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for staff and their families.

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Staff communications campaign gets underway

ROADSHOW TOUR

IS PLANNED

by Jackie Unsworth

EVERY member of staff should by now have received a copy of the 'Countdown to Flotation' newsletter giving details of the Government's share offers to employees. Manweb Chairman Bryan Weston has also written to our pensioners about their entitlement.

There will, of course, be a lot more information to be given about the share offers in the coming months and Manweb is planning a major employee communications campaign to keep everybody in the picture.

Each member of staff will receive at their home a booklet giving details about the offers. It is planned that these will be sent out early in October. A similar booklet is being produced for Manweb pensioners.

This will be followed up with a special roadshow, which will tour the Districts during October and the beginning of November, and to which all employees will be invited.

The roadshow - due to get underway on October 15th -

will take the form of a video and slide show with commentary, highlighting the main points of the share offers. Each presentation, lasting approximately an hour and a half, will end with a question and answer session.

Administrative Services Manager Tom Hamilton, who is co-ordinating the communications campaign, said: "Having received their booklets beforehand, employees who are unsure about any points will be able

to ask questions during the roadshow.

"Of course, under the Financial Services act, we cannot give investment advice, but we will give as much information as possible about the offers and the new Sharesave Scheme."

During the roadshow, three presentations will be held per day at each location, to give all employees the opportunity to attend, and these will be given by a senior member of each district's management team,

supported by a Head Office manager.

A special telephone 'hotline' is also to be set up for members of staff who wish to ask questions about the flotation of Manweb. The employee helpline, which will be made available at the beginning of October, will be manned by Tom Hamilton, Personnel Policy Adviser Don Roxburgh and Principal Assistant, Personnel Policy, Gill Farren, and it will incorporate an answerphone facility so that mes-

sages can be left outside office hours.

Further details of the special helpline will be given in next month's Contact. A separate helpline facility for retired staff is also to be made available.

Don Roxburgh said: "Important information about the share offers is to be sent out to employees in the coming months and it is vital that our staff records are kept up to date. If there are changes to an employee's name or address details, it is important that they tell their local personnel section."

ROADSHOW TIMETABLE

October 15th and 16th - Clwyd and Oswestry; 17th - Aberystwyth; 17th and 18th - Gwynedd; 18th, 19th, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th and 26th - Head Office (including Queensferry Stores); 22nd and 23rd - Mid Cheshire; 24th, 25th and 26th - North Wirral (including Hoylelake Training Centre); 29th and 30th - North Mersey and Mid Mersey; October 31st, November 1st and 2nd - Liverpool and Dee Valley.

If any staff are unavoidably unable to attend their scheduled presentations these dates should be noted.

Owen elected Mayor again!

TAKING up the chains of office is getting to be a habit for Oswestry Meter Operative Owen Jones (pictured).

Owen has been elected Oswestry's Town Mayor, having previously served in the same capacity in 1978 and 1979. He was also Borough Mayor in 1983.

A councillor on both the Borough and Town Councils since 1972, grandfather Owen has worked for Manweb since 1950, when he joined as an Electrician. He became a Meter Operative in 1975 and is a past Chairman of the Manweb Works Committee.

Owen, whose father was also Mayor of Oswestry in 1942, is Chairman of the town's Twinning Association and also founder Chairman of the Shropshire Association of Twinned Communities.

In his civic capacity, Owen recently visited France to take part in the celebration of 10 years of twinning between Oswestry and Combs la Ville.

Manweb's Oswestry District has the proud distinction of having had two Mayors on the payroll. In 1988 Sub-Station Attendant John Pritchard served as the Town Mayor.

(Picture by Adrian Chesworth)



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New Southport shop manager

MANWEB has appointed Paul Meacock the new Manager of the Lord Street, Southport shop.

Paul, 26, (pictured above), has worked for Manweb for six years and lives in Oxtan on the Wirral. Before moving to Southport he spent two years as Assistant Manager at Birkenhead shop.

He said: "I am committed to maintaining a first class service to Manweb's Southport customers. Comments from people using the shop are essential if we are to give them what they want, and I'd welcome any feedback."



The end of an era

TAKING early retirement after completing 45 years' service in the electricity supply industry is 2nd Engineer Reg Cumpstey, pictured (centre) shaking hands with Liverpool District Manager Gerry Haughan, watched by Reg's wife Vera.

Reg, who worked in the Supplies Section of Network Services at Lister Drive, started his career with Liverpool Corporation as an Apprentice Electrician.

After National Service, he became an Electrician in Liverpool Central District, eventually moving to Liverpool South as an Assistant Section Engineer. He remained in that post on creation of Liverpool District, later becoming 2nd Engineer.

Reg, a long serving church warden and magistrate, was presented with a trouser press and other gifts by his friends and colleagues at Lister Drive.



Staff say 'goodbye and good luck'

STAFF at Head Office gathered to wish Jack Barnes, Principal Assistant in Wayleaves, good luck in his retirement. Jack joined Manweb in 1960 as a Clerk in the Wayleaves Department at Rhostyllen, having previously worked for the National Coal Board and private mining companies since 1939, except for three-and-a-half years during the Second World War when he served in the Royal Navy.

During his wartime service he was involved in the D-day landings at Normandy before going to the Far East to fight against Japan in the South Seas. He visited Australia, New Zealand and several exotic islands in this period.

On return to the NCB he was

appointed Managing Clerk to Tom Ellis, who later became an MP, at Bersham Colliery.

After his spell with Manweb at Rhostyllen, Jack transferred to Head Office and was eventually promoted Principal Assistant. In addition to Dee Valley, he also

had stints at Clwyd, Oswestry, Aberystwyth and Mid Cheshire districts.

Married with two daughters and three grandchildren, Jack and his wife Jean, a former nurse, are both involved in charity work, including the League of Friends at

Wrexham Maelor Hospital.

Jack, who was presented with a music centre by colleagues, is pictured (4th from the left, front row) shaking hands with Consents Manager Ron Rose, surrounded by his many friends at Manweb. Also pictured is wife Jean, who received a bouquet.

A super send off

COLLEAGUES at Clwyd turned out in force to give Craftsman Cable Jointsman Johnny Jones a super send off.

Johnny, 65, pictured (centre left) shaking hands with Derek Robinson, 1st Engineer, Supplies, had completed 35 years' service with Manweb at Rhyl.



He started out in 1955 as a Labourer and three years later

was appointed Jointsman's Mate. In 1961 he became a fully-fledged

Jointsman, and in 1964 a Craftsman Jointsman on 33kV cables.

Career 'brake'

FOUR Lister Drive garage staff have put the brakes on their careers with Manweb. Jimmy Rooney, Tommy Bagen, Teddy Howe and Ron McShane have all retired from the Transport Workshops.

Chargehand Fitter Jimmy, 61, a father-of-four, had clocked up 39 years' service. A member of the Royal Ancient Order of Buffaloes, he was the first qualified motor mechanic employed by Manweb.

Fitter Tommy, 57, who was also the



Garage Shop Steward, had worked for Manweb since 1982, while Teddy, a Fitter's Mate in Paintshop Preparation, had completed 11 years' service. Married with one son, 63-year-old Teddy retired early through

ill health.

Workshop Engineer Ron, 53, joined Manweb in 1975. Married with two children, his hobbies are boating and vintage cars.

Special Projects and Transport

Manager Dave Stevenson is pictured (centre left) presenting a microwave cookware set to Jimmy Rooney, surrounded by colleagues. Also pictured is Jimmy's wife Connie and daughter Elaine.



Early retirement

MID Mersey Customer Accounts Manager Bob Vernon presents a stereo radio cassette to Amendments Supervisor Norma Iley, who has taken early retirement.

Norma, who also received gifts of pottery and flowers from her colleagues, joined the industry in 1958 at Norweb's Kendal Office. She later transferred to Manweb at Warrington because of her husband Ron's work commitments.

Throughout her service,

Norma has always worked in Customer Accounts. Before joining the industry she worked in insurance.

In her spare time she enjoys reading, crosswords and knitting, and she has been a keen member of the "Has Beens" in the District's departmental quiz competitions.

Husband Ron, pictured between Bob and Norma, joined Customer Accounts staff in wishing her a happy retirement.

