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Region 1 – Jack Whyte

The autumn lunch in Scotland was held on 30th October at our usual venue – La Pulcinella in Glasgow – and given the weather you would expect in Glasgow late October, we had a fine gathering of 20+. There were quite a few call offs – it seems that some of our former colleagues preferred Spain, New York and Hawaii at this time of the year.

Nevertheless, we had mainly regulars attending this year, although **Bill Hudson**, a Pitlochry refugee from somewhere south of the border was made very welcome. **Hamish Mackenzie** joined us from the very far north; **John McEroy** from Aberdeen, **Wallace Hay** from Prestwick, **David Brown** from Dundee and a strong contingent from Edinburgh including **David Graham**, **Brian Strathdee**, **Ginger Gray** and **Ian Lamb**. **John Mackay** did his photographer as usual, with a bit of help from **Neil Bathie** and **John McElroy**.

As usual, there was much debate on health issues and on “do you remember so and so” and “what was his name again?”

The Glasgow contingent had a bit of an exchange on who was the veteran of the group – **George Brown** and **Allan Caldwell** were trying to look the part, **John Falconer** and **Frank McCarroll** were the front runners for a time but when **Jim Marshall** claimed he had to leave early to go to his dance class he was duly elected.

As one of the party emailed later – ‘twas a very good day –



In the foreground from left to right we have – Jim Marshall, Wallace Hay and David Graham with Hamish Mackenzie on the right.



On this one, we have Frank McCarroll, Jack Whyte and George Brown with Brian Strathdee.

thank you, but a long one due to those two diehards (names withheld) at the Pot Still. Sorta recovered”. Our thanks to **John Mackay** again for the photos – I’m sure some were looking a bit younger than last time !



Bill Hudson, Ginger Gray, Ian Lamb and John McElroy.



Graham Nisbet, Bob Stewart and John Falconer.



Hamish Mackenzie in discussion with Jim Marshall and Wallace Hay

Region 2W – Ian Ormerod

A much depleted attendance at the 2W lunch and meeting on the 15th October. Not to detract from the very genial occasion which it proved to be. **Peter Cole** and **David Bielby** with his wife Joyce were joined at their table by **Mike Heslip**, **John Clayton** and **Fred Fazakerly**. Those last two being very regular. **Maureen Burdis** came from Yorkshire with her partner, which was great. We haven't seen her for quite a while although in years gone by she was certainly a very regular visitor to our side of the pennines; providing relief as she did for the local office clerk. Everyone new Maureen. She hasn't changed one little bit. **Arthur Southall** had a very animated conversation with Maureen's partner. Our fourth group were **Tom Wallbank**, **John Cooke** and **Rex Keating**. All former colleagues in Manchester.

Among those missing, with apologies of course, **David Cooper**, **Jim Foote** and **Tom Mills**. **Ian Ormerod** and his wife Sheila were both very disappointed not being able to attend and I am sure Brian Latham and Fred Duckworth were too.

There were others of course; **Walter Bullen** I haven't mentioned for one. Hopefully there will be another opportunity in the New Year. Date not arranged as yet. I would like though to wish a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year to all my old colleagues. Some of them getting very old, like me. Best wishes to you all.

Charles Southall



Region 2E – Pat Keogh

We continue to use Otley Golf Club as our excellent venue and once again had a very enjoyable day. For our £14 per head the club's chef gave us a choice for all three courses followed by coffee and continental chocolates. We had to pay for the drinks.

Our 32 attendees met at 12 noon for drinks in the lounge followed by lunch at 12:30 in the dining area, followed by more drinks while we put the world and NCR to rights. As you can see from the photos the club is a very pleasant venue.

Harrold Hunter attended for the first time, joining his other Leeds software colleagues **Keith Penny** and **Keith Stansfield**. We are going to make a determined effort to extend this group in May next by getting **Peter Carruthers** to finally attend.

The southern part of the region was well supported by **Alan Dixon** and his wife Sandy, **Mervyn Clapham**, **Dave Dawson**, **Mike Green**, **Bas Pickard** and **Dick Sale**.

The regular team from the York side of Leeds attending were **Silvia Back** and **Sheila Davidson**, **Maureen Burdis** and her guest and **Don Ward** with his wife Judy.

More locally to the Leeds area were **Geoff Beaumont**, **Peter Cundall**, **John Gilroy**, **Graham Hatton**, **Sandy McMillan** and his wife Pauline, **Pete Scanlon**, **Mike Wood**



Pre Lunch Drinks

Front left is Mike wood and his wife Mary and Sandy McMillan and his wife Pauline. Facing us on the far left table is Maureen Burdis and her guest. Maureen ran the northeast lunches before I took them over about seven years ago. The other two at this table were Silvia Back and Sheila Davidson. The right hand table has Mike Green, Mervyn Clapham and Bas Pickard with Pete Scanlan standing. Standing next to Pete is myself and Ian Ormerod. I think I'm saying to Ian, No Ian I don't think you have paid. To our right, being supported by crutches following yet another motorbike accident, is Dick Sale. Rumour has it that his wife was selling what was left of his bike while he was at this lunch.

(Region 2E cont.)

*After lunch update.*

Here I am giving my after lunch update to a very attentive audience, well almost everyone.

and his wife Mary and of course myself. **Norman Roberts**, ex Leeds, and his wife once again made the journey from their home now in Dumfriesshire.

Also from Leeds area was **Brian Jackson** who, after our lunch, gave a very interesting talk on the history and current operation of Wortley Hall in South Yorkshire which he is involved with.

John Clayton once again made the journey from Liverpool to attend. It was also nice to see **Charles Southall** and his brother Author from Chester. Charles co-runs the Northwest Lunch with **Ian Ormerod**.

After our lunch Ian gave a talk on his recent travels to the USA on NCR business. Of particular interest was the new NCR operation in the States including the new World Headquarters.

Well that covers all 32 attendees and as normal I brought everyone up to date with others who contacted me but couldn't be present and wanted to pass on their regards. You may recall that Eric Ward attended our May Lunch all the way from Cape Town in South Africa. If you read this Eric, could you drop me an email to keep in touch. A few people were asking after you.

Region 3 – Eric Grace

Another pleasant get together lunch was held at the GEORGE HOTEL Lichfield on the 17th October 2013 this time there were twenty three members and friends and this made a nice group which fits in nicely in the restaurant.

The following members all apologised for their absence: **Martin Apperley** sends best wishes, he says he will not be able to attend future lunches. **Brian Briggs** has a prior engagement in Spain but sends his best wishes. **Harry Hardacre** unable to attend. **Alistair Gilmour** not coming down this time. **Jim McHugh** had to go off on holiday again!!

We were to have been 24 but unfortunately **Noel Shaw's** wife got a hospital appointment and he had to cancel. **Ronnie Scott** hasn't been in touch so I am not aware of any problems he may be having.

It was nice that **Paul Glynn** was able to attend this time after a long absence.

Ian and **Sheila Ormerod** have been very busy travelling the States, and were not able to attend. **John Latty** also busy at

this time. **Ian Davidson** is off to Australia visiting his son.

