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NEW SOCIAL CLUB OPENED

Despite the usual downpour of rain outside, there was a capacity crowd drawn from all Departments of the Brewery to witness the opening of the new Social Club in Castle Street by the Chairman, General Sir Miles Dempsey, at 6.30 p.m. on Friday November 25th. Among those present were Mr. R. B. St. J. Quarry, Mr. E. D. Simonds, Mr. R. E. Southall, whose department has been responsible for the conversion of the premises, and Mr. R. Howie who was responsible for the furnishings.

In a short speech General Dempsey recalled that the old Club had been opened on November 11th, 1921 by Mr. F. A. Simonds, who became its first President, and that the original Chairman, Mr. F. C. Hawkes and Secretary Mr. W. Bradford had served the Club for 34 years without a break. Although the old Club had included a billiard room and a darts room when it was first established, as the firm expanded, the Canteen, which was housed in the same building, gradually enroached upon the Club until it was left with little but a bar. It was for this reason that the Board decided last year to set aside enough money to provide a completely new Club, in premises of its own, which would offer greatly improved facilities.

After drawing the first pint and drinking to the success of the new Club, General Dempsey was asked by the Secretary Mr. A. S. Davey to sign the Visitors Book and was followed by Mr. Quarry and Mr. Duncan Simonds. The celebration was rounded off with a successful dance for which the Astorians provided the music.

The Club, which is most attractively decorated and furnished, provides a spacious bar containing two dart boards and a bar billiards table. Next to the bar, is the billiard room, which contains a full size table. Some stairs lead up from it to the television room, which is carpeted and comfortably furnished with easy chairs. At the far end of the Club is the Functions Room where table tennis matches can be played or dances held. There is a Juke Box here for the young and below is a small but well fitted kitchen where snacks can be prepared. The kitchen contains a refrigerator, electric stove, bulk board heater, food store, ample cupboards and shelving and a lift so that food can be transferred easily to the Functions Room above. There is excellent accommodation for the Club Steward in a flat above the bar and the premises also provide a bicycle store, cellar and the usual cloakrooms.

Altogether the new premises have created a most favourable impression on all those who have used them and the general reaction may perhaps be summed up in the remark made by many, "Far more attractive than I ever expected".

The bar in the old Club is now being converted into a much needed Reception Centre for visitors to the Brewery and the old Committee rooms upstairs in the Canteen are being knocked together to provide a larger Staff Dining Room.



General Sir Miles Dempsey, assisted by the Club Steward Bill Blunt, pulls the first pint at the new Social Club. Also in the picture, from L. to R., are Messrs. H. Dines, P. E. Hammond and G. Harding.

SOCIAL CLUB NOTES

A Halloween Dance was held in the Canteen on Saturday October 29th, the attendance being in the region of 100 people. It was run by Miss Ann Levey, Miss Pat Fidler and Johnny Walters, who gathered together a number of other young helpers to lend a hand, which resulted in a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

This same team also prepared the snacks and made the arrangements for the successful dance which followed the opening of the new club on November 25th.

At the Annual Club Dinner on December 10th, the Chairman, Mr. E. D. C. Campbell, presented his predecessor, Mr. J. D. Richardson, with a Parker fountain pen and pencil on behalf of the Committee of the Club. This was in recognition of Mr. Richardson's sterling work for the Club during his tenure in office.

A detailed account of the dinner will appear in our next issue.

Among those who have kindly volunteered to put on a show for the Pensioners after their Dinner on January 6th are:—

Ken Gibbons (Garage), Alan Hitchman (Furnishing), Tom Bowker (Garage), Ray Woodroof (Transport). It will be remembered that the "amateur" show put on last year for the first time by members of the Brewery was an outstanding success.

A popular event which takes place in the new Social Club each Saturday evening is the Tombola and Raffle run by Sam Grover, Bill Parrish and Len Povey.

FORTHCOMING — EVENTS —

Don't forget to note these dates in your diary:

January 6th—Pensioners' Dinner in the Canteen.

January 14th—Children's Party at the Oxford Ballroom.

