



**TANNER BROS.  
( GREENFIELD ) Ltd.**

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*1911-1986*

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*75th  
Anniversary Souvenir.*

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*This little souvenir booklet is dedicated to all those who have worked with the firm since it started. A family business operating in a village must be especially concerned with people, when not only the employees, but their families as well, are known.*

*Over the years we have had some difficult times – two world wars, two recessions – from the second of which we are only just recovering. But we have had some happy social occasions too; and the photographs we show here record some of them. Hopefully they will revive memories of good times spent together among friends.*

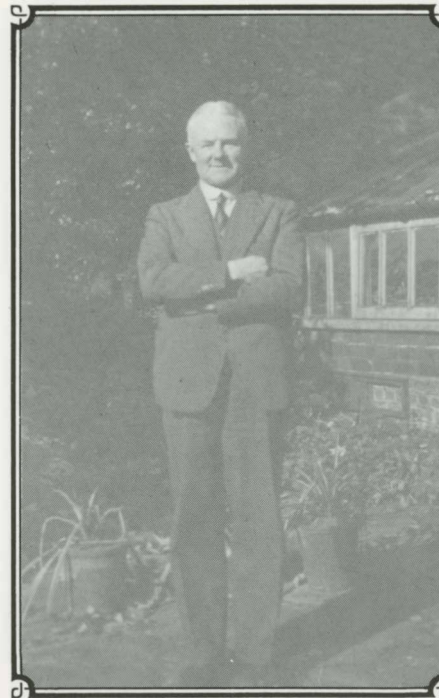
*Those who have not been with us very long and are not included in the photographs, can look forward to seeing themselves in the centenary edition!*

*As this is a personal selection it is subject to errors and omissions. Maybe those shortcomings will not be noticed in the overall impression of a family gathering spreading through three or four generations. We hope that the spirit which has enlivened the past years can be generated in the years to come.*

*Roger Tanner*

ROGER TANNER

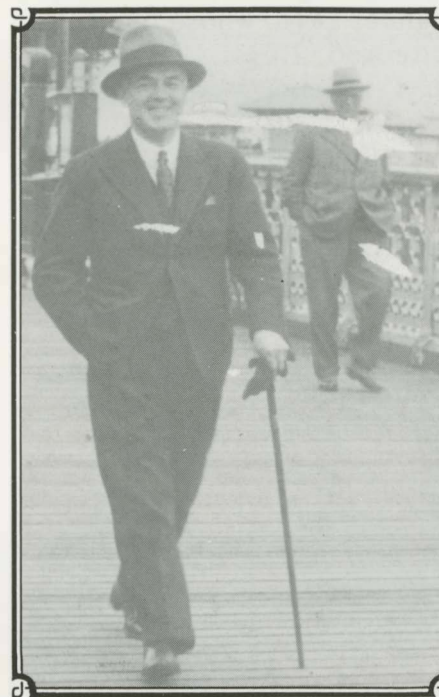
Chairman  
August 1986



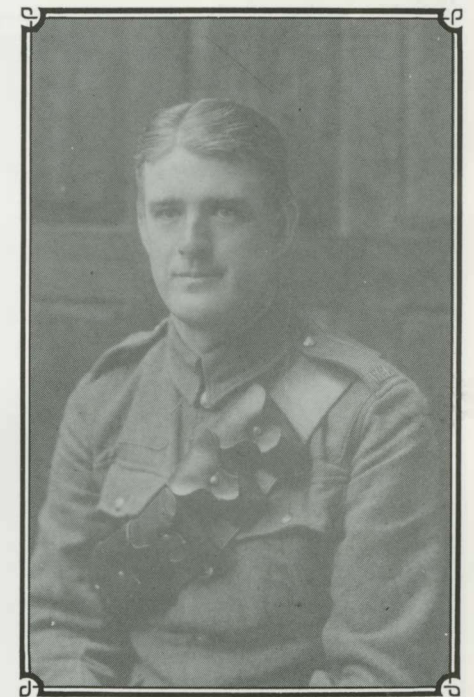
Jack Tanner



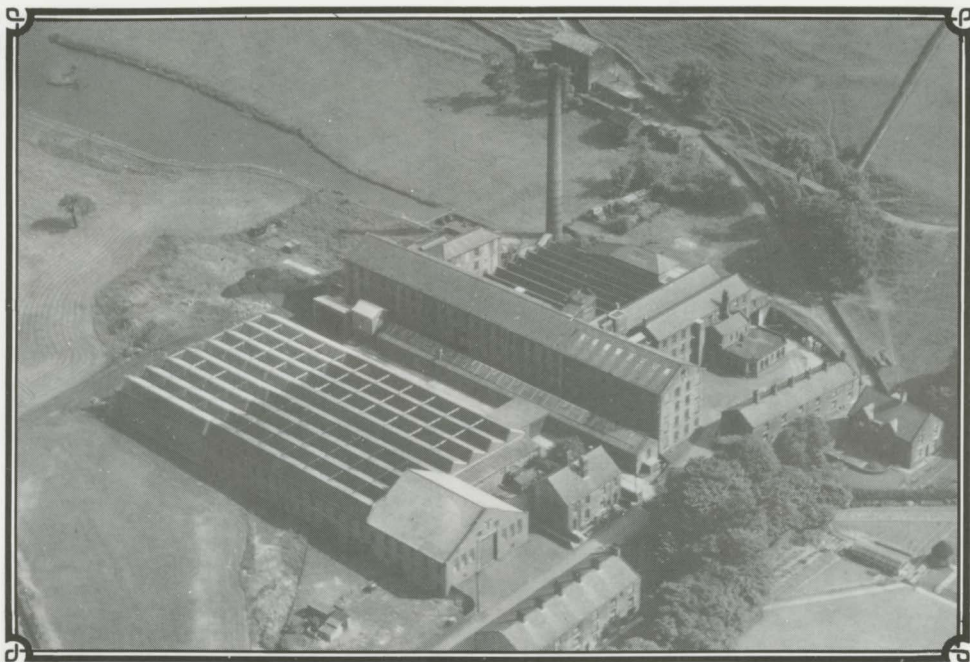
Colonel Sir Gilbert Tanner,  
DSO, DL. J.P.



