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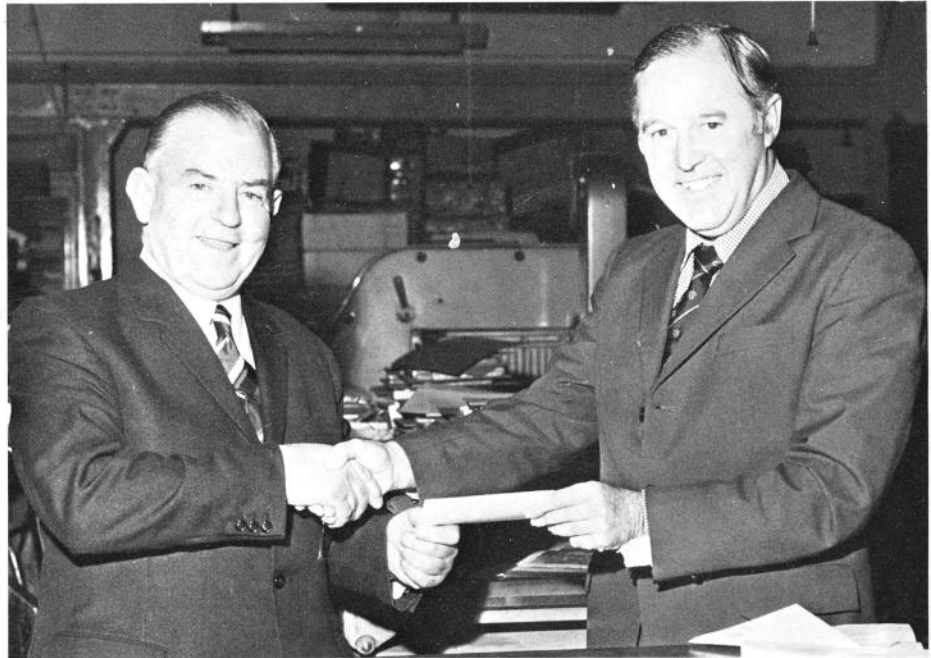
OSCAR BLACKFORD

A presentation was made in January to Mr Stuart Gunn, who retired on 23 January, having completed 50 years' service. An electric drill and blow-torch given by colleagues was presented by one of the youngest employees, Mr Colin Angove, and Mr John Seddon presented a cheque on behalf of the Company.

During the last 50 years Mr Gunn has seen many changes, particularly those of modernization.

His wife Phyllis also works at Oscar Blackford and has completed 43 years' service.

During his retirement Mr Gunn hopes to devote more time to his favourite pastimes of fishing, rugby and boating.



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PRESENTATION OF ROSPA SAFE DRIVING AWARD



Whilst at Fakenham on 3 March, Mr John Seddon presented Mr Fred Hooks (who drives the Fakenham 30-cwt delivery vehicle) with a '6th-year bar' to the Safe Driver's medal awarded to him last year by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents. Mr Hooks drives *over 40,000 miles a year* on Company business. Complimenting him on his excellent record Mr Seddon emphasized the responsibility that 'the professionals' have in setting high standards of safety in all road conditions.

COCKTAIL PARTY

Cox & Wyman will be holding its annual Cocktail Party for publishers on Tuesday, 15 April. Over 100 guests from the production departments of our major customers will be invited and about 50 members of our own staff from Reading, Fakenham and the London Office, as well as Oscar Blackford and Wensum Graphics, will be attending.

The venue will again be Stationers' Hall, a rather unusual place to hold a party of this sort, but one which has proved very successful during the last two years and we are very happy to be going there again. The Hall itself is reputed to be the best of the London Guildhalls and certainly has a great deal of atmosphere. During the war it was severely damaged in the bombing, but fortunately the stained-glass windows had been removed to a place of safety and the Hall has now been completely refurbished and restored to its old grandeur. Eric Burt, our late Managing Director, was Master of the Worshipful Company of Stationers and Newspaper Makers in 1970.

Last year the Cocktail Party featured a display of books which we had printed and bound throughout the year. This proved very successful and created a lot of interest amongst our visitors, so we are repeating the exercise – this time featuring the work done by our subsidiary reproduction company at Fakenham, Wensum Graphics Limited.

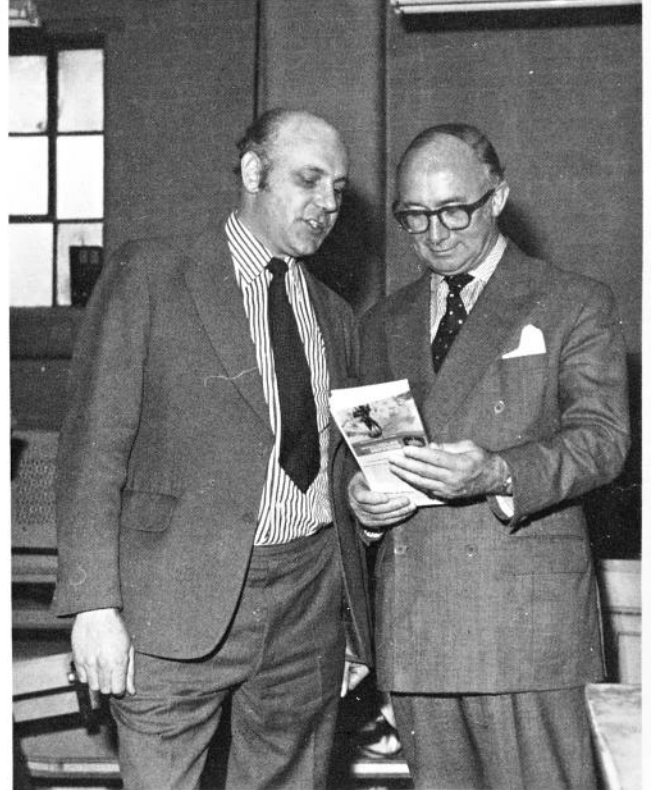
Managing Director of Tilling Group Visits Reading

On Monday, 24 February, Mr Patrick Meaney, Managing Director of the Thomas Tilling Group of Companies, was a welcome guest at the Reading works. During the forenoon Mr Meaney carried out an extensive tour of the Cardiff Road factory and also visited Head Office at Cremyll Road. During his 'walkabout' Mr Meaney took the opportunity to chat with personnel in almost every department, both works and office alike. After lunch he attended a Cox & Wyman Board Meeting.