Pastures new

MOVING to pastures new is popular Clerical Assistant Rachel Ashbrook, who is starting a new job with Dee-side packaging company Van Leer. Rachel, who worked in Central Purchasing for three years and before that in the Pensions Section, has been appointed Admin Clerk in the Sales Department.

Furry friend

LITTLE Penny Rose said hello to a furry friend when Manweb donated teddy bears to Loushers Lane Special School in Warrington.

The toys were left over from an electricity promotion campaign, were presented by Mid Mersey Energy Sales Manager Bill Hatton after BBC radio's Norman Thomas helped find the bears deserving homes.

Penny received her bear - which makes a growling noise when tilted - after the pupils' names were drawn from a hat.

Her mum, Jenny, said: "Penny is three and severely retarded. She doesn't talk, but when we made teddy growl, she growled back and they had quite a conversation!"

The bear is now a firm favourite with the little girl, who lives in Culcheth, near Warrington.

Other teddies went to a second Loushers Lane pupil, Simon Crozier, and Louise



Booth of Cavendish Special School, Warrington.

Penny is pictured with her cuddly companion

Obituary

IT is with sadness that Contact reports the death of North Mersey Meter Operative Barry Crawford on June 15.

Barry, 58, who was based at Southport Depot, had been ill for a short time with cancer. He leaves a widow Elsie and daughter Karen.

A keen golfer, Barry, who had only worked for Manweb since 1986, having previously been self employed and before that a representative for a plastics firm, was a member of the Manweb Golf Society.

The Society's Bridle Road branch is now planning to dedicate a 'Barry Crawford Memorial Cup' in his honour.

Barry's Foreman George Canavan said: "He was very courageous about his illness, which came as a terrible shock to everybody. It all happened so suddenly."

It is with sadness that we also report the deaths of the following retired Manweb employees.

Thomas Emyr Jones, 64, died on June 9. He was a Chargehand Storekeeper at Dee Valley District until his retirement in 1987.

Francis Joseph Suffield, 46, a Craftsman in Meter Test, Lister Drive, until retiring in April this year, died on June 12.

Stanley Baker, 83, who retired in 1967 as an Installation Inspector, Area 1, died on June 19.

Herbert Frost, 76, a Joiner's Mate, died on June 21. He retired from North Wirral District in 1979.

Robert Henry Griffin, 66, who died on June 27, was a Storekeeper at Dee Valley District before his retirement in March last year.

Robert Owen Jones, 94, was an Electrician at Barmouth until retiring in 1961. He died on June 25.

Denis Campbell, 86, who died on July 10, was an Electrical Fitter, Area 1, before retiring in 1969.

James Atkin, 70, died on July 27. Before retiring in 1985, he was a 2nd Engineer at Dee Valley District.

'Green' power plan could be in the pipeline

MANWEB has joined forces with Associated Ocel to explore proposals for a new electricity generation scheme.

The two companies are carrying out a joint feasibility study into plans for a Combined Heat and Power (CHP) plant at Ocel's Ellesmere Port site.

If the proposals go ahead, the CHP station, which could produce 120 megawatts of electricity - enough to supply a town or city the size of Chester - could be operating by mid 1994.

Under the proposals Ocel, a major world supplier of specialist chemicals, would use around 40 megawatts of heat, supplied as steam, and 50 megawatts of electricity for its own chemical processes. The additional generation would be taken by Manweb for distribution and sale.

Manweb Power Projects Executive Peter Thomas said: "The scheme is still in its early stages and we've still a lot of groundwork to do. Both parties will only consider going ahead if it is shown to be financially sound, however it looks promising at this stage."

"Our next move will be to jointly appoint a Consulting

Engineer to firm up the proposals. If all goes well and both companies approve, construction work could start later next year.

Manweb's Power Projects team has been searching for opportunities to invest in new generation. The venture with Ocel would be the first.

The CHP plant envisaged for Ellesmere Port would comprise a number of gas turbine generators, with waste heat recovery boilers to provide the steam. The steam is used on site by Ocel with the balance being fed to a steam turbine to generate further electricity.

Peter Thomas, who is Secretary of the North West branch of the Combined Heat and Power Association, of which Manweb is a member, said: "We should all be conscious of the need to conserve scarce fossil fuels. CHP, as a method of turning these fuels into use-

ful energy, is more efficient than traditional methods of electricity generation.

"I expect that CHP will lead the way into environmentally friendly electricity generation into the next century. Gas-fired CHP reduces carbon dioxide emissions by half, compared with an equivalent coal-fired power station. In addition natural gas does not contain any sulphur dioxide, the gas which causes acid rain."

by Jackie Unsworth

MANWEB has recently been visited by Health and Safety Executive Inspectors and an Electrical Inspector from the Department of Energy, writes Colin Herbert, Corporate Health and Safety Manager.

The three HSE Inspectors came to discuss the action taken following recent accidents to prevent recurrence, to consider the changes in working methods following the introduction of the Electricity at Work Regulations on April 1 this year, and to remind us that accidents notifiable to the HSE under the appropriate regulations should be reported within the specified timescale.

The Department of Energy Inspector, Mr David Dolbey-Jones, was with us for three days carrying out an audit of installations in Manweb to determine if the company is complying with the Electricity Supply Regulations.

Mr Dolbey-Jones is one of four Senior Electrical Inspectors working for the Department, and he is responsible for looking at "Sup-

SAFETY SCENE

Accidents are 'tip of iceberg'

by Derek Jackson

SAFETY auditing has been going on in Manweb for some time using traditional methods of inspection and investigation of the workplace and working practises, and although these play a very important part in reducing accidents, they do not necessarily identify the root cause of the problems that lead to accidents.

A great deal of work has been carried out by specialists in the field of safety, notably in the twenties and thirties by Heinrich and in later years by Frank E. Bird. Both specialists identified that actual accidents are only the tip of the iceberg and many more situations exist in the workplace which could lead to accidents, but probably due to good fortune are avoided.

With this in mind and with a wealth of experience behind him, Mr Bird designed the International Safety Rating System. This system grades the performance of a company or unit in the area of safety, but more importantly it identifies a way forward.

Using trained auditors working to a set pattern, the system looks at the complete safety organisation, from the management of a company down to the shop floor, and considers 20 separate elements, ranging from the management's leadership and administration to off-the-job safety. There are several "key points" which characterise the system, as follows:

- * The system is one of control rather than reaction. It is looking principally for good organisation to prevent accident situations arising rather than the correction of situations once an accident has happened.

- * Improvements in the management of safety will also create improvements in the areas of quality and control.

- * The system, being well documented and implemented by trained auditors working to a set standard provides a measurement of performance that is internationally recognised.

- * The system, as well as providing a score or rating, provides a plan to aid the gradual improvement of safety performance.

Most of the suggested changes are introduced gradually over several months, based on priorities determined by the system. The ISRS as it is known has been successfully implemented by international companies such as Dupont and is used by British Petroleum in their activities all over the world.

British Rail and London Underground have also adopted the system following serious accidents at Clapham Junction and Kings Cross.

The ISRS is an American-based system and operates via agencies throughout the world, the UK agents being the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents.

The system is to be introduced in Manweb on a District or unit basis and it will hopefully provide a valuable aid for improvement of safety performance throughout the company.

Concern over camp site hazards

pliers Works" - our substations, overhead lines etc - not only in Manweb but in three other electricity companies. He also considers supplies to customers.

In general terms he is the enforcement officer for the Regulations, ensuring the safety of the general public in relation to our equipment, and making sure we have taken all the necessary steps to prevent unauthorised access to our substations and overhead lines, and also that our customers have a safe and secure supply.

One of his tasks is to investigate fatal accidents to members of the general public when a supply company's plant or equipment is involved. He was particularly concerned at the number of camp sites springing up on land crossed by overhead lines and where the risk to campers putting up tents

with long poles is acute. In addition he mentioned the movement of boats on trailers with their masts erected.

As mentioned in last month's Contact, the summer campaign to promote safety awareness to children is well under way. Camp sites and boats on trailers are only two areas where children and adults alike must take care.

