

### READING

## RETIREMENTS



CIS YOUNG      RON HUMPHREY



PERCY BISHOP      EDNA AND ARTHUR MUNDAY

Mrs Annie Young, Bindery Forelady, retired on 15 November after more than 43 years' service with the firm. Cis, as she was known to everyone, insisted that there should be no formal retirement ceremony, but at a small informal gathering in the Board Room attended by departmental managers, SOGAT Chapel officials and her own sister (who has also spent all her working life at the Reading factory), Mr Humphrey presented Cis with her long service certificate, a cheque and gold watch from the Directors and in making the presentations thanked her on behalf of the Board of Directors for many years of service to the firm and the help she has given to all levels of staff over the years. In addition to these a cheque and over forty presents were given to Cis by her fellow employees. Mr John Seddon was in America and therefore unable to be present but he sent the following telex message from Washington D.C. - 'Regret unable to attend. Please accept my thanks and congratulations on your retirement after more than forty years' loyal service to the Company.'

Percy Bishop (Machine Room) retired on 13 December after 51 years' service. Mr Ron Humphrey (on behalf of the Company) presented a cheque and retirement scroll, and Mr Charlie Maslen presented a cheque on behalf of the Chapels. In his younger days Percy enjoyed many sports, particularly football and cricket, and in the 1920s was sparring partner for Jimmy Carr (Southern Area Boxing Champion).

Arthur and Edna Munday (Bindery) retired on 13 December after a total of 70 years' service, Arthur 49 years and Edna 21 years. Arthur received a cheque and scroll from Mr Ron Humphrey and Mr Charlie Maslen presented Arthur with a cheque and Edna with a cheque and bouquet of flowers from the Chapel. A 'Teasmade' alarm clock was presented to them both from members of the bindery.

### FAKENHAM



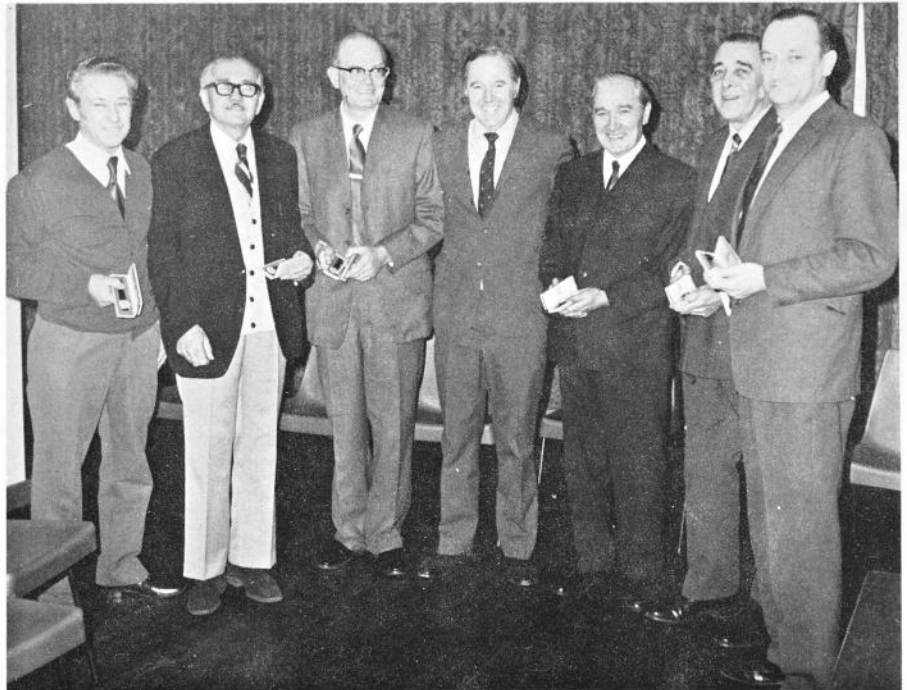
JOHN SEDDON

TOM CLAXTON

Tom Claxton (Letterpress Machine Assistant) retired on 20 December, having completed 50 years' service with the Company. Mr John Seddon presented Tom with a cheque and retirement scroll and Mr Gordon Chivers, on behalf of the SOGAT Chapel, presented him with a silver tea service.

For 40 years Tom was a member of the Fakenham Town Band, playing cornet and horn. One of his most happy memories is of a time between the wars when the band gained national recognition at Crystal Palace. Curiously Tom was born in a house which used to stand on the site of the present bindery. An event he remembers well dates back to 1912 when a disastrous fire caused a quarter of a million pounds worth of damage to the Fakenham premises, the fire burning for a week.

