

A Message from the President

Another year has passed by and here we are well into 1994, the Fellowship having been established for nine years (*I see that the first edition of "Postscript" was dated June 1985 - Ed*). For the continuing success of the Fellowship we have to thank our Regional Organisers and, of course, our hard working Secretary, Betty Cambell for their untiring and enthusiastic efforts.



Your new President, in characteristic pose, chatting to Vice-Chairman Basil Garsed.

The administrative wheels would have ground to a horrible halt many moons ago without Betty's contribution - thanks Betty!

None of this could have happened without the support of NCR management in the past - and continued by the support of AT&T now and, we hope in the future; for which we offer our sincere thanks and appreciation.

On a different tack; our colleagues in Scotland are already aware that that great enthusiast for the Fellowship, Jack Sale, has handed over the Regional Organiser for Scotland's job to Scott Caldow. Jack is one of the Founder Organisers and, in the early days, worked hard to get the Scottish Region up and running, this in spite of living in Newcastle and later Birmingham! Those of us in the South find it hard to visualise the distances involved getting far flung Scots together. Thanks Jack for your special contribution to the Fellowship's Success.

We are all relieved to learn that Jack is not bowing out but is actively assisting Ernie Giles with the Northern Region and remaining as our contact with Ireland. A very warm welcome to Scott and our sincere thanks for taking over in Scotland, not his first brush with the Fellowship as he

used to provide the company interface for Fellowship functions at Cumbernauld. Our Editor tells me that he is short of material for Postscript so can I make an appeal to you all to keep the contributions coming.

Please put pen to paper and tell us how you are all coping

with retirement. What about your hobby, that fabulous holiday you had, tips for making our money go further, **scandal** from way back that can now be told - send them all in and see yourself in print!

REMEMBER - No Material - No Postscript!

Life President of the Fellowship

The sharp eyed among you will notice a different title to the above message, your popular chairman has been elevated to the peerage! Explanation needed, and follows.....

Harry, towards the completion of his career with NCR, found himself researching and writing a paper to justify the introduction of pre-retirement courses to NCR UK. Such was the persuasive nature of his arguments that courses were commenced in 1982 at about the time of his retirement and were jointly run by him and Geoff Jackson (*your Editor*). These courses continued for over ten years and more than 500 employees and their spouses attended three day courses; obviously many of you took part.

What became obvious in the early days of these courses was the fact that on saying goodbye at the end of the course, all links, apart from a monthly pension

cheque, were severed with the company. And with this thought the idea of a fellowship was born. We were lucky at that time to have a Personnel Director, Paul Williams, who supported and promoted the idea of pre-retirement courses and now saw a Pensioners Organisation as an extension of the same idea. With his support, finance was approved and, during 1984, the Fellowship was set up for launch in January 1985.

From the start, the obvious choice for Chairman was Harry Redington and we were lucky that he agreed to serve in this capacity, a job he has done for over nine years. All good things must come to an end however and, because, sadly, Harry's wife, Kath, is suffering ill-health, Harry is having to devote his time to caring for her. Quite rightly, Harry feels that her needs must come first and he has

had to stand down as our Chairman.

May I, on behalf of all our members, thank Harry for his service over the years and say that we are all delighted to learn that he has agreed to be a Life President of the Fellowship, thus ensuring that we will still see him at our various functions.

May I add that Harry's contribution has not gone unrecognised. At a Fellowship Tea held on Tuesday April 12th at Head Office a surprise (*to Harry that is!*) presentation was made to him. This on behalf of both the Fund Trustees and your Regional Organisers and consisting respectively; Whisky Glasses and contents and, secondly, an engraved silver salver.

Looking forward to seeing you around the place for many more years Harry -

Your fellow members.



Harry's presentation - with Pensions Manager, Malcolm Revell and new Chairman, Tony Poil

REGION 1

(The 93/94 report from Scotland is in two parts, the reason for which will be revealed below)

Part 1 from Jack Sale

Our region's first meeting of 1993 was held at the Albany Hotel in Glasgow on Wednesday 12th May and proved to be a great success, the weather was good and I am sure helped with those that had long distances to travel.

We had some last minute cancellations which could not be helped and our good wishes were extended to those colleagues who had not been too well in recent months.

