

£160,000 CEM

The CEM (Contract Electronics Manufacturing) team has won orders totalling £160,000 from **Westinghouse Cubic** and **August Systems**. The first covers the supply of printed circuit boards for the Jubilee Line underground railway extension.

Pensions

Copies of the ROCC Computers Pension Scheme annual report as at March 31 1995 are now on each branch notice board. If field-based personnel would like a copy, then please give personnel officer Janet Fox a ring on ext 2277.

We're On the Move In '97

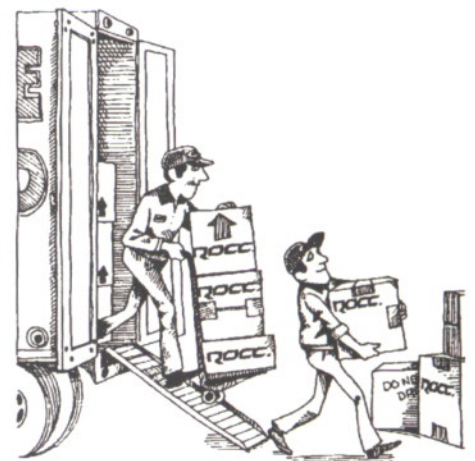
Chairman **Michael Aldrich** has confirmed to employees that the company has bought a freehold property at Maxwell Way, about ¾ mile away from the existing Kelvin Way site, and staff should start relocating there at the beginning of 1997. At this juncture it is unclear whether all Crawley departments can be fitted in at Maxwell Way; possibly an additional building will be needed and we will be kept informed of developments.



The property at Maxwell Way, Crawley acquired by ROCC

The board of directors regards the move to new premises as a major milestone in the future development of ROCC. It should enable the various business units to focus more clearly on their new activities and provide staff with more suitable accommodation than currently.

The new premises require extensive refurbishment and modernisation and this will take best part of a year to complete but it does give ROCC a major opportunity to update all of its systems and procedures. One of the most important tasks facing Crawley departments is the need to dispose of a lot of unnecessary paperwork, files and equipment which has accumulated over the last quarter of a century. Operation Clear-Out began in earnest at the end of October to prepare the way for the big move.



We all know that moving house is a stressful time so moving an entire company's operations will be even more demanding. However, if we all give 100% team effort this should be somewhat alleviated. Make sure that when the professional removal firm staff arrive to collect your office furniture and computer equipment, the box in which you have put the kettle and mugs is clearly marked. You will probably need a well-earned cuppa when you arrive at Maxwell Way and will kick yourselves if these vital items cannot be found!!

Well I cannot believe that I have produced Newsline within four months of the last one - this must surely be a record!

My biggest headache at the moment is what to condemn to the skip as part of Operation Clear-Out. I have nearly 20 years worth of company publicity material to sift through and as soon as I make a decision to dispose of it, I know someone will want to refer back. I think I need someone like Bob Carr to project manage scanning and transferring all the data to an optical disk system!!

It is a dilemma facing us all. 'Be brave,' says John - Newsline's designer - 'get rid of your excess baggage you have accumulated over the years - you probably won't even miss it!' No doubt he's right.

Beryl Hutchin
editor

Slovak Railways Recognition

Prague-based ROCC Central Europe has won a contract worth around £30,000 from **Slovak Railways** (ZSR-Odúčtovna tržieb železníc) in Košice to supply its ROCC Recognition software system to run on a PC platform. The new system will be installed before the end of 1995 and will be used to implement a phased conversion to scanned data capture.

ROCC Recognition will capture data from invoices which are generated at the various border crossing points throughout the Slovak Republic.



Miroslav Buban (centre), a director at Slovak Railways watching a demonstration of ROCC Recognition by consultant Tony Harrop (right). Also pictured are chairman Michael Aldrich (seated) with Jiri Jurkovský, general manager of ROCC Computers SRO (left) and commercial manager Ken Kasey.

Slovak Railways has been a user since 1989 and currently has installed three ROCC 2835 WMS systems which are used for volume data capture work.

Savings Bank

The Prague office had a superb October when it won a four-year hardware maintenance contract worth £625,000 from the **Czech Savings Bank**.

The agreement covers nine ROCC Classic systems, workstations, PCs and printers, as well as Novell network systems installed in the bank's regional offices in the Czech Republic.

Meanwhile, three programmers from Czech Savings Bank attended a two-week Workstation Management System course at Crawley in August.

Picture shows senior software lecturer Mike Rolfe demonstrating how file transfer works on a PC linked into a ROCC Classic machine to, l to r Helena Útratová, Zdeňka Chaloupková and Alena Novotná.



At the End of October...

Systems Division had brought in contracts valued at £975,000 for software and systems from its local authority and document processing solutions business areas.

Manufacturing Services Division had achieved £585,850 for contract electronics manufacturing work.

