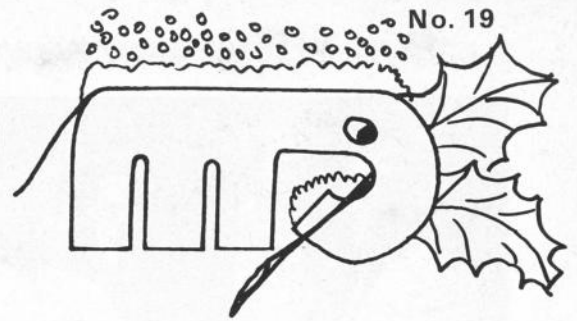


TRUNK-CALL

Cox & Wyman Group News



Christmas Message from the Managing Director



This year has been one of mixed fortune for the Group and Fakenham in particular has found its activity varying markedly as the demands from our customers have waxed and waned. In addition to the problems posed to us all as a result of the general economic situation, there have been significant changes in technology which have brought about variations in the nature of the products we supply and consequently it has proved necessary to embark on new investment and re-organisation programmes to enable this Company to compete effectively in our various markets. We have tried to keep those of you primarily concerned as fully informed as possible about the proposed changes and I should like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone involved for the constructive help and advice that has influenced our decisions.

As for the future, we must all be looking for the long-promised upturn in the British economy and with it an increase in the demand for print of all kinds knowing that we shall have the resources to meet it. In the meantime we are making additional efforts to clinch export deals in both Western Europe and North America, confident that due to the decline in the value of sterling our prices have never been more attractive.

As I shall be making my own contribution to our efforts in the export field with a series of meetings with publishers in the U.S.A. during December, I am not yet certain whether I shall be able to make my usual Christmas visit to the factories. In case I don't have the opportunity of seeing you all I should like to wish you and your families a really enjoyable Christmas and a healthy, happy New Year.

JOHN SEDDON

APPOINTMENTS



MR RON HUMPHREY, aged 45, has been appointed Group Production Director of Cox & Wyman Limited. Mr Humphrey joined the Company in 1959 and after several years as Head of Work Study at the Reading factory was appointed Works Manager. He became a Director of the Company four years ago.



MR MICHAEL POOLEY, aged 42, has been appointed Group Financial Director of Cox & Wyman Limited. Mr Pooley joined Thomas Tilling in December 1974 as Internal Auditor, reporting to the Group Finance Director. In July 1976, after a period on secondment to Cox & Wyman Limited, he joined the Company as Financial Controller.



John Seddon greeting Diane Pearson at the entrance to the Reading factory with Frank Gill and Richard Leach in the background.

Diane Pearson recently visited the Reading factory to see her latest novel *Csardas* in production. This, her fourth book, has been an instant success and is already a best-seller in the States. The U.K. paperback edition is due to be published by Transworld at the end of this year.

The book is an epic novel about life in Hungary in the first half of this century and took four years to complete, but the effort was obviously worthwhile.

Miss Pearson also works as editor for Transworld and intends to continue with this work despite her huge success.

She toured the factory with her actor/husband Richard Leach and Transworld's Production Director Frank Gill, who until a few years ago worked as Production Manager at the Reading factory.

OPEN DAY AT READING

Further to comments in the last issue of *Trunk-Call*, it was decided to hold an Open Day at the Reading factory during the last week of November, for families of the staff to visit employees at work.

This was held on a weekday to enable visitors to see the machinery actually running.

CROSSWORD SOLUTION NO. 18

ACROSS: 1 Flower. 6 Earrings. 9 Angst. 11 Gannet. 12 In tune. 15 Oil. 17 Doted. 18 Rune. 20 Realm. 22 Gipsy. 23 Babes. 24 Stem. 27 Houri. 29 The. 30 Insane. 31 Paints. 32 Foxes. 33 Scenario. 34 Huddle.