This meeting was my last as organiser for the Scottish Region - a difficult decision to make but, I feel, a sensible one. I thoroughly enjoyed the very pleasant work having undertaken the start-up of the region on "a temporary basis" in 1986 and as we had such a fine team I carried on regardless!! Nevertheless it made good sense to recommend someone locally who was well known to take up the cudgel. Who better than Scott Caldwell who very kindly agreed to do just that. I have known Scott for many years and his experience of the region will be of considerable help to all its Fellowship members. May I



Scott making the presentation to Jack: May '93

wish you every success Scott - you have a fine team - I shall indeed miss them even though I live south of the border. Our guest this year was my 'old' white haired friend and close colleague, Ernie Giles, who at last made it and met

many of his old cronies and a few new ones as well.

In closing, may I say a big thank you for letting me be one of the team, it has been great fun. Thank you too for your gift of a bottle of malt and the many letters and good wishes - bless you all - **Jack Sale.**

Part 2: from Scott Caldwell

I would like to add a footnote to Jack's report to say that all the members of our region appreciate the effort Jack put in over the years and we were pleased to make a small presentation, a bottle of Glenfiddich, to mark the occasion.

During November my wife and I took a couple of days holiday and travelled North. We stayed in Aberdeen with Don and Isabel Macfadyen and I was able to meet up with Bob Graham and Gordon Davidson in Aberdeen. The following day I had lunch with Bob Lowden, Len Whittet, Bob Simpson and Dave Gray in Dundee. I especially enjoyed the two days, being able to meet up with old friends, especially as they had been unable to make it to the luncheon earlier in Glasgow.



Top: Bob Lowden, Len Whittet, Scott, Dave Gray and Bob Simpson (Angus Hotel Nov '93)

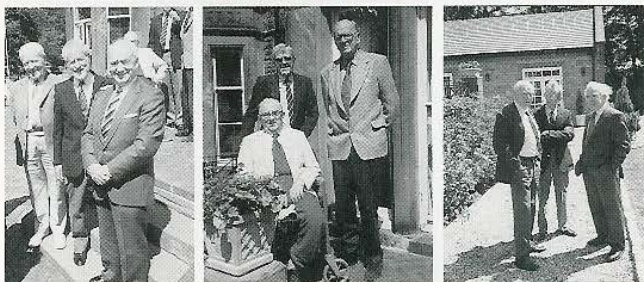
Below: Don Macfadyen, Bob Graham and Gordon Davidson

REGION 2

From Ernie Giles

On the 12th May 1993 I made my way to Glasgow as a guest of Region 1 where I enjoyed lunch and met various Scottish Fellowship members; Gerry Cowie, Bill Ferguson, Mike Clancy, Louise McGovern, Dorothy Brandon and Sam Foster, to name just a few. This was a special occasion as Jack Sale was saying goodbye to the region he had set up and which he was now handing over to Scott Caldwell, it was a long but pleasant day.

Greetings from the North West



In return, I invited Jack to be our guest at a meeting in Carlisle on 25th May, where he had the opportunity to meet many old colleagues from the Cumbria and Newcastle areas. It was a good meeting with full attendance apart from two members who were away on holiday, and we extended a big welcome to Eddie Rose, it being his first meeting. The food was excellent, the hotel reasonable and all present enjoyed themselves so much that it was booked for the Christmas lunch.

On the 9th June the North East members met at the Buckles Inn for lunch, in all 31 of us and we had Malcolm Revell as our guest. His talk was well received and afterwards he took time out for individual sessions where required. We were blessed with sunny weather and welcomed Maurice Rhodes, June Rudge-Priestley, Margaret Ellis and Brian Jackson for the first time. Jack Sale is now Official Photographer and his efforts are here for all to see!

Another good day was had on 1st July at The Grange for NW members, 36 attending. We were delighted to see Jim Wallace (alas for the last

time), Cyril Ashworth and Evelyn Groom now aged 95! No guest speaker on this occasion, but instead, a ramble through the grounds in the sunshine.

The Grange Country Club was again graced with our presence on 28th October, 34 this time the flu reducing anticipated numbers. Charles Grout was mourned by those present as was Jim Wallace. Pat Keogh gave a talk on the Pension Fund in his capacity of Trustee, most useful and enjoyable. A good get-together.

Buckles Inn saw us back there on 17th November, a total of 33 this time including two new members from Grimsby, another successful day.

On 30th November lunch was at Carlisle, all present except Eddie Tuck, recovering from an operation. Mary Hunter's birthday was celebrated with a splendid cake, not quite big enough for the 72 candles needed! Malcolm made another appearance for this group and was counted as great a success as that he gained with the NE Group. Other Regions should ask him, he's good value for money, lunch that is!

