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It was a typical chilly and damp morning on Saturday 21st September as the eight intrepid explorers set off to climb Snowdon.

The Speedboard management team (Neil O, Richard, Martin, Ian, Paul, Mary, Karen, Neil S) embarked on this challenge to raise money for the Duke of Edinburgh Award Charity as a way of thanking Prince Philip for coming to the factory earlier in the year.

The weekend also served as a team building event. Broken up in teams of two Martin and Karen had the job of setting the tasks. The rest of us had the joy of completing two quizzes, building a car out of bits and bobs, a giraffe out of tin foil and pipe cleaners, a toy plane while on the walk and if that was not enough completing a balance game while walking

down the mountain whenever Martin shouted "Peachy".

Going up was hard work as we climbed the Watkins trail which is one of the more difficult routes. The way down was easier, albeit hard on the knees, and gave two of the group the chance to go for a quick dip in a freezing cold lake half way down the mountain. The weekend was great fun and very rewarding. A big thank you to everyone for supporting us and donating.

Check out the brief video on youtube to see a few of the highlights of the day along with some rather dodgy voice over commentary by Neil.

youtube.com/SpeedboardAssembly

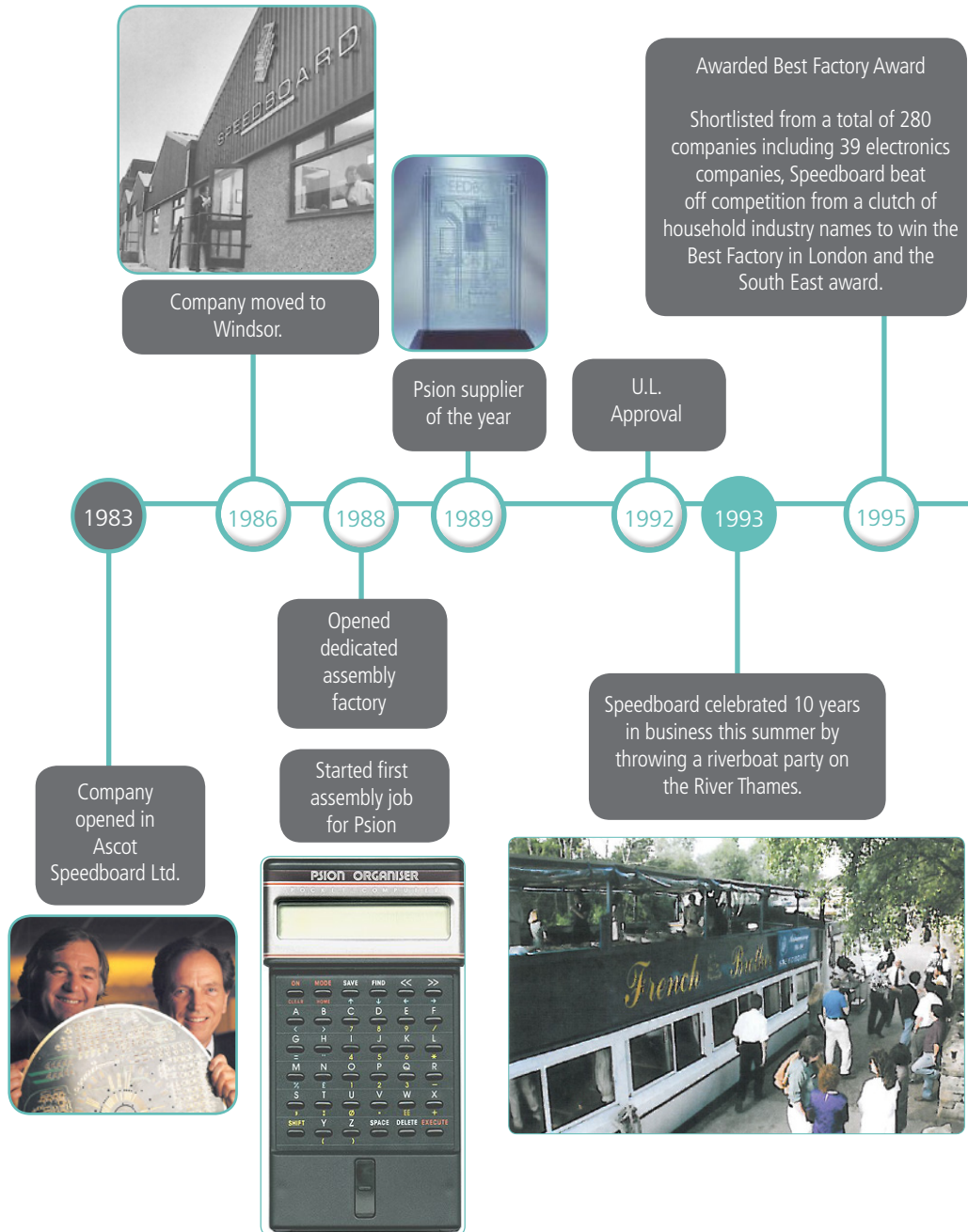
Celebrating 30 Years of British Manufacturing