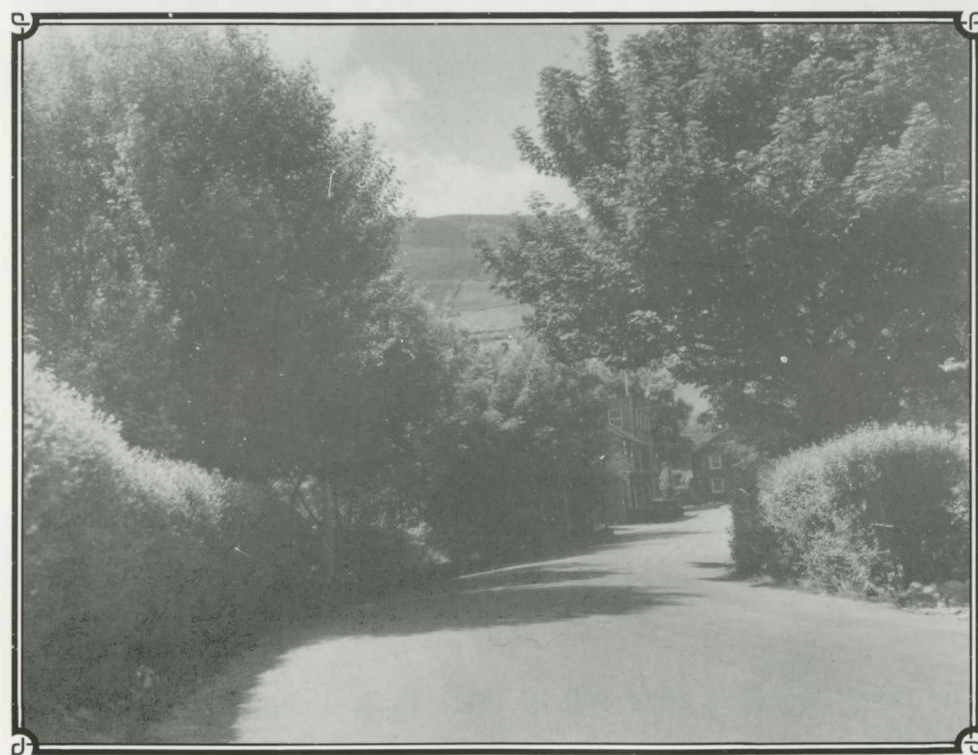
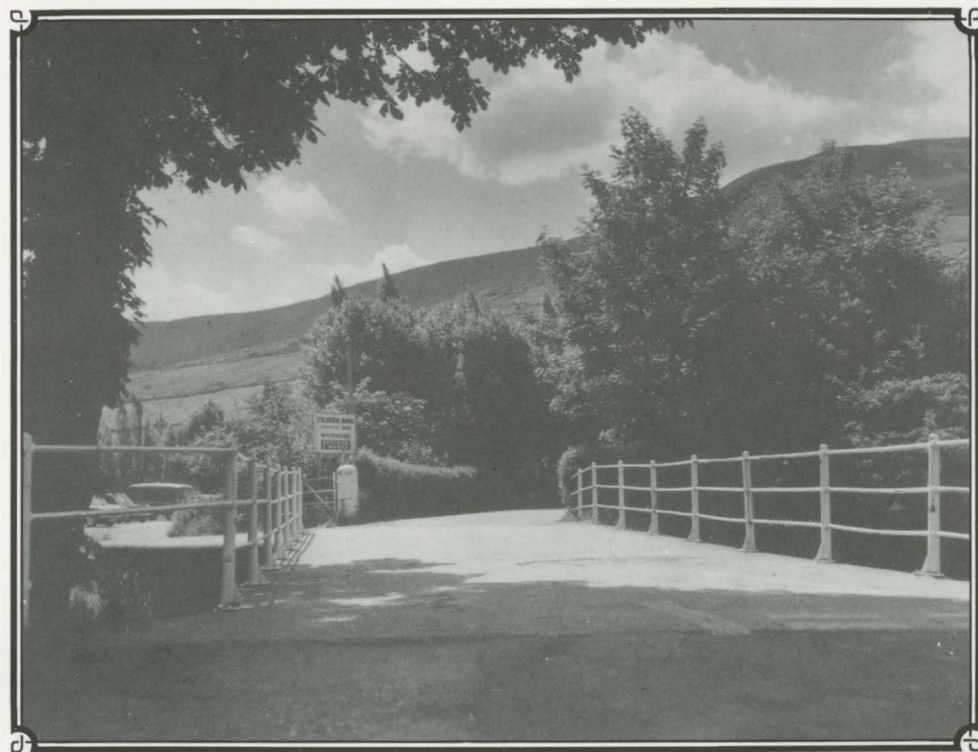
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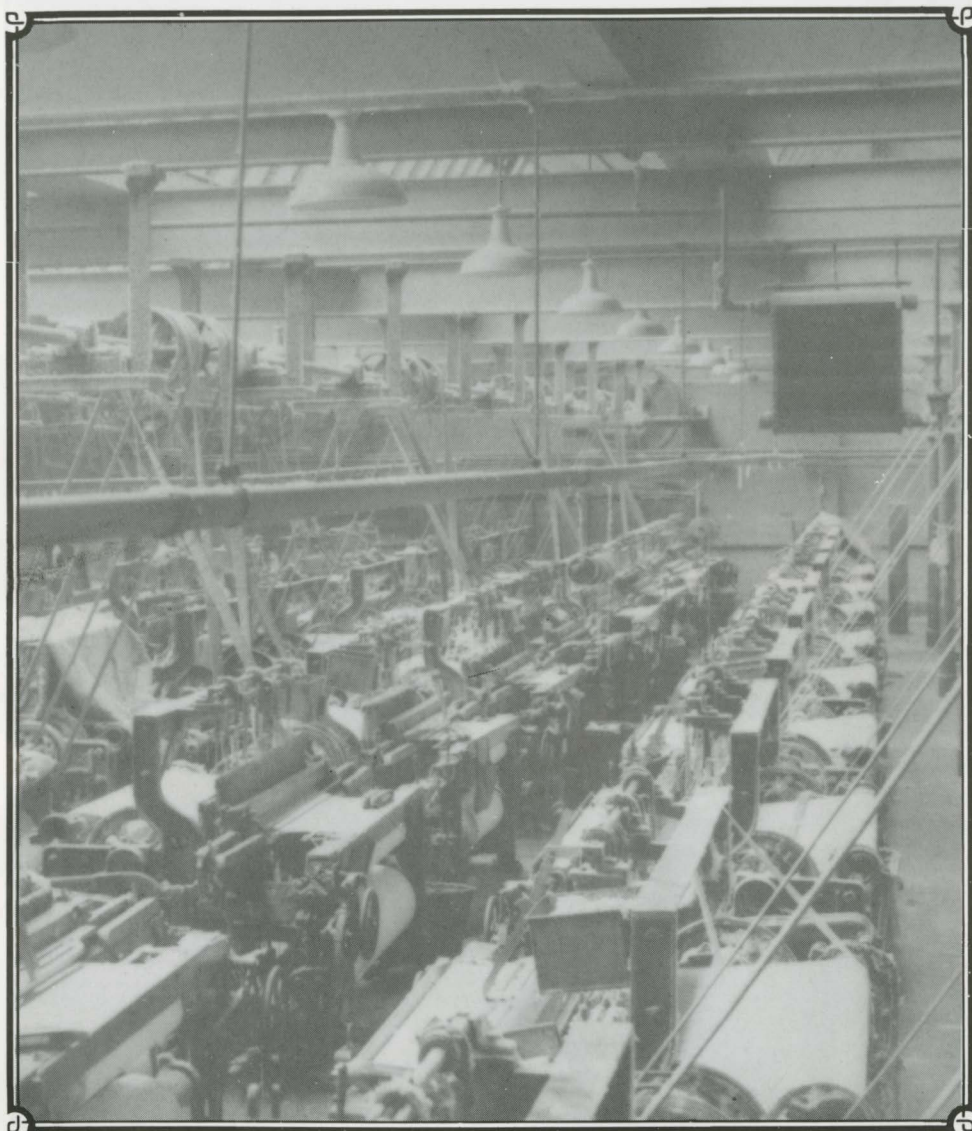
Harold Tanner



