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Ceremony marks new building progress

Sir Kenneth Eaton, UKAEA chairman, cemented a brick to mark the construction of the first new commercial development at Harwell International Business Centre.

The building is being constructed by ProLogis Developments Ltd and will be occupied by AEA Technology Engineering Software. ProLogis chief executive, John Cutts, joined Sir Kenneth, Dr Susan Adams, head of property and facilities for AEAT, and other UKAEA board members in the symbolic ceremony.

The first phase of the development is well underway and is progressing according to schedule. The position of the building beside Fermi Avenue gives staff and passing traffic a clear view of the construction as it continues. The structure will be weather-tight by November helping to keep construction on



Laying the foundations for new development at the Harwell International Business Centre, UKAEA chairman, Sir Kenneth Eaton (right) and John Cutts, chief executive, ProLogis.

schedule during the winter.

Basic construction work should be completed by spring 2001. AEA Technology will then spend a further two months fitting out the building with the latest IT equipment.

"We are very excited to see the structure going up so

quickly," commented Susan Adams. "At this stage we are ahead of schedule and it is encouraging for staff to look forward to working in a new, purpose-built environment. Teams currently working in a number of buildings across the site will come together under one roof and we know this will help them to generate new ideas and solutions.

"As a technology-based business it is essential for our offices to reflect the appropriate corporate image, particularly as clients come to us for product training - the training centre is an important area within the overall plan. Being located in a deregulated area outside the boundary fence will also make it more convenient for visitors."

The 32,000 sq ft, £4m building was designed by architects, Richard Johnson & Associates and the contractor is John Sisk & Son Ltd.

Barbara wins award

Barbara Hyde who works in UKAEA's nuclear materials management department in B521, would like to thank all friends and colleagues who helped her raise £110 for the British Heart Foundation from a sponsored swim. She successfully completed 20 lengths of the pool at Wantage Leisure Centre and also won a special award for the best collection total of all those who took part. Barbara recently attended a



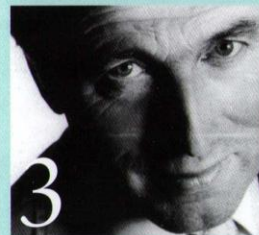
presentation at Wantage Civic Hall to receive a cup from the Mayor of Wantage.

This month

Radiation training



Any Questions?



Polo's progress



Wildlife thrives



Family era ends



Radiation protection training

The health physics division of AEA Technology offers scheduled radiation protection training, including a half-day Basic Radiation Protection, a two-day Radiation Protection Supervisor, and a one-day Radiation Protection Supervisor Refresher course.



Delegates successfully completed their Basic Radiation Protection training course held at Harwell last month.

"In addition to these scheduled courses there's a growing demand for topic based courses to meet specific work related training needs," says Glenn Hardcastle, health physics training manager. Examples of customised training courses include:

- Classified Persons
- Naturally Occurring Radioactive Materials (NORM) in the oil & gas industry
- Radiologically contaminated land
- Radon awareness
- Transport of radioactive material
- Unsealed sources in the laboratory
- Work in the former Soviet Union
- Work on nuclear licensed sites
- Contamination control and dressing procedure



All courses are designed to help ensure that workers have the information, instruction and training to enable them to work safely and legally with radioactive materials or other sources of ionising radiation.

Experienced trainers act as radiation protection advisers to a variety of users in the industrial and nuclear sectors.

This ensures that the course delegates benefit from the trainers' practical experience in working with and advising on work with ionising radiation.

For enquiries on courses, dates, booking information, etc. please contact the health physics training co-ordinator Tina Jenkins (434712) or visit the web site www.aeat.co.uk/nuceng.

NURSERY CLOSURE

Plans to close the Harwell Nursery School and create extra places at other local schools are being considered by local residents.

Oxfordshire County Council, which runs the nursery, is looking at its closure in the summer of 2002. Nearby Chilton

Primary School would be expanded with a new early years' unit. It is also proposed to rebuild Chilton Primary elsewhere on the same site with two additional classrooms to take children from the planned new 275-home housing estate at Chilton.