# GOLD WATCH PRESENTATIONS



*Left to right:* ALBERT YOUNG  
BEN TURNER  
ALF SMITH,  
JOHN SEDDON  
REG SHERWOOD  
BILL HAMMOND  
JOE LUSTED

On 23 December Mr John Seddon presented Gold Watches to the following personnel at Reading in recognition of their Long Service to the Company.

Mr Bill Hammond	Machine Room Shift Overseer	37 years
Mr Joe Lusted	Despatch Manager	38 years
Mr Reg Sherwood	Pressman	36 years
Mr Alf Smith	Costing Office Clerk	36 years
Mr Ben Turner	Deputy Composing Room Manager	36 years
Mr Albert Young	Maintenance Engineer	36 years

## *Children's Christmas Party at Reading*



The children's Christmas party was, we are very glad to say, a great success. Over eighty children filed through the doors of the Heidelberg Suite, some with excited faces, some who weren't too sure, and some who didn't want to stay at all.

To keep them amused until everyone arrived, each child was given a zoomy. A zoomy, for the benefit of the ignorant, is a model car which is powered by the expulsion of air from an inflated balloon, and which is stuck in the top of the car. Great battles ensued as fathers eagerly wanted to show their children 'how it works' (a likely story).

After a couple of games, organized by Uncle Bob (Johnson), the children settled down to a film show of the latest cartoons.

Poz then took over and kept the children amused for the next two hours with magic and songs.

Towards the end of the afternoon, Poz had the children singing 'Jingle Bells' as loud as they could (talk about a cats' choir), and when Father Christmas entered the hall, it was feared the noise would raise the roof. After settling them all down, each child received a present from Father Christmas and the party came to an end.

Special thanks to all members who helped with the party arrangements, and extra thanks to Doris and Daisy for arranging such an excellent cuisine, to Peter Powell for his bit of high-powered motoring, and to Don Allen for getting dressed up as you know who.

*Ray Lloyd*

## People We Work With

*This new series will take a closer look at some of the personalities working for the Company, who are engaged in jobs as various as their hobbies and recreations. All make an important contribution to the running of the Company.*



What better way to start this new series than to pay tribute to one of the most well known and respected men in the Fakenham factory – Gordon Joyce – who has spent many years in organizing entertainment and pleasure for his workmates.

Gordon, pictured in action behind the bar at the Social Club, joined the firm in 1940, working in the Foundry, where he has remained. Gordon's wife Jill, whom he married in 1950, worked on the Folders for a number of years, and his father in the Letterpress Machine Department for 37 years, part of the time as Overseer.

Gordon is best known as Secretary of the Social Club, a position he has held for 25 years. His memories of the

Club go back to the days of the 'penny cups of tea outings' after the war. The proceeds from the tea trolleys went towards the firm's annual outing, when an entire train was hired to take the staff from Fakenham to London for the day.

The first premises used for a club-room were at The Oak; later, when this room was unavailable, Gordon continued to keep the Social Club active by organizing dances, etc., which were held at West Runton Pavilion.

Following the formation of the 200 Club in 1970, Gordon began to see the Club's bank balance grow and when the opportunity arose to purchase premises in Oak Street, his dream of a Club House began to become a reality.

This dream came true in December 1972 when the Club House opened its doors for business. Since then Gordon has never looked back and the Club is going from strength to strength.

Obviously this takes up a tremendous amount of Gordon's time and his wife Jill says, 'I will soon have to send him a letter when I want to see him.'

Besides his Social Club activities Gordon has been a member of the local Town Council for eight years.

Although he has little spare time, during the summer Gordon and Jill, with their two dogs, a boxer and a papillon, like to spend a few hours in their caravan at Wells-next-the-Sea, where for a while Gordon can get away from the worries of running the Club.

Gordon says he doesn't mind all the hard work and worry because 'it's nice to see people enjoying themselves'.

*(In the next issue we hope to feature a personality from the Reading factory.)*

## Looking Back

### 'RINCO'

It was a period of newspaper closures, thus I ultimately found myself working in an Ad House, with one important variation, they were experimenting with a new print form called 'Rinco' used in conjunction with photogravure printing. Basically it was to provide good proofs white on black paper (the proof would be chalked over to ensure a perfect white proof).

