Walters and Ian Fordham.

Initially there were some doubts as to how the evening would go, since as far as the organizers could remember nothing like it had been held at Wood Lane before. These doubts were ill-founded, however, came the evening 8 teams of 6 players competed enthusiastically for the "BT Trophy". The games provided many contrasts, from the quiet concentration of whist and scrabble to the boisterousness of the blow football table. The blow football games were sights to behold, with 8 normally sane individuals blowing a small ball around a table. The passions (a better word than tempers) raised by these football games went to heights undreamt of by the organizers. Competition was so fierce that the pitch and goal posts had to be repaired after each game.....the rules may have to be adjusted next year! This being said all the games were played in an excellent spirit and the evening went almost without a hitch. The competitive edge to the evening was enhanced by scores being recorded as they were made on a large blackboard situated strategically by the bar. The board served as a source of both hope and despair.....at one stage it looked as though Optical Fibres would win, then Computer Aided Manufacture. Radiation



proved to be the most consistent team however, eventually winning by one point from Computer Aided Manufacture. The full score sheet is reproduced below.

The evening appeared to be an enormous success and will most certainly be repeated next year. All that remains to be said is congratulations to the 1985 winners, Radiation and many thanks to everyone involved in organizing the evening, setting up (and dismantling) the equipment, organizing the refreshmentsparticularly to Denis Groombridge and his team without whose enthusiasm the evening would not have occurred.

INTERDEPT GAMES EVENING

TEAM GAME	A RAD	B PHYS	C POLY	D AS	E OPT	F CAM	G P+L	H ADMIN
TABLE TENNIS	3	3	1	3	1	3	1	1
SNOOKER	3	3	1	1	3	3	1	1
DARTS	3	1	1	3	1	1	3	3
PUTTING	2	2	1	1	2	3	3	2
BLOW-FOOTBALL	3	1	3	1	3	1	1	3
WHIST	1	3	1	3	3	1	1	3
SCRABBLE	3	1	1	3	3	3	1	1
BAR SKITTLES	1	3	1	3	1	3	1	3
SHOVE HALFPENNY	3	1	1	1	2	3	3	2
COMPUTER GAME	3	1	3	3	1	3	1	1
TOTAL	25	19	14	22	20	24	16	20

3 pts = win, 2 pts = tie, 1 pt = lose

RAD - Radiation

PHYS - Physics

POLY - Polymers

AS - Analytical Services

OPT - Optical Fibres

CAM - Computer Aided Machines

P+C - Patents + Licensing

ADMIN - Administration

THE FILM COLUMN

Once again the film season is upon us. Hopefully, by now you should be in possession of a brochure, which describes the films that we have selected to mark British Film Year. We hope that the programme will tempt you to make full use of your film society, an amenity made possible by Social Club sponsorship. A season ticket will not only save you money, but it will help us considerably in estimating food and drink requirements at Soirees.

The Committee's wish, to make film nights more of an occasion, has forced a rationalisation in price structure. Last season ticket holders were able to enjoy food and wine at two mini-Soirees at no extra cost. It was a semi-gamble that paid off. This season our expenses are higher, so we must charge accordingly. Our new price structure takes into account shows where food is provided. Taking a fixed price of £1 per show (member), a 30p levy is added for mini-Soiree shows, and 50p for the main Soiree. Guests will have an additional 20p levy. Season tickets are priced at 60% of the total cost (rounded up). We have estimated the likely audience for the Season, from last year's figures, to give a balance sheet as shown below:

(A) EXPENSES

BFFS and BFI subscriptions	£	30
Film hire/VAT/Insurance/Transport		446
'Shorts' hire/VAT/Insurance/Transport		50
Food and wine for main Soiree		60
Food and wine for 1st mini-Soiree		30
Food and wine for 2nd mini-Soiree		30
Contingency for repairs/advertising		20
	SUB-TOTAL 1	666
Social Club sponsorship	SUB-TOTAL 2	385
<u>REQUIRED FINANCE</u> to be raised (1-2)		281

