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When 14,000 People Came to Tea

People were stunned at the size of our Plant — we were stunned at the size of the crowd who turned up at our Open Day on June 10! They started coming in at 1.15 pm and the queue of cars stretched at one time for more than a mile from Barton Corner. People had been working all the morning finalising preparations and the Plant looked a place to be proud of by the time

the first of the many arrived. Despite the weather's un-June-like behaviour everyone and everything looked sunny. Well presented displays and descriptions, guides official and unofficial, helped visitors understand more about the work we do. Security staff played a large part in welcoming people — our picture shows Maurice Knight making a family feel 'at home'.



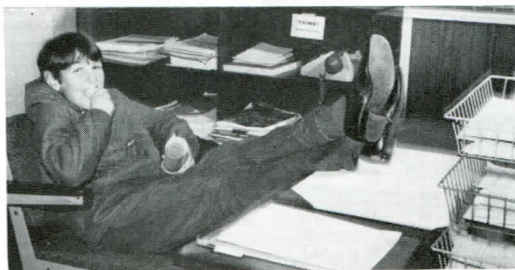
Rank Xerox Mitcheldean Open Day



*'I could do this job
with my eyes shut.'*

**PHOTOS:
JACK SEAL**

*'Yes, I'm sure office life
would suit me.'*



A happy assembly.



Message from General Manager Peter Salmon

There can be no doubt that the recent Open Day was an unqualified success. I think you will agree that all the work involved in its organisation proved worthwhile.

Our visitors very much appreciated the opportunity to look round our 'little city' as one person called it. It was also obvious that your families enjoyed seeing where you work and how your particular sphere of operation fits into the general scheme of things at Mitcheldean.

Although we thought there might be a few more than the 7,500 expected, never for one moment

did we imagine the figure would be practically double that amount. It seems the interest we have generated in the area is even greater than we had thought!

It is to the credit of all involved with the organisation of the event that they coped with the situation so admirably. I have written to as many of those concerned as possible, thanking them for their part in ensuring the success of our Open Day. If I have omitted anyone, will they please accept this as an expression of our sincere appreciation.



'My feet are killing me!' One lady found the perfect answer to getting around and taking the weight off her feet at the same time.

The Band of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers play a with-it selection.



Gunther Matthes gets a hand with the 4000 copier he is demonstrating.



Looking at the image of a point source produced by a copying lens in Optics/Xerographics, Development Laboratory.

● 'I'm amazed at the quality of the equipment and facilities,' said a business consultant who visits manufacturing establishments all over the world.

● They were gazing at the display of components in the Machine Shop. Said one wife: 'All that precision work — I think this is the most fascinating place in the Plant.'



Length standards used for standardising measuring instruments on display in the Standards Room.



Don Peates, Model Shop Manager, shows visitors a numerical control machine tape. Displayed are a variety of jobs carried out by our model makers.

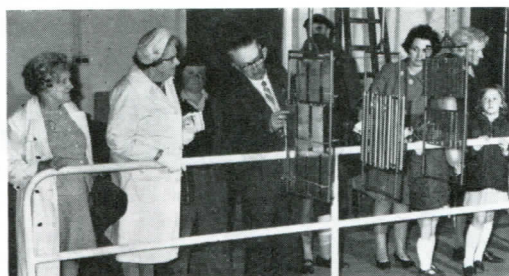


People played noughts and crosses with the computer all afternoon but no one managed to beat it.

● 'It's the biggest number I've ever catered for in one fell swoop,' said Jim Bennett of Sutcliffe Catering Co. People consumed 700 lb of ham, 250 gallons of tea.



Children swarmed over the fire tender and played at being firemen.

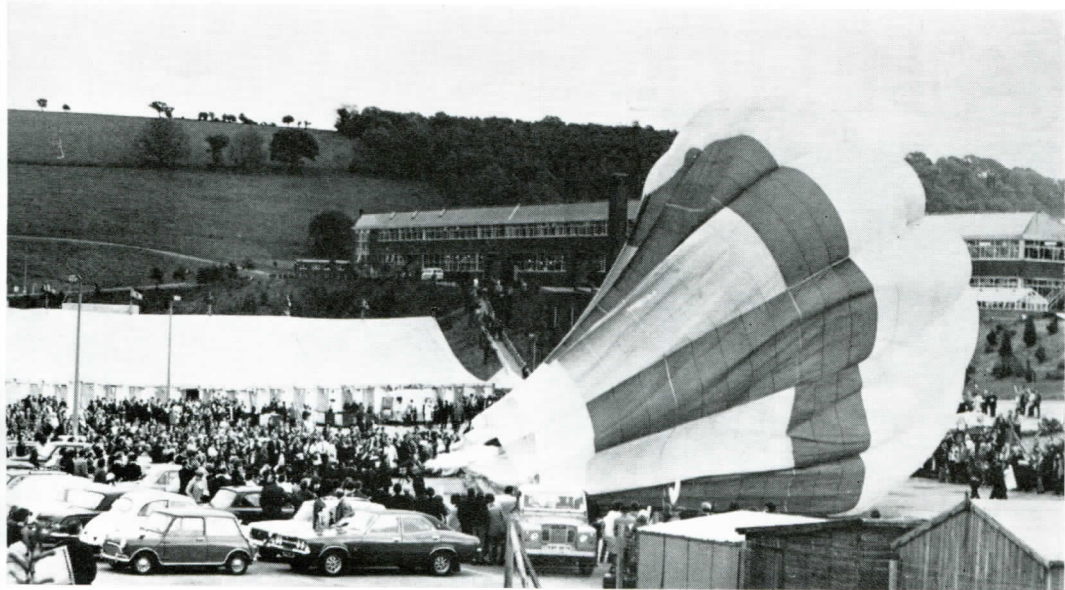


George Matthews, who used to work in Small Batch, looks with practised eye at parts undergoing automatic plating.



Ices were handed out non-stop.

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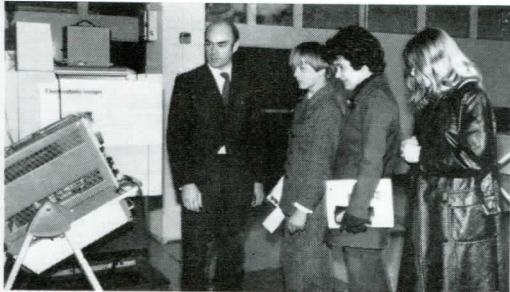
Three men were to have gone up in the basket attached to the hot-air balloon; unfortunately the blustery wind made it unsafe to get the balloon airborne, but we nearly lost a couple of Security men! They were helping to keep it secure while hot air, heated by burning propane gas, filled the 50 ft diameter balloon. Buffeted by the wind, it

lurched around until finally a panel was pulled open to release the air and the whole thing collapsed. The children had more success with their gas-filled balloons — clusters of them were seen taking off — the balloons, that is, not the children!

Balloons for the little ones were handed out by apprentices.

● A mother approached our Security Chief and reported the loss of her son. Bert Charnley found him at last, absorbed in 4000 Assembly. 'You've lost your mother, haven't you, my lad?' he asked. 'Yes', replied the little fellow, 'and I couldn't care less!'

Visitors to Optics/Xerographics in Development Laboratory look at electrostatic image formation on the 3600 drum — Jim Solly is explaining all about it.



Everyone's eye is caught by the automatic testing set for cable assemblies.

