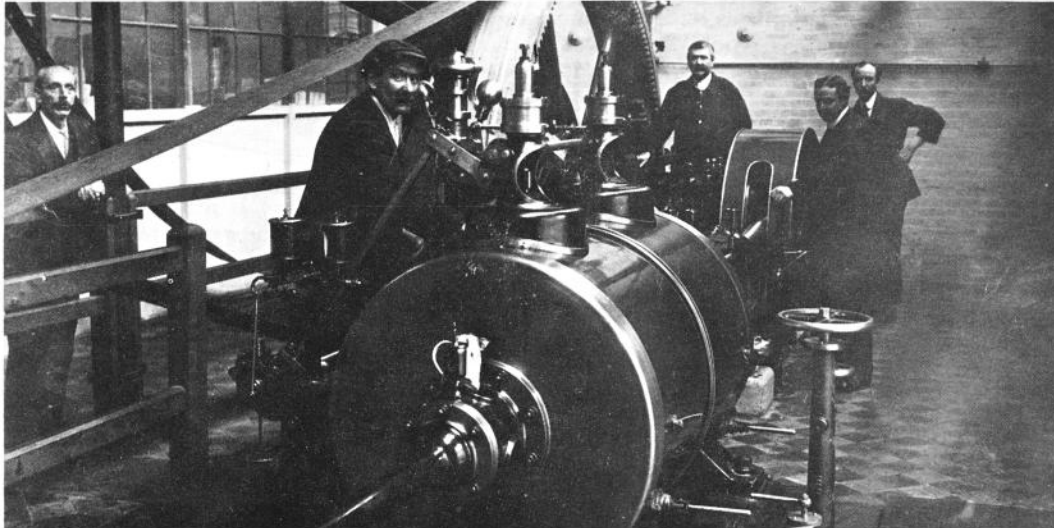
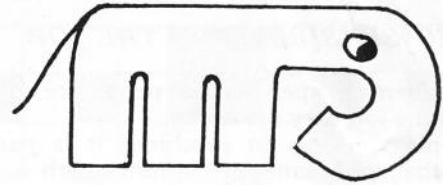


# TRUNK-CALL

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*Cox & Wyman Group News*



## The Good Old Days at Fakenham

The Ed. while sorting through some old photos recently came across the one featured above and decided to find out more about it.

He consulted one of our long-term employees, who was able to reveal some interesting information with reference to the photograph.

The two men featured are Mr Barnes, who was furnaceman for several years, and the onlooker is Mr Henry Burt, who was at that time (1930s) Chairman of Wyman & Sons.

The two boilers were of Lancashire manufacture by a company with the name of Ruston Hornsby and they were dated 1914 and 1927.

The boilers were run alternately for 6 months. Of the 6 months' rest one entire month was taken up with cleaning. The reason this proved such a lengthy operation was that a man had to chip off the scale with a hammer from the inside. The cleaner therefore had to be pretty nimble and small. This was of course before the invention of solvents. However, it was believed that if the carcass of a sheep were immersed in water within the boiler then this would help in the operation!

These boilers gave a pressure of 100 lb. per sq. in. and ran two Marshall Class L 250 h.p. engines. These engines provided the power for both light and heat in the factory and at this time (the 1930s) pumped all the water used. The method of heating was so simple and so easy, the steam from the boiler was controlled by the exhaust valve and in the winter directed to heat all the radiators in the entire factory.

Every machine in the entire works that needed power other than man-power, which amounted to something like 66 main process machines and smaller subsidiary machines, was run off these engines.

All this power for just 10 tons of coal a week, which was then selling at £2 a ton! The coal was collected from Fakenham Station in a horse and cart, with a total capacity of 1 ton only. The size of coal on receipt averaged approximately 2-cwt. blocks, which then had to be broken down by the furnaceman to a recommended size of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  in.  $\times$   $2\frac{1}{2}$  in. square.

