

### NEW EQUIPMENT AT FAKENHAM



*The new equipment about to be lowered through a skylight into the new filmset department.*

*Left: V.I.P. Right: Linoscreen editing terminal*

One of the major stages in the reorganization of the factory at Fakenham has been the installation of new phototypesetting equipment.

This follows a decision taken last autumn to end the continuous review of phototypesetting developments and to evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the two systems that showed themselves as being the most likely to meet the factory's requirements. After due consideration, the Board of Directors placed an order for a V.I.P. phototypesetter, two Linotype keyboards, a Linoscreen editing terminal and ancillary supporting equipment.

The V.I.P. that has been installed is the high-speed version with 3 drums each holding 6 filmstrips so that it can, as an example, have Times, Plantin and Univers faces in roman, italic and bold together with special pi and universal character strips available at any time. It is also capable of exposing the characters in 21 sizes ranging from 6 to 72 point with the result that it has 'on call' the equivalent of 36,288 hot metal matrices without even taking into account the combinations of accented characters that can be built up.

The V.I.P. also has its own computer which both controls the operation of the phototypesetter and carries out many operations before the characters are exposed. For example, the computer will accept both justified and unjustified input, the latter being similar to the Intertype system at Reading. The unjustified input, which consists of a continuous string of codes representing the characters to be set together with command codes to change the type face or size, is processed by the computer during which it calculates where the end of the line occurs and it will hyphenate a word if necessary, the decision where to hyphenate being governed firstly by an exception dictionary and secondly by logic. Another example is the computer's ability to accept unjustified input for tabular setting. Instructions for the number and width of the columns is read into the memory of the computer following which it processes the input and translates the codes into completed tabular setting.

One of the keyboards selected is a non-counting keyboard designed to work with the 3-drum V.I.P. and produces unjustified tape. Nevertheless it does still have a wide range of facilities to store combinations of codes and format within its own memories to assist the operator. The other keyboard is called a Linokey board which has a small inbuilt computer to carry out the justification calculations and store combinations of codes and formats and a CRT screen (like a small television) which displays the characters being keyboarded. This by itself allows the operator to make corrections before the information is punched on tape but also it means that an unjustified tape can be read in and displayed on the screen in a justified form so that end-of-line decisions can be checked before setting.

The final piece of new equipment is the editing terminal which reads either the justified or unjustified tapes and displays the information on a CRT screen. The operator can then carry out various correction routines from changing literals to instructing the computer to search for particular combinations of codes and substitute a new combination in each place that they are found. A corrected tape is then punched out to run on the V.I.P.

## Retirements

### FAKENHAM



*Mr and Mrs Percy Tomlinson*



*Mr and Mrs Jack Baldwin*

On 17 December, 1976, presentations were made in the Composing Department to two members of the staff who retired after a total of 92 years' service between them.

Mr Percy Tomlinson was retiring after 50 years' service, during which time he had worked in the Letterpress Machine Room and the Pre-make-ready and proofing sections.

Percy received a scroll and a cheque from Mr Jude on behalf of the Company and a wall clock from Mr Russell Copsey, Father of the NGA Chapel.

Percy's hobbies and activities include the St. John Ambulance, Royal Observer Corps, and angling; in his younger days he was a keen motor-cyclist.

Similar presentations were made by Mr Jude to Mr Jack Baldwin, who was retiring after 42 years' service in various sections of the Composing Department, but lately in the Readers.

Jack received a stainless steel spade from members of the Reading Department and a pair of gardening shears from Mr Russell Copsey on behalf of the NGA.

Mr Baldwin and his wife are prominent members of the Fakenham Horticultural Association and Jack intends to devote even more time to this activity.

Both wives received a bouquet of flowers and a box of chocolates.

On Friday, 21 January, Miss Elsie Dent retired on her 60th birthday, having completed 44 years' service in the Bindery.

The reception and presentations made to Elsie reflected her tremendous popularity with her colleagues.

From the Company Elsie received a retirement scroll, cheque and bouquet of flowers, and from her colleagues a large selection of gifts which included a silver locket, musical box, handbag, table lamp, photos, gold watch, four bouquets and a basket of flowers.

