

Christmas Message from the Managing Director



Writing in the Christmas issue of *Trunk Call* last year I referred to the great difficulties we had overcome together during the early months of 1974 and the fact that we were moving into 1975 against a background of full order books and improving profits. But this year, unfortunately, with the British economy facing its sharpest decline in 44 years (to quote a recent article in *The Times* newspaper) and the Company's trading position reflecting the current cut-back in certain areas of printing and publishing activity, the immediate outlook on the business front appears rather less cheerful than we would like. Nevertheless one hopes that it will not be too long now before we are seeing some signs of a return to a more normal level of orders.

However, the festive season is essentially a time for the family, and the children in particular, so it is once again my pleasure to wish you and yours a really enjoyable Christmas and, as always, a happy, healthy New Year.

I look forward to visiting Fakenham, Truro and Reading on 16, 19 and 23 December respectively when I shall have the opportunity of spending some time in each department and meeting many of you for a chat.

JOHN SEDDON

Retirements

READING

On 14 August, Sid Fossey (Bindery) retired after fifty years in the trade – forty-eight years with this firm.

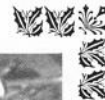
In his younger days, Sid played football with Cox & Wyman – then Wymans, and before and after the war captained the works cricket team. He is also known to have been able to look after himself in the boxing ring.

His war years were spent in the 159 Parachute Regiment R.A. and he served mainly in the Middle East, reaching the rank of Sergeant.

In post-war years, he was F.O.C. at the time of the dispute and his sterling work on the Branch Committee is to be rewarded with a Silver Badge. He has also done a very good job as Chapel Auditor.

At a quiet get-together in the Board Room, Sid received from Mr John Seddon a cheque and Long-Service Scroll from the Company. This was followed by a presentation on the shop floor of a cheque from his work-mates throughout the factory and a surprise gift from the girls of a set of cuff-links and a matching tie-clip.





In torrential rain and blistering squalls members of the Reading Composing Chapel set off for Southend on Saturday, 27 September for their annual day out, but as can be seen from the photograph there were smiles all round at journey's end, plus the added attraction of two members of the fairer sex – well it was rather early! John Kennedy (F.O.C.) is easily identified as the genial giant at the rear of the photograph. I believe that the liquid intake was greater than the downpour.

The journey home was brightened for those awake by the appearance of police cars, their blue lights flashing, coming from all directions, apparently (as we learned later) converging on the Spaghetti Restaurant siege.

Home was reached at about 2.45 a.m. and all agreed it was a grand day.

G.R. – Reading



TIME OUT

Two more Fakenham apprentices came out of their time in September, Barry Hawes (Bookbinder) and Nigel Smith (Filmsetter Operator). Our picture shows Nigel on his way round the main shopping area.



RECIPE FOR A JOURNEYMAN

Ingredients and Requirements

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| 1 Apprentice | 1 kg of old tea-bags |
| 1 Trolley | 5 kg of Monotype perforations |
| 5 kg of ink and thinners | Paper cuttings |
| 5 litres of oil | 4 able-bodied men |
| 2 kg of grease | 1 bell-ringer |
| 5 litres of dye | High-pressure hose |

Method

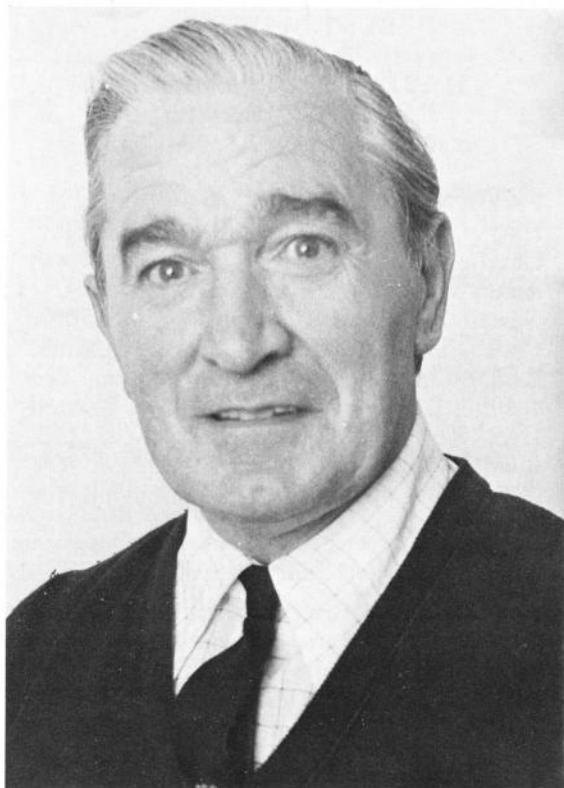
Take the apprentice (suitably clothed), tie him securely into the trolley and cover liberally with the ink, thinners, oil, grease, dye, tea-bags and Monotype perforations; add the paper cuttings around the base of trolley.