DOWN: 1 Finger. 2 Winnie. 3 Rest. 4 Grandly. 5 Snout. 7 At. 8 Shed. 9 Anon. 10 Gel. 13 Tom. 14 Nerve. 16 Leper. 19 Union. 20 Rib. 21 Ass. 22 Gainsay. 23 Bra. 24 Shield. 25 Tens. 26 Muscle. 27 Hiss. 28 Usher. 29 Tax. 31 Pooh. 32 Fi.

Retirements

READING



Ted Edgington retired on Friday, 6 August, having served the Reading factory for 28 years. Joining the firm in 1925 Ted worked as an assistant in the Bindery until 1933 when he took employment with a local engineering firm, with whom he stayed until 1955, when he returned to the Bindery. In 1969 he transferred to the Composing Department as a Composing Room auxiliary, where he remained until he retired.

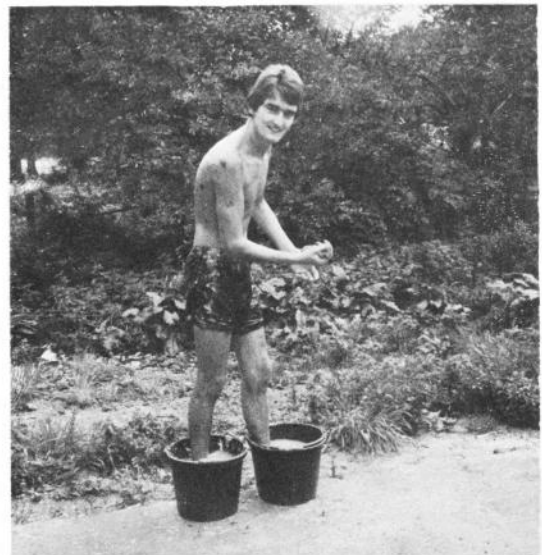
In his younger days Ted was an active member of the Y.M.C.A. and took a particular interest in the Scouting movement. Now that he has retired it appears he has renewed that interest as there was a report and photograph in the local paper recently regarding the reforming of a local Scout group, in which Ted's name was mentioned as one of the sponsors.

Pat Walsh retired on 30 July, having served the Reading factory as Head Reader since he joined the firm in July 1957, following the closure of his previous employer's factory at Reading.

Pat was a very reserved person and little is known about his interests and activities outside working hours except that in his younger days he was a keen badminton player and was also a member of a Housing Association of about twenty persons who built their own homes.

We wish both Ted and Pat a long and happy retirement.

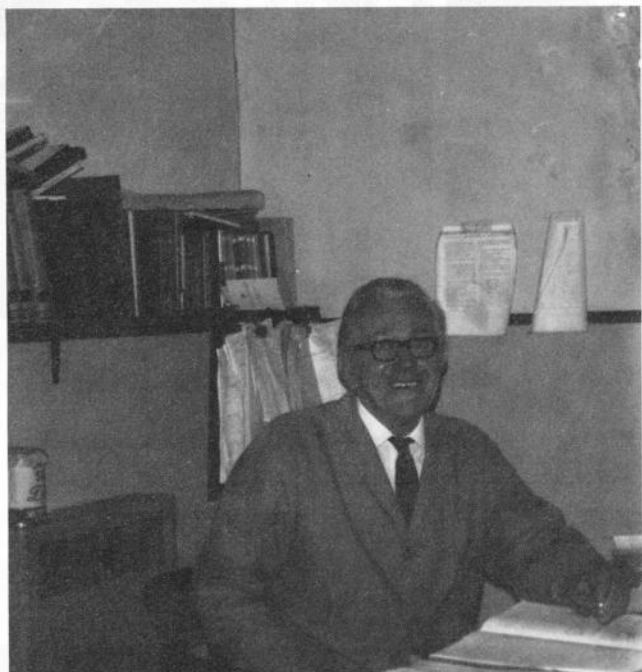
APPRENTICES



Four Fakenham apprentices have successfully completed their period of apprenticeship.

Paul Williams, Nigel Janes and Stuart Woodhouse are now fully fledged Compositors, and David Shaul, the Adonis having a wash down in two buckets of water following his banging-out treatment, is now a qualified Grade I Bookbinder.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT - READING



The guiding light and constant source of inspiration in Reading's Maintenance staff is its Manager, Ken Brind, pictured above.