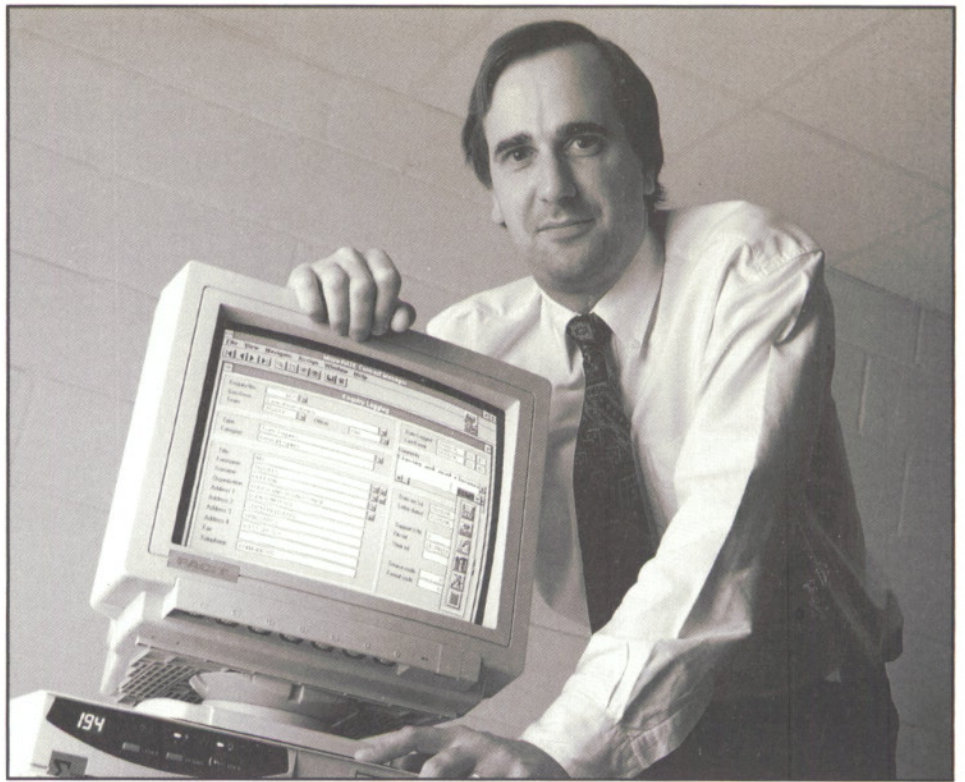
Finally, PC Maintenance contracts totalled £1,749,260.

ROCC Aramis Launches

At a seminar at the Gatwick Posthouse on September 21, ROCC Aramis announced the launch of two new products for the Microsoft Windows® operating environment.

Customer Care for Windows is a powerful and comprehensive enquiry management system for all types of customer care applications. Contracts Manager for Windows is a sophisticated contract management and works tracking system for client department contracts management.

The products were also unveiled to delegates at seminars in Birmingham and Manchester.



Divisional director Steve Powley demonstrating how the ROCC Aramis Customer Care application works in a Windows environment.

More for Networking

The third Novell networking training course for branch customer services supervisors and engineers was held in June.

Geoffrey Bullock, Kevin Lampard, Mike Davies, Mark Farrow and Ian Pearman were instructed in the Novell NetWare security system and the ways in which different files can be accessed, by senior software lecturer **Mike Rolfe**.

End of Year

The company Christmas lunch for staff at Crawley is on Friday, December 22.

This year's statutory holidays and mandatory days for the festive season mean that staff will finish work on Friday, December 22 and return at normal time on Tuesday, January 2. Three of the days we have off are classified as mandatory holidays.

Auto Cad Vic

Test technician **Vic Clarke** has been awarded a City & Guilds certificate, with a pass of 97% in computer aided draughting and design using Auto Cad.

The course at Crawley College spanned 35 weeks and covered configuring and setting up hardware, use of graphic screens and universal polar coordinates.

Vic told Newline that when he was looking for a job at the end of last year, most of the adverts wanted someone with Auto Cad knowledge. He thought he must look into this - so went along to Crawley College and enrolled for a course.

At home Vic has an Auto Cad 10 and designs such items as robot circuitry and, just for fun, this summer he designed some beach deckchairs.



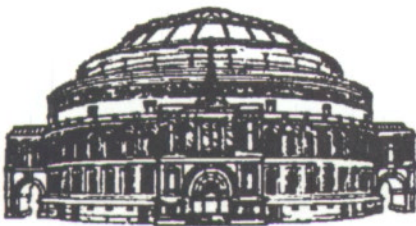
Vic with his C&G certificate and a second generation robot called Buster.

Heatwave Operations

The summer heatwave saw operations controller **John Stanley** solve the problem of heat through the skylights by making paper hankies for himself (front) and spares controller **Dave Ansfield**!



Alan's Jenny at the Royal Albert Hall



Jenny, wife of divisional director of UK operations **Alan Page**, appeared at the Royal Albert Hall on Friday, October 13 as a singer with 'The Fabulous Mid-Life Crisis Band'.

The group of 12 middle-aged businessmen and women usually plays once a month on a Sunday night at the Hunter's Moon pub in Cophthorne, near Crawley.

However, leader of the rock band, Kevin McPhillips, paid £20,000 to hire the prestigious venue and a full sound system for one night after attending a Lisa Stansfield concert last year.

"It will be one great night for us and all our followers," Kevin was quoted as saying in the Sunday Express of August 27. The band was interviewed by BBC Breakfast Time and this was shown on September 28. Also, they were featured on the Brian Hays Sunday morning radio show on October 8.

On the day of the concert the band had a lot of local television news coverage. The national press also featured their performance, with the Daily Mail printing the story and a colour picture the next day.

According to Alan, the concert was superb. The hall was packed and the evening was a great success. He says he has never heard his wife sing so well.

Jenny is also the lead singer with a six-piece dance band called 'Quartz'. They perform regularly at most of the well known hotels in the south east of England.



Jenny Page

Prize Brighton Project

ROCC sponsors a £100 computer prize for students at Brighton University and this year it was awarded to 20-year-old **Toby Wilson** for a project on Stereovision - a program to produce stereograms (a flat, two dimensional image with a special property so that when it is looked at in the correct way, a three dimensional image appears). In the last few years they have become immensely popular, appearing on posters and postcards.



Toby receiving his prize from Martyn Roan with Liz Matthews, course leader HND computing, in attendance.

The award is based on the overall conduct of the project, technical content, final product and documentation.

The presentation was held on Friday October 6 at Brighton University with director of operations **Martyn Roan** handing over the cheque.