Now the object of this was to produce a positive negative, or should I say negative positive? The proof would then be cut up by women who would paste it all up in position; from there it went to the artists who would provide ornamentation even to the rays of the spectrum. All was now ready for the cameras (huge affairs running on tracks similar to a miniature railway track).

The system was an Italian one and proved highly successful, although we were never to see it in operation as we were not a printing house, but as far as the ad setting was concerned we had to pull our own art pulls. Yet again, times were changing.

*Nonpareil*

### CHEERIO PAT

Best wishes for the future to Miss Patricia Allen, Mr John Seddon's Private Secretary for the last four years, who has recently left the Company. Pat had worked for the Company for seven and a half years.

### NEW APPOINTMENT

We are happy to welcome Miss Beverley Bradshaw to the Company as Private Secretary to Mr John Seddon, our Managing Director. Miss Bradshaw was born in Manchester and commenced her business career with Tube Investments. Subsequently, she spent a period working in London as Personal Assistant and Public Relations Officer to the Managing Director of a timber company. She decided to broaden her experience by working abroad and firstly went to Brussels where she spent almost two years and then went to Canada, spending nearly four years working in Toronto. Before returning to England she travelled across Canada to Vancouver, subsequently visiting San Francisco, Los Angeles and the Californian coastline. Beverley is keen on many sports, particularly sailing, squash and swimming; she has swum for Lancashire and is now a fully qualified swimming teacher.



# Fakenham Social Club News

## WHAT'S ON AT YOUR CLUB HOUSE

Saturday, 1 March

BLUE VELVET  
(ex-Social Status)

Saturday, 15 March

MISSISSIPPI DELTA

Saturday, 5 April

SECOND OPINION

Saturday, 19 April

EXODUS

We are pleased to report that the Club House was extremely well patronized during the Christmas closure and in fact, record bar takings were taken on Christmas Eve.

Gordon Joyce, Social Club Secretary, would like to thank all Committee members and bar staff for their help during the busy Christmas period.

During the dance on Christmas Eve the draw took place for the 200 and 150 Club. The winners were as follows:

£700 (200 Club) – Len Lock (Intertype Operator)

£200 (150 Club) – Ken Delap (Compositor)

In the absence of Miss Cox & Wyman the draw was made by Jane Massingham.

# Reading Social Club News

## PANTOMIMES

Three coaches took the older children not eligible for the Christmas party to the New Theatre, Oxford, to see the pantomime 'Peter Pan' on Saturday, 4 January. On the way each child was given a bag of eats and a tin of Coke. All arrived back safely at 11 p.m.

One hundred and sixteen tickets were sold for the trip on 1 February to the Empire Pool, Wembley, for the Ice Pantomime 'Aladdin'.

## TOURNAMENTS

The Men's Snooker and Darts Competitions are progressing well, and the night for the Darts Final has been booked for Friday, 7 March. When these competitions have been completed it is hoped to commence a Table Tennis Competition, either in the form of Singles and Doubles or an Inter-departmental League for teams of three players.

# Personal Column

## WENSUM GRAPHICS

### Engagements

Miss Elizabeth Reed (Negative Spotter) to Mr Paul Wright on 25 December.

### Births

Malcolm and Margaret Flook, a daughter, on 13 December, Sarah Gail, weighing in at 7 lb. Malcolm is a colour camera operator.

## READING BRANCH

### Engagements

Miss A. McGreary (Bindery) to Mr M. Collins on 25 December.

Miss J. Matthews (Bindery) to Mr J. Licence (Timson Operator) on 25 December.

### Marriages

Mr Graham Mortimore (Production Office) to Miss Carol Ray on 21 December at Reading Registrar's Office.

Mr Dennis Goucher (Composing) to Miss Christine Ward on 21 December at Reading Registrar's Office.

### Silver Wedding Anniversary

Mrs E. Lyons (Bindery) on 24 December.

## FAKENHAM BRANCH

### Engagements

Mr David Swift (Litho) to Miss Joy Yarham on 4 December.

Mr Kenneth Voutt (Maintenance) to Miss Barbara Moore (Bindery) on 21 December.

Mr Kevin Spencer (Composing) to Miss Jacqueline Casey on 24 December.

Miss Geraldine Palmer (Technical Planning) to Mr Norman Raybould on 11 January.