Left to right:

Back row: Mick (Chippy), Lew (Sparks), Nigel (Spanner), Ken (Boss)

Centre: Harry (Semi-retired, General)

Front row: Paul (Spanner), John (Sparks), Bert (Spanner).

Caught in a rare moment of relaxation the Maintenance staff at Reading's factory, which as a body have given 156 years of service to the continuing success of paperback production.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS and BEST WISHES for a HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR

to all retired members of our staff.

READING

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 Lockyear, Jackie Martin, Cecil Miles, Wally Morey, Arthur Munday, Tommy North, Harry Plested, Ted Richardson, George Roberts, Bill Sharp, Sid Shute, Bert Smith, Chris Sturt, Bruv Sturt, Reg Taylor, Freddy Viljoen, 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, George Ballard, Ted Edington, Bill Lusted, Pat Walsh.

FAKENHAM

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

BOOKLAND

Listed below are some more titles of well-known books, with lots of the letters left out. See if you can complete the titles.

1. T-- L--- O- T-- RI---
2. LO--- D----
3. J--- E---
4. A CH----- C-----
5. ST---- A-- C-
6. K--- SO----- M-----
7. T-- H---- O- T-- BA-----
8. KI-----
9. LI---- DO-----
10. T-- BL--- AR---
11. VA---- F---
12. T-- IN----- M--

Answers on page 6.



Caxton Quincentenary Celebrations at Fakenham

We are pleased to report that the 'History of Printing in Fakenham' exhibition held in the local library from 16-31 October was very well attended by the public.

The exhibition featured a display of very old books, leaflets, posters, wayzgoose cards, etc. Also on view were the latest in hard-cased books produced at Fakenham, samples of hand-set type, moulds, blocks and books in various stages of bindery preparation.

The oldest exhibits on display were a 1571 Greek/Latin religious book, *Writings of Isocrates*, kindly loaned by Roger Dixon, and *Cave's Lives of Martyrs*, dated 1677, loaned by Fr Cappa.

An 1860 Albion Press displayed by Mr. Nicholas Barnham was working at various times throughout the fortnight.

Sincere thanks to all employees, past and present, and to local people who so kindly loaned items for the exhibition.

OPEN DAY

The Open Day on 30 October proved extremely successful with an estimated 400+ people taking part in the guided tours. Such was their interest that it was taking up to three hours for each party to complete the tour.

Various displays were organized in different departments, and considerable effort and thought was put into these. Unfortunately, space only allows us to show two photographic examples.

The public response to the Open Day was tremendous and the resultant letters of thanks and newspaper reports were appreciated by those who gave their time and effort to help make the Open Day the overwhelming success that it was.

COMMEMORATION SERVICE

At St Peter & Paul's Church, Fakenham on Sunday, 31 October a large congregation took part in a service which was similar to the recent Quincentenary service in Westminster Abbey.

The address was given by Mr Howard M. Nixon, librarian of Westminster Abbey, who outlined Caxton's career and spoke of Caxton's connection with Norfolk, whereby he was descended from a family which had left Cawston for Kent some 100 years before his birth.

Lessons were read by Mr Ian Andersson, Headmaster of Fakenham Grammar School, and Mr John Seddon.

Before the service the Fakenham Singers sang 15th-century madrigals.

The church service brought to an end a very successful two weeks of celebrating the Quincentenary.

