

*Are you on Facebook so are we,
check us out.*

NEW TRAIL BOOKLET

Some of our volunteers are working on producing a brochure for visitors to use as a guide.

- 1 . Will be useful when the library is open but our museum is not manned.
- 2 . Handy for visitors to take and follow at their own pace
- 3 . Eventually there may even be a link to mobile handsets through the internet

WHAT NEXT?

It's up to you as we listen and take some of the lead from our readers.

If there is an item you would like published in this newsletter please pass it to our volunteers.

If there is something you would like to see more of then how about requesting that too, no guarantee we will be able to accommodate all the requests.

Our next open day will be

5th October 2011

11am to 4pm

Bata Reminiscence and Resource Centre
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OPENING TIMES

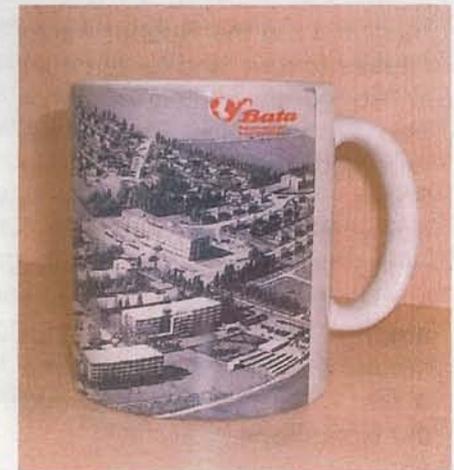
Tuesday and Thursday
10am-1pm - 2pm-6pm
Friday
2pm-6pm
Saturday
10am-1pm

Items now on sale in the centre are book, postcards and a mug.

If you wish to make a donation to help with the running costs in the centre it will be gratefully received.



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BAUHAUS KOLLEG XII

Students from the college spent ten days researching the life and times of the Bata life and its architecture.

They interviewed a number of workers, family members and were interested in anyone who had a connection with the Bata world

Extract from a Bata Record

PLAYTIME

At ten o'clock every morning the machinery in the Rubber Factories ceases to turn, and for ten minutes or so all the fellow-workers are free to indulge in whatever recreation takes their fancy. Some, led by foremen and forewomen go for a sharp run round the lawns when mornings are chilly Leap frog is popular among the boys and skipping among the girls. Others... make it a real rest, and sunbathe outside the workshops.

However spent, there is no doubt the morning break is a popular institution, and the people responsible for the work have had no cause to regret it. BR 15 May 1936

At a talk given to Retired Teachers at the Grays Masonic Hall a gentleman came up to inform me he was the "Cheese man" who made deliveries to the factory. On reflection it prompted all sorts of memories—crusty Cheese Rolls, music from the tannoy, a quick

cigarette, a date for tonight, real butter in the rolls.

Can you add more? Let us know.

GIRL STUDENTS STUDY WORLD AFFAIRS

During the past six weeks the girls of Bata Industrial Training College have enjoyed a series of lectures on world affairs, and this week they are having an examination covering the whole series. Mr W J Scheele, the staff manager, gave two lectures, one on the present day situation in America, and the other on the discovery of the American continent. Mr Pilgrim gave an interesting talk on China, and Mr A R Loughton, the Company secretary, on life in Canada. Mr F Maltby dealt with a rather more difficult subject, when he lectured to the girls on the position in the Pacific war zone.

Students are anxiously waiting for the opening of the swimming pool, where Mrs Pilgrim will teach the girls swimming and life saving on Tuesday evenings. BR 8 May 1942

NEW COLLEGE DORMITORY

Sun Lounges Club Room And Underground Raid Shelter For Students

QUARTER OF A MILLION BRICKS

Hand in hand with the Inauguration of the Young Men's Industrial Training College Scheme, instituted by Mr J Tusa a few weeks ago, goes the scheme for the re-housing of the members of the college in a magnificent new dormitory house, on the Eat Tilbury estate. This building, which by the time it has been completed, and fully equipped, will have cost something in the neighbourhood of £10,000, will have accommodation for 66 students, and a flat for their headmaster and his family.

No expense is being spared to make these new premises as modern, and up to date as possible, and in addition to splendid facilities which will be available to the members of the College, for their recreation and study, the building will be equipped with an adequate underground air raid shelter. BR 4 October 1940



On his way to the train on Friday evening Mr G Bruce, of Dept 712, dropped an envelope, containing £5, Mr J Skinner of Dept 222, who handed it in at the gatekeepers' office as he left work a few minutes later. BR 8 May 1942

Personal *****

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Mr Charles Novotny celebrated his 102nd birthday in March at Whitecroft, he was still driving his car at 99yrs of age to get his shopping from ASDA with Mr Wes Cowling who unfortunately recently died as reported in our last issue.

Sadly we report the news of the death of our friend

Barbara Batty

Ken Clark