On the Friday evening a Social Evening took place at the Club House to mark Elsie's retirement. This was organized by members of the SOGAT Bindery Chapel and amongst those present were Mr and Mrs Frank Neale, the Norwich Branch Secretary of SOGAT and his wife.

At the presentation in the Bindery during the afternoon, Mr Jude said that it was the first time he had been called upon to make retirement presentations to someone who was younger than himself.



*Mr F. C. Jude and Miss Elsie Dent*



## READING



Presentations were made to Mr Lenny Lock on Friday, 25 February, to mark his retirement after 17 years employment with the Company as an Intertype Keyboard Operator.

Mr Jude presented Lenny with a wrist-watch from the Company and Mr Russell Copsey (NGA FOC) presented a Teasmade accompanied by a card with 132 signatures from Lenny's fellow-workers.

Lenny joined Cox & Wyman in 1959 from the Norfolk News Company (later Eastern Counties Newspapers).

Both Mr Jude and Russell Copsey spoke of Lenny's skill as a mechanic and of his ability to repair and fit new parts to his machine with no help from specialist engineers, commenting that over the years he had saved the Company a lot of money by his skill.



Herbert Doran retired on 13 January after serving the firm for 51 years, firstly as an assistant in the warehouse, then as a three-knife trimmer operator and latterly as guillotine operator. A couple of years ago 'Herbie' suffered a heart attack but by obeying his doctor's orders and careful nursing by his wife he has made a remarkable recovery and is looking forward to a long and happy retirement.

At a brief retirement ceremony Mr Seddon presented him with a long-service certificate and a cheque on behalf of the firm; Mr Chidgey (FOC) presented a cheque on behalf of the chapel and the bindery 'girls' gave him a pair of binoculars.

The photograph shows Herbie testing the binoculars while Mrs Doran holds the certificate, surrounded by chapel officials and Mr Humphrey.

## BON VOYAGE



The Sims family of Fakenham (three of whom worked at C. & W.) have recently emigrated to Canada.

Bill Sims (Bindery Load Control Manager) left the Company before Christmas to take up a new appointment in Canada. A few weeks later wife Madge, who worked in the Bindery, and daughter Sue from Technical Planning, flew out to join Bill.

We hope when they read this they are settled in and enjoying their new surroundings.

## OBITUARY

David Taylor (Reading) passed away on 24 October after a long and painful illness at the comparatively early age of 45. David was apprenticed to the Reading factory as a bookbinder and except for a short break spent all his working life with the firm. David was a quiet, reserved person who nevertheless was respected by all who knew him.

He leaves a widow, a married daughter and a son to whom we extend our sympathy in their bereavement.