The four able-bodied men should then wheel the trolley and contents for a tour around the factory and town, preceded by the bell-ringer. Finally release the apprentice from the trolley and hose down with high-pressure hose.

Result

You should have a JOURNEYMAN.

People We Work With



Reading's second contribution to this particular section is of Mr Reg Sherwood, known to most of his colleagues as 'Dr Sherwood' for his duties as First-Aid Officer at the Reading factory.

Reg came to Wymans from The Classic Colour Press in October 1938 as a Machine Minder. At the outbreak of war he was called-up and soldiered with the R.A.M.C. During his tour of duty he spent long periods of service abroad, including the evacuation of the now infamous Belsen Concentration Camp.

On return to civilian life in 1946 Reg returned to Wymans, and along with his job of Machine Minder, assumed the appointment of First-Aid Officer, a position he has held to this day. Another appointment which he held for a number of years was that of F.O.C. of the Machine Chapel. He was also for some time a member of the local Branch Committee of the T.A. (now N.G.A.).

His outside interest is the Boys' Brigade. Reg has been a Senior Officer in this organization since 1931, being a District Executive Member and at the present time Vice-President of the Reading Battalion.

Although not a very good football player himself, Reg did the next best thing and took up refereeing, and in this he was very successful, being one of the top Berks and Bucks referees, controlling matches both at home and on the Continent.

Reg is very happily married with two sons, both of whom are married with two children each. Paying tribute to his wife, Reg said that without her support he could not have done all the voluntary work he has done for so many years. He is also very keen on the welfare of his fellow workers and always willing to help in whatever way he can.

Absent Friends

We send very best wishes to two very popular members of our staff, who at the time of going to press are in hospital.

Mr Don Giles, our Financial Director, is still in the Royal Berkshire Hospital following his operation in September and Mr Guy Broady of the Costing Department at Fakenham is in the Norfolk & Norwich Hospital following admittance at the end of October.

We wish both these gentlemen a very speedy recovery and hope it will not be long before we see them in their normal surroundings.

MR REG COOPER

On Friday, 14 November, Mr Reg Cooper retired after nearly 51 years with the Company at Fakenham. A very large gathering of friends in the Composing Department saw presentations to Reg by Mr John Seddon and Mr Jude.

A full report and photograph will appear in the next issue.

AN APPLE A DAY!

Mick Bateman showing the Worcester Pearmaines with which he won the Novices Cup at the Arborfield Autumn Show. Mick has been Reading's answer to Barry Bucknell for a number of years and obviously has aspirations to be Percy Thrower too.



Fakenham Social Club

News

WHAT'S ON AT YOUR CLUB HOUSE

Wednesday, 24 December

MEMBERS' CHRISTMAS PARTY
1 p.m.-4 p.m.

Christmas Eve

GROSVENOR HILL

Old Year's Night

EXODUS

The Club House Bar will be open at lunch-time during the Christmas and New Year holiday.

Saturday, 10 January

Disco
IMPACT INTERNATIONAL

Saturday, 24 January

FRESH

Saturday, 7 February

999
(Police Band from King's Lynn)

Saturday, 21 February

Disco

Saturday, 6 March

GROSVENOR HILL

During the dance held on 4 October the draw took place for the 200 and 150 Clubs. The lucky winners were:

£700 (200 Club) - John Musgrove (Production)

£200 (150 Club) - Eland Robson (Planner Platemaker)



Reading Social Club

News

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, 21 December

Annual Christmas Party for children under nine,
commencing at 3.15 p.m.

Wednesday, 31 December

New Year's Eve Dance - Heidelberg Suite

Saturday, 10 January

'Dick Whittington on Ice'
at the Empire Pool, Wembley.

