

Trustees achieve remarkable result as NCR fund is passed to PIC !

In May 2015 members received their individual NCR pension statements showing how their pension would be made up together with the value of their surplus distribution, closely followed by their Pension Payment Slips on 1st June !

All the Trustees who have been responsible for the Fund over the past 30+ years (to name but a few: Brian Boughton, Pat Keogh, Lin Sandell, Brandon Evans, Dennis Pearce, Teresa MacLagan, Donald MacQueen, Ronald Gammie, Claire Teagle independent Trustee, Stephen Swinbank etc.) have had the objective of growing the Fund in order to protect the future pensions for all our 5000+ Members. Keith Pyle, our Secretary, has served the Trustees and Members faithfully for many years which without we could not have achieved the results so efficiently.

Toward the end of 2012 it became apparent that with the increasing emphasis of many companies to remove Pension Funds from their accounts, to overcome the unpredictable costs inherent in their running, NCR Corporation wanted at some time in the future to transfer the UK Fund to an Insurance Company as part of what is known as a Buy-out. The Trustees, as part of the normal function of monitoring the Funds' investments, saw an opportunity in mid 2013 to approach several insurance companies that specialise in

Buy-outs. The Trustees received tremendous support from all our advisors during this period.

Having reviewed the responses the Trustees selected PIC (Pension Insurance Corporation ~ see a special feature below ~ and as you will know from the letters you have received over the past eighteen months, from both the Trustees and PIC, the Fund was transferred, in what is termed a Buy-in, in November 2013.

The Trustees were advised at the outset that it would take three years for a Scheme of our size to complete a Buy-out, so the Trustees are really pleased to have managed to achieve this in less than two and also to have been nominated for the 'Professional Pensions 2015 Buy-out of the Year'.

It has been a privilege to be a Trustee for 27 years, including 10 years recently as your Chairman. In closing on behalf of all the Trustees I would like to say how grateful we have been for the support from our 5000+ Members.

The Trustees hope to continue to see you at either PostScript or PIC luncheons in the years ahead.

Stephen Swinbank
Board of Trustees.

ABOUT PENSION INSURANCE CORPORATION

By now you will have received your policy from Pension Insurance Corporation, more commonly known as PIC. This is a fabulous milestone for the Trustees as their aim was to provide security for you (members of the NCR Pension Plan) and to enhance your benefits with a surplus uplift.

We have invited PIC to tell you a little bit about themselves and we hope that you find this article interesting and assuring in much the same way as your regional representatives did when we met with PIC in April this year.

About PIC

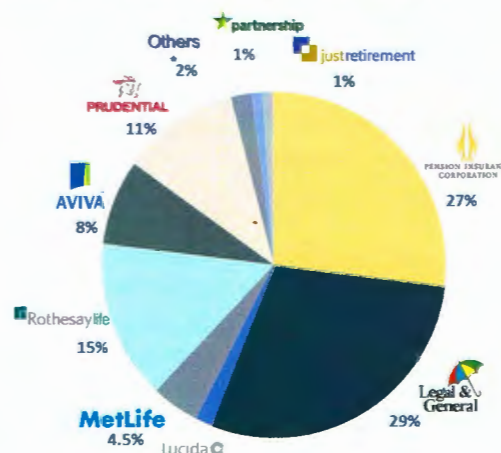
Pension Insurance Corporation (PIC) is a specialist company, focussing specifically on insuring the pensions of defined benefit pension fund members, just like yours. Here is a small selection of the pension schemes we have insured:



PIC specialises in providing annuities. An annuity is a promise, in our case to pay pensions, supported by our capital, to former members of defined benefit pension funds. Although PIC may not be a household name, our ethos of client service has helped us become a leader in the pension insurance sector.

Since 2007, c£50billion¹ of members' pension scheme liabilities have been insured via buyout or buy-in with Insurance companies like PIC. The following chart will help you see the % of those insurance transactions that

have insured with PIC for the period since PIC's inaugural transaction in 2008. You are in safe hands.



¹ data from Purple Book 2014 and PIC analysis

PIC is an insurance company, rather than a pension fund, overseen by our regulators, the Prudential Regulation Authority (PRA) and the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA). All insurance companies are governed by the same regulations that govern PIC.

Our regulatory regime means we have to be highly solvent at all times – we hold a strong buffer of our shareholders' money to protect your pension benefits. We ensure that where we are exposed to risks we can't control – such as longevity and inflation – we minimise our exposure by transferring it to other organisations that specialise in managing that specific type of risk. This helps us secure your pension for the long-term.

Prudent Investments

Our investment approach is to protect what we have for the long term. We carefully analyse potential risk and review the safest ways in which we can invest the money which will pay your pensions. We invest mainly in ultra-safe, high quality government and company bonds.

Our Service

You, our policyholders are our number one priority and we pride ourselves on the quality of service we provide to our customers. When PIC committed to insure your benefits, we agreed to three things:

1. To pay your benefits on time;
2. To provide levels of financial security over and above those you received from your former pension fund; and
3. To make sure that you receive the highest levels of administrative support available, of which our Policyholder Days and Christmas lunches are a part.

We continually look for ways to improve our service and would welcome your feedback. Likewise, if you are in any way unhappy or dissatisfied with our service, we want to know. Our contact details are in the back of your policy booklet.

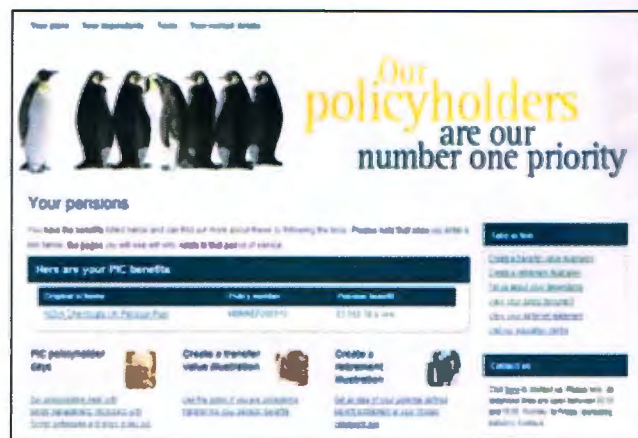
Over the next few months we will be in touch again with details of our secure 'on-line' website services, PIC's Member Zone. This is a dedicated secure member self-service website to complement our services to our policyholders.

Our multi functionality website offers policyholders alternate ways for:

- the update of contact details
- On-line transfer and retirement quotes (if you are yet to retire)
- viewing pay-slips and P60s (for pension payments received since 1 March 2015)

PIC's Policyholder events

We always work hard to anticipate customer enquiries and answer them before they are asked. PIC runs unique, complimentary events for our policyholders. In the five years since we started running these events, almost 5000 attendees have come to functions that we have run in London, Birmingham, Manchester and across the country.



Our Policyholder Days and Christmas lunches allow us to talk to and listen to our customers. These events also give policyholders the opportunity to reconnect with former colleagues and help to create a community, building on the values formerly intrinsic to the defined benefit pension system. We are starting to see policyholders meet up outside of these events and form their own, new social groups.