(B) ANTICIPATED INCOME

TICKET BOUGHT	COST £	NUMBER SOLD new estimate	INCOME (1)	NUMBER SOLD last season	INCOME (2)
Basic (M)	1.00	3 x 4 shows	£ 12.00	17 (sum)	£ 17.00
m-Soirees (M)	1.30	6 x 2 shows	£ 15.60	13 (sum)	£ 16.90
Soiree (M)	1.50	15	£ 22.50	9	£ 13.50
Season (M)	5.00	20	£100.00	14	£ 70.00
Basic (G)	1.20	7 x 4 shows	£ 33.60	26 (sum)	£ 31.20
m-Soirees (G)	1.50	9 x 2 shows	£ 27.00	7 (sum)	£ 10.50
Soiree (G)	1.70	15	£ 25.50	12	£ 20.40
Season (G)	6.00	10	£ 60.00	8	£ 48.00
<u>TOTAL INCOME:</u>		(1) <u>Anticipated</u>	£296.20	(2) <u>Worst case</u>	£227.50

NB. Cost of paying at every show: $(4 \times £1.00) + (2 \times £1.30) + (£1.50) = £8.10$ for Member
 Cost of paying at every show: $(4 \times £1.20) + (2 \times £1.50) + (£1.70) = £9.50$ for Guest
 Hence Season ticket saves a Member £3.10 (38%), and a Guest £3.50 (37%).

FILM SOCIETY COMPETITION for the 1985-6 Season

Once again we are holding a competition which can win you a Soiree ticket. Listed below in alphabetical order are the films chosen by the Film Committee for their poll. As a result of the poll the films were given a new order, the highest marked film becoming 1, and the lowest 21. All you have to do is to put your considered order in the spaces provided. The person with the closest answer to the Committee's order will win himself/herself a free ticket to the 1985 Film Society Soiree. Last year's winner was John Taylor (OTD). Will he win again?

Answers by 28th October 1985 to any of the Committee (who are ineligible):

Richard Grigsby
 Ron Hall
 Martin McDonough
 Joe Lou
 Annette Burgess
 Tina Tregena-Piaott
 Sasha O'Bow-Hove

No	Film Title	Director	Country	Year	Cat	Time	£	ORDER
1	ALICE DOESN'T LIVE HERE ANYMORE	SCORSESE	USA	1974	?	112	17.50	
2	ALLEGRO NON TROPPO	BOZZETTO	ITA	1976	?	80	35.00	
3	BONNIE AND CLYDE	PENN	USA	1967	?	111	25.00	
4	CHARIOTS OF FIRE	HUDSON	GB	1981	?	123	50.00	
5	EUROPEANS, THE	IVORY	GB	1979	U	92	45.00	
6	FEDORA	WILDER	WG	1978	A	113	40.00	
7	FIRST MONDAY IN OCTOBER	NEAME	USA	1981	AA	98	40.00	
8	FLASH GORDON	HODGES	GB	1980	?	114	50.00	
9	HEAT AND DUST	IVORY	GB	1982	?	130	50.00	
10	KES	LOACH	GB	1969	U	113	25.00	
11	LOCAL HERO	FORSYTH	GB	1983	PG	111	55.00	
12	MAHLER	RUSSELL	GB	1974	X	115	25.00	
13 #	MANHATTAN	ALLEN	USA	1979	AA	96	40.00	
14	MISSIONARY, THE	LONCRINE	GB	1980+	15	86	35.00	
15	MR HULOT'S HOLIDAY	TATI	FR	1953	?	95	30.00	
16	MY BRILLIANT CAREER	ARMSTRONG	AUS	1979	A	98	45.00	
17	NIGHT PORTER, THE	CAVANI	IT	1973	?	117	40.00	
18	ODD ANGRY SHOT, THE	JEFFREY	AUS	1979	?	92	30.00	
19 *	RETURN OF MARTIN GUERRE, THE	VIGNE	FRA	1980+	15	110	45.00	
20	STAR TREK II - THE WRATH OF KHAN	MEYER	USA	1982	?	113	45.00	
21	TESS	POLANSKI	FR/GB	1980	?	171	60.00	

Black and White print

* Sub-titled

HAVE YOU SEEN COLUMN. Two first rate films to see at local cinemas:

- (1) WITNESS. Peter Weir's fine police thriller that is set in Amish Country. It seems impossible that a religious sect can survive untarnished in the middle of modern America, but it does. Excellent performance by Harrison Ford.
- (2) CAMILLA. Powerful and pictorially elaborate Argentinian movie on ill-fated nineteenth century true romance. Striking performance by Hector Alterio.

