

***** Long service awards span half a Century *****

The boot was on the other foot for Vincenzo Mancuso at the Olivetti long service awards dinner. Instead of just giving the awards, Mr Mancuso received an award for 25 years service. Not to be outdone though was Tom Edgar, with a magic 50 years behind him. The long service awards dinner was held at the Carlton Tower Hotel on 12 October. About 80 Olivetti employees were honoured for their devotion to their employers, including Ron Taylor and Tom Dudman, both with 35 years service, and Rosemary Brundle, the only woman this year, with 15 years service.

50 MAGIC YEARS



Pick any card you like... The magician entertains Mr and Mrs Mancuso.



Mr Mancuso receives his award from David Maroni



Rosemary Brundle: 15 years' service



Ron Taylor: 35 years' service



Tom Edgar. Tom has 50 years' service



Tom Dudman: 35 years' service

Sterling stuff at Brands



OLIVETTI'S staff and guests enjoyed their day out at the European Grand Prix held at Brands Hatch in October.

Not only did they watch the exciting motor racing, but former racing champion Sterling Moss was on hand to dispense wit and wisdom from the fast lane.



Kevin's a real winner

CONGRATULATIONS to Kevin Parr, an analyst programmer in Olivetti's Information Systems Department, for being chosen as one of the winners in the recent Thames Television 'Database' competition sponsored by Prestel and Micronet 800.

a series of digital flashes on the TV screen, which had to be decoded and interpreted by home computer.

Kevin built his own decoder from a kit which enabled him to download the information onto his micro.

When he had solved the clues, he then devised a small programme to plot the lines using co-ordinates taken from Ordnance Survey maps, as he found that drawing lines on ordinary maps was too inaccurate.

The competition, which ran for four weeks, involved solving clues which lead each week to the names of two towns. Lines joining the two towns had to be plotted on a map, and where the four lines met was the solution.

The prize, a year's free subscription to Prestel and Micronet, was presented to Kevin by Jane Ashton of the Database television programme at the PC World show at Olympia.

The novel aspect of this competition was that the clues were broadcast during the Database programmes as