### Marriages

Miss Marisol Bellon (Mr Burden's secretary) to Mr Paul Williamson at St Anthony's Church, Fakenham, on 28 December.

Miss Marian Everitt (Bindery) to Mr Geoff Saunders at Baron's Hall, Fakenham, on 7 December.

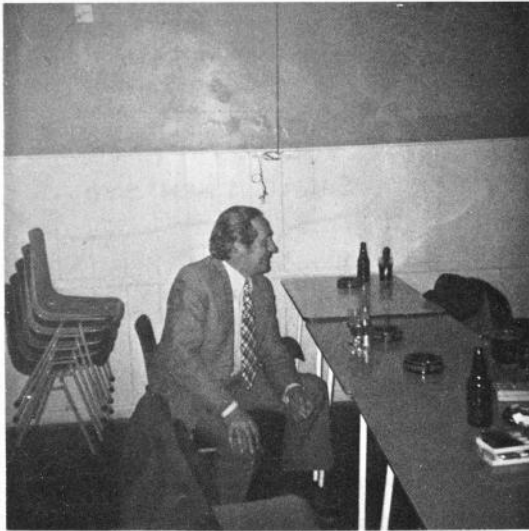
### Births

Linda (ex-Bindery) and Brian Annison, a son, on 22 December, Benjamin Robert, 7 lb. 7 oz.

## NEW COMMISSIONER

Mrs Ann Sayer (Wages Department, Fakenham) has been appointed the new Gallow District Guide Commissioner. Ann has been in the movement for 20 years and in the early years she was Sunbeam Leader with the Salvation Army. Ann's husband Roy is Group Scout Leader in Fakenham for the Wensum Group.

# Pick a Caption Competition



*'I wish they worked as well as they play.'*

Fakenham's roving photographer recently caught Mike Burden (Works Manager) in a somewhat thoughtful pose at the Darts Competition held at the Club House.

The Fakenham Social Club have offered a half bottle of whisky to the person who comes up with the best caption to the photograph. The competition is open to all employees within the Cox & Wyman Group.

Caption .....

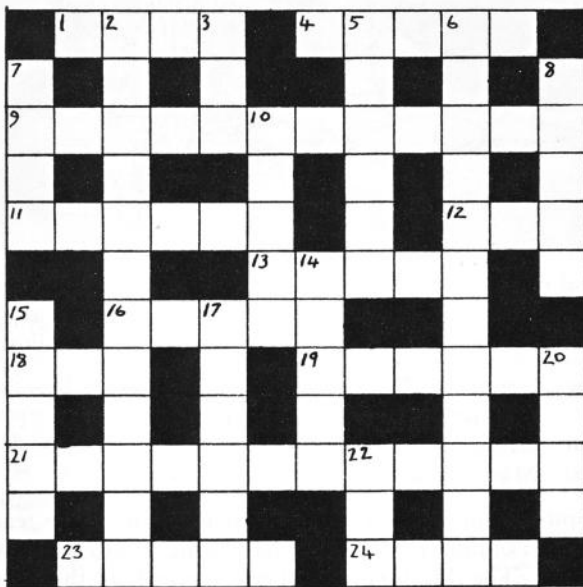
Name .....

Department .....

Factory .....

Having filled in your Name, Department and Factory, send this entry form to:  
The Editor, Cox & Wyman Ltd, Fakenham (to arrive not later than Wednesday, 12 March).

## Crossword



### CLUES ACROSS

1. Pack, when going from south to west (4)
4. Surplus pears (5)
9. Fighting in the dark? (6, 6)
11. Getting one's voice back (6)
12. It's sad to have nothing between two points (3)
13. Wearing it the lady has a price on her head (5)
16. Lover has a change of heart - he can't win (5)
18. Sounds like a line of eggs (3)
19. And lines of eggs are seen in the shop at this time (6)
21. GPO steam past (Anag) (7, 5)
23. If one does it may disturb the rest (5)
24. Often caught by bank workers (4)

### CLUES DOWN

2. Punish - like a schoolmaster? (5, 1, 6)
3. Court in a wooden sort of way (3)
5. An aversion (6)
6. Laid down for use when training (7, 5)
7. Sounds like I will be surrounded by water (4)
8. Eager to give consent (5)
10. A stew which is spoiled may go to it (5)
14. Girl in dire need (5)
15. It may show the ups and downs of business (5)
17. Raise a salty breeze (3, 3)
20. Often tight under a big top (4)
22. Springtime riser it's said (3)

*Submitted by Ken Harrington (Technical Planning), Fakenham*

## Find the Towns

### THAMES VALLEY

1. Grade in a muddled way.
2. Sleep on this? Never!
3. Grin and go haywire.
4. Consumed?
5. In here, the ale is refreshing.
6. Gosh! Half the lute is broken.
7. Not wild, by the sound of it.
8. I am in a tremor over this.
9. The angler's barest essential.
10. He who came first was quiet after.

