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TRUSSO CEREMONY AT READING

Terry Winterbourne becomes a cooper in traditional style

THE age-old trusso ceremony—records of which go back to the times of the Ancient Egyptians—was carried out at Reading Brewery on May 17th, when Terence J. Winterbourne was initiated a fully-fledged member of the trade of coopers.

Watched by Mr. R. B. St. John Quarry, Mr. H. Dines, the Head Cooper at Reading, and a number of other members of the firm, he was put through one of the most gruelling of passing out ceremonies existing in any trade.

At the command of Mr. George Kelly, the Foreman Cooper, who was in charge of the induction, twenty-one-year-old Terry rolled out from the workshop a cask he had made himself. Then he was put into it by his fellow coopers who performed a traditional waltz round the cask, hammering the hoops, and being accompanied by chimes played upon a row of cask hoops hanging from the ceiling. Then a mixture of cask swillings, shavings and flour was poured on to Terry and the cask was rolled round the cooperage yard.

Somewhat shaken, Terry was then allowed to emerge, to be congratulated by Mr. Quarry, who



Terry Winterbourne emerges from the barrel—a fully-fledged cooper—to receive the congratulations of his colleagues and friends. Photo by Walton Adams, Reading

handed him his indentures.

A reviving tot of whisky, a good wash and change of clothing, and Terry joined his fellow coopers in the customary eating and drinking which always follow the initiation of a new cooper.

Terry will have to wait another two years before he can continue his chosen trade, however, for just six days later he underwent another initiation—this time into the Royal Berkshire Regiment to undergo his national service.

Watching the ceremony at Reading was Terry's father, Mr. Sidney Winterbourne, who works in the Bottling Stores, and has been a member of the Brewery for 37 years. It must have been a proud moment for him.

SUCCESSFUL STAINES STAFF DANCE



VISITORS from London Branch and Reading joined their friends from Staines Branch at the "Pack Horse Hotel," Staines, on Friday, March 29th, to take part in the Annual Staff Dance.

No one regretted the journey for everyone was agreed that the dance was one of the most successful yet held.

Among the visitors was Mr. E. Duncan Simonds.

JOHN ARLOTT AT OXFORD'S CHEESE AND BEER TASTING

MR. G. T. Hardwick, Manager of the Oxford Branch, pours a Tavern for Mr. John Arlott at a Cheese and Beer Tasting held in Oxford's Randolph Hotel in June.

The event was attended by 300 undergraduates from the University and many trade friends. Mr. Arlott spoke on the development and processing of many little known British cheeses, commenting on their importance in the public house as a snack meal.



TAMAR STAFF BALL



Top : General Sir Miles Dempsey arriving at the Ball to be greeted by Mr. C. R. Holman, Mr. R. B. St. J. Quarry, Mrs. Quarry, Mrs. Rowland, Mr. J. E. G. Rowland, Mrs. Holman and Mr. D. J. Simonds. Centre : Always a high spot of any dance is the moment when the balloons come down. Bottom : Tamar Bottling Staff show their appreciation.

ON Friday, March 8th, the Fourth Tamar Staff Ball was held at the Exmouth Hall, Devonport, the guests including General Sir Miles Dempsey and Lady Dempsey, and our Joint Managing Director, Mr. R. B. St. J. Quarry and Mrs. Quarry.

Bar facilities were under the able management of Mr. A. J. Sorrell and his wife of the "Standard Inn," Queen Street, Devonport, to whom the Committee would express their most grateful thanks.

Bouquets were presented to Lady Dempsey and Mrs. Quarry by Mrs. M. Witchell and Miss G. M. Phipps, whilst every lady who attended at the Ball received a carnation spray.

The function got well into its stride by 9.30 p.m. and continued until 2 a.m.

The total attendance approximated 500, and included not only the Staff from our Tamar and Octagon Breweries, but also a goodly attendance from Torquay and Penzance Depots. A large number of Tenants, Managers, and their wives, from Plymouth and the district, and Penzance and district, also attended.

The very able M.C. for the evening was Mr. Johns, whilst no less than 28 spot and lucky ticket prizes were distributed.

During the course of the evening Mrs. M. Witchell, Secretary to the Tamar Staff Ball Organising Committee (Chairman, Mr. C. R. Holman), was presented with a piece of Royal Worcester china plate by Lady Dempsey on behalf of the Committee as an expression of their appreciation of her hard work in assisting with the organisation of the event.

READER'S LETTERS

DEAR SIR,

AFTER perusing the HOP LEAF NEWS for some time now, I am somewhat surprised to find that the firm cannot boast a Gardening or Horticulture Section.