REGION 3

From Harry Hardacre

During 1993 we only managed one lunch, this held at NCR Sheldon on 26th May. Food excellent as was the after lunch speaker; Pat Keogh doing his Pension Fund Trustee bit.

Well received and followed

by a lively question time! My apologies for not managing more events in 1993; I was ill for much of the middle of the year.

Hopefully all is now well and I look forward to arranging more this year.

REGION 4

From Tony Poil

Our programme of activities for 1993 followed the established pattern of a tea in April and, due to numbers,



Region 4 Organiser and new Chairman
Tony Poil

separate lunches for A and B sections in the Autumn, all in the Staff Restaurant, HO where Jim Hinshelwood and staff provided their usual magnificent spreads. The tea in April had an almost record attendance of 70. We were particularly delighted to see Mrs Jack Woof who had accompanied Jack to a hospital check-up specifically to ensure they let him out in time for his tea! We then learned that it was their 48th wedding anniversary so all present congratulated them with a gift of flowers. In addition, one of the raffle winners, Mary Simmonds, insisted on presenting her prize to Mrs Woof - a most generous gesture.

The first of our luncheons for the B section on 13th October had an attendance of 40 and just before the meal we had a few words from the new Director of Personnel Resources, Martin Burgess. Reassuring words indeed in that he assured us that he wants to maintain and improve communication with

the Fellowship.

The second luncheon had an attendance of 50 on 3rd November. Unfortunately your Regional Organiser could not be present, Ted Young, Region 5, standing in. That latter gentleman having the great advantage that, no matter how large the gathering a microphone is never needed!

It was a pleasure to see that one of the raffle winners was our Fellowship Secretary, Betty. Well done Betty, what would we do without you?

To those who attended one or both meetings, it was good to see you, we look forward to seeing you again in 1994. To those that didn't make it in 1993, please try harder - your friends have missed you.

Finally, I know that all members of Region 4 would wish me to send greetings and good wishes to all members of all the other Regions of the Fellowship.



Frank Robinson - Organiser Region 6 -
in full spate!



REGION 5

From Tedaslostiz Biro

Unfortunately, our man Ted has been so deeply embroiled in his thespian activities (no it isn't rude!) that he hasn't had time to put pen to paper.

He has however had time

to point his camera at a few people and the results are laid out below for your inspection and identification.

Be patient, a ten page report next time!



REGION 6

From Frank Robinson

Having arranged a luncheon at the Royal Norfolk Hotel Bognor Regis on 6th October I had to attend a funeral of close family so was unable to greet you all on arrival - my apologies. I was delighted to find on arrival that a full house of 35 had arrived, comments indicating that all were pleased with the venue (*True, I was there! - ED*)

It is my intention to move the venue further West for 1994 only, thus reducing the travel for members living in that direction.

Going through my photos I found a photo of the NCR Dundee Pipe Band giving a wonderful display at the NCR Sports Day 1961.

Mr D A D Donald then Chairman of NCR presented the band with their trophies and was dwarfed by the Band Major who was 6ft 7ins plus the height of his bearskin! I remember that it was a glorious day and everyone had the time of their life - *the good old days!*



REGION 7

From Jim Kembury

We held a lunch on 15th September; 23 attending this function which was held, as usual, at the Aztec Hotel Bristol. Not many ladies but we think they enjoyed themselves. We welcomed Peter Lacey and Len Ostime for the first time. Mary Bird was there and hopes to make it more frequently now that she has fewer commitments.

My guests were Pat and Syd Anderson, both enjoying their visit, Syd being particularly pleased to meet again another of our guests, Betty Campbell. Wally Crump also came along to make sure all is well with Region 7.

At the lunch I was able to read out a letter from Peter

Fowler who is currently with the company in Salisbury, South Australia. Peter joined NCR at Bristol in 1943, celebrating his 50 years last February. No Fellowship in Australia but a very active 25 year club although distances preclude too many get-togethers. Peter is now retiring and planning a trip to Bristol this year so perhaps it will coincide with a Fellowship meeting?

Jim also tells me that John Jones is a leading light in the Cirencester Town Band which celebrates its 75th anniversary this year. He is writing its history and has promised a contribution to PS.

We look forward to it John ED.



Left to right: Harry Crown, Eric Willsmer, Frances Willsmer, Cherry Crump and Gladys Jarman



Left to right: Gordon Newberry, Dorothy Newberry, Wally Crump, Marjorie Walker and Harry Crown (again)



CHRISTMAS 1993

REGIONS 8 & 8a

From Des Woodall

Another very enjoyable lunch for the Region held at Head Office on October 21st, around 70 friends attending. We were delighted once again with Jim Hinshelwood and staff's fabulous spread.

