

Did you know you can buy via our webshop and then we will benefit as well.

The link for our webshop is <http://www.spendandraise.com/BataReminiscenceCentre/>

We will be looking for items of interest to be included in future copies of our newsletter would you like to contribute?

Did you Know?

Bata have reintroduced shoe production in the Czech Republic.



After 110 years, Bata's birthplace remains a core value for a company that has become a global enterprise. Bata began manufacturing in a small house in Zlín, in what is now the Czech Republic, in 1894.

The next open day will be
October 2014
11am to 4pm
Reminisce and catch up with
old acquaintances
Look at the Bata Records
our photographs
and memorabilia
Stir up those memories and
record them if you wish



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

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



The refurbishment of the War Memorial was completed in time for Remembrance Sunday 2013.

The re-dedication service for the war memorial will take place on Sunday 27th April 2014 at 2pm.



Last Open Day was another successful event. We had the local school children visiting us too, the teaching staff were impressed

with the history available to them and the displays.

A visit from Tom and Sarah Bata in December whilst the Cardiff University students were with us. Tom showed us the Bata Heritage web site and

the 'pinterest' for more to explore search "Bata".

In the last newsletter we asked for memorabilia referring to the amenities of the old Bata Estate as we would love to be able to depict life in picture format, but we are a little short on certain items. Can you help as we are still looking for some



photographs — remember the double Clanger and swings in the playground. Perhaps you have photographs and they are in the background, do they show the coffee bar, swimming pool, tennis courts or play areas.

80th Anniversary of the Bata Record

An extract

The Old man at the gates, who used to think that life was worth living as he sat in his cottage, has now got to work, opening and closing the gates for the stream of traffic which day by



day gets larger, to and from the factory. Who knows but that one day East Tilbury will be noted for the manufacture of boots and shoes throughout the length and breadth of England, and perhaps, into the outside world beyond?

To Messrs. Bata's and their employees we say, "You have spoilt our rural East Tilbury. Your houses and factories are not beautiful because they are made by man. The cornfields had charm of their own; you have taken them from us and I suppose, they will never return. But, because you have brought work, we welcome you to this beautiful countryside, and although your buildings may not be objects of beauty, yet they can mean you are bringing happiness and prosperity to many homes, who for long months have felt the pinch of unemployment.

To the employees I say—Do your

best. This new system which you are working is good. It may not be British, but because it is not British it does not necessarily mean that it is wrong, or harmful. The thousands of employees at Zlin are working under this system, in conditions as good as yours with a higher pay, because they are naturally more proficient, but I am looking forward to the time when all who are working in this factory will be earning higher wages for a forty-five hour week under conditions which I believe are equal, if not better than many of our up-to-date factories in this country. Your success is the success of the firm. The firm's success is yours. Loyalty pull together, and may God's Blessing be upon you all. WM.CHAS.BOWN.

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Snippets

"I'm going to live the other side of those gates."

Out and About

Our talk has been to U3A Brentwood, and it has created more interest from other groups. If you would like to help with these occasions please step forward our "talkers" would like others to help lighten the load.

People from Cardiff University visited during Open Day week last October.

Talk at Chafford WI went really well, there were people there with connections

A talk given to West Tilbury WI, advertised as 'Bats' in the gazette, but Mike stuck to his normal content for the talk.

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The following people would like to be contacted:

Russell Bland

Billy Eldridge

If you have details please let us know so that we may pass it on, thank you.

Sadly we report the news of the death of our friends:

Don Williams

Vi Purkiss

and

Joan James

Please keep us informed if you have news of the ex-Bata employers and their families.

Our volunteers would be happy to accept your items

When someone walks into the library and then on into the centre one would greet them with sincerity and enthusiasm, all receive the same attention so each will feel like a very special person. This time we have entertained Betty O'Neill from Australia nee Jagielski and Rosemarie Bata Blyth (the clue is in the name) who came to research material. The forthcoming 120th anniversary book with reference to T & A Bata founded in 1894 was researched here perhaps we will get an acknowledgment

Rev WC Bown the Rural Dean and vicar of Tilbury dock now received official intimation that his son Peter Bown, who was for sometime a worker at East Tilbury, was killed during the evacuation of the British Forces from Greece Capt S Bown the vicars second son who was a member of the buying dept was married at St Johns church Tilbury Dock on Tuesday, to Miss Diana Catling of the Woman's Land army.. Rev J Bown CF the vicars eldest son was taken prisoner at Dunkirk.

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