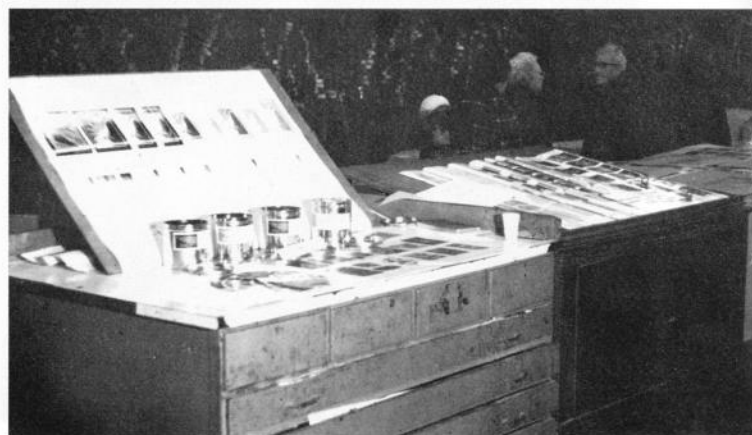
Top left: Mr Nicholas Barnham with the Albion Press printing some of his own hand-cuts.

Top centre: The Electricians' display in the litho hall.

Top right: Technical display.

Below: Colour book and commercial printing in Fakenham.

Bottom: A selection of progressives, inks, etc., used on the Roland VII 4-colour litho printing press.



Fakenham Social Club News

WHAT'S ON AT YOUR CLUB HOUSE

Friday, 24 December – Christmas Eve

MEMBERS' CHRISTMAS PARTY

1 p.m.–4 p.m.
MOONLIGHT DISCO

7.30 p.m.–midnight
EXODUS

Friday, 31 December – New Year's Eve

GROSVENOR HILL

Latest winners of the 200 and 150 Clubs are:

18 September draw

£200 (150 Club) – Michael Futter (Folders)

27 November draw

£700 (200 Club) – Eric Myhill (Engineers)

£200 (150 Club) – Graham Lumsden (Readers)

The children's Christmas parties have been arranged as follows:

Sunday, 16 January – Under 8's

Sunday, 23 January – 8–12 year olds

The Social Club have now purchased their own disco equipment, which will be operational from the beginning of 1977.

You are invited to suggest a good catchy name for the disco. I'm sure the Honorary Sec. will find a bottle of liquid refreshment for the entry considered the most appropriate.

Send your entry to The Editor, Cox & Wyman, Fakenham, to be received by 10 January.

Reading Social Club News

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Friday, 19 December

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday, 31 December

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

Dancing to HARLEQUIN

TOY AUCTION

The Cox & Wyman Cricket Club at Fakenham organized a toy auction at the Social Club held in October and raised £16.60.

The proceeds will be used to buy new equipment for the coming season.

Roy Dodman

Personal Column

CREMYLL ROAD

Births

Brian and Madeleine Bean, a son, Christopher Richard, on 6 October.

READING

Births

Susan and Nigel Hubbard (Maintenance), a daughter, Leanne, on 14 October.

WENSUM GRAPHICS

Marriages

Miss Elizabeth Reed (Negative Spotter) to Mr Paul Wright at Hempton Parish Church on 25 September.

FAKENHAM

Engagements

Miss Rita Delaney (Bindery) to Mr Tony Worthingham on 28 August.

Marriages

Miss Ann Marie Huggins (Bindery) to Mr Keith Mallet at St Peter & Paul's Church, Fakenham on 4 September.

Miss Jean Saxby (Bindery) to Mr Nigel Allen at St Peter & Paul's Church, Fakenham on 11 September.

Miss Diane Head (Bindery) to Mr Barry Sutherland at All Saints' Church, Burnham Thorpe on 11 September.

Miss Gail Wells to Mr Nigel Janes (Composer) at All Saints' Church, Bodham on 4 September.

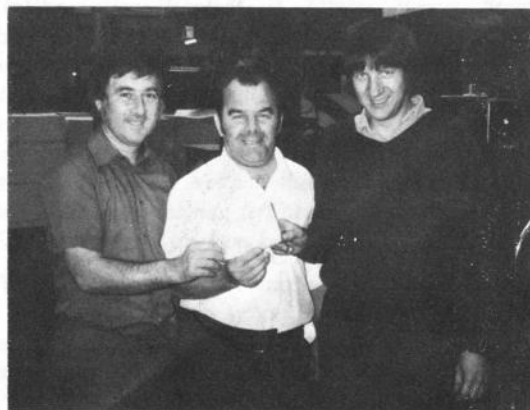
Miss Rosalind Bewick to Mr Gary Jay (Cast-off) at St Martin's Church, Hindringham on 9 October.