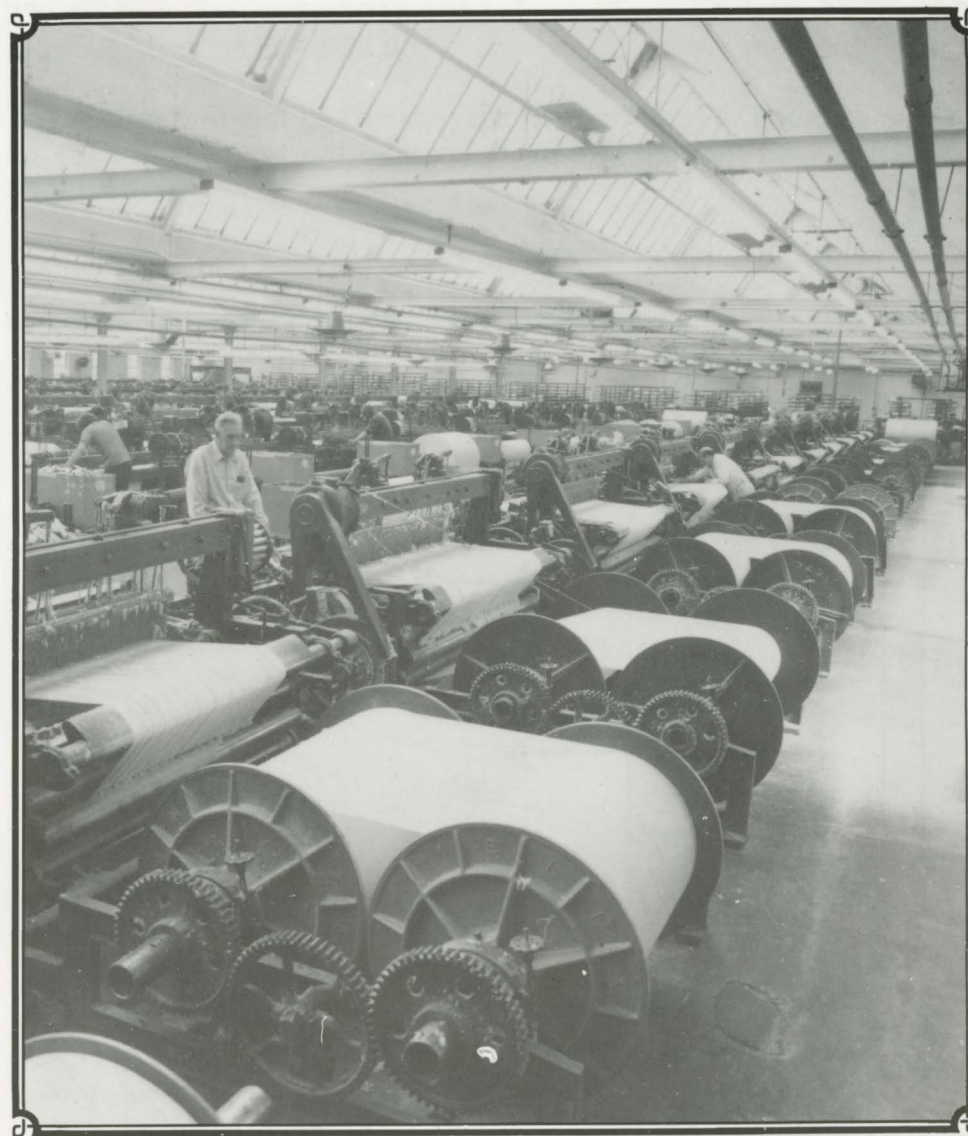
Waterside Mill was built in 1836; and so, by coincidence, is 150 years old this year. Buckley Bros. ran it prosperously until 1911. St. Mary's Church, Greenfield was a fruit of this prosperity. It was sold in April of that year to the four founders of Tanner Bros. whose family had hitherto been managers of R.R. Whitehead, Royal George Mills, Greenfield since 1842 (Christ Church, Friezland, was built by *that* firm.)



Most of 1911 was spent clearing out the mill of Spinning machinery and preparing it for weaving. It was not until 1912 that weaving got under way.



The "old" weaving shed full of Platt Bros. looms. Now used for doubling.



The "new" weaving shed c.1972

Brian  
Jones

Wilfred  
Slater

Bert  
Crabtree

BALANCE SHEET

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Trading acc 1913.

Cotton yarn.			12423	12	7
Coal.			456	6	3
Building repairs			104	5	5
Boiler repairs			10	17	8
Machinery repairs			15	2	11
Weaving, sewing & packing etc			133	4	2
Carriage			211	9	
Oil & Gas			52	14	2
Goods bought			282	14	10
Sundry purchases			76	5	9
Trag es.			2150	2	8
Gross Profit.			2074	6	2
Depreciation			1797	1	7
	Machinery	490			
	Engines & Boilers	30			
	Buildings	77			
	Furniture	44			
			611		
Bank Charges			299	19	
Law & Auditing			2	9	5
Travelling expenses			171	5	9
Portage & Parcels			91	14	1
Sundries			33	17	1
Discounts.			140	5	6
Rates & Taxes.			111	1	9
Stationery			45	13	1
Advertising			18	15	
Insurance			44	6	10
Salaries.	95 J.	395			
	93	325			
	104 J.	250			
	14 J.	160			
			1060		
			2610	7	6

The trading account for 1912-1913 shows a loss of £39. By 1914-15 it improves to a profit of £3,607.

The total cost of bobbins for the year 1913-14 was £8. Today they cost £8 each. But prices are relative, as an average mill wage then was about £1.50.