*(Answers appear at bottom of page)*

### LOCAL CORRESPONDENT

Del Wardle (Production Office) has agreed to act as the local correspondent at Reading. All articles and photographs originating from Cremyll Road or Cardiff Road should be sent to him.

Others in the group should send any items to the Editor, Cox & Wyman Ltd, Fakenham.

### CROSSWORD SOLUTION No. 10

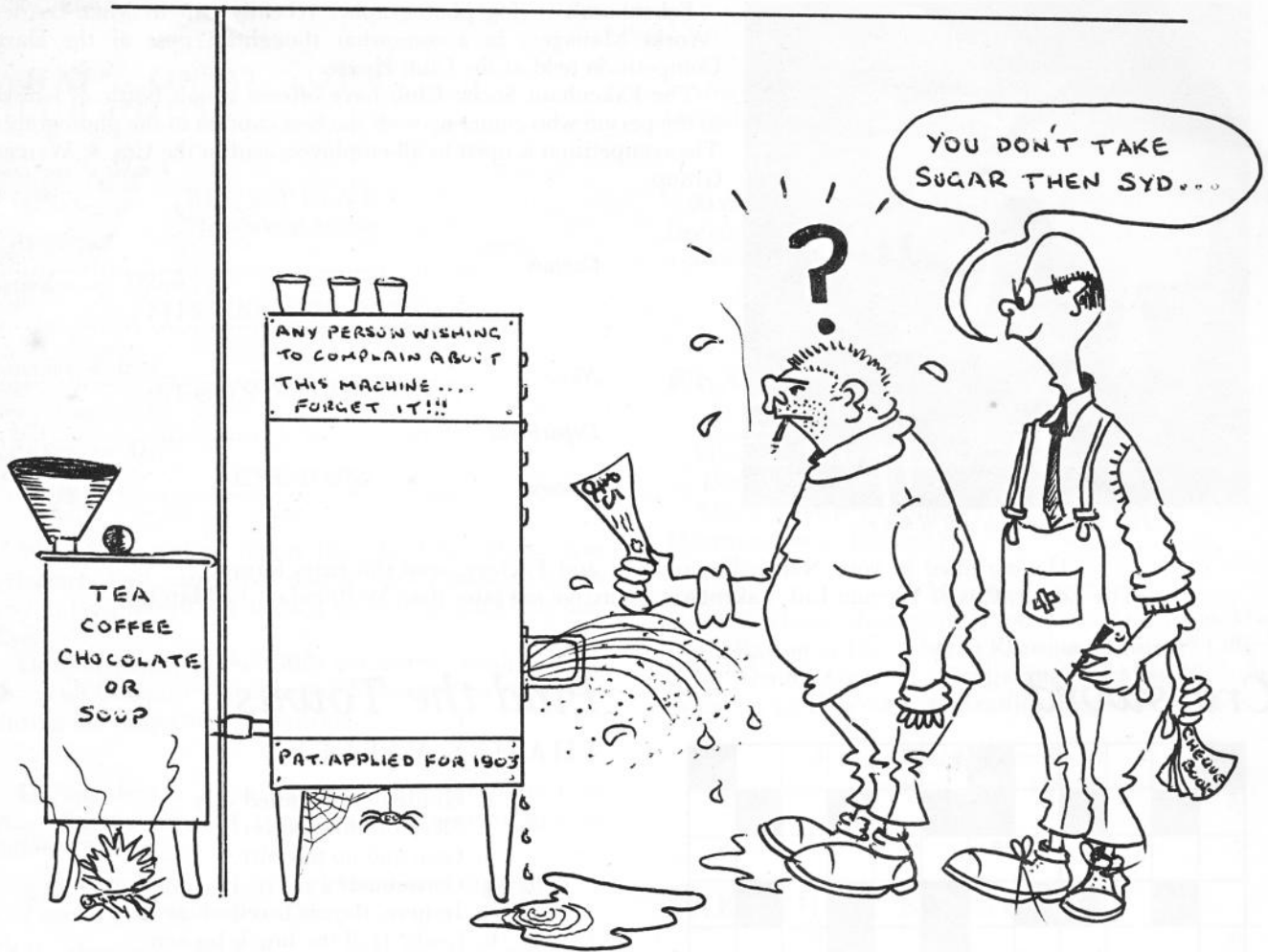
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DOWN: 1 Yale. 2 Homo. 3 Era. 4 Ibex. 5 Donna. 6 Uri. 7 Emetic. 8 Ate. 10 Agate. 11 Stuffy. 15 Ash. 16 Ink. 18 Uses. 20 Urge. 21 Ion. 22 Settle. 25 Bed. 26 Video. 27 Gerbil. 28 Syn. 30 Mates. 32 Need. 33 All. 34 Line. 35 Once. 37 Urn. 39 Can.