The county council is

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RIZOME

Friction free trading for the 21 century

New tenant, Rizome, is a start up company aiming to pioneer public sector web based procurement methodologies. It aims to do this by using the latest web based procurement tools to provide bespoke solutions for public sector niche services.

Funded by a consortia of private investors, some of whom were contacted through OION (Oxfordshire Investment Opportunity Network), the start up team will focus initially on the NHS. Rizome has gathered together a range of e-specialists including

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experienced NHS managers, e-logistics and web experts.

Rizome CEO, Pamela Groves, is no stranger to the Harwell campus as in the early 90's she was CEO of Harwell Computer Power Ltd. "It's rather like returning to the fold," she said after some years as a finance director and CEO of a NHS Trust. "The Harwell Innovation Centre is ideal for us as a start up with a good value package including a flexible contract."

The name 'Rizome' comes from the combination of organic growth and technology. The company aims to go live in December 2000.

Public debates radwaste issues

Despite heavy rain 70 people turned out for a public meeting at the NRPB Training Centre during the evening of 19 September. The meeting covered the Harwell radioactive waste strategy and the role of the Environment Agency (EA) as a regulator.

Helen Phillips, EA's area manager from Wallingford, chaired the meeting, which included presentations by UKAEA head of Harwell site, John Wilkins and Paul Hughes the EA's Inspector for Harwell. As well as a number of local residents from Harwell and Chilton there were representatives from the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate, the district council and staff members from AEA



The interim radwaste store where canned waste is stored in a honeycomb of concrete lined holes.

Technology, UKAEA Harwell, Culham and Winfrith. Also present were representatives from Oxford CND, Friends of the Earth and independent nuclear consultants. The ensuing public debate lasted an hour and a half.

John Wilkins described the substantial progress that has been made on the Harwell site restoration programme and how the decommissioning work generates radioactive wastes. He also described the transport of some wastes from Winfrith to Harwell and predicted that volumes of waste stored at Harwell would be halved by the year 2020.

looking to integrate early years units in schools as it is thought that children do better if they can go to one school rather than a separate nursery first. Local education policy recommends that a nursery facility is included in all new primary school developments.

The Harwell Nursery celebrated its 50th anniversary in 1998 and runs two part-time sessions for 40 children at each session.

Londis launches Harwell Food Stores

There's a new name above the door at Harwell Food Stores. The shop which first opened over 50 years ago, has been relaunched as Londis. Proprietor, Bill Jones, and his wife, Veronica, will run the 1,600 sq ft shop with the help of assistant manager, Lesley Donovan.

A complete refit has taken place to create a fully equipped convenience store which Bill hopes will attract customers from the site and further afield. The store has an off-licence section with chilled beer and wines.

The Londis offers the full range of grocery items that you would expect from a larger supermarket and has sandwiches prepared on site each day. Freshly baked bread and pastries under the Cuisine de France name are made daily on the premises.

"We're open from eight to eight from Monday to Saturday and ten 'til four on Sundays" says Bill, "so we hope to appeal

to anyone who wants the convenience of a corner shop but the range of a larger store. These days people want fresh groceries on a regular basis without having to travel so far."

There has been a grocery shop in that location since AERE Harwell came into being in 1946. Originally known as Carter's Stores it operated as a type of supermarket long before the concept took off in the UK. At that time customers were normally served by a shop assistant behind the counter and found it a novel experience to help themselves to goods off the shelves and pay for them at a check-out till.



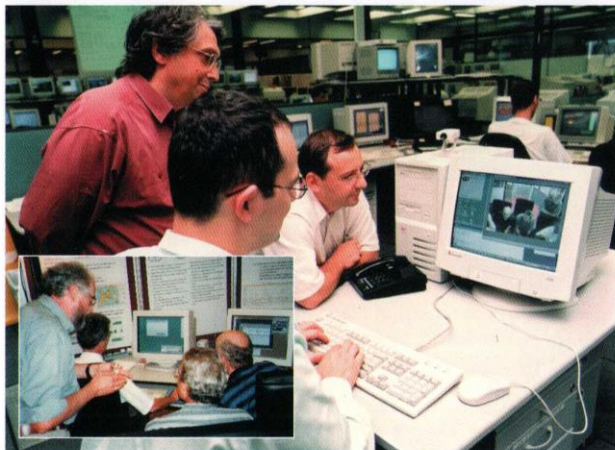
Bill Jones and Lesley Donovan.