Quite an exhausting occupation, and we have heard it said that one furnaceman fell asleep on the job and awoke to find the pressure needle moving towards zero.

During the war, fuel was almost impossible to obtain and the furnaceman's job was to find anything at all that would burn in order to create steam; this included coal sludge, chippings and rubbish of all kinds.

It was also during the war that the boilers served yet a further purpose: that of baking potatoes for the employees, who would carefully mark their potatoes to facilitate easy recognition at lunch-time.

However, all good things must come to an end, and with the installation of electricity in 1946 the first boiler was removed. One boiler remained for a short length of time and was used as a means of heating. This was removed in 1952 and was exported to a tea plantation in India.

Just one brief example of the mark progress has made on the company!

## Safety Corner

### DRESSING SENSIBLY FOR THE JOB

Many accidents happen because people are not sensibly dressed for the job they are doing.

For people working on machines it is particularly important that loose ends of clothing, such as ties and open jackets, should not be allowed to get anywhere near moving parts of machines. Loose-fitting sweaters have caused a considerable number of accidents as have chains and medallions worn around the neck. If such things are worn they should be tucked in securely or covered by an overall.

Long hair is a serious danger when working on machines. The hair should be held back by a band or specially designed hats should be worn.

Protective footwear should be worn when heavy goods are being moved and people handling chemicals should use protective clothing such as rubber gloves. Goggles or spectacles should be worn when handling chemicals which may splash or when drilling or cutting metal.

People working in a very noisy area should wear ear-plugs or muffs to protect their hearing.



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## Charity Work

A Fête and Sponsored Walk is being organized by the Staff of Cox & Wyman Ltd, Fakenham, on 13 July, in an effort to raise £500 to buy a Guide Dog for the Blind. Anything in excess of this will be divided among local charities.

The response from both within and outside the factory has been terrific, and the original idea of just a sponsored walk grew to include a Fête and a procession through the town.

Anyone who is interested in helping and who is not doing so at the moment please ring either Gloria Webster, Howard Joynt or myself for further details.

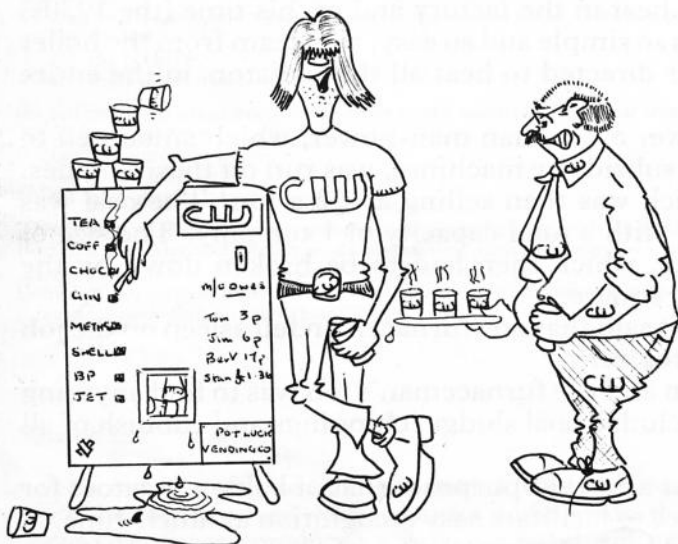
It is also hoped that Reading will be able to organize a trip up that weekend, thus giving them a chance not only to meet us and we them, but also in helping us to achieve our goal.

We should also like to take this opportunity of thanking Cardiff Road for their tremendous effort in sponsoring one of our walkers for no less than £5.40 a mile!

The success of this venture will depend greatly on the efforts of the individual and of course the weather, so please, everyone, don't stand on any beetles during the week preceding the 13th.

Liz Wright

## Laugh with Gordon ...



It's C and W latest, mate ... Cups of flippin' water!!!