January 20th—Staines and London Branches Annual Dance at the Pack Horse Hotel.

February 6th—Bridgend Branch Annual Dinner and Dance at the York Tavern.

February 10th—Annual Ball at the Olympia Ballroom.

February 14th—Bristol Branch Annual Dinner and Dance.

April 14th—West Country Dinner and Dance at the Duke of Cornwall Hotel.

October 13th—Newport Branch Annual Dinner and Dance.



The Functions Room at the Club.

MAINLY ABOUT — PEOPLE

Mr. Reg Paice, who recently retired as Manager of our Ludgershall Branch, was presented with a refrigerator in the Board Room on October 18th. The presentation was made by Mr. J. D. Richardson on behalf of Mr. Paice's colleagues at Reading and Branches throughout the firm. Mr. Paice had also received previously, a radio set from the staff at Ludgershall, a canteen of cutlery from local tenants, and a barometer from a group of friends, to mention just a few of the many gifts presented to him in

Dennis works in the Wages Department at Reading.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Hitchman on the birth of a daughter on September 25th. Alan who is in the Furnishing Department, is an accomplished musician and his wife was at one time in the Sales Accounts Department.

Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Dursley of our Bristol Office Staff on the birth of a son on October 9th.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Young on the birth of a son also on October 9th. Mrs. Young was a telephonist at our Bristol Branch until leaving to look after her son and heir.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Absolom on the birth of a son on October 11th. Jim



A happy wedding photograph of Mr. and Mrs. R. Sawdon Smith.

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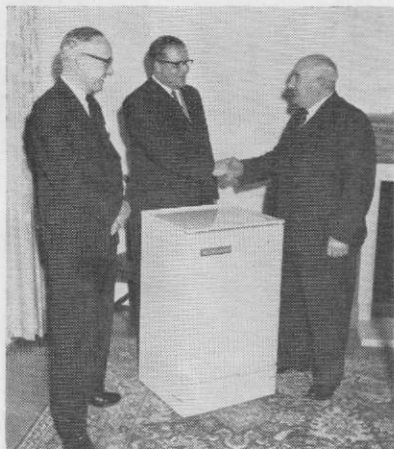
Our adopted Royal Naval Air Squadron spent the summer in the Mediterranean carrying out exercises with the British Mediterranean Fleet, the N.A.T.O. nations in the area and the American Sixth Fleet.

They also visited a number of delightful places whose names would adorn the most tempting travel agent's brochure. These included Gibraltar, Barcelona, Athens, Malta, Cyprus and Majorca.

While in Malta they were entertained

by Simonds Farsons Cisk and in Gibraltar the link was maintained through Saccone and Speed.

The Squadron returned to Cudrose in late August for leave, but have since sailed again for the Mediterranean in H.M.S. Ark Royal. They flew up from Cudrose to land on the aircraft carrier, which was at Plymouth, on Tuesday, October 25th. In the evening Mr. David Simonds presented a silver cup to the officers of the Squadron for use as a Squadron Sports Trophy, a gesture which was much appreciated by all ranks.



Mr. Reg. Paice receives a refrigerator from Mr. J. D. Richardson, while Mr. A. E. Wake looks on.



Pictured in the Board Room are L. to R., Mr. Reg Waite, Mr. F. E. Dryden and Mr. J. D. Richardson.

recognition of the esteem and affection in which he is held.

On November 15th Mr. Reg Waite, who retired on October 25th, was presented with two fireside chairs, a set of coffee tables and an electric fire by Mr. J. D. Richardson on behalf of Mr. Waite's friends throughout the Company. The presentation, which was held in the Board Room, was attended by Mr. F. E. Dryden and a representative gathering of Mr. Waite's colleagues at Reading.

Congratulations go to:—
Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Dennis on the birth of a son on September 23rd. Mr.

who is on the Transport Staff is a member of the Simonds Darts Team and was also a member of the Football Team for two years.

The well known twins of the Bottling Stores at Reading, John and William Chambers appeared on B.B.C. Television on September 26th in the programme "This is Your Life".

