

Chapter 61: Mum's Work

At the start of this period, mum was working for Kirkby Cooperative Manufacturing (KCM) having started there in October 1953.¹ In January 1955, she worked four hours overtime, staying an hour late, until 6pm, on a number of occasions. For this, she was paid 13/-, which she noted was calculated as four hours at 3/3 per hour, which she noted was time and a half. In March 1955, she noted that she stayed late, to 5.45pm, to pay dividends, but she did not note if she was paid overtime for this.

In April 1955, she noted that another Sheila, from Nottingham, came to help her. That same month, mum noted that Marion Longden started working as her junior. In May 1955, when grandad was ill, mum arranged to work at KCM until 3pm after which she went to the shop to help out. In June 1955, she noted that she, and then Marion, had half days as there was "no work". By July, it seems things were busier again as she noted working an hour's overtime five times that month. She also noted that month that Mr Seabrook gave her time off for her to take her driving test.

On 3 August 1955, mum noted that the factory was closed and that there were only five staff in. Mr Seabrook was away all that day and the next two days. She worked late one day in September (until 6.35pm) but did not explain why.

On 9 November 1955, presumably because of grandad's continued ill-health, mum decided to give up working at KCM to go and work at the shop. On the 21st, she noted that her friend Margaret Bostock had started to work at KCM. She also noted that "Mr Seabrook told me to go & see him before I got another job".



Advert in Kirkby-in-Ashfield directory 1969

¹ See Chapter 55.