## Looking Back

### A STRANGE NEW WORLD

My 'banging-out' followed the traditional lines, culminating in my being dumped in the roadway. The time had come for me to move on if I was to gain wider experience, my apprenticeship had been a happy one and my training thorough over a wide field. We had 2 linotype machines and everything in like proportion, a foundry with 4 moulding presses and about 20 bench hands; whereas in the past the Reading Room was reserved for the old men here readers were specialised, of all ages, and each with his own copy-holder.

I spent nearly six years there, firstly I was put on to text; this entailed a large amount of hand work in the form of over-running. After a short while I was placed on an 'ad' ship. I should explain there were about 20 ships each responsible for producing a different magazine or periodical, and each ship was sub-divided into a 'text' and 'ad' (display) ship. Each sub-division had its own clicker. We certainly had to get a quart into a pint pot to get an advertisement into its permitted space. I was constantly buying new files, filing everything and everywhere to save space.

There was one major change in the shape of a 'Supercaster', so that leads and rules were cast on the premises. The change was this, these rules and leads were incapable of being bent in any way whatsoever.

The top or sixth floor was reserved for the 'Process' department; here all our half-tones were made and the place reeked of acid.

Nonpareil

# FAKENHAM SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

## What's On At Your Club House

Saturday, 6 July

### Welcome Return of Social Status

Owing to the Factory shut-down for summer holidays the Club House will be closed from 26 July-13 August. Sorry, Members.

### Letters to the Editor

Dear Ed,

After reading the last issue of *Trunk-Call*, in which you invite us for a cricket match, I would like to say on behalf of the Reading team that we accept.

Reading's team will play your team at any time, giving preference of course to a Sunday game. So if you would be so kind as to arrange this we would be most grateful.

Also we thought that if the match could be arranged for a Sunday, we could have Darts and Snooker matches as well. What do you think?

Yours faithfully,  
R. Corbin - Reading

Reply - Sounds like a great idea - let's get something moving. Ed.

Dear Ed.,

Since the disbandment of the Cox & Wyman Chess Club, Mr S. N. J. Cook has formed Fakenham Chess Club.

There is a membership of around 30, playing 10 boards on a meeting night.

F.C.C. meet every Wednesday at the Hempton Bell, and this autumn will be entering in the Norfolk County Chess Association.

Mr Cook was also invited to form and manage the Chess Club at the Fakenham Youth Centre.

Yours faithfully,  
A. C. Cook - Retired, Fakenham

Dear Ed.,

May I say through your next issue of *Trunk-Call*, well done to Trevor Pilch of the Casemaking Dept., for organizing the trip to Whipsnade on 19 May, which, blessed by good weather, was a great success.

It is a great pity Trevor does not get more support, for he works very hard to arrange outings, and nothing is more disappointing than to realize the apathy towards one's efforts as shown here at Fakenham. When one stops to think that out of 500 employees he could not fill a 42-seater and had to rely on outside resources, you must understand what I mean.

Remember the maxim 'The more the merrier' and give Trevor more support next time. He deserves it.