Harry Ridge intended to be on holiday but holiday was cancelled so we are pleased to see him.

Finally I have thank **Lin Sandell** and **John Atkins** for coming to our little get together, I was especially pleased to see Lin as I was able to coerce her to give us a roundup of the latest info on pension and Company News.

The next Lunch will be on the 10th of April 2014



Region 4 – Roger Whelan

Region 4's annual lunch was held on 2nd October 2013, as usual the first Wednesday in October. The venue was the London Corus Hotel in Lancaster Gate close to Hyde Park and Kensington Gardens, where the lunch has now been held for the past five years.

We had 63 guests, a few less than last year. It was a great pleasure to see a few newcomers, which included among others, **Brian Sanderson** who came down from Sunderland and **Chrissie Young** who generously helped out with the name tags. It means a lot for most of us to get together with old colleagues with whom we worked for so long.

The service and the quality of the food seemed to be well received and judging by the lively hubbub of conversation, the event was enjoyed by everyone. This year the hotel had again experienced turnover in personnel but we got together with the management before the event to ensure that a high quality of food, service and layout were provided without increasing the price. Fortunately, we seem to have scored on all points.

We were very pleased to welcome **Stephen Swinbank**, Chairman of the Trustees Board of the NCR Pension Fund, to give us his usual update on NCR and the state of the pension fund. He told us that NCR is continuing to grow and perform strongly—and it's encouraging to know that the company is thriving! As always Stephen gave us a thorough analysis of the health of the fund and the news that the increase in value of assets means that the fund is now in surplus.

As we have now subsequently heard, NCR has decided to transfer the assets, liabilities and obligations of the pension fund to an insurance company. More on what this event means to all of us will be heard in due course!

To sum up, it was a great opportunity for old colleagues to have an enjoyable get together for a few hours.

I am looking forward to the next Fellowship Lunch on Wednesday 1st October 2014 at the same venue.

THE LONDON LUNCH



(Region 4 cont.) **MORE LONDON LUNCH PICTURES**



Region 5 – Derek Seamon

A rather depleted party of 14 members and wives sat down to our annual Autumn lunch at the George and Dragon, Headcorn on Wednesday 16th October. The weather was a bit depressing outside but was warm and welcoming inside, it looks as if the George and Dragon were expanding their lunchtime catering as there seemed to be more passing trade for lunch than in other years, although we still had the main restaurant to ourselves.

I had apologies from **Ray** and **Carol Howes** and **Dot Roberts** who both had other commitments. **Estelle Sillett** who was coming had decided to extend her holiday away. It seems a shame that although we have about 18 members listed for Region 5 the majority of those perhaps were not attached to a depot or did not work in the area or travelled across to other regions so do not consider themselves as Region 5 at all.

Present were **Tom** and **Wendy Elliot**, **Tony** and **Faye Welch**, **June** and **Neville Hurron** who was getting over a cataract operation. **Derek** and **Muriel Seamon**, **Roy Wilkins**, **Don Ladd**, **Peter Shipp** and **Peter Withey**. The food was up to its usual standard and everybody must of been satisfied as there was no rush to leave and we were all happy to carry on talking.

We agreed to have another spring lunch at the Malta Inn, Allington Lock, Maidstone and at the moment I am looking at Wednesday 30th April 2014.

Derek Seamon



Region 6 – Alan Hutchins

It was a glorious autumn day when Region 6 held their annual lunch at the Castle Hotel in the village of Bramber, West Sussex. The meal was enjoyed by 20 members including partners. It was good to see old friends and new. **Trevor Collins** was unable to attend this year, I believe this was the first time Trevor has missed since the lunches began many years ago. You were missed Trevor, lets hope you can come next year. It was good to see **Dave Wheeler** and his wife attending for the first time. **Jim** and **Christine Bates** travelled from Lincolnshire to be with us, its always nice to see them. All our friends and colleagues expressed their hope to meet again next year.

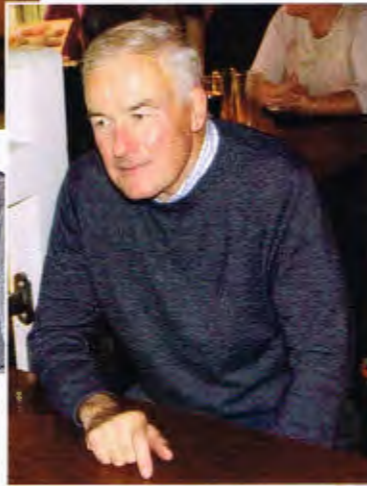
Region 7 – John Jones

Once again I decided to modernise the invitation technique by sending emails to those whose email addresses I have and a telephone call to the others and to any who failed to respond to the emails and one letter to one who had moved house. I actually made 38 invitations not all to members and had 37 replies.

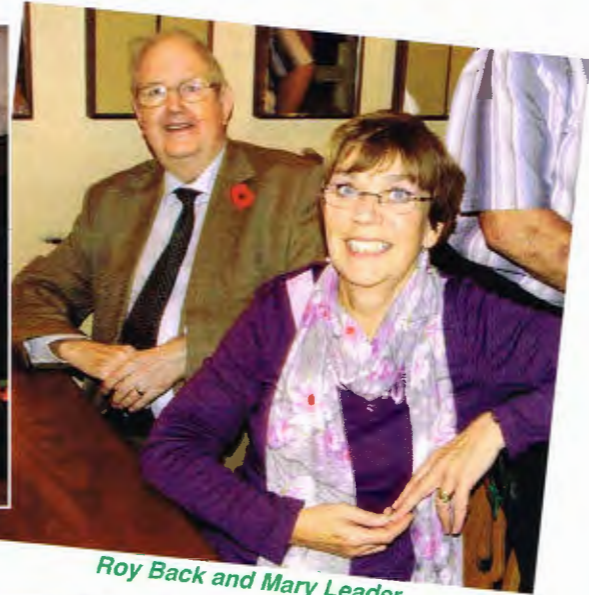
REGION 7 AT THE LAMB AND FLAG



Wayne Edmond and Keith Ponting



Peter Bodley



Roy Back and Mary Leader



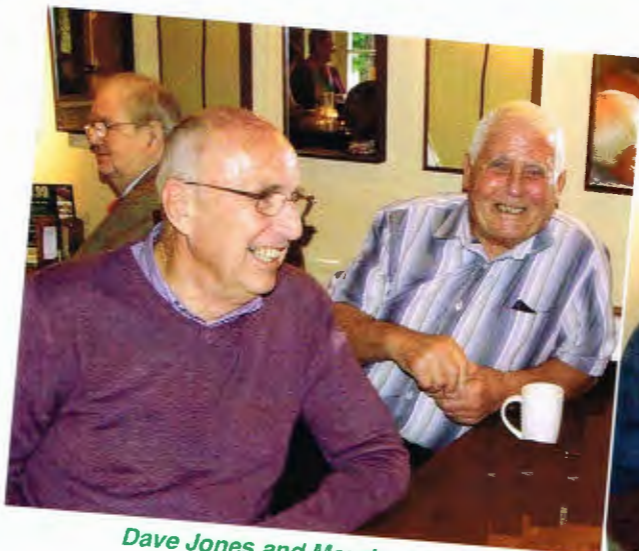
Bill Park and Waitress



Waiting for Father Christmas!



