

No. 18 January 1953

Front cover – The Oakley Hunt moves off at Olney Lane End

- p.3 Holiday in Majorca, Spain by Sybil Gaunt, Thelma Wagstaff and Jean Walls.
- p.5 **Visits** of Mr Antonio Kyde Lanval of Nigeria (picture), nurses representing the Bedford branch of the Royal College of Nursing. Visit to Sketchley Dye Works, Hinckley and to Alfred Herbert Ltd, Coventry.
- p.7 Brief personal details on: Richard William Humphreys, Frank Waby, Charles William O'Bryan, Edward Brandill, Sylvia Eileen Goldsmith, Bertram Clifford Francis, Andrew Thomas Bray and Albert William Smith (photographic head of each on caricature body).
- p.8 A page for children
- p.9 Christmas Whist Drive (pictures)
- p.11 Queen's New Year Carnival Dance (pictures)
- p.12 Picture of Mr J Shaw of the tool room, magazine correspondent.
- p.12 Presentation to R W Coomber on his retirement as Surveyor of Lloyd's Register of Shipping (picture)
- p.13 **Apprentices', Students' and Pupils' Activities** New arrivals to the Pupils' and Students' Association: Michael Farnell, Tony Gwyther, David Marks, Tony Riley, John Roddis, Raymond Crane, John Pike and Maurice Vincent. John Lane returns after illness. Colin Dalton has joined the navy, Mark Simpson, Brooking Young and Dennis Pulley have joined the staff and John Arbuthnott has gone to Cambridge. K Donald, R Harris and M Boyde have left the Apprentices' Association.
- p.15 **Retirements:** Horace John Grooms, William Alexander Brodie, John Rodd, Horace Bertram Lock.
- p.16 Employees on national service
- p.16 **Obituaries:** Francis Edgar Johnson, Albert Fletcher, William Alfred Thorman, Clifford Alfred Robinson, Robert Wolf, William Atkins, Maurice John Bick, John Thomas Black and Charles James Gooding.
- p.17 **Activities at the Works** Benevolent Fund, First Aid Detachment, Safety Committee, Blood Transfusion, Civil Defence, Home Guard, National Insurance Scheme and the National Health Service.
- p.21 **Recent contracts**
- p.22 Letter of appreciation from G H Headley Ltd, Loudwater, High Wycombe, paper manufacturer.
- p.23 Installation of turbo-alternator at British Sugar Corporation Ltd, Felsted.
- p.23 **Brevities by our correspondents.** Mentions letter from Emanuel Akinola Sawyer.
- p.25 Installation of turbo-alternator for Mossman Sugar, Australia by N D Creighton.
- p.26 Power Plant for Coke Oven Plant at Wingerworth, near Chesterfield.
- p.27 **Queen's Engineering Works Recreation Club.** Reports on Institute, bowls, tennis, rugby, football, hockey (picture of ladies team) , archery, cricket, choral (picture of the choral society), library, shooting, drama, badminton (picture of some members of the club), table tennis (picture of ladies team) and horticulture.
- p.32 Visit to Nottingham goose fair
- p.34 **Our representatives** – East Midlands Area.

No. 19 – April 1953

Front cover – May Day festivities on Elstow Green

- p.3 Southern Africa by W Kenneth G Allen
- p.5 Photographic competition
- p.7 Brief personal descriptions of: Harry William Swannell, Arnold A Coomb, Allan Roy Odd, John Young, John Henry Broadway, Gwendoline Alice Griggs, Murray Jeffs and Frederick Buck (photographic head of each on caricature body).
- p.8 **Visits** from Saudi-Arabia and E R Babb.
- p.8 Poem *Allen's Bridge* by H E Hull about the Ford End Road bridge over the railway.
- p.9 A page for children
- p.10 Pictures of children's parties
- p.12 **Apprentices', Students' and Pupils' Activities.** Pupils' and students' association welcomes D J L Hulett from South Africa and G M Heseldin. Eric Poole returns after illness. Jack Ford has joined the staff of the Pump Design Department.
- p.14 **Appointments:** W A Train and K Rowell to succeed W G Poole as works manager and G A Neild head of the engineering department respectively.
- p.14 **Retirements:** Frederick William Hoare, Alick Henry Slaughter, Percy Berrington and Arthur James Goodfellow.
- p.15 **Obituaries:** Reginald John Roach, Robert Joseph Coe, Albert Edward Laycock, John Rodd, Thomas Dixon, Alfred Charles White, Joshua Allen, Herbert Andrew Bustin, Henry Albert Dulson.
- p.15 National Service - particular mention of Roy Ernest Hilton (picture), Malcolm Woodland, John William Frederick Darwood.
- p.16 **Recent contracts**
- p.18 **Brevities by our correspondents**
- p.19 Letters from the colonies requesting catalogues
- p.20 **Activities at the Works** The Standards Room (pictures), Benevolent Fund, First Aid Detachment, safety committee, civil defence, home guard, National Insurance scheme and National Health Service.
- p.24 Article by J S Tait (East Anglia Representative) on the catastrophic flooding on the East Coast, drainage and the Allen pumping plant in the area.
- p.26 Steam engine 'Invicta' by G A Neild
- p.27 **Queen's Engineering Works Recreation Club.** Reports on the institute, bowls, tennis, rugby, archery, football, hockey, cricket, choral, library, shooting, drama, badminton, table tennis and rounders.
- p.32 Update on the restoration of the vintage car mentioned in July 1952.