All members of staff can help in promoting the safety message to their family and friends and remember three videos are available from District Offices or from the Corporate Safety Section at Head Office to show to your family, friends, school or club. These are 'Play Safe' and 'Safe as Houses' (suitable for six to 12-year-olds) and 'Powerful Stuff' (12 to 18-year-olds).

Vote of thanks

Dear Editor,

A vote of thanks to the MANAGEMENT PLC, unofficially called "the thirteen men of letters", with regard to the street poster adverts these last nine months, with slogans and information about the jobs and trades of "the men and women of no letters". This is public relations Manweb plc. Well done!

A. Whittingham,
Meter Reader.

* Do you have an opinion to air or a view to share? Write to: The Editor, Contact, Room SE1, Manweb plc, Sealand Road, Chester CH1 4LR, making sure you include your name and address or work location. All letters are dealt with in strict confidence and your name can, upon request, be withheld.

Retirement round-up



Full steam ahead for a rail trip

IT was full steam ahead for members of Chester and Head Office Retired Staff Association, pictured before setting off to Oswestry District for a trip on the Welshpool and Llanfair Light Railway.

The outing included lunch at Manweb's Oswestry District Office, and the 45-strong party also had a tea break at the "end of the line".

CALLING ALL RETIRED STAFF RESIDING IN CLWYD DISTRICT

Have you joined the Manweb (Clwyd) Retired Members' Association? If not, contact either Denis Atkinson or Alan Spargo (telephone numbers below) to find out more about the Association.

Membership is open to all retired staff and their partners residing in the Clwyd District of Manweb plc.

The next Association outing will be to Coventry, visiting the old and new cathedrals and the shopping centre. If it can be arranged, lunch will be at the Coventry offices of East Midlands Electricity plc.

Further details from: Denis Atkinson, Rhuddlan (0745) 590878, or Alan Spargo, Prestatyn (0745) 688391.

A date for your diary

DEE Valley District's annual open meeting for employees will be held on Friday, September 28, at Rossett Hall Hotel, Chester Road, Rossett, Wrexham, starting at 6.30 p.m.

Any retired members of staff wishing to attend should contact either Mrs. Kath Sadowski or Huw Phillips at the District Office, on extension 2183 or 2141 respectively.

Congratulations

July long service

CONGRATULATIONS to the following Manweb employees who have clocked up 20, 30 or 40 years' service during July.

40 years : Head Office - Robert Gibson, Estates and Wayleaves Officer; Liverpool - George Rive, 1st Engineer, Supplies; North Wirral - Doreen Rushton, Clerical Assistant, General Services; Oswestry - George Hawkins, Craftsman Overhead Lines.

30 years : Head Office - Walter McIlhagga, 1st Engineer; North Mersey - Ron Garvey, Craftsman Cable Jointing; North Wirral - Brian Williams, Stores Foreman; Neil Jones, Service Electrician; Richard Withers, Joiner; Clwyd - Elfed Thomas, Craftsman Electrician.

20 years : Head Office - John Roberts, Chargehand Storekeeper (Queensferry); Gerda Schlangen, Clerical Assistant, Computer Services; Jane Sheppard, Principal Assistant, Transport Section; Ian West, Capital Accountant; Edwin Davies, Principal Assistant, Estates and Wayleaves; Liverpool - Eric Lee, Transport Foreman; Dee Valley - Gwynra Couzens, Clerical Assistant, Customer Accounts; North Wirral - Eric Morton, Meter Reader/Collector; Peter Upton, Installation Inspector.

Lucky numbers

THE lucky number 925 earned J.P. Warburton, of Head Office, the top prize of £300 in the EEIBA's May draw. The other winners were as follows.

£200 - M.A. Senior, Liverpool (1208); £150 - F. Jones, retired (2359); £100 - T. Boardman, retired (1523); £75 - J.G. Green, Oswestry (807) and E.A. Thomas, Oswestry (1050); £50 - V.D.J. Heard, retired (1931) and E. Hewitt, retired (2); £30 - M.T.C. Hadley, Mid Mersey (2520); £25 - T.I. Evans, retired (791), K.N. Healy, Head Office (462), G. England, retired (1670), T.M.W. Williams, Gwynedd (2587), N.S.M. Bebb, retired (1335), C.R. Pickavance, retired (2106), L. Boothby, Liverpool (1179), J.J. Jordan, retired (1653), J.L. Taylor, retired (1828), G. Atkins, Mid Cheshire (1231) and C.R. Bass, Clwyd (1069).

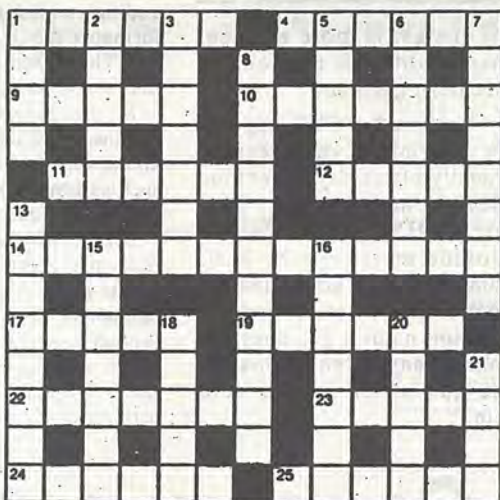
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ACROSS

1. Frost for instance is included as a rule (6), 4. It's the artist in a girl that makes her seek plunder (6), 9. Girl at the old place making a meal (5), 10. Apathy signalling danger in time of prosperity (7), 11. Our language in the East might get something going (6), 12. Not having had too much difficulty with robes (5), 14. See you later when there's not a conference? (9,4), 17. Warm tribute (5), 19. After six one's wise to show one's face (6), 22. Beginning an upward movement at the dance centre (7), 23. Famous bowler not making a duck (5), 24. One accepts there's some point in moving oil maybe (6), 25. Error of ten after a month is quite good (6).

DOWN

1. It could keep you afloat when the vessel's a non-starter (4), 2. Sound as if one doesn't appreciate the organ medley (5), 3. Grief when you finally depart this time (7), 5. Hanging a raider as his assistant escapes (5), 6. Clear blue Ida wanted for a changed (7), 7. Turn up with a gun about the time Sugar appears (8), 8. Aim to get a girl to take it in detachment (11), 13. Saint and foreign disciplinarian (8), 15. The affair is in progress after Ali's thrown out (7), 16. What's left dies out - feel sorry about that! (7),



18. That's the position (5), 20. It's serious where one's finally put down (5), 21. The yarn that gets across (4).

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A special celebration

BEST wishes to three North Mersey employees who are celebrating special milestones in their careers. Shift Electrician John Leatherbarrow and General Duties Assistant John Mayers, of Southport Depot, who have both clocked up 30 years' service, together with Section Engineer (Mains) Dave Winter, who has completed 20 years' service, were presented with their certificates by District Manager David Price.

Afterwards the trio, accompanied by their wives, were treated to a special lunch in the Sefton Suite at the District Office. Pictured at the award presentations are (left to right) Dot and John Leatherbarrow, District Manager David Price, Mains Manager Gwyn Williams, John and Margaret Mayers and Dave and Sue Winter.

Give us a call

WHAT'S new in your district or department? Have you an idea for a story or photograph? Then why not let Contact know?

Write, phone or come and talk to Contact Editor Jackie Unsworth in Public Relations, Room 5E1, Head Office, ext. 2090, or get in touch with one of the district Contact reps. They are as follows:

North Mersey: Edna Courtney, ext 2167; Liverpool: Teresa Kelly, ext 2117; Mid Mersey: Ena Harding, ext 2231; Dee Valley: Kath Sadowski, ext 2183; North Wirral: Mike Townson, ext 2202; Mid Cheshire: Pat O'Neill, ext 2111; Clwyd: Rod Taylor, ext 2118; Gwynedd: Malcolm Donaldson, ext 2250; Oswestry: Ian Mould, ext 2230; Aberystwyth: Keith Jones, ext 2202; Hoyle Training Centre: Pauline Lewis, ext 251.

Romance in the air

ROMANCE is in the air at Oswestry, where Office Manager Ian Mould has recently got engaged to Jane Lloyd, Manageress of the District Office canteen.