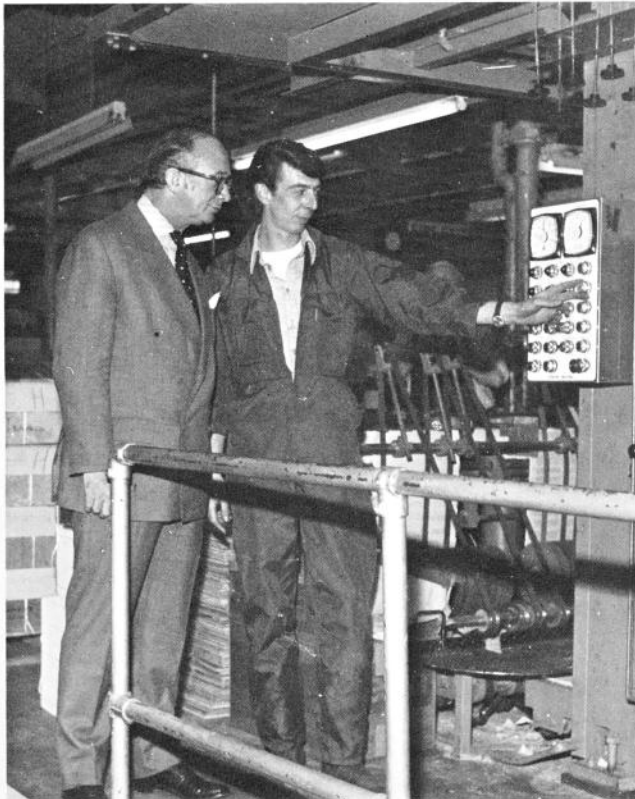
Expressing his satisfaction with what he had seen, Mr Meaney said that he was planning to make a similar visit to Fakenham later this year.



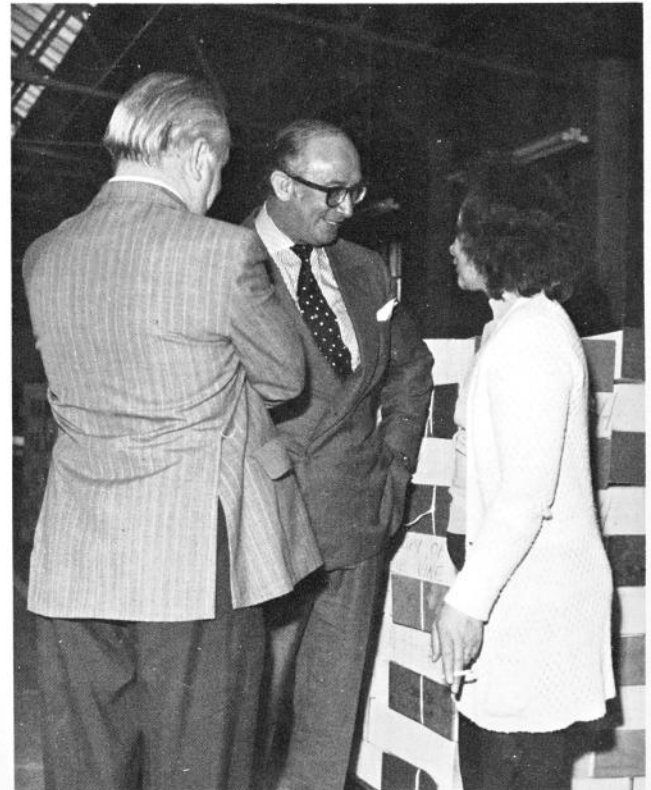
Mr Bulpitt, Mr Seddon and Mr Meaney



Mr R. L. Humphrey and Mr Meaney



Mr Meaney with Jim Pedder, NGA FOC Machine Room



Mr Gumm (Bindery Manager), Mr Meaney and Mrs Pam Knott, MOC Bindery

People We Work With



Almost everyone at Fakenham will recognize the person photographed above, off-loading paper from one of the many lorries that arrive daily – it is of course, Cyril Ward.

Cyril joined the firm in 1955 as a Letterpress Machine Assistant, working with Don Gilder for ten years. About five years ago Cyril became a driver of one of the fork-lift trucks. His work consists mainly of off-loading white paper from lorries and transporting it to the various storage areas.

Since joining the Company, Cyril has always been a very active member of his union. For seventeen years he was FOC for the Letterpress section of SOGAT, was Imperial Father for two years and is now Chairman of the local Letterpress SOGAT branch.

Much of his spare time is taken up with local football – not playing, I hasten to add – but playing his part in encouraging local players. He has been a member of the Norfolk County F.A. for the last eleven years and is Chairman of the North-West Norfolk & Fakenham Area Environment Committee; during the current season he has been attending one local match each week as a referee assessor.

Another favourite pastime is bowls, a game he has played for thirty years. Cyril is a member of the Fakenham British Legion team, and was a member of the team that won the County Cup in 1967.

During the war he was attached to the Dutch Army as a driver, and remembers well the occasion he drove Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands.