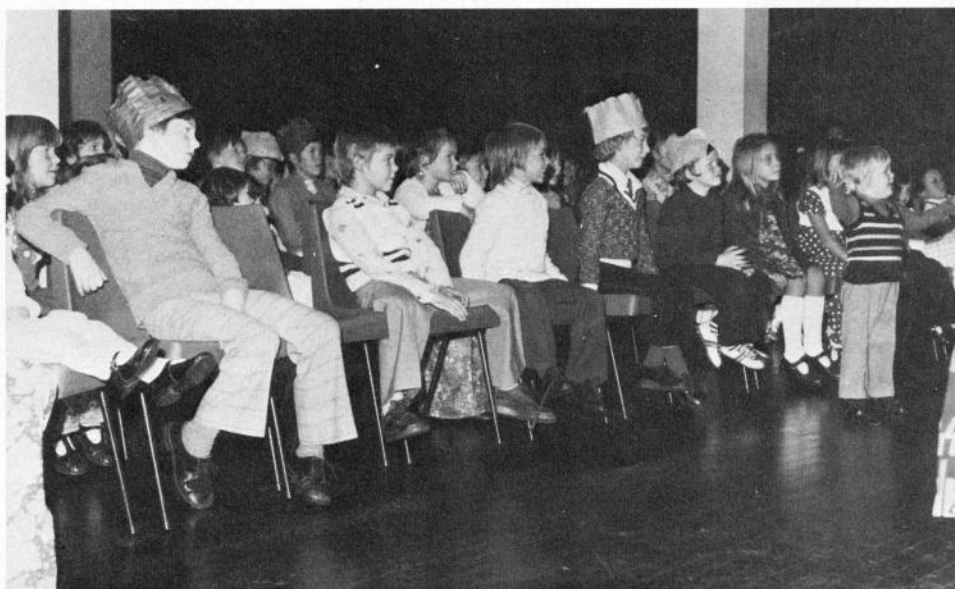
## GROUP MANAGING DIRECTOR

On Wednesday, 23 February, Mr Patrick Meaney, Managing Director of the Thomas Tilling Group of Companies visited the Fakenham works.

Report and pictures of this visit will appear in the next issue.

## *Children's Christmas Parties*

### READING



On Sunday afternoon, 19 December, the Social Club held a party for the under-9-year-old children of members and were entertained by Mr Leslie Dee, fed with sandwiches, jellies, ice cream, etc., and finally received a present from Father Christmas.

A good time was had by all as can be judged by the rapt attention on the faces of the children in the accompanying photograph.

The older 9-16-year-olds were entertained to a Disco in the Heidelberg Suite on Saturday evening, 5 February, and from reports circulating around the factory on the following Monday, everyone enjoyed themselves and voted the evening a great success.

### FAKENHAM



160 children attended the two Christmas parties organized by the Social Club.

The under-9-year-old children were entertained by Len Rudd who provided singing, magic and a film show.

The 9-14-year-olds' party took the form of a Disco complete with hot-dog stall and other refreshments.

A large part of the cost of the parties was paid for by Audrey Judd's weight-watcher sponsorship, which raised £26 towards party expenses.

The Club Secretary would like to give special thanks to Audrey and all committee members who helped at both parties. These were the best organized Christmas parties to date.



# Fakenham Social Club News

## WHAT'S ON AT YOUR CLUB HOUSE

Saturday, 14 May

WHISPER

Saturday, 28 May

NO-NAME DISCO

Saturday, 11 June

PAUL STEWARD SHOWBAND

Saturday, 25 June

NO-NAME DISCO

Saturday, 9 July

EXODUS

Latest winner of the 150 Club Draw is Des Cooper of the Folding Department.

The Social Club Committee are still open to suggestions for a catchy name for the Club disco.

Those already submitted were not considered suitable. More suggestions would be welcome.

Send your ideas to the Club Secretary or *Trunk-Call* Editor.

# Reading Social Club News

## MRS WHITE

The Social Club wish to place on record their sincere appreciation of the monies received from Mrs White as a result of the weekly MEAT raffle she runs as a fund-raising effort.

## DIRECTORS' SECRETARIES AT READING



(sitting)

LESLEY GADD – Secretary to Mr John Seddon for 4 months, previously Financial Secretary for 6 years. Joined the company in London to work for Mr Brooks and transferred to Reading in 1970. Hobbies include Yoga, dressmaking and squash.

(left to right)

LINDA DAVIS – has worked as Mr Dick Kent's secretary for 2½ years, she joined us in 1972 and worked for Mr Brooks until her promotion. Linda has been married for 9 months and has a kitten called Clarence. Her main leisure activity is playing table tennis and she enters many local tournaments (any challengers?!).

PAT ALLEN – Re-joined the company in September last year (previously 4 years as Mr Seddon's secretary) as Mr Mike Pooley's secretary, which she manages to fit in with looking after boisterous 2-year-old twins. I don't know that she has any spare time but enjoys reading and crossword puzzles. Pat is the veteran of us all, having joined the company as a sales executive's secretary in 1969.

ALMA LOWE – Secretary to Mr Ron Humphrey for 2 years – previously with George Russell in Production, she joined the company in 1974 and may have been influenced by our product as her main leisure pastime is reading. Congratulations are in order – Alma was married at Christmas.

## Personal Column

### FAKENHAM

#### Engagements

Pamela Brown (Bindery) to Nigel Godfrey on 25 December.

Sandra Stedman (Bindery) to Robert Bidewell (Engineers) on 24 December.

Barry Hawes (Bindery) to Jo Dye (Production Office) on 4 December.