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Financial Highlights

	1990	1989
Turnover	£891.4m	£807.6m
Profit before taxation		
(cca basis)	£10.9m	£14.5m
(hca basis)	£37.7m	£39.5m
Operating profit before MWCA, interest and taxation		
(cca basis)	£24.1m	£26.6m
Operating profit before interest and taxation		
(hca basis)	£46.6m	£48.9m
Return on average net assets		
(cca basis)	3.5%	4.0%
(hca basis)	12.5%	14.2%
Gross capital expenditure	£81.4m	£57.4m
Number of customers	1,298,742	1,285,914
Total unit sales	17,266,726	16,943,614

Exciting new era is ahead

THIS has been an historic and truly remarkable year culminating in the vesting in Manweb plc on 31 March 1990 of the business of the Merseyside and North Wales Electricity Board, and the exciting opportunities of the new era that I believe this represents. The new structure of the industry has been formed and Manweb staff have made a significant contribution to many of the new features. I believe their professionalism has helped establish a standing and credibility for Manweb of which I am very proud.

Indeed I am grateful to all staff whose unfailing commitment to Manweb has enabled us to continue to operate the business during a period of radical change and organisational transition.

Despite a mild winter for the third year in succession, the amount of electricity units sold and distributed increased by 1.9 per cent to 17,267 GWh. Our trading activities managed a remarkably good 8.8 per cent increase in turnover to £50.7 million in what has undoubtedly been a very difficult year for retailing businesses.

Our overall turnover increased by 10.4 per cent in the year with operating profits before Monetary Working Capital Adjustment, interest and taxation on a cca basis down slightly, partly as a result of costs arising out of reorganisation. Had we not incurred these costs we would have met the Government's financial target of achieving a cca return before monetary working capital adjustment of four per cent on average net assets.

As we see the competitive market developing since 31 March 1990 some supply business unit sales are being lost. It is inevitable that this should happen, but margins on the supply

business are small. It is important to recognise that existing valued relationships with customers in our area will still be maintained and that we will continue to receive revenue from the core business of distributing those units.

It is obvious, therefore, that this year's accounts give little indication of future results and performance.

I believe the involvement of our people in the formation of the new regulatory and contractual regimes helped give us a clear appreciation of our new industry.

Experience

This understanding has been of benefit in the selection of a board of directors, with considerable breadth and length of experience and the development of our new Divisional organisation, which has enabled us to establish clear lines of policy, responsibility and accountability.

I would also like to take this opportunity of extending my appreciation for the significant contributions made by David Boulton, Richard de Zouche, John Griffiths, John Hooson and Duncan McAuslan who retired from Manweb during the year.

Their departure coincided with the end of a notable 40 year

history of the Merseyside and North Wales Electricity Board. In that time Manweb staff have accumulated years of knowledge and experience of managing the business, operating the network and, most importantly, serving the customer. I believe it is a long and commendable record and that it is also a sound foundation on which we can build.

Success in the new business environment will, I believe, require a sound understanding of the market, regulation, and other forces impacting on our business. Our strategies are being formulated against this background and work is continuing to analyse the impact of the still evolving competitive and regulatory situation and to determine our strategic response.

Our commitment to promoting energy efficiency and improving customer services will continue. At the same time we need to drive down operating costs and run the business better than ever. I believe new ideas and new thinking will come out of this new era to challenge accepted practices. Through our flexibility and adaptability, we will aim to form new relationships and enter into new ventures when the opportunity arises. The Manweb team has shown its ability to deal innova-

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Chairman Bryan Weston.

tively with the problems of the past. How much more should we be able to achieve given the freedom of the future?

I believe we have the right ingredients in place to meet the future and I am looking forward to the time when our staff and customers will be given the opportunity of becoming shareholders in the future of what is one of the largest companies wholly based in the region.

Bryan Weston
Chairman



Operating profit tops £24 million

THE outcome of the year's operation was a current cost operating profit of £24.1 million, before Monetary Working Capital Adjustment (MWCA), interest and taxation, on a turnover of £891.4 million.

The profit on a historical cost operating basis was £46.6 million.

Turnover increased by 10.4 per cent continuing the steady increase in business evident over recent years.

However, the £24.1 million profit was down by 9.4 per cent on last year reflecting in part the additional costs that arose as a result of reorganisation.

Additional expertise was brought in from the private sector and, in an effort to keep staff num-



Finance Director John Roberts.

bers and costs under control, many staff near retire-

ment took the opportunity of leaving early.

For the year 1989/90, nearly £7 million of expenditure associated with early retirements was charged against profits.

Debts

Had this not been incurred, the Government's target for the year would have been achieved. As it was, the return, before MWCA, on average net assets valued at current cost was 3.5 per cent, compared with the Government target of 4 per cent.

During 1989/90 there was a reduction in the charge for bad debts. At

the same time improved collection procedures were introduced and cash flow was improved through increased use of budget accounts and card meters.

The charge was equivalent to just under 0.3 per cent of income from sales of electricity.

The most significant plans approved during the year for capital expenditure on Manweb's infrastructure amounted to £7.5 million on constructing a new warehouse and improving the site at Queensferry.

The new facilities were designed to provide the additional storage needed to meet expected future

requirements in appliance sales and commercial contracting, and engineering activities. £2.5 million was approved for the final stage of improvements at the Mid Mersey District Office and depot.

Captive

In addition, the capital expenditure figure includes a sum of almost £7 million arising from the upgrading of our mainframe computer.

Our new Treasury department began operat-

ing in April 1989 when we assumed responsibility for managing our own funds from the Electricity Council.

As the central insurance arrangements were disbanded with effect from 31 March 1990, the need arose for alternative provisions. Consequently, we established two captive insurance companies as wholly owned subsidiaries.

Apart from providing corporate insurance this should allow us to expand our 'Surecare' extended warranty insurance cover on appliances.

Financial review

Managing Director's Report



Managing Director Richard Gales.

Continuing our commitment to the community

FOR much of the year under review we have been operating with our new organisational structure. In March 1990 we established three separately accountable businesses, each headed by an Executive Director, reflecting our core activities.

These are Network Services: responsible for developing, maintaining and operating our distribution network; Power Marketing, responsible for the purchase of bulk electricity, electricity generation, energy marketing, load development, billing and income collection; and Trading, responsible for appliance retailing and servicing and electrical contracting. We also have a Finance Department, together with Company Secretariat, Human Resources, Information Services, Management Services and Public Relations Departments.

Environment

In July 1989, a unit was installed at our Queensferry stores to extract chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) from fridges and freezers for return to the manufacturers. We offer the service free to our customers who trade in appliances and also to local authorities for a fee.

Local authorities were also involved in a cost-sharing venture to put underground the overhead lines in the village of Prees in Shropshire.

Similar co-operation from the Merseyside Development Corporation will allow the dismantling of an overhead gantry line running along the Leeds-Liverpool Canal and the undergrounding of new cable.

During the year we were also involved in introducing companies to energy-efficient

electrical technology that had environmental benefits.

Bass Brewing (Preston Brook) installed a Venturi aerator to oxygenate a pre-treatment tank in order to control odours during effluent treatment.

J. K. Smit Ltd., a diamond tool manufacturer, introduced a new nickel plating process which resulted in a reduction in effluent and improved working conditions due to fume reduction.

A steam compression package installed at Crosfield Chemicals reduced greenhouse gas emissions to the atmosphere.

Community

Throughout the year we continued our commitment to the community by giving assistance to charities and through sponsorship of sports,

arts and education.

This winter we again tried to help our elderly customers by supporting the campaign against hypothermia.

We provided free room thermometers and videos on hypothermia to caring agencies for distribution to those people most at risk.

Some of our most notable projects included the Manweb/Chronicle Community Awards for significant contributions to the Cheshire and North Wales community, the Manweb Music Machine which provided opportunities for young local musical talent as well as bringing new bands to the region, Red Star Brouhaha which was the largest International Festival of Youth Theatre staged in Britain and the Discovery Dome Hands on Science Exhibition which was visited by nearly 40,000 people at

Bodelwyddan Castle.

We are also concerned to increase awareness among the public of the dangers that can be associated with electrical equipment.

