

October 6 - Stockley Park, Uxbridge saw two new products being demonstrated, which now form part of the SEECHECK product range.

A new **key-from-image** software product and a new **storage & retrieval** software system were on show.

Twenty companies accepted ROCC's invitation, with 25 delegates attending the seminar.

A further seminar launching these products was run on October 21 at the Huddersfield Stadium Conference Suite.

The 1999 seminar series has now come to a conclusion

Pictures show Fujitsu's headquarters at Uxbridge where the earlier seminar was held and the team, supplemented by representatives from ROCC's partners.



# Seminar Series Ends



## Ken Does it Again!

ROCC's IT Maintenance Services Division was celebrating again last month when commercial manager **Ken Beacom** won a tender from the **London Borough of Waltham Forest**. The contract is for two years; is worth around £240,000 and two site engineers will be appointed to look after the client.

In July, Ken won a contract from **Portsmouth City Council**. That contract is for four years and is valued at over £400,000.

Newsline adds its congratulations to Ken and his team for winning yet another prestigious contract.



*Ken Beacom and sales administrator Lis Perrin*

## DiaryDATE

The company's Christmas lunch will be held on **Friday, December 17** at the Thistle Hotel in Brighton.

## Cheering on the Albion

August 30 – when ROCC staff helped cheer on Brighton & Hove Albion's (the Seagulls) match against Hull City.

Venue - their new temporary home in Withdean Stadium, Brighton.

Representatives from both ROCC's Brighton and Crawley offices met in the Preston Village Brewery Tap before the game for the traditional pre-match ale.

The stadium was full to capacity helped by 15 past and present ROCC employees, hoping to see a much improved Brighton team continue their climb up the 3rd division table. The team duly obliged, beating lack lustre Hull by 3-0.

Many of the ROCC staff met up afterwards for another beer on their way home. Man of the match was **Phil Northeast**, who was seen to buy **two** rounds in the Brewery Tap.

There are also plans to attend the ROCC grudge match – Brighton-v-Rochdale on December 10. If you are interested in attending the match then please contact **Steve Agace** on 01273 274715.



# From the Editor



In this issue we cover Ken Beacom's success in winning another large maintenance contract, this time from London Borough of Waltham Forest. On the sporting scene we cover Benny Coxhill and Godfrey Guinan in the Brighton Triathlon '99, Richard Hancock running in the Manchester marathon and Martin Pascal sailing in the National Championships. We also welcome nine new employees who have joined ROCC.

Beryl Hutchin editor

## Proud Mum

Senior key operator **Sandra Champ** was a very proud mother when she learnt that son, Adrian had obtained his degree.

Adrian won a place at Bath University and took a four-year sandwich course working with Zurich Financial (formerly Allied Dunbar), Swindon during his year out.

Adrian obtained a BSc 2.2 degree with honours in computer science.

Since leaving university, Adrian has been taken on by Zurich as a computer programmer.



Adrian Champ

Pantomime time at the Barn will see the theatre presenting 'The Real Story of Puss in Boots'.

Spares controller **John Stanley** told Newsline that he is playing the

'Ogre' but hastened to add that the character has a happy disposition.

Performances start at 7.30pm - December 1-4 and 8-11 and on December 5 at 3.00pm with tickets at £5 each.

For further information about the Barn why not visit its web site [www.ifieldbarn.co.uk](http://www.ifieldbarn.co.uk)

## Barn News



## ScopeWalk

Customer engineer **John Ashton** had planned to walk along the Great Wall of China raising money for SCOPE when the walk had to be cancelled last May due to the political situation when NATO bombed the Chinese embassy in Belgrade.

The date for the walk was rescheduled to late October and John left on the 21st and is returning to the UK on October 31. His report will appear in the December issue of Newsline.



# SPORT

## Rounders Match off

The match scheduled for September 13 was postponed.

## Ten Pin Bowling Tournament

News in from quality and distribution manager **Alan Gould** that the fifth tournament will be held on Monday, November 22 at the AMF Crawley Bowl.

Full report in the next issue.

## Sailing Scores



**Martin Pascal** and his brother **Robin** competed in the National Championships at Lyme Regis which were held from September 4-10.

Martin told Newsline that they had a good racing week coming 7th overall in the week's events. Best ever result for them. They came 4th in the Hunstanton Plate - again an excellent result and in the Prince of Wales Cup they finished 13th.

Martin and brother Robin competing in 'Rawfish' in the first event of the championships.

Martin will be featured sailing at Southend on the Meridian TV programme 'Big Blue' on Sunday 31st October at 5.15pm.

## Manchester Marathon

October 10 - saw commercial manager **Richard Hancock** competing in the fourth Manchester marathon.

He says: "The most difficult part was probably the training, as it involved many lonely hours of running over the hills and moors near my home. I had been running up to 90 miles a week, in the face of stiff opposition from certain members of my family who considered that my spare time would have been better spent painting the house, or cleaning windows. (I can't mention any names).