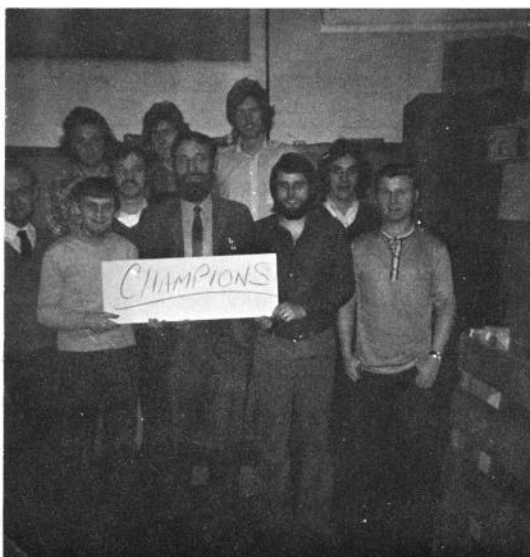
### ANSWERS (FIND THE TOWNS)

1 Reading. 2 Nettlebed. 3 Goring. 4 Eton. 5 Theale. 6 Slough. 7 Thame. 8 Mortmer. 9 Hook. 10 Winnersh.

# Laugh with Gordon



## Sports Scene



### INTER-DEPARTMENTAL DARTS TOURNAMENT AT FAKENHAM

The annual tournament this year led to one of the most closely fought finals ever. Teams were selected from the

usual departments within the factory, but unfortunately the Letterpress Machine Room were unable to raise a team, and therefore the first-round results were as follows:

Composing		v.	Letterpress	Bye
Casemakers	6		Ladies	2
Office	5		Bindery	3
Maintenance	5		Litho	3

Spurred on by their unexpected win, the Office team played a blinder in the semi-final, losing 8-0 to the Casemakers. The Maintenance men emerged as the other finalists after a close-fought 5-3 battle with the Comps.

The Social Club was packed out on the night of the Finals, and the two teams appropriately produced a cliff-hanger finish. The eight-man play-off went as follows:

<i>Casemakers</i>		<i>Maintenance</i>	
R. Jackson	2	R. Dodman	1
G. Thomas	2	J. Seaman	0
D. Young	0	D. Sewter	2
T. Skelton	1	R. Bidewell	2
R. Barrington	1	D. Tann	2
D. Boulter	2	B. Gilder	1
D. Swan	2	K. Paige	1
R. Carver	0	K. Voutt	2

With all to play for it fell upon the two reserve players to settle the final outcome. Trevor Pilch of the Casemakers was victorious by 2 games to nil over Eric Myhill (Maintenance).



## READING F.C.

With the season well under way the team has still to make an impression on the league table. However, they have made the last sixteen of the Sunday League Subsidiary Cup after two good wins against opposition from higher divisions.

Played	W	D	L	F	A	Points
12	2	4	6	23	30	8



Phil Faulkner was recently called to the centre spot just before kick-off, to receive (unknown to him) the award 'Cox & Wyman's Players' Player of the Year'. Social Club Chairman Mr Charlie Maslen very kindly stepped forward to present the trophy. Phil, who works in the Composing Room, has played for the team for nine years. When asked to comment on the award he said, 'I deserve it.'

