



Sadly we report the news of
the death of our friends

June Francis
Roland Hockley and
Dorothy Mitchell

**We are able to report
from our last copy Clive
Richardson**

Who worked with Batas 1962-
1966 here and at Cumnock
Ayrshire.

Has been in contact with
some of the ex college boys.
His e-mail address should you
wish to keep in contact is:
CliveRichardson2@aol.com

**No response to this request
yet. Bernard William
Thorogood**

D.O.B 20.6.24 lived in
Gravesend and travelled to
Tilbury daily. Worked in engi-
neering dept with Bert Shep-
herd (emigrated to Canada) John
Barnes and Malcolm Welland.
Jill Hinde of 39 Applecross
Close Rochester Kent would
like to know What workshop?
What work was involved?

**Our next open day will be
29 September 2010
11am to 4pm**

Reminisce and catch up
with old acquaintances
Peruse the Bata Records
Look at the photographs
and memorabilia

Stir up those memories
and record them if you wish

We now have postcards on sale and we
would also welcome any donations to
help with the running costs incurred in
the centre.

Bata Reminiscence and
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OPENING TIMES

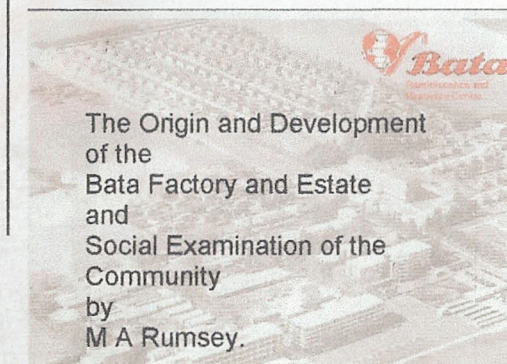
Tuesday and Thursday
10am-1pm - 2pm-6pm
Friday
2pm-6pm
Saturday
10am-1pm

Volunteers on duty:
Thursday and Saturday
10am-1pm



"The Book" has arrived. For
so long now people have
been asking why has a book
not been printed, and it was
sitting here waiting for
someone to find. From the
wealth of Bata memorabilia
donated to us by the
Rumsey family was included
a dissertation prepared by
Angela. Many times we
have delved into the infor-
mation and photographs and
read it with interest, now you

can do so at your leisure.
The book is available only
from the Centre at the sum of
£2.00 (+ p.p. if required)



The Bata Records are now on
the endangered species list.
If you wish to peruse the few

copies we have at present
please be aware you must
wear the white cotton gloves
provided. However, all the
Bata Records are on CD form
and maybe perused on the
computer.

We regret they are not avail-
able to purchase or hire.



CANTEEN

Menu for Week commencing
March 6th, 1934.

A little uncertainty appears to exist as to the facilities granted to the friends of employees who are desirous of meeting them after working hours. Let it be understood that the Canteen welcomes them, further that it is the express wish of those in control to see the Canteen peopled with your friends who will be able to enjoy all the good fare, tasteful delicacies difficult to obtain anywhere save at our London restaurants and at what prices? Come and see!

Monday—	
Grilled Steak	6d.
Chipped Potatoes	1d.
Greens	1d.
Treacle Tart	2d.
Tuesday—	
Cottage Pie and Greens	8d.
Boiled Jam Roll	2d.
Wednesday—	
Steak and Kidney Pie	6d.
Baked Potatoes	1d.
Greens	1d.
Fruit Salad and Custard	2d.
Thursday—	
Sausages and Mashed Potatoes	6d.
Raisin Pudding	2d.
Friday—	
Fried Fish and Chipped Potatoes	6d.
Boiled Sultana Pudding	2d.
Saturday—	
Stewed Steak and Carrots	7d.
Mashed Potatoes	1d.
Minced Meat Tart	2d.

Extracts from a Bata Record - 1934

A shoe would be a very peculiar affair if it had no sole. Therefore

I think I am perfectly justified in making this absolutely unbiased statement if the editor of this enterprising paper will permit me. Department 401 is indispensable to the factory. Some may say that uppers and heels are also indispensable, but this is not so as I can easily prove.

In the society gossip column of a recent copy of an Abyssinian newspaper, there is a photograph of a dusky debutante, who is not, as one might expect, wearing golden slippers, but a contraption consisting of a thick wooden sole and a pair of straps. Thus it is obvious that uppers and heels are not necessary but soles are.

However, before this article gets any worse, it is necessary to inform you tolerant readers that this article refers only to that part of 401 department between the counter moulding and the sole moulding machines, that is to say, the part under Mr. Mason's supervision.

Some members of the department passed the time away tying up cartons of shoes and loading them on to lorries. This work was carried out very leisurely until stevedores were informed that it had to be loaded before they went to lunch. The immediate result of this was that the lorry

was loaded with 250 cartons in eight minutes, which, I believe constitutes a world record. (If this is incorrect will any correspondent please correct.) Everyone who works in the vicinity of the heel conveyor, will be pleased to learn that argument as to whether the window above the inner sole-cementing section should remain open or closed during working hours has been settled. The recently departed Mr. Schindler has decided that it was much better closed, which view was enthusiastically supported by the young ladies under his charge. The worthy foreman of this department was until recently an ardent lover of fresh air, so that he insisted on its remaining open. In this he was supported by the majority of his subordinates. A few days ago, however, one of the experts on heels, a young lady, bestowed upon our foreman a charming smile, and informed him that she would like the window shut. Whereupon he immediately shut it.

SCOUTS TO CAMP

Bata Scout will camp opposite the factory during the weekend

that culminates in Jubilee Day, May 6th.

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LATE NIGHT FINAL

The midnight train from Fen-church Street on Saturday will stop at Low Street for the benefit of fellow-workers resident in the district.

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Joyce Harrington Nee Barnes
Memories of mother (sister of John) Edna Hall married Lesley Barnes (1926)

Had Lenny (died 4yrs old)
Joyce, Derek, Rita and Jenny
Looking for mother's father William Hall

He worked in Community House as caretaker with his second wife Alice from 1943 to 1946.

Had five children, William Edna Dolly Len and John

Would like to know where and when died and where buried