



'Sunday Morning' by John Burchfield (one of his many painting styles)

I'm fine, thank you! *(with apologies to the pensioner above!)*

There is nothing the matter with me.
I'm as healthy as can be.
I have arthritis in both my knees
And when I talk, I talk with a wheeze.
My pulse is weak, and my blood is thin
But I'm awfully well for the shape that I'm in.

Arch supports I have for my feet
Or I wouldn't be out on the street.
Sleep is denied me night after night,
But every morning I find I'm alright.
My memory is failing, my head's in a spin
But I'm awfully well for the shape that I'm in.

The moral is this, as my tale I unfold,
That for you and me who are growing old,
It's better to say "I'm fine" with a grin
Than let folks know the shape we are in.
How do I know that my youth is all spent?
Well, my "get up and go" just got up and went.

But I really don't mind when I think with a grin
Of all the grand places my "get up" has been.
Old age is golden, I've heard it said;
But sometimes I wonder as I get into bed
With my ears in the drawer, my teeth in a cup,
My eyes on the table until I wake up.

Ere sleep overtakes me, I say to myself,
"Is there anything else I could lay on the shelf?"
When I was young my slippers were red,
I could kick my heels over my head
When I was older my slippers were blue,
But I still could dance the whole night through.

Now I am old, my slippers are black,
I walk to the shop and puff my way back,
I get up each morning and dust off my wits
I pick up the paper and read the obits.
If my name is still missing I know I'm not dead
So I fix some breakfast and go back to bed!

Author Unknown

JOHN BURCHFIELD

1942 -2007



John sadly passed away in July this year – he will be deeply missed by the Fellowship and even more so by his loving family – a series of tributes follows.

Pam writes:

I received numerous cards, emails and letters when John died. Yes, they were emotional to read but they were such a great comfort. I don't think John had any idea how much he was liked and respected by his friends and colleagues. Over 140 people attended his funeral, I understand that even more would have been there if it had been possible to inform them earlier and, of course, if the location had been easier. Just over £2,000 was donated and was split between Leukaemia Research and Cancer Care & Haematology at Stoke Mandeville Hospital – the two charities John had chosen.

I thought I would note down extracts from some of the messages that were received. I have omitted the senders names as I don't feel that it would be appropriate.

"John was a truly lovely man who fought his illness with every dignity".

"John's kindness, thoughtfulness, encouragement and support, sense of humour and professionalism touched everyone who had the privilege of knowing him or working with him".

"I cannot think of another person I respected more than John".

"John always stood out as having time for me even though I was a junior analyst. While others wouldn't find the time to help, John was always helpful and pleasant with it even considering the size of the FED job he had. As I got to know him over the years he always remained helpful and a good role model for any young finance person".

"He was to me a fine man who I respected greatly because of his great knowledge, wisdom and, most importantly, his sense of humour – he could talk with people at all levels in NCR with ease".

"He was without doubt the most honest and caring person we ever had the privilege of knowing, and to whom we owe a great debt for the work he did on our behalf, with scrupulous fairness and openness".

"John was one of life's gentlemen".

"He was simply a wonderful man who knew how to be truthful and honest".

"He was a remarkable man in many ways because, in his own quiet way, he served as the backbone of the Service Organisation for so many years. After his retirement he took on the job of keeping the NCR Retirement Fellowship together especially after the company withdrew its support. I do not know a single person who would have spent so much effort keeping the Fellowship on an even keel".

Could I say a big thank you from the family and me to all members of the Fellowship especially the Committee members. I think I thanked everyone who attended the funeral and made a donation but if there was anyone I did not pass my sentiments to please give them all my thanks and apologies

Finally, wishing The NCR Fellowship continuing success

Pam

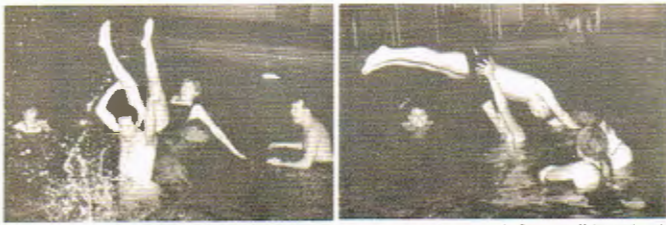
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Richard, John's son delivered the following tribute at the church in John's memory:

John Burchfield – A Tribute & Celebration of his life from his family

The family would firstly like to send their thanks to the Doctors, nurses and helpers at the Wooden Spoon from Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Hammersmith & Wycombe Hospital, the local District Nurses and the Marie Curie representatives for their assistance, sensitively imparted knowledge and caring attitude to Dad and our family over the past 4 years, and especially the final weeks of his life.

Additionally Pam, Laura and I would like to extend our thanks to Dad's brother Jeff for his unselfish attempts to support Dad's treatment. And of course our sincere thanks to you all.



Right: 'After-Dance' from the 1950s. Left: Looking on as 'Nola' Maudsley and Ron Lee. Diving through the eyes in John Burchfield's Maintenance Department, the eye is held by Burchfield's. Looking through another eye in Ron Lee, Maintenance Department and looking on, are, Kay Jackson and Nola Maudsley both of Devon Records.

Dad – the Early Years

Dad was born in Eastcote, Middlesex on the 6th March 1942. During his early years he excelled at school, particularly in the sports of football and cricket. It was during this time that many of you may not be aware that Dad gained his criminal record. He and a group of friends decided to post fireworks through a teacher's letter box prior to the days of the firework code. All escaped, but Dad being Dad returned to the scene to collect his bike, only to be apprehended by the Police. The only time Dad made the papers!

The teenage years were spent enjoying the Rock n Roll era, and finally he met the woman who he was to spend the rest of his life with. Days were spent cycling from Preston Road to Wealdstone taking Mum to the Langham Cinema in Pinner and nights at the NCR Sports & Social Club in Canons Park for many evenings of dancing with Carol & Bruce.

On the 12th October 1963 Dad married Mum at St. Joseph's Church Wealdstone.

In January 1965 came the birth of their daughter Laura, followed the next year with his attendance at Wembley for the 1966 World Cup Final. Something that he always reminded his family of when the words of "they think it's all over" was greeted with "I was there you know"!!!

In January 1969 saw the birth of their son, me, and his unconditional love for his family continued until his dying day.

Many of you will remember Dad as JB, Granddad, Baba, and in later years Sven, so hopefully the following will include your memories of him and give you an insight into John the family man as well.

The NCR Years

Dad joined NCR in 1960 which started a successful period of 38 years of employment with the same company, even continuing after his retirement with his role as Chairman of the NCR Fellowship.

By the messages received from current and ex-colleagues since his death, it is clear that Dad was a well respected, honest and decent man. The numbers of you here today, and the fact that he made so many lifelong friendships during this time, is a testament to his work there.

Many stories are still shared about his time with NCR. Particular examples being a training session in Sheldon, when Dad was so amused by the trainer that he had to turn his back to the training session as the giggles were uncontrollable. Very unlike Dad for his face to show what he was really thinking! Apparently a legendary week for those that attended this course.

Dad rose to the level of Financial Director which would mean meetings with the Chairman. At this time, Mum was now the Chairman's secretary so saw and heard many things, some not knowing the relationship of man & wife of the "Burchfield's at NCR". The story goes that one day Dad stormed out of a senior meeting and with his clear facial expression, it was obvious to all that he was not amused. As he stormed past Mum's desk with no acknowledgement, two colleagues in conversation uttered "imagine the poor soul who is married to him!" to which Mum thought "oohh blimey, that's me!"

Dad's reputation at NCR has become almost legendary. His firm but fair management style has been appreciated by many. His work with the Unions gained him great respect, and his ability to work with colleagues at all levels has been voiced as one of his major skills, and why he was liked so much.

