

HAVERHILL AT WORK

Do you remember when?



Addis: "They used to come round and ask you what rolls you wanted from Ellis's for lunch. We always had our rolls from there"

Project: "We did a table for Maggie Thatcher. I don't know if it went into 10 Downing Street but we did one for her when she was in power."



Project's 'dream office' for Maggie

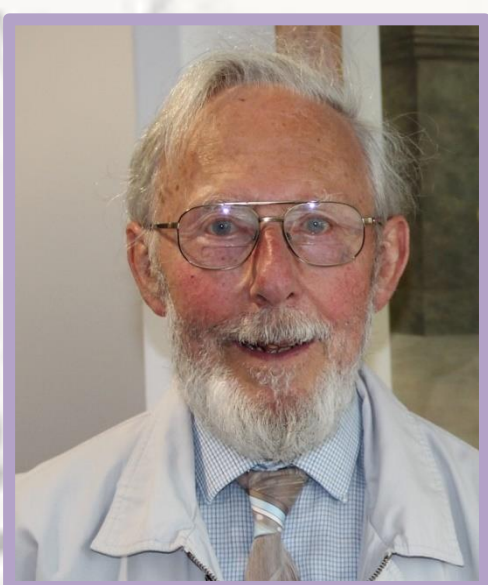


1,230 benefit in Glasswells distribution

More people than ever queued for the traditional Christmas distribution of tea and sugar to pensioners by Glasswells in Haverhill last week.

Glasswells: "One thing they used to do was to have a tea and sugar day just before Christmas. They used to invite all the OAPs in and give them a bag of tea and a bag of sugar. The queue would go from the main door up past the Town Hall. They did that for decades until the late 1980s"

HMP: "The pigs had a swimming excursion. They escaped from the abattoir - one of the gates must have been undone. They got into the river running alongside the abattoir and they swam right up to Thurlow. They had to send vans up to collect them."



Project: "At dinner time in the summer we used to play cricket out the back. We made cricket balls out of brown paper and some scotch glue. They were harder than a real one. Some bright spark only smashed a window!"



Halliburton: "After the permanent night shift was stopped, the welding shop had to work a month on and a month off on nights. I absolutely hated it and so did my wife so one night I went in and handed my notice in. The supervisor said 'Just go and read the notice board.' I did and it said that all platers would be going back on permanent days because they'd had complaints from people in Beaumont Vale about the noise. After that we fabricated during the day and welded at night."

Pye Telecommunications: "Remember when we had that bad winter - was it 1963? From Gurteen's factory all the way up the High Street the women had to link arms. That was the only way they could get up there. That was a bad time, it lasted about ten weeks."

What memorable things can you recall from your time at work?

Factory noise upsets residents

Residents of Beaumont Vale have complained about noises in the night from a nearby factory on the industrial estate at Haverhill.

And they have told Haverhill Urban Council that a private housing estate should never have been allowed so close to a factory site.