No. 20 – July 1953

Front cover – Salute to H M the Queen at the Coronation Naval Review at Spithead on 15th June 1953

- p.3 Loyal Greetings to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II with photograph by Baron
p.4 Picture of the entrance to the works illuminated during the Coronation period
p.5 Holiday in Jamaica by Rupert S Allen
p.7 West Africa by Alan Train
p.9 Coronation Celebration Dinner (with pictures of the giant marquee)
p.13 Photographic competition.
p.13 Note that a message of 'hearty congratulations' had been sent from the works to the BBC regarding their coverage of the Coronation
p.14 A Page for Children
p.15 **Visits:** Open day, Scotland and Liverpool, Gas Engineers, Canada, Belgium, Royal Naval engineer Officers Administrative Course from HMS Thunderer.
p.16 Allen Diesel Generating Sets at Bordertown, South Australia (pictures)
p.18 **Apprentices', Students' and Pupils' Association** Pupils' and Students' and Apprentices entries in the procession of decorated boats (pictures).
p.21 National Service with news of Terence James Cunningham, Geoffrey Swannell, John and Peter Peck, Daniel Roy McGreish and John Frederick Gower.
p.22 **Retirements:** Albert William Coleman, William August Birkert, Frederick Richard Owen, William Frederick Lenton.
p.23 **Obituaries:** Albert Edward Laycock, Gerald Francis Acland and Edward Husselbury.
p.24 **Recent Contracts**
p.25 Picture of Allen marine auxiliary diesel engine generating set in the procession of decorated vehicles in the Bedford Carnival.
p.26 **Works Activities:** View Room (with pictures), Benevolent Fund, Blood Transfusion, First Aid Detachment, Safety Committee, Hospital Service, Civil Defence, Home Guard, Fire Brigade, Suggestion Scheme.
p.29 **Brevities by our correspondents:** Miss Dorothy Joyce Mary Pope (picture) has sailed for Australia, picture of members of the Heavy Machine Shop gathered for their trip to London.
p.31 **Queen's Engineering Works Recreation Club** Pictures of Brian Webb receiving Rifle Club colours from Denis Allen, the Allen Club floodlit for the Coronation period, Fred Fillis receiving the Denis Allen cup as captain of the Electrical Shop No 1 skittles team, Eric Monger delivering a wood, Mr J Lambert conducting the West end Club children's choir, members of the cast of the play 'Very New Order', Mr S Batson receiving fifth prize in the Allotments competition and Mr Hootten, Mr Miles and Mr L J Collington, judges at the Vegetable, fruit and flower show. Reports on: the institute, archery, bowls, rugby, badminton, tennis, hockey, football, shooting, drama, golf, rounders, cricket, table tennis, choral, library and horticulture.

No. 21 – October 1953

Front cover – Fisherman's Paradise

p.3 Clothing and health by J B L Tombleson

p.4 Christmas Whist Drive

p.4 Update of information on the steam engine 'Invicta'

p.5 A page for children

p.7 Brief personal description of: Bert Alfred Abraham, Cora Dawson, Albert William Johnson, Hubert Donald Bambury, Sidney Frederick Churchman, Hector John Harding, Derek Arthur Thompson and Leonard Oliver Wiles (photographic head of each on caricature bodies).

p.8 **Visits:** W E & J Pebody, Ltd, Olney, Northampton Brewery Co Ltd, Northampton and Northampton Gas Undertaking, South Africa, Birmingham Tame and Rea District Drainage Board, Germany, Scotland, Foremen and Staff Mutual Benefit Society, Captain Christopher Soames.