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Sales.		1457	10	8
Less returns		106	1	7
Stocks in trade		4773	8	11
		117	12	8
		1797	1	7
By Gross Profit		2074	6	2
By Rents		446	6	6
By Loss.		39	14	10
		2610	7	6

A PAGE FROM THE CLOTH SETTING BOOK OF 1912.

S. a Potter	July 25 <sup>th</sup>	49	27	22	3/6 ✓	3	6	✓35
do	Aug 1 <sup>st</sup>	50	27	23	3/6 ✓	3	6	✓39
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The H. Bradbury	Aug 8 <sup>th</sup>	48	27	21	5/6 ✓	3	6	✓42
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S. a Potter

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S. a Potter	Sept 12 <sup>th</sup>	82	59	23	4/ ✓	4	-	✓55
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E. Bell	- 10 <sup>th</sup>	82	59	23	4/ ✓	4	-	✓67

SALLY POTTER, THE FIRST WEAVER, AT A RECENT SOCIAL FUNCTION IN THE CIVIC HALL, UPPERMILL. WITH VERA PARKIN.



CHRISTMAS PARTY 1958

James Winterbottom Philip B Tanner Phyllis Noke Mr. Pearce (M.D. Monarch Mill) Bert Smith



CHRISTMAS PARTY 1965

Albert Holden Edith Booth Jack Schofield Frank Kennerley Edwin Barlow Clifford Harrison Stanley Brown



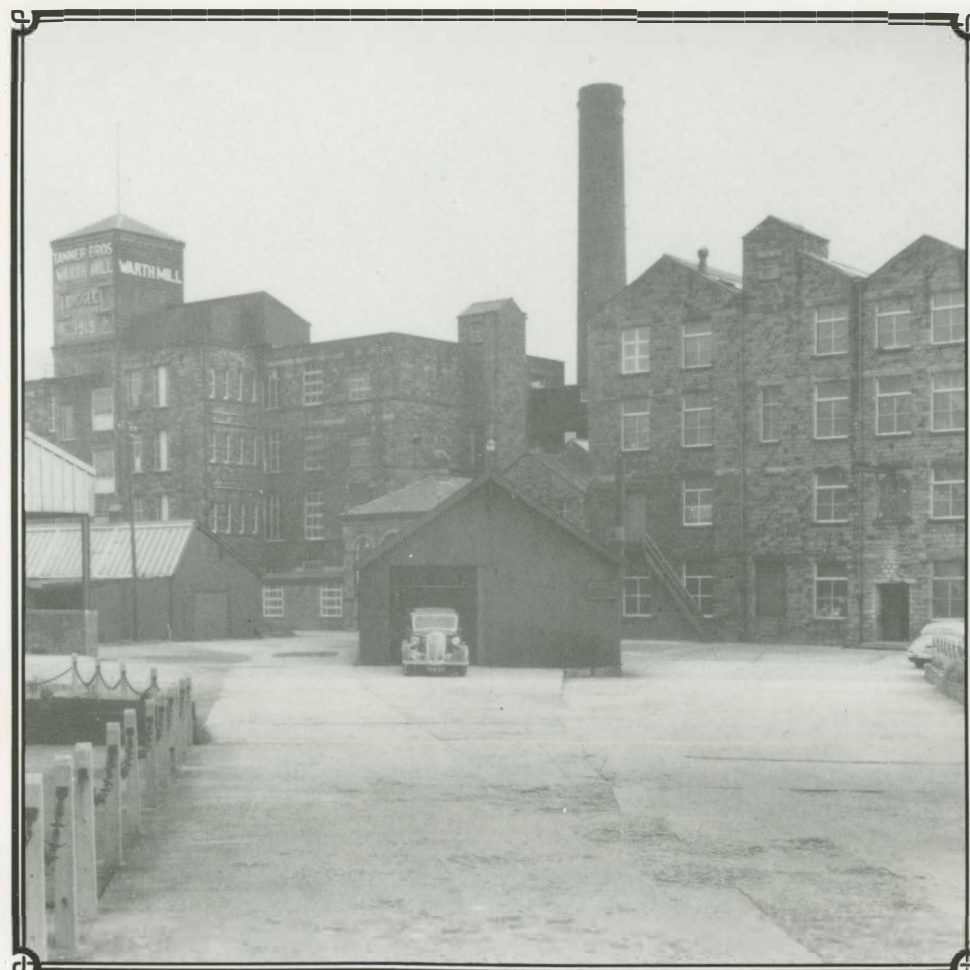
THE OFFICE AT WATERSIDE c.1976

Irma Cadman	Kathleen Jones	Jim Roylance	Phyllis Butler	Alice Parkinson	Edith Booth
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CHRISTMAS PARTY 1967

T.A.P. Tanner	Wilfred Slater	Barbara Butterworth	Maud Evans	George Mellor
Fred Smith	Nora Moorhouse	Ivy Evans	Phyllis Noke	George Pownall
R.J.R. Tanner		Mary Byrom	J.G. Tanner	



WARTH MILL, DIGGLE c.1958

*During the 1920's the spread of motor transport was rapid; and in 1928 the firm acquired Warth Mill, Diggle for the sole purpose of producing tyre fabric. In its heyday it was producing nearly 50 tonnes of tyre fabric every week. It soon established a reputation for quality – with very demanding customers – under Jim Winterbottom, who had become general manager; (and who invented a method of stretching the fabric by designing a cone roller on doubling machinery). Fifty years later we are still arguably the best producers in the trade, even with changes in raw materials, through rayon and nylon. Indeed, during the last twenty years, we have had hardly any rolls rejected, which does great credit to all concerned.*



Jim Winterbottom, with Tom Potts, who succeeded him, at the start of a Christmas Party.



MARCH 1970  
PRESENTATION TO Mr. T. POTTS ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM WARTH.

*Front*

Brian Hilton    Alice Buckley    T.A.P. Tanner    Tom Potts    Fred Hawken



WARTH MILL CANTEEN STAFF 1949

May Castle                      Annie Holroyd





TANNER BROS. LADIES CRICKET TEAM, MAY

LADIES CRICKET TEAM, MAY 1934

*Back row (left to right)*

Dorothy Brewer	Jack Tanner	Nancy Thornton	Alice Young	Umpire
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*Centre*