Yours faithfully,  
'Nat.' - Fakenham

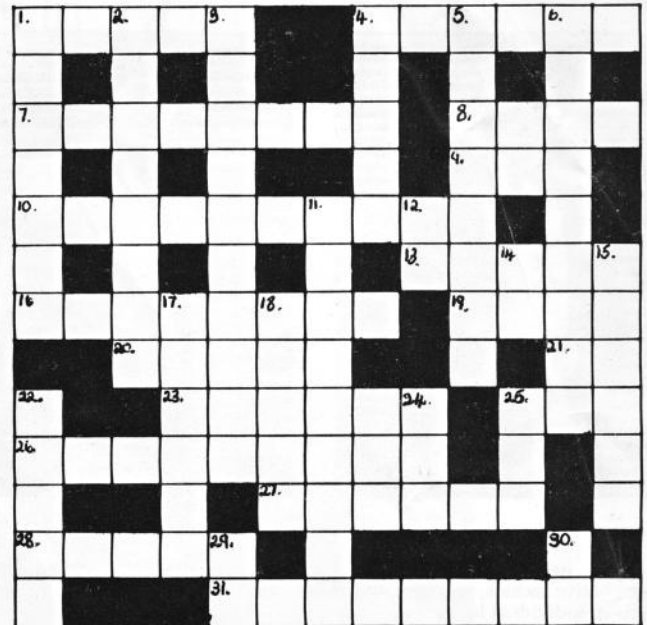
### Personal Column

#### Reading Branch

#### Marriages

Mr Eddy J. Luck (Apprentice Machine Manager) to Miss Kaye Baker on Friday, 21 June, at St Michael's Church, Tilehurst.

## Crossword



### CLUES ACROSS

1. Possession of flower girl (5)
4. To enjoy (6)
7. Flood (8)
8. Out-of-date transport (4)
9. Elf (3)
10. Parapet (10)
13. Expenditure (5)
16. Guardianship (8)
19. Barrier (4)
20. Faint (5)
21. Double first (abbr.) (2)
23. Amatory (6)
25. Feline (anag.) (3)
26. Orchard pie (5.4)
27. Sleep (6)
28. Clamour (5)
31. Receptacle (9)

### CLUES DOWN

1. Arch (7)
2. Screens (8)
3. Chafed (10)
4. Through a hole (5)
5. Freedom (8)
6. Not necessarily bearded (9)
11. Sustains (9)
12. Negative (2)
14. Pointer (2)
15. Wise person (6)
17. Lingers (6)
18. Derides (3)
22. Intimidate (5)
24. Money (abbr.) (3)
25. Girl's name (3)
29. Monarch (2)
30. Positive (2)

### LAST MONTH'S SOLUTION

ACROSS: 1 Summer Holiday. 9 An. 10 Ate. 11 Reluctantly. 13 ILO. 14 Advertise. 15 Rio. 16 Ere. 17 Roe. 18 Ear. 20 Eggs. 21 Repast. 24 Skua. 25 Stomach. 27 Hoed. 28 Medium. 32 He led. 34 Sante. 35 Er. 36 Reactors. 37 Mete.

DOWN: 1 Streakers. 2 Mauler. 3 Encore. 4 Heading. 5 Letters. 6 Daybreak. 7 At. 8 Yellowhammer. 12 Liverpool. 19 Aether. 20 Etc. 22 Ameer. 23 Sadden. 26 Besom. 29 Dare. 30 Inst. 31 Ut. 32 Hem. 33 Ace.

### ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S QUIZ:

The number of coconuts was 15.

### Obituary

#### MRS P. CLARE

Mrs P. Clare, former employee of Cox & Wyman, Fakenham, after a long illness died on Monday, 10 June, at the age of 42.

Her husband until his death four years ago worked on the maintenance staff, and her two daughters are former employees of the Company.

Sincere condolences to her family.

Win . . . an exciting new Mix and Match made-to-measure 3-piece suit from Burton, worth up to £42.50



Each item will be able to be worn separately and matched with alternative jackets, trousers and waistcoats from your wardrobe to give you an individual look.

All you have to do is pick the correct answer from a choice of three in each of the following eight questions.