Cyril is married with four children, two of whom work for the Company; daughter Christine works on the Flexiback machine in the bindery and son Michael in the white-paper warehouse, occasionally following in father's footsteps by driving one of the fork-lift trucks. Another son, Brian, is a drummer in a pop group, whilst Christine is well known in the area as a Country & Western singer; wife Muriel also occasionally performs as a singer.

Editor's Note: Unfortunately, Reading were unable to produce copy on time, but every effort will be made to include a personality from Reading in the next issue.

Dirty Work

A recent article in *Trunk-Call* mentioned two generators which the Fakenham factory has installed for use in case of an electricity failure. This made many of us suddenly aware of how much we rely on this source of energy to run our factory, and it is interesting to recall the days when the boiler house was the sole power supply for all departments. This power supply was of course dependent on a regular supply of coal.

Coal for Wyman & Sons' factory was brought in by rail to one of the town's two railway stations. The first railway to come to the town was a branch line extension of the Wymondham/Dereham railway. Its station was what is now known as Fakenham East. It was opened in 1848, and was built on the spoils of the cutting immediately to the north, on the Wells extension. It was quite a small station with a passing loop and a few sidings.

Forty years passed before the opening of what was known as Fakenham West (now demolished). This was a much larger station, more money being speculated because the line was built to carry the Midlands to East Coast holiday traffic. It was for this reason that the Midlands and Great Northern railways jointly took over the line.

Coal was delivered to these stations (mostly to Fakenham East) and it was up to the Company to collect it, there being some ten tons a week. To do this local carriers were used, people like 'Billy' Large, a coal merchant and William Sutton, the landlord of the Great Eastern public house. These men were awarded the sum of 2s. per ton.

In the latter years it was an employee of the Company, 'Trinny' Huggins, with a hired horse and tumbrel (a two-wheeled cart), that brought the coal in. Even in the troubled war years the conveyance of coal was uninterrupted, except when 'Trinny' found it necessary to do some business in the Great Eastern public house.

The second man who helped on the coal run was often one of those employees of small stature who took turns to crawl inside the boiler (when the fire was out – it was not the Company policy to send men in when it was lit) to scrape off the scale and shovel it out. The man would emerge looking like one of our Colonial friends and he would need at least three baths in succession to get clean.

Working with coal was tiring and dirty, but it had its perks. Dirt money was paid at the rate of 3s. per week and one could finish work when the day's load had been delivered. The job did have its drawbacks, though, several dozen bicycles often had to be removed from the works yard before the coal could be brought in.

With the change over to electric power, coal was used only for heating and was delivered by a local coal merchant. Now the factory is heated by oil, much cleaner and more convenient. But since the Arabs rule the Western world, more expensive.

Jim Baldwin

I should like to acknowledge the help given to me by a retired colleague in the preparation of this item.

MARKETING SEMINAR HELD AT FAKENHAM



By kind permission of West Norfolk Photographics

A one-day marketing seminar jointly organized by Mr Kent and Mr Jude was held at Fakenham at the end of February. The London Sales Executives, Production Assistants and Order Clerks all attended. Talks were given by Brian Bean on pricing and how we are trying to improve our profitability, by Vic Vincent on the role of the London sales force and by Mike Burden on a range of technical matters including the importance and limitations of proofing, and the choice of originals for offset litho reproduction. All the talks evoked a lively discussion afterwards and this exchange of ideas was probably the most fruitful part of the seminar.

A small get-together was held the previous evening at Sculthorpe Mill for less formal discussion over a glass of beer to which the factory departmental managers were invited.

The overall impression of those who attended the seminar appeared to be that it was very successful, and it is hoped we can repeat the exercise in the future.

Looking Back

SETTLED IN

For 17 years, including my time in the Army, I was settled in with one employer, producing periodicals and newspapers. A long period was spent on the theatrical profession's own newspaper *The Stage*, and yet again I was involved in the financial columns on a financial paper.

In 1940 I volunteered for the Army under the T.A.; I have something to tell you about that later.

Railway fares were ever increasing, the workman's ticket had been abolished, and I was tired of the endless travel, so I chose to find work where travel was not necessary.

It was thus I entered the book trade, where I was to remain for the rest of my working life. Strange as it may seem, the amount of technical skill required was not equal to that of an apprentice in his last years during my early days. Other factors had also arisen that made work less satisfying than in days gone by.

Nonpareil

NORWICH CITY COLLEGE

The Annual Prize Giving was held at Norwich City College on Wednesday evening, 19 March. The Prizes were presented by Mr Peter G. M. MacPhee, Deputy Director, Production, Reader's Digest Association.

Successful apprentices were:

David Shaul (Bindery)	City & Guilds Basic (Credit)
Peter Mason (Composing)	City & Guilds Basic (Pass)
Nigel Janes (Composing)	City & Guilds Basic (Pass)
Nigel Smith (Monotype Casters)	City & Guilds Advanced (Pass)
Paul Stearman (Litho)	Printing & Platemaking Course
Mathew Elston (Litho)	City & Guilds General Course in Printing (Passes in four subjects)

SAVE IT!

That's a phrase we've heard a lot just lately; it is part of a Government campaign to make us save energy. All of us can do this, directly or indirectly, by cutting out waste in its various forms.

On a recent journey into London, I noticed that the nearer I got to the city the more rubbish lay on the verges and in the hedgerows. Not only does this look very untidy, but it is an indirect waste of energy. Better to re-cycle this material, or burn it and use the heat created, then the ash for agricultural purposes.

One finds an awful lot of wastage in factories, some of it quite unwittingly. A printer may discard the top sheet of his note-pad, having written only one word on it, because he is surrounded by tons of paper. But multiply this by the number of printers in the country and you end up with a lot of waste paper.

During the often referred to 'three-day week' one factory was seen to be using an outside floodlight throughout the entire day, except when the district had its blackout period. It did not need many instances like this to create conditions necessary for prolonged cuts in the electricity supply in those days.

