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It is inevitably with very mixed feelings that I write a message to all AL staff for the last time before my retirement on 30th June.

After such long service with first DSIR and then SRC the Laboratory has become a part of my life I can never nor indeed would not wish to forget, as I cannot forget all the friends among so many colleagues over nearly forty years with whom it has always been such a pleasure to work.

This is not the place to write a long essay on my experiences nor on the many developments I have seen in the Laboratory and its work. We have passed through difficult times in the past two or three years and there are still problems to be met in the period immediately ahead, during which the Laboratory is fortunate to have Dr Horner as a guide. His long experience of the Laboratory and its traditions will be a great asset.

As I leave I remain optimistic that Appleton Laboratory will continue to have the opportunity to maintain the high reputation it has established for itself, and I wish success for many years to come to the Laboratory and all its staff.

J. A. Horner

JUBILEE AND BIRTHDAY HONOURS

Staff will, I am sure, wish to join me in congratulating John Smith on his being appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire.

The Appleton Laboratory has executive responsibility for UK space science projects and John is project manager of the very successful UK Ariel 5 satellite which was launched in October 1974 and is still in orbit transmitting valuable data to ground that is helping to put British scientists in the fore-front of X-ray astronomy. John was also project manager of the UK Ariel 4 satellite, which was launched in December 1971 and carried experiments in the science of geophysics. Before that, he assisted in the management of earlier satellites in the Ariel series. The experience he has gained in these successful projects is also being used in the planning of other satellite options that for one reason or another - usually cost - never materialise. Many British space scientists have benefitted considerably from John Smith's efforts and the award of the OBE is a very fitting recognition.

THE JUBILEE MEDAL

I was delighted to see that the following have been awarded the Jubilee Medal :

Mrs R. Bigland
Dr E. Bramley
Mr I. Eyre
Mr V. Harrison
Mr R. Smith
Mr R. Tucker

I am sure that the news of these awards will give as much pleasure to all members of staff as it does to me.

J.A. Saxton

MISS S. HURST

The many staff who know Mrs Edna Hurst have been shocked to learn of the recent death, in a car accident, of her daughter Sally. To Mrs Hurst and her husband we offer our deepest sympathy.

STAFF NEWS

Congratulations to :

Jacky Richardson and Vijay Sandal who were married at Slough on 7th May.

D.W. Roberts	now Ex. O
J.S. Wright	" H.S.O.
J.E. Allnutt	" P.S.O.
E.A. Buck	" S.S.O.
S.M. Cherry	" S.S.O.
M.D. James	" S.S.O.
R.J. Powell	" S.S.O.
A.K. Ward	" S.S.O.
Mrs H.L. Young	" S.O.

Welcome to :

T.F. Burns	S.C.S.
G.M. Ford	S.C.S.
P.S. Gale	S.C.S. (Culham)
T. Oreszczyzn	S.C.S.
Miss A.M. Porteous	S.C.S.
N.D. Roberts	S.C.S.
G. Sgolombis	S.C.S.
K A. Stewart	S.C.S.
M.A. Warbrick	S.C.S. (Culham)
D.M. Williams	S.C.S.
R.W. Vowles	S.C.S.
G. Parkin	S.C.S.
J.R. Harris	S.C.S.
M.D. Harries	S.C.S.
Mrs N. Jupp	C.O.
Miss T.A. Roper	C.O.
Mrs G.R. Kingston	Asst. Cook p/t

Resignations etc. :

D.J. Brown	S.C.S.
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Other Changes :

J.F. Smith	P.P.T.O.	Part time with D3 G3 and D1 G3.
G.M. Courtier	S.S.O.	On loan part time to Rutherford Lab (at least 50%)
E. Dunford	P.S.O.	Part time with D2 G3 and G4.
D.R. Lepine	H.S.O.	Changed from D4 G5 to D2 G3.
A.J. Rogers	P.S.O.	Part time with D2 G2 and G6.
R. Holdaway	S.S.O.	" " " D2 G5 and G6.
E.A. Buck	H.S.O.	" " " D2 G5 and G6.
T.G. Dimbylow	H.S.O.	Changed from G3 to G6 in D2.
N.W. Ferguson	PTO II	Now in charge of workshop (Workshop Manager)
A.J. Hall	S.S.O.)	
V.J.G. Brown	H.S.O.)	
D. Parker	H.S.O.)	
A.J. Ruddell	H.S.O.)	Changed from G1 to G3(b) in D3.
H.M. Shah	H.S.O.)	
A.F. Smith	H.S.O.)	