Congratulations are also due to the Staff of our Exeter Depot, under Mr. C. H. Strong, who, though completely marooned by the recent floods, still contrived to fulfill all orders without disappointing a single customer.

At one time the floods were too deep for wheeled vehicles to reach the Depot so Mr. Strong roped in an Army Amphibious D.U.K.W. to help out!



Pictured after the opening of the new Club are:—Left to Right, F. Henderson, Mrs. W. Blunt, W. Hawkins, E. Salmon, W. Bilsby and S. Stamp.

A Party of 84 from Tamar Visits Bristol

Enthusiasm for Plymouth Argyle led to an excursion from the Plymouth Branch to Bristol on Saturday the 12th November. The venue was Eastville, where Bristol Rovers entertained Plymouth Argyle in a Football League Division II fixture.

An early start was made from Plymouth, the two coaches being seen off by Mr. C. R. Holman, and the journey to Bristol was whiled away by games of "Tombola", held in the respective coaches.

On arrival at Bristol, lunch was served at the Cadena Cafe where the result of the draw held earlier was announced. The party then watched

the football match in which Plymouth excelled and ran out victors by five goals to two. A result which was greeted with enthusiasm by their supporters from Tamar.

Returning to Glastonbury during the evening the party joined the townsfolk in their Annual Carnival. A cordial welcome was extended to them at the King William Hotel, where they enjoyed the refreshment offered and took part in the dancing until their departure for Plymouth.

No finer tribute could have been paid to Mr. C. Lawley, Transport Foreman, and others concerned with the organisation of the outing, than the obvious enjoyment of each member of the party from start to finish of the outing.

BOXING DAY MATCH

What should prove to be an exciting and amusing football match has been arranged for Boxing Day morning, Monday, 26th December, at Berkeley Avenue between teams raised by Walter Shurville of the Building Department and Sid Stamp of the Brewery Department. The bar will be open at the Sports Ground and it is hoped that supporters of the two teams will turn out in strength.



Although marooned by floods, the staff at Exeter continue to deliver the goods.



Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Choules and their attendants.

LONG SERVICE — AWARDS



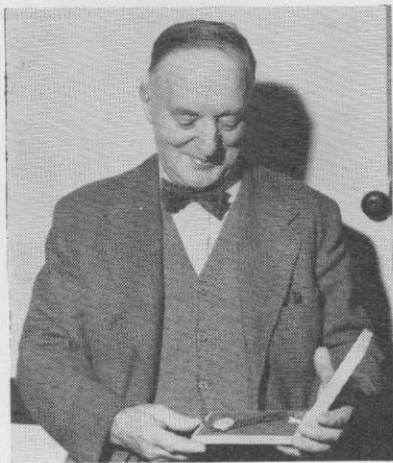
Mr. A. T. Walsh.

Since our last issue three members of the staff have received Gold Watches to mark their long service with the firm.

The first of these was Mr. A. T. Walsh of the Accounts Department at Reading, who received his watch from General Sir Miles Dempsey at a Board Meeting on October 10th.

Mr. Walsh joined our firm in October 1913, starting in the Cask Office before moving on to the Branch Office some six months later.

In September, 1914 Mr. Walsh joined the Berks Yeomanry, but was transferred to the 2nd Battalion Royal Berks in 1916 with whom he served in France. During the fighting on the Somme he was gassed, which led to six months convalescence in England. As soon as he was fit again Mr. Walsh found himself back in France, first with the 6th and then the 8th Battalion R. Berks. He finally transferred to the Machine Gun Corps with whom he finished the war as part of the Army of Occupation in Germany.



Mr. G. H. Smith.

After demobilisation in 1919 Mr. Walsh rejoined the Branch Office where his work was largely connected with the firm's Branches in Cairo, Dublin, Gibraltar, Malta and Brussels. Later, until 1944 he was in the Shipping Section, when he moved to the Accounts Department where he has remained until the present time.