Barbara and Barry Avery



Dave Jones and Maurice Keene



Dave Calford , Jessie Wallace and Our Editor

(Region 7 cont.)

Having sent out invitations and had a few favourable replies I decided to book the lunch with our usual restaurant, only to discover that it had closed down. Several frantic phone calls later I had managed to change the venue to The Lamb & Flag, a Harvester on Cribbs Causeway only a stone's throw away from our old haunt.

As usual the number of us who were going to gather for lunch fluctuated from 19 to 25 and finally 22 of us made it. Holidays, health and travel problems coupled with family commitments were the main reasons for being unable to attend.

Bob Kirkham was in Majorca, **Jonathan Knight** was working in Scotland and could have joined up with **Bill Hudson** who now lives there and is about to go to New Zealand to visit his brother. **Jim Kembery** was busy shooting pheasants.

Rita Keitch has moved house to be with her daughter and work was being carried out on her new "Granny Flat" or "Hobbitt Hole" as her daughter calls it. **Ken** and **Molly Bloxham**, **Elwyn Davies**, **Johnny Watts** and **Geoff Batcup**, were all unable to attend due to health reasons so the Welsh contingent consisted of **Wayne Edmond** and **Dave Calford** as our latest recruit **Mike Wells** still has the problem of "working". **Keith Middleton** was holidaying in Maderia but **Annie Cunningham (Weekes)** surprised us all by coming along with her husband **Bev** and **Bill Park** managed to struggle up three flights of stairs to be with us. **Fred Macey** had hoped to drop in but is another still troubled by "Work".

Maurice Chivers was otherwise detained working on the Poppy Appeal and **David** and **Jan Robinson** still have difficulties with Wednesdays (I'm working on it Dave)

Maurice Davis and **Dorothy Davies** still have transport problems that we are unable to resolve.

Keith and **Margaret Ponting** combined their visit with a shopping trip to M&S but **Paul** and **Angela Bryant** and **Bob Fairbairn** were unable to join us. **Graham Watt** managed it this time, but **Ian Omerod** had to cancel at the last minute due to a business appointment. **Peter Roderick** and **John Shadbolt** were unable to join us but hope to do so on a future occasion.

Mary Leader made it this time between invigilating duties but **Betty Vickery** felt unable to attend, she is busy behind the scenes trying to contact some of her ex work colleagues.

The regulars **Dave** and **Jean Jones**, **Roy Back**, **Maurice** and **Pat Keene**, **Peter Bodley**, and **Jessie Wallace** were joined by **Barry** and **Barbara Avery**.

Our Editor **Geoff Jackson** was able to attend this time, having successfully negotiated the descent from the roof of Exeter Cathedral

Chris Mumford made it this time, but **Colin** and **Hazel Easterbrook** were on holiday.

I also got in touch with **Bill Garbutt** after his appearance in the Summer issue of *Postscript*. He is keeping well but failing eyesight prevents him from attending.

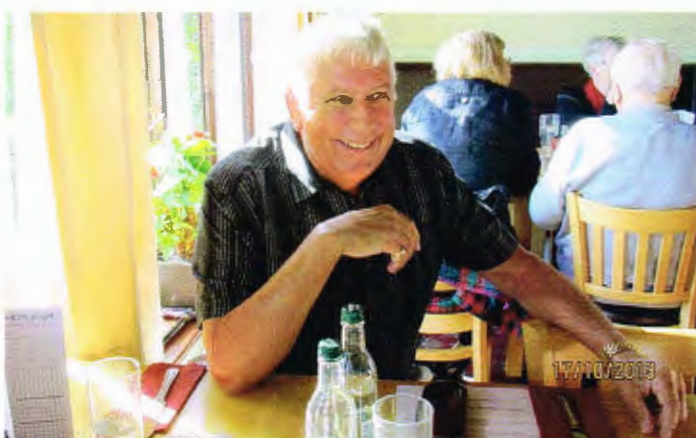
As usual we all had a good time, a good natter and a good meal and with the help of our resident photographer we were able to organise some photos without "backs of heads."

Let's hope I will be able to organise another one in May 2014 and those that couldn't make this one will be able to attend.

Region 8 – Richard Craigie

Another successful lunch was held Thursday 17th October at The Lazy Otter, many of our regulars were unable to be with us this time due to a variety of reasons, so we were down to 19, but without exception all were missed and all enquired after. All present wished **Ted Miller** a continued recovery from his back injury. We welcomed a new member, **Derek Prescott** and in the way only I can do I got his name wrong and that on just sparkling water. **Brian** and **Ina Bourdon** were over from Spain and it was nice to see them as it was to see **Ted Long** again. Those of us present were **Brian** and **Ian Bourdon**, **Richard** and **Linda Chamberlain**, **Tom** and **Avril Herbert**, **Frank** and **Gladys Bellamy**, **Colin** and **Olwen Franklin**, **Jimmy Wickham** and **Eileen Fish**, **John O'Connor**, **Derek Prescott**, **Dennis Pearce** and **Edith Crowther**, **Ted Long** and lastly **Gloria** and **Me**".

Have just had confirmation of April's lunch – It is Thursday 10th April 2014 at The Lazy Otter.



(Region 8 cont.)



Region 9 - Jessie Wallace

Region 9 met yet again at our favourite venue, The Mount Pleasant, hosted by Jessie, and was greeted with magnificent views of the Jurassic Coast on a fine sunny day. There were 19 of us and we enjoyed the excellent food supplied. After our meal we were entertained by **David Evans** with a very amusing talk including a tale about a visit to Buckingham Palace! (Look elsewhere in this edition to find a feature on David.) The summer lunch will be on Monday 9th June, at The Mount Pleasant again by popular demand! Our commiserations are extended to those who were unable to attend for a variety of reasons, hope to see you next time.

Note: Jessie's report on this event was lost en route to the Editor and she has now departed on an extended holiday in Chile – happy holiday J! Ed.



(Region 9 cont.)



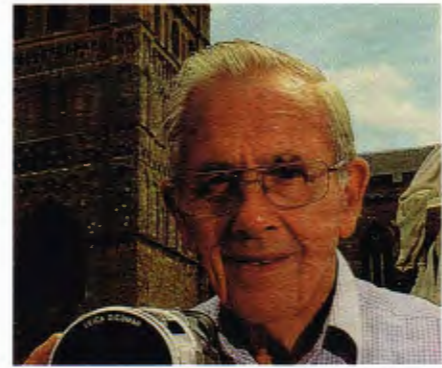
Region 10 – Ken Carson

As has been the recent custom in a city that's partial to Standard traditions, the Region 10 Fellowship Group gathered together on Friday 18th October, at the Gastronomic Stem Cell that is the Ginger Bistro in Belfast. The turn out was excellent, with **Victor Frizzel** delighting us with his presence after so many recent near misses, and while disappointed that a few of our number were absent due to illness and family commitments, we all had a wonderful afternoon sharing in the usual Craic and hearing how everyone is enjoying their retirement. Not even the obligatory rain on the day could put a dampener on the entertainment.

