

National Bowls Champion

During August Chris Ward (Fakenham-Foundry) won the English Bowling Association National Singles Championship at Worthing. A recording of the final was shown on BBC Grandstand on the following Saturday afternoon.

Chris is the first man ever to have won both the English Bowling Association and English Bowling Federation singles.

The magnificent trophy pictured above with Chris was first played for in 1912 and past winners include David Bryant, Peter Line, Percy Baker and Bill Irish. Chris is the first Norfolk player to have his name engraved on the trophy.

Encouraged by his father, Chris started bowls at the age of ten and a decade later he was selected to play for the Norfolk County team, to date he has represented his County on over sixty occasions.

Chris's successes to date are:

Norfolk Federation Singles Champion 1965, 1966 and 1967

E.B.F. Four Wood Singles Champion 1965

Winner of the Gt Yarmouth E.B.A. Singles title on two occasions

County E.B.A. Singles Champion 1967, 1973 and 1977

County E.B.A. Fours Championship 1966, 1971 and 1975

E.B.A. Fours Champion 1975

Great Yarmouth Pairs Championship 1968, 1972 and 1976

E.B.A. Singles Champion 1977

His other sporting interests include soccer, with a well above average performance as goalkeeper, and badminton, another game at which he excels.

Chris joined the Company as an apprentice in the Foundry and has remained a member of that staff.

In recognition of his success Mr John Seddon presented Chris with a framed colour photograph showing Chris with the famous trophy.

STOP PRESS!

The latest honour bestowed on Chris Ward arrived in the post on 17 November. It was a letter from the English Bowling Association advising Chris that he had been selected to represent England in the pairs bowls event of the 1978 Commonwealth Games to be played in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada from 3 to 12 August.

Chris will be in Canada for approximately three weeks and is due to fly out on 22 or 23 July.

The weekend after receiving news of his selection for the Commonwealth Games, Chris broke two bones in his left arm between the wrist and elbow whilst playing



football. The incident that led to the breakage followed after Chris had saved a penalty.

Luckily the arm affected is not his bowling arm, however, we all wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

Christmas Message from the Managing Director



Having been invited by the Editor to include a personal message in the special Christmas issue of Trunk-Call, I hope you will agree with me that it would be fitting first of all to express the thanks of all its readers (who include a number of our retired colleagues) to Gloria Robinson – and her team of regular contributors – for the work that goes into producing this informative and enjoyable publication so regularly. It is, I know, widely appreciated.

At this time last year, I referred to the investment and reorganization programmes on which the Company had embarked. Few of you at Fakenham will have remained unaffected by these plans owing to the major relocation of departments, not to mention the introduction of a sophisticated filmsetting system. At Reading there has been no such upheaval, but the new purpose-built paperback press has been gradually taking shape at the manufacturers during the year and should be installed by the end of next summer.

Having missed the opportunity last year as I was on a selling trip abroad, I am particularly looking forward to my Christmas visits to the factories; I plan to be at Fakenham on 20 December, Reading on 22 December and Truro on 23 December. I hope therefore that I shall have the opportunity of a chat with many of you, but in any event I should like to take this opportunity of conveying my best wishes to you and your families for Christmas and the New Year.

JOHN SEDDON



Quiz Time

Can you think of:

- A 7-letter fruit ending in ADO
- A 7-letter animal ending in ALO
- A 7-letter singer ending in ANO
- A 7-letter rice dish ending in TTO
- A 7-letter flower ending in LIP
- A 7-letter vegetable ending in NIP
- A 7-letter cheese ending in DAR
- A 7-letter thief ending in LAR
- A 7-letter student ending in LAR
- A 7-letter tree ending in ESS
- A 7-letter game ending in ETS
- A 7-letter gymnast ending in BAT

Answers on Page 6

Crossword Solution No 21

ACROSS: 1 Plastic. 5 Amoeba. 9 Thermal. 10 Untruth. 11 Aku. 12 Blood vessel. 13 Sissy. 14 Cynically. 16 Bifurcate. 17 Basil. 19 Rest-in-peace. 22 Ran. 23 Amazing. 24 Parquet. 26 Centre. 27 Embassy.