German prisoners of war building the prefab houses at Harwell in the late '40s supplemented their meagre pay by making carved wooden toys and other crafts which were also sold at the shop.

Bill and Veronica also own News & Things, a retail business in Charlbury. Lesley will add a touch of culture to the new store.

As an amateur singer she has dabbled in many different areas from opera arias to karaoke and admits that she sometimes bursts into song while preparing the sandwiches! She has sung in talent contests and as part of the local Downs Singers, performing close harmony pieces. Her dream would be to play Mimi in Puccini's La Boheme.

Fusion across Europe



Scientists at JET and at the SOFT conference in Madrid linked by video and computer.

Fusion scientists were demonstrating the latest in computer technology at the 'Symposium on Fusion Technology', a major international conference in Madrid in mid-September.

A live computer link between Madrid and Culham was in operation all week, enabling delegates to see the JET machine control room and talk to the scientists at Culham.

"Its just as if you are there - you can view all the computer screens, so you have all the data" said Martin Wheatley, one of the scientists working on the project.

This innovation will make it easier for European scientists to work on JET as they will be able to collaborate and work on JET remotely from their home laboratories.

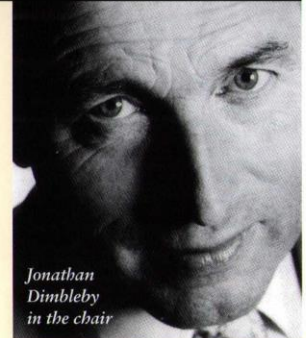
The JET facility on the UKAEA Culham site is operated by the UKAEA on behalf of its European partners and the experimental programme is co-ordinated by a team led by Dr Jerome Pamela, EFDA-JET associate leader. Considerable interest was also shown in the UKAEA's pioneering work on MAST (Mega-Amp Spherical Tokamak) which was also on display.

'Any Questions?' comes to Harwell

UKAEA is hosting the BBC's popular radio programme 'Any Questions?' at the Cockcroft Hall, Harwell International Business Centre, on Friday 15 December at 8pm. Staff and members of the public, over the age of 14, are invited to attend free of charge.

The programme, which will debate questions arising from the news that week, will be chaired by Jonathan Dimpleby and Roy Jenkins from East Hendred will be among the panellists. The programme, first broadcast in 1948, goes out 'live' at 8pm. It is repeated on Saturday afternoon at 1:15pm, followed by 'Any Answers?' giving listeners a chance to add to the debate.

The BBC selects the panellists and ECHO will publish details about them and notify ticket recipients of the proce-



Jonathan Dimpleby in the chair

dures for submitting a question. Questions can be submitted right up until 6:45pm on the night and may be written on arrival.

If you would like to be considered for a ticket please contact Nick Hance (UKAEA B521 Harwell, Didcot, Oxon OX11 0RA) or email: nick.hance@ukaea.org.uk with relevant details. An early response would be helpful!

Polo's progress

Many staff will remember the striking white German Shepherd police dog, Polo, who was the star of dog handling displays in the 1990s at Harwell. Now five years into his retirement, Polo is fit and well, and shortly to celebrate his thirteenth birthday.

Polo lives with the dog handler with whom he forged a close working relationship. PC Chris Berry keeps Polo alert physically and mentally with plenty of exercises although old age has seen Polo suffer with some arthritis. His even temperament remains though and has made Polo the perfect family pet living with two children.

During his active years Polo received much admiration from everyone who witnessed his exceptional tracking skills. With his keen sense of smell he played an important part in several arrests.

Like most of the police dogs used by UKAEA Constabulary's

handlers, Polo was a gift dog. He first lived in a household but was given up when a child developed an allergy. PC Berry had recently retired his previous dog and was teamed up with Polo to undergo the official police dog training programme. All dogs are trained to the highest standard as they may be called upon to help in community police work at any time.