I was able to point out that, since I bring my car to the event, transporting two disabled Nacarecans*, and Betty arranges parking downstairs, I was delighted to be directed to the space marked "NCR 1" - I made it at last folks!!!

We shared a tea with Region 5 during the year and this also was most enjoyable. Everyone on the last occasion continued to express great interest in the company and it was noted that while all received PS thanks to Betty, Post was not sent to all. (Steps have been taken to rectify this. - ED.)

Talking of Betty - where would we be without her? Thanks again Betty for all that you do to make our events happy and well organised.

Another of the many old friends I made at NCR 'turned up' recently.

I received notification of A. "Scut" Cole's address in Cambridgeshire, and had a chat with him over the phone. I am sure you will remember that he was FED Manager at the Cambridge Office for many years, and Cambridge was on my AAMD territory. Scut's still in great form, and I hope to visit him someday. In fact, I would like to be able to see more of our friends in the 8a part of the Region, in Suffolk, Norfolk, Cambridgeshire, Northants and Lincolnshire. It's a big area and a difficult one to arrange a get-together in. If any one has any ideas please let me have them.

Our very worthy Editor, Geoff Jackson, organises a very interesting Postscript for us, and thank you Geoff. He can't produce an edition without contributions however; in fact the long delay since the last one is for this very reason.

He would be delighted if you would drop him a line about past and present items, which

I am sure would prove more interesting than you imagine. Geoff's address is on the back of the magazine - please write to him. Until next time, look after yourselves

To start the ball rolling here is my contribution! I am enclosing a letter I have received from a friend of mine, who has just celebrated his 40th birthday. (As they say: the original can be inspected at our offices! - ED)

*Nacarecans? See page six!

DEAR DES,

I have just had my 40th birthday. I came down on the morning of my birthday, and my wife did not mention it.

I went off to work feeling pretty upset about it. When

I got to the office, my secretary greeted me with a big smile, a cup of coffee, a birthday card, and said

"Happy 40th birthday Fred".

Later that morning she said, "We're not too busy today Fred - let me buy you lunch to celebrate your birthday".

We had a couple of sherries, a bottle of wine, and a nice lunch, and then she said, "Why not come back to my place for a cup of coffee".

We went back to her place, she gave me a brandy, and said

"Sit down while I go and slip into something more comfortable".

A few minutes later the door burst open, revealing my secretary, my wife, and two children, standing there holding a big cake and singing

"Happy Birthday"

My secretary was fully dressed, as was my wife and two children.

I was sitting there with just my socks on.

Your friend,
FRED

REGION 9

From Tom Farmer

We held two functions during 1993 - lunch at the Great Western Hotel in Exeter on Monday 14th June, and again at the same venue on Monday 13th December. There was a good attendance on both occasions with a record number in December. By consensus we do not invite a guest speaker as our members prefer to spend the time catching up with the latest news from their long time friends and colleagues.

Interest in the Fellowship is as great as ever as evidenced by the fact that members

arrive well before the appointed time and do not disperse until late in the afternoon. Fortunately for us the Great Western is a family owned and managed hotel and there is no pressure on us to leave after lunch. Finally, and just an idea, have you considered a feature under the heading "Where are they now?" showing a picture of a former colleague and a brief story of where he or she is now and what they have done since leaving NCR. (How about it folks? - ED)



REGION 10

As mentioned elsewhere in this report, Jack Sale is co-ordinating activities in Ireland as a whole and, for reporting convenience, it has been dubbed Region 10. In reality the organiser for the Republic is Alison Perry, and for Belfast; Jack Martin, Jack Sale co-ordinating the whole operation.

DUBLIN:

from Alison Perry

The Christmas lunch of the Irish Republic NCR Fellowship took place on the 7th December 1993 at the Tara Towers Hotel, Dublin.

The photo left shows some of the members present; Gerry Mullen, Denis Kampff, C Gleeson, Geo Parrott, Alison Perry, G Tierney, Mary O'Connor, Oonagh Carton, Nora Murphy, Maurice Bowe and J O'Brien.

It was great to have Gerry Mullen present for the first time having travelled 250 miles to be with us, also Maurice Bowe who has just recovered from a recent illness. Everyone agreed that it had been a very enjoyable get-together and we are all looking forward to our next one.

We would all like to thank the company for making this possible.