We send

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

and

BEST WISHES

for a

HAPPY AND HEALTHY
NEW YEAR

to all retired members of our staff.

FAKENHAM

Harry Gibson, Tom Potter, Herbert Beverley, Charlie Aldis, Charlie Wanford, Bert Dew, Albert Tuck, Eddie Pilch, Fred Parsons, Alec Newall, Bill Andrews, Johnny Wright, Arthur Cook, Tim Leverington, Harold Barnes, Reggie Ling, Jack King, Peter Gilham, Ted George, Dick Woodgett, John Brett, Gordon Dye, Reg Allcock, Ron Cracknell, Jack Bloom, Tom Claxton, Horace Defew, Reg Cooper, Betsy Walker, Hilda Hammond, Ivy Hemblen, Molly Gilder.

READING

Charlie Bartlett, Ernie Bartlett, Percy Bishop, Les Blackwell, Harry Brown, Len Choules, Jack Church, Nobby Clark, Len Cocks, Frank Couling, Ken Diboll, George Faragher, Bill Fletcher, Jim Ford, Sid Fossey, George Garrett, Fred Godley, Bill Hope, Fred Lockeyear, Jackie Martin, Cecil Miles, Wally Morey, Arthur Munday, Tommy North, Harry Plested, Ted Richardson, George Roberts, Bill Sharp, Sid Shute, Bert Smith, Chris Sturt, Brun Sturt, Reg Taylor, Freddy Vilsoen, Stan White, Windy Windebanks, Reg Witcher, Snowy Woolford, Harry Wyatt, Reg Young, Cissie Breach, Kath Griffiths, Ethel Gyngell, Daisy Hawes, Phil Lailey, Edna Munday, Ann Owens, Blanch Ross, Rene Sharp, Cis Young.

EAST ANGLIAN PRINTING QUEEN COMPETITION

The Annual Printers Ball was held at Tiffany's, Great Yarmouth, on 10 October when 600 printers and binders with wives and girl-friends attended.

The winner of the title 'East Anglian Printing Queen' was Fakenham's representative, Joan Hudson, who won the title for the second time in three years.

Joan received her winner's sash and cheque for £40 from last year's winner, Ann Adams, of Richard Clay of Bungay.

There were six contestants representing Jarrolds, Richard Clay, Clowes, Soman Wherry Press, Creasey and Cox & Wyman.

The judges for the competition were Air Chief Marshal Sir Alfred and Lady Earle and Mr Leslie Shepherd, Chief Entertainments Officer for Great Yarmouth.

Personal Column

FAKENHAM

Engagements

Miss Diane Head (Bindery) to Mr Barry Sutherland on 12 July.

Miss Ann Marie Huggins (Bindery) to Mr Keith Mallett on 13 September.

Marriages

Mr David Emmerson (Litho) to Miss Louise Kirby at St Peter & Paul's Church, Fakenham, on 2 August.

Miss Jane Marshall (Bindery) to Mr Adrian Howes (Bindery) at Holy Trinity Church, Hempton, on 13 September.

Miss Sara Neilly (Bindery) to Mr Richard Lake at St Peter & Paul's Church, Fakenham, on 20 September.

Miss Jane Phillips (Bindery) to Mr John Day at Wighton Church, on 27 September.

Miss Ann Barrington (Bindery) to Mr David Twiddy (Stock Control) at Baron's Hall, Fakenham, on 4 October.

Miss Gloria Webster (Mr Jude's secretary) to Mr David Robinson at Canterbury House, Dereham, on 8 November.

Miss Elizabeth Wright (Bindery) to Mr Kevin Jewers (Bindery) at St Peter & Paul's Church, Fakenham, on 4 October.

Miss Jean Higgins (W.S.O.) to Mr Derek Anthony at St Peter & Paul's Church, Fakenham, on 18 October.

Mr Lee Jones (Litho) to Miss Julie Joyce at St Mary Magdalene's Church, Norwich, on 25 October.

Miss Myra Eglington (Bindery) to Mr Colin Hall at Baron's Hall, Fakenham, on 15 November.

Mr Vic Nelson (Technical Planning) to Miss Sheila Eggleton at St Peter & Paul's Church, Fakenham, on 15 November.

Miss Susan Coates (Bindery) to Mr Kelly Barrett at St Peter & Paul's Church, Fakenham, on 21 November.