Mr. Walsh carried out relief work from time to time at Brighton, Woking and Oxford and also had charge of the Aldershot Tattoo on the first occasion that the firm obtained the contract, which led to the award of a five year contract for the ensuing years.

In his younger days Mr. Walsh played a good deal of tennis and was also interested in rowing and swimming. Nowadays he has settled for gardening as his major hobby.

Mr. G. H. Smith was presented with a gold watch by General Sir Miles Dempsey on November 7th; he joined Mackeson's Brewery, Hythe, in November 1911 and worked there under the foreman in the yard until the outbreak of war in 1914.

In the first instance he joined the Cyclist Corps, but when this was disbanded shortly afterwards, he transferred to the Royal West Kent Regiment with whom he was sent to India in 1915. The next four years were spent with his regiment which was sent to that notorious trouble spot the N.W. Frontier in order to try and keep the peace among the frontier tribes.

Mr. Smith returned to Hythe after the war and became a transport driver on a chain drive lorry. He remained there until the Brewery was taken over by our firm, when he moved to Reading for a short time before being sent as a driver to our Farnborough Branch. When this closed in 1929, Mr. Smith found himself back in Reading again where he has remained ever since, latterly as a checker on the Bottled Beer Loading Stage.

Mr. W. J. Painter was given his presentation gold watch by General Sir Miles Dempsey on November 9th. He joined our firm in October 1910 and worked under Mr. Ford in the Bottling Stores beneath the old offices until 1915, when he joined the R.A.S.C. as a horse transport driver.



Mr. W. J. Painter.

After a short time at Aldershot and Woolwich Mr. Painter found himself on the way to Egypt with his unit in early 1916. They were soon transferred to 13th Division in Mesopotamia where Mr. Painter took part in one of the toughest campaigns of the war, before going down with Enteric Fever. This led to a long convalescence in India until he was fit enough to rejoin his unit in Mesopotamia once more. The end of the war saw him returned to India, whence he was sent to England for demobilisation late in 1920.

He rejoined the firm and was employed in the Bottling Stores again before moving on to the Malt Stores in 1928 where he remained for eight months. Finally he was transferred to the Conditioning Room and Beer Cellars under Mr. Hasler, where he has remained until the present time.

Mr. Painter, who has a grown up son and daughter, spends most of his spare time in the garden.



Mr. and Mrs. Charles Best.



Mr. and Mrs. Donald Neville.



Mr. and Mrs. B. Theobald leave the church after their wedding.

WEDDINGS

Miss Jean Goldsworthy of Arthur Cooper, Market Place, Reading, married Mr. Barrie Theobald on April 30th at St. Giles' Church, Reading. Jean's friends at Arthur Cooper's gave her a set of five carvers as a wedding present.

Miss P. Jennings of the Delivery Department was married to Mr. H. E. Capel on August 20th at Christ Church, Reading. Her friends in the office gave Miss Jennings some cutlery with their best wishes.

On Saturday, August 20th, Mr. Donald Neville, Engineers Accounts, Reading, was married to Miss Joyce Wilson at St. Mary's Church, Mortimer. The bridegroom received an electric convector fire and dessert spoons from his friends in the department.

The marriage of Miss Pauline Caladine of the Sales Accounts Dept., to Mr. B. F. Holder took place at All Saints Church, Reading on August 27th. Her colleagues in the department presented Miss Caladine with a coffee table and a scatter cushion.

Mr. Bernard Choutes of the Wheelwrights Department was married to

Miss Eunice Earley at St. Michael's, Tilehurst, on September 10th. Members of the Department clubbed together to give Bernard a striking clock as a wedding present.

Mr. R. Sawdon Smith of the Estates Department married Miss Joan Iles on 1st October, 1960, at Woodley Church. Simonds Football team gave him a tea service and his department and friends in the firm presented him with a set of carvers and an electric fire. "Dickie" Sawdon Smith was until recently Hon. Secretary of the Social Club at Reading and is also Captain of the Cricket team and Secretary of the Football Section.

The marriage of Mr. James Nevitt of the Building Department to Miss Joyce Young took place at St. Michael's, Tilehurst on October 29th. Mr. Nevitt, who plays in the firm's football team, was given a cheque by his friends in the Department.

