

BYGONES

Customers were praised as shop scooped top accolade

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STAFF at a shop that stocked everything for the tradesman celebrated in style in 1983 after being crowned the best in Burton.

The Jones and Clark store in Waterloo Street was crowned the town's top shop following a contest in the Burton Mail which received more than 5,000 votes and a shortlist of 21 shops.

The staff at Jones and Clark put their win down to their customers. Sales assistant Gary Cole had been with the company for four years, he said: "Our customers are great. There isn't an awkward one among them."

Despite the large number of entries and votes, Jones and Clark emerged as the clear winner.

Managing director Brian Clark said: "All the credit is due to the staff. We always try to keep the customer happy and that's the secret of our success. We try to supply from stock as much as possible and if we can't, we're always glad to order."

Mr Clark had an extra reason to celebrate as his prize for the shop winning the accolade was a weekend for two in London.

The contest was a joint venture with Burton Chamber of Trade. The chamber's president John Ward said: "It has created friendly interest between retailers and given customers an opportunity to say what they think about shops"

The firm is now at Infinity House in Paget Street.



The best in the town at Jones in Clark in 1983 were Margaret Payne, Sue Wrigley, Phyl Kirkland and Jane Bristow. On the back row was Stephen Wood, Mark Fletcher and Gary Cole.



ON THIS DAY

1707: The Acts of Union became law, making England and Scotland one country.

1726: Sir John Vanbrugh, playwright and architect of Blenheim Palace, Castle Howard and many castles and houses, died.

1780: The British Gazette And Sunday Monitor, the first Sunday newspaper in Britain, was published.

1827: Famously deaf composer Ludwig van Beethoven died in Vienna, aged 57. His last words were reputedly: "I shall hear in Heaven."

1885: The first cremation in Britain took place at Woking in Surrey.

1937: Popeye the sailor-man became the first cartoon character to have his statue erected - by spinach growers in Crystal City, Texas.

1945: David Lloyd George, who laid the foundations of the Welfare State and led Britain through the First World War, died at the age of 82.

1971: East Pakistan, under Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, declared independence to become the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

1973: The first woman stockbroker set foot on the floor of the London Stock Exchange.

1979: Israel and Egypt ended 30 years of war after a peace deal brokered by the United States.

1981: The so-called Gang of Four (Roy Jenkins, David Owen, William Rodgers and Shirley Williams) launched the Social Democratic Party.

1992: Former heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson was jailed after being found guilty of one count of rape and two counts of criminal deviate conduct.

1997: The bodies of 39 members of the Heaven's Gate cult were found after a mass suicide - they believed they would join aliens following the Hale Bopp comet.