A man I know recently exercised a few simple economies in the use of electricity in his own home, amongst other things switching off unnecessary lights. This made a saving of nearly 25 per cent on his previous quarterly electricity bill, and this was the winter period! So if every householder did the same, not only would he save himself money, but the country as well.

Without a doubt, our most expensive fuel is oil. There are many ways in which the man in the street can save on this form of energy. Petrol immediately comes to mind. I like the story of the man who lived four minutes' walk away from his work and yet he used his car. As he lived in a one-way street he had to travel quite a distance out of his way to get back home.

You, dear reader, may be amused at this article and look upon it as a load of rubbish, throwing it in the waste bin (there you are, you've created some more waste). But, joking apart, it is important that we save energy. If we don't we shall all have to pay much more for it and at the same time accept a lower standard of living.

(P.S.) Ed. please return the electricity bill this is written on, as I have not paid it yet.

IAM A TITWUN

DEAR MARJE

The following letter has been received at the Sales Office in London from a gentleman in Benghazi:

*The Managing Director,
Cox Wyman Co. Ltd.
London.*

Sir,

It is requested that I need

1. Naked Women pictures Magazine.

2. Play Boy Book.

*If it is possible to send me
these books, please send me the price, so*

I transfer you Money.

An early reply will be appreciated.

Thank you very much.

Dated: 19.12.74.

*Mohd Sidique
P. O. Box. 2523
Benghazi. Libya*

FAKENHAM FESTIVAL

For Fakenham 1975 means Festival. And Festival – the town's seventh biennial treat – means a wealth of musical and artistic talent in the town between 3 and 17 May. The Committee is repeating its successful one-brochure-entry-to-all events formula this year and for £1.50 you can go to anything up to 12 top-class events and still get good value for money – and this includes entry to an unusually wide range of exhibitions.

The all-star line up this year includes a lecture recital from Joseph Cooper of BBC-2's 'Face the Music', tenor John Boulter of Black & White Minstrels fame, vocal harmony group The Scholars, the Alberni String Quartet and the world-famous Black Dyke Mills Band. The London Saxophone Quartet provides a slightly more unusual note and there are concerts from the Royal College of Music Ruckers Ensemble and Fakenham's three main schools. Also Ballets Minerva, the travelling Robin Hood Theatre and an afternoon with the National Trust. The 'Story of Fakenham', an illustrated exhibition, will be staged in the Cox & Wyman Social Club Hall for one week.

MR LEONARD KENYON

C.B.E., F.C.A.

On the same day as the marketing seminar we were fortunate to have Mr Leonard Kenyon visiting the Fakenham factory and were privileged to meet him over lunch (the photograph opposite shows him standing between Mr Kent and Mr Jude).

For thirty-six years Mr Kenyon was Director of the British Federation of Master Printers at their London Head Office. He said he was never able to find time to visit Fakenham during his term of office, but it gave him great pleasure to do so and tour the works in his retirement.

Fakenham Social Club News

WHAT'S ON AT YOUR CLUB HOUSE

3-9 May
EXHIBITION - 'STORY OF FAKENHAM'
Saturday, 10 May
BLUE VELVET

During the dance held on 15 March the draw took place for the 150 Club. The lucky winner of the £200 was Mr John Fenn (Litho).

The Annual General Meeting was held on 23 February. Officers and Committee Members for 1975 are as follows:

<i>President</i>	Mr F. C. Jude	
<i>Chairman</i>	Mr M. S. Burden	
<i>Secretary</i>	Mr G. Joyce	
<i>Treasurer</i>	Mr S. Cooper	
<i>Committee</i>	Mrs A. Wright	Mr C. Palmer
	Mrs M. Masterson	Mr T. Pilch
	Miss S. Gladwin	Mr D. Tann
	Miss B. Moore	Mr T. Windler
	Mr C. Vertigan	Mr R. Shillam
	Mr C. Pawley	Mr R. Carver
	Mr N. Harbord	Mr R. Watson
	Mr B. Lunn	Mr R. McCall

Reading Social Club News

FORTHCOMING EVENT

Friday, 2 May Darts Match
COX & WYMAN v. THE DOLPHIN INN
at WALLINGFORD

ANNUAL DINNER AND DANCE

The Club's Annual Dinner and Dance this year was held at Ed's Barn, Wokingham, in February and was attended by about 250 members and friends. An enjoyable and lively evening was had by all as the majority crowded the somewhat over-populated floor, moving to the sound of a very loud but enjoyable group.

A special vote of thanks to all those members of the committee who made the evening a great success.

Personal Column

READING BRANCH

Engagements

Mr Michael Pease (Comps) to Miss Anna Falzon on 1 March.

Marriages

Miss J. Matthews (Bindery) to Mr J. Licence (Machine Room) on 11 February.

Miss A. Stride (Bindery) to Mr M. Garrett on 15 February.

Miss S. Dalton (Bindery) to Mr N. Hubbard (Maintenance) on 22 February.

Miss C. Grimshaw (Work Study) to Mr P. Jacobs (Foundry) on 8 March.

Retirements

Mrs Daisy Hawes (Bindery Manager's Secretary) on 31 January, after 10 years' service.

Mr Cecil Miles (Bindery) on 28 February, after 11 years' service.

FAKENHAM BRANCH

Engagements

Miss Valerie Middleditch (Bindery) to Mr John Richardson on 14 February.

Miss Bridget Hall (Bindery) to Mr Bob Prior on 1 March.

Miss Glenda Childs (Bindery) to Mr Herbert Chappel on 1 March.

Marriages

Miss Jenny Warnes (Bindery) to Mr David Banham at Baron's Hall, Fakenham, on 1 March.