We send free videos and literature to schools in the region, issue regular press releases and this year launched a play produced and performed in schools by the touring Premier Theatre company.

Staff

Staff numbers increased during the year by 137 reflecting growth in business and preparations for restructuring of the electricity distribution and supply industry.

Specialist skills were brought into areas such as the Company Secretariat and Power Marketing, and a Regulator Relations department was created.

We recruited 66 craft apprentices and 8 young people started the Youth Training Scheme. Our commitment to training continued during the year with about 1500 staff attending courses ranging from customer care and marketing through to management skills. Altogether some 3500 man days training was provided.

We again participated in the industry's Public Speaking Competition and Paul Dobson from Energy Marketing in Liverpool District achieved second place in the men's final.

During the year our communications programme for staff was supplemented by the introduction of videos and two-way communications.

A research study was also



Colin Leonard, Director Power Marketing (left) and I face the press during the annual results conference held at

completed to give all staff the opportunity of airing their views on Manweb, communications and privatisation.

Customer Representation

The interests of Manweb's customers have been represented for over 40 years by the Merseyside and North Wales Electricity Consultative Council which was an independent statutory body appointed by Government.

The Council ceased to exist on 31 March 1990. We have always valued the work, commitment and co-operation of the Council and we wish the out-going staff and members well.

Since 31 March 1990 a regional Consumers' Committee has replaced the Council and assists the Director General of Electricity Supply in regulating the electricity industry.

Finance Department

Network Services

Above: The organisation



The cameras roll as Managing Director Richard Gales and Director Power Marketing Colin Leonard answer questions during the annual results press conference.



A year of radical change in Power Marketing many areas



Director Power Marketing
Colin Leonard.

IT has been a year of radical change in many areas of the Power Marketing Division. As well as continuing to operate the business, we have also successfully established new functions to meet the requirements of a restructured industry in which the established rules of buying and selling electricity were being completely re-written.

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We also set up a new department with the aim of providing a personal, comprehensive service (covering all aspects of our business functions) to our largest users.

Sales of electricity

Sales of electricity in 1989/90 were up by 1.9 per cent on last year's figures, bringing the total number of units sold to 17,267 million; an increase of over 16 per cent on the total five years ago. The increases differ across the market sectors.

During the year we achieved an increase in industrial unit sales of electricity of 1.0 per cent, continuing the trend of recent years which has shown an increase of about 20 per cent since 1984/85.

Commercial unit sales were 7.3 per cent higher than those of last year. This market sector has continued a steady year on year increase growing by around 21 per cent over the past five years.

Electricity unit sales to domestic customers continued the slight growth evident in recent years increasing by 0.7 per cent in 1989/90; about 7.5 per cent higher than the sales achieved in 1984/85.

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During the year, the Ambassador Club, which is a reward scheme to encourage non-sales staff to bring in sales leads, resulted in almost £2 million of business in contracting, appliances, heating and insulation.

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April 1989 which was less than the rate of inflation at that time.

Our average electricity price over the last five years has only risen by 13.5 per cent whereas the retail price index has risen by 25.5 per cent.

Electricity losses

During the year we continued our programme of combating the theft of electricity by installing 24,475 of our meter security covers. A total of 84,748 have been installed since the campaign began in 1985.

We believe the activity contributed towards a reduction in our electricity losses from all causes including theft from 8 per cent in 1985/86 to 6.5 per cent reported this year.

Paying for electricity

As we continue our strategy to reduce disconnections, we are delighted to announce that, yet again, for the eighth year running, the number of disconnections has fallen.

Last year disconnections were down by 11 per cent to 2,609 compared with 2,924 the previous year and 9,300 eight years ago.

The reduction reflects, in part, the increased use of card-operated pre-payment meters. The number of customers with a card meter increased during the year by 119 per cent, bringing the total in use to 83,153.

Cards totalling £24.7 million in value were sold through our special arrangement with 1200 Crown and Sub Post Offices and through our shops.

A publicity campaign was used during the year to encourage customers to have a monthly budget account. The total number of customers paying monthly increased by 32 per cent to 219,146.

The scheme can help domestic and commercial customers budget for paying electricity bills and also helps improve our cash flow.

We have been working with the Plain English Campaign to improve the style and clarity of standard letters and were delighted during the year to receive a Crystal Mark in



The Witton Landfill generation site at Northwich.

recognition of our achievements.

We were also pleased in 1989 to improve the production of quarterly bills to our customers living in Wales.

For the first time we were able to provide computerised information in Welsh as well as English on a single pre-printed bilingual form.

Energy efficiency

We recognise the importance of energy efficiency and use Award schemes to promote awareness of the benefits.

Our 1989 PEP Awards for energy efficiency in industry were presented by the Energy Minister, the Rt. Hon. Peter Morrison MP in October.

Wound-dressing producer Beam Tech Ltd., of Tarvin, was one of two winners both of whom replaced gas with electrical technology. Their infra-red oven for drying a polymer membrane used as an artificial skin produced a remarkable payback period on capital outlay of five per cent.

The other winner was British Steel at Shotton who installed an electric induction galvannealing furnace for the production of iron-zinc coated steel strips in variable widths and thicknesses enabling them to

capitalise on increasing world-wide demands.

Our Beta Awards, for the efficient use of energy in public buildings, were won by Hynd Construction of Rainhill for an all-electric purpose-designed, new nursing home and the Grosvenor Arms Hotel, Pulford, for an all-electric 42-bedroomed extension.

In a project considered to have major impact on public sector refurbishments, three Merseyside tower blocks at Knowsley Heights were refurbished with new energy saving measures to a specification devised by Architect, Sydney Bolland, and funded by Manweb.

The improvements were designed to keep the cost of heating to £2 a week for the tenants who are mainly elderly or low-income families.

New technology

Manweb's advice to food processors Sous Chef Limited resulted in a world first in the catering industry through the successful installation of a novel ohmic heating process developed by the Electricity Research and Development Centre.

The process uses heat generated by the electrical resistance

resulting from current passing through food and has improved product quality, ease of operation, and energy efficiency in the preparation of their food products.

Electricity generation

During the year the viability of over 40 renewable schemes located in our area has been investigated, including the Mersey Barrage.

We have contracted to buy power from 30 March 1990 produced by hydro-electric generation in North Wales.

We are also interested in looking at waste incineration and landfill projects such as the co-operative venture with Cheshire County Council and Thomas Graveson Ltd., in which we arranged to buy the electricity generated by burning waste gases from Witton Landfill site at Northwich.

The site came on stream during the year, producing just under 1MW of electricity - enough to meet a third of Northwich town's energy requirements.

In undertaking joint studies with industrial partners, we are also investigating energy-efficient Combined Heat and Power schemes that offer competitively priced electricity.



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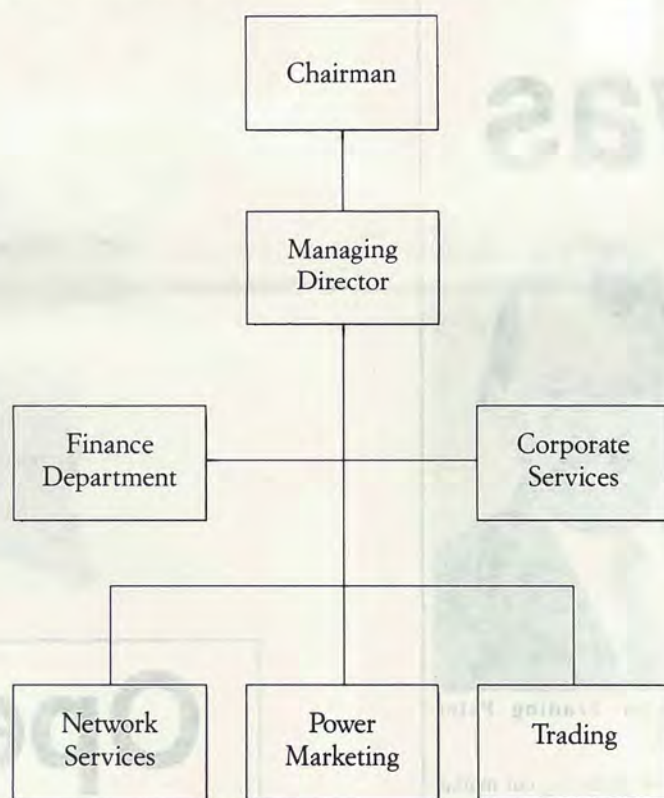
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Stormy weather tests Manweb's resilience

GROSS capital expenditure on the distribution system amounted to £57.0 million during the year. £34.2 million was spent on new supplies to industrial, domestic and other customers and refurbishing existing services, an increase of 21 per cent on last year's expenditure. This included a number of major engineering schemes in the oil refining, chemical production and aluminium extrusion industries.