I feel sure that amongst the employees there must be a number of enthusiasts, either by choice or necessity, who are keen gardeners, and who would be interested in forming a section to further the interest of the "Green Fingers" fraternity.

Compost Maker.

The Brewery, Reading.

We are very grateful to "Compost Maker" for writing, and would like to assure all readers that we are always pleased to receive their letters providing they give their name and department to the Editor. A "nom de plume" can always be used for publication, if desired.

DEAR SIR,

MAY I suggest that HOP LEAF NEWS might be improved by the introduction of a Correspondence Column? I am sure that there must be many readers just bursting to get their ideas into print.

Interested.

Plymouth.

How's this for a start then? Let's hear from you.

SIMONDS ON STAGE

READERS in Reading will recognise immediately the Sherwood Brothers. A local act, they certainly gave the firm publicity when they appeared like this at the Reading Palace Theatre recently.



CIVIL DEFENCE DAY

ANGLING CLUB NOTES

MR. D. A. FRY, the Angling Secretary, gives these details of the Angling Club activities :—

The winners of Season 1956-57 were as follows :—

- 1st, L. Harraway, 9 lbs. 1½ ozs.
- 2nd, F. Weston, 2 „ 3½ „
- 3rd, D. Biddle 1 „ 15½ „

Mr. Fry says : "The fishing programme for 1957-58 has already been arranged, with nine club matches and a Christmas Fare Match plus the R. & D.A.A. Competitions."

We have arranged for transport to be available for the club matches which are held on waters farther afield.

We will also be trying our luck on the Brewery waters again this season with a few evening matches.

AT the recent Parade by Reading Civil Defence at Brock Barracks on the 2nd June, the Rescue Training Squad from our Brewery demonstrated on a 7-ton lorry with a fire-trailer pump at the rear. The Show was inspected by the Lord Lieutenant of Berkshire, the Mayor, Ald. T. Smart and the Town Clerk of Reading.

Emergency Instructors

The Squad is training under the Reading Civil Defence Officer with the ultimate intention of each man becoming an instructor in Civil Defence duties, particularly rescue. In the event of an emergency these men would be able to train more of our employees.

The scheme is associated with Self-Help Industrial Civil Defence.

WE TOLD YOU SO! Damarell Wins His First Title

IN our last issue we reported that young Dick Damarell was a champion in the making, and last month he justified our faith by becoming the first Devon boxer to win a Junior Amateur Championship. A member of the Tamar

Brewery Bottled Beer Store Staff, sixteen-year-old Dick out-pointed his opponent at the Royal Albert Hall in the Junior A.B.A. ten-stone division.

Many of his colleagues watched the bout on television.

Personal Paragraphs

MAINLY ABOUT SIMONDS PEOPLE



Mr. G. Sale of Reading, and his bride, Miss Joyce Rennie, after their wedding at All Saints Church, Reading, on March 16th.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. W. Bowyer, who retired from the Reading Staff a few years ago, on being elected President of the Balfour Conservative Club earlier this year. Mr. Bowyer has been a Vice-President of the Club for twenty-three years.

These facilities, together with an excellent band, made the evening pass so quickly that the end came with voices requesting the date of the next dance.

The guests of the evening were Mr. and Mrs. F. H. V. Keighley, Lieut.-General Sir C. W. Allfrey and Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Phillips.



Mr. R. J. Nichols, and his bride, Miss Cicely Tooley, leave the Church of Holy Trinity, Buckfastleigh, after their wedding on March 2nd. Mr. Nichols is a member of General Office, Tamar Brewery.

NEWPORT Branch's Annual Dance which was held at the "King's Head" Hotel on the 5th April was acclaimed by the 270 guests to be an unqualified success. The hotel is owned by Messrs. Wm. Hancock & Co. Ltd., who kindly stocked our beers for the occasion.

In addition, the buffet service provided, which was really outstanding, reflects great credit on the hotel management.

OUR Newport Branch's particular interest in this year's Municipal Elections centred on the St. Woolos Ward, where Assistant Brewer, Mr. F. H. L. Kemp, standing as Conservative Candidate was fighting his first election against the sitting member, Mr. Stewart M. Watson (Labour). Mr. Kemp had chosen a stiff task, for Mr. Watson is a very popular personality, and firmly established.

An unfortunate accident marred the morning of polling day, for as Mr. Kemp was travelling by car around the ward, the car skidded on the wet road and struck a lamp standard, resulting in superficial injuries to Mr. Kemp and his companion, and severely damaging the car.

Battered, bruised, but undeterred, Mr. Kemp battled on to lose by 333 votes, but had the satisfaction of seeing the ward poll 60.6%, the highest percentage in the Newport Ward's elections.