With an eye on the meteorological crystal ball, I will be in contact again in Springtime DV, to arrange our next reunion at a venue TBC and perhaps even look forward to having some sunshine outside as well as inside!



DAVID EVANS



David, known as "Tec" by his friends and also "Kosher" in his NCR working life because of the folk who inhabited the NW London area which was where he worked, recently featured in Exeter's Express and Echo local newspaper. The article, featured in Mike Byrnes Nostalgia feature is paraphrased below:

David, who now lives in the Heavitree area of Exeter, has been making films since 1959, his first footage being of his Scout group on holiday across Europe, shot on 8mm film. Two years later he made a Robin Hood feature, again with the scouts.

He reckons he has made well over 100 films, the old ciné films however have been through the projector so many times they are now beyond use. He said "with the advent of camcorders, using video tape which recorded sound as well, film making became a lot easier. The fact that you could look at your work immediately instead of awaiting its return from the developers was a great step forward. As camcorders became smaller and lighter there were also various computer programmes available which took the chore out of editing and made film making a joy"

David, who was brought up in London, made a number of films about the capital and this led him to being made a Freeman of the City of London in 1990. (Readers of PostScript may remember David being featured on the front cover driving a flock of sheep over London Bridge, his right as a Freeman!)

In 2010 he made "Forgotten Exeter", all about the city's ancient West Quarter which was very well received. He has now followed this up with two new films, firstly, "The Changing Face of Exeter" which concentrates on the old buildings being demolished to make way for student accommodation and a new Tesco. The resurrection of the sad old Debenhams store to become a brand new John Lewis and the removal of the old hospital to become a Waitrose are also covered.

Secondly, "Unique Shops & Outlets in Exeter" features 16 of David's favourites for unusual goods and gifts.

Although he has now reached the ripe old age of 84 he has more in the offing and is pleased to talk to, and show films to any groups, that are interested and can be reached on 01392 204734.

(Thanks is extended by PostScript to Mike Byrne of Exeter's Express and Echo for permission to use both the content of his article and the photograph shown here.)

Ian Ormerod Writes:-

In August my work took me to Minnesota, Georgia and Florida. After completing my assignments in Minnesota I left Minneapolis on the Friday evening giving me the weekend in Atlanta to meet up with colleagues from Peachtree and Duluth. I was fortunate enough to have a free day on the Wednesday and had been asked, by NCR in the UK to contact the public relations department for retail sales. I spent the morning with Tony Carter, the public relations manager devoted to the retail and travel lines of business.

In the afternoon I met up with an old friend from the UK, Terry Exton, this is his story of how he joined NCR and how his career has taken him to Duluth Georgia. I first met Terry in its first week with NCR in Lancaster when we were both locked out of the office and went off for tea and toast until the centre manager, Bill Featherstone, arrived to let us in:-

Terry Exton

Well, must say, when I started with NCR in December 1974, I never for a moment thought I would be still here nearly 40 years later!

I started in the Lancaster office in the Northwest of England. The manager was Bill Featherstone and there were only 3 other Field Engineers – George Riley, Steve Mashiter and Tony Bradshaw. I was taken on to work on the 'new' electronic machines, but there weren't many at that time so all my early training was provided by my colleagues 'on the job'. My first formal training was actually on the 31 class Accounting machine, but in the relatively remote Morecambe Bay area you could only find enough work if you tried anything! It wasn't more than a couple of years before Lancaster closed and we were assigned to the Preston office.

Most days I went to Preston and remember Stan Harrison the manager and in particular Brian Latham and Sid Barnish who taught me a lot. By then I think I had 299 training and they had some at the Premium Bond HQ in Lytham St Anne's so I spent a lot of time there. Another reorganization saw the Lancaster engineers transferred to the Carlisle office – Joe Leighton was the manager. By that time the ATM had arrived in the form of the 770 and I was one of the first trained. Before long, it became the mainstay of my workload and shaped my future in many ways.

Still restless for more work and challenges however, saw me offered a District Field Engineer position in the Leeds office and I had to relocate there. It must have been about 1982. The manager there was Trevor Garrard and it was a much larger office than I had worked for before and I started to get experience in 'managing' more than just a relatively small group in the field.

About 3 years later, I was encouraged to apply for a Technical Support Specialist position in North London and so I relocated again to Luton. Tony Flynn was the Regional Manager (I can't remember the Supervisor I reported to directly) and the office was at Brent Cross, but a year or so later we were relocated to Watford. ATM's were by now a significant and still expanding business for NCR so it gave me a lot of exposure in one way or another.

Another 2 or 3 years and somehow I got to opportunity to step up to Regional Support Manager for the new London &



South East Region Manager Alan Chard. The office was in Bonhill St, Central London so it was yet another relocation for my family – this time to Sidcup, Kent. As the L&SE Region included Head Office in Marylebone, it was inevitable that I became more involved in the 'central' business activities. So when the next reorganization (physically to Crawley office) created the Regional Centre Manager position I switched from 'Support' to that role and started my 'Business' career managing the North and Central London field centres.

Next (must have been around 1993) Alan moved into a Head Office position and I became the Regional Manager for the L&SE Region. My peers were Ian Fairburn (Scotland), Pat Keogh (North), Dennis Jones (Midlands), Bernard Wagland (North London). After Tom Boles left, the UK decided to bring in a number of Managers from other companies to try and combat the growth of 3rd Party maintainers. So I moved into a Project Manager role back in the Watford office for a while, but then the 'NatWest' support group needed a new manager and came back into the 'Regional Manager' role to run that for a couple of years.

Next I took on 'Outside Services' (Partners and Subcontractor) management negotiating contracts and running special projects before once again Alan Chard offered me a role – this time running a European team deploying and developing reporting from the new 'Enterprise Data Warehouse' (EDW) for WCS. Steve Molnar and Ross Marshall were the other members and over the next 2 or 3 years we developed 'central' reporting from EDW for Europe and APAC. For the first time, WCS could report centrally from all the different country Dispatch 1 systems and promote 'standardized' processes for call management.

I was part of the EMEA 'Infrastructure' group and we frequently had to travel to various European cities for meetings, seminars, etc., but at the project level I reported to Ron Wilson in Dayton where NCR was founded. Once we had EMEA and APAC data in the warehouse we used our collective knowledge of the Business to produce a 'Management Book' containing the relative Country performance against the 15 or so key metrics that inevitably drive field services businesses. This apparently so impressed Dayton, that in 2000 I was invited to transfer to Dayton 'for a couple of years' to assist in the deployment of EDW in the USA and Canada.