In addition, investment increased by 77 per cent to £11.7 million to reinforce networks operating at 132kV, 33kV, high voltage and low voltage.

A further £11.1 million was spent refurbishing and replacing components of the distribution network at voltages from 132kV to low voltage. This represented a 50 per cent increase compared with 1988/89.

Schemes approved during the year included two major projects amounting to a substantial £7.1 million investment in extensive refurbishment of equipment and replacement of over 14km of underground cable that forms part of the supply to central Liverpool.

Applications have been made for grants from the European Regional Development Fund towards the Liverpool schemes and also towards the reinforcement costs for the network serving Milford, Mochdre, Caersws, Llanidloes and Carno.

Plans were also approved to provide a new distribution network for the redevelopment of Southport's Wintergardens Promenade and to reinforce the network in the town centre.

From July 1989 more than £0.75 million was approved for accelerating our programme of providing remote meter monitoring and data collection, for customers using 1MW or more.

Detailed information on electricity usage can be stored, accessed and transmitted to us automatically. The system aims to provide enhanced service through improved customer infor-

mation and flexibility in billing and load management.

Adverse

Adverse weather severely tested the resilience of the distribution network the year. In July 1989 the distribution network in Mid-Wales was seriously damaged by a lightning storm which affected some 70,000 customers. Almost all supplies were restored within two days.

At the end of January over 56,000 customers lost electricity owing to widespread damage caused by unusually severe gales which continued to affect the region intermittently until the end of February, and culminated in the severe storms and sea water flooding of about 3,500 homes and businesses around Kinmel Bay, Towyn and Pensarn.

During the first eight days of a massive co-ordinated relief effort, four sub-stations were repaired and customers' meters, circuits, equipment and appliances were checked, repaired or replaced.

Many services were provided free, or at a reduced cost or for payment later in the year.

Innovations

With the advent of a new generation of more efficient smaller batteries such as sodium sulphur cells, it may become economically viable to store electricity in battery systems for use on the network and to help manage electricity load.

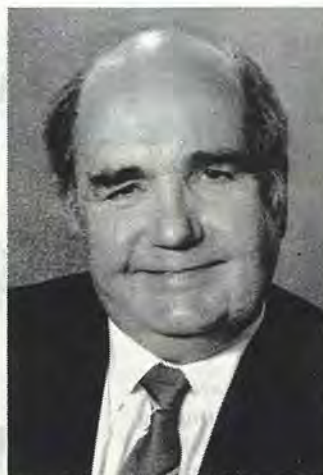
Pending the commercial availability of the new battery technology, we have developed a small storage system, using lead acid batteries to assess its economic and technical potential.

A long term plan has been developed to try to establish a computer based geographic record of the circuits and equipment on our distribution network.

The information would be available for a growing number of applications that need

geographic data, all of which would be linked to allow cross analysis.

The first of these applications was developed during the year, and aims to provide an advanced power network analysis system for planning high voltage networks.



Director Network Services
Denis Farquhar.

Network Services

Right: Wooden poles designed to blend into the landscape instead of steel towers.



Our position in the market place was strengthened

IN preparation for privatisation, a new Trading Division responsible for the non-regulated businesses was established. Radical restructuring of the appliance retailing and electrical contracting businesses to produce centralised appliance repair and delivery activities and larger contracting regions began during the year. When fully implemented, the restructuring should help reduce operating costs and provide a platform for business expansion.

For much of the year the appliance retailing market, regionally and nationally, was depressed principally as a result of high interest rates. In spite of this, appliance sales increased by 7 per cent and our position in the market place was strengthened with over 20 per cent of the white goods market in our area.

Sales of home laundry and refrigeration products remained buoyant, but the conventional

electric cooking market was static with sales of microwave cookers showing a significant reduction.

Plans to increase our share of the home entertainment 'brown goods' market produced encouraging early results with volume sales up 33 per cent.

The economic activity in the region helped the growth of the electrical contracting businesses with sales up 18 per cent on last

year to £13.1 million.

Overall the Trading Division's turnover was £50.7m, an increase on last year of 8.8 per cent. However, operating profit was below last year's level at £2.1 million, on a current cost accounting basis, due to additional expenditure on items such as shop refurbishment and other non-recurring costs, such as the re-organisation and development of the electronic point-of-sale system in shops.

Nearly £2 million was spent modernising and, in some cases, extending a number of shops including those at Birkenhead, Bootle, Chester, Huyton, St. Helens, St. John's precinct in Liverpool and Wrexham. Significant increases in sales were evident in the majority of shops after the investment had been made.

During the year, after researching potentially suitable sites, work started on our first out-of-town superstore at the Greyhound Park, Chester, with



Director Trading Peter Hopkins.

the aim of enhancing our market share in electrical goods retailing.

The pilot electronic point-of-sale system was introduced at the Ellesmere Port shop and following successful trials should be installed in all 58 shops during 1990.

In May 1989, Manweb seized the opportunity of becoming the main UK stockist of spare parts for appliances made by Vestfrost, a Scandinavian company. We believe the business has integrated well with our existing mail order operation.

During the year, the first steps were taken to achieve quality assurance accreditation to British Standard 5750 and equivalent European and international standards to enable us to compete in a wider market.

A management system, resources and training are being put into operation to help staff provide an improved quality service in the areas of contracting and appliance repair and servicing.



Appliance delivery service.

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Staff feature in advert campaign Meet our own 'local heroes'

MANY of you will have seen some familiar faces appearing in newspapers and on giant posters throughout the Manweb region.

This is the second phase of our advertising campaign designed to make our customers aware of the diverse range of skills and services we offer. And once again Manweb's staff are playing a starring role.

When we launched the first phase of the advertising campaign at the beginning of the year, we promised there would be more to come.

This time we have concentrated on our shops, the electricity network and contracting.

We want to show our customers that Manweb is experienced and expert but also friendly and approachable, and what better way to demonstrate this than through our own local heroes - our staff!

The new campaign features Oswestry Electrician Peter Morris, Overhead Linesman Jonathan Shaw, from Gwynedd District, and Sandbach Shop Manager Joan Jones.



He's done more on the high wire than the Flying Wallendas



Manweb Trust us to find a better solution

IMAGINE standing 200 feet up on a piece of scaffolding on the edge of a cliff with the wind whistling round your ears!

Well that's what Len Lawton, Creative Director of our advertising agency Valin Pollen, and photographer Howard Gray had to endure to get the shot for this poster just right.

But spare a thought for our local hero, Gwynedd Overhead Linesman Jonathan Shaw.

As the lighthouse beam in the background only came

Stars of the high wire act

round once every ten seconds, there were lengthy pauses in between each shot.

It was lucky that Jonathan really is a star of the high wire act!

Peter's model role really was hard slog

He knows more about showers than Michael Fish.



Manweb Trust us to find a better solution

THERE's more to a picture than meets the eye. It takes a lot of careful set building and an imaginative use of props to get the right effect.

Who would guess that the shower effect in this shot was all achieved by a mock-up in a studio?

So what really goes on behind the scenes? Peter Morris from Oswestry District got his first taste of just how time consuming and complicated getting the right effect can prove.

Electrician Peter, who had to travel down to a London studio for the day long photo shoot, said: "I never thought it would take all day to take a photograph. The attention to detail and the number of people involved really surprised me.

"It turned out to be a whole day's hard slog in the studio and it certainly made me realise that models have to work hard for their money - it's not all glamour!"

Howard Grey, the photographer responsible for getting the shot just right, said: "People just don't realise how long it all takes to get the desired effect.