Good show, Mr. Kemp!

MISS S. R. DOE was married on Saturday, June 1st, at St. George's Church to Mr. D. Gascoine. Miss Doe has been

employed in the Hollerith Department at Reading since June, 1956, and her colleagues in the Department presented her with a steam iron and a coal cauldron.

DICK STOKES, of the Newport Transport Department, has become a well-known personality in Monmouthshire Rugby. During last season he played regularly for Cross Keys Rugby Club, and was twice chosen to play for the Monmouthshire County Team.

Dick plays in the pack, and has established himself as a first class front row man.

He is also a family man, for in addition to a son and daughter, his wife has recently presented him with another son.

MRS. HARRIS, who has been employed by the Hollerith Department at Reading almost since its inauguration, left on the 6th June, expecting a happy event in due course. Mrs. Harris is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallis, of the "Fox and Hounds," Caversham. The staff of the Hollerith Department gave her a carry-cot and a small clock as parting gifts.

CONGRATULATIONS to R. Luxton, of the Mash Tun Room, Tamar Brewery, whose wife presented him with a son on April 16th. Mrs. Luxton was formerly employed in the Bottled Beer Store.

MR. R. M. MCCARTHY, a member of Bridgend's manual staff, was married to Miss Delma Ward on the 23rd March last at St. Robert's R.C. Church, Aberkenfig, near Bridgend.



When Mr. V. Richards retired from Reading on April 30th last, the deep regard felt for him by the whole staff was apparent in the double presentation made to him. The members of the Fermenting Room and Yeast Press subscribed to a leather fitted toilet case, which was handed to Mr. Richards by Mr. C. C. J. Salter; the Staff's present was an armchair, the presentation being made by Mr. S. H. Spurling. Mr. Richards had previously received a gold watch from the Directors

MISS M. M. Herbert was married at Christ Church, Reading, on Saturday, June 22nd, 1957, to Mr. M. E. King. Miss Herbert has been employed in the Hollerith Dept. since January, 1953, and is a tabulator operator. The Staff presented her with a dinner service and a teapot as a wedding present.

BEFORE a gathering of the Office Staff at the Tamar Brewery, Mr. R. E. Wright, deputising for Mr. C. R. Holman, made a presentation to Mr. B. R. Phillips when he retired on 3rd May, 1957. The presentation, which was by cheque, was subscribed by the staff of the Tamar and Octagon Breweries.



People at the Newport Branch Dance who were obviously enjoying a very happy occasion.

A GREAT TRY JUST FAILS

FOOTBALL CLUB'S GALLANT EFFORT



"A" Team: Back row: Jack Smith, Bill Maslen, Terry Winterbourne, Reg. Norkett, John Walters, Ray Smith.
Front row: Nev. Bedding, Tommy Mort, John Rose, Eric Munt, Ron Smith.

A REPORT from the Football Club Secretary at Reading reveals that next season may well prove a very successful one in the Club's history. And if you think this is an unseasonable time to think about football just remember that in a week or two the training for next season will be starting again!

Our "A" Team's exit from the County Cup in February left them with exactly half their league fixtures still to play. From that time not another game was lost or even drawn, but this great try just failed to bring to the Brewery the Championship Trophy. Maximum points from 13 games lifted the team from the middle of the table to runners-up, only one point behind the champions. At the beginning of the run high scoring was a feature of the games, but as tension grew and light evenings brought two matches a week, so the goals became harder to get, and the last two matches were both 1-0 victories.

The team is to be congratulated on this grand effort, and not least of all, Bill Maslen (Electricians), the

Captain, and John Rose (Export), who was once again our leading goalscorer with 48 goals out of 99.

The reserve team won no trophies but get full marks for their spirit. No doubt Bert Knott (Central Stores, "B" Team trainer, has been their example, for his enthusiasm and toil on behalf of the Club and for the Reserve side in particular is to be admired.

Towards the end of the season the team had some splendid victories, but they were too late to lift them very far up the league table. However, it does show that the talent is there and we hope that next season will show an improvement in fortune.

Football Club Dinner

Another successful Football Club Annual Dinner was held in the Social Club, Bridge Street, on Friday, May 3rd. The Club Secretary in a short speech recalled press comments on some of the Club's matches during the past season. Mr. Walter Bradford, the General Secretary of the Sports and Social Club, was Guest of Honour.



"B" Team: Back row, Bert Knott, Ray Burrows, John Clinch, Dick Foster, Gil Crutchfield, Brian Walters, Maurice Hillyard, Geoff Shiel.
Front row: Ray Roberts, Frank Foster, Peter Harper, Brian Sayers, Garry Hames.