It was an opportunity hard to resist, so in December 2000 I started working for Ron in Dayton. I really did assume I would be back in the UK within 2 or 3 years, but the use of EDW expanded and after a couple of years they asked me if I would

stay on for a couple more years. I was enjoying the challenge and working close to the centre of the worldwide Business and less sure of what I would do when I did return to the UK so I agreed. The same thing then happened again a couple of years after that, but as I was on a business visa it was the last time it could be renewed. I was still a UK employee 'on loan', but eventually in 2006 I transferred to being a US employee and 'left' the UK.

By then, it was not so much deploying and developing EDW that occupied us as using the data to analyse and report on various aspects of the whole Services operation. The purpose of the EDW project was to centralize the data and make it freely available to anyone, but in practice it was still difficult for most people to develop reports so along with a few others I became a Subject Matter 'Expert' on Services data, how to report it and how to interpret it.

In 2009, the Company made the momentous decision to relocate to Atlanta, Georgia and I was invited once again to relocate. Many people didn't get the opportunity or couldn't move so by the time 'Head Office' was up and running in Duluth (NW Atlanta) there were even fewer people who really understood what data was available and how to get it. Similarly there was a large turnover of 'technical' people and less who knew how to support the infrastructure.

As a result, the last 3 years have meant I am involved in almost every aspect of EDW use in the Services Business from solving technical and data integrity issues, deploying the new ES (D1 replacement) system, assisting developers, creating standard reports and producing data and reports to support new projects. I have never been busier and the variation in day to day activities are such that I am constantly challenged. My mother and daughter still live in the UK so I do come back for a couple of weeks every May (golf as well), but as to whether I will ever return full time.....who knows.

Ian brought me some back copies of the Fellowship magazine and boy, did that bring back some memories.

OBITUARIES

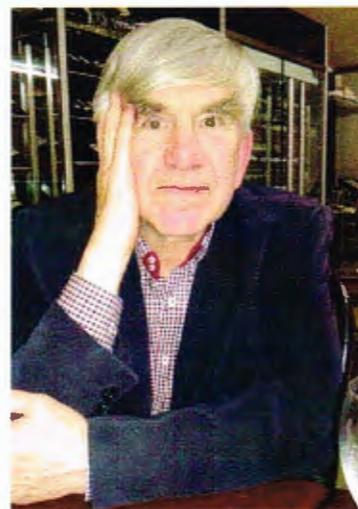
At last we are getting good contact with our Pension Administrators through Keith who has supplied the following details about friends we will be loathe to lose:

William J Biddulph	10/07/13	Region 3
David Morris Fulleman	19/09/13	Region 5
David Frank Gill	06/07/13	Region 8
Gordon Lisle Jenkin	25/05/13	Region 2W
Brian Potter	10/09/13	Region 5
Claus Peter Schwar	31/10/13	Region 4

Frank Cunningham

Additionally, we must offer our profound apologies to Frank Cunningham whose demise was reported in the last issue. Unknown to us, there were, unlikely as it may seem, two F Cunninghams in the company. It was the other Cunningham who had sadly died. So Frank may we wish you the best of health and hope that we will see you at many more London Lunches.

A Tribute to Peter Schwar 1939 – 2013



Peter sadly passed away at the end of October. He joined NCR in July 1974 as one of the founder members of the newly formed internal IT department, followed by my husband, Arthur, in August and me in September, so we had the pleasure to know him as a colleague and a close friend for almost 40 years.

After graduating with a degree in mathematics Peter joined Elliotts; he worked with a Leo computer, one of just a few computers in the UK at the time, which was housed on the first floor of Whiteley's department store in London. This very early computer experience provided a great basis for his career with NCR where he provided technical support for NCR's business processing through a myriad of technological developments.

In 1974 computing was very different from today, small capacity computers filled a large room and had only magnetic tape for data storage and punched cards for data input. From here Peter was involved with increasingly complex disc drives, the migration to database processing, the use of desk top terminals which were linked to remote computers via network links, the installation of the first pcs (DMV), the eventual roll-out of pcs to every desk, handheld devices for Field Engineers, and finally the arrival of the internet. Ironically when he retired Peter had no email address, mobile phone or credit card so I guess there is a limit to the amount of technology a person can take.

Away from NCR Peter had many interests. He had a large collection of books on all manner of subjects, almost a personal library; he enjoyed many different types of music and often accompanied me to Arthur's concerts, and was very interested in photography. I remember well how he would walk from his home in Hendon to the Finchley office, armed with his camera, so that he could capture the local sights on a frosty but sunny winter morning.

Peter was quiet, unassuming and friendly, always had an interesting remark to make (a particularly entertaining dinner companion) and was caring of all those that he knew and worked with.

We will miss him.

Lin and Arthur Sandell

WARBIRD ANNIVERSARIES

Thanks to the efforts of Roger Whelan, Lin Sandell, and John Atkins, the 2013 Region 4 reunion at the Corus Hotel in Lancaster Gate was again a great success. I gather that circa 70-plus Fellowship members were present. Some absentees this time included David Dally, Mike Sumner, Mike Croneen and Peter Whitehead. I trust that they ,and others, are keeping OK.

It was a fine lunch! after which during a conversation with our intrepid Postscript editor, Geoff, he asked for a contribution to this issue of our fellowship magazine - well lets give it a try, how can you refuse him!

This year, 2013, is the 70th anniversary for the UK warbird community. Firstly, it is the anniversary of 617 squadron's Avro Lancaster successful, but very costly, attack on the Ruhr dams on 16th May 1943, and it is also that of the USAAF's first raid on Germany. Previously all operations by their 8th Air Force were on France and the Low Countries. Both of these noteworthy events are represented today by airworthy examples of the aircraft types which undertook those operations.

The two aircraft are unique, at least in Europe. The B17G Flying Fortress, "Sally B (aka Memphis Belle - the star of the film of the same name)" based at Duxford is the only airworthy example in Europe. The other, "Pink Lady", French owned, is currently stored at Ferte Alais in France due to financial/ insurance problems.

The Avro Lancaster B1 PA474 is part of the RAF Memorial Flight (previously the BBMF) which with its other aircraft including Spitfires, Hurricanes, 2 Chipmunk trainers, and a Douglas Dakota is based at RAF Coningsby in Lincolnshire, together with the resident 4 squadrons of Eurofighter Typhoon GR4's.

Both the B17 Sally B and Lancaster PA474 have been very active on the airshow circuit as always on this particularly for them special anniversary year. As you will all know, 617 squadron was specially activated at RAF Scampton in 1943 to target the Ruhr dams, during which the Mohne, the Eder and the Sorpe were attacked.

Today's only airworthy Lanc (there is another example in Canada but it is currently grounded) is a tribute to 617 and all of the air and ground crew who were part of RAF Bomber Command.

The Boeing B17 Flying Fortresses of the USAAF 8th Air Force arrived in the UK in May/June 1942 initially to Polebrook and during the remainder of that year they worked-up on daylight flights/attacks over France etc. The first full group of B17's to be based here were the 306th Bomb Group , at Thurleigh. It



was from this airfield that the Group (the lead Group) became the first to attack the German homeland itself with the raid on Wilhelmshaven on 27th January 1943. So this year 2013 is an anniversary for both the 306th and the 8th USAAF in WWII.