Miss Linda Steed (Bindery) to Mr Glen Hawes (Despatch) at St Mary's Church, Walsingham, on 8 March.

Miss Janet Mason (Bindery) to Mr Stephen Barrett at St Nicholas Church, Wells, on 15 March.

Miss Ann Smith (Bindery) to Mr David Woods at St Mary's Church, Tittleshall, on 22 March.

Miss Jackie Edge (Bindery) to Mr Arthur Hendry at St Mary's Church, Walsingham, on 22 March.

Miss Maureen Skelton (Bindery) to Mr David Bird at St Peter & Paul's Church, Fakenham, on 22 March.

Miss Marilyn Bryant (Production) to Mr Philip Wyer at St John the Baptist Church, Stibbard, on 29 March.

Miss Jane L. Massingham (Bindery) to Mr Richard J. Barrington (Bindery) at St Mary's Church, Walsingham, on 5 April.

Miss Rozel Howling (Bindery) to Mr James Hill at Baron's Hall, Fakenham, on 19 April.

Births

Mrs Sue Carr (ex-Bindery), a daughter, on 18 December, Lorna Elizabeth, 7 lb. 2 oz.

Mrs Diane Carroll (ex-Bindery), a daughter, on 21 January, Vanessa Louise, 6 lb. 2 oz.

Graham and Pauline Thomas, a daughter, on 2 March, Lisa Ann, 8 lb. 15 oz. Graham, when not playing darts, works in the Casemaking section.

Pick a Caption Competition

From the huge number of most ingenious captions suggested for the photograph in *Trunk-Call* No. 11, the judges have selected the following winner:

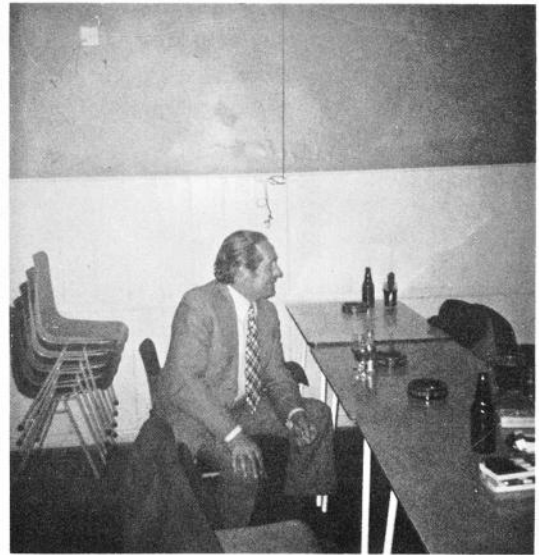
'Ah! I see now, throw three darts in the wall and buy someone a half.'

The winning caption was submitted by Graham Thomas (Case-makers), who received the prize of a half bottle of whisky at a recent dance at the Club House.

The judges had a very difficult task in deciding the winner, a selection of some of the best entries received is given below:

- 'The loneliness of a short-distance darts player.'
- 'I wonder if the Board will take my point.'
- 'Happens every time my glass gets low.'
- 'They always did say that nobody loves you when you get to the top.'
- 'There were no empty seats when it was my round.'
- 'Life's one long Burden.'
- 'Frank, we'll go halves on that light ale.'
- 'Looks as if this is the only double I'll get tonight.'
- 'One more dart at me and I'm under the table.'
- 'They might have told me it was tomorrow night.'

Editor's Note: All entries received were from Fakenham personnel.



'Ah! I see now, throw three darts in the wall and buy someone a half.'

Children's Christmas Party at Fakenham

Due to the tremendous response last year, it was decided to hold two parties this year, divided into two groups, under-7-year-olds and 7-13-year-olds.

A total of 210 children attended the two parties held at the Club House on the last two Sundays in January. Entertainment was provided by Professor Richardson (Clown and Punch & Judy) and Magician Rodwell.

Approximately 500 cans of Coke and 450 packets of crisps were consumed by the children in addition to the piles of sausage rolls, sausages-on-sticks, sandwiches, savoury rolls, trifles, cakes, etc. At both parties the children were eating for nearly two hours. One small boy confessed to having drunk fourteen cans of Coke!

Special thanks to all Committee members who helped with the party arrangements, particularly the ladies, who worked extremely hard.

Gordon Joyce



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Letters to The Editor

Dear Editor,

It would be true to say that a game of Chess as far apart as Singapore and Fakenham is quite unique, indeed it would be difficult to imagine opponents placed as far apart geographically.

My son and I are both playing two games each, making four games in all. In one we play 'White' and in the other 'Black'. As a matter of interest I append one of my games as far as it has progressed; it should be remembered the games commenced early in January.

<i>Singapore (White)</i>	<i>Fakenham (Black)</i>
<i>P-QN4</i>	<i>P-Q4</i>
<i>B-N2</i>	<i>B-KB4</i>
<i>P-K3</i>	<i>P-QN3</i>
<i>P-QB4</i>	<i>P-QB3</i>

This, of course, is according to the International Convention as to marking a move.

The paragraph in the last issue of *Trunk-Call* leaves me wondering if any of your readers employed at London, Fakenham, Reading or Truro would like to participate in Postal Chess; if such is the case I would be only too happy to arrange such matches amongst Company employees. As I am now retired, money is not too plentiful for unlimited postal charges, so would I be forgiven if I said S.A.E., please! I would be able to supply the requisite cards from 'Chess', Sutton Coldfield, at a nominal cost of a few pence.

Yours sincerely,
A. C. Cook

To save a little on postage I suggest enquiries are sent to me via your local correspondent. Depending on the amount of interest shown, arrangements will be made to keep postage charges to a minimum. Ed.

Dear Editor,

The response to my appeal for used postage stamps has been overwhelming and during March half a tea chest of used stamps was taken to Wells Cottage Hospital.