What a fantastic year we have had. The factory refurbishments are now completed giving us 2000 sq ft of additional final assembly space. We of course had our celebration day with Prince Philip as our special guest.

What a day to remember. The works party that followed was a welcome opportunity to let our hair down, or in the case of Richard – to have some for a change! The Snowdon walk has been another successful challenge. And finally we rounded the year off with a factory “pizza” party.

Somewhere in the mix of all this fun we have also managed to attract new work, new customers and install upgrades to our SMD lines, a new cleaning process for high end work and a flying probe test service for customer who need this facility.

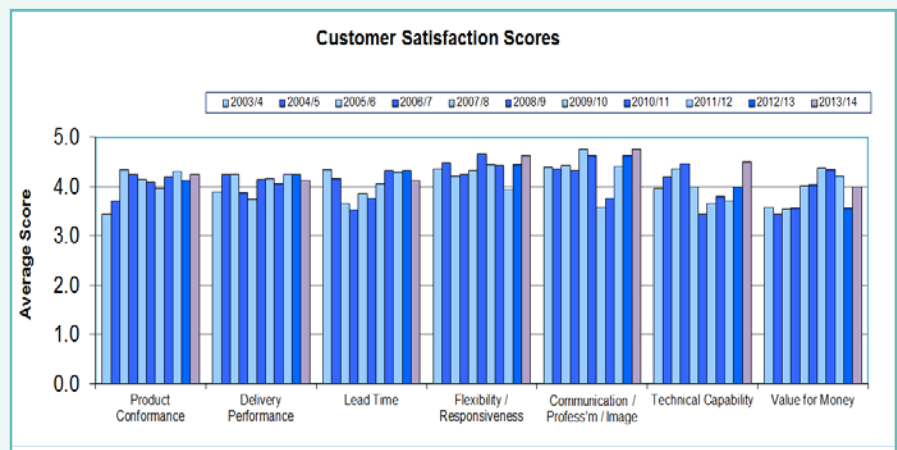
The timeline below highlights just a few of the major milestones in the company's history to date. I wonder what the next 30 years will hold.