#### Marriages

Miss Pauline Hudson (W.S.O.) to Mr Ian Tarry at Sculthorpe Parish Church on 29 January.

#### Births

Janet and Paul Edge (Bindery), a son, Andrew.

Marian and Michael Moore (Bindery), a son, Kevin.

Fred and Deirdre Baldry (ex W.S.O.), a daughter, Sarah Ann.

Robin and Brenda Parker (ex Bindery), a daughter, Melanie.

Phil and Maureen Lambert (ex Comp. Office), a son, Kevin.

#### Retirements

Mrs Vera Bell (Bindery) on 16 February.

Mr Len Lock (Intertype) on 25 February after 16 years' service.

# Sports Scene

## SQUASH COMPETITION – FAKENHAM

Once again we have had 28 entrants for our Annual Squash Competition. It will be run as last year in four groups of seven players, each playing the others in their respective groups on a points basis.

The player with the highest number of points in each group will go forward to the semi-final.

The groups are drawn as follows:

### Group One

T. Forristal  
D. Frost  
J. Levy  
J. Short  
J. Summers  
R. Lane  
D. Twiddy

### Group Three

R. High  
P. Clarke  
C. Andrews  
M. Futter  
B. Lane  
K. Jewers  
R. Johns

### Group Two

N. Mann  
P. Humphrey  
G. Lumsden  
E. White  
C. Pawley  
J. Harper  
B. Fisher

### Group Four

T. Futter  
P. Colman  
R. Hewitt  
S. Woodhouse  
P. Farrow  
C. Ward  
R. Medler

When this competition has been completed we could look forward to arranging a match with our more experienced colleagues at our Reading factory.

*T. Forristal*

## CRICKET CLUB – FAKENHAM

The A.G.M. was held at the Social Club on Monday, 7 February.

Officers elected:

*President* – Mr. F. C. Jude  
*Chairman* – Mr Alan Kemp  
*Secretary* – Mr Roy Dodman  
*Asst Secretary* – Mr Peter Mayor  
*Treasurer* – Mr David Sewter

The captain for the season will be Peter Mayor, with Ken Styles as vice-captain.

It was agreed that subscriptions would be 50p for the season, match fees 30p per game, 25p for inter-department games.

The club is to enter a team in Division 2 of the Sandringham & District League and the home ground for the season will once again be at the Fakenham Secondary Modern School.

An Interdepartmental Tournament will be held again this year, commencing earlier in the season, and will be run on a league or K.O. basis.

*Roy Dodman*

## TABLE TENNIS – FAKENHAM

Of the four Cox & Wyman teams taking part in the Fakenham & District Table Tennis League, the C team in Division 3 possess the best record to date, having won 9, drawn 1 and lost only 3. Ken Styles, Jim Pawley, Barrie Fairhead and Mick Hodge can be well pleased with these results, for promotion to Division 2 is still possible for their team. In the Fakenham League Tournaments Barrie Fairhead won the Division 3 Singles Trophy.

The A team, Doug Fennell, John Cathcart, Pete Clarke and Nigel Tustin, have also had a good season, with several excellent wins to their credit in the top division. Doug Fennell has played for Fakenham twice in the North Norfolk League, and after one more game will receive his representative badge.

The B team in Division 2 have battled hard all season, but somehow, despite many desperately close games, the points have escaped them. With just a few games left to play, they have only a very slim chance of avoiding relegation to the Third Division. Despite their poor record in the League, Elsie White of the B team took the Ladies Singles Championship and was chosen to represent Fakenham in the East Anglian League on two occasions during the season.

Graham Lumsden, Garry Deere, Peter Mason and Ivor Dartnell of the D team have had some good results in Division 3 and are currently placed in the top half of the League table.

The Fakenham League Tournaments provided some excellent entertainment and most of the Cox & Wyman players took part. The upsurge of interest in the sport of Table Tennis, both locally and nationally, will culminate at the new Birmingham Exhibition Centre in early April with the Silver Jubilee World Championships. The occasion marks the 50th anniversary of the English Table Tennis Association and it is the first time the championships have been held in England since 1954.