In case someone should pick me up on it, the Boeing B17 first arrived in the UK some 12 months earlier. 26 of an earlier much less developed model were imported for use by the RAF. A version which needed, and received, serious attention to its capabilities for use in the European Theatre before the USAAF started to use it themselves in combat in WWII.

So these two unique Warbirds, both of which were produced originally in very large numbers, have been doing their anniversary bit on the circuit during 2013, the only 2 flying outside of North America this year.

So "Sally B" and "Thumper" the Lanc are today's ambassadors of the WWII bomber effort over Germany.

Just to finish. This story is about 1943, 70 years ago, but in 1923 (90 years ago) another British bomber ruled the skies, the Vickers Vimy. A few years ago a replica of this highly successful aircraft flew around the world and I was able to photograph it at Duxford when it was hangered there before going on to it's present home, the museum at Brooklands, probably where it was built!

Depending upon when Geoff is able to get this issue of Postscript out, you will all be looking forward to Christmas, or hopefully have enjoyed a very nice one. Anyway, here's to a prosperous and healthy New Year to you all, and I trust all of our Fellowship members will be able to meet up for their respective regional reunions next year. Good Luck!

Bryan Turner



A TALE OF GLIDING

by Mike Hughes

He woke to the smell of coffee and a soft kiss on his forehead. His wife stood by the bed with a smile on her face. She had put two cups of coffee on the bedside table.

"Not on duty this weekend? No Police work?"

"No," he said, "no murders this week, so I can have the weekend off"

"About time too. Murder seems to get more of your attention than me."

"If its attention you want, come here."

Mary slipped off her nightdress and got in beside him. The coffee was stone cold by the time they got round to drinking it.

"Mum would like us to have lunch at her place today"

"Oh God, she wants her lawn mowed does she?"

"It'll do you good; the exercise will get you fit again"

"Come here, I'll show you how fit I am right now"

"Oh, Inspector, shall I get my handcuffs!"

"No Sergeant, you make sure your radio is switched off. I don't want all your local uniforms listening to your cries for help"

Later in the morning they had breakfast and planned their weekend.

"I think I'll have a short flight this morning. The weather looks good and there should be a few thermals around."

"I'll drop you at the club and then Mum and I can do a bit of shopping, I could use a new pair of shoes. I'll pick you up at about twelve and then you can earn your lunch with the mower. That's always assuming you have some energy left!"

"Grrr"

She looked at him firmly, "Just make sure you go up properly equipped." He knew just what she meant. She had made him promise always to wear a parachute when he flew. She worried when he was in the air but his wearing a 'chute made her feel a bit better.

She dropped him at the gliding club and then sped off in the Mini. He knew she enjoyed driving fast. She had, after all, passed the police driving course with distinction. It was a legend in the station that they were both experts, she in the Mini Cooper and him in a glider.

He entered the clubhouse and saw the duty instructor.

"Morning, Phil. You got anything spare this morning?"

"Hi, Peter. Yeah, by coincidence, George Brown had booked the club's Libelle but he just rang up, cancelling. You can have it if you want"

"Great. I'll take it. I like the Libelle. Is the tow pilot handy?"

"I'll get him ready. You go and check it out" After signing for the glider, Peter got his parachute out of his locker and checked it. It was a little time before it needed repacking. He looped the shoulder straps on and went out to the glider.

The usual guy was on holiday and the stand-in engineer

was a new man. He had brought the Libelle out of the hangar and assembled it ready for George's cancelled flight. Peter did the ground check, making sure that all the controls were operating properly and that the wings were properly attached. The engineer checked that the tail plane was properly bolted on. "OK let's get her connected up.": They walked the glider out to the tow plane and attached the tow rope. He got in, shut the canopy and did his cockpit checks. He waved to the tow plane pilot that he was ready and they started the takeoff.



The glider was airborne before the tow plane and Peter had to be careful not to ascend too much for fear of lifting the tail of the tow plane and cause its propeller to strike the runway.

The tow plane took them to 2,000 feet when Peter disconnected the towrope and the tow-plane peeled off, returning to the airfield.

There was a thermal coming off the rocks on the foreshore and the glider started to rise. Reaching 3,000 feet, he turned towards the inland hills getting more lift from the rising air. The weather over the hills was clear but as he ascended, it began to get a little bumpy.

"Right," he thought, "it's time for some fun." First a slow roll, making sure that he pushed the stick forward when he was inverted. Then he decided to perform a loop and he intended to roll off the top so as not to lose too much height. He pushed the stick forward to build up speed and then lifted the nose. As the Libelle started to ascend and the G-forces rose, there was a loud bang and he looked in the mirror.

"Oh, my God. The tail's come off. I'll have to get out."

The nose went down and the glider started to spin. There was nothing he could do to control the glider without the elevators on the tailplane, so he had to bail out. He pulled the emergency canopy release, undid his seat straps, and when the canopy was clear, he stood on the seat and dived over the side. Once clear of the glider he pulled the D-ring of his parachute, the canopy inflated and he started to descend. He saw the glider crash into the river bank, thankfully not near any trampers. There was no fire because nothing inflammable was carried.

"Oh bloody hell, I'm going to get wet. I'm too close to the river."

He tried to steer the canopy away from it but just before he landed, a sudden gust of wind put him directly over the water. He tried to land properly but his foot slipped on a rock and twisted his ankle. He collapsed in a painful heap, undamaged, but with multiple bruises. His flying suit got thoroughly wet and his ankle started aching.

He released the straps, gathered up his soaking wet parachute and limped out of the water. His cell phone, in its waterproof bag, would not work because he was in a dead

zone, so he had to use his emergency beacon. He sat on a tree stump, waiting to be rescued and thinking "That bloody engineer can't have checked the tail plane properly. When I get back, I'll break both his legs" After about twenty minutes, he heard a rescue helicopter and was picked up together with his wet parachute. The paramedic examined his ankle and said, "You may have broken something. We'll take you to the Emergency Room where they can do an x-ray." The pilot offered to return his 'chute to the glider club and tell them what had happened.

He called Mary on his now working cell phone.

"Hi, sweetheart, I've had a bit of an accident and I had to bail out. Your parachute was responsible for putting me in the river and spraining my ankle....Yes, I'm OK otherwise, but you'll have to pick me up at the hospital. Can you bring me some dry clothes?"

He didn't say it, although they both knew, that the parachute had saved his life.

Here's another trick of Doctor Dementia to test your skills ...

Can you meet this challenge?

I've seen this with the letters out of order, but this is the first time I've seen it with numbers. Good example of a Brain Study: If you can read this OUT LOUD you have a strong mind. And better than that: Alzheimer's is a long, way down the road before it ever gets anywhere near you.

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THE SCAM (continued)

From The Times Opinion Column 31st July 2013

Matthew Parris: The Commons Home Affairs Committee warned that Britain's police are "losing the fight" against internet fraud. This is news to me. I was unaware there was anything even remotely like "a fight" by police against IT-based white collar fraud, let alone one they were losing.