George Woolley	Nora Cartwright	Alice Watts	Emily Wroe	Ivy Brennand
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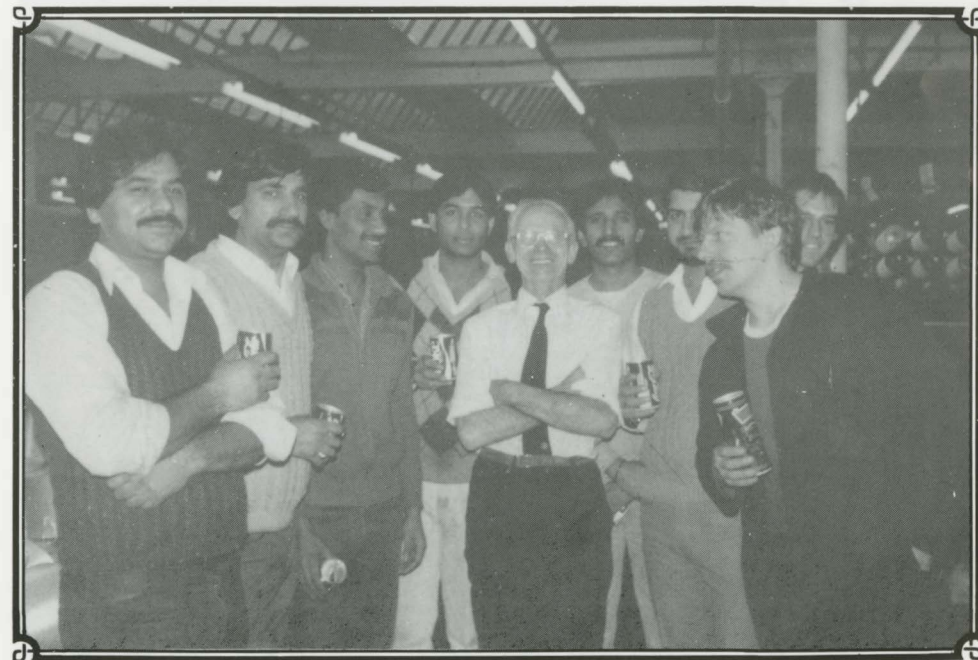
*Front Row*

Trixie Dawson	Alice Schofield	Eva Slater	M. Schofield
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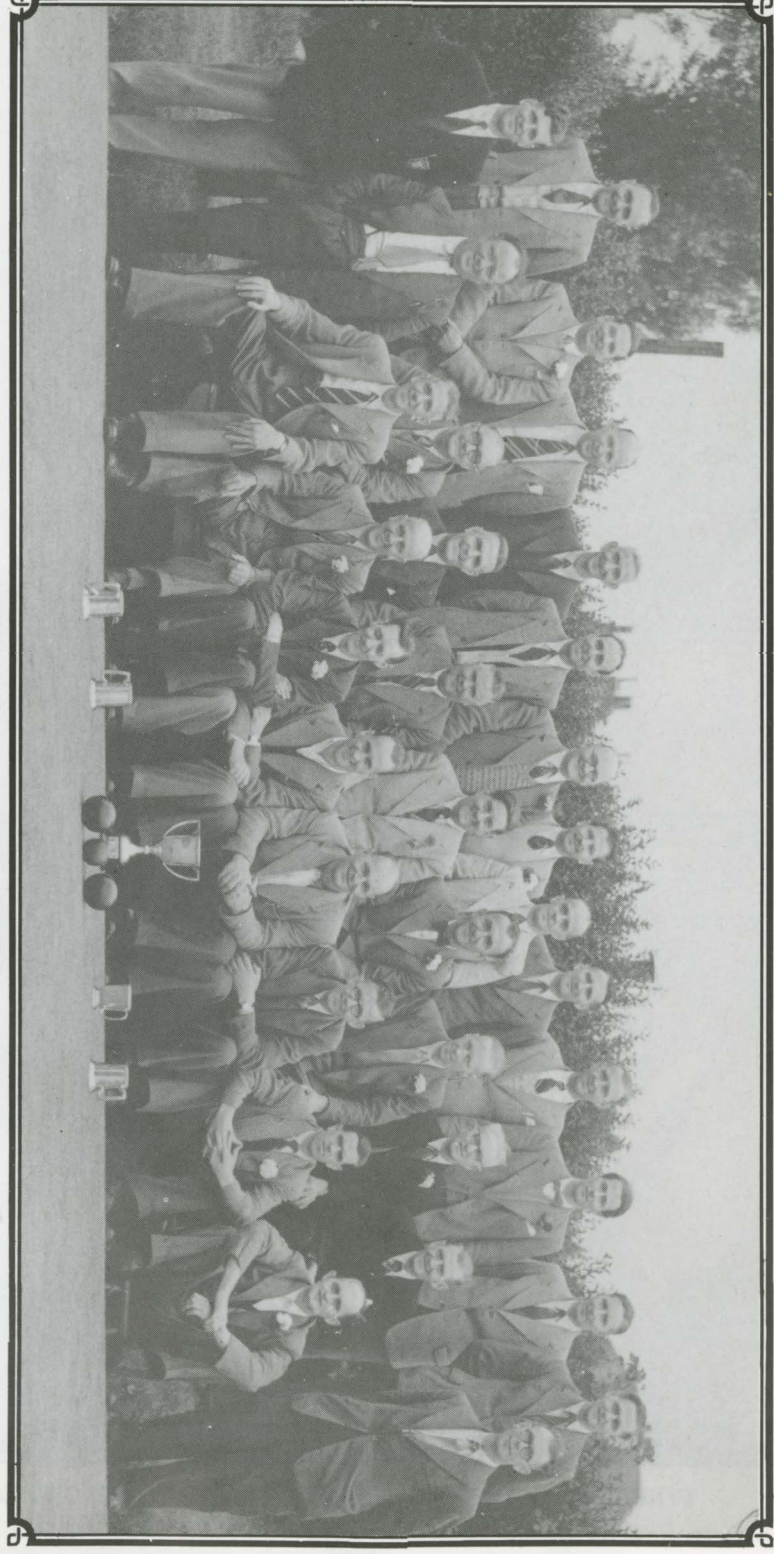


CHRISTMAS PARTY 1966

<i>Back row</i>	Cheryl Watson	Alice Parkinson	Cliff Seville	Mary Byrom	Bill Caveney	Phyllis Noke	Nora Moorhouse	Fred Smith
<i>Front</i>	Lorna Kirkley	Norma Wheelwright	Doreen Bolton	Evelyn Hodgkis	Catherine Perrin			