BELFAST:

from Jack Martin

We had a most enjoyable Christmas lunch when we toasted the company's success and generosity. Those present were John Moth, Jimmy Thompson, Alf Lucas, Victor Frizzell, John Bates, Muriel Mahon and Jack Martin. Unfortunately Sally English could not be present due to illness and all present sent a signed "get well soon" card to her. The lunch was held at Robinsons Hostelry, Belfast, recently rebuilt after bomb damage.

A Letter To Our Secretary:

Dear Betty

Many thanks to you for your work in organising the get-togethers. They are a wonderful tonic for us "old-uns", who would otherwise completely lose touch with each other. These events are certainly something to look forward to but, alas, one's contemporaries get fewer and fewer as time goes by.

May I again take this opportunity to thank you for all your efforts. Yours sincerely

A V Jeffries (JEFF)

The Regional Organisers

From Geoff Jackson

You will of course be aware that they exist; without them there wouldn't be any get-togethers. Each year about February or March they all meet at Head Office to exchange views and make their reports. Certainly nothing discussed is secret and, this year, I sought their permission to report back to you, the customers, the content of their meeting. This was readily granted so here goes:

The meeting was held at HO on 8th March, all organisers being present. Neither Martin Burgess nor Bob Tyler being able to make it.

We heard that Harry Redington was going to have to give up the Chair due to his wife's health problems. The meeting agreed that he should become a Life President so that we could continue to use his experience and contact was not lost. Tony Poil, one of our

Vice-Chairmen took over as Chairman.

The Fellowship name was discussed and it was agreed that NCR should continue to be used, certainly for the present.

Harry reported that, following a letter to Philip Mantle, he had received an assurance that consideration would be given to older pensioners in the future. That feedback from the Fellowship, including constructive criticism would be welcomed. Pensions would be reviewed annually and whether or not an increase was given, the Fellowship would be advised of the review findings.

The company would like ALL pensioners to receive **Postscript** and **Post** and will be reviewing membership eligibility this year, the

probable increase in membership justifying a larger budget.

The current budget was discussed and Malcolm Revell advised that this would be reviewed annually.

Reports were received from each of the Regional Organisers, very much on the lines of those appearing elsewhere in this publication.

It was agreed, subject to company approval, that diaries would again be sent to members in 1995.

A progress report was given regarding the production of **Postscript** and I had my usual moan about lack of copy from the members and lack of co-operation from the company PR Department but promised an issue shortly!

The meeting wound up by proposing a vote of thanks to

the Company, the Pensions Department, Human Resources and the Staff Restaurant. And finally, one to Betty for all she does.

It doesn't seem a lot of business when expressed in my abbreviated fashion but it took half a day to complete it.

A point I would make is that this is also your meeting, it is obviously not possible for you to all attend but there is certainly no reason why your queries, suggestions or queries shouldn't be discussed. If you have any, why not send them to the Chairman, Betty or me by the end of January at the latest and we will see that they get an airing.

What is a Nacarecan?

A Nacarecan is one who was here before Television, the Pill, Penicillin, Polio jabs and Antibiotics.

We were here before Frozen Food, Nylon, Radar, Fluorescent Lights, Credit Cards, Ball Point Pens and NCR (National Cash in our day).

For us Time-Sharing meant togetherness, a Chip was a piece of Wood or Potato, Hardware meant hardware and Software was not even a word.

We were before Tights, Drip dry Clothes, Dishwashers, Tumble Driers, Freezers and Electric Blankets, before men wore long hair and earrings and women wore dinner jackets.

We were before 'Burgers, the 40 hour week and the NHS.

We got married first and lived together afterwards; how quaint can you get?

Girls wore Peter Pan collars and thought that cleavage was something the butcher did.

In our day smoking was fashionable, Grass was for mowing, Coke was something you burnt on the stove and Pot was something you cooked in.

A Gay person was the life and soul of the party and nothing more, while AIDS meant beauty lotion or help for people in trouble.

We are today's Senior Citizens - a hardy bunch when you think how our world has changed and the adjustments we have had to make!

A Link With The Past

In 1939, the 74th Yeomanry Division became dismounted cavalry (emblem a broken spur!) and were then incorporated into the Royal Artillery as 74th Medium Regiment Royal Artillery. In 1940 they moved to East Kent with their HQ located at Dane Court, Tilmanstone, owned at that time by the Earl of Plymouth.