Joan Hudson (Computer Stock Control) to Mr Howard Joynt (Personnel) at the Methodist Church, Blakeney on 16 October.

Births

To Trevor and Angela Rix (ex-Bindery), a son, Daniel, on 3 September.

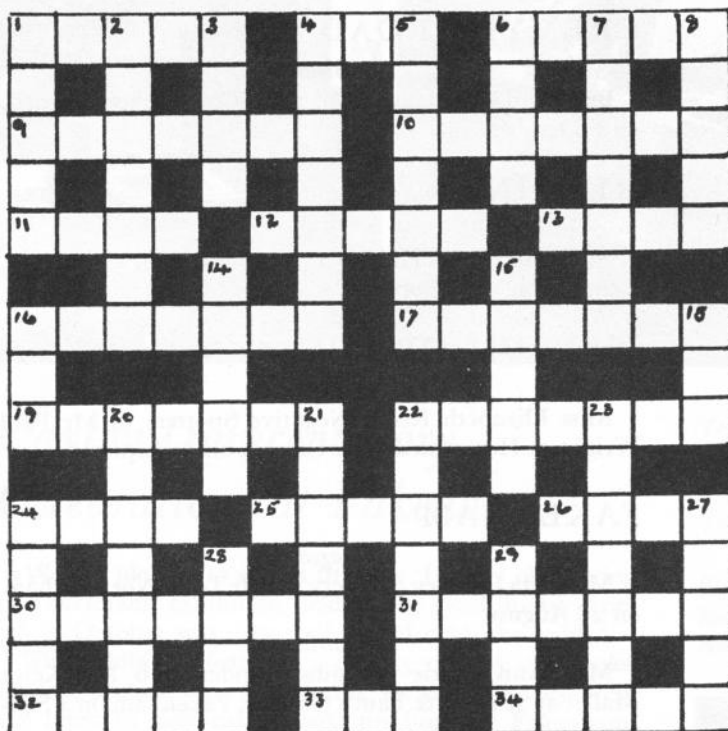
THE THREE C'S



The happy trio pictured above had plenty to smile about when in September they collected a cheque from Vernon's Pools for £906 for 24 points, this meant a share-out of £302 each.

Photographed from left to right are Billy Chivers, Russell Copsey and John Cathcart. All work in the Letterpress Machine Room at Fakenham.

Crossword



QUICK CLUES

CLUES ACROSS

1. Boundary (5)
4. Headwear (3)
6. Carpenter's tool (5)
9. Sale of goods (7)
10. Frozen mass (7)
11. Bird of prey (4)
12. Deadly (5)
13. Rapid (4)
16. Large wave (7)
17. Fast train (7)
19. Burdened (7)
22. Lovable (7)
24. Melt (4)
25. Slap (5)
26. Tiny insect (4)
30. Eye specialist (7)
31. Secures (7)
32. Soft fruit (5)
33. Obscure (3)
34. Sample food (5)

CLUES DOWN

1. Candid (5)
2. Part of man's dress (7)
3. Long poem (4)
4. Mythological beast (7)
5. Army rank (7)
6. Quick look (4)
7. Standard (7)
8. Number (5)
14. Art (5)
15. Month (5)
16. Vehicle (3)
18. Girl's name (3)
20. Count . . . (7)
21. Downgraded (7)
22. Applaud (7)
23. Roars like a bull (7)
24. Company, e.g. soldiers (5)
27. Passage (5)
28. Sea creature (4)
29. Northerner (4)

