

# SPEEDBOARD NEWSLETTER

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### 2013 is the 30th anniversary year of Speedboard

Speedboard started life as a PCB factory in Ascot. Shortly after we moved to the Windsor trading estate where we remain today. Contract Manufacturing began around 1988 and gradually grew to become the dominant part of the business. In 2003 we ended PCB fabrication to solely concentrate on Contract Manufacturing, forming Speedboard Assembly Services, which in the last 10 years has gone from strength to strength.

Therefore, this year we are delighted to be able to celebrate 30 years of British Manufacturing at Speedboard.

There are a few photos of staff from 1983 - see if you can work out who is who. The answers and a few more pictures will be on our web site.

The key event of our celebrations is our open day on March 22nd. Details and invites for this are to be sent out shortly to every customer.



 **Speedboard**  
Assembly Services

22nd March 2013



## Date for your diary

We are having an **OPEN DAY** on **FRIDAY 22ND MARCH** to celebrate our 30 Year Anniversary.

Invitations are soon to be sent to every customer.

This will be a great opportunity to see the factory refurbishments, **MEET THE STAFF AND JOIN IN WITH OUR CELEBRATION.**

**"Delivering Success"**

## Work Experience and Apprenticeship

During the summer last year, two boys from Windsor Boys' School joined us for a week's work experience. We put them both to work immediately giving them the opportunity to work on a range of our equipment.



They followed the PCBAs throughout the factory. Starting at pick and place they continued to AOI, through hole, test and conformal coating. They were both very polite, keen, hard working and a credit to their school and families.

18 months ago, we started our first apprenticeship program with Ben Carpenter. Ben currently works in our despatch area and attended Langley College for 1 year on day release and is now mid way through his practical project work.

Due to Ben's success, we have now begun our second apprentice, Jordan Collibee, who started college in September last year.



Jordan  
Collibee

Ben  
Carpenter

We see the apprenticeship route as a great way of developing skills and future key staff, as well as offering opportunities to the younger generation starting out in their careers.

## Things You Didn't Know About Speedboard

- Andrew Henderson is an avid Fulham supporter (don't hold it against him) and tries to attend as many home games as his wife will let him.

- Mary Bowling (Project Manager) and Geoff Taylor (Engineer) have just moved into a new house in Burnham. We say new... it is new to them but currently has no heating, carpets, running water and still has the 1930's wallpaper – guess what they are doing for the next 52 weekends!

- Next time you visit us at Speedboard, make a beeline for the account manager's office to see our artwork – we can't work out what it is and you might be able to shed some light on it!

- In 2012 Speedboard issued 472 solder iron tips to the shop floor!

- In 2012, Speedboard compacted and sent for recycling 18 pallets of cardboard and paper. How green are we?!

- Mike Tagg, who turned 70 last year (didn't he look cute!), has already booked his holidays for 2013 – he is taking a month off to see the Lions tour of Australia (Rugby to all you football fans)!

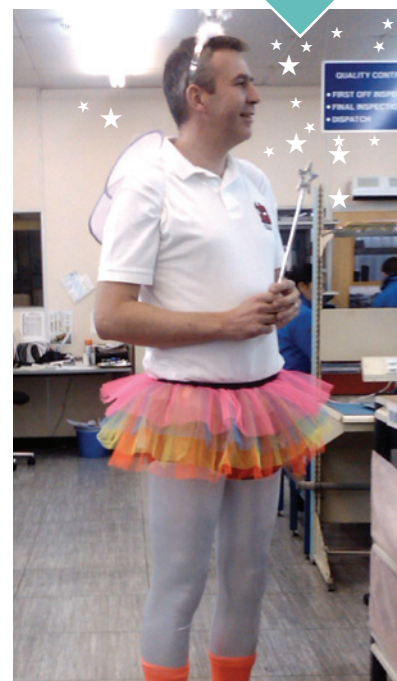


Mike  
Tagg

- We mentioned in the last newsletter that Andrew got married in May – here's the picture of Andrew and his lovely wife Linda.



- Neil Owen our Managing Director likes to dress up for Christmas (not sure what he does in his spare time at the weekends)



Neil  
Owen

## Here we are in 1983, 30 years ago, can you guess, who is who?

1983





# Factory Refurbishment

The following before and after pictures demonstrate some of the changes that we have seen.

As mentioned in previous Newsletters we have been refurbishing our manufacturing facility and are now nearing completion of this project. The project should have taken approximately 6 months to complete but this has increased to over 10 months mainly due to problems with the concrete floor. The pictures show the drastic steps that had to be taken to ensure a solid and sound surface was achieved.

