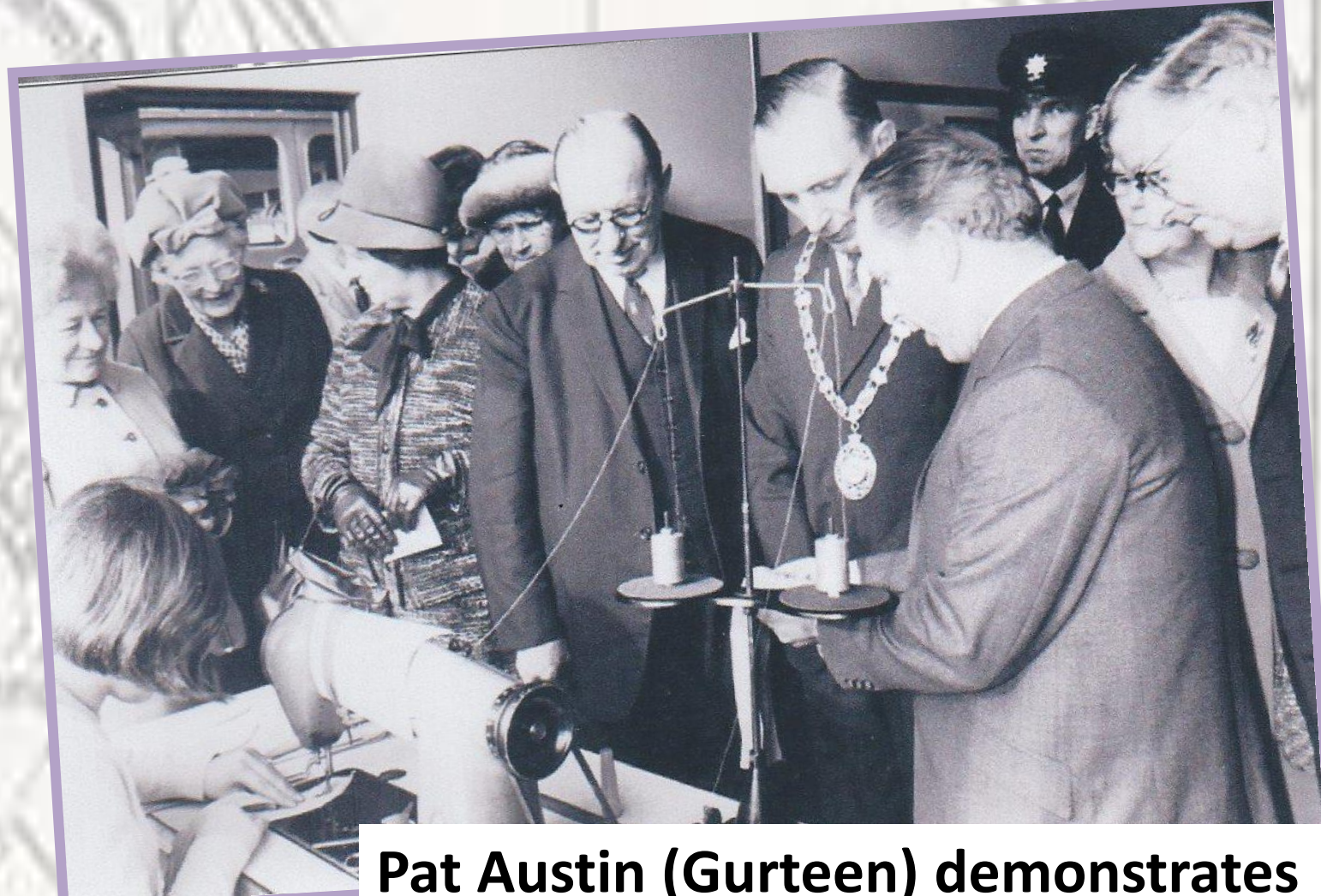


HAVERHILL AT WORK

In the spotlight

Many local firms had visits from members of the Royal Family and VIPs.



Hille helps Lord Snowdon with his bespoke design for a chair.



ROYAL VISIT FOR HMP

PRINCESS Anne is coming to Haverhill Meat Products plant at Little Wratting on July 11 to help the area's largest employers celebrated their 25th anniversary.

Prospects of the royal visit have absolutely delighted them, the general manager, Dan Pillar, said this week.

Princess Anne is due to arrive at HMP in the early afternoon of Monday, July 11 after visiting Felixstowe.

Mr Pillar said they hoped the princess

would be able to officially open the new £140,000 extensions to be carried out at the company's sports pavilion.

HMP, with a payroll of more than 2,000 are one of the largest employers in Suffolk and have one of the biggest integrated meat plants in Europe.

The company was set up when meat was de-controlled in 1954, but started at Little Wratting in 1958 as a pilot plant for sweet cure bacon alongside the existing abattoir. They used the site that had

ben occupied by Frank Sainsbury's egg packaging station.

The princess will be shown round the plant, but the exact arrangements had yet to be worked out, said Mr Pillar.

The pavilion extensions are being jointly financed by the company and the social club at HMP. It will provide a new sprung floor for badminton, a new social hall and bar, overlooking both the cricket and soccer pitches and the bowls green.



Colour portrait of HRH by Patrick Lichfield

PROGRAMME

- 3.00 p.m. Arrival of Her Royal Highness by helicopter on the Sports Field, accompanied by Sir Joshua Rowley, Bt, Lord Lieutenant of the County of Suffolk, and Lady Rowley.
- 3.05 p.m. Royal Party proceeds by Range Rover to General Manager's office.
- 3.30 p.m. Tour of Bacon Department.
- 3.45 p.m. Tour of Meat Plant.
- 3.55 p.m. Visit to Microbiology Laboratory.
- 4.05 p.m. Visit to Main Office.
- 4.10 p.m. Royal Party returns by Range Rover to Sports Field.
- 4.15 p.m. Princess Anne unveils Commemorative Plaque at entrance to new Sports Pavilion.
- 4.20 p.m. Tour of Sports Field area.
- 4.40 p.m. Tea.
- 5.00 p.m. Her Royal Highness leaves by helicopter.



Jackie Pallo at a Signpost Paints stand.



Project: "At an exhibition I met Prince Edward. Nobody talked to me though. Shop floor you see!"

Artist Stuart Brisley was contracted to work in the Hille furniture factory in 1970 and was responsible for 'The Wheel' - made out of 212 chair frames which represented the continuity of the factory belt. Many will remember this iconic sculpture which was sited at the entrance to the factory on Hamlet Green.



Michael Jopling, the Minister of Agriculture (second left), watching part of the meat plant operations during his tour of Haverhill Meat Products. He was accompanied on his left by Sir John Sainsbury and, on his right, by Dan Pillar, general manager of HMP.