We are continuing with the collection, and stamps can be taken to one of the following collectors:

Syd Riches – Composing
John Cathcart – Letterpress
Nat Quelch – Litho
Tom Elliot – Warehouse Bindery
Ann Bennett – Bindery Office
Elsie White – Work Study Office
Gloria Webster – Office

Roy Dodman (Fakenham)

COPY DEADLINE

Contributions for the next issue of *Trunk-Call* should be received by the Editor not later than Wednesday, 14 May.

OBITUARIES

Mr William (Bill) Hawketts, who worked as a Reader at the Fakenham factory for 47 years (25 years as Head Reader), died suddenly on 25 February, at the age of 78 years. His last three years as a Reader were on a part-time basis.

Bill was considered one of the most knowledgeable Readers ever, and with it always remained conscientious and humble; he was greatly respected by all who knew him and will be sadly missed.

He leaves a widow, one daughter and three sons, Ivan, Philip and Julian, who work with us at Fakenham.

After a very long illness, Mr Walter Langley died on 12 March, aged 70 years.

Walter had worked at Fakenham as White-paper Warehouseman for 44 years, until in 1964, due to ill health, he had to retire.

Throughout his long illness, Walter always remained cheerful and uncomplaining, and will be remembered by all who knew him as a very brave and courageous man, always very appreciative of all the Company and his colleagues did for him. He leaves a widow and two sons.

Mr J. 'Pop' Jones died suddenly on 20 March, aged 66 years. 'Pop' as he was affectionately known by his work-mates, had worked as a Litho Assistant for almost ten years until his retirement. His son, Alec, is Shift Charge-hand in the Litho Hall. Mr Jones leaves a widow and two sons.

Miss Edith Wright, died on 22 March, aged 75 years. For 47 years she had worked in the Bindery at Fakenham, operating a No. 1 Casemaker until her retirement in 1961.

WARMTH AND SUNSHINE

*There's warmth in every feathered breast
From golden eagle to goldcrest
But cuckoos have a hatching scheme
Simplicity in the extreme.*

*The species clearly have to mate
But nest building is not a trait
Some unsuspecting mother small
Will one day scarcely eat at all.*

*Opinion differs as to size
And how they manage to disguise
An egg so different from the rest
A young cuckoo can fill the nest.*

*Pipits, or warblers in the reeds
Will satisfy one's early needs
The chick they rear does not relate
To Africa he will migrate.*

Jack G. Townshend – Fakenham Post

Safety Corner

HOUSEKEEPING

Over 20 per cent of all accidents in the printing industry are caused by people falling, bumping into things, or being hit by falling objects. Many of these accidents could be avoided by improved housekeeping or simply by taking more care. Walk carefully when carrying loads and when turning corners. If the floor is uneven or worn, report it.

Take special care when the floor is slippery and, if possible, get something done about it. Clean up any oil or liquids you may spill.

Do not walk around in the dark. Turn on the lights, particularly near machinery and on stairs.

Watch for objects, such as pallets, left in gangways and remove them if possible. Do not leave things in gangways.

When working above ground level make sure that you are secure. Use hand-rails where provided.

Place tools so that they cannot fall or trip people up.

Make sure any openings in floors are fenced or secured.

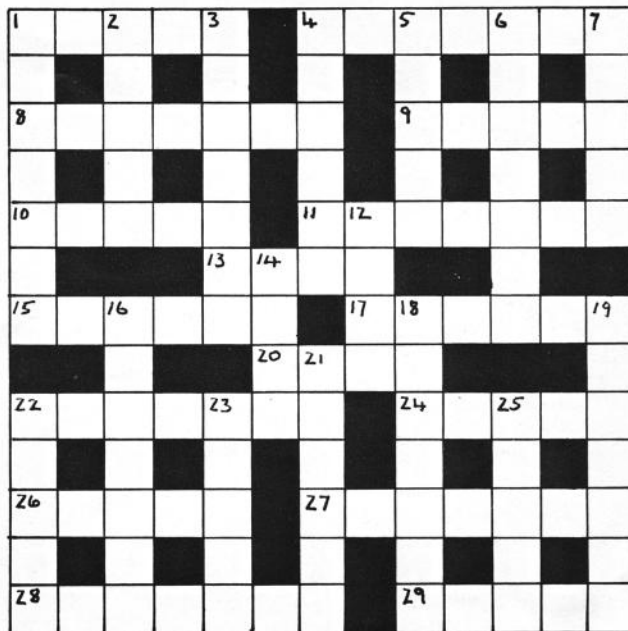
Keep your work-place tidy – particularly the floor.

Do not carry or move loads which prevent you from seeing where you are going. Stack material carefully to reduce the risk of it falling and watch for uneven floors. Keep stacks to a reasonable height.

Always chock reels back and front and, if topping reels, put smaller diameter reels at the top.

When using a conveyor, place parcels or boxes correctly to ensure they don't fall, and never stand or walk on it.

Crossword



CLUES ACROSS

1. A resting place for painters (5)
4. Cast lines mispronounced (7)
8. Set apart, I am so far behind (7)
9. Country of origin of 21? (5)
10. Churchman losing his head makes things hot (5)
11. Fortifications on board (7)
13. College of note (4)
15. Having a consuming desire (6)
17. Outsize meal for a sea bird (6)
20. Letter rate? (4)
22. Learned man in a class of his own (7)
24. Of course it is a good score! (5)
26. Coach, or a number of them (5)
27. Sends up - in the air (7)
28. How the Queen and I wander (7)
29. How the Tory Party carries on, famously (5)

CLUES DOWN

1. Grave words (7)
2. Notices blemishes (5)
3. He may go solo only after a pass (7)
4. A picture on the wall (6)
5. Individuals often found in kitchens (5)
6. He takes a bow *before* the performance (7)
7. Hands out hands (5)
12. Can one lose religion and become unknown? (4)
14. Its measured tread can be heard on the road (4)
16. North American downpour (7)
18. Treats a member of family like a doormat (7)
19. Eddy will lie until given away (7)
21. Righter of wrongs? (6)
22. Brave pole (5)
23. Much on edge, but keen inside (5)
25. Visitor made a stab at, we hear (5)

Submitted by Ken Harrington (Technical Planning), Fakenham

Letter of Appreciation

The following letter was received at Reading from Granada Publishing Ltd:

Dear George

FLAME

Many thanks for the effort which you all put into getting this book out on time. As a result of the quick delivery it has met our expectations sales wise.