CRYPTIC CLUES

CLUES ACROSS

1. Use a sword in defence (5)
4. Top gear (3)
6. Does it provide a smoother flight? (5)
9. Where lots of items are sold (7)
10. It may well capsize 16 down capsized (7)
11. Flyer, with or without strings (4)
12. Alan's weight could be the death of him . . . (5)
13. . . . a quick way for him to lose it (4)
16. Wave of vandalism (7)
17. Talk nonstop (7)
19. Old Bob became muddled with the responsibility (7)
22. Can I be friendly? (7)
24. What a change in the weather (4)
25. 29 in a boat after 28 (5)
26. It jumps at the chance to draw blood (4)
30. You may look better for his treatment (7)
31. Putting them in bed is a crafty way to rest (7)
32. Fruit from a penny each (5)
33. Feeling not very bright I call the doctor round (3)
34. Somehow test a dish (5)

CLUES DOWN

1. Open the sixth row (5)
2. Could be spotted in a menswear shop (7)
3. Part of the picture tells the story (4)
4. Fabulous creature whose animal half may have been 19 across (7)
5. Tear VIP to pieces for being not widely known (7)
6. Look both ways (4)
7. Getting on in years Vera becomes mean (7)
8. Clueless! (5)
14. After winter sport two beginners show expertise (5)
15. March past (5)
16. It travels in reverse in the subway (3)
18. Court a girl? (3)
20. Although on a liquid diet he took a bite at night (7)
21. Tom is back indeed, but doing a lesser job (7)
22. I join a hundred, a hundred and fifty and a thousand in applause (7)
23. Shouts like a fire raiser (7)
24. There is nothing in passing port round for the company (5)
27. It sounds like I will shortly be seen in church (5)
28. Sum of the right angles? (4)
29. The commanding officer in the street is not English (4)

Compiled by Ken Harrington (Production Office), Fakenham.

BOOKLAND ANSWERS

1. The Lord of the Rings
2. Lorna Doone
3. Jane Eyre
4. A Christmas Carol
5. Stalky and Co
6. King Solomon's Mines
7. The Hound of the Baskervilles
8. Kidnapped
9. Little Dorrit
10. The Black Arrow
11. Vanity Fair
12. The Invisible Man

HOW TO CHECK AN AUDIOMETER

The Safety Officer was called to check the noise level on a machine in the Fakenham factory.

To check the audiometer the machine operator was asked to speak at the equipment. For the want of something to say he said 'A double whisky please' and the needle swung over to the red segment of the dial and back.

Finding this amusing the operator asked for a 'still orange' and the needle hardly moved.

The Safety Officer was satisfied that his equipment was working correctly.



SQUASH – READING

ANNUAL KNOCK-OUT TROPHY

John Carpenter retained the trophy at the Meadway Sports Centre in a very close game with Paul Jacobs.

Both players, having played in the final before (Paul in 1974 and John last year), knew what it was all about.

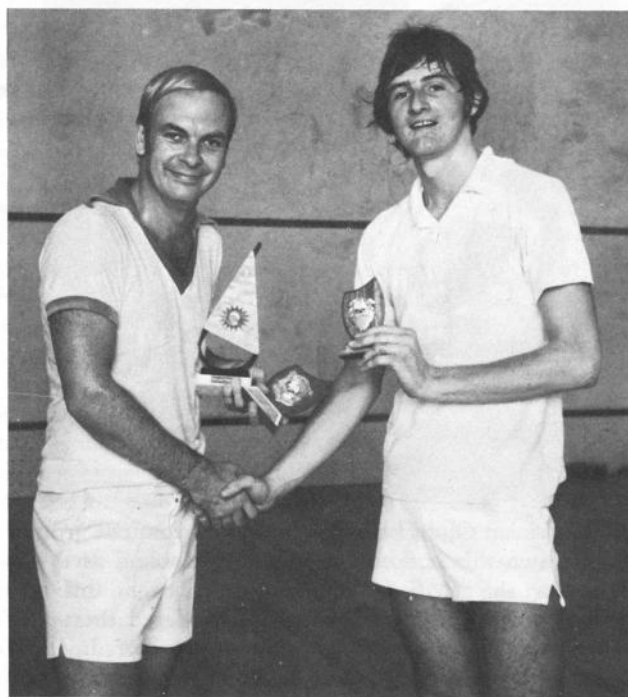
John was keen to defend his record of not having dropped a game last year and so far this year. All matches are played the best of three games.