Many of you here today no doubt have your own fond memories, be it being one of the "Flying Gobo's", rendezvousing at Wembley with your blow up guitars each Christmas for the Status Quo concert, or being grilled for the odd £ at the quarterly reviews. We hope these memories will always bring a smile to your face.

Dad – The Family memories

There are simply too many precious memories to detail in the time we have, but here are a few of our strongest memories of our Dad, Granddad, Baba, Uncle & Husband.

- Complaining that it was the cheese & pickle sandwiches that made him sick one Christmas morning rather than the alcohol consumed with Steve & myself the previous night at the Oddfellows when Dad gave the whole pub a rendition of "Aloette" from the top of a table.
- Days at Highcliff beach and holidays in the New Forest.



Packhorse Bridge, Crook Gill, Yorks – John Burchfield

- Playing football in the garden until it was too dark to see.
- Being a successful football manager for 1 singular season when the 27th Harrow Tigers Cubs won the league, and then retiring from his post. Sven take note !
- Being recognised as a definite "phone a friend" for his general knowledge awareness if any of us ever got onto "Who wants to be a millionaire".
- The Murder Mystery evenings and how he loved acting the fool in front of his family & friends.
- His pride for Steve at the Royal Marines passing out parade, and when Laura gained her degree.
- Running the line every Sunday morning whilst I played for Belmont United and having to face the wrath of the Mum's on the touchline for every offside decision.
- In later years having to get home in time for "Neighbours".
- Collecting Laura & Richard from Church every Sunday morning and taking us swimming at Highgrove pool.
- Monopoly
- Giving his daughter a love of books, any books, just books.
- Big fry ups with Steve & Matt at the greasiest spoon in Plymouth.
- Helping build Alice's playhouse, and putting the hammer through the window as the final nail was hit.
- Teeing off at the first tee at Rickmansworth when he heard the news that Laura had given birth to Matthew, his first Grandchild. One of the few 18 holes he actually completed instead of walking off due to this "stupid game".
- Singing to his beloved Elvis, Roy Orbison, Buddy Holly, but getting the lyrics wrong however many times he had heard it.
- The way he ate his peanuts and the impressions that his grandchildren did of him silently when they had dinner together.
- "Twister" with Matt & Leah – enough said !
- Staying up late with popcorn and "Buds" to watch the Super Bowl.
- Circulating & collecting the wrapping paper with his black bag every Christmas as soon as a present was opened – hence the lost instructions each year!
- On my stag do, Dad flattening a woman behind him with his arm as he pointed directions, and getting all the attention of a hen party on the last night as the rest of us looked on in utter jealousy.
- Treating Steve and Susanne as his own son and daughter.
- Playing the air guitar and "bopping" at the Burchfield Christmas Talent shows.
- Playing snooker down the club in Plymouth with Matt & Steve.
- Screaming like a 6 year old on the train at Chessington Zoo – he was 51!
- His face when Alice sung "Happy Birthday" to him this year.
- Doing the books every month and questioning Mum on the Barclaycard and blank cheque book stubs.
- Finally, the precious moments we shared with him in his last hour.

John – The final years

After retiring from NCR in 1998, Dad enjoyed the garden, trips to National Trust locations, and found a skill in watercolour painting. Indeed, many of his efforts now have pride of place in your own homes.

Dad was diagnosed with leukaemia 4 years ago. Not once did he complain, feel bitter or hide from this disease. Life continued as normal, he insisted on that. The past year was a bonus we all had with him. Going down the flumes at Center Parcs, learning to play poker, badly, at Christmas in Plymouth, Easter egg hunts, and riding the rollercoaster's with him only 3 months ago in Disney are treasured memories that the family will never forget.

He now thankfully rests in peace and is free from any discomfort. All we can say is that it was a privilege to have known you John, JB, Dad, Granddad or Baba, and we are so very fortunate to still be able to call you husband, Dad, Granddad, family or friend.

He may be gone from us in body, but he will always be here. We will always be grateful for the love, kindness, compassion, wisdom and support he gave us, his family. Having him as our role model is something we will always be proud of. We will continue to strive for him to be proud of us.

At peace now, but never, ever forgotten. We promise you that !

Watch over us. We will always love you,

Pam, Laura, Richard, Steve, Susanne, Matt, Leah, Alice & Bump



A Tribute from Alan Chard

At the London Lunch Alan Chard, long time colleague and friend of John, regaled us with a further series of reminiscences and anecdotes regarding John who would have been highly amused if he had been there to hear it! We collared a copy of Alan's speakers note which are reproduced below so that they may receive a wider audience:

JB Notes

- John was far too young to be taken in this way
- He was a lovely man
- He had the ability to communicate at all levels - he was as comfortable talking to engineers in the Centres and MD's in the Board room - this was why he was a perfect choice for Chairman of the Fellowship
- The Burchfields are very much an NCR family - John, Pam and their son Richard all worked for NCR
- He was a pleasure to work with
- I'm not so sure Centre Managers felt the same way during their Quarterly Reviews - they used to quake if John reached for his calculator
- John was good to know as he always seemed to know what was going on - not sure if this was because he was a smart guy or the fact that he slept with the MD's secretary!



Many people have their memories of John as a work colleague but what you might not know is:

- He was prolific artist - since his retirement he produced 200+ Watercolour and Pastel paintings worthy of a showing in any art gallery.
- He was a fifties Teddy boy who would at the drop of a hat do an Elvis Presley impression and take the floor with Pam for a Jive.
- He and Pam were also partial to 'Who Dunnit Weekends'
- He was a great fan of Status Quo, he and other NCR colleagues attended the last 8 Quo farewell tours at Wembley Arena
- He took up golf after attending an NCR Society Day - he saw the standard of play and said - I can do better than that! - he was a sight to see - smoking his pipe and carrying his golf bag like a brief case
- His X Factor Moment with Alan Chard and Terry Exton was to do a Karaoke of 'Rocking All Over the World' at their Christmas party in Portsmouth.



Time to Myself - John Burchfield

NEWS FROM THE REGIONS

Region 1 – Wallace Hay

On Wednesday 31st October (Hallowe'en) Eighteen Members turned up at our favourite Italian restaurant L'Ariosto in Glasgow to enjoy a 3 course lunch.

Apart from our regular stalwarts we had new member to the Fellowship, **Jack Whyte** who I think thoroughly enjoyed his first Glasgow get-together.

Jack retired last year but I did not get informed till after our 2006 lunch was passed, but we managed to put that right this time.

Joe Hall (ex Dundee instructor) came over from Dalgetty Bay and **John McElroy** came down from Aberdeen by train leaving home just after 6am and would not be home until well into the evening, thanks for making the effort chaps.

We missed **Bob McCarthy** this year, Bob had been in Hospital and although back home now is still recovering. We all wish you to get fit again soon Bob.

I must take this opportunity to thank Ian Lamb for organising the Edinburgh end of things and Ian is going to have a Lunch in Edinburgh in May 2008.

When he lets me know the exact date and time I will do my best to let all in the Glasgow and surrounding area know about it.



At L'Ariosto – Glasgow with Region 1

Region 2E – Pat Keogh

We held our second lunch of the year at Otley Golf Club but sadly I had to open my after lunch talk by paying tribute to John Burchfield who passed away earlier in the year. I was helped by the notes passed on to me by his son Richard from the tribute he delivered at John's funeral which I had attended. Apart from the work he did and the respect he gained during his 38 years at NCR, we remembered John particularly for the work he did for the Pensions Fellowship and appreciated his attendances at previous lunches in the Northeast. He will be greatly missed. We also sadly reflected on the passing of **John Limn's** wife **Doris** and **Brian Ingham's** wife. A minutes silence was observed in remembrance.

