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Forthcoming Meetings

Sunday 31 May	1300 Meeting and Codan component distribution at Warren Lane's. Warren will distribute his address by e-mail.
Sunday 28 June	1315 Return visit to the ETSA Museum, 31 Broughton Avenue, Kurralta Park
Sunday 26 July	1300 AGM and Auction, St Cyprian's Church Hall.

Retirees' Luncheons

Luncheons are held for retirees at the Buckingham Hotel, corner of

Walkerville Terrace and Northcote Terrace, Gilberton. Meeting time is 1200 for a 1230 luncheon. Forthcoming luncheons are;

Wednesday 8 July

Wednesday 9 September

Wednesday 11 November

Front Cover

The photograph of the Briton Theatrette is from the Resurrection Radio calendar from way back when Arthur Courtney owned the firm.

Editorial

As we are a little short of material for this Newsletter, we are back to four pages. The July-August edition will be the start of Volume 25, reflecting the start of the Group's 25th year.

The May's Retiree's Luncheon had an excellent attendance of 11, including the guest.

Presidents Report

On this visit to the National Military Vehicles Museum Tony Bell gave us a tour of the grounds of the WWII Munitions Factory which originally was built on this site. And explained the use of the various buildings. After the meeting we revisited the Museum to look at the changes in displays.

The rain held off for the auction at my home in April. I had visions of heavy rain running through the garage. Which it does, due to the drains. It looked like we had a lot to sell, but we seemed to get through it quickly.

The next meeting is at Warren Lane's in Rostrevor on 31st May. We are intending to have a final distribution of parts/components from Codan.

The June meeting is a tour of the ESTA Museum on Sunday 28th

We expect all of those who indicated that they were going, to turn up.



The 11 attendees at the Retiree's Luncheon at the Buckingham Hotel in May. The guest in the front left is a former Philips' colleague of John Crawford, Zenon Golenia of Sydney.

More from Jim Eason about the Little Astor

I was surprised and delighted to see the article in your newsletter and I hope that a few members can pass on whatever knowledge that they might have. The information in the update will only be as good any information I can get, so it's all appreciated Even if it a valve series on a set as found. Half the difficulty is just proving that there were models within models. For the Porta I had come up with 4 models up until last week then found another. Then I found the proof that there were at least 2 models before the November 1928 model and may have found a fifth model a few days ago. As I have only had access to 2 of these sets, it difficult to draw 5 different circuits. Fortunately in the case of the Porta, the circuit is unlikely to have actually changed very much despite the valve changes. The clues for the different models actually come from the label, and physical styling changes.

To be continued Ed.