At the largest event we have held to date, which was held in a central London hotel last summer, PIC welcomed about 800 attendees (policyholders and their guests). John Coomber, PIC's CEO, opened the speaker line-up, with star speaker the explorer Sir Ranulph Fiennes, providing an inspirational concluding speech. Sir Ranulph, himself a pensioner, showed the pensioners in attendance that their boundaries are much wider than they perhaps think. Freelance financial journalist Paul Lewis, who regularly appears on Radio 4, was also very popular providing practical insights into financial matters.

Exhibitors at these events have included Macmillan, the Ramblers, the Royal British Legion, Saga, the Body Shop, Age UK, London Air Ambulance and the Citizens Advice Bureau amongst many other charities and organisations.



We can't promise you an invitation to an event but if you live near London, Manchester or Birmingham, you are likely to receive an invitation to one of our Policyholder Days. If you live in another part of the country you may receive an invitation to a Christmas lunch.

Further details on PIC's policyholder days (including a video) can be found on PIC's website
www.pensioncorporation.com/events/policyholder-events

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Conclusion

At PIC, we are immensely proud of our services to policyholders and of our track record to date. We look forward to sharing your journey as a PIC Policyholder and we hope that we will have the opportunity to meet you at one of our events in the not too distant future. In the meantime a warm welcome to PIC where we hope to continue that trust and security you enjoyed as a member of the NCR Pension Plan.

GOODBYE NCR MARYLEBONE

NCR has moved from its home for the last 77 years at NCR Marylebone in London to new offices at 5 Merchant Square. The new state-of-the-art office is just half a mile from the previous location and will provide a flexible, modern home for NCR Marylebone employees. Highlight of the new office is the new Customer Engagement Center that displays current solutions, but also takes a look forward and backwards with a future section and an area on NCR history with an antique till.

In May employees, past and present, have been saying goodbye to NCR Marylebone with a number of activities. This culminated in a reception and charity auction on Monday 18th May at NCR Marylebone involving more than 150 people enjoying the occasion and catching up. Over £2100 has been raised so far for the Magic Breakfast. NCR has been resident at 5 Merchant Square from Tuesday 26th May. More information on the building can be found at: www.5merchantsquare.co.uk

The new office address is: 9th Floor, 5 Merchant Square, London, W2 1BQ. Tel: 0207 723 7070.

All other individuals' contact and email details remain unchanged.



INVITATION: Goodbye NCR Marylebone Reception & Auction

You are cordially invited to a reception & auction to say 'Goodbye NCR Marylebone' as NCR moves from this historic building to a new property in Paddington at the end of May 2015

WHAT:

- **Drinks reception**
- **Trip down memory lane:** we encourage you to print out and bring old images of events and people at the office, and add them to a display on the day
- **History of NCR Marylebone:** a short talk by NCR UK historian, Ian Ormerod
- **Auction** of a range of historic and present items that will not be moved to the new office. Items include meeting room flat screen TVs, oil paintings, 300 piece Wedgewood dinner service, silver cigarette boxes, brandy glasses, furniture, photos, trophies and many more items. Proceeds will go to the [Magic Breakfast](#) charity

magic breakfast
 Tackling childhood hunger

WHEN: 5-7pm, Monday 18th May 2015 for the main reception and auction, followed by a few drinks locally

WHO: Past and present employees are very welcome

WHERE: Cyber Café and auditorium at NCR Marylebone, 206 Marylebone Road, London

HOW: Places will be limited, so if you wish to attend then please email tracy.bruce@ncr.com with 'Ticket for Goodbye NCR Marylebone reception and auction' in the email subject line. Voluntary contribution to charity on arrival

If you are interested in what will be auctioned, then please CC andy.phillips@ncr.com on the email to Tracy for a list of items. NOTE: register to bid on the day and pick up / arrange shipment of items by end of day on Thurs 21st May





Left and above: The auction items displayed



Farewell Marylebone – Hello Merchants Quay



Andy Phillips, Auctioneer and our own Lin Sandell (bottom right) waiting to bid.



Bidding at the auction, Stephen Swinbank in foreground.



The Queen's "By Appointment" plaque. This was withdrawn from the auction and, instead, presented to Stephen Swinbank as the manager who secured this prestigious appointment by the Queen to NCR for the supply of accounting machines.

From William Anderson (NCR President 1972-1984) To Ian Ormerod:

Dear Ian,

Many thanks for your e-mail on May 16th. I am sorry I did not get a chance to reply before your meeting today. The news of the final move of NCR from our wonderful building on Marylebone Road made me very sad. I will always remember my first visit to that building in October 1945. The panelled showroom, the auditorium, the wonderful offices upstairs all convinced me that this was a solid, substantial world-wide company, so I did not have any trouble deciding not to return to my accounting firm in Hong Kong, but joined NCR.

Thank you for sending me the latest Postscript magazine which I always enjoy reading. Please give my regards to any former colleagues who still remember me 31 years after my retirement in 1984.

All the best,
Bill Anderson

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The first six months of 2015 have been quite eventful. We have had eight new members which has helped to take our total membership back over 470.

In January after many years of devoted service to Region 3, Eric Grace decided he must stand down as organiser due to health and mobility problems. On behalf of the Fellowship I would like to thank Eric, nobly supported by Lavinia, for all the time and effort given to organizing the regional lunches and for being a valued member of the Committee. John Atkins and I had the pleasure of attending the region 3 lunch in April, where the members also expressed their appreciation. We must also thank Keith Templeman for agreeing to organize this lunch, and for taking on this role for the foreseeable future.

The planned move of NCR from HO to a new building in Paddington was completed at the end of May. NCR hosted a 'goodbye to HO' event in the middle of May to mark the end of the company's 77 years of tenure. A few of our members attended, as did I, and it was a very enjoyable occasion. Ian Ormerod, our historian, gave a fascinating talk about how NCR came to have HO built accompanied by some really old photographs. An auction was then held of some interesting NCR memorabilia, all of the proceeds going to the children's charity Magic Breakfast which provides children with a good breakfast before going to school which apparently has a positive impact on their success rates. Some of the material presented can be found elsewhere in this magazine, as can some views of the new office, kindly provided by Andy Phillips, NCR's Marketing Director.

The Fellowship Committee held its annual meeting in April and we were delighted to welcome Richard Seymour and Richard Hawke from PIC to tell us a little about PIC the company and also about their open days. These sessions are held around the country and all the NCR pensioners will be invited to attend when the transfer is completed. I believe that establishing this contact with PIC will be very helpful going forward. I would like to thank them both for taking the time to attend and for providing the article elsewhere in this magazine. The Committee also reviewed the finances of the Fellowship and I am pleased to confirm that for 2016 the annual fee will remain at £10.

My final point must be the transfer to PIC of our pension plan. Whilst this was mandated by NCR Corporate our board of Trustees have worked tirelessly to ensure that we all received the maximum benefits. You will have received your increase letters in May and will, I hope, agree that they have done an efficient and excellent job. On behalf of the Fellowship I would like to thank all the Trustees, their many advisors, and Keith Pyle for their diligence and effort on our behalf.

I wish you, and your families, a pleasant summer.