The changes to our internal structure has created 2000 square feet of extra useable space. It has also been an opportunity for us to make process flow improvements and 'de clutter' the place.

Our factory has lost many of the corridors and 'hiding places' that most old buildings provide and we now have an open plan layout and clear view of production throughout. Before beginning work, floor plans were drawn up and in most cases these have been followed successfully.

This work has increased the flexibility of the space available for test and final assembly which is an area of our work that is currently expanding as more of our customers and prospects are demanding full turnkey production of finished units.

It has not been easy managing the building refurbishments whilst keeping production running. It has been like one of those Chinese square puzzles moving one thing to allow something else to move and so on. We would like to thank all our staff for bearing with us during this upheaval along with a number of specific staff who have had to master plumbing, decorating, electrics and carpentry.

Hopefully when you visit on the 22nd of March you will see the transformation.



Work in progress



Production Area



Production Area



Rooms & Corridors

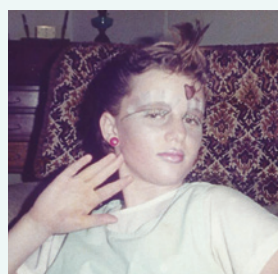
## As seen on TV

In our last newsletter (June 2012) we were delighted to announce that we were participating in the Manufacturing Solutions Program on Sky and followed this up with

emails to inform you of the dates to put in your diary. We do hope that you found the program informative as they recorded three very different manufacturing industries to analyze the role of manufacturing and how

we need it to grow for the UK economy. Don't worry if you missed it – our TV Celebrity Neil Owen has put the footage onto YouTube – just follow this link or search for <http://www.youtube.com/user/SpeedboardAssembly>

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1983





# SPEEDBOARD'S 30th Anniversary Trivia Quiz

1. 1983 (the year of Speedboards' conception) was the 83rd year of the 20th Century, but what day was January 1st?

2. Seatbelt use became mandatory for all drivers and front seat passengers in 1983 - but which month?

3. On October 2nd, 1983 who was elected leader of the Labour Party?

4. In 1983, this America singer and drummer died. Who is she?



5. What were introduced to London for the first time in 1983:

- a) Taxis
- b) Street Lamps
- c) Wheel Clamps

6. How many Oscars did the film Ghandi win in 1983:

- a) Seven
- b) Eight
- c) Nine

7. Which Brewing Magnate was kidnapped in 1983:

- a) Mikka Carlsberg
- b) Alfred Heineken
- c) Arthur Guinness

8. TV Cult programme Black Adder was first aired on TV in 1983: Who played Black Adder?

9. What toy pictured here became the must have toy of the 1980's?



10. Which of these actions, does not appear in the Elton John song "I Guess That's Why They Call It The Blues"?

- a) Living like Lovers
- b) Laughing like Children
- c) Rolling like Thunder
- d) Dancing Forever

11. Which Beatle teamed up with Michael Jackson for the hit "Say, Say, Say"?

12. Who sang the duet "Islands in the Sun" with Dolly Parton?

13. Christopher Hughes won the BBC's Mastermind quiz. What was his occupation?

14. What was the historical find of the century, which turned out to be a hoax by a clever forger?

15. Who was kidnapped never to be seen alive or dead since? (Clue: May not be a Who...but rather a what)

16. What was found in Dennis Nilsen's wastage pipes?

17. This young actress was born in 1983. She is known for acting in the following films "The Devil Wears Prada" and "The Young Victoria". Who is she?



18. Chris Rankin was born in 1983 but what film series did he appear in?



19. Manchester United were in the FA Cup Final in 1983. Who were their opponents?

20. On 1st February 1983 an early morning TV programme first aired - what was it called?

21. This was Britain's best selling car, having outsold every other new car registered in the UK in January. What is it?



22. Liverpool won the Football league Cup in 1983 beating Manchester United 2-1, but who was Liverpool's manager at that time?

23. Our money changed this year - what coin was introduced?

24. On 18th November 1983 a Liverpool woman gave birth to all female sextuplets - what was her surname?

25. The A-Team aired in 1983 but what was the nickname of all 4 characters?



26. An architecture professor in Hungary invented a toy that is still around today and had 42 quintillion combinations! What toy was it?



27. What Kid's TV programme is this?



28. What colour is the dress Eileen wears in the song "Come on Eileen"?



29. This young lady was born in 1983. Who is she?



30. What James Bond Film starring Roger Moore was made in 1983?



For all the answers please visit our website

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