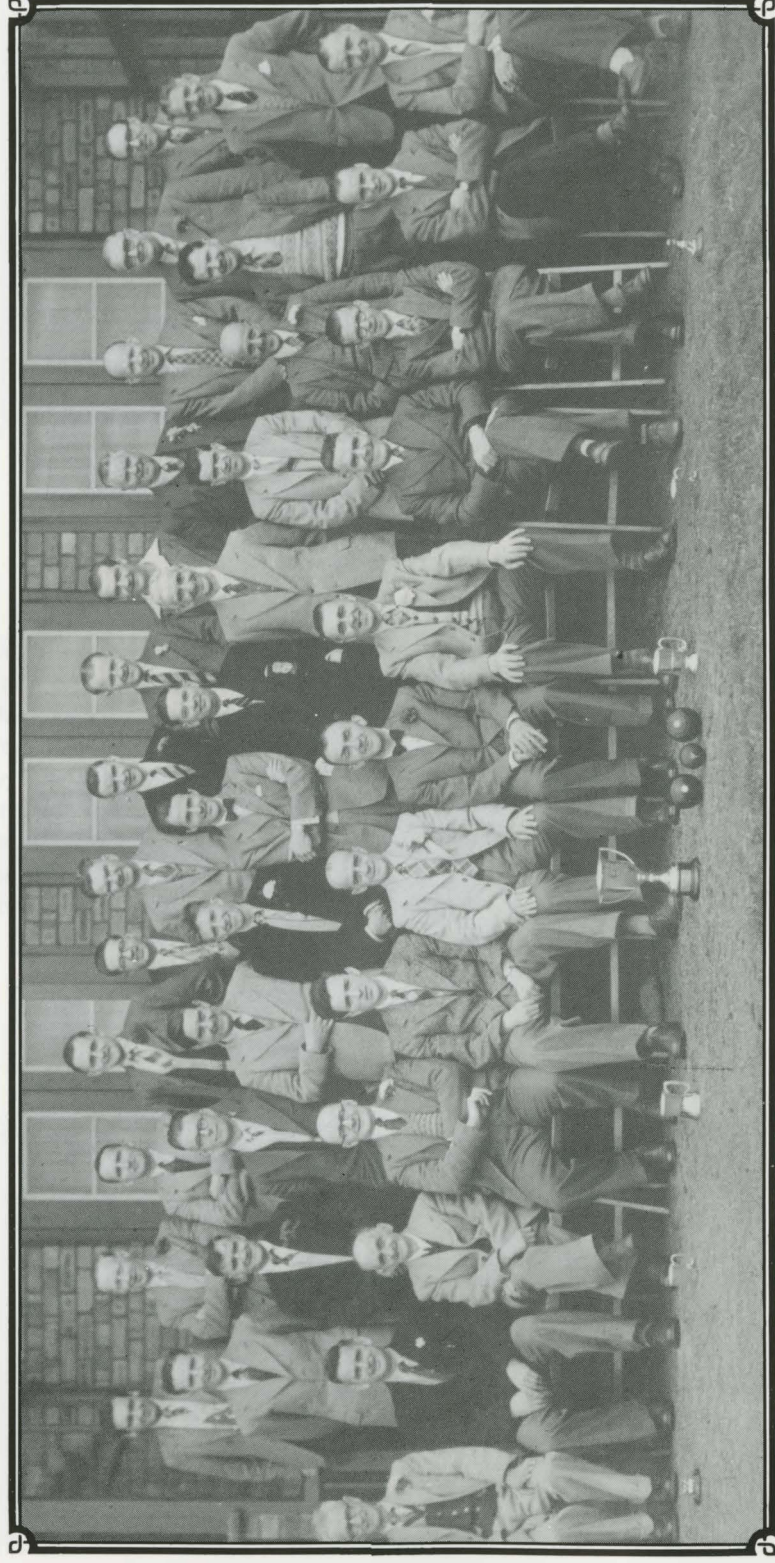


TYRE CORD DEPARTMENT				RETIREMENT OF SYD CHARLTON 1986				
K. Masood	F. Ali	Madris Ali	R. Mamood	Syd Charlton	A. Mahmood	M. Rafi	Peter Jacques	Terry Stoker



BOWLING TRIP 1952 - SOUTHPORT

<i>Back Row</i>	Sydney Currell	Bert Smith	Harry Marston	Arthur Thatcher	Charlie Henshaw	Charlie Crossland	Bob Tranter	Harold Crossland	Bill Wolfenden	Jack Schofield	R.J.R. Tanner	Harold Darlington	Fred Curtell
<i>Centre row</i>	Walter Yates	Driver	George Johnson	Jim Mulligan	Johnny Moorhouse	Harold Jones	Arthur Cooke	Clifford Gaud	Jim Longley	Bill Shaw	Jack Buckley	George Powell	Frank Curtell
<i>Front row</i>	Arnold Williamson		Jack Edge	George Slater	Harry Walsh	Fred Broadbent	Arnold Landon						



BOWLING TRIP 1954 - BLACKPOOL

<i>Back row</i>	Clifford Gaud	Bill Wolfenden	Eric Cooper	Frank Kennerley	Jeffrey Booth	Eric Kenworthy	Arthur Oldham	John Moorhouse	Harry Marston	George Johnson	Charlie Henshaw	
<i>Centre row</i>	Harold Darlington	Jack Beresford	Jack Buckley	Harold Jones	Harold Harrison	R.J.R. Tanner	Bert Smith	Arthur Thatcher	George Powell	Jack Edge	Bert Tranter	Arnold Williamson
<i>Front row</i>	Jim Longley	Arnold Senior	Bob Barrett	Charlie Crossland	Bert Heep	Harold Crossland	Arthur Cooke	Clifford Lawton	J. Mulligan	Arnold Landon	Harry Walsh	Jack Schofield



VISIT TO GOODYEAR 1949

Back row (left to right)

X George Winterbottom Fred Hawken Reg Kenworthy Alan Brown Jock Anderson Wilfred Slater Arthur Cooke Harold Crossland Jim Roylance Ben Sykes X Frank Bowers Charlie Crossland X X

Middle row

Frank Kennerley Martin Kierney Dick Gillis Johnny Moorhouse X Jack Harrison Goodyear Team Bert Crabtree X X X X X

Front row (seated) left to right

Stuart Sorsby J. Tanner R. Tanner Frank Olive X T. Tanner Arnold Senior Clifford Harrison Sydney Charlton Bob Garlick Jim Tranter



FOOTBALL TEAM 1975

Jeff Booth	Eddie Heap	Michael Morris	Alec Wilson	Frederic Tanner	John Tanner	Bill Caveney
Tony Hill	Nigel Parkin	John Rollinson	David Travis	Peter Jacques	Robert Cooper	