The October Lunch was again blessed with increased numbers with 40 attending. We also had apologies from some who couldn't make it but sent their regards hoping to see us in May, **John Evanson**, **Dave Dawson**, **Ian Beveridge**, **Sandra Fornear**, **John Gilroy**, **Frank Pusey**, **Alan Barker**, **Frank Ellison**, **June Rudge-Priestley**, **Bob Appleby**, **Henry Faber**, **Harry Bramhall**, **John Moodey** and **Richard Slater**. A number of reasons were given from a clash of dates to holidays with some even giving the feeble excuse that they were still working for a living.

We appreciated the effort made by a number of our friends who traveled a little further to attend this lunch and add to the value of the day for everyone, **Ian Ormerod** in traveling up from Birmingham to attend. **Rodger Hall** and **John Rooke** travelled down from the far Northeast of our region



and hoped that more may join them for future lunches. Also **Stan Harrison** and **Gordon Jenkin** made the perilous journey from Lancashire across to Yorkshire to attend. We hope they made it safely back across the border. We also welcomed our newest pensioner, **Walter Bullen**, who attended with his wife. When Walter retired recently he was a Trustee of our Pension Plan.

Also recently retired from NCR was **Stephen Swinbank** who was the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the NCR Pension plan. As Chairman, Stephen worked tirelessly to support the Pension Plan and it's members, namely us. I know from personal experience that his success stems from the high level of respect he enjoys from both his peers and from the Dayton Company and both myself and **Walter Bullen** were honored to work with him as Trustees. The good news is that Dayton has asked him to stay on as Chairman for the time being to continue the work that he has been doing with them on the changes to the plan. I read out a report that Stephen had written to update us on the most recent news on both the Company and the Pension Plan.

We continued our day with a few very positive discussions on the Fellowship and an invite from **Ian Ormerod** to attend the Northwest lunch on 1st April next year.

Next years dates for the Northeast Region are Wednesday 7th May 2008 and Wednesday 15th October 2008. All are welcome.

Pat Keogh



Otley Golf Club

Region 2W – Ian Ormerod

The North West Region's autumn lunch was held, as in the past, at The Grange Country Club in the Wirral.

Although 44 pensioners and partners attended several of our regular attendees were missing either through illness or holidays. Among those who were ill, **Alice Hutchins**, who has not missed one of our lunches for a very long time and **Una Davies** who is having problems getting around at the moment. We send you our best wishes and hope that you will be feeling better, very soon. To those who were on holiday we want you to know that we are all jealous. In either case we look forward to seeing you at the Spring lunch in 2008.

We were very pleased to welcome the recently retired **Walter Bullen** and his wife to our lunch. For the last few years Walter has been one of the employee elected



The Grange Country Club - Wirral

Pension Trustees and it was good to see him now as a member of the Fellowship and to thank him for all the work he has done on our behalf. Another new member who has just retired and was attending for the first time; **Phil Bickerton**. Great to see him with his former colleagues from Manchester. Look forward to having you with us many more times in the future

It was also good to see **Brian Gresty**, in England for a while on vacation from his 'ranch' in America.

Brian spoke to the gathering about his home and travels in the USA and some of the NCR machines that he finds on his expeditions. On a visit to Brackettville Texas he found the store of D & D Hardware with a Floor Mounted N-2084 7 total 4 drawer register made in 1931. Also in the store was a surprising find, a sterling currency 1897 model 35. This register made for Britain or one of the other countries using sterling had somehow found its way back to the USA and a small town, with a population of 2000, in Texas.

Next years' North West region 2W lunches will be held on April 1st and October 30th. As always guests from other regions are always welcome. Do come along and meet colleagues you may not have seen for many years. Contact me if you would like to be added to our Region's invitation list.

Region 3 - Eric Grace

The latest Fellowship Lunches was held at The George Hotel in Litchfield on 11th October 2007. There were 32 Members and guests who enjoyed a very good three course Carvery meal. But it all started out like the ten green bottles sitting on the wall!!

We started as 41 members and guests but then attrition set in on the Monday, first to go was **Noel Shaw** who had a holiday opportunity, then there were 40. Also, on Monday, **Cecil Staite** called to say that his wife had to go elsewhere, then we were 38. Tuesday, **Harry Hardacre** called to say that he had just returned from holiday and had to go to a family funeral, then we were 36. Finally, another call, this time from **Brian Cadman** and his wife as he had to work at the Arboretum on the Thursday, so then we were 34. I was tempted to leave the telephone off the hook!! Finally, on the day, both **Mrs Waggett** and **Sheila Williams** were unable to make the journey, then we were 32!

We were fortunate that **Stephen Swinbank** was able to attend and he very ably updated us on the situation, as far as he knew, with the progress of the company. He then updated the meeting with the Pension progress and the progress being made to obtaining the corporate guarantee and the latest steps to obtain a yearly increase. We welcomed **Paul Glynn** to his first lunch with the new Fellowship and were pleased to welcome **Peter Whitehead** as a first time visitor

Jill Macphail who usually comes with **Sheila Williams** brought her daughter instead and it was nice to have a younger member attend again!! There were messages from the following members who were unable to attend but they all sent regards. **Vic Etheridge**, **Bill Daniels**, and **John Phillips** had the good fortune to be on holiday again at this time. **Nat Tellery** called to say his wife had a fall and they wouldn't be able to come at this time so we wish her a speedy recovery.

Pam Anderson, **G Carter**, **Brian Cox** and **Pam Webb** all hope to attend at the next lunch.

As usual, the chatter and general noise that the group were making showed that they were thoroughly enjoying catching up with old friends and having a good lunch.

(Finally note my new email address which is: ericgrace@talktalk.net).



The George – Litchfield

Region 4 - Lin Sandell

The region 4 annual lunch was held on October 3rd at the London Cricketers Club in central London. There were some 110 attendees including old friends and new members, with some travelling long distances to attend and, probably our record holder, coming from Orkney. We all enjoyed a two course meal with wine followed by coffee and mints. It was a very pleasant occasion but tinged with sadness. We missed having John Burchfield with us, however **Alan Chard** gave a very nice speech in John's memory, after which we raised our glasses to him.

Our guest speaker was again **Stephen Swinbank**, Chairman of the Trustees of the NCR Pension Plan, who updated the audience on the recent split of Teradata Division from the NCR Corporation which was completed at the end of September. Stephen also explained the impact of this on the discussions which the Trustees are currently having with the Corporation regarding annual pension increases. Basically the change in company structure will cause the discussions to take longer, and so a decision should not be expected for at least 6 months.

I am sure you would all be interested to know that Stephen himself has now retired from NCR and has become a member of the Fellowship. However NCR have asked him to stay on as Chairman of the Trustees, at least for the foreseeable future, and the continuity which this provides must be a benefit to us all.

The thanks of the region 4 members were passed to **John Atkins**, our new Secretary, for all his efforts in taking over the organisation of the lunch. With such a large group this is no small task, and the success of the lunch was a tribute to him. A new organiser for region 4 will be appointed as soon as possible.

It was unanimously agreed by all attendees that we should continue to hold our future lunches at the Cricketers and therefore we have made the booking for the next year. The date for your diaries is Wednesday October 1st and invitations will be sent out next year as usual.

Can I take this opportunity to wish all Fellowship members and their families a very happy Christmas.



Region 4's new organiser Roger Whelan (right) with Joan O'Farrell and Roger Main

Region 5 - Peter Bodley

(Report and pics by Derek Seamon)

Lunch at the George and Dragon, Headcorn on September 19th.

18 of us attended, some with their wives, fewer than last year caused by some regulars being on holiday, however the three course meal organised by **Peter Bodley** was its usual satisfying quality, Peter must appreciate it as well as he comes up from Somerset to be with us every year! A good job too as he has the list of what everybody has ordered, in case of forgetfulness.

A suggestion was put forward that perhaps we should find a locale that would encourage more pensioners to attend but it was pointed out that Headcorn was handy for the main railway line through Kent, and as we had always been satisfied and treated very well there why change? General consensus was that we should leave things as they were, so a provisional booking was agreed for next year.