The pair spent eight years working together and Chris admits that you develop a close bond, even though the dogs are officially classed as police equipment, definitely not as pets. When Polo went to live in the



Polo during a return visit to Harwell with PC Chris Berry.

Berry household Chris was sure to keep him occupied and on a sensible diet as he was used to life as a working dog.

"The German Shepherd breed has proved itself to be the most adaptable," says Chris. "They have an acute sense of smell, are agile, strong and loyal. Polo is a very special dog and

was well-known on site because his unusual white colouring made him stand out.

"My current working dog, Zak, is completely different - very boisterous and active. Polo is very laid back but is great at tricks. He'll play dead or bark on demand. Despite his age he enjoys retirement, having done his bit!"

Steve joins elite group

Steve Oliver of AEAT Future Technologies at Culham, recently joined an elite group of people by donating bone marrow for The Anthony Nolan Trust.



"It's a one in a million opportunity to possibly save someone's life" says Steve. "I have been on the Anthony Nolan Bone Marrow register for about ten years and it's like winning the National Lottery - you never expect your numbers to come up.

"I expected the harvest to be very painful, but was surprised that all I felt was mild discomfort. I was really amazed at how rewarding the whole donation process has been and would be happy to donate again. For the cost of a small blood sample, more people should consider joining the register. It could literally save someone's life!"

Steve's involvement with

leukaemia started in 1986 when a fellow player in the then AERE Cricket Club was diagnosed with the disease. The club embarked on fundraising and presented the local branch of the Leukaemia Research Fund with a cheque for £2450.

Fundraising continues to this day. The club has a match day fining system, for example, dropped catches, miss-fields and not paying attention during the game. The last misdemeanour causes many a discussion in the pub afterwards! Club members are also hoping to take part in a sponsored go-karting challenge at Oxford in October.

Since 1974, the Anthony Nolan Trust has become the world's largest register of bone marrow donors. It currently has over 305,000 people registered, but more donors and funds are still desperately needed. If you have any questions about the register or fund raising events please contact Anna on 01865-875757.



Sponsored go-karting challenge.

OUT & ABOUT

Operatic gems - arias and duets

Saturday 7 October, 7.30pm, Challow Park Recital Hall, Wantage

Julia Reynolds (mezzo soprano) from B220 at Harwell is joining forces with baritone Neville Hargreaves to perform a selection of arias and duets. There will be some well-known, much loved pieces, and also a handful of infrequently performed items which are quite delightful and worthy of an airing. Julia and Neville performed together in Mozart's 'Marriage of Figaro' a couple of years ago and this is the first time they have performed a concert together. They will be accompanied by the excellent Grahame O'Connor.

Tickets are £7.00 and can be obtained from Julia, Ext. 4121(H) mornings only, or on Wantage 760233, or from Wessex Press in Wantage.

Steamy nights at Didcot

Great Western Railway steam engines will be in action for two photographers' evenings at Didcot Railway Centre giving a rare opportunity to capture the magic of smoke and steam after dark. Friday 27 October is aimed at 'serious' pho-



tographers and takes place between 5-10pm. On Saturday trains are running all day from 11am and engines will be posed for longer time exposures during the evening.

MRC autumn seminars

The programme of MRC autumn seminars has been issued and includes regular events held in the lecture theatre on Tuesdays at 11.30am. One seminar takes place on Wednesday 18 October when Dr Hilary Walker of the Department of Health, will give a talk entitled, 'Radiation Hazards - What the Department of Health is doing'. More details and an up-to-date list of seminars can be found on the MRC website, <http://www.har.mrc.ac.uk/events/seminar.htm>

Sing Handel's Messiah for Sobell House

Join Steventon Choral Society for a sing-in of Handel's Messiah on Saturday 14 October and help raise money for Sir Michael Sobell House in Oxford. Everyone is welcome to come along and listen to this famous and well-loved work. The event is part of BT Voices for Hospices 2000, a network of over 350 simultaneous performances worldwide to support the Hospice movement. The performance takes place at 7.30pm at St Michael & All Angels, Steventon. Enquiries & tickets from Helen Pearce on 01635 281570.