Lin

NCR FELLOWSHIP January 2014 – December 2014

Membership summary:

UK members	478
2014 New members	9
Total membership 2014	487
Deceased members	11
Non renewals	11
Starting membership 2015	465

Membership by region

Region 1	30
2E	39
2W	36
3	37
4	175
5	27
6	25
7	29
8	18
9	24
10	14
11 (overseas)	11
Total	465

Financial Summary:

Income	
Total b/f	4171.65
Membership fees	4610
New members	80
Donation	137
Early payments 15	50
Total	9068.65
Outgoings	
Expenses	855.85
Postscript	3524.95
Total	4380.80
Balance c/f	4687.85

NB. Subject to audit planned June 2015
Expenses covers all administrative costs (eg. postage, copying, annual meeting)

REGIONAL LUNCHES

If, since you joined the Fellowship, you have not been invited to attend a regional lunch, please contact your regional organiser— details on back page of PS. All new members should receive an invitation however it has been brought to my attention that some people have been missed, and we would love to see you.

AROUND THE REGIONS

Region 2E – Pat Keogh

We once again enjoyed a great day at Otley Golf Club with an excellent 36 in attendance. It was just warm enough for some to sit outside before and after the meal.

After some pre-lunch drinks we enjoyed an excellent three course lunch followed by a lengthy discussion session on the NCR topics of the day.

On a sad note I had spoken to **Henry Faber's** wife prior to the lunch for an update, as he had not been very well. I have to sadly report that Henry passed away a few days later. Henry was a great supporter of the fellowship lunches and added value to our discussions on many occasions. He will be greatly missed.

It was nice to see that five of our group brought their wives to the lunch with a total attendance as follows:- **Silvia Black, Ian Beveridge, Walter Bullen** and his wife, **Maureen Burdis, Mervyn Clapham, John Clayton, Peter Cundall, Sheila Davidson, Dave Dawson, Alan Dixon** and his wife, **Barbara Duncan, Margaret Ellis, John Evanson, John Gilroy, Mike Green, Graham Hatton, Brian Jackson, Pat Keogh, Liz Lee, Alan Ludlum, Sandy McMillan** and his wife, **Keith Penny, Bas Pickard, Frank Pusey, Jean Pugh, Peter Raisbeck, Dick Sale** and his wife, **Pete Scanlon, Keith Stansfield, Don Ward** and his wife and **Richard Willett. Geoff Beaumont** was down to attend but his wife was taken ill.

I received apologies from a number of normal attendees including **Bob Appleby, Terry Fergusson, Walter Scarth, Andrew Hill, June Rudge-Priestly** and **Phil Wilkinson. Peter Carruthers** and **Harrold Hunter** promised that they will be at the October lunch. **Norman Roberts** and his wife who normally travel down from Annan, Dumfriesshire had a clash of appointments but will see us in October. **Peter Ramsden** is still plumbing for his son, a full bathroom today. **Eric Ward** from South Africa mistimed his visit to Leeds and left for Budapest just a few days before the lunch. **Mike Wood** and his wife, a rare absence, were attending the East Anglia lunch to see some old friends. **Steve Baldwin** sent his regards but was once again working in London. **Dave Collins** is still struggling under the severe heat and dry conditions in Spain but will time a visit soon.

There followed an unhappy discussion on the tax issues we were having following the company's decision to put an extra month in the earlier tax year. It was generally accepted that this was a bad decision by the company who were poorly advised but the subject was now dead.

I then reported the closure of the company's Head Office in Marylebone Road. The Monday after the lunch I would be attending the reception in H/O to celebrate NCR's time in the building. **Ian Ormerod** would be speaking on NCR's history in residence, followed by an auction of surplus items and a few glasses of wine.

The hot topic of the after lunch discussion was, of course, the changes to the NCR Pension scheme. In preparation for this I had spoken to the Trustees and was able to give a detailed report on the origins of the change, the lengthy and arduous process the Trustees went through and the

final conclusions. I went through the recent documents we received and explained the breakdown and terms of the new pensions. A lengthy question and answer session followed and the attendees felt that they had a clearer understanding of their new pensions. In conclusion I was able to report the excellent job the Trustees had done towards the end of the process in securing additional funds from both the Company and the insurance company. This enabled a substantial increase to pensions at the start of the new scheme which surpassed any annual increases that may have come from the old scheme in the considerable future.

It would be silly to think that the discussions ended there. The banter and the drinks continued for some time before everyone finally made their way home and I was able to have my first drink of the day.

We are now looking forward to our next lunch on:- **Wednesday 28th October 2015**

All are welcome.



Just Arriving – Dick Sale's wife talking to Mervyn Clapham next to Pete Scanlon talking to Alan Ludlan. Seated is Bas Pickard talking to Mike Green's Hand.



After Dinner Discussions – Pat Keogh hosting the after dinner discussion, question and answer session.



All Finished – Overlooking the Golf Course, Pat Keogh and Peter Cundall having a well earned pint after everyone had gone. First today – honest.



Region 2W at The Memphis Belle - Warrington

Region 2W – Ian Ormerod

Our NW Regional Lunch was held at the Memphis Belle Hotel at Warrington on April 21st when 20 members and friends met up to enjoy an excellent meal organised by **John Clayton**.

Those attending were: **Margaret & Richard Riding, John Clayton, Phil & Denise Bickerton, John Davies, Ken Haughton, Denis Malkin, Peter Cooke, David Cooper, Ian & Sheila Ormerod, Mike Heaslip, Joyce & David Bielby, Derek & Debbie Allen, Syd & Shirley Barnish, Rex Keating.**

We are still looking for another Regional organiser to take over and enable future lunches to continue. If you are willing to help please contact myself or **Lin Sandell**.

Region 3 – Keith Templeman

The Midlands group met at the usual place, the George Hotel in Lichfield. There was a good number of us, 26 in all.

Members that attended were **Eric & Lavinia Grace, Clarence Allbutt, Duncan & Dorothy McConochie, Noel Shaw, Ian Ormerod, Simon Holmes, Kevin & Marian Rixson, Peter Heywood, Paul Glynn, Phil Rock, John & Val Latty, Robert Swingle, Joe & Jenny Teeling, Joy Wright, Jill MacPhail, Keith & Dene Templeman. John Atkins and Lin Sandell** from the Fellowship Committee kindly attended too.

The group would have been larger had it not been for more pressing matters: **Harry Ridge** had a chest infection, **Alastair and Maggie Gilmour** had a daughter's birthday celebration, **Brian Briggs** had a daughter about to give birth and **Dave Beattie** had an appointment with a medical procedure. Apologies were also sent by **Ian Davidson, Malcolm Aliband, David Green, Brian Cadman, Henry Hardacre, Iain Simpson, Dave Riley, Keith Hemming, Martin Apperley, Ken Ford and Joy Maskell.** **Margaret Ellis** didn't make it as she shares her attendances with the

Leeds group and it was their turn this time. She promises to attend the autumn lunch with a Christmas present for 'auntie' Joy!

