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CONTRACT FOR £13m FROM LTE



Champion golfer Bert Phillips (left) received his trophy from tournament organiser Alan McNamee

Bert Phillips is Otis 1981 golf champion

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First Otis National Golf Tournament was played at Moor Hall Golf Club, Sutton Coldfield, on 8 September.

Winner was Bert Phillips of Leeds. Runner-up was Alan Winders of Liverpool.

Third place went to Malcolm Derrick of Liverpool.

Conditions were perfect for the 21 golfers competing from London, Leeds, Bristol, Reading and Liverpool works.

Says organiser Alan

McNamee: "We would like to have seen more competitors. But for a first attempt it was most successful.

"Now we have got the tournament off the ground I hope it will grow in future years".

HELLO

-nice to be with you

This is the first issue of Lift-Off. It is a newspaper for and about Otis employees and we hope to publish it six times a year.

You will continue to get Otis Magazine. But the magazine will no longer contain employee news. That will be in Lift-Off.

INTERESTS

You can see from this first issue that Otis people don't believe in sitting down and doing nothing in their leisure hours. They have many and varied interests.

We want to know about YOUR interests.

We want to know who is getting married, who is retiring, the results of your last football or golf match.

All the news that makes a good and lively company newspaper.

In addition, we want to hear about interesting jobs currently in hand (branch managers, please note).

Send us photographs, too. Photographs of any and every employee activity. Black and white prints for preference, but we can cope with colour prints or transparencies.

No company newspaper can have dozens of staff reporters and photographers to cover events.

We have to rely on YOU, the readers, to help us.

TO TERRY

Just send your news – in a memo, on the back of an old envelope if you must – to Terry Scott at Head Office. And your photographs, too.

Let's make Lift-Off the best company newspaper in industry.

Escalators in Underground



Mr. J. Park, LTE director of supplies and central services (seated left) signs the contract in the presence of Otis MD Norman Cunningham. Standing l to r are E. Dinnadge, Otis commercial co-ordinator for LT contracts, Mr. J. Styles, LT lift and escalator engineer, J. J. Bridge, Otis technical sales manager, Ken Paige, Otis director of zone operations, Mr. J. Needle, LT finance officer (contracts) Mr. D. M. Connelly, LT solicitor (commercial) and Mr. M. Masters, LT contracts officer.

Otis has signed its third consecutive contract with London Transport for the provision of escalators on the Underground system. There are 275 Otis escalators in the London Underground. Some are over 50 years old. London Transport is currently embarking on an extensive modernisation programme. The contract will run for 10 years. On present indications it will be worth £13 million.

We have Lift-Off! Issue No 1

LINE-UP AT THE NATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



Happy golfers and guests on 8 September. Front row, 1 to r, Alan Beattie, Bert Phillips (tournament winner), Dave Allen, Tom Lamb, Alan Goodin. Second row, 1 to r, Dave Regan, Derek Allen, Ron Sutton, Pat McNulty, Bob Rayfield. Third row, 1 to r, John McKinlay, Jim Healey, Alan Winders (runners up), Peter Goodin, Ray Ball, Terry Deveraux (guest), Joe Power. Back row, 1 to r, Vin Mallen, Stan Mercer (guest), Dave Sundborg, Denis Rankin (guest), Malcolm Derrick (3rd place), Alan McNamee (tournament organiser).



Above, Otis team with Harry Pettinger, Director of Quality, Codes and Products. Right, Ted Meatyard and Rod Cranfield decide the batting order.

London cricket team's success

After suffering defeats over the last couple of years, an Otis London cricket team beat Hammond & Champness this season.

Otis went in first to score 139 runs in their allotted 20 overs and then skittled H & C out for 69.

Grand Otis strategy was the 'Mike Brearley recall' of 'ageing' Ted Meatyard to skipper the team.

Highlights of the game were Alan Spencer's 49 (the pattern was set by Alan hitting the first four balls of the match for bound-

aries), Terry Eytles' bowling figures of 4 for 18, and Barry Lane's running from deep fine leg for one over to third man for the next.

Supporters joined the teams for a pleasant after-match drink at the Crown & Greyhound, Dulwich Villiage.

Otis team was Ted Meatyard, Barry Lane, Terry King, Alan Spencer, Terry Eytles, Jeremy Lancaster (wicket keeper), Bill Whittaker, Cecil Black, John Stopes, George Hilton and Barry Rains with Rod Cranfield as 12th man.



Chasing the birds

Unusual but fascinating hobby practised by Ralph Eminson at Nottingham branch office is bird ringing. There are designated woodland sites where enthusiasts make themselves useful.