Mr. Charles Best of the Electricians Department was married to Miss Emily Searle at Christchurch, Reading, on November 12th. Mr. Best's department gave him a cheque with their best wishes.

STAFF CHANGES READING

New Employees

We welcome the following newcomers to our ranks, and wish them happiness in their work with us:—

Miss G. Welch—Sales Accounts.
R. L. Manning—Surveyors.
Miss J. Holloway—Sales Accounts.
C. W. Smith—Cask Office.
P. J. Hewett—Architects Dept.
Mrs. M. Attwood—Furnishing Dept.
G. Pitts—Estates Office.
Mrs. D. Bamfield—Sales Accounts.
Mrs. E. A. Stanton—Correspondence.
A. Criddle—Cask Office.
W. P. P. Ashby—Wine and Spirit Dept.
Mrs. J. P. Holdaway—Hotels Dept.
Miss S. Spratley—Sales Accounts.
Mrs. B. Chambers—Delivery Office.
Mrs. J. A. Hitchcock—Laboratory.
Mrs. B. Jones—Free Trade (Branches).
Miss B. Burnett—Sales Accounts.
Mrs. E. D. Mayo—Sales Accounts.
Mrs. M. E. Fisher—Free Trade (Reading).
D. R. Breese—M.H. Accounts.
M. McDonagh—Arthur Cooper.
Miss P. S. Martin—Sales Accounts.

Appointments

F. Brench, Foreman to Transport Engineer.
G. Wheeler, Chargehand to Transport Engineer's Department Foreman.
C. Watson as an Assistant Manager, Hotels and Catering Department.

BRANCHES

New Employees

We also welcome the following newcomers to Branches and wish them every happiness:—

Miss C. Bartley—Bristol.
Miss C. Collins—Newport.
Miss N. McDonald—Newport.
Miss C. A. Reed—Staines.
Mrs. M. J. Griffiths—Staines.
Mrs. Y. Joy—Devonport.
R. Cleaver—Ludgershall.
Miss L. Rogers—Staines.

Mrs. V. Booth—Catterick.
M. T. Gerrie—Devonport.
J. E. Taylor—Devonport.
D. C. Cole—Bristol.
Mrs. B. Buffrey—Bristol.
Miss P. A. Collier—Swindon.
R. J. Langford—Devonport.
Mrs. H. M. Jones—Swindon.

Transfers

N. Carr, Newport to Reading.
R. C. Penton, Ludgershall to Swindon.

MANUAL STAFF RETIREMENTS

The following members of the Manual Staff have retired and we wish them good health and happiness in their retirement:—

Reading—B. Kinchin, after 8 years service in the Beer Cellars.

Brighton—W. Golding, after 36 years service as a driver.

Newport—G. J. Amos, after 37 years service in the Fermenting Department.

SPORTS REVIEW

FOOTBALL

The football teams are now well into their season. The first team competing in the Premier Division of the Reading and District League has so far won just over half its league matches. Of the remaining four games, two have been drawn and two lost. Some excellent victories have been scored.

After a disappointing one all draw against Reading Exiles, a clear 3-0 win was gained against Albion Athletic, then came a 4-1 defeat by West Reading. This was followed by three consecutive league victories, against Wycombe Corinthians 4-2, East Reading 5-2 and Elgar Rovers. In the last game Simonds were trailing 1-0, but in the final 25 minutes scored 5 goals without reply. Old rivals Rabson Rovers held us to a 3-3 draw on their own ground.

In the Cups our successes have been even more noticeable. In the Berks and Bucks Intermediate Cup, Thames Vale were slammed 12-2 and then Reading University 8-1, and in the second round of the

Reading Senior Cup, Woodley were accounted for by 3 goals to nil.

Kenny Shepherd leads the goal scoring with 18 followed by his brother-in-law Bobby Parkes 14.