The meal was up to its usual standard and there was much banter among the group, although table placement made it somewhat difficult to interact until after the meal. With some trepidation for his first group **Keith Templeman** managed reasonably well, almost forgetting to pay the bill, then almost forgetting to have a whip-round for the staff. However all ended well and it might be a slicker performance next time. **Keith and Lin** thanked Eric for his many years of organising the lunches, although even Eric couldn't remember how many years it has been. Keith will now take over this role for the foreseeable as Eric is no longer driving and may find it difficult to organise transport to the venues in the future. Today he and Lavinia took four trains each way to be with us. This must be a record!

Lin answered questions from the group on a very emotive subject and gave an outline of the new Pension Investment Company (PIC) that is in the process of taking over the administration of the NCR scheme. She also clarified that our trustees and the Retirement Fellowship Committee will not be able to comment or offer advice in the future regarding pension matters.



Lin in full flow answering questions regarding the NCR Pension reorganisation to the best of her ability.

Region 3 continued



Left to Right on foreground table: Eric Grace sniffing the flowers presented to him and his wife by Lin, Dene Templeman, Joe Teeling, Jenny Teeling, John Latty.



Left to Right: Kevin Rixson, Val Latty, John Latty, Joe Teeling, Joy Wright, Jill MacPhail.



Left to Right: Phil Rock, Paul Glynn, Bob Swinger.



The group intently listening to Lin regarding a subject close to home.



Left to Right: Duncan McConochie, Clarence Allbutt (hidden), Dorothy McConochie, friend of Ian Ormerod, Ian Ormerod, Peter Heywood in background, Noel Shaw in foreground, Simon Holmes, Paul Glynn in background, Marian Rixson, Kevin Rixson.



Left to Right: John Atkins, Lin Sandell

Region 4 – Roger Whelan

The London lunch for Region 4, and not forgetting to welcome anyone else who would like to attend, will be held at the Corus Hotel, Lancaster Gate W2 3LG on Wednesday 7th October. Invitations with payment and menu details will be sent out by the end of July. The invitations are normally sent to anyone who has attended in the last 3 years and also sent automatically to any new members of the Fellowship if there is anyone else who feels they have been overlooked, please let me know, and I will make sure an invitation is sent to you. My contact details are on the back page of this edition of Postscript. The annual lunch is a great opportunity to get together and has been enjoyed by all. Long may it continue! All the best and hoping to see you in October.

Region 5 – Anthony Welch

We had our spring gathering/dinner at the Malta Inn at Allington on 29th April, unfortunately the numbers were down slightly, but it was a pleasant get together, discussing families, holiday plans, and generally putting the world to rights. Whiled away a comfortable afternoon.

Those present, **Tom & Wendy Elliott, Rod & Jennie Nash, Ray & Carol Howes, Roy Wilkins, Peter Withey, Peter Shipp**, a very ex NCR employee **Richard Woollett & Evril** and yours truly & the lady wife.

Hoping for a better turnout at George & Dragon, Headcorn on 21st October.

Region 5 – Three from The Malta Inn, Allington



Region 7 – John Jones

The Report of Region Seven's 16th June 2014 Get Together

Once again I used the invitation technique of emails and telephone calls which worked well last time.

I also stayed with the choice of venue as the Brewers Fayre Concorde at Filton just off the A38 is a straight run in from the M5, but this time I changed the day to a Tuesday

Those attending were. **Roy Back, Dave Calford, Wayne Edmund, Maurice and Pat Keene, Graham and Carol Watt, Bill Hudson, Peter Bodley, Dave and Jan Robinson, Paul and Angela Bryant, Rob Fairbairn, Ken Bloxham, Rita Keitch, Jessie Wallace** myself **John Jones** and our Guest of Honour the hero of the hour **Stephen Swinbank**.

As usual holidays, health and travel problems coupled with family commitments were the main reasons for being unable to attend.

Those who were unable to attend were **Bill Parke, Annie Cunningham (Weekes), Bob Kirkham, Chris Mumford, Colin Easterbrook, Ian Omerod, John Shadbolt, John Timberlake, Jonathon Knight, Peter Roderick, Mary Leader, Barry and Barbara Avery, Fred Macey, Maurice Chivers, Michael Wells, Geoff Batcup, John Watts, Sue Hooper (Jim Kembery's Daughter), Jean Cheek, Betty Vickery, Geoff Jackson, Keith Middleton, Keith and Margaret Ponting and Dave and Jean Jones** who had to cancel as Dave was whisked back into hospital over the week end. We wish him well.

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.

Our Guest of Honour was able to answer all our questions about the pension negotiations and to give us the inside story. He also received our congratulations and thanks to pass on to all the Trustees for a difficult job very well done.

Hopefully I will be able to organise another one in the first week of November 2015 and hope those who couldn't make this one will be able to attend.

If you recognise an old friend in the lists above and would like an invite to our next get together contact me, my details are on the back page of Postscript.



Dave Calford, Wayne Edmunds, Rita Keitch, Ken Bloxham, and Pete Bodley



Jessie Wallace Angela and Paul Bryant

Region 7 continued



Maurice & Pat Keene



Rob Fairbairn



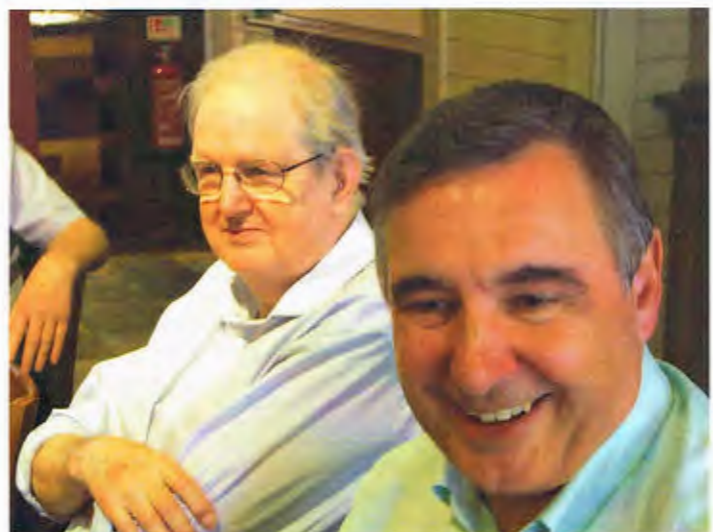
Graham and Carol Watt



All who attended except the photographer.



Dave Robinson, Bill Hudson, Jan Robinson, Pat Keene, Maurice Keene, Graham Watt, Stephen Swinbank, (Back of Head is Ken Bloxham)



Roy Back Stephen Swinbank

Region 8 – Richard Craigie

The Fellowship lunch was at the Lazy Otter on Thursday 14th May. There were 21 of us as several of our regulars were unable to make it. **Tom Boles** especially as he is going through a bit of a rough time and everybody send their best wishes. We had a very enjoyable 4 course meal. With the power of Postscript it was nice to welcome **Mike & Mary Wood** who has seen **Jack Ree's** photo and joined us and could talk over old times. **Dennis Pearce** gave a short resumé on the pension negotiations. In attendance were **Frank & Gladys Bellamy**, **Colin & Olwyn Franklin**, **Richard & Linda Chamberlen**, **Tom & Avril Herbert**, **Dave & Lesley Debnam**, **Mike & Mary Wood**, **Cliff & Jack Ree**, **Eileen Fish & Jimmy Wickham**, **John O'Connor**, **Dennis Pearce**, **Tom Atkins**, finally **Gloria & Me**.