- (1) Who designed the new look in women's fashion in 1947?
  - (a) Dior
  - (b) St Laurent
  - (c) Mary Quant
- (2) Today's wide trousers with turn-ups are called
  - (a) knickerbockers
  - (b) oxford bags
  - (c) drainpipes
- (3) The fashion term 'bespoke' means
  - (a) off-the-peg
  - (b) ready-to-wear
  - (c) made-to-measure
- (4) A well-known London shirtmaker and designer is called
  - (a) Mr Horse
  - (b) Mr Crab
  - (c) Mr Fish
- (5) Long, casual gowns worn by men and women lounging at home are called
  - (a) kaftans
  - (b) yashmaks
  - (c) tuxedos
- (6) Fashionable today - 1920s two-tone leather shoes are better known as
  - (a) chelsea boots
  - (b) co-respondent shoes
  - (c) sneakers
- (7) The 1920s sleek, short lady's hairstyle, in fashion today, is known as
  - (a) the bob
  - (b) the beehive
  - (c) the French pleat
- (8) An essential part of every fashionable man's wardrobe for casual wear 30 years ago were
  - (a) plus-ones
  - (b) plus-fours
  - (c) plus-threes

Then complete the following sentence in not more than 15 words: 'I think Burton's new Mix and Match made-to-measure suits are great because .....

Complete the coupon in ink with your full name and address and post it direct to *Trunk-Call* no later than 25 July 1974.

### 'Quids in!'

A recipe consisting of lightly sprinkled 'Gor Blast Me Bor's' heavily seasoned with colourful additions to the Oxford Dictionary produced a very successful - if not heavily spiced - result. Our Readers at Fakenham have raised £15 for the N.S.P.C.C. by contributions to their swear-box!

*Ed.*

### Hilmor Trophy

Arriving at the Thomas Tilling Six-a-Side Cricket Competition with a bye in the first round, Cox & Wyman's Super Six faced Gascoigne I. We watched them dismiss Universal Fisher, all out for 9 in the first two overs. We felt we must score at least 10 runs, which would save us from being the lowest-scoring side.

We won the toss (which in fact was the only thing we did win) and decided to field first. At the end of our five overs they had made a total of 53 for 0. Our batting wasn't too good either and at the end of the five overs we were 22 for 2 and out of the competition. However, this did not prevent the competition running smoothly without us.

We stayed to watch a fine afternoon's cricket played in a friendly and sporting manner. Unfortunately, the final could not take place because of heavy rain. The two finalists, Pretty Polly II and Gascoigne I, will share the Trophy for six months each.

The competition was very well arranged and the Cox & Wyman's Super Six would like to thank Pretty Polly and all other sponsors for staging such a thoroughly enjoyable and entertaining weekend.

*David Swift - Fakenham*

### Inter-Departmental Football, Fakenham

Bindery 6 Office 3

The Office led 3-1 at half-time. Musgrove and Nelson were sent off in the second half and the Bindery won easily.

Litho v. Comps

At the request of the Litho the matches were played on Sunday mornings. However, as they were unable to raise a team the match was given to the Comps.

*FINAL*: Bindery 3 Comps 1

The Comps scored first through Janes, but Lane and Potter made it 2-1 by half-time. Lane scored to make it 3-1 late in the second half. I would like to thank Mr John Swift for presenting the trophy and medals and Mike Hurren for refereeing the Final.

*D. Tann*

### Sea Fishing Trip

Three Reading anglers required for Skate Fishing Trip off Norfolk coast. Contact Editor.

### England Trial for Bowls

Mr Chris Ward (Fakenham Foundry) was selected for an England trial which took place on 8 June, at Twickenham. This was the third time that Chris had been selected. Unfortunately he was unsuccessful on this occasion, but it should be pointed out that there were only three changes in the England team, which does narrow the chances slightly!

Chris is no newcomer to the National Bowling scene; he has in fact represented Norfolk under E.B.A. rules over forty times and has played in the National Championships on five occasions, won the County Singles twice, the Fours twice, and was once runner-up in the Triples!

On the same theme, two up-and-coming bowls pro's are Mr R. High (Packer) and Mr D. Frost (Litho Machine Manager), who on Saturday, 8 June, played for Norfolk at Northants.

*Ed.*

### Fakenham on the Box

'Made in Britain', 22 July on BBC 1, at 11.40 p.m. Fakenham factory filmed while producing the Sherlock Holmes Series of books. Details to follow.