DOWN: 1 Pitmans. 2 Avenues of Escape. 3 Tim. 4 Cello. 5 Abundance. 6 Outre. 7 Brussels sprouts. 8 Chilly. 12 Buyer. 14 Champagne. 15 Cable. 16 Barman. 18 Lengthy. 20 Idiot. 21 Apple. 25 Rub.

Notice to Pensioners



Low-cost Spring Holidays at Eastbourne for retired printers and their wives and widows of printers.

The Printers' Charitable Corporation has two adjoining hotels in Eastbourne – Reynolds Court and Caxton Lodge. Both are within a few yards of the promenade and are near the pier, shops and entertainments. The hotels are warm and comfortable, and all bedrooms are heated. Ground floor rooms are reserved for those requiring convalescence, and there is a lift to the other floors. Three main meals are served daily, and the dining room and the newly decorated Jubilee Bar are licensed.

SPRING HOLIDAYS are from the 1 March to the 10 May, and the charges are:

Widows of printers: £15 to £17 weekly
Retired men (and their wives): £24 to £35 weekly

Early application is advised.

Any person interested should contact their local Personnel Manager who will obtain the necessary booking form.

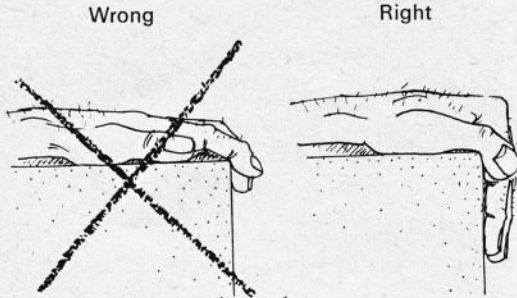
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Lifting and Handling

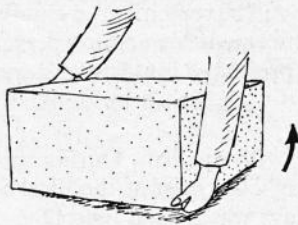
The following diagrams show how you should – and should not – lift and handle goods.

Get a proper hold.

Use the palm as well as the fingers.

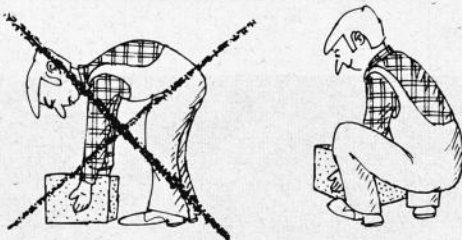


Get your hand underneath a parcel or box on a flat surface by a rocking action.

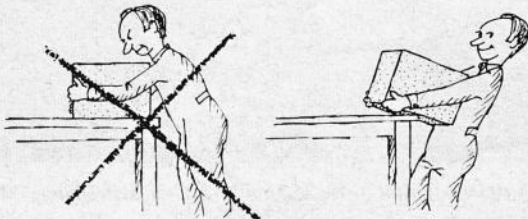


Keep your back straight.

When you are lifting things off the floor the knees should be bent rather than the back.

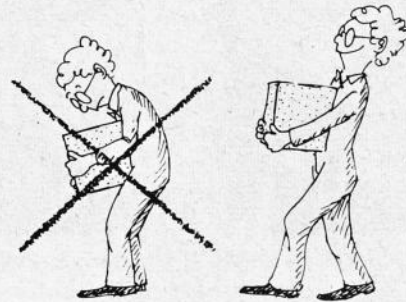


The same principle applies when lifting goods off a bench.



Place your feet correctly.

To keep a good balance when lifting, place one foot in advance of the other.



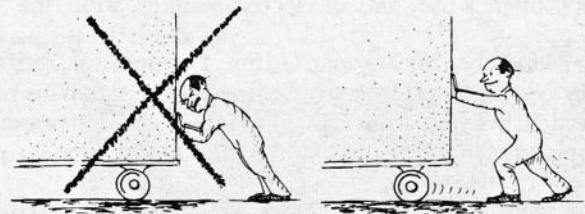
Keep your arms straight and close to your body.

Use your body weight.