Blurred

"Photographing a shower is harder than it may seem because you have to shoot it on a slow exposure to make the water show up. This means that everyone has to keep very still, a mere fraction of movement can result in a blurred image.

"The depth of field, lighting and balance of the shot are all affected by the need for slow exposure. But in the end we got it right."

Fund-raising drive gets into top gear



A HOSPITAL radio station's fund-raising drive has moved into top gear thanks to Manweb's Mid-Mersey District.

District Manager Des Lock is pictured (left) handing over the keys to a Manweb transit van to Derek Owens, Chairman of Halton Radio.

The vehicle was sold to Halton Hospital Trust Fund for just over £700 - half the price it was expected to fetch at auction.

It will be used by the radio station's voluntary staff to transport equipment to fund-raising discos, fetes and other events.

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Mixed Vegetable Platter (serves 2)

2 courgettes, topped and tailed; 2 carrots, peeled; 2 beetroot, cooked and peeled; 6 radishes, trimmed; 1-2 tsp sesame seeds; 4oz (125g) cottage cheese. For the dressing: 1 tbsp olive oil; juice of one small orange; 1 tsp wholegrain mustard; salt and ground black pepper; parsley to garnish; toasted herb bread to serve.

Using a coarse or fine grater attachment, or a mixture of both, grate all the vegetables separately. Mix the radish with the beetroot. Stir 1-2 teaspoons of sesame seeds into the carrots. Arrange in piles on a plate with cottage cheese.

Put all the ingredients for the dressing in a clean processor bowl with a metal blade and whizz until they are well mixed. Spoon a little dressing over each mound of vegetables. Season well and garnish with parsley.

Curried Yoghurt and Chicken Patties (serves 6)

4 slices white bread, crusts removed; 4 chicken breasts, boned, skinned and roughly cubed; 1 tbsp fresh chopped chives; 1 tsp mild curry powder; 1 egg, size 3; 1 tbsp natural yoghurt; grated rind of half a lemon; salt and ground black pepper.

To make the breadcrumbs, put the slices into the food processor and using the metal mixing blade, process for about 30 seconds and remove. Put four tablespoons of the breadcrumbs (reserving the remainder) plus the rest of the ingredients into the bowl and process, using the pulse action, until well mixed and fairly smooth.

Divide into six and dip each patty into the reserved breadcrumbs, until each is lightly coated. Pat on a board and shape into rounds. Place under a medium hot grill for about seven minutes on each side until lightly golden. Serve hot or cold with mayonnaise, mango chutney and green salad.

Almond Raspberry Fritters (serves 4-6)

Easy choux pastry (1 quantity): 2½oz (60g) plain flour; pinch of salt; 2oz (50g) butter; 2 eggs, size 3, lightly beaten.

Put the flour and salt into a bowl. Using the plastic or metal blade, process for about 1 second. Put the butter and ¼ pint (150ml) water into a pan and heat gently until the butter has melted. Bring to the boil. Take the pan off the heat and, with the motor feeder tube, whizz until the mixture forms a ball. Cool for a few minutes then, with the motor running, gradually add the eggs and mix until thick and glossy (make sure the mixture does not become too runny by adding less egg).

For the sauce: 1oz (25g) flaked almonds; oil for frying; icing sugar to sprinkle; 4oz (125g) fresh or frozen raspberries, defrosted; 1 tbsp icing sugar; squeeze of lemon juice.

Mix the almonds into the choux pastry. Half fill a heavy based saucepan with oil (or use a deep fat fryer) and heat until a piece of bread dropped into the oil sizzles and turns golden brown within seconds. Carefully drop heaped teaspoons of the choux mixture into the fat (about four at a time) and fry for about five minutes, turning occasionally until golden and puffed up. Repeat until all the mixture is used up. Remove each batch of fritters with a slotted spoon and drain on kitchen paper. Dust with icing sugar while they are still warm.

To make the sauce, put the raspberries, icing sugar and lemon juice into the processor and whizz for 30 seconds. Sieve and serve with the fritters, and sprinkle a few extra toasted almonds over this delicious pud.

Handy food processor hints:

Make a speedy summertime fresh citrus drink with peeled, chopped oranges and lemons. Add water and sugar to taste and process until smooth. Sieve and serve drinks with crushed ice.

Make chocolate decorations for cakes using the grating disk - cold chocolate will produce chocolate chips, while chocolate at room temperature will create curls.



Chester set to reap benefits

THE spin-offs for places like Chester will be enormous if the British bid to host the 1996 Olympics is successful.

That's the view of Manweb Environmental Services Manager Doug Gregg, Chairman of the Public Affairs Committee of Chester and North Wales Chamber of Commerce, which has thrown its weight behind the campaign to bring the games to Manchester in their centenary year.

The International Olympic Committee is due to decide in September if Britain has won the race to stage the 26th Olympiad. Also in the running is Athens, Atlanta, Belgrade, Melbourne and Toronto.

Doug, who is currently on secondment to Skelmersdale-based Nimtech as a Development Officer, providing advice to industry on new and existing technologies, said: "The Chamber of Commerce

is fully behind the British bid, and if we win, it will be fantastic for places like Chester, where events such as pistol shooting, archery and rowing could be held.

"The Olympics will bring many thousands of people to the area, to the benefit of the shops and the hotel and catering trade. It will give the North West an enormous lift, and it could lead to many other events being brought to the region in the future."

He added: "I think the chances of Manchester hosting the Olympics are very good, and so the Chamber's Public Affairs Committee is currently trying to increase the general awareness of people in the North West, particularly in the Chester area, of the potential of the games."

Put your best feet forward!

ORGANISERS of the annual Frodsham Hill Races have issued a challenge to Manweb staff to put their best feet forward!

The event, which is in its 21st year, will be held on Sunday, September 2, and runners from Manweb are invited to form corporate teams and compete in the senior (17+) and ladies (15+) races.

Any number of competitors may form a team, and the winner is the team with the first three competitors past the finishing post totalling the least number of points.

All competitors must enter as individuals, and the charge is £2.50 for the ladies and £3 for the senior races. There will also be colts, boys and youth races.

Whilst the general rule is only one team per event, separate veterans teams - ladies aged 35 and over and men aged 40 plus - will be allowed, with special prizes at stake.

Further details and entry forms are available from Colin Jackson, 68 Grasmere Road, Frodsham, Cheshire, WA6 7LQ, tel: 0928 33499.



SEND your answers to BOTH puzzles to: Fred's Puzzle Corner, Contact, Room 5E1, Manweb plc, Sealand Road, Chester, CH1 4LR. The first correct entry drawn will receive a £5 prize.

The winner of last month's Start to Finish and Word Stretch teasers is G.E. Barlow, Gwynedd Stores Foreman, who will receive a £5 prize. He gave the following correct answers:

Start to Finish - 1. Earth, 2. Theatre, 3. Repeat, 4. Attach, 5. Chant, 6. Tower, 7. Erase, 8. Sequal, 9. Limp, 10. People, 11. Length, 12. Think, 13. Keep, 14. Press, 15. Stamp, 16. Panic, 17. Icon. Word Stretch - POWERGEN.

Colourful quiz

HERE's a colourful quiz for you to solve. The answer to these straight-forward questions either consist or contain a colour.

1. What is the usual colour of an aircraft's black box?
2. Topaz is mainly this colour.
3. In snooker, what ball has a value of six points?
4. What colour is the Libyan flag?
5. In which building is the Oval Office?
6. What colour jacket is worn by a greyhound in the No. 2 trap?
7. Which team won the FA Cup in 1953?
8. What colour is the live wire in a modern mains lead (and let's hope nobody gets this one wrong!)?

The price is right

TRY to work out how much a microwave will cost. There is a pattern in the other items listed below, which will help you solve this tricky teaser.

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MICROWAVE	?

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Crossword solution

ACROSS

1 Regime, 4 Maraud, 9 Flour, 10 Boredom, 11 Engine, 12 Sober, 14 Alligator pear, 17 Toast, 19 Visage, 22 Nascent, 23 Drake, 24 Tanker, 25 Decent.

DOWN

1 Raft, 2 Groan, 3 Morning, 5 Arras, 6 Audible, 7 Demerara, 8 Objectivity, 13 Martinet, 15 Liaison, 16 Residue, 18 There, 20 Grave, 21 Weft

A TRIO of cyclists from the Electricity Research and Development Centre at Capenhurst have raised over £1,000 for charity.