Dragonflies thrive at Cholsey Marsh

The recycling efforts of staff have directly benefited wildlife at the 30-acre Cholsey Marsh nature reserve. Two years ago part of the receipts from Johnson Controls' waste paper 'blue box' recycling scheme were donated to BBOWT (Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust) to create a new wetland area.

Cholsey Marsh nature reserve has been a colourful place to visit this summer with increased populations of dragonflies. Species spotted include the club-tailed dragonfly and the banded demoiselle damselfly. This increase has been due to the new scrape, a shallow lake constructed a couple of years ago with funding from UKAEA.

The scrape, measuring 100m



Club-tailed dragonfly.

by 25m to a depth of 1m, ensured that the marsh did not dry out over the summer, as it once used to do. This in turn has created favourable conditions for the dragonflies to lay their eggs and for the young nymphs to successfully hatch.

The presence of the scrape has been of benefit to wildlife all year round. In winter it serves the purpose of holding winter floodwater which attracts waders and over-wintering birds, as well as those passing through in the spring. Swallows congregate at the marsh prior to their autumn flight to warmer climes.



Banded demoiselle damselfly.

Winter visitors to the site include corn bunting, snipe and teal. With the onset of spring the site begins to come alive again and up to ten species of warbler set up home in the reed beds, raising their young throughout the summer.

Family mediation launched in Didcot



Until now parents and children from the Didcot area, who are caught up in the trauma of family break-up, have had to travel to Oxford to have a meeting with a family mediator or a children's worker at Oxfordshire Family Mediation Service (OFMS). Access to OFMS is now considerably easier as these services are available every Friday at The Health Centre, Britwell Road, Didcot.

OFMS, a registered charity, has been working for over 11 years to support separated and divorced parents, and their

children, through times of crisis in their lives. Trained and impartial mediators help separated or divorced clients, who are in dispute about child contact and, or arrangements for property and finance, to communicate better.

OFMS has a contract with the Legal Services Commission to offer free mediation to anyone eligible for legally aided mediation. The charges to clients who are not eligible are set at a level which only aims to cover the cost of the not-for-profit service. To learn more or to make an appointment, telephone 01865 741781.

BBOWT wildlife calendar

The wildlife trust has a full programme of events throughout October including:

Stories by Starlight,
Friday 13 October, 6.45pm,
Shotover Country Park. An atmospheric evening of stories and tales in the darkness, suitable for families. Contact: A Roberts on 01865 715830.

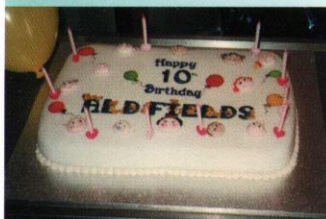
Newbury Fungus Foray,
Saturday 14 October, 2pm,
Baynes and Bowdown reserve (bomb site car park SU505653). Contact S Kirstein on 01635 40512.

Henley Fungus Foray,
Saturday 21 October, 2-4pm,
meet at Warburg Reserve car park (SU720880). See a variety of fungi in autumn woodland. Tea and coffee after walk. Contact R d'Ayala on 01491 642001.

A Walk in the Woods,
Sunday 29 October, 1.30pm,
meet at the top of the hill at Sulham (SU647745) for a walk to admire the autumn colours of fine beech woodland. Wellies if wet. Suitable for families. Dogs on leads are welcome at this event. Contact: 1 Brickstock on 0118 942 5073.

Unlimited celebration!

Aldfield nursery, run by Kids Unlimited at Harwell, threw a fantastic party to celebrate its tenth anniversary. Parents, children and staff joined past pupils and former staff for an afternoon of fun including face painting, a bouncy castle, fancy dress, barbecue and a birthday cake. Ian Cox, chairman of the parent nursery association, presented nursery manager, Liz Hurley, with a bouquet as a thank you. Earlier this year the nursery had other reasons to celebrate following its second exemplary Ofsted report.