When pushing a load keep the arms straight and one foot in front of the other.

When pulling a load keep the arms straight and chin in. Place your weight on the forward foot ready to move to the rear foot when the load starts moving.

Do not strain. If you think you can't manage a load, get assistance.



Retirements

Reading



Mr Russell, MR J Kennedy (FOC), Mr Sherwood, Mr John Seddon



Mrs Pateman, Mrs White, Mr George Russell

On Friday, 10 June, a double retirement presentation took place. Mrs Masterman who worked as the clerk in the Despatch Office retired after twenty-one years service with the Company and Mrs House, who worked mostly on the gatherer of the AH Binder, retired after seven years' service.

Both ladies received gifts from the Bindery Chapel, Mrs Masterman a pendant and Mrs House a gold watch and cheque.

On 24 June, Mrs White, Deputy Forelady in the Bindery, retired after fourteen years' service with the Company. The Chapels presented her with a stereo record-player with an additional present of a huge bouquet of flowers from the girls.

Mr Reginald 'Doc' Sherwood retired on 29 June after thirty-nine years' service with the Company and although employed as a machine minder and latterly as press man in the Composing Department, he will be remembered chiefly for his work as the Factory First Aid Officer, a position he held for a number of years. At his retirement Mr Seddon presented him with a cheque and long service certificate on behalf of the Company while the Chapels presented him with a stereo/cassette radio receiver/recorder.

On 23 September Mr Charlie Maslen retired after more than fifty years' service with the firm. During this period of time Mr Maslen was at one time FOC of the Binders Chapel, for a number of years Chairman of the local Sogat Branch, a member of the local Social Security Appeals Committee and in his younger days was a keen footballer and also played cricket for the Reading factory team. Up to the time of his retirement he was Chairman of the Reading Factory Social Club.

At the retirement ceremony Mr Seddon presented him with a long service certificate and cheque on behalf of the Company, the male chapels presented him with a Hoover (for his wife's use), the ladies presented him with a mincer (again for his wife's use) and an electric blanket, while the Social Club presented him with a garden spray.

On 21 October Mr Norman Griffin, a compositor, retired after more than fifty years' service with the Company. Being of a very retiring disposition Mr Griffin requested that his retirement ceremony should be a quiet affair and a simple ceremony was held in the Board Room, at which Mr Seddon presented him with a cheque and a long service certificate on behalf of the Company and the Chapels presented him with a cheque.

The report of Marjorie Phillips' retirement appeared in the last edition.



Mr John Seddon, Mr Charlie Maslen, Mr Chidgey (FOC), Mrs Knott (Deputy MOC), Mr Harding



Mrs Knott (Deputy MOC), Mrs McCrewry (MOC), Miss Phillips, Mr John Seddon

Retirements

Fakenham



Mr and Mrs Tom Yarham pictured in familiar surroundings following Tom's retirement presentation on 11 November. Tom worked for the Company for twelve years assisting his son Barry on one of the white paper guillotines.

Mr Gordon Chivers presented Tom with a barometer from his workmates and Mr Cyril Ward presented Mrs Yarham with a bouquet of flowers.

Personal Column

Reading

Marriages

Wendy Hales (Bindery) to Trevor Lyons at St Mary Magdalens Church, Reading on 6 August.

Steve Miles (Estimating) to Pauline Burden at St Catherine's Church, Bearwood on 8 October.

Michael Brown (Stereo) to Ruth Lambden (ex Work Study) at St Michael's Church, Tilehurst on 1 October.

Fakenham

Engagements

Deborah Boulter (Bindery) to Stephen Cooke (Composer) on 20 August.

Marriages

Glenda Childs (Bindery) to Hubert Chappel at Walsingham Church on 16 July.

Jackie Sparrow (Bindery) to Kevin Alexander at Hempton Church on 30 July.

Sheila Bird (Bindery) to Kevin Selwood at Fakenham on 13 August.

Births

Barbara and Kenny Voutt (Maintenance) a daughter, Emily Charlotte May, on 12 November.



Name Game

Put the first letters of the answers in the squares to find a late and great English actress.