Ralph will spend weekends, and sometimes a week's holiday, catching birds at two in the morning and attaching the little coded rings to their legs.

Everything is fully logged so that scientists can check the flight of the birds and follow their habits.

EASY PINT

Mary Sheppard's boss has a higher opinion of her abilities than she holds herself.

A management trainee at Clapham Road, her boss is Zone Controller David Aitken. And Mary bet him a pint she would fail Foundation A of her Institute of Cost and Management Accountants exams.

She passed the exam and lost the bet - so David got his pint.

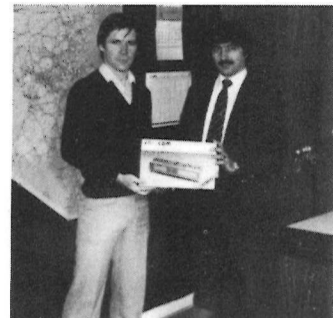
Mary has four more exams to go. Any more bets?



Southend branch manager Tony Govett presents radio to G. Kemp.



At Nottingham, Ralph Eminson won a radio and Bill Murphy a tape measure. Presentation by supervisor John Hands



Service engineer George McMahon received his radio from service supervisor Les Allison at Glasgow branch

Safety contest winners

Winners of the recent Safety Signs Competition for field men in our Year of the Safe Worker are as follows:

R. G. Webb, Cardiff; B. Grant, London; T. J. Hurn, Cardiff; M. J. Williams, London; F. Rose, London; R. Wilson, Newcastle; M. Turner, Newcastle; D. J. Paginton, Cardiff; A. Edwards, London; G. McMahon,

Glasgow; J. Rhodes, Leeds; L. Simmons, Liverpool; G. A. Kemp, Southend; R. Eminson, Nottingham; D. Mackenzie, Newcastle; J. Taylor, Manchester; A. Seal, Leeds; T. J. Dicker, London; K. F. Carpenter, Bournemouth; J. B. Orkney, Newcastle.

In our next issue there will be details of a new safety contest open to all personnel.

Red sails in the sunset?

BIG CATCHES 70 MILES OUT



Charlie Norris aboard the Zummerset Maid

London Sea Angling Club had a week at Plymouth for its annual trip and took 4000lbs of fish.

Aboard the *Zummerset Maid* Colin Hall had the biggest cod, weighing all of 37lb.

Ken Stenson caught a couple of small congers, nothing like the 90-pounder of last year.

Charlie Norris caught

many big ling and pollack and hops about like a youngster at 66 years old.

Dave Jones caught ling, pollack and cod and Dave Cropper had a memorable catch: a size 10 wellington boot.

Apart from a few minutes of high drama when a French trawler made off with their anchor line, everybody had a relaxed and happy time.

CLAPHAM ROAD OTIS CAMERA SOCIETY



CROC and his friends get together Wednesday evenings twice a month at Clapham Road.

Aim is to learn more about photography without taking the fun out of it.

There are outings, slide shows and competitions. Why not join us?

Call chairman Barry Harden on extension 234 or secretary Alison Jackson on extension 417.

LONDON'S GALA DAY WENT WITH A SWING



Lovely Page Three girl is Nicola Cahill, Miss Otis 1981

Highlight of London's Gala Day this summer was the football. There were teams from towns including Dublin, Belfast, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Birmingham, Dundee and Reading - 16 teams in all.

In a game which went to extra time, and then penalty kicks, Belfast beat London Service in the final.

Although the day was a bit breezy there were spells of sunshine. Many visitors from all over the country thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

And the children had a particularly good time at the side-shows and stalls all round the venue, Dulwich Hamlet Football Club ground.

There were five events in the athletics, ably controlled by Ken Jones and his wife, with the assistance of, Tony Allen. Each was divided into six age-group divisions and prizes were

presented to the first three in each one.

London, having gone down in the football, made up for their defeat when London Construction won the tug-of-war.

Mick Lambert's family won 12 of the footballs, for kicking the ball through a tyre, and had better start a sports shop! The Penalty Ring was won by Cliff Smith's son, Stephen.

Our lovely Miss Otis for 1981 was six-year-old Nicola Cahill whose father Bill Cahill is in London Modernisation.

Late in the evening the disco was still going strong, with the visitors from Reading showing the Londoners how to do it.

A great day, and the organisers would like to thank the many people - impossible to name them all here - who made the day by giving their time and energy.



Fish-eye lens view of one of the lifts in the Nottingham Council House. Otis man caught unawares in the mirror reflection is Terry Foley from Birmingham, senior fitter on site.