"B Battery" was located at Rookery Nook, 'a pleasing Mansion of Tudor tendencies and a noted rookery' ... in actual fact Brook House, Ash. One of their tasks was to provide guards for the East Kent Light Railway, used at that time for 250 ton railway truck-mounted howitzer guns, along its route towards Sandwich. With a range of only 12.5 miles the guns were no match to their cousins across the Channel that shelled East Kent almost daily in an arc from Folkestone to Ramsgate.

The British guns were intended to add a roaring welcome to any German invader who may dare to

approach the English coast. Because the guns could not traverse the carriages would be moved up and down the railway track to make use of the bends to gain direction. Incidentally, these were heavy naval guns rescued from scrapped ships and totally unsuitable for the purpose.

Only one was fired once, the resulting shock waves breaking every window in the village of Ash. The local doctor remembers an official "from the Ministry" calling to pay his father 2/6d in compensation!

For the rest of the war the guns were trundled out from their underground shelters for practice loading and shooting (still visible and now used as a splendid 'robber's cave' by the local school children along with the shell stores). Winston Churchill graced the battery with a fleeting visit in 1940.

During this time the battery was turned out to investigate parachutists seen coming down nearby. They found two

Cemetery, Staffs. The pilot of the plane, a Dornier, survived and appeared very recently on Anglia on a programme concerning the Blitz. He was, at that time the youngest pilot in the Luftwaffe and is now aged 71, a farmer. This was only one of several encounters, albeit at some distance, with the Hun.

Part of the Dornier hung in the Officers Mess whilst a blade from a downed Messerschmitt adorned the Sergeants Mess.

"X" recalls long boring periods of guard duty, only relieved by incidents like those described above and the antics of farm animals in adjoining fields; he has particularly vivid memories of a very randy bull in the field opposite the guard post! Post had to be collected from Eastry post office and these trips were combined with "X's" driving instruction due to the severe shortage of petrol at that time. This also meant that there was no transport for those going on



Who Is "Y"?

At the last organisers meeting you asked us to each provide a picture of ourselves when about 25 years of age, my contribution is attached. It was taken in Hanover in the summer of 1945 shortly after the German surrender. Most of the city of Hanover had been reduced to rubble but fortunately for our regiment a group of luxury flats had escaped the bombing and the photo shows me (on the left) with two chums relaxing at the side of the private swimming pool attached to the flats.

The question is who is it?

As a clue, I can state quite categorically that it isn't "X" above. All is revealed on our penultimate page!



dead German airman which they placed in a farm cart and wheeled to a barn where the local 'bobby' took over. They were somewhat upset at the time because the airmen were buried in the field next to the church, the vicar saying that "the churchyard was no place for those heathens!" The soldiers felt, with perhaps more christian feelings than the vicar that "they were only ordinary blokes like us".

Later they were re-interred in the graveyard and, even later moved to the Cannock Chase German Military

leave: "Shepherdswell was the nearest station and we rose very early to walk there complete with kitbag" (a distance of some five miles). In 1943 "X" moved on to North Africa, but that's another story!

The question is who was "X"? Easily answered by inspecting the photo above, paying particular attention to the smart soldier above and slightly to the left of the officer sitting farthest left. *Perhaps our regular contributor, Jim Bell may care to comment?*

The Farm Gate

Retirement is about having more time to devote to leisure interests and pursuits, time that was not available when working full-time for the company.

As a member of FED I spent a lot of time as a student on technical courses. Sitting in front of a blackboard or projection screen listening to an instructor was second nature to most of us. Recently, that whole experience was repeated, this time however, the instructors were biologists! Towards the end of March I completed a training course with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries on Country Wildlife Management.

Why had I chosen to do this? Quite simply, to complement my interest in, and knowledge of the countryside. For a considerable number of years I have devoted time and energy to an estate near Bristol; in return it has provided me with much relaxation and healthy exercise.

His Lordship still lives in the big house and the tenant farmers still go about their routines as the seasons change. Life is very much dictated by each season and it's associated weather.

Winter brings frosty mornings when hedges and trees are transformed, the carpet of snow through the woodlands only broken by small footprints and brushed by the long tail feathers of game birds.

Spring, on the other hand, sees more activity around the fields and woods. March is a busy month for the foresters, trees are checked for damage and any fallen tree dealt with, all such work completed before the leaves appear; there are a lot of trees on the 6,000 acres!

Summer is a time to watch the wheat, oats and barley ripen, a time to lean on the farm gate, enjoy the sunshine and listen to the country tales.

As the daylight hours shorten and the leaves

change colour, heralding the approach of Autumn, the combines and tractors have completed the task of bringing in the crops.