1	2	3	4	5
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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- 14 & 3 Lay preacher found in Coronation Street.
- 8 One of the flying Wright brothers.
- 11 & 1 Black American singer 'I've got plenty of nothin'.
- 4 Rearrangement of kin you can write with.
- 6 & 7 Man of Kon Tiki fame.
- 12 Village '— you can get a drink here.
- 2 & 9 Ex-premier of Israel after Golda Meir.
- 10 Hero of epic sea battle.
- 13 & 5 Shakespeare play concerning lecherous royalty.

Terry Miles
Fakenham

Wedding of the Year



The wedding took place at St Michael's Church, Tilehurst on Saturday, October 1st of Michael Brown (Stereo Department) and Ruth Lambden (previously of the Work Study Department).

Mick is chairman of the Sea Angling Club and also plays football for two of Reading's leading amateur sides.



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

and

BEST WISHES

for a

HAPPY AND HEALTHY

NEW YEAR

to all retired members of our staff

Fakenham

Harry Gibson, Tom Potter, Charlie Aldis, Charlie Wanford, Bert Dew, Albert Tuck, Eddie Pilch, Fred Parsons, Alec Newall, Johnny Wright, Arthur Cook, Tim Leverington, Harold Barnes, Reggie Ling, Jack King, Peter Gilham, Ted George, Dick Woodgett, Gordon Dye, Ron Cracknell, Tom Claxton, Reg Allcock, Horace Defew, Jack Bloom, Reg Cooper, Stanley Cooper, Jack Baldwin, Percy Tomlinson, Lenny Lock, Joe Perry, Jack Townsend, Tom Yarham.

Hilda Hammond, Ivy Hemblen, Molly Gilder, Elsie Dent.

Reading

Ernie Bartlett, Percy Bishop, Les Blackwell, Harry Brown, Len Choules, Jack Church, Nobby Clark, Len Cocks, Frank Couling, Ken Diboll, Herbie Doran, George Faragher, Bill Fletcher, Jim Ford, Sid Fossey, George Garrett, Fred Godley, Norman Griffin, Bill Hope, Phil Lailey, Fred Lockyear, Bill Lusted, Jackie Martin, Charlie Maslen, Arthur Munday, Tommy North, Alfred Pearce, Harry Phillips, Harry Plested, Ted Richardson, George Roberts, Bill Sharp, Reg Sherwood, Sid Shute, Bert Smith, Alfie Smith, Chris Sturt, Bruv Sturt, Reg Taylor, Freddy Viljoen, Pat Walsh, Stan White, Windy Windebanks, Reg Witcher, Snowy Woolford, Harry Wyatt, Reg Young.

Cissie Breach, Mary Broadley, Phil Chilcott, Kath Griffiths, Ethel Gynge, Daisy Hawes, Eileen House, Bet Masterman, Edna Munday, Marjorie Phillips, Blanch Ross, Rene Sharp, Irene White, Cis Young.

Reading Social Club News



At the Jubilee Dance in July Mrs White (ex Bindery) was presented with a token of appreciation for her service to the Social Club by Charlie Maslen (ex Chairman) and two of the Committee Members – Margaret Painter and Eileen Lyons.

Pictured left to right are Margaret Painter, Eileen Lyons, Mrs White and Charlie Maslen. In the background are Doug Buller and two of the *Chordets* who provided the music for a very pleasant evening.

Corgi Assault at Mogadishu

From receipt of film for this very topical title, the Reading Factory printed, bound and delivered 100,000 copies in only four days.

Obituaries

Fakenham

Mr Les Parry (Bindery) died on 23 July after a long illness.

Reading

Mr George Ballard, a packer who retired in May 1976.

Mr Cecil Miles, from the warehouse who retired in February, 1975.

Mr Wally Morey, a machine manager who retired in October 1965

Miss Anne Owens, Forelady in the Folding Department who retired in December 1965.

We extend our deepest sympathy to their families.

Answer to Quiz Time

Avocado, Buffalo, Soprano, Risotto, Cowslip, Parsnip, Cheddar, Burglar, Scholar, Cypress, Rackets, Acrobat.