Our next Fellowship Lunch is again at the Lazy Otter on Thursday 12th November.



Richard & Linda Chamberlen



Eileen Fish & Jimmy Wickham



Mary & Mike Wood



Cliff & Jack Ree



John O' Connor & Dennis Pearson



Gloria Craigie & Gladys Bellamy



Gladys Bellamy & Olwen Franklin



Lesley & Dave Debnam

Region 8 continued



Tom Herbert
Avril Herbert & Eileen Fish



Colin Franklin & Frank Bellamy



Jesley Deborah & Tom Atkins



Frank Bellamy & Richard Craigie

Region 9 – Jessie Wallace

The members of Region 9 got together on a lovely sunny Monday lunchtime, 9th June, at the Mount Pleasant Inn in Dawlish Warren. A good meal was enjoyed by all. Unfortunately our numbers were quite depleted. Those able to come along were: **Eric and Frances Willsmer**, **Mr and Mrs David Evans**, **Tony and Sue Fiore**, **Mr Geoff Jackson**, myself and husband, Martin.

Those unable to come were: **Derek and Pam Knibb**, Derek recovering from a recent hospital stay. **Tom and Yvonne Wood**, Tom suffering from some health problems. **John and Betty Shadbolt**, on holiday. **John and Margaret Stevenson**, recent bereavement in the family but hope to come in November. **Ralph Barnes**, on holiday. **Cris Mackie**, not fully retired but hopes to join us when he retires. **Wally and Cherry Crump**, called off at the last moment, Wally felled by a bug! **Pat Caldecourt** now unable to come along due to eyesight problems.

After Lunch we had an update on the Fellowship news, new NCR products, and finally the closing of Head Office in Marylebone Road.

Our next Lunch date is 9th November at the Mount Pleasant Inn in Dawlish Warren. All welcome, Hope to see you all there!

Finally to all who are poorly, get well soon

Region 10 – Ken Carson

Out of habit, the Region 10 cohort congregated again for our summer gathering, being graced by a fine and varied carvery lunch at Benedicts Bar Bistro Belfast. Although convened a little later than usual we had a good turnout for our first reunion in 2016 and again everyone was in the best of form. It was great value to have **Martin Brunty** with us for his premier attendance and look forward to more of his craic at future lunches, the next of which is scheduled for Friday 23rd October DV, TBC in the customary fashion.

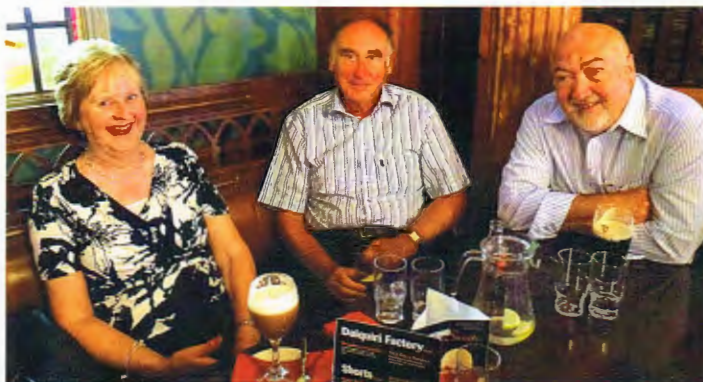


Ron McGowan & Bill Gordon

Region 10 continued



Martin Brunty, Dennis Fusco, Colm Hughes & Bill Barclay



Alex & David Hoggwith with Jim Bothwell



Dennis Fusco, Colm Hughes & Ken Carson

Paradise

Paradise would be a place

Where everybody has guaranteed employment,
Free comprehensive health care, free education,
Free food, free housing, free clothing,
Free utilities ... and only police had guns.
Believe it or not, such a place indeed exists ...
it's called prison!

THE FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHRISTCHURCH EARTHQUAKE

by John Hughes

Note: In an earlier issue John Hughes told about the catastrophic earthquake which hit his home island. Here he describes what has happened since that awful day.

Hagley Park was organised as a refuge for homeless victims of the earthquake. Marquees were set up there. As a result, the rugby match, which was a part of the Rugby World Cup, had to be transferred to another centre.

After four years and much work, the Hagley Oval was available for the opening ceremony and the first match of the Cricket World Cup, the New Zealand Blackcaps versus Sri Lanka which New Zealand won.

As part of the four year remembrance, a service was held at the park. It was on the the fourth anniversary of the quake. It was attended by the families of the 185 victims, the survivors and the Police, the fire service and the rescuers. They laid wreaths for the dead and their names were read out.

Christchurch Council received over 3,000 submissions for a memorial. These were winnowed down to six and the citizens encouraged to decide which would be established.

Over the four years, the badly damaged Christchurch Cathedral has been the subject of much discussion and different opinions. The church authorities have decided that the damaged cathedral should be demolished and a new church built in its place. On the other hand, many Christchurch citizens want it repaired and brought back into use. The arguments have even been the subject of legal action. In the meantime, a temporary cathedral has been designed and built by a Japanese architect out of cardboard tubes. It has an expected life of ten years. This sounds to be ridiculous but in fact it is a building of particular beauty and

is loved and respected by all who go there.

In the four years, the council had to repair the drainage system, the water mains, roads and bridges. So far, only 65% has been completed. As a result, they had to shoulder the costs of this and cost the Council about \$2billion.. They made a loss of some millions of dollars and will need to sell some council properties. They will also need to increase the rates of householders by 26% spread over four years.

The earthquake has made many changes in the city. The central business district (CBD) has been closed because many of the remaining buildings are still unsafe. Rebuilding has been a slow process. More than 1,000 buildings have had to be demolished and 250 buildings have been built or are under construction.

A shopping centre was originally built out of shipping containers but has now been replaced by permanent buildings.

A system of indicating which domestic homes were dangerous, called Red Zoning. These could not be inhabited and the Crown purchased 7,400 of these. To date, 6,000 of these have been demolished and cleared.

Yellow zoned houses can be repaired and 29,000 building permits have been issued. It is estimated that the cost of performing these requirements will be \$6.6billion

Insurers have had to pay out an estimated \$15 billion but this will rise to \$40 billion very soon. It has been estimated that the NZ economy will take some 50 to 100 years to recover.

The Christchurch earthquake has been the third costliest earthquake in world history.

AROUND THE PROVINCES

By Alan Bowley

PLYMOUTH

In October 1951 I went to Plymouth by train (steam!). The city had been heavily 'blitzed during the war, and at that time they were in the early stages of rebuilding the heart of the city and it was a huge building site with boulevards and office blocks under construction. Despite it all the NCR staff had managed to keep their office and depot open except that they were re-sited as their old premises had ended its days as a blazing ruin.



Modern Plymouth – The Grand Parade

It was at Plymouth that I had the privilege of talking to LAURIE KING, their Sales Representative., who had joined the regular army at the age of 17 and who had been one of the infantry involved in the ill-fated landing at Suva Bay in Gallipoli in the First World War.