The George & Dragon – Headcorn

Region 6 - Alan Hutchins

We held a lunch for the eastern part of Region 6 on the 3rd October 2007.

This was at The Fox Inn Smalldole West Sussex, there were 22 present.

Unfortunately **Jim** and **Sylvia Lawmon** were unable to attend as Jim was unwell.

Harold Stevens also was unable to come as he had a visit from his grandson from Australia for Harold's "Big Birthday". We had a very nice meal and it was good to see remembered faces and renew old friendships. All were saddened to hear of the unexpected loss of John Burchfield, his work in helping to form the New Fellowship was immeasurable and will be a hard act to follow.

We will probably use this venue again as both food and hospitality would be hard to equal. The only drawback is its size as it would be hard to pack more in. We did however leave the restaurant looking forward to our next visit there.



At The Fox Inn – Smalldole

Region 7 - John Jones

At last the Region 7 Organiser has managed to fix up a get together for the members who live in Gloucestershire, Avon, North Somerset, Wiltshire, and all those unpronounceable Counties over the bridge in South Wales.

The date was Tuesday 9th October and the venue was The Carvery Company at funnily enough The Venue, Cribbs Causeway, Bristol.

We gathered together at 11.30 ready to dine at 12. Most of the regulars attended **Dave** and **Jean Jones**, **Maurice** and **Pat Keene**, **Dave** and **Jan Robinson**, **Roy Back**, **Alan** and **Stella Wall**, **Bill** and **Eileen Park**, **Maurice** and **Mary Davis**. Some new faces were **Betty Vickery**, **Keith Ponting**, **Anne Cunningham**, **Ian Leader** and escorted by the usual contingent from South Wales of **David Calford** and **Johnny Watts** was **Wayne Edmond**, Unfortunately **Ken Bloxham** had to cry off at the last minute as his wife had met with a serious accident whilst on holiday, we wish her a speedy recovery.

As we do to our ex Bristol FED Manager **Jim Kembery** who only a week prior to our meeting had come out of Hospital having had his right leg amputated. Get well soon Jim.

I had apologies from **Maurice Chivers** (who was holidaying on his motorbike in Spain), **John Cooper**, **Dorothy Davies** also on holiday but not on their motor bikes.

Graham and **Carol Watt**, **Peter Lacey**, **Elwyn Davies**, **Tony Churchman**, **Dickie Keitch**, **Chris Mumford** were all otherwise engaged and **Geoff Batcup** and **Bill Garbutt** have difficulty in travelling. All sent their best wishes to the other members and the fellowship.



Personnel in Top of Table

Dave Robinson, Betty Vickery, Alan Wall, Stella Wall, Roy Back, Pete Bodley.



Personnel in Welsh End

Johnny Watt, Keith Ponting, Maurice Davis, Jean Jones, Dave Jones, Pat Keene, Dave Calford and Wayne Edmonds.

Stephen Swinbank was unable to attend but he did prepare a statement for us which was distributed to those who attended.

Peter Bodley exiled from his Region 5 kept me company and made notes on how not to organise a get together.

Bill Hudson phoned me after the event to say how sorry he was to have missed it but he had been on holiday in New Zealand (where have I heard that before)

I managed to take some photos but the planned posed group was ruined as the batteries in my camera ran out, I'll carry some spares next time.

Our next meeting will be April/ May 2008 I hope we can make it as successful as this time.

Region 8 – Richard Craigie

Region 8 met for lunch on the 17th October at The Black Horse. We were 23 in total and, as well as meeting old friends, it was nice to welcome **Elaine**, **Dick Woodcock's** guest together with **Avril** and **Linda**. The latter two being **Tom Herbert** and **Richard Chamberlain's** better halves. **Derek** and **Pat Buck** have moved from the West Country and have joined our group.

Colin and **Olwen Franklin**, having tried us out, have now joined our group permanently. We were all so pleased to see both **John Limn** and **Peter Timlett** attending following their sad bereavements.

Dennis and **Hazel Gill** were missed as were **Jimmy Wickham** and his usual guest **Eileen** due to illness and we wish them all well. **Jeff Fuller** was back following a long period of illness and looking fit.

The next lunch has been booked for Thursday 10th April thus avoiding the local village pensioners lunch held on a Wednesday.

Region 9 – Jessie Wallace

Our Annual get together was held on 15th October at The Three Horseshoes Inn, Cowley near Exeter.

13 members and guests were present to enjoy the food and the company.

Unfortunately several of our members were not able to attend due to illness or other commitments.

We wish speedy recovery to those who are poorly and hope to see them at next years lunch.

Wishing everyone in the Fellowship a happy and prosperous 2008.



The Three Horseshoes – Cowley

Region 10 –Ron McGowan

The members of Region 10N (N. Ireland) Retirement Fellowship ha a very enjoyable time as we recalled the past memorable years. A delicious meal in the Ten Square Hotel. Belfast on Wednesday 24th October 2007, added to the success of the day.

The photograph shows the following personell: L to R **B. Caughey, W. Gordon, R. McGowan, M. Mahon, R. Frazer, J. Bates, D. Hogg, J. Martin, C. Hughes, J. Bothwell and V. Frizell.**

We take this opportunity to wish our colleagues a very happy Christmas and pleasant New Year.



LONDON LUNCH



The Doc and Dennis



WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?

A mesage from Texas

Brian Gresty, who managed to make the NW Lunch has regaled us with a further yarn viz:

The D & D Hardware Store is located in the VERY REMOTE little town of Brackettville (remote even by todays standards) which came into being to service Fort Clark. It is located on US 90, which was a military road and the major route west across southern Texas. The Fort was built to protect this route from raiding Commanche/Apache and Mexican bandits. In the 1870's it was the largest cavalry outpost in the West. Go to www.fortclark.com for more info. I noticed the very large multi-draw NCR which is still in place in the main counter (too heavy to move ?) and the store owner then informed me that he had another old register in the back where they sold nails, horseshoes, barbed wire, cattle brands etc. He took me to see it and lo and behold !!!!!



IT HAD AN L s d KEYBOARD. How on earth did an CR designed & manufactured for Britain end up in the back of beyond in Texas. The store owner had no idea about how it got there, however he did suggest that it may have been traded by an English settler moving West for more supplies. He also told me that this till was used up until the 1960's. How it ever worked in dollars & cents is beyond me. If anybody can shed some light on this I would be delighted to hear about it. Best Wishes to All Brian Gresty PS My USA address is PO Box 511, Brackettville, Texas, TX 78832, USA and we return to our home in the UK on April 9th 2008



Decimalisation 1971

by Alan Perryman & Ian Ormerod

As many pensioners in particular will recall, NCR UK shared with several Commonwealth countries a unique system of currency based on two farthings to a halfpenny, two half pennies to a penny, twelve pence to a shilling and 240 pence to a pound! By general consent, visitors in particular, found £.s.d. currency difficult to assimilate. Moreover, because of a restricted market potential, a growing number of machine suppliers found it uneconomical to tool up for a version capable of satisfying the UK market. Thus UK businesses were denied the benefit of greater efficiency that more advanced decimal machines would provide. Furthermore it was obvious that decimalisation would pose a severe threat to NCR's established markets, especially in the UK, by encouraging new entrants, primarily from Japan, to flood the market.

Whilst most countries changing to a decimal currency opted for 10 shillings as the major unit of currency the UK Government chose to retain the pound. Progressively the old currency was withdrawn (demonetised) starting with the farthing. This happened notwithstanding the argument that such a move would exacerbate inflation and make charm or psychological pricing, so popular with retailers, less effective. For example a pair of stockings priced at two shillings and eleven pence three farthings.

Not widely recognised for its true meaning was the decision to demonetise the half penny well in advance of D. Day. This was because the new two penny coin was the same size and weight as the old half penny and therefore could be misused, particularly in slot machines.