*'Topspin'*

## DARTS – FAKENHAM

During December the darts team undertook a new venture when they played the Fakenham Bowmen. The bowmen, and women, proved more than competent opponents; they won the game quite easily, so much so that one of their players remarked 'darts looked an easy game'. He then went on to prove it when they played a straight darts game by scoring 140 in three darts to win the game.

The evening was very entertaining and we hope to repeat the event just as soon as we can find some way of handicapping the bowmen to give ourselves a chance.

*A. Jones  
T. Pilch*



## Wyman's Bowls Team – 1933



The picture above is sure to revive happy memories to some of our senior citizens, it shows the 1933 team that took part in the Fakenham League on the Star Meadow.

Pictured left to right are:

*Back row:* Charlie Walker, Gilbert Fuller, Tom Potter, Jack Lane, Harry Owen, Octavius Philips, William East, Sidney Dagless

*Centre:* Frank Wright, George Stubbs, Charlie Wanford, Bert Dew, Henry Harrison, Norman Wanford, William Fisher, Jack Bloom

*Front Row:* George Arthurton, Herbert Beverley, John Stebbings, William Aldis, Joseph Haddock, Robert Gilham, Cecil Savoury

*Forefront:* William Beverley and Cyril Lane

### SNOOKERED

(One man's view of the snooker competition at the Reading factory.)

At Wyman's place for dinner,  
We found the snooker winner,  
A lad from Reading town,  
By name of Brian Brown

The normal entry small,  
This year had nearly all,  
Except for Scotsman Bill,  
Who last year had his fill

At last when down to two,  
I felt so far from blue,  
For I was one of those,  
Through luck I do suppose

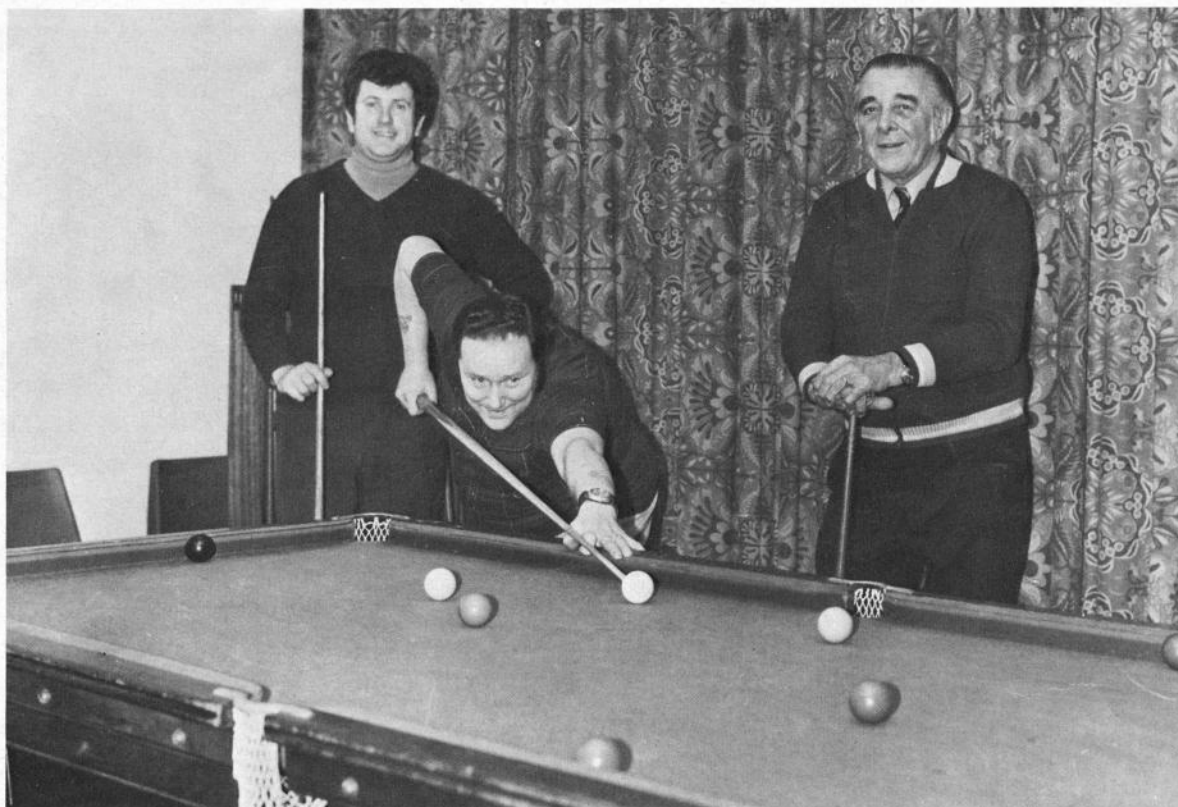
Although the best man wins,  
The loser also grins,  
To winner goes the fame,  
But I enjoyed the game

