

Decorative Metalware

The Last Day



J W Evans was a family business run for three generations. The factory's last owner was Tony Evans, the grandson of Jenkin. Gradually, over time, production of goods decreased and parts of the factory were closed. The trade was faced with changing tastes, new manufacturing technology and competition from cheaper makers abroad.

Write a diary account of the owner or a worker on the final day of operation as the tools are put down, the lights switched off and the doors locked. How might they feel what memories might they have? Consider the sights, sounds and smells associated with a working building like this.