Miss Karen Rowe (Despatch) to Mr Richard Barrett at St Peter & Paul's Church, Fakenham, on 13 December.

Births

Barrie and Jacinth Fairhead, a son, on 12 September, Benjamin John, 7 lb. 12 oz. Barrie works in the Film-setting Department as a Reader.

John and Carol Cathcart, a son, on 16 November, Graham, 8 lb. 4 oz. John is a Letterpress Machine Manager.

David and Carol Sewter, a son, on 17 November, Stephen David, 7 lb. 14 oz. David is an Electrician and Carol worked in the Binding Department until August.

Rodney and Janet Gardiner, a daughter, on 19 November, Kirsty, 7 lb. Janet worked in the Costing Office until July.

READING

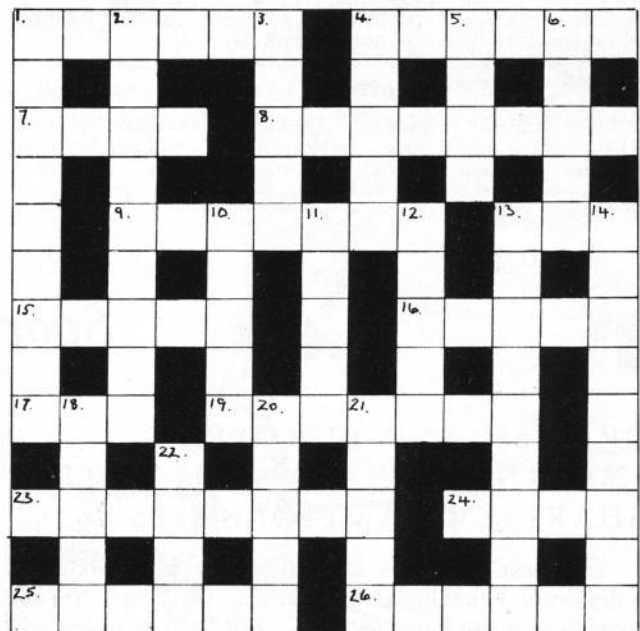
Marriages

Miss Jenny Hales (Bindery) to Mr Christopher Mitchell at St Mathews Church, Southcote, on 23 August.

Births

A son, Ritchie, for Neil (TTS) and Christine Huke on 24 August at the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading.

Crossword



CRYPTIC CLUES

CLUES ACROSS

1. Relatively speaking . . . (6)
4. . . . she is in hospital, where she should be (6)
7. Smallest part of half the alphabet (4)
8. Jack will help when it lets you down (8)
9. See 1 down
13. Partly feels that it is payment due (3)
15. Gas produced from experimenting with 18 down (5)
16. Weary, or in bed (5)
17. Girl coming to a full stop (3)
19. Changing my story - to a thriller? (7)
23. I get no grant and don't know why (8)
24. The boss breaks down in tears (4)
25. The purpose of camping (6)
26. Holiday souvenir eventually lost (6)

CLUES DOWN

- 1 and 9 Across. Reptiles, plus fifty more, but not big game (6, 3, 7)
2. The more it falls on a player the better he likes it! (9)
3. Quickly, I would take the blame first (5)
4. He can probably get an awkward note right (5)
5. Bolts one's food? (4)
6. Strange that it sounds like a nest (5)
10. Cotton fabric I mend haphazardly (5)
11. Spreads the news that times have changed (5)
12. The soldier bears out that it's his weapon (5)
13. In the main it goes to and fro (5, 4)
14. When Father is willing he may be a lot better off (6, 3)
18. Played by ear? (5)
20. It can lead to inflation in the bakery (5)
21. To have a set-back but carries on (5)
22. He has a small internal operation but is optimistic (4)

COFFEE TIME CLUES

CLUES ACROSS

1. Relation (6)
4. Offer (6)
7. Tiny particle (4)
8. Deflation (8)
9. See 1 down
13. (e.g. Doctor's bill) (3)
15. Inert gas (5)
16. Drilled (5)
17. Spot (3)
19. Unexplained (7)
23. Uninformed (8)
24. Weeps (4)
25. Earnest (6)
26. Brown complexion (6)

