

When I look back on my life as a printer in Banbury, Oxford, Reading and Leamington Spa, I realise that practically my whole existence has been inextricably linked with the trade in one form or another. From my childhood as the son of a fine art colour printing machine minder at Stones the Printers I have had printing ink flowing in my veins.

As mentioned, my father Jim Newman was a machine minder at Stones and also Branch Secretary of the Typographical Association (later the National Graphical Association). He then became, because of an allergy to anti-set off powder, a proofreader, moving in the process to Papers & Publications (Printers) Ltd, printers of the *Banbury Guardian* (later to become WW Web Offset Ltd).



The offices of *The Banbury Guardian* in Parsons Street, somewhat before the author worked there! (reproduced by kind permission of *The Banbury Guardian*).