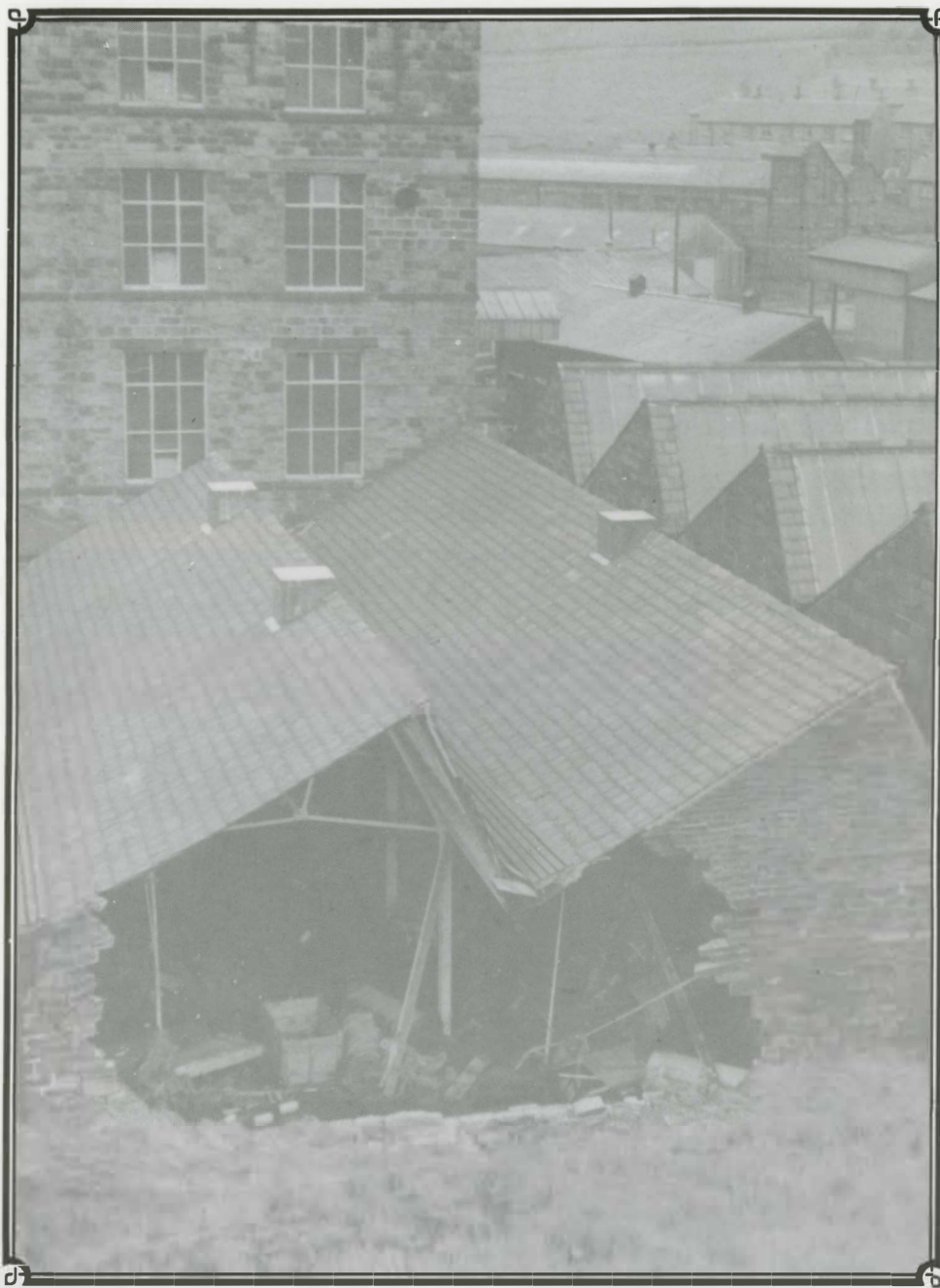


On April 5th 1966, an old electric motor caught fire in the top room at Waterside Mill, and soon the whole of the roof was ablaze.

With a wooden ceiling underdrawing the roof supported by wooden roof trusses, the top two floors became an inferno.



But because of the brick arched ceilings the floors held the machinery from falling down below; and production returned in a remarkably short space of time.



### FIRE AND FLOOD

The weaving shed at Warth Mill was built over the river. In 1955 and again in 1964 the river flooded and burst through the floor of the weaving shed, causing such a mess as only floodwater can.



AUG 1986

#### *Front*

Jeff Booth, Muriel Parkin, Rene Morris, Vivienne Rhodes, Audrey Hallam, Tracey Whittaker, Elaine Walker, Colin Boulton, Edith Booth, Doreen Gateley, Veronica Beresford, Anne Sumner, Beryl Platt, Diane King, Nancy Bilton, Ann Lloyd, Joyce Collier, Helen Sullivan, Irma Cadman, Julia Hoskin, Hannah Garth.

#### *Middle*

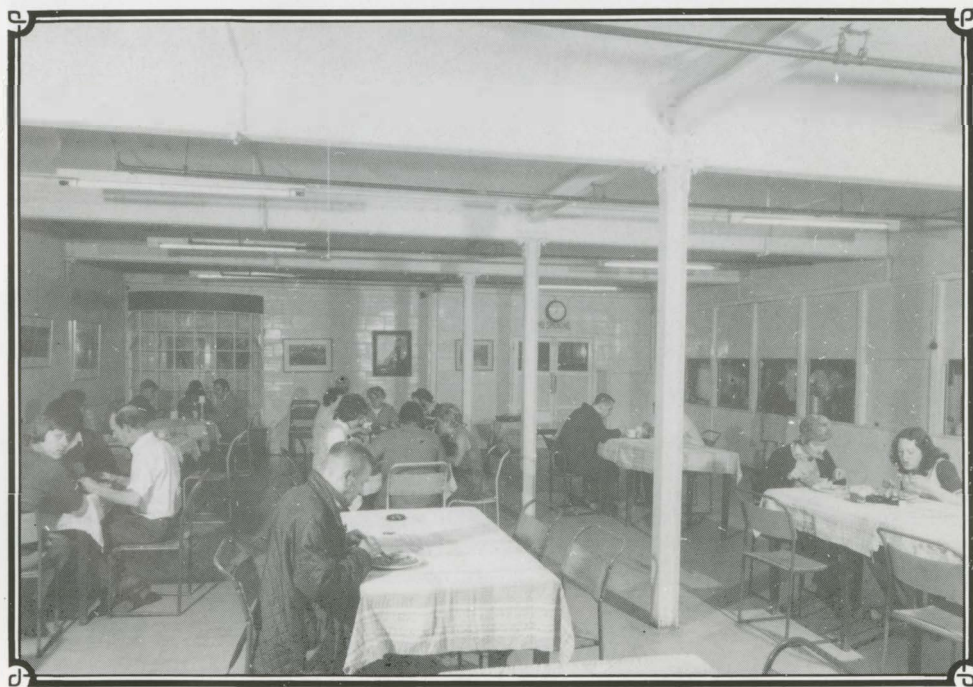
Fred Hawken, George Mellor, Peter Jacques, Pat Brown, Ann Snailham, Pauline McDonald, Ivor Christopher, Arthur Dodd, Ralph Bowler, Abdul Rahman, Arthur Brookes, Bill Caveney, Margaret Johnson, Jacqueline Roebuck, Janice Esposito, Derek Lowe, Kevin Lowe, Margaret Knott, Antoinetta Nykorak, Alison Dolan, Jean Gaylard, Joan Darraugh, Bill Taylor, Kathryn McErlain, M. Asif, Marjorie Garside, Peter North, Dorothy Delaney, Anne Robinson, R. Mahmood, S. Bahadur, M. Ali, Dai Mistry, Peter Williams.