CLUES DOWN

- 1 and 9 Across. Board game (6, 3, 7)
2. Beam (9)
3. Speedy (5)
4. Singer (5)
5. Fruit (4)
6. Weird (5)
10. Material (5)
11. Gives out (5)
12. Sword (5)
13. Short journey vessel (5, 4)
14. First-born male (6, 3)
18. Instrument (5)
20. Bread ingredient (5)
21. Carries (5)
22. Expect (4)

Submitted by Ken Harrington (Production Office), Fakenham

CROSSWORD SOLUTION NO. 14

ACROSS: 4 Fool. 9 Lawman. 11 Aisles. 14 Zealous.
15 Ablaze. 16 Gifted. 17 Maths. 18 Penguin. 20 Elk. 22 Ernie.
23 Tenners. 24 Steer. 25 Assists. 27 Ruins. 29 Sol.
30 Besiege. 32 Annex. 34 Divert. 35 Solace. 36 Impious.
37 Reside. 39 Ethane. 40 Null.

DOWN: 1 Bleak. 2 Swollen. 3 Jazz age. 5 On loan.
6 Laughter. 7 As. 8 Aside. 10 Nee. 12 Isis. 13 Little.
17 Mints. 18 Press. 19 Nihil. 20 Ensue. 21 Krone. 23 Telex.
24 Stunt men. 26 Solves. 27 Riposte. 28 Iguanas. 30 Belial.
31 Adore. 32 Arid. 33 Beret. 35 Sue. 39 Id.

EDITORIAL NOTE

Contributions from individuals will be welcomed by the Editor.

Anyone wishing to get into print should contact Gloria Robinson at Fakenham or Del Wardle at Reading.

Contributions for the next issue of *Trunk-Call* should be received by the Editor not later than Monday, 12 January, 1976.



Sports Scene



BRITISH AND EUROPEAN INTERNATIONAL 12 SQ. METRE SHARPIE CHAMPIONSHIPS 1975

Wells-next-the-Sea is a small seaside town about 10 miles from Fakenham, situated on the North Norfolk coast, and is the home of Wells Sailing Club, which was founded in 1913. The main class of boat sailed by the club is the International 12 sq. metre Sharpie, which was introduced to Wells about 1930. The boat, being of German design and origin, is built of half-inch mahogany planking with oak ribs, is 19 feet long, gaff rigged and carries 130 sq. feet of sail (12 sq. metres). The class reached its peak in 1956 when it was selected for the Olympic Games in Australia, Jasper Blackall winning a bronze medal for Britain.

I have been a member of the Wells club for seventeen years, and although not owning my own boat, have crewed in Sharpies for the same number of years. Crewing for Peter Scillitoe in his boat *Northern Lights 12 K116*, the 1975 season has been the most successful of the three years we have teamed together.

Fresh to strong northerly winds prevailed during the British Sharpie Championships, held this year at Wells from 24-28 May, and provided some exciting and, dare I say, 'hair-raising' sailing. Racing each day was for individual trophies, with points from all five races totalling up for overall position. After the fourth race of the series we were level on points with our closest rival, R. Cracknell, of Wells, sailing *Sea Witch K106*. All rested on the fifth and final race, but luck was not on our side, and we finished second to R. Cracknell, who took the title. As runners-up we recorded results of 1st, 3rd, 1st, 2nd and 2nd, winning two trophies, one being the much coveted *Duke of Connaught Trophy* for the Sharpie class.



T. Norton and P. Scillitoe in *Northern Lights K116* during the British Championship at Wells.

The highlight of the 1975 season came with our visit to Holland to compete in the 12th European Sharpie Championships, held from 5-15 August. With mini-bus and Sharpies loaded aboard the night ferry, we left Harwich at 9 p.m. arriving at the Hook at 6.15 a.m. Facing a 200-mile road journey to Friesland in the North of Holland, we first passed through the plush suburbs of The Hague, up through the small, neat farming communities of Haarlem and Alkmaar. Then crossing the Zuyder Zee, on through Sneek, which is famous for its regattas, Groningen and Delfzyl, arriving at our venue Schildmeer at 3 p.m.