The relationship between £.s.d. and decimal coins was the subject of debate. For example one MP argued that the familiar 6d coin should be retained as its equivalent decimal value of two and a half new pence. However, opponents who argued there was no place in a decimal currency for a fractional coin won the day. A major advantage of the decimal coins was the size and weight relationship within the silver coins on the one hand, and the copper coins on the other. This facilitates the determination of value by weight.

Dual pricing was advocated by some retailers as part of an educational programme to familiarise customers with decimal pricing. NCR's advice, based on experience in other countries, was to train staff and customers to think exclusively in the new currency, and not try to convert from one currency to the other.

The effects of decimalisation on the financial accounts of a business were an integral element of NCR seminars, and the benefit of adopting round pound accounting was covered thoroughly by **Stan Harris**.

To combat increased competition and to retain and increase NCR's user base NCR evolved an aggressive marketing plan to convert or replace the total installed machine base. In the main this comprised cash registers, accounting machines and coin operated machines

South Africa, the first of the 'Sterling' countries to convert, set their 'D-Day' as the 14th February 1961. The Decimal Coinage Commission in South Africa recognised that although certain cash registers, accounting and adding machines, were not fit for conversion beyond certain ages—because of normal wear and tear on parts—they would, in the usual course of events, still have given their owners several years of service had not decimalisation occurred. After detailed study, the Commission established a theoretical working life for each type of monetary machine and recommended that compensation be paid to the owners of those machines which would not be converted to decimal but which did not exceed, by D-DAY, the theoretical working life. The ages of machines were calculated backwards from January 1, 1961. In the case of cash registers, theoretical working life was assessed at twenty years and the South African Government agreed to pay for the conversion of cash registers up to fifteen years old and to pay compensation in the form of a cash allowance for cash registers between fifteen and twenty years. The huge transportation task involved in the collection and delivery of over 25,000 convertible National machines scattered throughout a country measuring some 800,000 square miles (the United Kingdom covers an area of 93,023 square miles) obviously required careful planning.



SOUTH AFRICA



CONVERTS



During the past few months newspaper articles, posters, advertisements, radio and television programmes have been used to arouse the public mind in South Africa in the change-over, in February 1961, to decimal currency. Recently, retailers and others in the Union have also been helping shoppers to become familiar with the new currency by marking the prices on their goods in both sterling and decimal currency.

As one of the leading suppliers of business machines in this country, NCR has been planning and working for some years to assist the South African Government to effect a smooth change-over.

The first indication that the South African Government had accepted the principle of decimalisation was given on March 9, 1956, when the South African Minister of Finance stated that "The Government is sympathetically disposed, and is prepared to support in principle the decimalisation of our coinage." Soon afterwards a Decimal Coinage Commission was appointed to report on the practical considerations involved in such a change. On December 11, 1956, four months after the publication of their report, the Government's decision to convert was announced.

Rands and cents

The Decimal Coinage Act of 1959 laid down that the new coinage units will be the Rand and the cent. The Rand will be equal to 10s, and will consist of 100 cents. One pound will equal two Rands. In accordance with the Act, decimal coins will be minted and issued as shown in the following table.

DECIMAL COINS	£.S.D. EQUIVALENTS
Silver Coins	
Fifty cents	One shilling
Twenty cents	Two shillings
Ten cents	Four shillings
Five cents	Eight shillings
Two-and-a-half-cent	Fourteen shillings
Bronze Coins	
One cent	Twenty shillings
Half-cent	Forty shillings

As all existing notes and silver coins, with the exception of the 2s, 6d, coin which is being withdrawn, have exact decimal equivalents, there is no need for the substitution of new notes and silver coins on D-DAY. These will be issued gradually.

New bronze coins, however, are needed and one

As South Africa had been one of the Dundee Organisation's largest overseas customers since it started production in 1946 and as all cash registers and nearly all the other machines shipped from Dundee were within the conversion age range, Dundee had a major proportion of the work involved in this project. The decision by the South African Government to keep the half cent provided Dundee with a further problem—that of designing and building a four bank decimal indication for the Class 100 cash register. Eventually, it was ascertained that the most suitable and economic method of converting the Class 100 cash register—numerically, Dundee's biggest conversion model—was to forward a major assembly which comprised approximately 75 per cent of the machine.

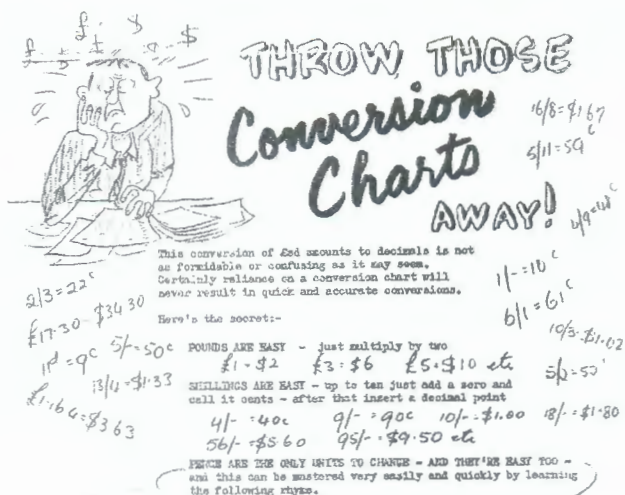
Ghana soon followed in July 1963 with Australia setting their conversion day as D-Day was February 14th 1966. Of the half million machines of all types in Australia which require conversion, NCR Dundee has shipped about 100,000 since 1946. In addition, of course, there are thousands of other NCR machines in Australia made in

sister factories, and to fulfil NCR's conversion commitments, a great deal of co-operation was required within the NCR international organisation. Factories in Augsburg, Giessen, Berlin, Paris, Bulach (Switzerland), Toronto and Ithaca, New York, as well as Dayton and Dundee, had been involved in the Australian decimalisation programme.



AUSTRALIA GOES DECIMAL

The following year New Zealand converted to decimal coinage on July 10, 1967. They found a unique way of getting the message across to their customers by teaching them a rhyme.



PENCE ONE & TWO REMAIN THE SAME -
THE ONLY DIFFERENCE IS THE NAME -
PENCE THREE TO NINE DROP ONE ITS TRUE
THE REST YOU DO JUST MINUS TWO!

With the compliments of NCR
THE NATIONAL CASH REGISTER CO (NZ) LTD

Zambia was the next Commonwealth country to change to decimals in January 1968 with Rhodesia settling on February 1970.

Since 1838, four British Royal Commissions had investigated the desirability of adopting a decimal coinage system in the United Kingdom. The first two, those of 1838 and 1843 were in favour and the last two of 1856 and 1918 were against the idea.

In 1966, following the decisions by South Africa, Australia and New Zealand, the British Government signified its decision, in a white paper, that the country would switch to a decimal currency on 15 February 1971. Following representations from the machine industry the Government decreed that there would be a 18 month changeover period to complete this gigantic task when both currencies would circulate side by side.

The Government appointed a Decimal Currency Board, under the chairmanship of Lord Fiske, to supervise its implementation. The secretary to the Decimal Currency Board frequently shared a speaker's platform with Howard Sledmere and Alan Perryman and between them developed a close rapport. Appointed by the company to liaise with interested parties, Howard and Alan created and delivered in house and external seminars to the sales force, retailers and financial audiences nationwide.

Alan Perryman and Peter Roderick of the CRD Special Projects Group are seen here in 1968 discussing some of the problems likely to face shoppers in 1971 at a 'Know your Company' session.



These included presentations to major users and department stores such as Bentsalls, Chambers of Trade and Commerce and customers of cash and carry warehouses. The message was clear. Act now, be aware of the new currency and ensure that your staff and machines are capable of handling and thinking in the new currency. Be sure you are competent to handle both currencies during the changeover period.

Cadburys designed a stick on key 'conversion kit' to be used on cash registers which were waiting conversion. This was produced and distributed by NCR as a temporary measure while other companies out to make a quick killing, promising claims of conversions by breaking teeth off drive segments and fitting stuck on "dual currency" indicators.