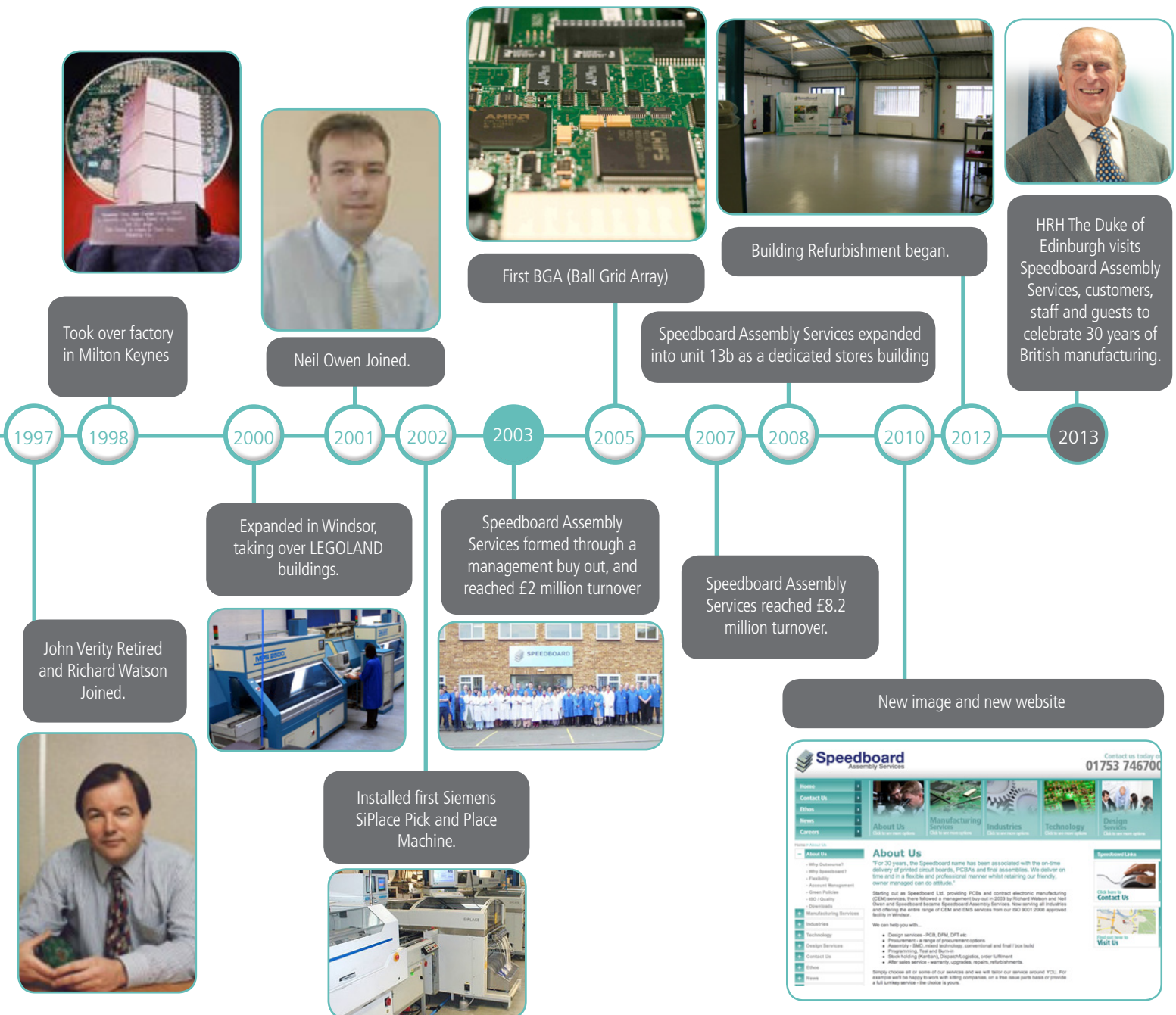


Your feedback makes a difference!

Many of you will be aware of the annual phone call asking for your feedback. We deliberately avoid sending out forms or emails for you to fill in as they often end up in the bin or as junk mail. The personal touch seems to us to be the best way of collecting your scores and views.

Over the years the feedback you have given, be it specifics about something you feel we can improve on, or general trends based on the collective scores, do indeed help us improve what we do so it improves what you receive in way of service and assemblies. The following graphs show you how you have scored us over the recent years.





A bright future

A few newsletters ago we featured Ben, our young apprentice. We are absolutely delighted to announce his successful completion of the two year training programme.

The course involved day release training at Slough College for a year and then a further year completing his project work in the factory. The project Ben was given involved designing and building a test box for one of our customer's PCBA tests as the original "open bench" testing we had been given by the customer had live mains and was therefore not very operator friendly. We were also very pleased to offer two lads from Windsor Boy's School a week's work experience. They were put to good use in SMD, AOI, Test and Conformal Coating. Hopefully at the end of the week they had a better understanding of electronics manufacturing, and what it is like to be up and at work at 7:30 every morning. It was certainly a bit of a shock to the system for one of them.





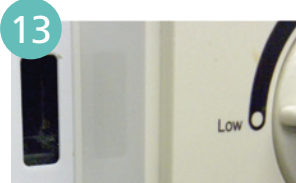
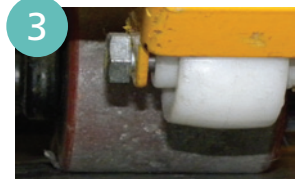
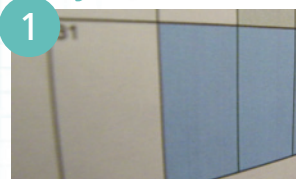
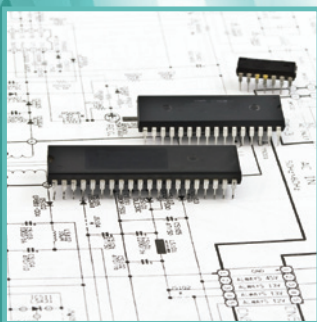
Caption Competition Winner

What is Prince Philip Saying?



We only had a few suggestions for the caption. However, the one we liked the most is displayed above. We will leave out the name of who suggested it to avoid any flack!

Say What You See?



These are just a few of the pictures Martin used for our quiz. See if you can work out what they are. Answers are on the news page on our web site. By the way – these were the easier ones!

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