The reserves' story is very similar, with five wins out of nine games in the first Division of the Reading Institute League. After their two initial victories reported in a previous issue, they have beaten Woodcote twice 7-2 and 3-2 and Cintra 4-1. Four close defeats were inflicted by Hurst 4-2, St. Nicholas 3-1, Nettlebed 4-2 and C.W.S. Printing 5-3. After accounting for Lower Tilehurst Reserves by 8 goals to 3 in the first Round of the Reading Junior Cup, an exciting match against a strong East Reading Reserve side was won 5-2 after extra time in the second round, which was followed by a resounding win by 7-1 against Southern Swifts Reserves in the third.

Chief goal scorers are Ernie Cartwright with 21 goals to his credit, with Terry Hawkins lying second with 15 goals scored.

CRICKET

As complete results of all matches played during last season have already been published in previous issues, it only remains to comment upon individual performances and give the complete Averages.

For the first time, as far as records show, more than 400 runs have been scored in a season by one player, and this was accomplished by Vin. Warner who scored no less than 432 runs in 15 innings, (once not out), for the very good average of 30.85, which gave him a clear margin over his fellow West Indian, David Batson. He therefore has the honour of having his name inscribed on the "Louis Simonds Cup".

David, however, takes the "J. D. Richardson Cup" for bowling with an average of 11.04, having just "pipped" Warner whose 47 wickets cost 12 runs apiece.

The complete Averages are as follows:—

BATTING	Innings	Times Not out	Completed Innings	Highest Score	Total Runs	Average
V. Warner	15	1	14	54	432	30.85
D. Batson	17	1	16	75*	233	14.56
J. Truss	7	2	5	27	70	14.00
T. Adams	14	1	13	45	139	10.69
H. Loader	12	1	11	42	112	10.18
R. Roberts	15	1	14	39	136	9.71
T. Hawkins	17	2	15	31	144	9.60
R. S. Smith	16	1	15	40*	136	9.06
V. Smith	17	1	16	27	145	9.06
T. Bowker	18	2	16	38*	143	8.96
H. K. White	10	—	10	24	88	8.80
G. Cordery	12	1	11	16	82	7.45
K. Gibbons	8	2	6	30	43	7.16
N. Bedding	12	—	12	37	84	7.00
K. Ward	10	4	6	13*	36	6.00
G. Shiel	13	1	12	36	62	5.16
P. Harper	13	1	12	20	59	4.91
J. Till	8	2	6	9	28	4.66
E. G. Barrett	8	—	8	16	37	4.62
W. J. Greenaway	12	—	12	16	47	3.91
C. Glanville	7	3	4	6	15	3.75
M. Jordan	9	3	6	9	17	2.83
J. Watson	10	4	6	13	13	2.16
F. Smith	8	2	6	4	7	1.16

The following also batted, but failed to qualify:—

R. Hume (Av. 13.33), S. Stevens (7.00), T. Taylor (7.00), A. Simms (5.80), E. Munt (5.75), F. J. Benham (4.50), C. Shallow (4.25), D. Wardle (2.40), J. Fellingham (—), E. C. Greenaway (—), G. Crutchfield Jr. (—), K. Hockley (—), M. Aplin (—).

BOWLING:	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
D. Batson	124.4	30	265	24	11.04
V. Warner	170.5	34	564	47	12.00
V. Smith	113	17	315	25	12.60
K. Ward	60	11	204	16	12.75
T. Adams	52	8	199	12	16.58
P. Harper	86	20	229	13	17.61
T. Hawkins	68.5	14	224	12	18.66
R. Smith	118	27	318	17	18.70
N. Bedding	61	2	218	9	24.22
T. Bowker	65.5	6	318	13	24.46

The following also bowled, but failed to qualify:—

J. Till (Av. 2.25), K. Gibbons (6.00), G. Cordery (19.33), T. Taylor (48.00), F. J. Benham, C. Shallow, M. Aplin, E. Munt, G. Shiel and D. Wardle also bowled without taking a wicket.