Sailing got under way in glorious weather and was again on a five-race basis under the direction of the 't Olle Schild Sailing Club, Steendam. The twenty-seven competitors comprised twenty-two Dutch boats, three German and two from Britain. As expected, the Dutch proved to be formidable opposition; with wind of variable speeds and direction, they quickly mastered the conditions on the large fresh-water lake. Our first race result of third place was to be our best, after which we just wilted with the heat. Chris Marinus of Holland, in his boat *Meteor H149* won the title, with Dutch boats taking the first six places. R. Cracknell in *Sea Witch* was seventh and we were reasonably pleased to finish eighth overall.

On our return home from Holland it was back to weekend club racing again, in which we have been successful in winning nine trophies during the long season which extends from March to October. With the boat now laid up for the winter months, the hard work of painting and varnishing to obtain the glass-smooth finish necessary for competitive racing begins, all in anticipation of emulating the season now gone.

Terry Norton
Composing Department (Fakenham)



P. Scillitoe and T. Norton at full stretch tacking to windward during the British Championships at Wells.

SQUASH CLUB – READING

KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION FINAL

19.00 hours, Sunday 3 October at the Meadway Sports Centre, Reading. An air of expectancy spreads over the Squash Courts, mingling with the overtones of old sweat and rubber which normally hang about the place. The door of the court opens and the two stars emerge. One has long blond hair, held in place with a headband and J.C. emblazoned on his clothes. Can it be HIM? No! It's John Carpenter from the Stereo Department who is about to do battle with Reader, Ron Sully.

After a lengthy knock-up, which amply demonstrates the potential of the match, the contest begins in earnest. The crowd, all five of them, lean forward expectantly only to see Ron Sully break his racquet on the fourth stroke of the match.

After a short break involving much rushing around Reading to find another racquet, the match begins again. The first game is closely fought with the players evenly matched and some good stroke play coming from both; finally John emerges the winner by two points. Some fine serving by John in the second game coupled with an unfamiliar racquet does nothing for Ron's concentration and John takes the game, match and handsome trophy in fine style.

Anyone got a good, cheap, secondhand racquet?

Peter Powell



The winner and runner-up.



Peter Powell presenting winner's trophy to John Carpenter.

FRESHWATER FISHING CLUB – READING

One of the latest additions to the Social Club activities is the Freshwater Fishing Club. Thirty would-be members attended the first meeting and the following were elected as members of the Committee:



Chairman: D. Allen
 Secretary: N. Hubbard
 Treasurer: C. Sherman
 Members: A. Clark
 D. Mills
 L. Sawyer
 M. Dury

The first match was held on Sunday, 28 September on the Kennet Canal at Sulhampstead. Twenty-six members arrived at 7.30 a.m. for the draw. The closely guarded secret of the result leaked out the following day and resulted in a day of *baiting* by the non-fishermen, when the winning weight of 4 oz. was known. This being after four hours of fishing. Other catches included two trees and a hawthorn bush. However, this was excusable as some members had only returned from a Chapel outing to Southend at 3 a.m. the same morning.

A second match was held on the Thames on Sunday, 12 October. Twenty stalwarts turned up at 6.45 a.m. and fishing began half-an-hour later until 12.15 p.m. The winner was Tim Usher (Composing) with 1 lb. 5 oz. and Adrian Clark (Foundry) a close second with 1 lb. 4 oz. Quite a variety of fish were caught in spite of the cold, windy conditions.

TABLE TENNIS – FAKENHAM

The four Cox & Wyman teams in the Fakenham League have met with mixed fortunes in their first matches. The A team in Division I have won two and lost three, the B team in Division II have drawn one, won two and lost two. In Division III the C team have registered three wins and the D team have lost four and won one. A feature of the A team's first match was a fine singles win by newly promoted Nigel Tustin over Bryan Whittaker, a player of no mean ability in East Anglian table tennis circles.

Leading the averages of the Cox & Wyman players at the time of writing is David Defew of the C team, with 78 per cent, followed by Jim Pawley, also of the C team, with 67 per cent.

On February 28 next year, Fakenham will play Thetford (last year's runners-up in the North Norfolk) at the Cox & Wyman Social Club. Spectators are welcome.

'Topspin'

DEEP SEA ANGLING CLUB – READING



Left to right: Ray Lloyd, M.B., Pugwash Griffiths.

The A.G.M. of the Deep Sea Angling Club was held in the upstairs room of a local pub.

It was a more orderly affair than last year's meeting, which turned out to be quite a fiasco. This was mainly

because the Chairman, M. Brown ('M' for 'Mouth') was not in the running for any of the annual trophies.