Some days ago a friend received a call, apparently from the police, warning him that an imposter was trying to use his debit card on line to buy goods from John Lewis (where my friend has often shopped online in the past). Would he please call his bank at once, they said, and get the card blocked? He complied, rung off, picked up his phone again, got a dialling tone, and explained the problem. But when asked for his bank details he smelt a rat; something unconvincing about the whole conversation. He rung off.

It seems the fake "police" had stayed on the line, faked a dialling tone, and were now faking his bank. He rang the real police and tried to explain. He got no impression that they were interested or wanted to go into it further, they took some details but never called back. He said the fake police were more convincing than the real ones.

Some time ago I reported that my mother had been the victim of one of those "I've been robbed abroad and I'm penniless" internet scams. She arranged for the friend who had received "her" begging email to turn up at the appointed hotel lobby to hand over the cash - if the police would attend too. I, meanwhile, the potential victim of a telephone scam that would have involved my handing over a money order to a dispatch rider calling at my flat, had phoned the police and offered to go through with it if they would attend.

In my mother's case the police never got back to her. In mine they said they couldn't come as "no crime has yet been committed" - a fatuous excuse.

Thousands of readers will have stories like this. And it may not be possible for officers to react to a rising tide of IT crime. In which case, would they say so? I'm content to live in a society in which the police do not see it as their job to prevent one person making a fool of another, but could we at least be saved the time of earnestly reporting these things, answering a long string of irrelevant questions about ourselves before even being allowed to make a report - and then realising nobody has the least intention of doing anything about it?

In short - and quite contrary to the select committee's recommendations - would the police please just give up and admit defeat?

Noel Shaw writes regarding Geoff's scam:

The reason this fraud works and is so puzzling, is because a telephone landline connection is not disconnected by the caller replacing their handset, but by the caller replacing their handset. If the caller does not replace their handset at the apparent termination of a call, when the callee attempts another call the connection remains with the original caller. The original caller has only to provide the "line available" tones followed by the "ring tones" to delude the original callee to believe they're on a new connection, in your case, connected to the number on your Cash card.

A story of Three National Cash Locos

A work assignment to Georgia provided me with the opportunity to visit the South Eastern Railway Museum in Duluth, by coincidence the location of one of the three fireless locomotives which were used by the National Cash Register Company in Dayton between 1909 and the 1965 when they were replaced by Diesel locomotives.

John H. Patterson had seen fireless steam engines on his travels through Europe and as these steam locomotives had no firebox, they operated off of a steam charge from a stationary boiler, he saw they were exactly what he needed for his factories in Dayton.

The 'Dayton' engine was one of a series of three identical locomotives built on a custom order for the National Cash Register by Lima Locomotive Works.

In 1909 the Rubicon became the first steam-storage engine in the United States, followed by sister engines South Park in 1910 and Dayton in 1913. They were little more than a 7-by-16 foot thermos-like steam tank, equipped with cylinders, wheels and driving cab. The tank was filled two-thirds with water and then charged with steam at 150 pound pressure from the NCR boiler. Some of the water would slowly turn into steam, adding some running time.

Three or four times a day the crew would make a run to the roundhouse at NCR and exchange an engine for a freshly charged one. In addition to charging the steam, the locomotives have their air tanks (for the bell and sanders recharged as well as the battery for the headlights).

In September 1965 the locomotive 'Dayton' was donated to the Atlanta Chapter NRHS after a lengthy selection process in which the Chapter competed with over thirty groups for



the locomotive. In 1994 the locomotive was finally placed on panel track at the museum for display and removed from the flatcar that was its home for almost 30 years.

Sadly the locomotive is not now on display but rests on a siding at the rear of the museum, rusting away well out of public view.

I discussed the possibility of restoration with the museum administrator, Randy Pirckle, and in October I met with the Dayton Heritage management team in Carillon Park where we discussed the possibility of returning 'Dayton' to Ohio to join 'Rubicon' which has been preserved and displayed in the park museum.

In May I had been working in St Louis Missouri and visited the Museum of Transport there. In October I was again in St Louis but it was only on my return to the UK that I discovered that the third National Cash loco "South Park" was residing there and, like its "Dayton" counterpart, rusting away in a siding out of public view.

Perhaps one day all three may be back together in Dayton, negotiations are underway and there is the possibility that 'Dayton' can run again in Dayton, not by steam but perhaps battery powered.

Ian Ormerod



'Rubicon' and the Great Flood

While writing the article on the three NCR fireless locos I was reminded that 2013 is the 100th anniversary on the Great Dayton Flood. This disaster which occurred on March 25th 1913 brought devastation to Dayton and national fame to John H. Patterson the founder of NCR.

It also saved Patterson and Thomas J. Watson, of IBM fame, from a jail sentence.

Patterson brought Thomas J. Watson to the home office to deal with the competition as he had so successfully done in Rochester. Watson was a former "drummer" who sold pianos from the back of a horse-drawn wagon in rural New York and Pennsylvania who later joined NCR in Buffalo. He was promoted to Rochester branch manager in 1899.

The Patterson-Watson team virtually destroyed the competition and the United States Government rewarded them, and twenty eight other company officers, with a one year sentence in the Miami County Jail and a \$5,000 fine for Sherman Anti-Trust and restraint of trade violations.

Some say they were saved by a tornado and a flood. During the great Dayton flood of 1913 Patterson stopped production and directed the company's total energy to saving Dayton.

He gave food and shelter, supplied electric power and fresh water, and his doctors and nurses tended to the sick. The cabinet making shop produced boats at the rate of one every five minutes. He was even granted Marshall Law governing powers by Governor Cox.

T.J. Watson organized trainloads of relief supplies from New York corresponding with the Chief via telegraph to the home office which was the only means of communication with the Miami Valley.



Patterson became somewhat of a national hero and hundreds of people petitioned President Wilson to pardon him and his officers, however the decision was reversed by the Court of Appeals in Cincinnati in 1915, ruling that NCR defence material in the first trial should have been admitted.

An NCR boat manufactured from wood used for cash register drawers can be seen in this photograph while the second photograph shows 'Rubicon' working, on the trolley tracks in the city, collecting debris from the streets.

Ian Ormerod



WHAT HAVE THEY DONE TO MY PENSION?

What have the Trustees been up to since the Summer?

I trust you have already received our letter of 19th November!

As you probably are already aware your Trustees regularly took investment decisions with one sole purpose, to grow & protect our 5,400 members' pension fund.

In July we went on an education course with our advisers to learn more about how companies like NCR were selling their pension fund's to insurance companies, in order to both reduce the impact on their accounts and to provide better long term security for their pensioners. In parallel to this the value of the fund's investments had been rising, which gave the trustees the opportunity to investigate the insurance market.

We asked Towers Watson (our Actuary) to lead us through some market research to find out which would be the best Insurance Company to 'bid' for our fund and ensure we gained the maximum benefit from the increased value. ..