Many thanks.

Yours sincerely

Malcolm Lee
Production Manager

CROSSWORD SOLUTION NO. 11

ACROSS: 1 Stow. 4 Spare. 9 Shadow Boxing. 11 Echoes. 12 Woe. 13 Tiara. 16 Loser. 18 Roe. 19 Easter. 21 Postage Stamp. 23 Snore. 24 Pike.

DOWN: 2 Teach a Lesson. 3 Woo. 5 Phobia. 6 Railway Track. 7 Isle. 8 Agree. 10 Waste. 14 Irene. 15 Graph. 17 Sea Air. 20 Rope. 22 Sap.

Sports Scene

READING F.C.

At long last our team has tasted the success of a victory, when on 2 March, a reshuffled team soundly disposed of Peppard Reserves with a convincing 11 goals to nil victory. Credit for the win must go to the whole side for a fine team effort. The goals came from new signing Lester Adams (5), Chris Wardle (4) and the ever-dependable Dave Frith adding the last two.

The team was eventually knocked out of the Subsidiary Cup, losing 5-0 to Kidmore End Reserves, a team from Division 3 of the Sunday League.

Our team's 'poet laureate' has been in action and rumour has it that the following lament had something to do with our recent victory.

Lament to a faded Star
(RESERVED FOR R. HILLMAN)

*This is the tale of the Rise and Fall
Of one amongst us who stands so tall.
Football became No. 1 rule in his life,
But now it seems it's just brought him strife.
He played for Wokingham and other good teams
But he's over the Hill(man), or so it seems;
For he joined Cox & Wyman in Division Six
And thought to himself: 'I'll get them out of a fix.'
'With a player like me their poor form I'll reverse.'
But things didn't get better, in fact they got worse.
A selector came down with a smile on his face
And said: 'Sorry, Rod, I know it's a disgrace,
'I know it's a bind and a bit of a wrench
'But you've been removed to the substitute's bench!'
Rodney replied: 'Fancing dropping a player like me,
'I want a transfer to Clifton F.C.!'*

R.I.P.

A league table will be published in the next issue of *Trunk-Call* as it is hoped that with the change of current form our position in the league will have improved by publication date.

Secretary,
Cox & Wyman F.C.

COX & WYMAN DARTS CHALLENGE TROPHY - FAKENHAM

Twenty-five teams from firms in the Fakenham area have entered the darts competition which is being held at the Club House. Organizers are Trevor Pilch and David Tann. Results from the Preliminary Round are as follows:

Edmondson B	3-6	Edmondson A
Wigg & Plowright	3-6	Cox & Wyman C
Ross A	3-6	Shepherds Friendly Society
Ross B	3-6	Ross C
Cox & Wyman D	0-9	Cox & Wyman A
G.P.O.	9-0	Varley F.M.C. B
Cox & Wyman B	6-3	Edmondson C
Ross D	7-2	Fisher & Sons
Varley F.M.C. A	8-1	Cox & Wyman E

The Final will be held on Tuesday, 22 April.

CRICKET CLUB - FAKENHAM

For this season the Club has the use of the Walsingham playing field for all home fixtures.

Committee members are: Alan Kemp (Chairman), Roy Dodman (Secretary), Mel Neave, Danny Boulter, David Swift, Reg Shillam and Barry Lane.

The Club is a member of the Sandringham League, with games being played on a Saturday. Three Cup competitions (John Smith-Hindringham, Barney K.O. and Mid-Norfolk K.O.) have already been entered. An Inter-Departmental tournament will be held during the summer.

Membership fees are now due at a cost of 50p. It must be remembered that no member receives any insurance cover until he or she has paid the 50p membership.

I shall be pleased to hear from anyone interested in playing, likewise those who would like to umpire or score for the coming season. Volunteers are also needed to help prepare the pitch.

Having our own ground available means we can play unlimited matches this season. Any groups or departments wishing to play friendlies against each other please contact the Secretary who will be more than pleased to assist.

The Club received an offer to use Fakenham Town C.C.'s practice nets for one evening a week at a cost of £10 per season. As I cannot visualize the members using the facilities after the first four or five weeks this could work out at approx £2 per session; sorry, Fakenham Town, the answer is No! (We may need the practice, but it looks as if Fakenham Town C.C. need the money.)

A raffle was held recently to raise funds for new equipment with the draw taking place at the Cricket Club dance in mid-March. Many thanks to Mr Jude and Mr Burden (Cox & Wyman) and Mr Engall (Wensum Graphics) for their donations to the raffle. I should also like to thank everyone who sold tickets, particularly David Sewter, who sold over 100 books, and Dave Randall, who sold over 70 books, in what was a very flooded market.

Roy Dodman

DARTS - FAKENHAM

Following the recent darts tournament in which the Office team suffered a slight defeat by the eventual winners (Casemakers), the Office felt that a return match was warranted to restore morale. Well, in the return match the Champions just scraped home 6-4.