Not much excitement happened during the meeting. Treasurer Pugwash Griffiths called for only ten adjournments this year, to enable him to refill his glass. Bacon & Eggs Turner asked if he could move as he had received a second splinter from Griff's wooden leg. John Prior refused to swap places after being nearly kicked to death last year. It was decided eventually to approach the Maintenance Department and ask them to supply Griff with enough sand-paper for the coming year. Dab Simmons asked that the meeting enter his 12 oz. Dab in the official Club records. Great discussions followed as to whether it was 12 oz. Mr Simmons insisted that it was *pan-size*. Three other members confirmed this, so it was taken as correct.

The annual trophies were then brought out for presentation. John Lovegrove asked if it would be possible for him to swap his trophy of last year for one of this year's as they looked better. Nothing doing!

Nobody caught a Conger Eel, so in all fairness we did not buy a trophy for it! The best Cod of the year went to me, Scoop Lloyd, for that magnificent specimen boated by me last January. If you remember from the report, there was some controversy over the capture of the fish. I was in the cabin having a bite to eat when the fish struck. Dab Simmons stopped my rod from going overboard, I carried on from there and with all the strength I could muster, I played the fish to the surface and brought it aboard. If Irving is still upset about it, the trophy will be on my window-sill where he can come and see it any time he is passing!

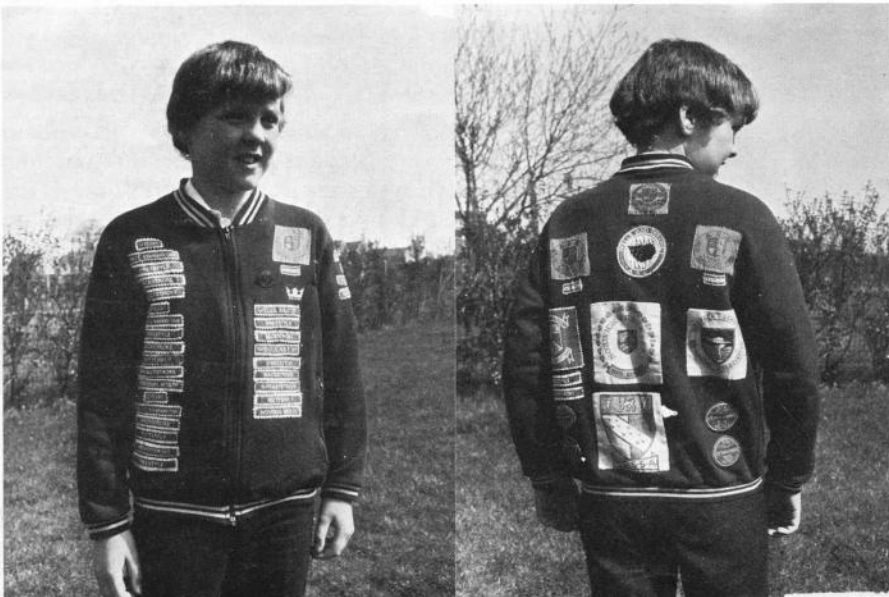
The best Skate award was won by Eric (Sponge) Pearce. He was absent from the meeting, so we raffled it.

Pugwash Griffiths took the best fish award with a 3½-lb. Whiting. It doesn't sound a very good fish, but for a Whiting 3½ lb. is very good.

Ray Lloyd
Secretary



NATIONAL SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS



Peter Mayor (Fakenham Keyboards) had good reason to be pleased recently, when his 11-year-old son Paul came third in the Backstroke at the National Age-Group Swimming Championships. The bronze medal Paul received was the first medal ever won by a Norfolk swimmer at this level of competition. He also came fourteenth in the Individual Medley and sixteenth in the Freestyle. This was against swimmers from all over Britain, as well as a strong contingent from Canada and the U.S.A. Paul does about three or four hours a week training, in a 20-yard school pool, whilst his opponents were doing anything from about twelve to thirty hours.

He holds all five County Championships for under-12-year-olds as well as the under-14 Backstroke record. Paul has won dozens of badges and awards, some of which can be seen in the pictures.

For anyone interested in competitive swimming, his times were 79.5 secs for the Backstroke, 73.9 secs for the Freestyle and 2 mins 58 secs for the 200-metres Individual Medley.