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STAFF NEWS

Congratulations and best wishes for their future to:-

Daphne Smith and Terry Hannen, who were married at 2 p.m. in St. James' Church, Kidbrooke, S.E.3, on 5th August. About 90 people attended.

John Juleff and his wife Mavis were married on 30th July at 2.30 p.m. in Erith, Kent, and are spending their honeymoon in the Isle of Wight.

Congratulations to Mr. Cliff Hale on his promotion to A.E.O. (established) to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Vickers (past members of the staff) on the birth of a daughter

Recent Arrivals

Welcome to: Mr. M.A. Hammond (T./A.E.O.)  
Dr. J.W. King (T./S.S.O.)  
Mr. M.D. Oliver (T./Asst. (Sci.))  
Mrs. N. Perry (T./Typist II)  
Mr. A.F. Smith (A.E.O.)

Departures

Mrs. F. Gordon-Smith (T./Typist I) 28th July

Movements

Mr. E.D.R. Shearman left on 8th August for a few days in Ottawa to attend the topside sounder committee.

Messrs. Clarke, Greenan, Hale and Purvis have now left for duty in Singapore.

Welcome, with apologies for not recording his visit in our last issue, to Dr. K. Kreielsheimer, a visitor from New Zealand who will be remembered by older members of the staff.

Correction

We regret having spelt Hanna Labitske's name wrongly in the announcement of her marriage in our last issue.

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HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS: SERIES "BEFORE ...."

Thanks to everybody's generous support and interest, 183 prints of this series were sold and a total amount of £2.7.6d. has gone towards the Sports Club Fund. The photographs showed the entrance to the Radio Research Station just before the motorway arrived and flattened everything in its path (including Mr. Hargreaves' cottage). A few single copies are still available from Room 2.

A further set depicting the interim state of devastation, with some photographs closely matching the earlier ones, is being prepared. Overseas enquiries for either series should be addressed to Mr. Newman at this station.

W.S.N.

R.R.S. SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

Special General Meeting

A special general meeting of the Sports and Social Club was held on Tuesday, August 1st at 5.30 p.m. in the Staff Dining Hall to consider subscription rates of the Tennis Section, the Amateur Radio Society and the Camera Club.

13 people attended and the following rates were approved.

Tennis Section

Summer Season 1st May - 30th September	£2. . . .
Under 21's " " "	£1.10.-.
Winter Season 18th October-30th April	10.-.
26th August -30th April	£1. . . .
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2/- per visit for visitors (not more than 6 visits/year)

Motion carried by 10 votes to 2, with 1 abstention.

Amateur Radio Society

Subscription 5/- per annum

or

6d. per month for members joining during the year.

Motion carried 11-0.

Camera Club

7/6 per annum or 9d. per month for members joining during the year. Motion carried 6-0. 4 abstentions.

Tennis

The Director is officially opening the hard tennis court on Saturday afternoon, the 26th August.

A doubles tournament will follow the opening. Anyone wishing to take part should sign their names on the main Sports and Social Club board or contact Richard Smith in Room 4.

We have arranged a dance in the evening of the 26th and hope that everyone will make a big effort to come along. Dancing will be to Brian Jones' band and there will be refreshments and a bar. Tickets are now available at 5/- each from Molly Smith in the Library.

On 25th July our team won the tennis match with Road Research Laboratory by 35 games. A return match has been arranged for the afternoon and evening of Saturday, September 2nd at R.R.L. courts, and we hope our team will be as successful as before.

On 25th July each game was played as 'Best of Eleven'. The results were:

R.R.S.			R.R.L.
Gordon-Smith	9	2	Mrs. Young
Molly Smith	10	1	Young
			Andavan
	10	1	Miss Dennis
			O'Connell
			Miss Long

R.R.S. SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

The Camera Club has been formed again after nearly three years, and will meet monthly on a day still to be decided. Prints are to be displayed on the walls of the Staff Canteen on the first Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of each month. Please put your comments and suggestions in the box provided.

Lively competition is hoped for amongst members of the Club, including those at Outstations. Competitions will be held in February, May, September and November of each year, and will be judged in two classes: beginners, and intermediate or advanced. Print sizes suggested are whole - or half-plate. The club uses the darkroom in the old buildings where the equipment includes an enlarger for 35 mm film and 2 1/4" x 3 1/4" negatives. The following is the suggested programme of subjects for display:-

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| September - Animals and Pets         | March - Winter Prints |
| October - Summer Prints              | April - Taken at Work |
| November - Architectural Photography | May - Ships and boats |
| January - Table Top Photographs      | June - Landscapes     |
| February - Colour Slides             | July - Portraiture    |

August - Open

Anyone wanting to join should contact Mr. Baker in the main workshop.

The R.R.S. Amateur Radio Society has now been formed, with Mr. Ratcliffe as President and Dr. Saxton as vice-president. The committee is: D.S. Froome (Chairman), R.G. Flavell (Sec.), Miss M. Armstrong (Treasurer), G.W. Gardiner and J. Juleff. Room 14 in the old building has been cleared, cleaned and polished and is in use as a Club Room. Meetings have begun.

E.M.A.

On July 10 Mr. G.C. Voller, G3JUL, Secretary of the Civil Service Amateur Radio Society and an operator of the Science Museum Station GB35M, gave a very interesting lecture entitled "An introduction to Amateur Radio", which was illustrated by slides.

On July 24 Mr. Gardiner will present a review of the life of Marconi, the 24th anniversary of Marconi's death being on 20 July. Following this, there will be a discussion to make plans for a club transmitter.

Meetings will be held every other Monday during the summer and weekly during the rest of the year. Dr. O.K. Garriott, W5LFL, whose talk on "Amateur Radio in the USA." had to be postponed, has promised to give it at a later date, probably on 7 or 21 August.

Negotiations are in hand to try to get a call sign incorporating the letters "RRS" for the club's transmitter.

New members can be elected at the start of any of our meetings, and we particularly welcome anyone prepared to give advice or help in setting up the club's station.

Tennis

R.G.F.

The contractors have already started on the hard court but, allowing three weeks for it to settle, it will probably not now be ready for opening until the end of August.

Evening tennis (Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 6 p.m.) on the Datchet hard courts is still well supported but more Tuesday evening players would be welcomed. 1/6d per person is charged to cover the cost of new balls and to pay for the court. A mixed doubles match with Road Research at their courts is being arranged for this month. Anyone interested in evening tennis should contact Richard Smith in Room 4.

E.M.A.

World Tour - in aid of the Sports Club Fund

The first of a series of voyages into foreign and fascinating lands took place in front of an audience of over 50 people on Thursday, 13th July. The guides were Messrs. Cathrew, Clarke, Legge, Mortimer and Newman. Colour slides, films and music were the means of transport employed, and places visited included the South of France, Egypt, Singapore and Malaya. On future occasions it may be possible to bring eye-witness reports from such exotic regions as Africa, India, the U.S.A., the U.S.S.R. etc. Perhaps you have some interesting material you would like to show on one such occasion; if so, please get in touch with Mr. Newman (Room 2).

W.S.N.

Historic Photographs: Series "Before ....."

Over 160 of these have so far been sold or ordered, and by the time final orders are completed it is hoped that well over £2 will have gone towards helping the Sports Club Fund. Orders will close on Thursday, 20th July.

Further series ("...during...", "...and after") are planned which will provide the lucky owners with a unique record of history in the making on our doorstep.

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