He survived this baptism of fire and the fevers and dysentery



Plymouth Sales Representative S. L. King and his assistant Ron Norton



London-born Gordon Rope's home is at Crown Hill



Ken Rooke is interested in amateur dramatics. Ex-F.A.A. Mech Les Evans likes the sea and ships



Bristol-born Dorrie Day at her home in Berrow Park Road, Lower Venn



Ted Fallon has over 3000 feet of film on events in his family life



Eric Davis and his wife have been redecorating their flat over the office in Mannamead

rampant amongst the troops and went on to help to put down the riots which broke out in the Sudan in 1919 and he still had the marks on his forehead from a throwing spear.

LANCASTER

Lancaster was my next visit and on a cold December day I found a warm welcome at the NCR office on the corner of this compact little town, long associated with the Wars of the Roses. This was the territory of ALEC FOULNER which stretched as far as Carlisle and the Border. Here I also met the Office Clerk ENID HUGHES and Depot Manager JACK HAIRYS. Alec had joined NCR in 1923 the year after the death of NCR's founder and President JOHN H. PATTERSON. He had made many friends in the Company in those 30 years. He took me to the office in Carlisle stopping on the way at the Kirkstone Inn to show me one of NCR's highest installations in the country. At the NCR depot I met the Depot Manager HENRY HEATH and his three mechanics.



Alec Foulner called to wish his old business friend Mr. A. T. Gates, a wholesale/retail tobacconist in Kendal, the compliments of the season



Jack Hairys, frm Leeds, has been at Lancaster since May of this year



Enid Hughes each morning makes the journey from Heysham to Lancaster

DARLINGTON

Another Northern office I visited was Darlington in August 1952. Here I met VIC TURNER who had been selling on the territory since 1946. Vic had been born in Aberdeenshire and had left school to take a Diploma in Tropical Agriculture before going to India to manage a large tea plantation in Assam. He returned to the UK in 1934 and then joined NCR as a sales assistant in Dundee. During the war he worked with the Norwegian resistance and was awarded the Norwegian Freedom Medal.



Victor Turner has been Sales Representative in Darlington since 1946. After a day on territory he relaxes at home with wife, Kathleen, and his two lovely daughters, Anne (6) and Shuna (4). Vic was born "within the shadow" of Lochnagar, Aberdeenshire, and went from school to Aberdeen University where he took a Diploma in Tropical Agriculture. He managed a large tea plantation in Assam, India, and then returned to Britain in 1934, joining the C.C.R. as C.R.D. Assistant to R. H. Skinner, then in Dundee. Later he took over a Glasgow territory. During the war he was officer in charge of ordnance installations in England and 1945 took part with the Resistance movement in the freeing of Norway from the German army. For this he was awarded the Haakon "Frihetsmedalje" – Norwegian Freedom Medal.

At Grimsby I met JEFF ROSEBLADE, the territory salesman, who had been in the first NCR sales school to be held after the war and had been selling in Halifax and Leeds before coming to Grimsby in 1946. During the war he had served as a Technical Staff Officer in the Middle East. Most of the staff were from Cleethorpes including Class 3000 mechanic GLENN who had joined NCR in 1939 and was immediately called up and spent the next five years in the Army. For relaxation Glenn spent most weekends shooting wildfowl on the Lincolnshire coast.

After visiting Britain's greatest fishing port I travelled to one of the greatest weaving towns in the world- Blackburn. Weaving cloth had been the lifeblood of this Lancashire town for generations and a large percentage of its population of one hundred thousand people were employed in producing yarn for the world's markets. NCR's staff was small. BILL BELLAS, its salesman, who had fought on the Somme in the First World War and CLIFF WESTWELL the Depot Manager with two service mechanics. One of these, JIM STIRRUP had an interesting collection of old firearms, swords and spears. His family were prominent in the town and included a shoe smith, grocer, solicitor and a town councillor.

In June of that year I went to Doncaster where I met DON McLeish who, before coming to NCR in 1949 had served with the RNVR on the perilous North Atlantic convoys. He had survived three 'sinkings'. And in September, at Ealing,

I talked to another survivor from the war at sea. JIM POND, who was one of the four service mechanics under Depot Manager HARRY PAXTON who had joined the regular Royal Navy in 1936 and was on a cruiser off Iceland when war was declared. He was then posted to the Mediterranean and was on the staff of the radio station on Malta during the height of the German air assault on the island.

BIRMINGHAM

Birmingham was one of the biggest NCR offices with the largest number of staff. It was also one of the last offices I visited- in June 1954. The staff were too numerous to mention so I will just write about the two District Managers- BILL STARKEY and PHILIP HOUGHTON.



W. T. Starkey was appointed Manager of District 5 on January 1, 1953, after nearly seven years with the C.R.D. Sales Force. Most of this period was spent in developing Self-Service sales throughout the country after visiting the United States and Canada in 1948 to study this specialised subject. During his time in London he also organised and operated the Self-Service Advisory Bureau and was a founder member of the Self-Service Development Association. He, his wife and their 5-year old daughter live in Wolverhampton, where they were born.

Adding and Accounting Machine District Manager P. S. Houghton joined the Company in 1934 as Assistant to Mr. Trevor Jones in Birmingham. In 1936 he took over the Staffordshire territory, transferring to a North London territory two years later. Returning North, he spent a short period in Sheffield and was then loaned by the Company to Tube Investments Ltd. to carry out a scheme of mechanisation on a large scale. He returned to the N.C.R. in 1945 as Assistant to G. J. Airs, then A.M.D. District Manager in Birmingham, and was appointed in his place three years later on Mr. Airs taking up his present position of Manager of Group 3. Phillip Houghton has been a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts for the past 12 years; is also a Fellow of the Economic Society and a member of Several important business associations.



Bill was known throughout the NCR retail world for his part in the development of self service stores.

He had visited America and Canada in 1948 and then set up the Self Service Advisory Bureau in London head office. The development of self service in the UK brought a huge increase in the Company's retail business. Bill was a founder member of the British Self Service Development Association and had organised many study tours for British business men in America which included a seminar in Dayton.

Philip Houghton also had close contacts with the world of business. He had come to NCR in 1934 and was a Fellow



One of Birmingham's most famous concerns is Joseph Lucas Ltd., the large electrical equipment manufacturers. The Lucas Organisation are at present using seven Class 31 machines and over fifty other National machines. Here, Adding Machine Representative Basil Garsed (left) of Staines, Middlesex, and Accounting Machine Representative Arthur ("Clem") Clements (right), a former Accountant with Messrs. W. H. Smith and Son in Birmingham, confer with Mr. "Jack" Townsend, Manager of the Wages Department in Joseph Lucas's well-known Great King Street premises. Basil Garsed joined N.C.R. at the end of 1952.

of the Economic Society and the Royal Society of Arts. NCR had accounting machines installed in a wide variety of prominent companies in the Midlands including Cadbury, Stewart & Lloyds, Lucas, Dunlop, the Birmingham Co-operative Society and Tarmac, the public works and civil engineers.

