

# BIRCHINGTON ENGINEERING EMPLOYEES

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Reg joined the firm in 1947, just after it was set up. Initially he worked on the shop floor, but latterly he became a tool-room Foreman and was, among other things, in charge of apprentice training. Many of his trainees ended up at Rovex. At one stage he applied to Rovex for a job, as they were offering a higher wage, Rovex was delighted at the thought of him joining their firm, as all his apprentices were all such a credit to his training. However, when 'Taps', his boss at Birchington engineering, heard about his possible departure, he increased his wage to match the Rovex offer, so he stayed on. He finally retired from the firm in 1984.

Reg kindly lent us the Christmas card showing the Taplin family in 'Shrublands', taken in about 1947 or 1948.