Other Changes (cont.'d)

R.A. Hardcastle	S.S.O.	Changed from G4 to G3 in D7
R.L.T. Street	S.S.O.	" " D3 G2 to IUE (IRAS Project)
D.W. Roberts	Ex. O.	Transferred from Accounts to Finance, support for D1 & 3 w.e.f. 24.5.77.
Mrs J. Willard	C.O.	Transferred from Finance to Accounts w.e.f. 24.5.77
J.L. Monks	A.S.O.	Transferred from G1 to G2 in D2 w.e.f. 12.4.77.
J.R. MacDougall	H.S.O.	Transferred from G2 to G5 in D2.
R.J. Cathrew	H.S.O.	No longer at UCL now at Appleton Lab. in D2, G1.
R.L.T. Street	S.S.O.	Transferred from D3 G2 to IUE "A" Project management.
P.A. Smith	S.S.O.	Transferred from D4 G3 to D2 G3.
L.T.J. Martin	S.S.O.	" " G6 to G1 in D6.
P.A.G. White	H.Ex.O.	Transferred to R.G.O. Herstmonceux.

ACCOUNTS RENDERED

There's a little green-eyed idol
(Well his eyes are really blue)
Who sits in state and regulates
The money, as it flows from view.

No golden gleaming temple this
In far away old Nepal.
There's no joss sticks burning brightly
And no prayer wheels rumbling call.

But on the walls strange charts appear,
Coloured squares and graphs that soar
Their meaning only known to those
Behind the "No Admittance" door.

Once having made the fateful step
And crossed that sacred portal,
It's nice to find a helpful crowd
Of quite ordinary mortals!

Well, 'ordinary' is not the word
That we should perhaps describe
The multi-talents of this band
Of very industrious scribes?!

The shipping magnate on the 'phone;
The statement "Queen" with trolley;
The guardian of the precious cards;
The watchful eye on the 'lolly'.

There's cheques to write and files to keep
And the buzzer's constant call,
For cash is always in demand
And wages, of course, most of all.

The figure-conscious males therein
Can't always balance the books,
But are not averse to "pinching"
Some, if the "form" has flair and looks!

WHICH? SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Which? magazine bulk subscription is due for renewal in July. If you are already receiving Which? and wish to continue, or if you would like to start taking the magazine, could you let me have your subscription as soon as possible please.

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Mike James
Spur C.

SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

Tennis Section

Having spent such an enjoyable though hard working afternoon on the occasion of our first match against Road Research Laboratories at Crowthorne last year, a return fixture was held on Saturday, 7 May. Though reduced in numbers - we were only able to raise 3 pairs - we turned last year's defeat into victory with a result of 7 matches to 2. Paul Gardner and Joan Scislowski won all three, Jack Moore and Wendy Willard - 2 and Richard Smith and Joyce Johnson - 2. Intermittent showers and the need to protect racquets forced players to scurry off the courts but enthusiasm - like the courts - was only slightly dampened and the opportunity to continue and achieve the above result soon presented itself. We are optimistic of producing a similar performance when we oppose them again in September.

One of our opponents in both matches was Mrs Kay Williams, mother of a former station member and tennis enthusiast Margaret Williams. Although retired, Kay still plays a most reliable game and it was her enthusiasm that decided our Joan Scislowski against retiring from tennis next season - much more important than our victory!

The Civil Service Philatelic Society

The attention of readers is drawn to the following extract from a letter from the Society's Secretary :

Dear Editor

Since being elected Hon Secretary of the Civil Service Philatelic Society, I have discovered that there are many Civil Servants unaware of the existence of our Society.

Anyone seeking more information about the Society or how to join it, should get in touch with the Hon Membership Secretary, Mr G.H. Degg, 61 Severn Drive, Hinchley Wood, Esher, Surrey (Office Tel. No. (01) 398 4242 Ex 515) or with me.

Our Society recognises that there are departmental and local Civil Service Societies and we do not wish to "poach" merely to advise that we exist.

Yours sincerely
F.L. Brandeis

LETTER TO THE OUTSTATIONS

Dear Colleagues

A propos of Anniversaries, what did I write in these letters twenty-five years ago? The answer's easy - nothing. There were Outstations but there was no Letter (Bliss was it in that dawn to be alive). For that matter there was no Newsletter either.

Well then, what of last year? I wrote of the prodigious dryness of our surroundings the like of which was, as they say, never before recalled by mind of man. Walking across the moat was the great thing. Not so now; not even Jubilee euphoria coupled with a life spent in devout religious observance would guarantee a safe passage. You'd have a job staying dry just walking to the water, never mind across it. Come to think of it, though, there's an outsider's chance that it could be accomplished over the mid-June ice.

There is at first sight, little to link this with the coming of the Pots. These have appeared outside the main entrance as receptacles for a pleasing collection of flowers (or do I mean shrubs). They're nice - but why? Could they provide a small area which can be kept well-watered should the Great Drought return. Maturer thought and present climate suggest no such thing. Rather do they form a last-ditch floral reserve which can be brought inside, kept warm and cared for, when all the great outdoors is given over to a sort of soggy Tundra, a treat no doubt for lichen lovers, but of indifferent charm to less esoteric tastes such as those of,

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