Sports Scene

Five-a-Side Football Knock-Out Competition



On Sunday, 18 September at the unsociable hour of 10.00 a.m. a huge crowd of Fakenham Club members, well about twenty people anyway, made their way towards the Youth Centre to watch forty or so of the fittest and most athletic men that Cox & Wyman could turn out play in a Knock-Out Tournament.

Eight teams with names like 'The Old Sweats' (total age 196 years, total weight around the 70 stone mark), the 'Militia' (total age 130 years, total weight around the 60 stone mark), 'Hennipecal', 'The Red Skins', 'Odds n Sodds', 'All Sorts', 'Andrews Salts' and 'Case 1', took the pitch to roars of delight and, in some cases, amazement of the vast crowd. It was gratifying to see players who a decade or two ago had bewildered their opponents with their skilful ball control and body swerves, turn out and, in between coughing spells eventually turn it all on again.

The sight of Tom Windeler, playing for the Old Sweats, and the oldest player on the day, splitting the opposition with a beautiful ten-yard run, well a ten-yard walk anyway, swerving in between players, dummied right and left before finally shooting and then realizing he didn't have the ball is something I shall never forget. One of the most unnerving sights of the game, apart from the sight of the Old Sweats' waistline, was Robert 'Judo' Loades' habit of biting his opponent's ankles as they ran past him. But the skills shown on the day, were to say the least, deplorable, with one or two exceptions, but we have forgiven the few players who tried to play football because they didn't really succeed.

The eight teams eventually dwindled down to two, and it was Final time, the event we had all been waiting for. Hennipecal, a team that combined experience, many years of it in one or two cases, and youthful skill took the pitch against a team of mixed judo, squash and football players – the Militia.

Straight from the kick off Hennipecal attacked and scored within seconds, in their own net, but who cares. As soon as they realized their mistake, about five minutes later, they started to attack the Militia goal, where Kevin 'Titch' Jewers (alias Bingo Kid), a judo expert of great skill (he got the red belt for attending fourteen lessons on the trot), was sitting down trying to think up new ways of getting people to buy him drinks. Hennipecal threw everything they had into the attack, including the referee, spectators and stones, by half time their efforts paid off and they had taken a goal lead. In the second half they had the bit between their teeth, but remembering they were playing football, they spat it out and scored four more goals. This included a hat trick from Barry Lane, a prolific goal scorer of yesteryear, whose skill at running under the legs of any opponent over 5' 8" tall must be seen to be believed.

After the game all the players adjourned to the Social Club for the presentation of the trophies. At the Club, with my usual organizing skill, I had the pleasure of informing the players that the trophies had not arrived. This declaration was met with all the usual abuse and insults that I have grown to expect, some people are never satisfied.

But I would like to thank all those who helped organize the event and helped make it the great day it was, or at least, should have been, especially Artex Football Club for the ball and kit, Dave Young, Jnr. (3 years old) who was last seen asking for his ball back (we pinched it because we needed it badly), all those youngsters who climbed in people's back yards to retrieve lost balls and all those who helped to referee the games, and last but not least, the three chaps who helped put the oil cans up that we had to use instead of goal posts.

John Boyle

Thomas Tilling Four-Team Bowls Tournament

The Temple Bowls Club, London was the venue for this year's tournament. The Cox & Wyman team chosen from Fakenham personnel were Chris Ward, David Frost, Cyril Ward and Dick High.

Fourteen teams were entered for the competition, these were divided into two groups with each team playing the others in their group.

Cox & Wyman were the winners of one group and played the winners of the other group, Gascoigne Gush & Dent in the Final, losing 9-5

During the dinner that evening Mr Douglas Manser presented the prizes, with the C & W team receiving engraved tankards as runners-up. Mr Manser made an excellent after dinner speech and the Fakenham captain was somewhat relieved not to have to follow with a speech.

The conditions were very wet at start of play and it was only through the generosity of the greenkeeper that play was allowed, the rain continued for most of the day but all matches were completed.

The C & W team were very grateful for being allowed to take part and enjoyed themselves despite the weather.

Golf-Fakenham



In a recent golf match a Cox & Wyman team beat a Fakenham Golf Club team 3½ games to 1½.