CATCHES:

- 9 T. Bowker.
- 8 J. Truss.
- 6 R. Roberts and G. Shiel.
- 5 D. Batson, N. Bedding and R. S. Smith.
- 4 G. Cordery, F. Smith, K. Ward and V. Warner.
- 3 T. Adams, E. Barrett, P. Harper, T. Hawkins, M. Jordan, H. Loader, C. Shallow, V. Smith and H. K. White.
- 2 C. Glanville, R. Hume and A. Simms.
- 1 K. Gibbons, W. J. Greenaway, E. Munt, S. Stevens, J. Till and J. Watson.

STUMPINGS:

R. Roberts and J. Truss, 2 each.



This scene, reminiscent of the last war, was taken while demolitions were in progress in the South Berks yard at Reading.

DARTS REPORT

So far this season the darts team has had a very successful run and is standing just about top of the league table. Results to date are:—Played 10, Won 7, Drawn 2, Lost 1.

A notable victory was won on the last night that the old club was open when Huntley and Palmers were beaten 8-0.

Ronald (Chalky) Absolom of the

Wine Stores is Secretary this year and the team itself is a mixture of old stagers and some promising new comers. Indeed such is the competition to get into the side that there is talk of running two teams next year.

Matches take place on Thursday evenings in the Social Club. Refreshments are provided, and it is hoped that as many as possible will come along to cheer their team to further victories.

TABLE TENNIS

The 1960/61 season opened in October and we are again fielding two teams in the Reading and District League. The "A" Team is competing in the 1st Division and the "B" Team in the 5th.

This year there are only six teams in the First Division, where previously there have been ten or a dozen. The reason for this appears to be to provide more intense competition in League matches in preparation for Inter-Town and County games. Therefore competition in this division is now intense and the "A" team are doing well to hold their own. They have had good wins over Reading Y.M.C.A. "A" and University "A", but suffered an unexpected defeat by Henley Y.M.C.A. "A". Woodlands are very strong this season, all members of their team being Newbury Town players and they were also champions last season, defeating Reading Y.M.C.A. "A" 5-4 in a play off for the title. A new team in Division 1 is Ibis, a team formed from the staff of the Prudential Assurance Co., and one of their players is A. M. Lijinsky, a member of the Reading team.

Playing for the "A" Team are R. Wheeler (Managed House Accounts), J. Rose and A. Dines who are Associate Members but still have connections here. These players have all played in Reading representative teams and can be relied upon to give a good account of themselves.

The "B" team so far has been enjoying its best season, having been beaten only once. This was by one of the Woodlands teams, when they were perhaps slightly unlucky to lose 6-4.

Naturally, the standard of play in this Division is not comparable to Division I or II but all games are very closely contested and great keenness is shown.

At the end of November having lost one match and drawn one, the "B" team is fifth in its division and we are hoping to maintain if not improve on this position.

Playing for the "B" team are two former employees of the firm, H. E. Loader and M. Jones, C. A. Wakefield (Managed House Accounts) and J. Brill an Associate member.

Both teams are competing in the League Handicap competition and, if drawn at home, we hope to arrange some of these games as Exhibition Matches. Further details will be given at a later date, when we have been notified of the draw.

At present, the Table Tennis Section is under strength and we would like to have more members from the Brewery staff. All new members will be very welcome and anyone who would like a game should telephone Ext. 153 or come along to the Functions Room in the new Social Club.

ANGLING CLUB

Angling Club activities have been somewhat restricted these last weeks owing to the heavy rains and flooding, but one young member, D. Stacey of our Building Department, caught a 1lb. 2ozs. Chub in a recent match which no doubt gave him a thrill.

Latest match weights are:—

M. Gibbs	6 lb. 1½ oz.
D. Fry	4 lb. 7½ oz.
R. Fuller	4 lb. 7½ oz.
L. Harraway	1 lb. 12½ oz.
W. Green	1 lb. 10 oz.
F. Smith	1 lb. 6½ oz.

OBITUARY

It is with deep regret that we record the death of:—

A. STARK on October 19th. He had served the firm for 34 years, and before he retired in 1958 was employed as a Storeman/Driver at Arthur Cooper's in Reading