This fascinating article continues in our next edition (keep this copy)



Pembroke College
Cambridge



Thursday 5th April
2001



Arthur Ball 1929 – 2007

A syndicate was formed in 1980 at St Alphage to do the pools and, to this day comprises a group of retired FSD guys. **John Munday**, a member of this group wrote the following:

Apologies for the delay in informing some of you of Arthur's decease. This occurred on Sunday 3rd June following a lengthy chest infection. Despite the short notice I was able to attend the funeral held in Tunstall, Stoke on Trent on Friday 8th June and join the family at the wake. Arthur is still a paid up member of the syndicate until 22nd August and in discussion with the family any monies owing to him should be spent by the syndicate toasting his memory in good claret!

Arthur joined NCR in 1960 having spent some years working for Barclays Bank in India and the west coast of Africa. Earlier still he had completed National Service in Egypt. Vera, a lady many of you will remember, was his partner for many years. They parted several years ago and it was only discovered when the family tried to contact her that she had died some years previously. Arthur's activities within NCR Financial Division need no comment but it is interesting to note that one of his latter collecting interests was that of Toby Jugs. Being born in the Potteries (opposite the church where the service was held and his parents are buried) may offer a clue. Winters Bank in Dayton commissioned a limited edition of a 19th Century mechanical money box at the time of the CHAPS project (ring any bells?) which found Arthur and I in Dayton working on NCR's proposal. We managed to track down the last one available which Arthur added to his collection in some triumph!

Arthurs immediate colleagues **Wallace Avery, Roy Gardner, Mike Sumner, Paul Nicholls** and other syndicate members, including myself, meet 2 or 3 times a year for lunch. Our most notable soiree was 2 days at Pembroke College, Cambridge consuming the college's claret etc with **Mike Nott**, who is a blue badge guide, conducting a general tour of Cambridge.

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George Laurence is probably our oldest Fellowship member and our Archivist, **Ian Ormerod** travelled up to Liverpool to hear his story which, in George's own words, is related below. It must have been particularly interesting for Ian who was for a considerable time our FED presence in the Channel Islands himself.

"NCR is a remarkable organisation when you think about it. It only started in 1884 and I joined at Liverpool in May 1928 when I had just gone 17. The first cash register was sold to Ma Egerton's public house in Pudsey Street, Liverpool by William Allinson in 1886, it's still there, the pub not the cash register!



"George today"

Having been thrown out of school at 14 I had two years as a telegram messenger boy before the National Cash Register job was passed on to me at the "Dole school". I was taken on as a shop boy in Bury Street. The first London training I had was on the Class 3000 in 1930, **Percy Townsend** did the training. I was lodging in Camden town and walked to Head Office at Tottenham Court Road. Everything else was local training, they must have had me down as being fully retrained; if anything came up and you did the range like I did, when you rang **Charlie Cousins** and **Ernie Eldridge** for support, they would just say you will have to get on with it, you've had the training. I had no official training on cash registers but I learned as a shop boy, by doing betterments - reconditioning; we turned out some smashing machines. I was always happy to help anyone else out if they were struggling. One support chap from London would come and fix the machines but would never tell anyone what the problem was, I could never understand that attitude.

I had about 18 months in Hull in 1932 returning to Liverpool in 1933 and got married the next year. To give you an idea how things were at that time, after I did the 3000 training they used to send technicians from bigger depots to smaller depots for holiday relief and they sent me to Dublin in 1936, I had six weeks there because they all took their holidays after each other, and I took my wife and eldest son. Later that year they asked me if I would go to Dublin on AMD but it was a lot dearer, cost of living and that, and NCR didn't throw money about - ever, we were stretched so I turned that one down.

The next year they offered me the Jersey one, so I said yes although I didn't really know where the Channel Islands were - I didn't; that was in September 1937. By that time our second son had been born, he was only six months old when we moved to Jersey to live. **Maurice Kilby** was the fellow before me in Jersey; he was an elderly fellow and retired. My mother died on the day war broke out in September 1939 and I came back for her funeral. After that on the 30th of September I had to get a passport in Jersey to travel between the Islands and England. There used to be a Great Western Mail boat from Weymouth and a Southern Railway from Southampton each day but after the war started they did just one round trip a day, Southampton, Jersey, Guernsey and Southampton. If I went to Guernsey then I had to go to Southampton before returning to Jersey. Ernie English, who was in charge of the technical side of the Lloyds Bank contract wrote me a letter complaining that I had used the aeroplane to get to Guernsey. I wrote back to say that if I didn't I would have to stay in England before returning to Jersey: I didn't hear any more! All funny things like that happen when war started, everybody had to change their views on things.

There was a regular plane service to Guernsey, just a twelve passenger plane from the airport. It was probably my first flight when I flew over to Guernsey during the war.

The Germans were very peculiar, if they had an order everyone had to obey it to the 'nth' degree, the boats were usually for moving troops and supplies but one night they must have had a contingent going back from leave; they used to use the islands as a holiday camp you know. I had gone to bed in Guernsey, the Jerrys got me out of bed, they had a boat going at one o'clock in the morning - Gordon Bennett - I had to get dressed and get on board.

I did the Regular 2000 but was not an expert, Freddie Duckworth was the expert on those; Littlewoods had a batch of them. Before the 6000 the normal cash register was the 2000, Boots had a lot of them, Jesse Boot had an estate in Jersey. The Boots store in Jersey had the latest machines with a 16 printer, I was trained - well when I say trained they gave me about two days and then I was an expert on the 2000 with a 16 printer!

We didn't have much of a chance to get friendly with any of the Germans, it was a peculiar situation, they were never outgoing and we never kowtowed to them, it may have rubbed off on them after a bit. I had repaired barrel calculators for the Kriegsmarine, the Germany Navy and one day I was in Boots working on a 6000 when this officer came in and recognised me "Hello George" he said, "Hello", I felt like getting under the counter!

There was a hairdresser in Jersey, his father and mother were French and had a place in Guernsey and with me going over to Guernsey during the Occupation the son used to give me a letter for them rather than putting it in the mail. I got on board the boat this day and a German soldier, a Lieutenant or something, went through my papers and found it. I had to go to the Wehrmacht headquarters at the St Helier Girl's college about it.

In 1942 I was in Guernsey, when you got to Guernsey you never knew when you were getting back because they didn't have many boats for a start off and what boats were available wouldn't go at full moon and the coast was rocky. I went on the Monday and this order came on the Tuesday from Berlin that all English born people had to be taken to Germany and any people who were criminals. The Centenier and the German Officer came to my house in Jersey every day and my wife said I was still in Guernsey. I didn't get back to Jersey till the Friday but between the order coming out and the Friday they had cancelled it. So there were already some that had gone, and Mike Townsend, the NCR salesman, was one of them who was sent to Germany with his wife. I wasn't, I would have definitely gone if I had been in Jersey at that time.

The Westminster Bank asked me to look after the Burroughs machines which I agreed to do. The Burroughs lads had left parts in the Banks to make it look as if they had done difficult jobs and stretch out their times. Burroughs had no staff on the islands always coming from the mainland before the war. The NCR office was on Great Union Road. We didn't have any machines to sell, we only had about three left at the beginning of the occupation, some people bought them as investments, there was one left and someone bought it off me; it was a press down key 4000, very similar to the Remingtons.



"The Nazi visas in George's passport"

We had an agreement with Lloyds Bank when we were cut off that they paid us a nominal sum each week, NCR went into overdraft but that would be sorted out later. They knew the figure that we charged for maintenance and gave that to us as a credit and anything from the sales went to our credit. We were fortunate in some respects that we had been friendly with a couple of farmers and we were always ok for vegetables, cauliflowers, cabbage, salad stuff and potatoes. The big trouble was meat- we only got two ounces per person per week, butter the same. We were fortunate in Jersey in that after the fall of France we got full cream milk because our children were with us. We made butter with what we got, we could get an ounce of butter from a pint; that was something we did regularly.