A raffle was held recently to boost Club funds. Lucky winners were:

- 1st Prize £25 Mrs S. C. Noble (Club Treasurer's wife!)  
 2nd Prize £10 Mr G. Campbell (Inter-Counties Publications)  
 3rd Prize £5 Mr Ken Martin (Stereo Dept)  
 Other Prizes Bottle Sherry Mr Cecil Denny (Bindery)  
 Bottle Port Mrs E. Masterson (Despatch)  
 Cuddly Toy Mr Brian Geary (Intertype)  
 Chocolates Mr P. Faulkner (Comps)

The Club would like to thank all those who helped to make the draw a success.

## COPY DEADLINE

Contributions for the next issue of *Trunk-Call* should be received by the Editor not later than Wednesday, 12 March.

## TABLE TENNIS – FAKENHAM

Cox & Wyman 'A' team are at present near the bottom of the First Division of the Fakenham and District Table Tennis League, but owing to postponements they still have several games in hand over the teams higher up. With John Cathcart back in action after his illness the 'A' team at full strength are still capable of attaining a place in the top half of Division I by the end of the season.

The 'B' team, now lying third in the Second Division, have chalked up some notable victories in the last few weeks owing to some much improved play. The 'C' and 'D' teams in Division III are currently fighting it out for fourth place, the 'D' team at the moment having a slight edge on the 'C'. Spectacular indeed is the progress of the 'E' team in Division IV, who after a slow start have now moved up to fourth place in their division.

In the first round of the Powell Cup Team Knockout Competition the 'A' team beat the 'E' team 9-0 despite their having to concede 10 points in every game, but went out in the next round to Legion 'B' by 5-4 in a very close match. The 'B' team received a walk-over in the first round and meet First Division Ross 'A' in the second round. The 'D' team beat the 'C' 5-4 in the first round and are drawn to play Second Division Youth Club 'A' in the next round.

Table tennis enthusiasts will be interested to hear that two top-ranking international players, Chester Barnes and Trevor Taylor, are due to make an appearance in a Table Tennis Exhibition at the Fakenham Community Centre on Wednesday, 26 March.

*'Topspin'*

## DARTS SINGLES TOURNAMENT FAKENHAM

Thirty-eight entrants contested this very competitive tournament held at the Club House. Throughout the evening the competition was of a very high standard with Alan Parker (Packing Dept) and Rob Jackson (Case-makers) reaching the final. Alan became the eventual winner, beating Rob 2-1. Losing semi-finalists were Nigel Janes (Composing Apprentice) and Chris Vertigan (Work Study). Thanks to Trevor Pilch and Chris Vertigan for organizing a very enjoyable evening's entertainment.



## Fish and Quips at Reading

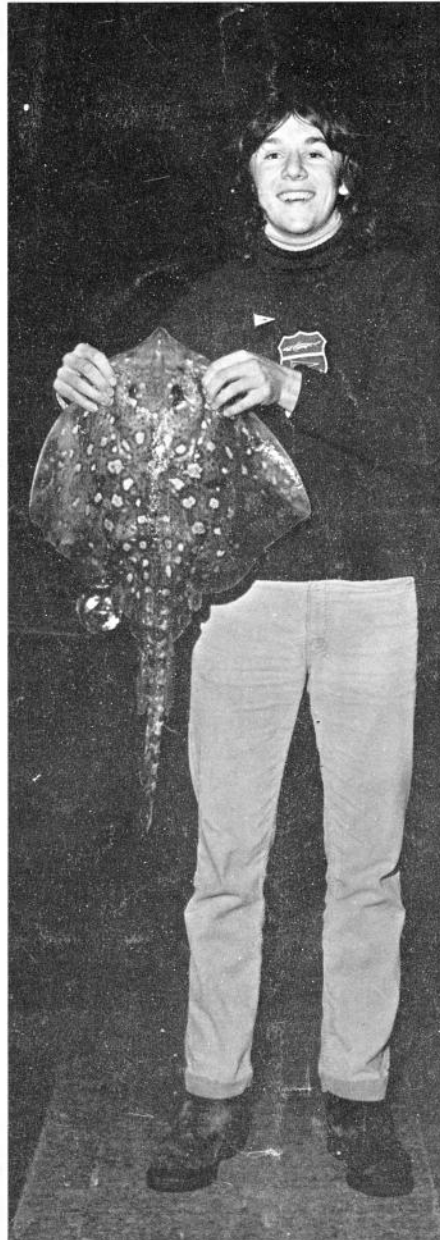
As per usual, the Chairman boated a 9-lb. Thornback Ray on his first cast, within ten minutes of the boat anchoring. It wasn't until three hours later that the second fish was brought to the gaff, and which at the end of the day proved to be the best fish, a cod of 19 lb. from Secretary Raymond J. Lloyd (professional photographer). (As this is his first ever big-un we thought it was worthy of a mention!) It took two people plus the help of a Pout to catch it . . .