He beat me, two to nil,  
And I was rather ill,  
For just a little while,  
But now I have to smile

BEAT, *not* for want of tryin',  
Good luck to workmate Brian

J.K.

## 1977 SNOOKER COMPETITION - READING



Left to right: John Kennedy, Brian Brown and Bill Hammond (umpire)

The snooker competition for the 1977 singles championship reached its climax with the final being contested by Brian Brown (Bindery) and John Kennedy (Readers).

The match officials for this three-frame final were Bill Hammond (umpire) and Reg Sherwood (scorer).

Both players having played some good snooker in the earlier rounds seemed to be over-awed by the occasion. Neither player gave much away at the beginning of the first frame, Brian went into an early lead and held it throughout. He played some good snookers on John, and when he went for a 'pot', either got it or left the ball very safe. John was quite the reverse, he 'potted' some excellent balls, but the ones he missed he left for Brian to finish off. Brian ended up a 47 to 34 points winner.

The second frame began with John Kennedy taking command right from the start. He split the reds up with his second shot and soon went into a 20-point lead, then his Irish luck seemed to desert him. Brian played some good snookers which John had great difficulty in getting out of, giving away 20 points in the process. He followed this by giving away another 12 points, and very soon Brian had a lead of 18 points with only the blue, pink and black on the table. John then proceeded to pot all three balls, giving each of the contestants 43 points apiece. Bill Hammond re-spotted the black and John went first, leaving it safe, Brian then gave John a chance to win the frame with an angled shot into the bottom pocket. He looked very tense as he lined up the shot, but had to walk away when his concentration was disturbed. He then proceeded to roll the ball slowly into the jaws of the pocket, only to leave it tight on the cushion next to the hole. Brian then finished the game by making a difficult shot look easy, giving him the second frame and also the singles title by 50 points to 43 points.

John's break of 18 equalled the highest one of the series held by Tim Usher and John in an earlier round.

The final was very ably umpired by Bill Hammond, marred only by him forgetting his white gloves (although he assured us that he had washed his hands), and the smoke from his pipe proved how wrong that well-known TV commercial is, when three spectators on this occasion had to be given artificial respiration.

The snooker committee would like to say a sincere 'thank you' to all those that umpired matches during the rounds and a special word of appreciation to Mr G. Chidgey for the splendid assistance he gave to the organizers.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Could you spare a little space in *Trunk-Call* for my wife and myself to express our very sincere thanks to the Directors, Management and Staff who gave us such nice gifts on my retirement.

It was impossible to thank all individually on my last day with the Company.

Many thanks.

Len Lock

### CROSSWORD SOLUTION NO. 19

ACROSS: 1 Fence. 4 Cap. 6 Plane. 9 Auction. 10 Iceberg. 11 Kite. 12 Fatal. 13 Fast. 16 Breaker. 17 Express. 19 Saddled. 22 Amiable. 24 Thaw. 25 Smack. 26 Flea. 30 Oculist. 31 Anchors. 32 Peach. 33 Dim. 34 Taste.

DOWN: 1 Frank. 2 Necktie. 3 Epic. 4 Centaur. 5 Private. 6 Peep. 7 Average. 8 Eight. 14 Skill. 15 April. 16 Bus. 18 Sue. 20 Dracula. 21 Demoted. 22 Acclaim. 23 Bellows. 24 Troop. 27 Aisle. 28 Fish. 29 Scot.