Obituary

ROB STREETON

Rob died in Woy Woy, NSW, Australia on 16 August 2000, aged 72 years. He had a long career at Harwell with UKAEA from 1950 until leaving to join Memtech in Australia in 1984. He was liked by all and became captain of Harwell Bowls Club during the 1980s.

DIY safety campaign

A health and safety campaign targeted at home safety was launched by Harwell safety & environment department (HSED) to coincide with the August bank holiday. This is traditionally a time for work at home and sees a number of deaths and serious injuries every year. The campaign covered DIY, ladders, gardening, tool hire and driving, the most potentially dangerous activity we are likely to undertake on regular basis. The display was promoted at a number of locations on the Harwell site with information leaflets and advice for staff. If you have any home safety queries or concerns, call the safety & environment helpline on ext.177.



Alan Haresnape, HSED safety advisor (far right) discusses home safety issues with members of property management and JCI staff.

For safety's sake

If you use a computer regularly and suffer from pain in the back, neck or shoulders, bad posture at your workstation could be the cause. The Display Screen Equipment (DSE) Regulations 1992 provide clear guidance on all aspects of workstation use. Staff can arrange a DSE assessment to confirm the suitability of their computer, screen, desk or chair. Remember also to take regular breaks and not to sit in the same position for more than 40 minutes. For further information call the safety & environment helpline on extension 177.

SAFETY Update

There have been no reportable incidents at Harwell or Culham since the last issue of ECHO.

European Health & Safety Week 16-22 October 2000

Look after your back! - that will be the message promoted during this year's European Health & Safety Week. The campaign will be launched by ex-world's strongest man Geoff Capes who will be giving a presentation. A series of displays and demonstrations by Harwell safety & environment dept. (HSED) in conjunction with ETHOS/RGIT will follow. Staff should look out for the HSED display stand touring the site. It will provide a host of back care information and there will also be practical demonstrations, leaflets and the opportunity to discuss any back care related issues. Full details of venues and a timetable will be issued shortly. For further information call the helpline on ext.177

Site emergency exercise

The annual site emergency exercise will be held on Thursday 2 November. Details of the action to be taken by all site occupants, their contractors and visitors, are set out in the Harwell Site Rules and Regulations.

During the exercise, the site access gates will be closed and, for the convenience of all concerned, you

are advised not to schedule key meetings with visitors on this day. Access will only be allowed to personnel in excep-

tional circumstances with the prior agreement of the Emergency Planning Officer Nigel Furlong, Harwell extension 2363, whose agreement must be sought at least two full days before commencement of the exercise.

Likewise, the requirement for all ventilation systems to be turned off during the exercise

can only be lifted with the prior agreement of the Emergency Planning Officer. He should be notified in advance of any instances where this action would interrupt the running of a long term programme or would involve risk to the health and safety of personnel.

Ladies football teams join AEAT challenge

The Harwell and Culham ladies football team has a practise session every Monday evening at Harwell and welcomes women from both sites to take part.

The team has played a number of friendly matches this season against Blackwells, Nortel and RAF Shrivenham. The highlight of their season was competing in the AEA Technology 5-a-side inter site tournament at Risley. This is the first time that women have taken part in the tournament and there were teams representing Harwell, ERG and nCODE. After a hot, tough afternoon of four 30-minute matches for each team, Harwell ladies won the new women's challenge trophy. The



The Harwell ladies, from left, Nicola Hinds, Caroline Middleton, Deborah Brzakalik, Moira Mathers, Gill Wilkins, and Beth Woolly.

girls celebrated in the traditional way with a bottle of bubbly drunk from the trophy.

Women from all local sites are welcome to join the practise

sessions on Monday evenings. Further details from Deborah Brzakalik on 01235 432103 or deborah.brzakalik@aeat.co.uk.

RGRF+ AGM

The Research Group Retirement Fellowship (RGRF+) is holding its AGM at 2pm on Thursday, 12 October at Didcot Civic Hall. Officers and committee members will be elected and other activities include a bring and buy stall to raise funds for the fellowship and a short talk by president, Nick Hance, on 'First steps to family history research'. The group meets monthly on every second Thursday at 2pm. For more information contact Edna Piercy, chairman, on 01235 835357.