You could call it a face-lift!

There is a most interesting job currently going on at Nottingham.

It is the restoration of two old lifts for the City of Nottingham in the Council House.

Branch manager Keith Riley says that the Otis lifts were originally installed in 1927.

The cars will be refurbished and preserved while all mechanical gear is replaced.

The architect of the day

visited the United States to examine what Otis were doing in some prestige buildings and came back full of ideas based on what he had seen in America.

DOMED

One of the old cars is currently with a specialist firm for refurbishment.

It has a domed roof,

polished and veneered hardwood side walls, and a back wall which is one huge mirror with bevelled edges machined in.

New doors will bear the coat of arms of the City of Nottingham.

On proud display in Keith Riley's office is the 1920s American switchbox which has been removed from the lift.

It is now a rare and fine example of the electrical engineering of the period.



It was an all-Otis wedding on 27 June when Julie Leighton, secretary to London manager Roy Markham, married Otis fitter's mate Geoff Snowling at St. Giles's Church, Camberwell, London. Julie's mother, Stella, is secretary to London Construction manager Frank Leonard. L to r, Stella Leighton, Julie and Geoff Snowling, and Julie's father.



Liverpool Otis Junior Badminton Club on tournament finals night at the end of their second season. P. Dawson in the service workshops runs the club for 10 to 18 year olds. There is a current waiting list to join but older members retire when they reach the age limit.



Long service awards at L'pool

Above, l to r, Alan Mainwaring Ray Wall and his wife, Olive, when Ray received his long service award. It was the first time an award has been presented when both man and wife are Otis people. Ray is on test and Olive is a wirewoman. Right, another first when Ron Williams, wages supervisor, got his 25 year gold watch. He was the first member of staff recruited at Liverpool works. L to r, Einar Kismul, works accountant, Ron Williams and Alan Mainwaring



ANY OLD LIFTS?

Which is the oldest lift installation in the country? Anybody know?

Service men on their routes may be able to help us.

Branch managers might have old records hidden in their files.

Let Terry Scott know at Head Office. We would like to feature the installation in Lift-Off.



David Oakland, pictured with his wife, Irene, is resident mechanic based in Belper, Derbyshire. He will be featured in the next issue of Otis Magazine



In his car, parked at Liverpool works, Don Foy talks with radio amateurs from Barrow-in-Furness and Northern Ireland. His equipment operates on the VHF 2 metre band

Calling Golf Six Alpha Charlie India

DON CHATS ON THE AIR WITH THE RADIO HAMS

SMILE FOR THE CAMERA, DAD



These friendly otters were photographed by Mo Jepson from Liverpool works.

Mo and his wife are great wildlife fans. They spend their summer holidays, and a lot of their

weekends, touring in a caravan to visit nature reserves all over the country.

The otters were at the Otter Trust, Earsham, near Bungay in Suffolk.

The owner bought a

farm, with a river running through his land, and now breeds these delightful animals.

Mo takes still pictures; his wife uses a cine camera. A nice, relaxing hobby for the summer months.

We sat with Don Foy in the car park at Liverpool works.

He plugged in £200-worth of VHF radio and spoke into the mike.

"This is Golf Six Alpha Charlie India calling from a stationary mobile".

Fred from Barrow-in-Furness immediately came on the air.

DEMO

Don explained that he was doing a demonstration of amateur radio for a story in the company newspaper.

"Nice to hear that, Don", came the reply.

"We can always do with the publicity".

Then another amateur joined in from Northern Ireland - reception was very good that day.

They chatted for a couple of minutes about their respective equipment, then Don signed off with the radio ham's farewell - "73s and clear air".

It all started for Don last December when he passed his government test and in February got his £8 licence.

His transmitter-receiver

WE CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT YOU

We said it on Page One and we will say it again on Page Four.

This newspaper can only run with the co-operation of employees everywhere.

If you like Lift-Off, and want it to be a success, then act as our roving

reporters and photographers.

Send us your news. Send us your photographs

No need to be an ace columnist. Put it down in a letter or memo to Terry Scott at Head Office.

Remember. We can't live without you.

works on the VHF 2 metre band which is just above Band 2 used for VHF domestic radio.

The set is primarily for mobile use in a car, and on about 10 watts power has a range of 15 to 20 miles - more on a good day.

There is a system of amateur relays, called repeaters, which extends the range.

POWER

Don says that if conditions are right he can reach France, but he really needs a bit more power.

He is not licensed to work the low frequency bands for long distance. That is a different kind of radio amateur, the kind which sits up in the attic with masses of equipment and a complicated aerial.