John Hughes from Chester, Dave Russell from Mold and Bob Stirling from Heswall, accompanied by SEEBoard employee Geoff Baker, cycled the 920 gruelling miles from Land's End to John O'Groats within seven days.

The team was raising money for the Children's Ward at Alder Hey Hospital, Liverpool, and the Association of Children with Heart Disorders, also Liverpool.

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Contact Sport



Clash of the Titans

A GLORIOUS sunny evening provided the ideal setting for the annual clash of the Titans, between the Allstars XI and the Managers XI at Chester's Boughton Hall Cricket Club.

Captain Damian Hyland of the Allstars won the toss and elected to field. Despite an early setback in the first over when the pace of David Brayshaw bowled Bob Hodson for a royal duck, the Managers went on to make an excellent start thanks, mainly, to some superb batting by Bob ("I can't see the ball") McMahon, scoring 48 runs including 3 fours, and Mike Boxall, who scored 49 runs including 6 fours.

With the score on 101, an inspired bowling change saw the Allstars Chairman John Townend come on to bowl. Despite his first ball being despatched for a four, he struck claiming the wicket, first of Mike Boxall and then the ball after opener Bob McMahon.

With these two dislodged, this proved to be the turning point in the game and despite the valiant efforts of Jim McLennan on his first cricketing outing this season and professional David 'Pringers' Linton, who scored a quick 31 not out in just under 15 minutes, the overall scoring rate fell to only seven runs per over, to leave the Managers on a total score of 142 in their allotted 20 overs.

In reply to this daunting task, the Allstars had only reached 11 before the loss of their first wicket when Davy ("I don't really look like Wayne Larkins") Watts was bowled on the third bounce by a wicked delivery from the Managers' spin king Eifion Jenkins for only five runs.

This brought John 'Gooch'

by Martin Kay and
Damian Hyland

ALLSTARS XI

D. Hyland (capt.)
J. Townend
P. Byrne
P. Baron
M. Kay
D. Watts
J. Griffith
R. Bromley
G. Owen
D. Brayshaw
P. McMahon

MANAGERS XI

M. Metcalfe (capt.)
B. McMahon
B. Hodson
M. Boxall
D. Linton
J. McLennan
D. Light
G. Harrison
E. Jenkins
S. Roberts
P. Goulding

Umpire: J. Ellis

Griffith to the wicket for what proved to be the match winning partnership with Pat Byrne putting on a total 113 runs for the fall of the second wicket. John finished with 68 not out and Pat was bowled for 50 runs by Dave Linton's lightning pace.

This partnership contained a little luck in that the Managers dropped at least six catches with one particular member of the team taking the blame for half of these.

The rest is now history. The Allstars raced to a colossal eight wicket victory with eight balls to spare.

At the presentation after the game, both captains thanked in particular Mr and Mrs John Townend and Mr and Mrs Pat Byrne for the excellent buffet, and expressed appreciation of everybody's efforts in making this a

splendid evening of entertainment.

Pat Byrne would also like to formally thank Peter Goulding, his departmental manager, for 'volleying' four runs over the boundary ropes after a deft header from Stan Roberts, this all taking place on the long on boundary mid way through the Allstars innings.

Gold for Gordon

GYMNAST Gordon Park, who featured in the April edition of Contact, was back in action in the Wrexham Olympic Gym Club Competition, held at Cartrefle College, Wrexham, on July 18.

Gordon, who works in the Special Developments Section of Network Services, at Head Office, took first place and a gold medal in the Tumbling Event.

He said: "On the night I kept to medium difficulty tumble runs, but I made sure they were well executed. I find it often pays to err a little on the side of safety, especially at my age, although it is a challenge to take the risks then they are called for!"

The 25-year-old 2nd Engineer has also been judging at recent gymnastics events, including the Welsh Schools Sports Acrobatic Championship.

He said: "I find judging quite an easy job, but the most frustrating thing is that I would much rather be competing myself, and not just sitting and watching. It's unfortunate that my age bars me from so many competitions!"

Gordon, who coaches other gymnasts in his spare time, is keen to promote the sport in all its forms - traditional, artistic and acrobatic - and may be contacted on Head Office extension 2395 for more information on training at the Wrexham Club.

The gymnastics club can also provide a Display Team for fairs and other social events if required.

Golfers battle for Dee Valley Trophy

by Dennis Jones

THIRTY-six guests and members of the Dee Valley Sports and Social Club visited Hill Valley Golf Hotel and Country Club, Whitchurch.

Although the weather could have been kinder, the draw for the morning Pro-Am Stableford Competition over nine holes, which was done by Harold Mayhew and Frank Parkinson (both retired), was eagerly

Back in action — against all odds

FOOTBALLER Pete Bulmer had a promising future until a tragic accident during a match blew the whistle on his professional career.

After four painful operations to repair the torn ligament in his knee, Pete was told he would never play again and had to quit the Preston North End team.

Three years on and against all the odds, Pete, who now works for Manweb as a Customer Accounts Officer at Mid Cheshire District, is back in action and recently completed a winning season playing full back for Mold Alex in the North Wales Coast Premier Division.

"After I was injured in a bad leg tackle in a match against Hereford, I was told that playing again could cripple me. As a result I didn't play football for two years, and the long rest did my leg the world of good," said Pete, who lives in Chester.

"Then I was approached by Mold Alex, and I decided to give it a go. It was very difficult for me to get back into the game, I'd put on a lot of weight and I was scared. But it was a case of mind over matter and it has worked out very well."

During his first season with Mold Alex, the team won the Premier Division, the North East Wales Coast Cup, the North Wales Challenge Cup, the Coast Cup and the Arrow Cup.

"It's a team game. I just play my part and if I helped in any way, that's great," said Pete, who is already attracting attention.

In recent months he was



Peter Bulmer with the selection of team and personal trophies collected in his successful first season with Mold Alex.

approached by 4th division Wrexham, but he has no plans to resume his professional career. "I'm happy to stay an amateur player," he said.

Pete, 24, started playing football as a pupil at Verdin Comprehensive School, Winsford, and was a member of the school team, Mid Cheshire Schoolboys and Cheshire Schoolboys.

At 14 he trialed for Wrexham, Chester, Manchester United and Manchester City, and at 15 - while still at school - became an apprentice footballer with Chester City. Two years later he was taken on full time and remained with the team for a total five years. He then transferred to Port Vale and seven months later moved to Preston North End. He had been on the

team 18 months and was about to sign for York City when fate struck its cruel blow.

He said: "When the accident happened I thought my leg was broken. It would have been better that way, because a break would have healed. I spent a month at Lilleshall Rehabilitation Centre, where injured footballers are sent to recuperate, and my claim to fame is that I was the first one not to recover!"

"It was a terrible blow to be told I would never play again, but I came to terms with it. After all, I had been lucky enough to have had seven and a half years playing football before being injured.

"But I never lost my love of the game and I really am glad to be playing again," he said.



Dennis Jones tees off at Whitchurch, watched by fellow-members and guests of the Dee Valley Sports and Social Club.

awaited.

Allan Evans (Head Office) and David Bundy (New Crane Street) proved to be the best pairing, taking first place with 22 points, winning a card play off from Phil Griffiths (Rhostyllen) and Shaun Broe (Legacy).

Guest Andrew Jones and Terry Gopsill (New Crane Street) were in third place with 21 points, and prizes were also won by Ron Berry

(Head Office) and David Bird (Legacy), and Steve Evans (Legacy) and Dennis Jones (Rhostyllen).

After a light lunch and with the weather improving, the contestants set off to do battle for the Dee Valley Trophy. This took the form of an individual Stableford Competition over 18 holes.

Steve Evans, with 37 points, was soon in the Club House, and this proved to be

the eventual winning score. Mike Gaskell (New Crane Street), with 34 points, took second place, with Dennis Jones third. David Roberts (guest) edged out Jim Barracough (retired) for fourth place.

After a most enjoyable meal, the Dee Valley Trophy and other prizes were presented by retired members Ieuan Evans and Kenneth Edwards.