Much discussion over the farm gate again, glass of refreshment in hand ... "Was it a good year for the wheat?" ... or... "What price will it bring?" ...or ... "Do we sell it now or keep it for abit, the price might improve?".

Winter again, not the weather for leaning on the gate but instead, sitting round the log fire in Keepers Cottage discussing plans for His Lordship's Christmas week shoot.

For me the whole cycle of events was summed up when, on Harvest Festival Sunday, we sang that line of the well known hymn; "All is safely gathered in".

Jim Kembery
(Jim, own up, you did write the script for "Last of the Summer Wine", didn't you?)

Help With Your Holiday Costs

Some of you may remember that, when George Muggleton was MD of Express Boyd, he agreed to reduce commission for Fellowship members booking holidays through that company. This arrangement was continued when Brian Boughton took over and I am pleased to tell you that I have received a letter from his successor and I quote:

"As in time past, Express Boyd is still willing to share the commission on ABTA Package Holidays - Tony Jones, Managing Director."

Thank you Tony.

Express Boyd's address is: Standard House,

X and Y

If you didn't solve it, **X** is your President, **Harry Redington**, and **Y** is Region 9 Organiser **Tom**

OBITUARIES

ALL THOSE WHO KNEW THEM WILL BE SAD TO LEARN OF THE PASSING OF THE FOLLOWING:

GEOFF BARTER Died 6/11/93
Aged 64. Special Projects F&A
Head Office.
Retired 1988 after 39 years service.

MAURICE BIGG Died 31/8/93
Aged 86. Depot Manager Ipswich
Retired 1971 after 40 years service.

MAURICE BILLYARD Died 16/2/93
Aged 76. Chargehand Finished
Stock Systemedia Brent
Retired 1971 after 40 years service.

LES BRANCH Died 26/10/93
Aged 79. Field Engineer Bonhill
Street Retired 1977 after 38 years service.

HENRY BRETT Died 29/3/93
Aged 75 Field Engineer Streatham
Retired 1975 after 29 years service.

FREDERICK CHILDS Died 31/3/93
Aged 75 Porter Systemedia
Borehamwood
Retired 1982 after 26 years service.

LESLIE CLARK Died 29/11/93
Aged 77 Field Engineer Bristol
Retired 1979 after 44 years service.

NORMAN COLE Died 3/2/93
Aged 80 Area Supervisor FED
Bristol
Retired 1975 after 44 years service.

H J CRAYFOURD Died 26/2/94
Aged 81 Secretary NCR Pension
Plan Head Office
Retired 1974 after 44 years service.

RON EVERETT Died 23/9/93
Aged 82 Systemedia Division
Borehamwood
Retired 1976 after 33 years service.

CHARLIE GROUT Died 8/3/93
Aged 82 Manager FED Liverpool
Retired 1975 after 29 years service.

STAN HUNT Died 3/4/93
Aged 74 Senior Mailing Clerk
Head Office
Retired 1983 after 7 years service.

CAROL JAYES Died 11/9/93
Aged 75 Admin Manager
Nottingham Retired 1973 after 27 years service.

MAURICE JESSET Died 16/9/93
Aged 82 Porter Head Office
Retired 1976 after 20 years service.

VERA KEENE Died 5/3/94
Aged 63 Systemedia Brent
Retired 1988 after 25 years service.

EILEEN KENT Died 3/3/94
Aged 74 Systemedia Brent
Retired 1979 after 17 years service.

ARTHUR KING Died 7/3/93
Aged 63 Field Engineer Crawley
Retired 1992 after 41 years service.

DEREK LEMMON Died 28/11/93
Aged 57 F&A Marketing Admin.
Finchley
Retired 1992 after 35 years service.

DENNIS MCCARTHY Died 3/2/94
Aged 78 Plumber Estates Dept.
Head Office
Retired 1980 after 6 years service.

ALEX McQUEEN Died 4/4/93
Aged 75 Porter Systemedia Brent
Retired 1982 after 17 years service.

JOE MARTIN Died 7/9/93
Aged 78 Factory Superintendent
Borehamwood
Retired 1975 after 46 years service.

TONY PORTELLI Died 8/12/93
Aged 70 Field Engineer FED
Retired 1989 after 25 years service.

GEORGE PYE Died 5/4/93
Aged 71 Systemedia Division
Borehamwood
Retired 1984 after 22 years service.

LILIAN PYE Died 14/3/94
Aged 82 F&G Customer Support
St Alphage
Retired 1970 after 22 years service.