The following poem was compiled by members of the Casemakers' team:

*We float like the butterflies and sting like the bees,
We make all you office bods get down on your knees.
Now you know we're the master and you know we're the king,
And just like canaries we make our darts sing.
Now to all you bums and suckers it must be obvious now
That Casemakers are almighty so take your place and bow.
We've beaten all on-comers, we've beaten all you tramps.
So let it go down in history books that Casemakers are the*

CHAMPS.

G. (Shorty) Thomas

DARTS TOURNAMENT – READING



Ladies' Singles Champion



Men's Singles Champion



Ladies' Doubles Champions



Men's Doubles Champions



Team Champions

The finals of the Reading Social Club Darts Competition took place in the Heidelberg Suite on Friday, 7 March.

There was a good turn-out and the spectators enjoyed an evening of fine dart-throwing by both the ladies and men. The climax of the competition was the Men's Singles final which resulted in a nail-biting finish when both competitors had at least six throws each for the double.

After the 'battle of arrows' the competitors and spectators relaxed and danced to the sounds of the 'Orange Disco Show', playing all the oldies.

The results of the competitions were:

Ladies' Singles Winner – Miss Cynthia Miller
 Runner-up – Mrs Ruth Dibley

Ladies' Doubles Winners – Mrs Ruth Dibley
 Mrs Sylvia Townsend
 Runners-up – Mrs Mary McGowan
 Mrs Irene White

Men's Singles Winner – Mr Phil Faulkner
 Runner-up – Mr Rod Hillman

Men's Doubles Winners – Mr Rod Hillman
 Mr Steve Miles
 Runners-up – Mr Brian Brown
 Mr Grahame Folley

Men's Team Winners – Bindery
 Runners-up – Readers

The Cups, Trophies and prizes were kindly presented by Mr Ron Humphrey.

All concerned would like to give special thanks to Bob Lewington and Ian Bristow for organizing this first-class evening.

THEORETICALLY SPEAKING

If you take a large sheet of paper, one-thousandth of an inch thick, cut it in half 50 times and place each half on top of the other, how thick would the wad of paper be? One foot? Six feet? A mile high, maybe?

Amazing as it may seem, the wad of paper would stand rather more than $17\frac{3}{4}$ million miles high!

1974/75 SNOOKER TOURNAMENT – READING



Peter Pearce Ron Humphrey Bill Hammond

The 1974/75 Snooker Tournament got under way in November 1974 with a total of 34 entries for each of the Doubles and Singles competitions.

After some very closely fought preliminary rounds the finals took place at the Heidelberg Suite on 7 March, but only after a certain amount of comment such as, 'The handicappers were drunk'. (This proved to be unfounded.)

The Doubles Final, for the best of 3 Frames, resulted in a very close contest between:

Bill Hammond and Peter Pearce (Machine Room)
against
John Kennedy (Reader) and Grahame Folley (Comps)

The first Frame went to the Machine Room pair, but only after one point on the blue ball separated the teams. The second Frame proved to be the time when luck ran out for John Kennedy and Grahame Folley, with balls refusing to drop, but lying handsomely for the opposition, who took the advantage, thus resulting in a runaway victory of the second Frame and the match.

The final result was a 2 Frames to nil win in favour of Bill Hammond and Peter Pearce.

1st Frame – 48 to 37
2nd Frame – 63 to 13

Owing to a previous commitment by one of the finalists in the Singles competition this contest was played a few days earlier between Bill Richardson (Foundry) and Albert Young (Maintenance Staff). This proved to be a battle of the giants (not in height), when the slightest mistake could result in defeat. With Albert Young in good form and making some good breaks he left Bill Richardson far behind and ran out the eventual winner. The result of the game was:

1st Frame – Albert Young 44 to 25
2nd Frame – Bill Richardson 34 to 29
3rd Frame – Albert Young 70 to 22

The Cups, Trophies and prizes were kindly presented by Mr Ron Humphrey.

ABSENT FRIENDS

Good wishes for a speedy recovery to Mr Reg Cooper (of our Fakenham factory), who is now recovering from a serious illness.

TABLE TENNIS – FAKENHAM

The Cox & Wyman Tournaments took place on Sunday, 23 February at the Club House.

Barrie King (Film Keyboards) took the men's singles title by virtue of some dour defensive play against John Cathcart (Letterpress Machine) and teamed successfully with Nigel Tustin (Composing Apprentice) to win the men's doubles final.

Results were as follows:

Men's Singles B. King bt J. Cathcart 21-14 21-11

Ladies Singles E. White bt J. Phillips 21-11 21-15

Men's Doubles B. King/N. Tustin bt K. Curtis/
J. Barber 21-16 21-16

Mixed Doubles B. Fairhead/M. Fuller bt P. Clarke/
E. White 13-21 21-17 21-17

Ladies Doubles E. White/M. Fuller bt J. Phillips/
V. Cooper 17-21 26-24 21-16



Elsie White
(Ladies' Singles Champion)

Barrie King
(Men's Singles Champion)

The Tournaments were very ably organized by Mr Ken Curtis and the trophies were presented by the Social Club Secretary, Mr Gordon Joyce.

In the Powell Cup Team Knockout Competition the 'B' team went out to Ross 'A' from Division I in a one-sided match, leaving the 'D' team as sole survivors in the competition. After a very creditable 5-4 win against Second Division Youth Club 'A', the 'D' team also met Ross 'A' and were beaten 7-2 by the First Division club, Geoff Wells winning both games for Cox & Wyman.

'Topspin'

RED RAVERS

Due to a successful second half to the season's campaign the Ravers are slowly improving their league position after a somewhat disappointing start.

Played	W	D	L	F	A	Points
15	6	2	7	25	45	14

The most spectacular win so far this season was a friendly match in February against Norwich Birdies, when the Ravers won 13-1. Goals were scored by Elsie White (6), Christine Mitchell (3), one each from Susan Palmer, Trudi Green and Linda Rash (Linda's goal coming from a penalty) and an own goal.