Before the Germans occupied the Islands I had a car, a big



"George in his Jersey days"

Morris Major, like a tank it was, I was going home along the Inner Road from Georgetown and all of a sudden I heard this clank, and I thought a chain had broken underneath the car but it wasn't; a German pilot in a plane was going round the coast and he gave a burst of the guns at the houses over St Clements Bay. The Germans got a message through and Jersey had to put a white cross in the Royal Square, probably the same in Guernsey. After the Germans arrived they brought Russian and Polish prisoners in; they started rebuilding the railway again.

As time went on there was very little to do, the shops were closing as there was nothing to sell. I went down to the office each day to see if there was any mail or any local calls, we were still getting mail between the Islands. The big stores were open, De Gruchy's but they didn't have any of our machines. There was a draper's there, Williams', Hovis's and Le Riches they had one or two, a big shop in King Street.

I was in Reading for a while when I came back from Jersey. I had six weeks refresher training and then went to Reading: I couldn't get a house there; apparently Reading and Oxford were the two worst places in the country for building houses. I had been back in Liverpool for eighteen months when I got a letter from the builders to say that I could put my name down. In 1954, before we started with the Allen-Wales adding machine, I reckoned I could service and repair any machine or equipment made by the NCR and that included the cinema and bus machines. We used to make a cinema machine, the 1200, like a little metal box for fixed priced tickets. There was a key for each value and a number for the number of tickets wanted. There was one in the cinema at the top of our road in Wavertree at the Magnet Cinema.

I stayed at Liverpool as Assistant Depot Manager to **Charlie Grout** until I retired after decimalization.

A Day at the Buses

The Imperial War Museum at Duxford, apart from being the home of a unique collection of historic aeroplanes, and of at least 3 Airshows a year, also hosts a number of non-aviation events. As a FOD I have the opportunity to participate in these as well as visiting the site in pursuit of my aviation related hobby.

This year, for example, Duxford was the venue for a gathering of hundreds of buses of all shapes, sizes, and ages – Classic Buses all!

"Showbus 2007" was the event and Sunday 16th September saw this gathering of buses being admired and photographed by a large crowd of enthusiasts, noting registration numbers, makes, current owners, and the original Companies which operated them.

These vehicles were being photographed from every aspect, outside, inside, under the bonnet and from underneath. The enthusiasts were noting everything. I had not realised what an enormous following the classic bus enjoys. There were trade stands selling everything from specialist books, models, uniforms, badges, DVD's, and photos of probably every bus company that has ever existed in this country.

Well, the foregoing was just to set the scene. Because, what stirred the memories for me, and hence this short submission to [Postscript](#), was the large number of big, red, London Transport examples with the AEC badge on the radiator.



And why!. Because back in 1969 (I had joined the Company in Dec 68) I had just finished my first job as part of the Cumberland Fashions Century 100 pilot site in Maryport. My boss was **Gordon Stickland** and we were in **Mike Anderson's** C.I.R. Systems group in H.O. I was a "rookie" and had just completed the Century Fundamentals and POPCA courses when OC Maryport (**Maurice Chivers**) needed more people to work on the pilot, and I was seconded. I recall **Brian Passingham**, **George Wallace**, etc were already part of the team. I recall also that I was given the task of punching and verifying test data because - "I had been on the course!."

Anyway, après Maryport, Gordon let me do some pre-sale, and we worked with Greenford salesman **Paul Bion** preparing his proposal to AEC Southall. Although the AEC factory was, to use their slogan, "The Home of London's Buses", by 1969 the buses were being built at the Leyland plant, and Southall was assembling large Mercator tractor cabs, fully fitted with engines and the "artic" gear.

Quite a complex product with fairly unique production control and parts procurement problems to solve.

Paul secured the order for 2 Century 200's complete with CRAM 6 random access card units to replace 315's. A great order to have obtained early in the Century's career.



And I like to think that Gordon and I helped more than a little in his success.

These were "heady" days – a lot of excitement about our new computer models and an enthusiastic salesforce, some straight off their training courses, still converting really from their earlier Accounting m/c environment – but having to learn and adapt quickly to the new technology, and the opportunities for us.

I recall that in order to do 315 to Century conversion work **Gordon Stickland** used to have to book 315 "computer time" on our North Circular Road site during the night – we met up there around 1am on occasions to test programs.

So that's the connection Buses – AEC – Century. We all have memories of our early NCR days, and it is surprising sometimes what events like this can trigger-off. For me it was the first of many Century cases with which I was involved over many years through the 8200 etc. We didn't win them all – but that's life in a highly competitive market as this was. We were after all part of the BUNCH.

Thanks to **Harry Hardacre** after his Walkers Crisps C100 order, he secured me my Century tie – I have still got it!.

Bryan Turner.

NZ Enigma – revisited

Issue No. 36 contained “an NZ Enigma”. The story continues with a letter below from **Jim Kembery** identifying the till, letters and news items and a picture of John's daughter, Alison and grand children, Midison and Maleki, with the museum's curator.

Dear Geoff

Further to the recent Pension Postscript and my telephone call to you re John Jones find in New Zealand.
This register a Class 200 is certainly a Detail Adder ; why ?
The style of brass cabinet together with the type of key levers is the clue.
The first Detail Adders were made in 1884 by James Ritty by a patent in 1881.
The Rittys operated as a partnership under the name of The National Cash Register Co. 1883 was historic in the history of cash registers it was the entry of John H Patterson into the business. J.H.P acquired the control of the Company at a Stockholders meeting 5th of Jan 1885.
Early in 1888 the need for new premises was imperative – in April building began on land on the old Patterson farm. The first register completed was The Class 2 detail adder in wooden cabinet no. 6542. The next year 1889 9091 machines were shipped. The great advance came in 1889 with the “Total Adder” this gave the total of the cash at a glance. Although detail adders continued to be made for some time.
The total adder range was 35 ; 36 and Class 300, all in brass cabinets.
With the foregoing history John Jones class 200 is a detail adder from the 1889 era onwards
How do I know this ? it is taken from the books –
Our Company by Theodore Armstrong. 1949 and
Wherever men Trade by Isacc F Narcosson 1945.

Best regards.

Jim
G J Kembery.



Dannevirke Gallery of History (Inc.)

1/4 Gordon Street

Dannevirke, New Zealand

Contact: 16 August 2007

Mr J. I. Jones
48 Overhill Rd
Stratton,
Gloucestershire
GL7 2LG
England.

Dear Mr Jones, On behalf of us all here at the Gallery of History, thank you very much for your letter, & the copy of “Postscript” –

Enclosed are the newspaper articles which followed – you will be happy to see your daughter and grandchildren featured!

It has been suggested the cash register may have come from the old “Hospital Street Store” (on Hospital Street Dannevirke, where “Dave’s Den” is now with its model cars.)

The store itself was shipped to Rukhi Road, Whetukura as a country “hideaway” – an interesting trip for your next visit to our district.

Sincerely, Philippa Nilson – Secretary



ADDING IT UP: Philippa Nilson with the museum's cash register.

DANNEVIRKE NEWS PICTURE BYRON JORDAN

Old cash register rings bells in UK

An inquiry from an English visitor has reawakened a long-standing mystery at the Dannevirke museum. In the process it has sparked some interest from the other side of the world.

The mystery concerns the National cash register which can be seen in the office once used by the clerk of the court in the old court building which now houses the museum. It was donated when the museum opened, and no doubt once belonged to a local Dannevirke business, said Philippa Nilson, an attendant at the museum.

“We were flooded with donations when the museum opened

in the 1980s, and heaps of stuff came in. Most of our things have a reference number, but not this one.”

The museum recently got a letter from an English visitor, John Jones, of Cirencester, who had worked for the National Cash Register Company for 28 years before he retired.