#### *Back*

F.J.T. Tanner, Gordon Crick, Wilfred Hawkin, John Broadbent, Stefan Kozlyk, A. Jabbar, Wayne Stewart, David Appleby, David Beesley, Andrew Rhodes, Derek Robinson, Michael Fahy, John Schofield, Leslie Stokes, Andrew Hansford, Andrew Clayton, Alan Chamberlain, Stephen McErlain, Stuart Davies, Kathleen Lambert, Arthur Brookes, Graham Platt, Alan Wild, Michael Platt, Albert Beesley, Nigel Parkin, Geoffrey Mather, M. Rafi, L.A. Butt, R.J.R. Tanner, G. Yasian, A. Mahmood, F. Ali, M. Narjeed.



THE SHOP, RUN BY PHYLLIS NOKE 1975



THE CANTEEN 1976

Opened in 1948, it was also for many years the scene of the Annual Christmas parties.



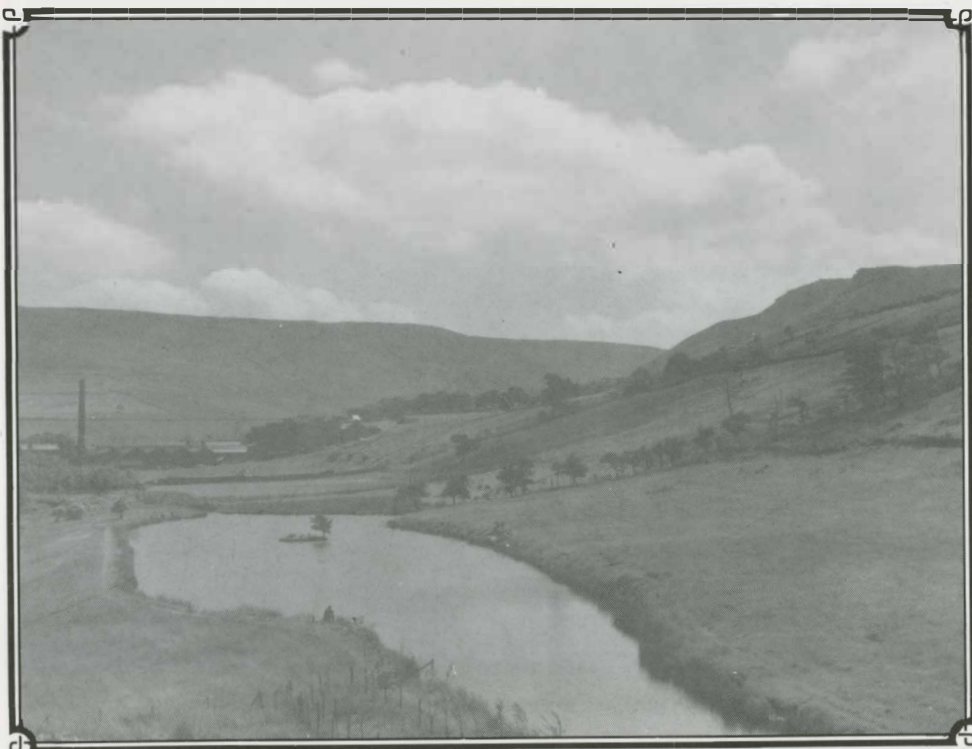
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M. Ashraf, D. English, M. Harley, F. Hussain, M. Akhi, E. Wigglesworth, S. Hamyun, M. Iqbal, M. Zahoor, A. Qyam, A. Ali, M. Asraf

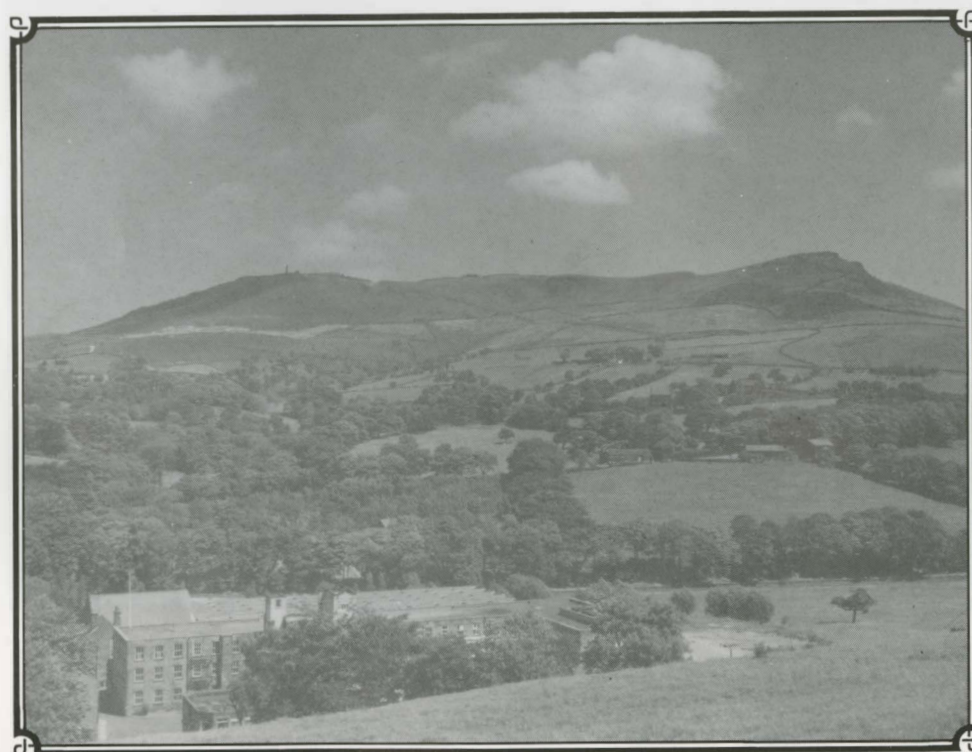


BEER WALK FOR CHARITY - 1986

Graham Platt	Michael Platt	Colin Boult	Ray King	John Tanner	Kevin Lowe	Nicola Schofield
Jean Gaylard	Andrew Clayton	Julia Hoskin	Stephen Bowler	David Tanner		



Looking east up the valley past the mill dam.



*Obtaining photographs has not been easy, and some people we wanted to include, we were not able. Nevertheless, it is hoped you may enjoy some record of a very important part of all our lives, in a small business in a small village in a small part of the industrial world. And, whatever they say in the newspapers – here, at least, hardworking, conscientious and very human – may the future justify everybody's efforts.*