Having won the toss and with a two-point advantage on the handicap, Paul was the first player into his stride and had John in all sorts of trouble. With good lob serves and very deft drop shots the score was soon 8-0 in Paul's favour.

Then John started to show some of the grit he is renowned for on the squash court, and after some very tight and tense points the scores were level at 8-8. John took advantage of having the serve and won the game 10-8.

The second game was very even. John soon pulled back the two points handicap, but then went point for point with Paul to 8-8 again. The serve changed hands many times, neither player seeming to put two good rallies together. This made for a good nailbiting finish, which again ended 10-8 in John's favour.

The trophies were presented by last year's losing finalist, Ron Sully, with Ray (Scoop) Lloyd taking the pictures. Our thanks to both.



Left: John Carpenter
Right: Paul Jacobs



TABLE TENNIS – FAKENHAM

The 1976-77 season commenced with the election of a new Committee, headed by Chairman John Cathcart (Letterpress Machine Room) and Secretary/Treasurer Doug Fennell (Reading Department).

Four teams were entered for the Fakenham League. The A team in Division I (D. Fennell, J. Cathcart, P. Clarke and N. Tustin) started off well with a fine 8-2 win over Legion B, followed by a 5-5 draw against Brancaster. The B team in Division II (K. White, E. White, J. Hoeg and L. Smith) also had a 7-3 opening win, but have since suffered two heavy defeats. Lew Smith (Intertypes) has been indisposed for some weeks and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Riding high at the top of Division III with three good wins already under their belt are the C team (K. Styles, B. Fairhead, M. Hodge and J. Pawley). The D team in the same division (G. Lumsden, G. Deere, P. Mason and I. Dartnall) have to date won two, lost one and drawn one.

Home matches take place at the Club House on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, commencing 7.30 p.m.
'Topsin'

50 YEARS AGO

The following news item appeared in an edition of the *Fakenham Post* dated 8.1.26.

A DELL 'DRAW'

Wharfedale, at the Dell on Saturday, v. Walsingham were both lucky and unlucky at the finish. The game was a North Norfolk League one and Wharfedale turned out the team that is serving them well just now: Parsons, Ducker, Gates, Wanford, F. Mortar, Barnes, Seaman, H. Medlar, Yallop, S. Medlar and Edgeley. Whilst the score would fairly represent most of the game it does not reflect it all through. A few minutes before the finish the Wharves were in arrears by 1-2 and matters looked bad for them, but the last few minutes were sensational in the happenings crowded into them. Not only did the Wharves draw level, but with some seconds left were given a penalty, but Dagless, the Walsingham keeper, saved marvellously.

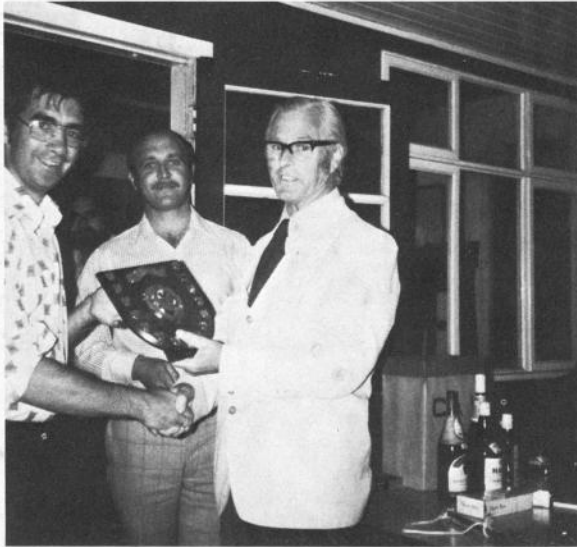
The Dell was in fact Wharfedale's home ground and was situated at the rear of the Great Eastern public house. Charlie Wanford, Harold Barnes and Fred Parsons, three of our retired pensioners who played in that football match 50 years ago, went on to complete over 150 years' service with the Company between them. Charlie in the Monotype Casters, Harold and Fred as Letterpress Machine Managers.

We hope this brings back a few memories for them.