He said he had been into the museum with his wife while visiting his daughter in Norsewood. He took a picture of the register, and wrote a piece about it which was published in Postscript, the official magazine of the NCR Retirement Fellowship in the UK.

Mr Jones said he understood the register was a Class 200 detail adder designed by James Ritty, inventor of the cash register, and was probably made in Dayton, Ohio, in or after 1889.

Mr Jones enclosed a copy of the article which appeared in the magazine's summer 2007 edition.

“The article already has created quite a bit of interest and no doubt will be the subject of letters to the editor in future editions.”

Mrs Nilson said the museum would be interested to hear from anyone who could shed some light on the register's original owner.

A Short Update on Company & Pension Plan News - Stephen Swinbank

Company News...

NCR has recently..." Gone Back to it's Future" !

Back in the early 90's when NCR was 'owned' by AT&T for 3 yrs - NCR bought a super-computer S/W Company called Teredata which specialised in 'DataWarehousing' - in fact it was & still is the Rolls Royce category leader in it's highly specialised field. The reason for mentioning this is that on Sept 30th NCR Corporation decided to 'spin' this Division off - Float it on the NY Stock Market. The purpose of doing this was to let this highly successful and highly specialised business become independent and manage it's own business. NCR has reverted to it's Retail / Financial / Systemedia / Worldwide Customer Services, & /Prof' Services Divisions. So from October 1st onwards NCR has gone back to it's future and is very similar to the Company that you all once knew & worked for.

Trustee Pension News...

Hopefully you all received the colour supplement of the NCR Pensions Update News Letter - (you should have received it late August or during September - this newsletter from your Trustees brought you up-to-date with all the significant news so far this year, but I would just like to tell you more about a couple of the items in the Newsletter.

1. Teredata Spin-Off: With this recent Company development the Trustee's have asked our specialist Advisors to monitor very closely and analyse the Companies trading results over the next 24 months to ensure that the NEW (but OLD!) NCR Corporation continues to prosper and to be able to stand behind the Corporate Guarantee to our pension Scheme that it entered into with the Trustee's at the beginning of the year. This Guarantee from the Corporation was required because they are permitting NCR 'UK' Ltd to trade at a loss by returning all the profits to Dayton - and yet it is NCR 'UK' Ltd that is the legal Owner and responsible for the funding of our Pension Plan! -- The reason we have taken this specific action to monitor the Corporation's trading results is because in the recent years 'Teredata' has been the most Profitable and Cash Generative part of the Company....!!! ((i.e., contributing \$400m a Quarter Revenue at 50% Gross Margin - so it remains to be seen how the old divisions of NCR will 'replace' this significant contribution to the health of the Company) --- Having said all of this you should know that NCR is extremely well funded at the moment and has almost \$2bn of net assets and \$1.3bn in Cash) ! Plenty enough for all of us if they are careful with it.....!!!! Your Pension Scheme is also extremely strong and well funded even given the stock market turmoil !

Pension Increases...

The Trustee's have asked The Corporation to re-start negotiations with the Trustees for a future Pension Increase Formula now that the Teredata spin-off has been completed. We had entered into some good early discussions and things looked promising with the Corporation telling the Trustee's that subject to working out the details that 'in-principle' provided the UK Pension

Scheme was generating a small Surplus (to be calculated by the Schemes Actuary on an "On-Going" basis) that the Corporation would not in future unreasonably withhold it's agreement to an Annual Increase - but in years where the fund was not sufficiently in Surplus we would have to forego an increase and 'roll-it'

forward to the next year! This sounds 'positive' and it is- but like all things the 'Devil' is in the detail and the Trustee's need to SEE and agree this to protect our members. The Trustee's expect that it will take 3-6 months from now to have reached full Agreement with the Corporation and you can be assured that we are working flat-out to make this happen as soon as possible. Our objective is that once Signed this agreement will help us to avoid the protracted and totally unfair waits of up to 3 years between increases.

We will keep you advised of our progress.

Finally - The Trustee's would also like to add their voice to the many of you who will have spent a few minutes today remembering John Burchfield - John took an avid almost daily interest in supporting The Trustee's and we used to keep him fully informed on the progress of all our discussions with Dayton. We miss him greatly, so if you have not already done so please raise a 'Toast' to your past Chairman of The NCR Retirement Fellowship - John Burchfield .

Stephen Swinbank, Chair of Trustees.
October 2007.

Obituaries

We extend our sincere sympathy to the families of the following fellow employees:

Miss	M L	Adlam	03/07/07
Mr	D	Airlie	25/06/07
Mr	W A	Ball	03/06/07
Mr	R E	Beith	27/07/07
Mrs	L	Brooks	29/04/07
Mr	J E	Burchfield	01/07/07
Mr	D E	Coleman	25/06/07
Mr	R	Cowan	20/06/07
Mr	B E	Crowe	11/05/07
Mrs	D	Jarman	24/06/07
Mr	G W	Lawley	04/07/07
Mrs	E	Morris	18/04/07
Mrs	N M	Murphy	10/04/07
Mr	H T	Palmer	07/05/07
Mr	L R	Poulter	11/04/07
Mr	A E	Simmons	10/09/07
Mr	M	Taylor	21/06/07
Mrs	D	Turnbull	24/09/07
Mrs	Z	Young	16/07/07

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- Completion of our Decimilisation 1971 article by Alan Perryman and Ian Ormerod
- More of John Burchfields paintings
- More of your contributions please

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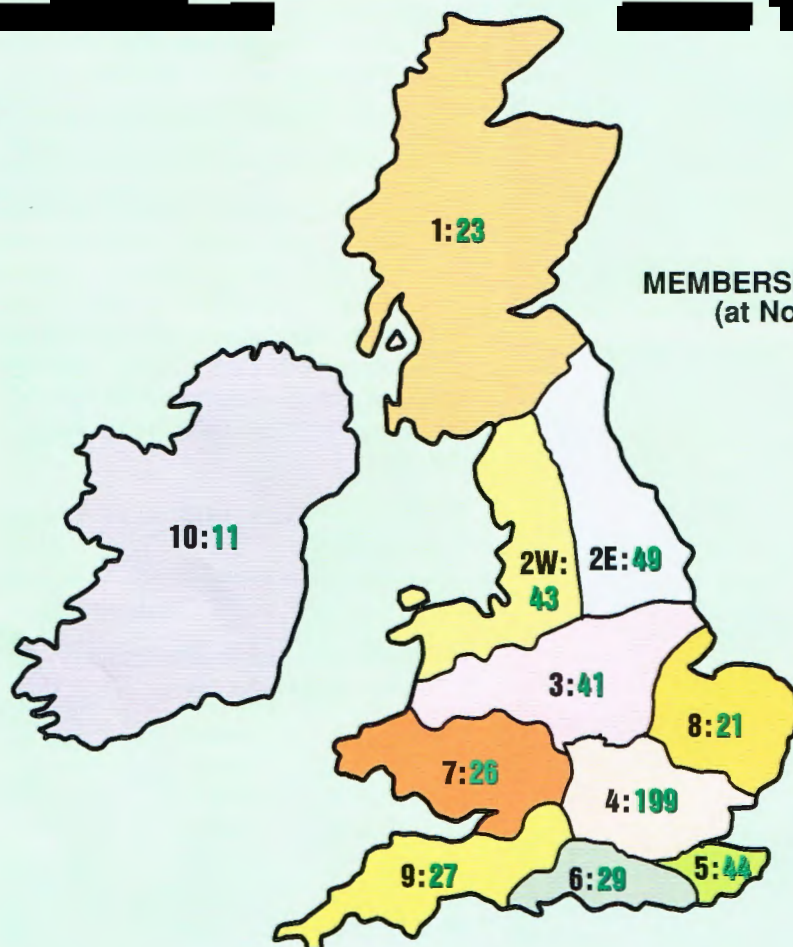
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