Ray was asleep in the wheel-house, and as usual left his rod over the side hoping to tangle up with somebody else. A Pout (Ray's favourite fish) took the baited hook and promptly hooked itself and in turn the Cod took the Pout and that too hooked itself, taking the rod with it. Then with consummate skill a poor helpless angler, one of the lesser lights, with nothing to show for his efforts, caught Ray's rod before it went over the side. Ray awoke, snatched the rod off him and heaved the already beaten fish to the surface. Say no more.

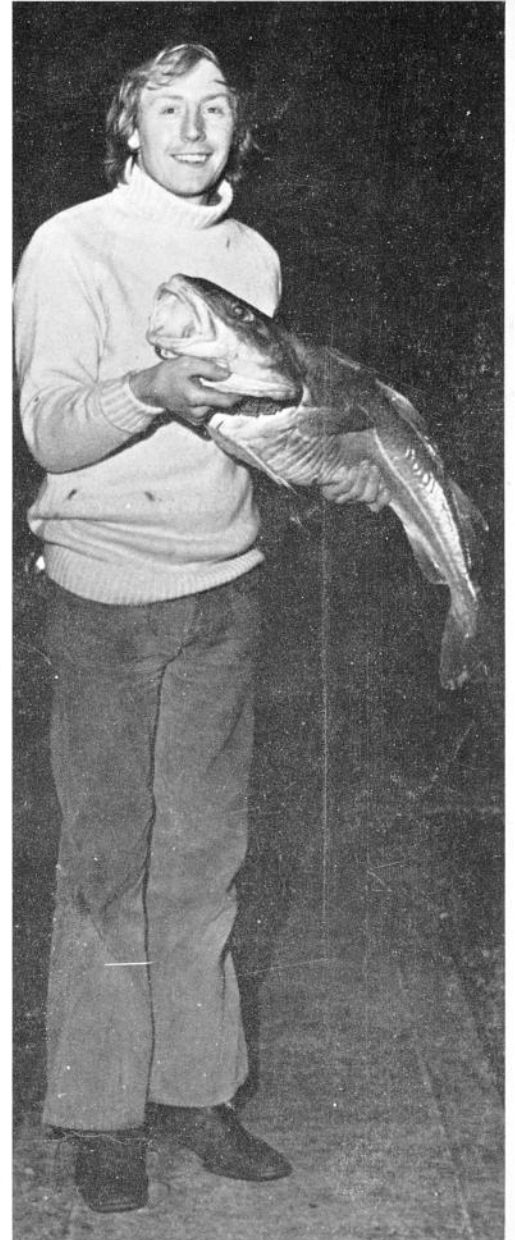
The rest of the members enjoyed a good day's fishing, catching Dogfish, Pout and Whiting with Pugwash snapping up a specimen of 3½ lb. This sets a new Club record.

The Club fished aboard the *Dorothy T*, skippered by Terry Lenkford, 1½ miles S.W. of Needles Light.

*The Chairman  
M.B. (again)*



MICK BROWN with a 9-lb. Thornback Ray.



RAY LLOYD with a 19-lb. Cod.

### LONG-RANGE CHESS GAME

A long-range game of chess being played between Fakenham and Singapore could take as long as a year to complete.

It is being played by Mr Simon Cook (Type Store) and his father, Mr A. Cook (retired Reader) with the RAF in Singapore.

They have kept in touch with the aid of coded cards sent through the post, and are lucky to complete three moves every two weeks.

With the possibility of sixty moves in a game, quick results seem unlikely.

### JUDO

We have been asked to draw your attention to the Fakenham Judo Club, which meets every Thursday evening at the Sports Centre.

Commencing: Juniors 19.30 hours  
Seniors 20.30 hours

Anyone interested will be most welcome to go along to the Sports Centre any Thursday evening.

### RED RAVERS

The second half of the season started well with a 2-1 win over Lakenheath Liberty Belles at Lakenheath. Goals were scored by Elsie White and by Patsy Fennell.

Played	W	D	L	F	A	Points
9	2	2	5	11	36	6

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Photographs of events at Reading kindly supplied by Ray Lloyd.