p.11 Engineering, Marine and Welding Exhibition, Olympia, 1953

p.12 Photographic competition result

p.14 **Apprentices', Students' and Pupils' Activities**

- Pictures of past students F W Hayward, G W Hunt and G W Tripp.
- Pupils' and Students' Association mentions Phil Marr, Gerry Levy, Reg Lugg, Maurice Vincent, Bob Kinsman, John Goodacre, George Jackson, Peter Caldwell, Peter Worrall, John Kapp, Peter Moores, Malcolm Teasdel, Raymond Wiggle and Michael Graham-Smith.
- Colin Trundle and Michael Wrigley visit the Outward Bound Sea School. Keith Turner and Richard Wheeler attend the Outward Bound Mountain School.
- 4th Industrial Welfare Society Conference for Apprentices.
- Foundry Apprenticeship with group photograph of A Hancock, A Gage, M T Chandler, P A J Cooper, C A White, G A Passley, J P T Walder, A R Beard, M D Ring, P F Hogan, M Hughes, C E G Kemp, D E Foskett, T B Frost and B Worsley.

p.18 National Service: Michael John McCulley

p.18 Picture by Miss Diana Salmond.

p.19 **Appointments:** J R Wheating, W D Hutty, C W Cook, P Scorer, P W Hickey, P F Morgan, A B Weekes.

p.20 **Retirements:** Archibald Victor Dillow, Arthur Brandon, Frederick John Radcliffe

p.22 **Obituaries:** James Haldane, William Arthur Davies, Bertie William Welch, William Racher, George Edward Gibbons, Charles William Warden, Edward Craft.

p.23 **Recent contracts**

p.25 **Works Activities:** Laboratory (pictures), Benevolent Fund, First Aid Detachment, Safety Committee, Civil Defence, Home Guard, National Insurance Scheme and the National Health Service, Fire Brigade.

p.29 The Main Drawing Office (pictures of before and after the alterations)

p.30 **Brevities by our correspondents** includes pictures of Roy Jameson winner of the free-style swimming race for boys under 16, Joan Kane last of the lady crane-drivers and of the ladies who transferred from Sheffield to Bedford in 1943, and Andy Nealon, Brian Freshwater, Roy Jameson and Skew Hulett the Queen's Relay Swimming team.

p.33 **Queen's Engineering Works Recreation Club** Pictures of Mr and Mrs Southwood behind the bar at the Allen Club, Brian Manning, Members of the bowls club, Barry Dillion receiving trophy, T C Jones presenting the tennis cup to Bill Read; Mary Simpson, Barbara Maynard, Brenda Cobley, Pauline Claridge, Janice Pope, Janice Martin, Ellen Moore and Madeleine Payne of the rounders section, the ladies cricket team, Johnny Newman receiving the six-a-side cricket cup on behalf of the Tool Room team. Reports on archery, bowls, rugby, badminton, tennis, drama, football, hockey, golf, shooting, rounders, angling, cricket, table tennis, choral, library and Vegetable, fruit and flower show, 1953.

No. 22 – January 1954

Front cover – Ducks in snow

- p.3 Travelling in Spain on Company Business by K Rowell
- p.4 Children's parties
- p.6 Christmas Whist Drive
- p.8 Queen's New Year Carnival Dance
- p.11 Brief personal descriptions of: Daniel Tansley, Ann Grocott, Gordon White, George William Brown, Stanley Robert Charles Culham, Ronald Ernest James Freeman, David Gordon King and Harry Alfred Mardle (photographic head of each on a caricature body).
- p.12 **Visits** Scotland, Holland, Spain, Ireland and Norway.
- p.12 Presentation to Silver Jubilee School of apparatus to make small aluminium castings.
- p.13 **Apprentices', Students' and Pupils' Activities.** Mention of John Goodacre, Dave Gillings, Chris Collier, Brian Cross, Roger Ker-Wilson, Tim Pickering, Alan Patterson and S J Woodcock.
- p.14 National Service: news of Peter Spavins and Malcolm Howes, Maurice Parrott and Mervin Barry Swales.
- p.15 **Appointments:** K Rowell, J F Jones
- p.16 **Retirements:** Frederick Henry Smith, Jesse James Kimble, Frederick Thomas Parsell, Sidney Fuller, Henry James Stanbridge, Charles Robert Herniman, G A Neild.
- p.19 **Obituaries:** Alfred Whitworth, Thomas James Summerfield, Elizabeth Green, Edward Gardiner, Thomas Gazeley, Ernest Frederick Deacon, Herbert Stanley Dimmock.
- p.19 **Recent Contracts**
- p.20 E W Abbiss appointed justice of the peace
- p.21 **Works Activities:** Laboratory (pictures), Benevolent Fund, First Aid Detachment, Safety Committee, Blood Transfusion, Hospital Service, Works Life Assurance Scheme, Civil Defence, Home Guard
- p.24 **Brevities by our correspondents**
- p.27 Rum Jungle, Northern Territories, Australia
- p.28 November 1911 photograph of J Reid, superintendents and foremen compared with photograph of Mr Poole with his comparative superintendents and foremen taken on 24 October 1953.
- p.29 Completion of the Allenization of the Barnet District Water Company's pumping stations in South Hertfordshire. Started in 1926 and finished in 1953 (pictures).
- p.32 **Queen's Engineering Works Recreation Club.** Reports on the club, archery, bowls, rugby, badminton, tennis, drama, football, hockey, shooting, rounders, angling, cricket, table tennis (picture of E Collingridge, C Beard and J Benson), Library and horticulture.