SECTION REPORTS

COMPUTER SECTION

Spectrum users night, October 22nd.

Bring your computer and software plus any problems and perhaps they can be sorted out by all putting our heads together.

Contact Terry Evans (245) or Dave Green (219)

For Further Details.

1985 HORTICULTURAL SHOW

The Horticultural Show, now firmly fixed on the calendar of Wood Lane events provided a rich, colourful and varied display of flowers, fruit and vegetables.....and home-made wines and beers. In contrast to other years, and no doubt in part a consequence of the peculiarities of the "summer", this year's show appeared to have many more flowers. In other years, vegetables seemed to predominate. Now for the bold statistics:-

121 separate exhibits were entered by 15 exhibitors, these were judged as follows:-

Best Exhibit, vegetable section (24 classes)	: John Vernon
Best Exhibit, fruit (5 classes)	: Andy Platt
Best Exhibit, flowers (22 classes)	: David Goff
Best Horticultural Exhibit, winner of Brazier Bowl	: John Vernon
Most Points, vegetables	: Andy Platt
Most Points, fruit	: David Goff
Most Points, flowers	: David Goff
Most Points, all sections	: Andy Platt

The Home-Made Wine and Beer exhibits were judged by Tony Blythe and David Goff respectively. This year the wine exhibits far outnumbered the beer so prize categories were adjusted accordingly.

The winners were:

Best White Wine	: Tony Martin
Best Red Wine	: Andy Platt
Best Wine overall	: Andy Platt
Best Beer/Lager	: Janet Walters

For Wood Lane the 1985 cricket season consisted of one 11-a-side game and the inter-department 6-a-side competition. We did not enter the Hammersmith Knockout Competition this year principally because no-one was willing to take over from Peter Walters the organization of a team (any volunteers for 1986?).

This year's 11-a-side game was against Hammersmith (and Fulham Council) Builders, and, just as happened during the 1984 season, a team drawn entirely from Wood Lane completely outplayed the opposition.

The 6-a-side tournament produced significant changes over past years. Rather than being dominated by Polymers and Control Engineering, Optical Transmission and Patents were the major forces this year. 6 teams originally entered the competition and were split into two groups of 3. Unfortunately, Works Services dropped out at the last minute leaving Analytical Services, Patents, Optical Transmission, Radiation and Control Engineering as competitors. These were split into 2 groups; in the first Control Engineering, Analytical Services and Patents played each other once to determine who should contest the final. In the second, Radiation and Optical Transmission played the best of 3 games.

In Group 2, Optical Transmission won through against Radiation despite the efforts of the Fraser family, who even provided the Umpire. For Optical Transmission, Murray Irvine and Simon Boothroyd provided the basis of a good and at times exciting team performance.

Group 1 was more evenly contested, contrary to most people's expectations. Patents beat Analytical Services in the final over of their game. Denis Groombridge (21 not out and one wicket) for Analytical Services, and Bob Gadsden (22 not out and one wicket) for Patents were the obvious men of this match.

Analytical Services (31 for 1, Elton d'Souza 21 not out) defeated Control Engineering (30 for 2) so the final game of the Group, Patents versus Control Engineering held the key as to which team would go through to the final. Patents won a very exciting game, full of incident and ultimately of tragedy, through misfielding, for Control Engineering. The Engineers having batted first (26 for 3) must have thought themselves home and dry when with 3 overs gone and 3 wickets down, Patents had only scored 11 runs. Mike Denton and Bob Gadsden for Patents then set about the bowling and won the match with 3 scored off the last ball.

Thus for the first time (in the experience of the writer) neither Polymers nor Control Engineering reached the final. It is a matter of regret that a large department, such as Polymers (Materials and Processes) with its surfeit of (apparently) fit young and not-so-young men could not even raise a team this year.