The results (with C & W players first) were as follows:

A E Parsell	Halved	G Cocker
B Sturman		D Partridge
F Beckett	Lost 2-1	T Vertigans
J Youngs		J Howe
K Neil	Won 2-1	M Franklin
M Neil		F Parker
D Sewter	Won 5-4	M Cocker
K Stearman		D Palmer
K Barrow	Won 2-1	R Futter

*Arthur Parsell
Letterpress*

Sea Angling Club—Reading

The Annual General Meeting of the Sea Angling Club was held recently at the Nag's Head. Mr Peter Powell was elected as President of the Club. Peter was proposed for this position by the other Peter – Pugwash Griffiths. The vote was carried unanimously, and a couple of members were heard to murmur their appreciation that the new president also had lots of money! The usual incidents occurred again; Griff kicking people and asking for adjournments to refill his glass. He persuaded Mick Brown, the Chairman, to pop down to the bar to get some drinks, and while he was down there everybody ate the sandwiches. Poor Mick, he always was unlucky, I hear he has just got married as well!



Left to Right:

Bert Shilton, Pete Griffiths, Peter Powell, Roy Turner and John Lovegrove.

With the meeting over, Peter Powell kindly stepped forward to present the annual trophies. These were:

Best Cod Species	– B Shilton (13 lb Pollack)
Best Conger Eel	– R Turner (22 lb)
Best Skate Species	– P Griffiths/J Lovegrove (12 lb)
Best Overall Fish	– R Turner (3½ lb Black Bream)

Thomas Tilling 6-a-Side Cricket Tournament

A team from Fakenham represented Cox & Wyman at this annual event held this year at the County Ground, Harrogate. The team members were Roy Dodman, David Tann, Danny Boulter, Bill Hillibrandt, Gary Dodman and Peter Mason.

In the first round they were drawn to play Selwood. C & W batted first, scoring 36 runs. Selwood needed 13 runs to win in the last over of the game and this they achieved on the last ball, defeating C & W by 1 run.

The eventual winners were Cape (Warwick) Holdings, who, in the final, defeated Graham Gratrix by 1 run.

Mr and Mrs Douglas Manser were in attendance and Mrs Manser presented the prizes.

The team would like to express their thanks through Trunk-Call to the Company for allowing them to attend the tournament.

Table Tennis – Fakenham

Four teams entered the Fakenham & District Table Tennis League from Cox & Wyman for the 1977/78 season. The A team in the First Division have won one game and lost three, their one success being noteworthy for a fine maximum by Nigel Tustin – his first unbeaten performance in the premier division.

In the Second Division, newly promoted Cox & Wyman C have won one, drawn one and lost one, and in the Third Division the B team (relegated from Division Two last year) have made a fine start in their drive for promotion by winning their first four matches in convincing style. The D team in the same division have to date drawn one and lost two. The Cox & Wyman Table Tennis Championships was held at the Social Club on Thursday, 24 November.

'Topspin'

Inter-Department Cricket Tournament

Six teams took part in this year's competition and were divided into two leagues as follows: Letterpress, Casemakers, Bindery, and Film/Office, Litho, Maintenance.

The teams representing the Bindery and Film/Office finished at the bottom of the two leagues and played for the wooden spoon. Film/Office scored 61 runs all out and the Bindery 62 for 3 wickets, thus Film/Office collected the wooden spoon.

Litho and Casemakers finished at the top of their respective leagues and played in the final. Litho scored 75 for 9 and Casemakers 76 for 6.

The Man of the Match Award went to David Twiddy of the Casemakers who scored 22 runs and also took 3 wickets for 7 runs.

Cricket Club – Fakenham

The club finished the season by winning only three of the eight games played in the Second Division of the Sandringham and District League.

Top bowler was Gary Dodman (Monotype Casters) who took 42 wickets for 236 runs, an average of 5.6 runs per wicket. His best match performance was 9 wickets for 34 runs.

Top batsman was Roy Dodman (Electricians), who in 6 outings scored 135 runs, an average of 22.5 runs per innings.

Best batting performance was 88 not out by Peter Mayor (Hot Metal Keyboards).