What do they talk about on the VHF 2 metre band?

"Anything and everything", says Don, "but it cannot be political, or vulgar, and we are not allowed

to advertise.

"In the Liverpool area there is a group of amateurs called the White Stick Net. They are all blind.

"They come on the band at certain times and we read them newspapers articles, and even books".

The Radio Society of Great Britain runs a system called Raynet. It is an emergency network which can be called upon to assist the authorities in times of bad flooding or any other disaster.

Don is required by law to keep a log of all his calls. But, for him, it is a fascinating hobby which makes friends everywhere.

NOT CB

What Don does, by the way, has nothing to do with Citizen's Band (CB) radio which is so much in the news these days.

Don has nothing against CB. But it isn't his thing at all.

Joe teaches 'em how to use the gloves

Boxing opened its season in September and Joe Hughes, safety officer at Liverpool works, has high hopes for his squad.

He is a coach at the Skelmersdale Amateur Boxing Club.

There is a regular squad of about 18 members, including seniors, juniors and schoolboys.

Joe says: "We haven't

won any championships yet, but this could be our year".

Last season two of the lads made it to an area representative team against a London side in an event for charity.

As a younger man Joe boxed for the Liverpool Star club. And he won an army battalion championship as a welterweight.

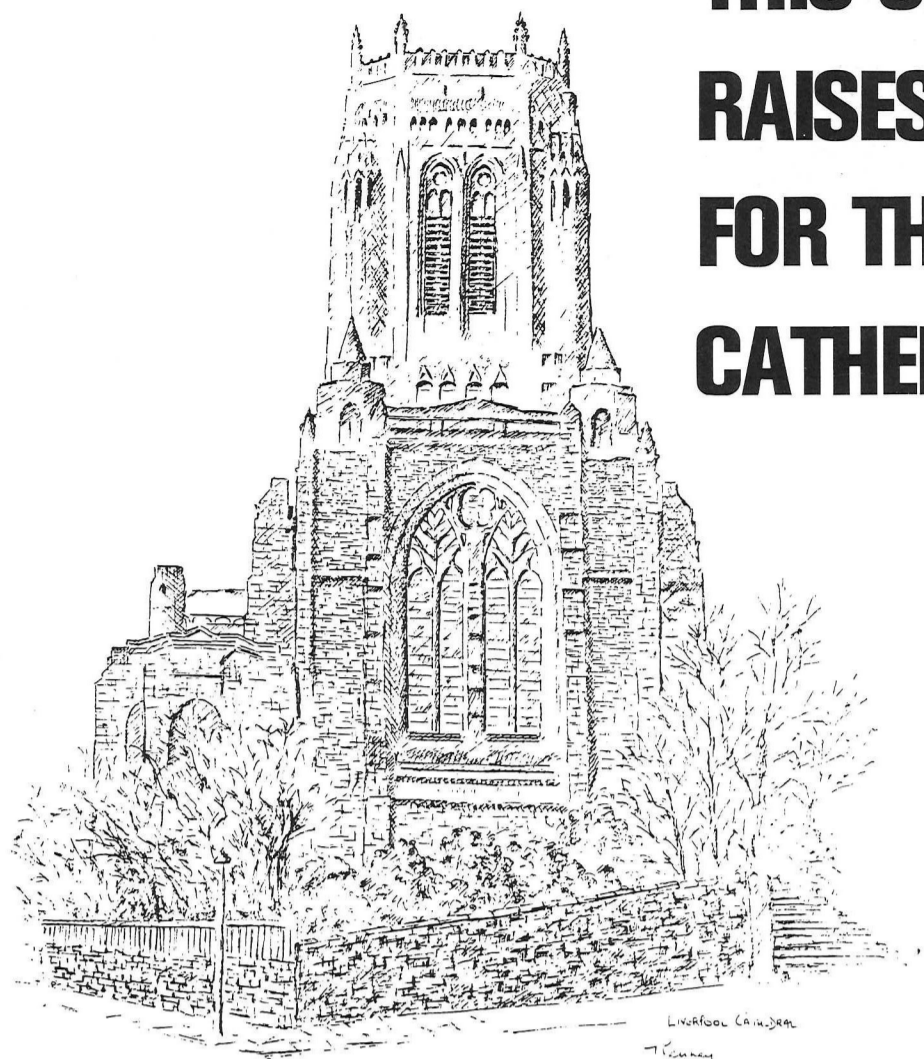
ADVERTISEMENTS TAKEN HERE

Got a car or motorbike for sale? A piano, a washing machine, a baby's pram?