In October three insurers (Legal & General, Rothsay & Pension Insurance Corporation 'PIC') were invited to present to the Trustees. PIC was selected as the most appropriate insurer and we signed a legal agreement with them on November 15th for what is known as a 'Buy In' agreement. In essence PIC will take over the fund's investments and pay the trustees a monthly amount to pay the pension payments. This agreement protects and 'locks in' the value of the pension fund.

Eventually, with agreement from NCR, PIC will take over responsibility for all aspects of the pension fund in what is known as a 'Buy Out'. This process will culminate in PIC providing each pensioner with an individual annuity contract.

...While this was all going on we had received (in confidence) a formal letter from NCR Corporation indicating that they wanted to wind up the pension scheme. You will have already read in our (FAQ) letter of 19th November regarding discretionary pre-97 COLA's.

Some of you may wonder why we weren't able tell you earlier about what was going on? The reason is that 3 way negotiations (Trustee's, Corp & PIC) of this nature are very sensitive and are always subject to non-disclosure agreements.

Both the trustees and PIC will write to you in due course to keep you up to-date with progress towards from Buy-In to the eventual Buy-out by PIC.

On behalf of your Trustee's, Stephen Swinbank, Chair of Trustee's.

NEW NCR LOGO

The more observant of you will have noted a changed logo on our title page. This new logo was launched at The Museum of Brands on 10th October. We could not discern a great difference from the previous model. This was queried and the answer received was "The outline of the logo is the same. The very classic Saul Bass logo and handshake we have kept. The difference is the 'living green' square that is now being used". So there you go!

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

2013 can be considered another successful year for the Fellowship. Following the disappointing number of new members in 2012, (eight), I am pleased to report that we have welcomed 20 new members during 2013 and we hope that this continues going forward. To help support this objective the Committee members agreed, during our April meeting this year, to drop the word 'Retirement' from our magazine and forms, in an effort to encourage those within NCR who have not yet retired to join our group.

Also the careful management of costs by the Committee members in producing the magazine, organising the regional lunches and the general administration has ensured that costs can be covered by income and therefore we can maintain the membership fee at £10. This is quite an achievement as the level of fee was set 10 years ago and I would like to thank the Committee, on behalf of you all, for their diligence.

There is also another issued related to our pensioner payroll which I would like to bring to your attention so that you will understand what is happening and the implications.

The Inland Revenue have implemented new electronic reporting facilities which will not support any payroll which runs outside of the agreed principles. As you are aware we (NCR pensioners) are paid on the first of the month in advance, and for some reason in the past NCR agreed an arrangement with the Inland Revenue whereby the payment which we receive on April 1st is counted as the start of the new tax year (ie month 1) even though the new tax year does not start until April 5th. This is now an unacceptable anomaly and the IR informed Watsons and then the Trustees that the payment date needed to move to the 6th of the month.

The Trustees felt that this would cause significant disruption for you, our pensioners, many of whom will have Standing Orders, Direct Debits etc set up for payment on the first of the month. As the Trustees needed some input on this subject, in order to define the best way forward, they asked John Atkins and me to comment, knowing that we had both been involved with payrolls for many years. We put forward a couple of suggestions, one of which has been adopted. Effectively, for next year only, our April 1st payment will be counted as an extra month in the 2013/2014 tax year. (This is an approach similar to a week 53 used on weekly payrolls every couple of years). The majority of you will not notice any difference in your April pension or tax, but a minority who have more complex situations and hence special tax codes may be slightly affected. You will, however, notice that your P60 will not be produced until after the April payroll (currently it is after the March payroll) and that the values for the extra month may be reported separately. The new tax year, 2014/2015, will start with the May 1st payment and will be correct for each year going forward.

The Trustees will be writing to all pensioners about this matter, but if you have any questions you will be able to speak to Watsons to discuss your particular circumstances. Finally I would like to thank you all, as ever, for your continuing support and to wish you and your families a very merry Christmas and a happy 2014.

Lin

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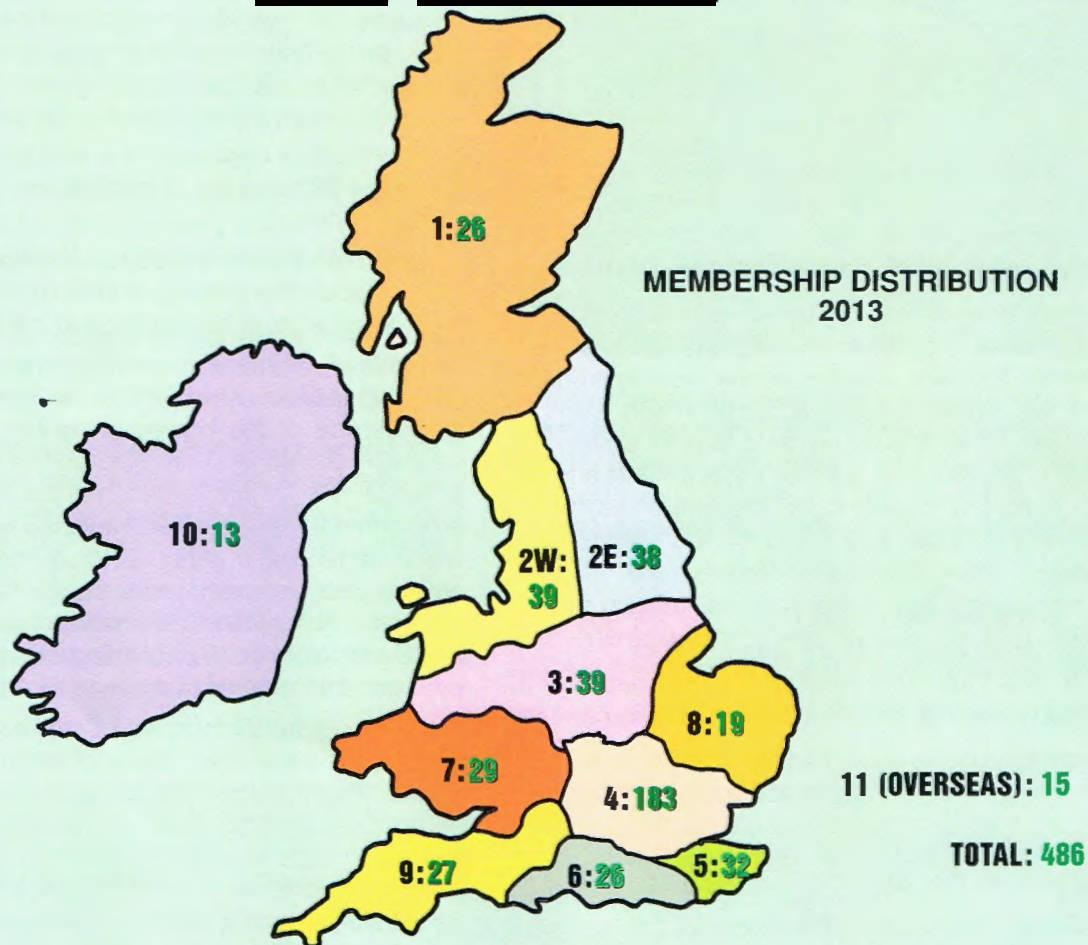
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