LESLIE RICHARDSON Died 3/8/93
Aged 73 International Patents
Head Office
Retired 1983 after 45 Years service.

STUART ROMPEL Died 4/3/94
Aged 72 FED Newton Abbot
Retired 1983 after 28 years service.

MARY RYAN Died 5/6/93
Aged 72 Clerk FED Brent
Retired 1980 after 7 years service.

E J SAWYER Died 7/3/94
Aged 91 Service Division
Head Office
Retired 1967 after 37 years service.

Mrs D STEWART Died 1/3/93
Aged 79 Bindery Systemedia
Borehamwood
Retired 1973 after 12 years service.

BERT TARLING Died Oct 1993
Aged 90 Latterly in Decimalisation
Control
Retired 1968 after 38 years service.

RALPH TOWSEY Died 10/10/93
Aged 70 Retail Sales Head Office
Retired 1984 after 25 years service.

JIM WALLACE Died 26/8/93
Aged 82 Divisional Director FED
Retired 1975 after 45 years service.

LESLIE WILLIAMS Died 7/3/93
Aged 70 Retail Sales
Birmingham
Retired 1977 after 28 years service.

SIDNEY WILLIAMS Died 15/3/93
Aged 70 Dist. Manager
Micrographics St Alphage
Retired 1982 after 35 years service.

NEWS FROM HEAD OFFICE

We are pleased to advise you that, commencing with the next issue, ALL pensioners will receive Postscript and arrangements will be made for you to receive the company magazine Post in the near future if you are not already receiving it.

The Fellowship Committee, together with AT&T Global Information Solutions will be reviewing eligibility criteria towards the end of the year and the result will be communicated to all pensioners. Full membership enables pensioners to attend lunches and tea parties held within their region.

MONTHLY PENSIONS PAYMENTS

May we remind you that the Payroll Department at Finchley has taken over responsibility for your monthly payments on behalf of the Trustees. Should you have any query about your monthly payslip please telephone, quoting either your pensioner payroll or national insurance number;

081 446-8585, asking for Emma Smith on extension 5098/5016.

TRUSTEE

To further develop its partnership with retired associates the Company has asked Mr Brian Boughton, a knowledgeable and long serving Trustee who retired at the end of January, to continue in his capacity of Trustee. We are delighted to inform you that Brian has agreed to this request. A brief personal profile will appear in the next issue.

TRUSTEE NEWSLETTER

You should by now have received the first Trustees Newsletter and it is hoped that you found the general information it contains informative.

Future editions will include articles explaining the workings of the NCR Pension Plan, including the security of assets.

The NCR Pensioners Fellowship

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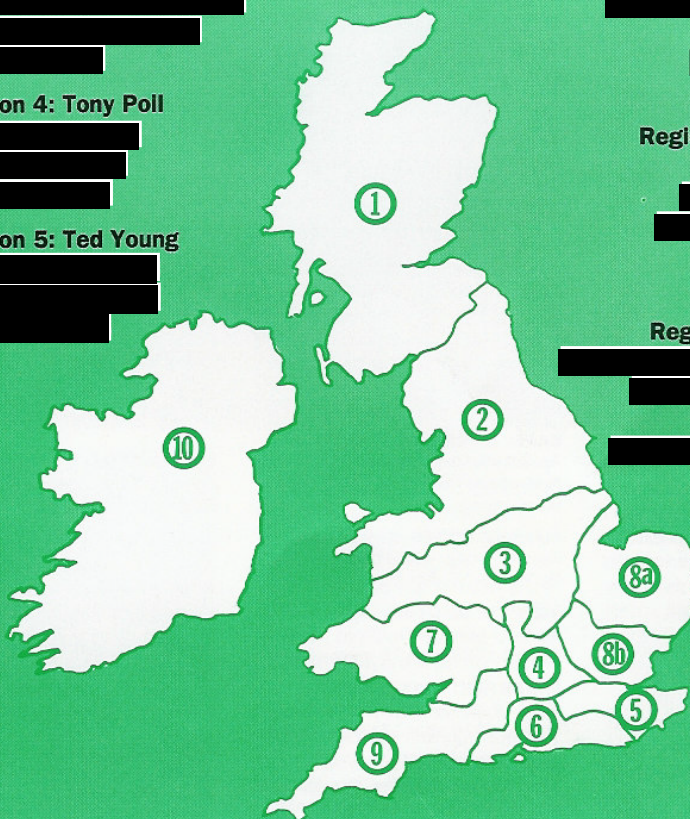
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