Got a caravan down in Devon (lucky for you!) which you will holiday-let to careful Otis people? This is the place to advertise.

Send your small advertisement for the next issue to Terry Scott at Clapham Road.

No charge, naturally.



THIS SKETCH RAISES FUNDS FOR THE CATHEDRAL

Subjects Tom Penney likes are town scenes

The lovely sketch of Liverpool Cathedral was done by Tom Penney, production computer services auditor at Liverpool works.

Copies have been produced and it is now on sale at the cathedral in aid of church funds.

Tom's first interest was photography, and he later

did his National Service in the RAF as a photographer.

The sketching came much later. The subjects he likes are ships, buildings and general town scenes around Liverpool.

He is self-taught. Tom says: "After a lot of night school getting qualifications for my work, I didn't want to go back".

On the photographic side, his preference is for portraits. He likes the old-fashioned sepia style which he gets by bleaching out a black and white print.

"Some people use colour film and a filter, and don't believe that photographic shops still sell the chemicals for my method. But they do".



Artist Tom Penney relaxes in the sun

Jack upholds the Law

Sending an alleged murderer or rapist up for trial is all in the day's work for Jack Proctor, a senior design engineer at Liverpool works.

For the last 2½ years he has been a magistrate in the Criminal Division of Petty Sessions at Southport, where he lives.

SERIOUS

Of course, JPs do not try serious crimes, and the accused is remanded in custody and eventually his case is heard in the Crown Court.

But, as Jack points out, the bulk of criminal cases in this country are heard by magistrates' courts. Only a small number go to a higher court.

And even if the case is eventually tried at the Central Criminal Court in London, it still starts in a magistrates' court.

Jack had to go through what is called Stage One training. It consists of 14 training sessions running from two to four hours. There are lectures by the clerk of the court, police, social workers and many others.

The aim is not to make lay

JPs into bewigged judges. But they must still learn a lot about the law. And when they sit, of course, they are assisted by the clerk of the court, who is full-time and a qualified lawyer.

After Stage One training, Jack was sworn-in by a judge, and then was free to take his place on the bench – although very much as a new boy.

Jack says: "My chairman likes to ask the junior magistrate's opinion first. Three of us sit on the bench and he doesn't want a new boy to be influenced by more senior and experienced men."

"Then we discuss the case fully, weigh the pros and cons, and come to a decision. It is very fairly done".

WARRANTS

Jack likes to get to court about 9 a.m. when he is sitting on the bench. There are case sheets to be studied, documents to be signed and warrants to be sworn.

The court sits at 9.30 a.m. and he is usually back at the Liverpool works by 12.30 p.m.



Magistrate Jack Proctor sits at the Petty Sessions in Southport. There is a lot of hard training before becoming a JP

When an accused has asked for summary trial the court could, but this is rare, sit until two or three in the afternoon.

Major crimes, which are outside the court's powers to handle, are very much a formality – but they still start, as we said, in the magistrate's court, before moving up to the bewigged judges.

There are further training sessions for magistrates after Stage One, and every year or so there is a whole day, usually a Saturday, in

which there are talks by a judge and the chairman of another bench.

Then the magistrates are divided into groups and given a test. It will be a real case but with the names changed.

CRUNCH

They have to assess all the evidence and come to a verdict. The crunch comes when the clerk of the court tells them what happened when the case was actually tried.

Jack says it is reassuring

that so many of the groups come to the same, and we assume, right decision.

If you want to do Jack a real favour, do not ask him to sign your passport application. JPs have the authority to do so, and Jack gets too many of 'em.

And do not worry if you should come up before him

for a motoring offence or somesuch. As soon as Jack saw you he would immediately ask the chairman for permission to leave the bench.

As he is a nice fellow, perhaps you would have preferred him to stay. But that is not the way justice works.

FOUR FRIENDS FOR FIONA



Pretty girl in the Personnel Department at Liverpool works is Fiona Williams. Her great passion is cats and she has four. Two are Siamese.

WHO WERE THESE MEN?



Exact date of these two pictures is unknown. The one above could have been taken shortly before or after the First World War in the Despatch Department at the old Waygood-Otis factory in Falmouth Road, London.

The picture on the right, showing the exterior of the Falmouth Road factory, is more recent. Car in the foreground is a Humber Super Snipe, probably from the early 1950s.

Can you recognise any of these men? They could be relatives, knowing the long Otis family connection

If you can recall a name, tell Terry Scott at Clapham Road.

There will be a small prize for any positive identification.

