

# JRD RUBBER MOULDINGS

## John Cox, Ron Gerrard & Des O'Connor Founder Directors



**John Cox:**

Born 2<sup>nd</sup> Sep 1939: Died 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2010.

Upon leaving school, he joined BTR in his home town of Burton-upon-Trent, where he studied part time as qualified as a Rubber Chemist. He then joined Woodville Rubber in 1968 as Chief Chemist. A talented rugby player back in the day, he continued to follow the sport achieving a long held ambition supporting the Lions in New Zealand in 2005. He continued to work part time in a consultancy role until his untimely death in Feb 2010



**Ron Gerrard:** Born 19<sup>th</sup> Apr 1936: Died 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 2001.

A native Londoner, Ron joined the RAF and became an engineer in the late 50s. After leaving he worked for a number of engineering and rubber companies including Firestone. He joined Woodville in 1970. Outside work he had a keen interest in horseracing and was actively involved in a number of owner syndicates. He remained working at JRD until his sudden death in 2001.



**Des O'Connor:** Born Dec 1938 in Omaru on South Island of New Zealand. Became an engineering officer in the Merchant Navy. He left the Navy in the early 60's and went to work for a plastics company. He joined Woodville in 1970. After JRD was set up in 1974, he stayed there until 1989 when he had to leave due to ill health. He spent his retirement first pursuing his passion of sailing starting with a trip back to New Zealand. He eventually retired to Australia and died in Jan 2008 after a short illness.