This is my last in the series of Around the Provinces which began in 1949. I hope it will have brought back many memories to our readers of what was a great international company and in particular the extraordinary variety of people working in it. It was a fascinating time – with the changes in our retailing methods, the gradual transition from adding and accounting machines to the early computers and the changeover to decimal coinage.

With our Editor's agreement there will be one final contribution- in May 1953 I wrote an article about the spirit of those working in the post-war years and it will, I hope be re-printed.

My good wishes to all for many more years of retirement and, I hope, happy memories.

The Story of NCR's James Bond and a Strange Coincidence. Part II

I read with interest as I always do, all of the articles in Postscript Winter 2014.

My attention was particularly drawn to the contribution by Ian Ormerod regarding, "The Story of James Bond and a Strange Coincidence."

I never cease to be amazed by the number of life's coincidences that continually arise, and when I read in his article of the involvement of HMS Blankney, my heart skipped a beat.

My father, Charles Briggs joined The Royal Navy on 4th December 1930 as a 15 year old Boy Sailor aboard the land establishment HMS Ganges. Time passed, and during the early part of the war he served with The Mediterranean Fleet on HMS Galatea where he rose to the rank of "Acting Petty Officer Briggs."

In August 1940 he was transferred to The Atlantic Fleet and HMS Drake.

On 1st April 1941 he was moved again within The Atlantic Fleet, this time as "Petty Officer Briggs" and sailed on HMS Blankney!!

I bet that you are all ahead of me now??

The Story of NCR's James Bond and a Strange Coincidence Part II, is that at the time Gunner Bond was sailing on SS Archangel, Petty Officer Briggs was sailing in escort on HMS Blankney and subsequently, the rescue of survivors from Archangel.

Who knows, Charles Briggs could well have spoken to /helped James Bond in the last few hours and days of his life, some twenty six years before Charles' as yet unborn son, Brian Charles Briggs, was to follow James into the employment of The National Cash Register Company at the start of a thirty two year happy, (mostly), successful, (mostly), career.

P.S. After leaving The Mediterranean Fleet and HMS Galatea in August 1940, Galatea was sunk on 14th December 1941 off of the coast of Alexandria, Egypt, by U557 with the loss of 469 officers and men.

Almost certainly, if he had stayed with Galatea, I would not be sitting here today writing of this "Strange (nay amazing) Coincidence Part II".

Brian Charles Briggs.



Jim Kembery

Elsewhere in this edition you will find that Jim Kembery had, sadly, died. In the week before his death he was in correspondence with the Editor finalising a contribution to PostScript. It would be apt therefore, by way of a memorial, to publish this piece:

I think it is time that I submitted a contribution for your consideration for use in PostScript. When I retired I, like many others, was told "Now is the time to sort out our attic". (That place where Christmas decorations are placed for the following year and also as a repository for the many items that may come in useful in the future). Recently, my daughter suggested that we should continue the chore which we had started a long time ago. Well she was right, we found many things that never did "come in useful"! However, in the attic was a collection of old PostScripts, almost from the first issue. As you will guess, I started reading them all again and what memories they brought back! There were many write-ups and pictures worth commenting on. Top of the list had to be the announcement that A T & T had relinquished its hold on NCR and had returned us to our rightful place in business and given back our company title.

The list then becomes more personal. Remembering all those met at training schools. Firstly, thinking of the times spent together with those with whom one worked before being called up for war service. Gerry Coles reminisced about time spent working on 6th floor HO and of residing during courses at the London hostels located in Rutland Gate and 25 Ovington Square, both a bit spartan, catering affected by the current food rationing. Following our courses we looked forward to returning to our depots in order to put our newly gained knowledge into practice. Much of it taking us into higher levels of management and more specialist work.

After many visits to the training school I became line trained: Retail, 3000 machines, 31 adding machines, R2000 etc. With the exception of Truro I worked in all the West Country depots, often at short notice. I then became manager of Bristol Depot. On three occasions I was called to Head Office to be briefed on special assignments. The first was by George Seeny to work with Lloyds Bank on their Postronic installations. Secondly, at the request of Jim Wallace, to work at Postronic sites once again. In this case it also necessitated a visit to the Company Doctor, Peter Whitehead, for a medical as the job was in West Africa to help The Ghana Commercial Bank. Thirdly, the final job was at the instigation of Charlie Green. I was asked to serve on a small team to discuss and plan the setting up of OVA (Overhead Value Analysis).

At that time technicians all had to fill in Form 442 by hand which were then filed and usually forgotten! After decimalisation there were 88 district offices, many of which were no longer needed after everything had been converted. The West Country had, at that time, offices/depots in Truro, Plymouth, Exeter, Taunton, Swindon, Cheltenham and a District Office in Bristol. Across the Severn bridge there were also offices in Swansea, Cardiff and Newport. Closure plans were implemented for Taunton, Swindon and Cheltenham and Bristol would cover these areas. Swansea and Newport would close, their business being the responsibility of Cardiff.

In Bristol an 8250 system was installed, dispensing with 442

books. The clerks keyed in each user's call which produced the data identifying that user's equipment, its name and address and the engineer allocated. Any items used in the job concerned were recorded and stock control updated the stock held and automatically reordered. The daily routine for our two clerks was much improved to their delight and under the watchful eyes of Anne Weeks.

This setup in the West Country had been part of CMS but was now retitled Engineering Division. Staff at Bristol was increased in strength by three engineers with Supervisor Ken Smith, latterly of the Johnsons Wax site in the South East. Our total of eight computer sites was increased when House of Fraser transferred their computer operation from London to Swindon. At our first site meeting with them we were given our brief; the site was to run 24/7 with the exception of Christmas Day! The site took data from all 110 of their stores around the country. Our dedicated three engineers did an excellent job and never failed to keep the configuration running. Regional Organiser John Jones, living in Cirencester was well placed to respond to any call.

No further changes took place until 1988 when the plan to close Bristol was implemented, responsibility for the area passing to Birmingham. I could have transferred but, with 48 years of credited service I chose voluntary redundancy. I say credited service because I spent four years of this service serving with the RAF. I had started with the company in August 1940 aged 15, joined up age 18 and then returned to the company upon demob.

The company paid all my contributions to the pension fund during my war service.

Jim Kembery

Random thoughts as we age:

The biggest lie I tell myself is ... "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."

Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes and come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller!

Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. We haven't met yet!

I don't trip over things, I do random gravity checks!

I don't need anger management. I need people to stop browning me off!

Old age is coming at a really bad time!

Lord grant me the strength to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can and the friends to post my bail when I finally snap!

I don't have grey hair. I have "wisdom highlights" ... I'm just very wise.

If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would've put them on my knees.