No. 23 – April 1954

Front cover – Felmersham Church reflected in the Ouse

- p.3 Stanley Ayton visits Bedford for the first time in 31 years. A pattern-maker's apprentice in 1907 he emigrated to Australia in 1923 .
- p.4 Fifty years ago – some notes from Vol 1. No. 1 of the Queen's Engineering Works Magazine.
- p.6 **Visits:** engineer-in-chief of the fleet, Holland, Germany, T K Quaye, Bedford School, Members of preparatory pre-nursing course.
- p.7 R M S Orsova – the fastest passenger liner east of Suez and west of Panama.
- p.11 Brief personal details of: Robert James Cooksley, Harry Thomas Britten, Stanley Ralph Ames, Horace Edward Faulkner, Cyril Robert Fuller, Minnie Gwendoline Brown, Frederick Perkins and Robert Dovedale Milward.
- p.12 A Page for Children
- p.13 **Apprentices', Students and Pupils' Activities.** Mention of: John Flint, Neville Nicholls, George Esdale, Eric John Poole.
- p.15 Moulder's masterpiece
- p.16 Meeting of UK Representatives at Bedford (group picture)
- p.16 National Service, news of Rex Matthews
- p.17 **Appointments:** W A Train, A C Hutchinson, C W Hayes, T P Jones, A W Guppy, A W Pope, S J Wood, A W Smith, A Luddington and G Huckvale.
- p.17 **Retirements:** William George Poole, Charles Henry Bines, Charles Robert Ryall, William Edward Hobkirk, James Bertram Brudenell, Sidney Whitmore, William Frederick Garrett, Percy John Ayres Herniman, George Racher
- p.22 **Obituaries:** William Alfred Webb, Albert Watling, Walter Sinfield, Charles Kendall.
- p.22 Picture of A B Marshall, winner of the caption competition
- p.23 **Recent contracts**
- p.24 **Brevities by our correspondents**
- p.26 **Works Activities:** Heavy Machine Shop, Benevolent Fund, First Aid Detachment, Hospital Service, Safety Committee, Suggestion Scheme (picture of E S Blunt), Civil Defence.
- p.29 History of tobacco
- p.31 **Queen's Engineering Works Recreation Club.** Reports on Allen Club, archery, bowls, rugby, tennis, drama, badminton, football, hockey, shooting, rounders, cricket, table tennis.
- p.36 Bedford past and present: view of the gatehouse and a section of our Biddenham works (March 1934) and view of the new housing estate built on the former site of the Gatehouse and section of Biddenham Works (March 1954).

No. 24 – July 1954

Front cover – John O’Gaunt Golf Club near Potton

- p.2 Sir Richard Allen at the opening of the Stephenson Room and Watt Room of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers.
- p.4 The Tidal Basin (with pictures)
- p.7 **Visits:** Deputy Engineer-in-chief of the fleet, Director of the Naval Electrical Department, Open Day, Gas Turbine Tests, Gas Engineers, Germany.
- p.9 Reminder of the importance of wearing a crash helmet on a motorcycle.
- p.10 **50 years ago** Pupils’ Prize giving, W H Allen’s speech.
- p.13 Through Central Australia by David Bartaby
- p.15 Work Done by Moulder Apprentices with picture of P F Hogan, L R Taylor, G A Passley, J W Sargeant, P A J Cooper, D W Knight.
- p.16 A page for Children
- p.17 **Apprentices’, Students’ and Pupils’ Activities** mentions: Daniel Dupont, Bob Summers, John Lane.
- p.17 National Service
- p.18 Memories of the original P & O liner Orsova
- p.19 **Recent contracts**
- p.20 **Works Activities:** Increased production, Benevolent Fund, First Aid Detachment, Safety Committee, Surgery with picture of nurse A B Smith, Blood Transfusion, Suggestion Scheme, Civil Defence, Fire Brigade.
- p.23 **Appointments:** T C Jones, F Buck
- p.23 **Retirements:** Arthur Charles Wildman, Nurse L B Miller, William James Stott, Henry George Hopkins, Ernest Chambers, Walter Farrar, Frederick Thomas Addington, Harry Ashpole.
- p.26 **Obituaries:** Arthur Cecil Litchfield, Richard Clark, Charles William Cox, William Batcheldor, Henry James Stanbridge, Alexander Pain
- p.27 Poem about cricket by J Smith
- p.28 **Brevities by our correspondents**
- p.30 Bob-a-job
- p.31 Ascott, Wing, Bucks
- p.33 **Queen’s Engineering Works Recreation Club** Reports on the Allen club, archery, bowls, rugby, tennis, hockey, angling, badminton, shooting, drama, football, rounders, cricket, table tennis, horticulture and golf.
- p.40 Bedford past and present: Photographs of the southern corner of Mill Street and High Street January 1937 and the modern buildings of Taylor Brawn & Flood on the same site in March 1954.