CRICKET RESULTS TO DATE

At the time of going to press the results of the Reading matches so far played were as follows:—

Frimley Green "A" : 122 for 5 dec. (Batson, 4 for 29).	Simonds "A" : 103 for 7. Drawn. (Hawkins, A. J., 32 not out, Taylor, 23; Organ, 13).
Simonds "A" : 86 (White, 27; Hawkins, 18; Rose, 17).	v. Shiplace, 87 for 8. Lost. (Rose, 4 for 27; Smith 3 for 28).
Courage's : 85 (Taylor, 3 for 9; Warner 2 7).	v. Simonds "A" : 50. Lost (Taylor, 17; Hawkins, 14).
Simonds "A" : 101 for 8 (Hawkins, 20; White, 17).	v. Reading 2nd II : 99 for 9 dec. (Taylor, 3 for 27). Won.
Simonds "A" : 83 (Sims, 15; Ward, 15; White, 13).	v. Thatcham, 139 for 8 dec. Lost



Taking their "luggage" with them were these members of the Beer Bottling Department at Reading on their Annual Football Outing in April. The party was organised by Mr. L. Sayers, Bottled Beer Department.

SPORTS DAY — 13th JULY, 1957

RESULTS

The "Miles Dempsey" Cup was won by the team competing under the title of "Bottling Stores".

50 Yards Boys (Under 10)—1, K. Absolom; 2, P. House; 3, V. Absolom.

50 Yards Girls (Under 10)—1, Miss B. Robinson; 2, Miss A. Robinson; 3, Miss E. Chandler.

Tiny Tots (5 and Under): Girls—1, Miss C. Twiney; 2, Miss E. Williams; 3, Miss K. Streeter.

Boys—1, K. Hawkins; 2, R. Clements; 3, D. McCarthy.

100 Yards Boys (Over 10 and Under 15)—1, I. Jewell; 2, R. Williams; 3, P. House.

80 Yards Girls (Over 10 and Under 15)—1, Miss D. Chandler; 2, Miss K. Parnell; 3, Miss R. Bland.

100 Yards Men—Final—1, P. Hill (Devonport); 2, K. Norkett (Builders); 3, P. Harper (Bottling).

Boys' Boot Race—1, V. Absolom; 2, G. Davey; 3, T. Billington.

Girls' Skipping Race—1, Miss A. Robinson; 2, Miss R. Bland; 3, Miss L. Silverton.

Sack Race (Males—All Ages)—1, M. Davey; 2, P. House; 3, D. Little.

220 Yards Men—Final—1, R. Norkett (Builders); 2, D. Venner (Production); 3, P. Harper (Bottling).

Three-Legged Race (Ladies and Gents)—1, I. Parnell, V. Parnell; 2, P. Stenning, R. Stenning; 3, R. Bland, C. Parnell.

Barrel Rolling Race (Men)—1, J. Streeter; 2, F. McCarthy; 3, V. Mason.

80 Yards Ladies (16 and Over)—1, Miss D. Sumner; 2, Mrs. Dines; 3, Mrs. D. G. Moss.

440 Yards Men (16 and Over)—1, P. Harper (Bottling); 2, B. Sayers (Bottling); 3, A. Thatcher (Offices).

Bursting the Balloon (Boys)—1, S. Jewell; 2, G. Aldridge; 3, R. Stenning.

Wheelbarrow Race (Ladies and Gents)—1, Mr. Cobb, Mrs. Hilton; 2, Mr. A. Dines, Miss P. Dines; 3, Mr. Moss, Miss Moss.

Tug of War—1, Simonds (Paterson, Williams, Dickerson, Clinch, Tessmer, Sims, Champion, Roper. Coach: Spary); 2, Reading Borough Police.

Relay Race—1, Bottling (Harper, Sayers, Johnson, Rendell Reed); 2, Builders (Norkett, Sexton, Barlow, Dines); 3, Production (McCarthy, Venner, Bennett, Taylor).

Veterans Race (40 and Over)—1, F. Benham; 2, E. C. Greenaway; 3, D. Turner.

Long Jump—Hill (Devonport); 2, McCarthy (Production); 3, Barlow (Builders).

Ladies' Egg and Spoon Race—1, R. Bland; 2, V. Parnell; 3, K. Moss.

Obstacle Race (Inter-Branch)—1, J. de Tissy (Bottling); 2, B. Sayers (Bottling); 3, J. Streeter (Transport).

Skittles (Men)—D. Stamp. (Ladies)—Mrs. Stamp tied with Mrs. Beckford.