The newspaper was loaned for display in the *History of Print in Fakenham* exhibition by a member of the Local History Society.



INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CRICKET COMPETITION – FAKENHAM



The Cricket Club, being without a permanent ground of their own this season, was posed a problem as to the venue for the 1976 Competition. However, this was resolved when Fakenham Town C.C. offered the use of their ground at Baron's Hall Lawn on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for two consecutive weeks in late August.

Instead of eight teams and two leagues as the competition was run last season it was decided to have just four teams and a knock-out competition.

The teams comprised: Letterpress Dept (the holders)
Office (incorporating the Maintenance Dept)
Litho (assisted by the Film Dept)
Bindery

The first two games resulted in wins for Litho against the Bindery and Letterpress against the Office team.

The Bindery played the Office team to decide third and fourth positions. The Bindery scored 125 for 5 in 20 overs and the Office 118 for 6 in 20 overs. This meant the Office are holders of the 'wooden spoon' for the year.

During these early games some notable batting and bowling figures were achieved.

<i>Batting</i>		
32	by D. Tann (Office)	v. Letterpress
67 n.o.	by P. Humphrey (Bindery)	v. Office
25	by J. Youngs (Office)	v. Bindery
58	by R. Dodman (Office)	v. Bindery

<i>Bowling</i>		
I. Dawes (Litho)	5 wkts for 4 runs	v. Bindery
S. Bray (Litho)	3 wkts for 5 runs	v. Bindery
D. Boulter (Bindery)	5 wkts for 6 runs	v. Litho
P. Mayor (Letterpress)	3 wkts for 12 runs	v. Office

On the night of the final the weather (after a glorious summer) was cold and damp.

Letterpress won the toss and elected to bat. Peter Mayor and Graham Lumsden opened, and the partnership reached 50 before Peter Mayor was out for 16. Gordon Chivers was the next in and the score rose to 82 before Graham Lumsden was caught when his score stood at 42. With the score at 110 Ken Styles was caught for a duck and at the same score Gordon Chivers was out for 33. At the completion of 20 overs Letterpress had scored 113 for 5.

Litho openers were soon in trouble and when the score was at 7 both Brian Abram and Barry Lane were dismissed. Terry Futter and Sid Bray ran the score up to 40, when Terry was bowled for 17. Sid was joined by David Defew and the score mounted to 90, when both batsmen were dismissed, David Defew for 36 and Sid Bray for 21. At 110 Nigel Smith was bowled. David Dodman hit a boundary for 4 to make the score 114 for 6 in 18.3 overs.

Mr. Jude presented the shield to Sid Bray, captain of the Litho, and the 'wooden spoon' to Jack Youngs, the captain of the Office team.

We hope that next year's competition will be as entertaining and competitive as it has been for the past two seasons.

Michael S. Holloway



GOLF – FAKENHAM

Cox & Wyman challenged Fakenham Golf Club to a match on Sunday, 17 October and a very enjoyable afternoon was had by all in perfect golfing weather.

Result: A draw – 2½–2½.

F. Beckett & C. Dove	beat T. Vertigan & B. Wortley 3–2
A. E. Parsell & M. Neil	lost G. Cocker & A. Burton 5–4
T. Futter & D. Wright	lost A. Parsell & W. Seed 1 down
J. Youngs & D. Sewter	beat R. Futter & A. Leach 5–3
K. Stearman & M. Sturman	halved S. Parker & D. Partridge

A. E. Parsell

DARTS – FAKENHAM

Whilst entertaining Fakenham Bull in a Powell Cup match on 6 September at the Club House, Graham Thomas (Casemakers) made sure his name would go down in the record book of darts in Fakenham.

It all happened during a pairs match of three legs, each of 301.

In the first leg Graham went in with 120, his partner, 'Panch' Pawley followed with 111, then Graham killed with an unbeatable maximum 170, two treble twenties and a bull.

This he discovered later entitles him to a trophy from the Fakenham League which will be presented at the end of the season.

Typical comment from his partner was 'I set it up for him'.