The final was a very exciting, high scoring game and not at all one-sided as has happened in the recent past. Batsmen dominated the match. Murray Irvine and Simon Boothroyd for Optical Transmission, Bob Gadsden and Mike Denton for Patents. Looking at the score sheet it appears that "extras" tipped the balance between the teams (4 for Patents, 8 for Optical Transmission); Optical Transmission's scoring rate was slightly faster, however. The game was won in the final over of Optical Transmission's innings with a 4 off Murray Irvine to set the seal on as fine a display of cricket as the 6-a-side pitches on Wormwood Scrubs will allow. Thus, congratulations to the 1985 champions, Optical Transmission and commiserations to all of the other teams.

(Footnote: Peter Walters wishes to inform Optical Transmission that he has not forgotten about their trophy...he just has not got around to buying it yet!).

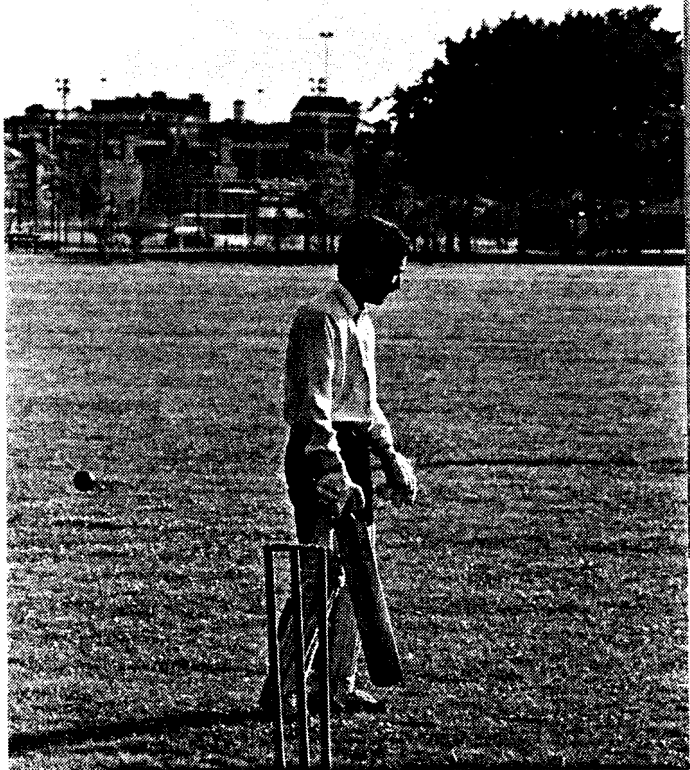
FIVE-A-SIDE FOOTBALL

At the time of writing the 1985 season of the Hammersmith Lunchtime League is almost completed. The two Wood Lane teams in the League have had very different fortunes this season. BICC, with one game to play, are undefeated in the League and are Division 2 Champions. They also reached the semi-final of the Knockout Cup.

