

Biscuit Time

A brief history of Huntley & Palmers

1822 J. Huntley & Son biscuit bakery opens in London Street

1832 Joseph Huntley junior opens tin making and ironmongery shop (later Huntley, Boorne & Stevens) opposite the bakery

1841 George Palmer becomes Thomas Huntley's partner. Business renamed Huntley and Palmer

1846 Kings Road factory opens

1847 London office opens

1857 Thomas Huntley dies

1857 William Isaac and Samuel Palmer join George as partners. Business renamed Huntley & Palmers

1861 London Street shop closes

1865 Joseph Leete becomes continental representative

1867 H&P receives Royal Warrants from Leopold II of Belgium and Napoleon III of France

1878 H&P awarded a first prize at Paris Exhibition

1898 becomes a private limited company and renamed Huntley & Palmers Ltd

1900 awarded two first prizes at Paris Exhibition

1911 supplies Captain Scott's Antarctic expedition

1914-18 makes army biscuits and artillery shell cases during World War I

1918 buys Huntley, Boorne & Stevens, tin box makers

1918 King George V visits factory

1921 H&P forms Associated Biscuit Manufacturers Ltd with Peek Frean of London

1923 opens factory at La Courneuve near Paris

1924-5 exhibits at British Empire Exhibition, Wembley

1926 Prince of Wales visits factory

1937 new office building opens in Kings Road

1939-45 H&P makes army biscuits during World War II

1955 opens a branch factory at Huyton, Liverpool

1960 W. R. Jacob of Liverpool joins Associated Biscuit Manufacturers Ltd

1969 biscuit production of Huntley & Palmers, Peek Frean and Jacobs reorganised as Associated Biscuits Ltd

1975 factory used as location for the film *Bugsy Malone*

1976 biscuit production ends at Reading

1982 Nabisco, North American based multinational, acquires Associated Biscuits Ltd

1983 Huyton factory closes

1985 former Peek Frean factory in Bermondsey closes (check)

1989 Nabisco sell UK biscuit companies including Huntley & Palmers, Peak Frean and Jacobs to BSN/Danone, a French food group

1991 the head offices of what is then known as the Jacob's Bakery move from Kings Road to premises in the Suttons Business Park, Reading

1996 Jacob's head office moves from Reading to Liverpool