"It all paid off in the end, as I improved on my personal best (PB) time to finish in 3hrs 36mins for the complete marathon, coming 301 out of over 1200 competitors. This was particularly pleasing to me as I finished in front of a number of runners competing for the army.

"Every year after I finish the race I vow never to do it again, and this year was no exception. But I expect I will get the bug again next year, and have to start the training all over again.



# Benny and Godfrey's Brighton Triathlon '99

September 26 saw the staging of the Brighton BUPA International Triathlon in which two staff members of ROCC UNICLASS participated.

Project manager **Benny Coxhill** chose to enter the Sprint Triathlon category, which meant he would have to undertake a 750m swim, 20km bike ride and 5km run.

Computer programmer **Godfrey Guinan**, who had heard about the event from Benny, opted for the Novice Triathlon thinking this was a good idea to take part. However, he had suffered a back injury earlier in the year and would need to get seriously fit. The novice category consisted of a 200m swim, 10km bike ride and 2.5km run.

Godfrey's six-week preparation to the event included cycling to work every day, running or swimming in the evenings to build up his stamina and on weekends he would cycle 20km and then go for a 4-5km run.

Benny, on the other hand swam every day while on holiday in France until he could swim the crawl stroke for 1hr. He did no cycling but ran three times a week in the morning for approximately one hour.

## ...nervous start

The day of the event dawned and both competitors were nervous.

First leg, the swim. The sea was fairly rough that day. Competitors were given a briefing then led towards the edge, the siren sounded and according to Godfrey 'the butterflies in my stomach suddenly went into overdrive'. During the swim his goggles were knocked off but he reached the finish in 7mins 50secs feeling quite surprised at his performance. "From this point on," he told Newsline "I felt it was going to be downhill."

Swimming in a wet suit against the tide the waves prevented Benny from getting into a rhythm. It certainly took him by surprise – totally different to a swimming pool. He finished this stage in 47mins 38secs.

Next the bike phase took Benny 48mins 47secs and Godfrey 21min 05secs and both experienced a strong head wind while cycling downhill to the finish at Palace Pier, Brighton.

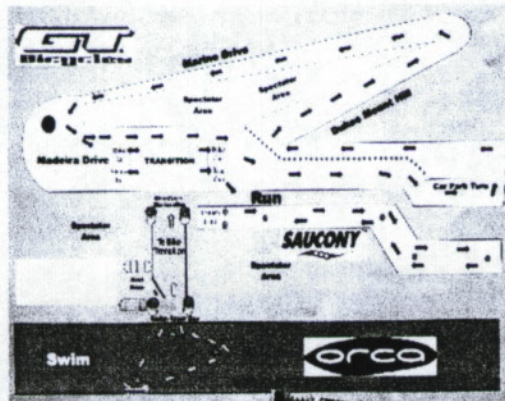
## ...breathless

The run saw Godfrey feeling quite tired and out of breath and he was tempted to stop running and walk for a while. However, he kept pace with another competitor and desperately wanted to overtake him which he did at the final 150m sprinting past him to finish in 12mins 04secs gaining 20th position out of 130 competitors in his category with an overall time of 40mins 59secs.

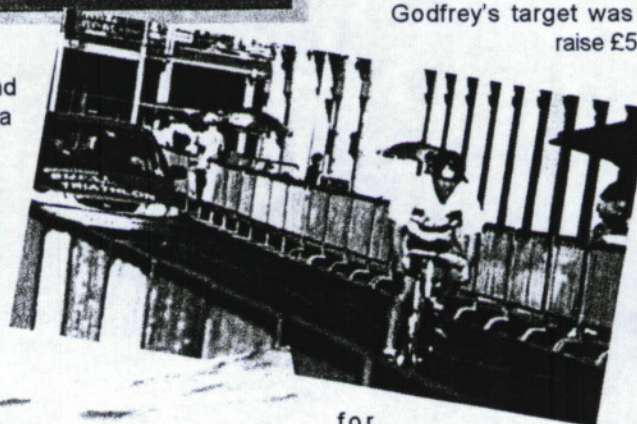
Benny made up time on the run but

realised that the swimming event would have an impact on his overall finishing time. He completed the run in 26mins 04secs and clocked up a final time for the three events of 2hrs 2mins 29secs giving him a place of 148 out of 160.

Both were raising money for worthy causes. Benny raised £200 for the building appeal at his children's school St Lawrence in Hurstpierpoint. Godfrey's target was to raise £500



**BUPA's programme and the Triathlon '99 course plan**



**Godfrey on the cycling stage**



for the NSPCC. He told the editor that he is a little short of raising his target so any last minute donations would be most welcome.

Photographs taken of competitors can be seen on the following web site: [www.nexus-soft.com/sponsorform.html](http://www.nexus-soft.com/sponsorform.html)

**Godfrey (circled) heads for the first stage swim**



Both Benny and Godfrey would like to say a big thank you to staff at Brighton who sponsored them in their respective events.