No. 25 – October 1954

Front cover – A view from Harrold Bridge

- p.3 The Thames and Dockland
p.5 Christmas Whist Drive
p.5 Queen's Works Carnival Dance
p.6 Poem: Secret Escort
p.6 **Visits:** Australia, Egypt and Sudan
p.7 **50 years ago:** Queen's Pupils' Cycling Club
p.8 A page for children
p.9 **Apprentices', Students' and Pupils' Activities** mentions: Tony Gwyther, Mike Farnell, Tony Riley, David Marks, Skew Hulett and his bride Eileen Norenus, Mike Grace and Delia Pearce, picture of Ian Burroughs and Brian Newman, engine-fitter apprentices.
p.10 Admiralty overseers G L D Williams and A B C Emery
p.11 Works Pension and Life Assurance Scheme
p.12 National Service: picture of Alan Humphreys
p.13 **Works Appointments:** R J Fairey, L J Collington, H T Barker, F Knight, W A H Childs, A E Manning, E A Perry, R W Devonshire, J H Slaughter, D A Thompson and F Fillis.
p.13 **Retirements:** Joseph Harry Marshall, Elias 'Jack' Woodcraft, Henry George Harris and Joseph Basil Baines.
p.14 Jack Longhurst has left to serve with Canadian Westinghouse Co Ltd
p.15 **Obituaries:** Alfred Dolby, Frederick Harvey, Samuel Harbinson, Alexander Pain, James Bertram Brudenell, Frederick Stevens, William Edward Hobkirk, Sidney Charles Turner, Ernest Jabez Watts, Herbert Pearce, Thomas Pateman and William James Lack.
p.15 **Recent Contracts**
p.17 **Works Activities:** Increased Production, Benevolent Fund, First Aid Detachment (picture of E J Fuller), Suggestion Scheme, Hospital Service, Civil Defence.
p.19 **Brevities by our correspondents:** includes: mention of D J B Tait and K Wilson of the 1st Bn Bedfordshire Home Guard, picture of Miss Barbara Mathers receiving the E P Rose cup on behalf of the Queen's Works Ladies swimming team, picture of Malcolm Teasdale, Andy Nealon, Roy Jameson, John Hulatt and Brian Scott, works team in the Youth Swimming Sports, presentation to the Science Museum.
p.22 HMAS Vendetta (report and picture of launch in Australia)
p.23 Ornithology
p.25 Two Hundred and Eight Miles by Canoe. Brian Ashman and Brian Cox travelling along the Great Ouse, across the Fens and up the River Nene.
p.26 Miss D Ward's holiday through Europe to Italy
p.27 **Queen's Engineering Works Recreation Club** reports on the Allen Club, Tennis, archery, bowls (picture of Charlie Sills and Ernie Lucas), Rugby, Hockey, Angling (picture of Jack Parker), Drama, Badminton, Shooting, Football, Cricket (Pictures of Queen's Works Junior team – P Martin, P Harlow, R Craven, A Uff, C Kemp, K Wilson, R Johnson, P Wells, M Shortland, G Payne and A Webb; Johnny Newman with members of his tool room six-a-side team, the electrical shop team - winners of the Sir Richard Allen championship shield and the Tyrrell-Dwyer Cup – A Grindley, P Harlow, A Feasey, R Troughton, B Stapleton, T Jones, A Herbert, G Shepherd, K Wilson and L Matthews), Rounders (picture of the ladies team preparing to do battle), Table Tennis, Golf, Library, Vegetable, Fruit and Flower Show, 1954
p.35 Bedford past and present – The Island Site (Harpur Street/St Loyes) September 1937 and March 1954.

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