Family fondness for Harwell

November 10 will be a momentous day. Ray Izzard, the last of the Izzard family who were well known for the many years of service collectively 'clocked up' at Harwell, is to retire.



In a 'happy families' competition run on site in 1980, the Izzards were outright winners in the contest to see which family had between them served the longest time. At that point eight members of the family had served a total of 186 years!

Since the competition Ray's youngest brother David also worked at Harwell, as did Alice Izzard, who spent time in B220. In the nineties it was less common to find an Izzard at Harwell and Ray's retirement after 41 years' service marks the end of an era.

"Tom my eldest brother, who has since died, was the first to join. He came to Harwell immediately after being

demobbed in 1946 and was employed as a chargehand in the transport section," recalls Ray. "It was considered a good place to work and welcomed ex-servicemen with open arms.

"The campus expanded quickly until it reached its peak in the mid-sixties. The big attraction was that your career could progress and your experience develop without having to move companies. It had the feel of a large university where, if you needed a solution, there was always someone who could help. It was like one big family!"

Ray joined in 1959 after starting work at the electricity board and national service. Like many new employees he first worked on the BEPO reactor as a skilled craftsman working on fission product detection. He



Pictured in 1980, from left: Ray Izzard 20½ yrs, Brenda (John's wife) 26 yrs, Harry 26 yrs, Susan Carver (Harry's daughter) 2½ yrs, Steve 33 yrs, Joan (Steve's wife) 30 yrs, Tom (deceased) 34 yrs and Ann Izzard (Tom's wife, now deceased) 13½ yrs.

spent three years at the GLEEP reactor carrying out materials testing for the magnox reactors.

Then came a promotion to a staff grade working on the staple isotope separator in Hangar 7. Ray was seconded to the variable energy cyclotron (VEC) in B540.2 before returning to H7 to carry out ion implantation for semi-conductors. He has stayed within this division, reaching the position of specialised implants facility manager at AEA Technology.

"Of course we wouldn't have stayed if we didn't like it here," says Ray. "I feel privi-

leged to have had a job that I have enjoyed and will miss all the friendships here and the contact I have with colleagues all over the world. At family gatherings we can't help but talk about people we know and the family still has an allegiance to the place. My three sons have carved successful careers elsewhere - the youngest is IT manager at Bookham Technology."

Ray will be using his extra spare time to indulge his passion for photography and golf, and to attend more evening classes at Abingdon College to learn new skills.

Nuclear Congress

The Nuclear Congress is now well established as the premier event in the British nuclear calendar. Co-hosts, the British Nuclear Energy Society and the British Nuclear Industry Forum, are pleased to announce preliminary details of this year's event.

Nuclear Congress 2000 will run over two days, 6 and 7 December, with the theme of 'Securing the Future'. An impressive programme of presentations is being organised to address the key strategic and policy issues of the day as well as focusing on pertinent technical issues.

The event includes an exhibi-

tion, and pledges of interest have been received from a number of organisations including AEA Technology, AWE, BNFL, NNC and UKAEA.

If you wish to receive further information, please contact Sue Frye, BNES, One Great George Street, London SW1P 3AA, fax: 020 7233 1743.

HELP SOBELL HOUSE HOSPICE

Save used stamps, greetings cards (birthday, Easter etc. but NOT Christmas) and foreign coins.

Send them to Frank Marshall, P & F,
329 Harwell. H6581.

Coffee call



Although a few days later than the official event, CFX International in Building 8.19 at Harwell will be hosting their coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Relief on Thursday 5 October. Coffee, cakes and even plants for your garden will be available from 9.30 am on the ground floor. Your support for this worthy cause will be much appreciated. For more information please contact Chris Markiw on H2765.

HOME FIRE SAFETY Candles

As more of us have candles alight at home please remember that

- Candles should be securely held in an approved holder
- Position candles away from combustible items
- Place candle holders on a fire-proof surface
- Never leave a naked flame unattended
- Always extinguish candles before going to bed

PROTECT YOUR HOME FROM FIRE

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