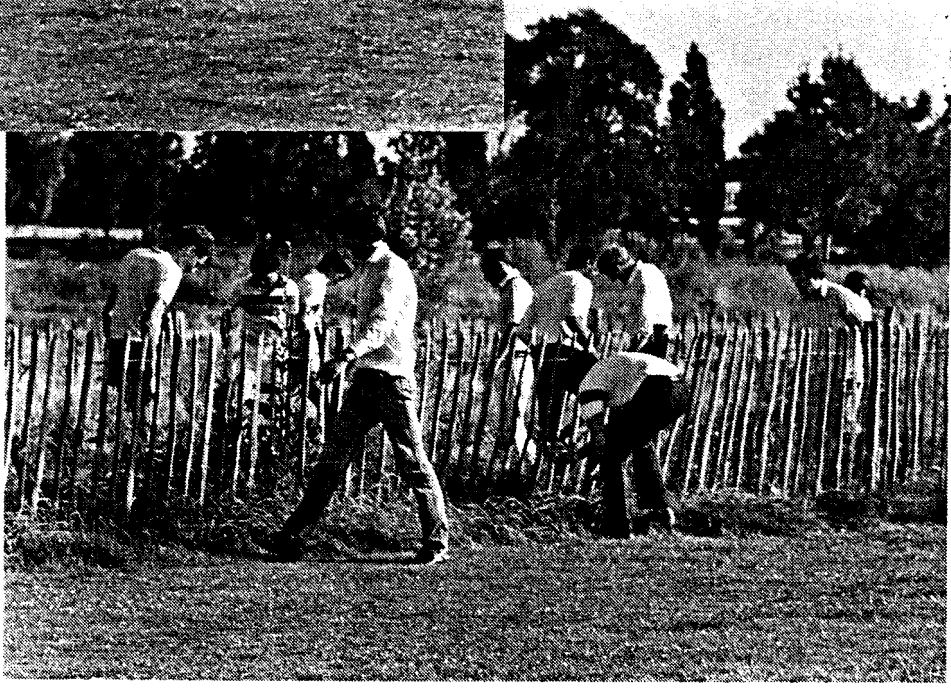
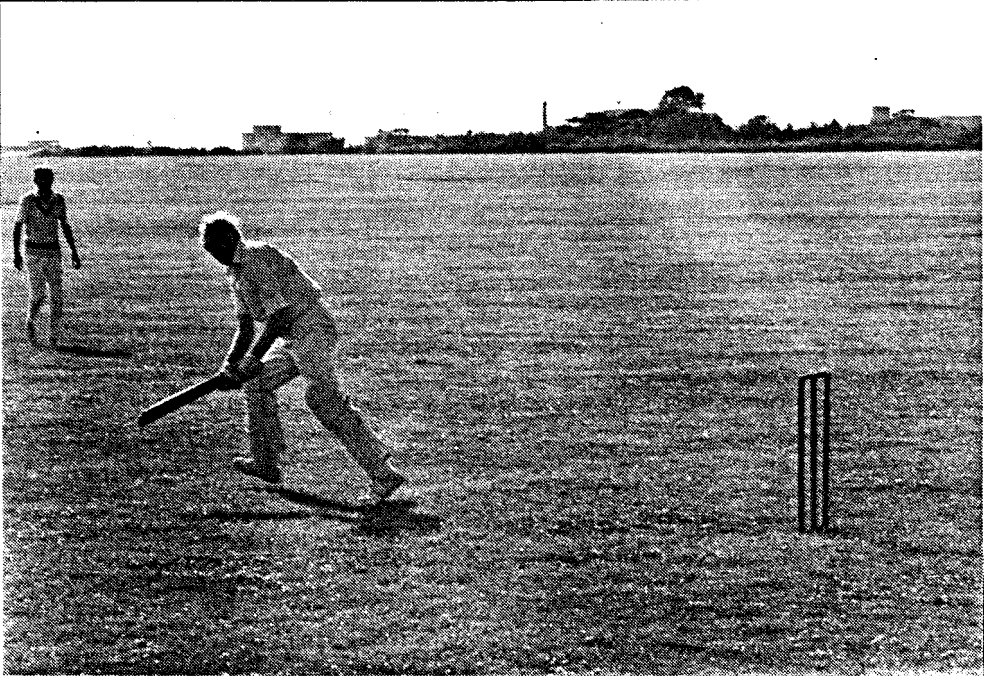
In contrast, BREL have had a less-satisfactory season than in the past and have been relegated to Division 3.

Full details of the season and a match report of the cup semi-final will appear in the Christmas Edition of the B.T.

The 1985 Interdepartmental 5-a-side Tournament will take place late October/November, entries to Peter Walter please



1985 6-A-SIDE COMPETITION
ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR CAPTIONS ?





WINE TASTING

Once again the annual wine tasting is upon us and this year, being no exception, there will be a variety of wines, from different regions, ready to excite your taste buds.

As always the Social Club will be laying on the much enjoyed cheese buffet, so why not come along for a very pleasant evening.

FRIDAY

15TH NOVEMBER

MAIN HALL 7.30 PM

Admission is by ticket only and numbers will be limited to a maximum of 140.

The ticket prices have yet to be finalised, but should be around £3, similar to last year.

For further details contact David Goff (291) or Denis Groombridge (212).