OBITUARIES

Members will be saddened to learn of the demise of the following:

Mr	F K	Stirner	16/01/2015
Mr	P J	De-Pledge	23/02/2015
Mr	J D I	Lawrence	19/02/2015
Mr	J	Graham	21/01/2015
Mr	G	Wilson	04/01/2015
Mr	G K	Kembery	25/01/2015
Mrs	M P	Webber	01/03/2015
Mr	T	Davies	11/02/2015
Mrs	I M	Morgan	08/03/2015
Mr	L S	Sparrey	14/03/2015
Mr	S	Graves	18/03/2015
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Mrs	B E	Hale	22/02/2015
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Mr	D K	Starks	11/04/2015
Mrs	D M	Godfrey	09/03/2015
Mrs	B L	Hain	11/03/2015
Mr	G A	Mole	29/03/2015
Mr	P W	Goodwin	10/05/2015
Mrs	M	Hyams	12/04/2015
Mrs	A T	Peacock	23/11/2014

Stan Sparrey 1929 – 2015



When I first joined the company back in 1968 Stan was already an established manager within the then TSD Office Services group under George Attle based at the NCR 1000 office in North West London. Stan was Manager of the Addressograph & Decimal Records department ably assisted by a young John Taylor. For younger readers I should explain that Addressograph was the printing system used to generate customer record cards and equipment schedules to accompany service invoices before the introduction of computers.

At this time the company's focus was very much on the impending change to decimal currency planned for February 1971. Stan's Decimal Records team were responsible for producing the paperwork to enable pre-conversion work to be carried out, predominately on cash registers, so they were ready for a final conversion to decimal working come D Day.

I know from many subsequent much later conversations with Stan that this period was a highlight of his career with NCR and many years before Uncle Albert made "during the war" his catchphrase, Stan would regale us with his "during decimal" stories. Yes we did groan.

Following D Day there was a re-organisation within Office Services with Stan becoming manager of the Maintenance Records CRD dept. With the introduction of computer systems to handle record keeping and invoice production there were numerous re-organisations and Office Services transitioned into the F&A Operations department based for many years at the Brent office where Stan was a team controller.

Stan's last position with the company was as FED Credit Controller and, to me, this was his finest hour. With his bulldog spirit he was relentless in chasing up customers who were late in paying their service invoices. As well as contending with the usual excuses from customers such as cheques in the post, lost invoice, etc., Stan also had to fend off senior sales managers who were always seeking clemency as there was invariably a big deal "in the pipeline". Stan was resolute in demanding that FED needed its' money and would be prepared to use his ultimate sanction of "turning off the gas" i.e. to stop service, if the cash was not forthcoming.

Stan took the opportunity to take early retirement from NCR in July 1992 and had the last big leaving do at the Brent site. His retirement was not without problems as his wife Eileen was taken from him far too soon and I know this was a big blow to him. However, he kept himself busy with table tennis and swimming and continued to be an Arsenal season ticket holder until just a year or so ago. He was especially appreciative of his two daughters, Gillian & Diane, and their families for the support they gave him.

I spoke with Stan only a few weeks before his sudden passing and he told me how lucky he thought he was to still have his marbles and reasonable mobility to keep himself active. He told me he was planning to attend the London lunch in October and we also made tentative plans to meet up in May for a few beers. Sadly too late now.

Stan's funeral was held at the St Marylebone Crematorium in Finchley on 2nd April and John Taylor, John Smith, Brian Jubb and myself attended along with over a hundred other mourners. He had a fine send off.

My final word on Stan is that in all the years I knew him he was always the same in outlook and attitude. As they said in the eulogy at the funeral: STAN THE MAN.

Eric Page

Maurice Davis

In early December 2014 it was with sadness that I learned of the passing of Maurice Davis an engineer and work colleague from the Bristol office.

His funeral was attended by Graham Watt and myself on behalf of NCR on Decemeber 22nd 2014 at his local church in his home village of Chew Magna Somerset.

Maurice transferred from Peterborough to Bristol with his wife Doris in the early 1960's buying a bungalow in Chew Magna where they brought up their two sons Alan and Richard.

While at Bristol Maurice worked on both CRD and AMD machines (as it was known in those days) then later on progressed onto ATM's and other bank equipment.

Having worked in the same area for a number of years he was able to pass on some very important working knowledge, ie where the best places for parking were, the best cafe's and toilets in any given town you happened to be working in, a must for our job. This wasn't something you could be taught on any NCR course.

Maurice took early retirement which enabled him to spend his leisure hours perfecting the art of topiary on any unsuspecting shrub in his garden, plus tending a sizeable vegetable plot. Maurice was also involved with many of the village activities, one of which was being a regular bell ringer at his local church.

Our condolences go out to his wife Doris and their sons Alan and Richard.

Maurice Keene.

Jim Kembery

It is with regret that I have to advise you of the death of G J (Jim) Kembery, my old boss, the ex Field Engineering Manager of Bristol. He was aged 89 and died peacefully in his home on January 25th 2015.

Jim joined the company as a shop boy aged fifteen, and apart from his war-time service in the RAF he worked for NCR all his working life. I met him in 1947 when I joined, also as a shop boy, and Jim along with Bob Randy, Eric Thrush and one or two others were returning from their stints in the forces after the war. He was a senior engineer then and worked mainly on the class 2000 billing machines and the Postronic machines used by the Electricity companies and the banks. During this period I remember that he travelled around the quite a bit, troubleshooting these machines, visiting places like Jersey and Guernsey and London, and on one occasion he even went to Ghana Commercial Bank in West Africa.

When I returned from Canada in 1966 Jim was promoted to Bristol Depot Manager, a position he held until he retired in 1988 after forty six years service.

Jim was married to Maidie, a girl he met in his local church's Dramatic Society and they had one daughter, Sue. Maidie passed away in the year 2000. He was very active in the church, having been a choirboy when he was nine years old and he also served as a Churchwarden. He also became interested in the Boy Scout movement in the nineteen sixties and served in Bristol as an ADC, in the nineteen nineties. He had many varied other hobbies as well such as photography, fishing and clay and pheasant shooting. He continued with many of these activities in his retirement years until unfortunately he had to have a leg amputated, which slowed him down somewhat. He was very fortunate in having Sue, a very devoted daughter and son-in-law Mike, who kept a close eye on him in his last years, not to mention the apple of his eye, his grandson Joshua.

I attended Jim's funeral in St. Cuthbert's, the church that he had been so closely associated with for so much of his life. NCR was well represented and many engineers who had worked with Jim were there, along with the wives of a couple of engineers who had already passed on. He will be sorely missed by his family and also by many, many friends.

Dave Jones

Philip DePledge

I wish to inform you of the sad passing of Philip J DePledge on the 23rd February 2014 aged 85 years.

He was a retail/adding machine engineer of 40 years standing, working from Bournemouth FED circa 1944-1985. A gentleman, colleague and friend respected by all who had the pleasure of his company. He will be sadly missed. His family would appreciate an entry in the obituary column of our next fellowship newsletter.

Thanking you in anticipation, kindest regards

Richard (Dick) Sheppard (retired Region 6), ex team supervisor FED Bournemouth and beyond.

More random thoughts as we age:

The kids text me 'plz' which is shorter than please. I text back "no" ... which is shorter than "yes".

I'm going to retire and live off my savings. Not sure what I'll do that second week.

Why do I have to press one for English when you're going to transfer me to someone I can't understand anyway?

Of course I talk to myself, sometimes I need expert advice.

At my age "Getting lucky" means walking into a room and remembering what I came in there for.

And, of course ... Have I sent this to you already or did you send this to me.

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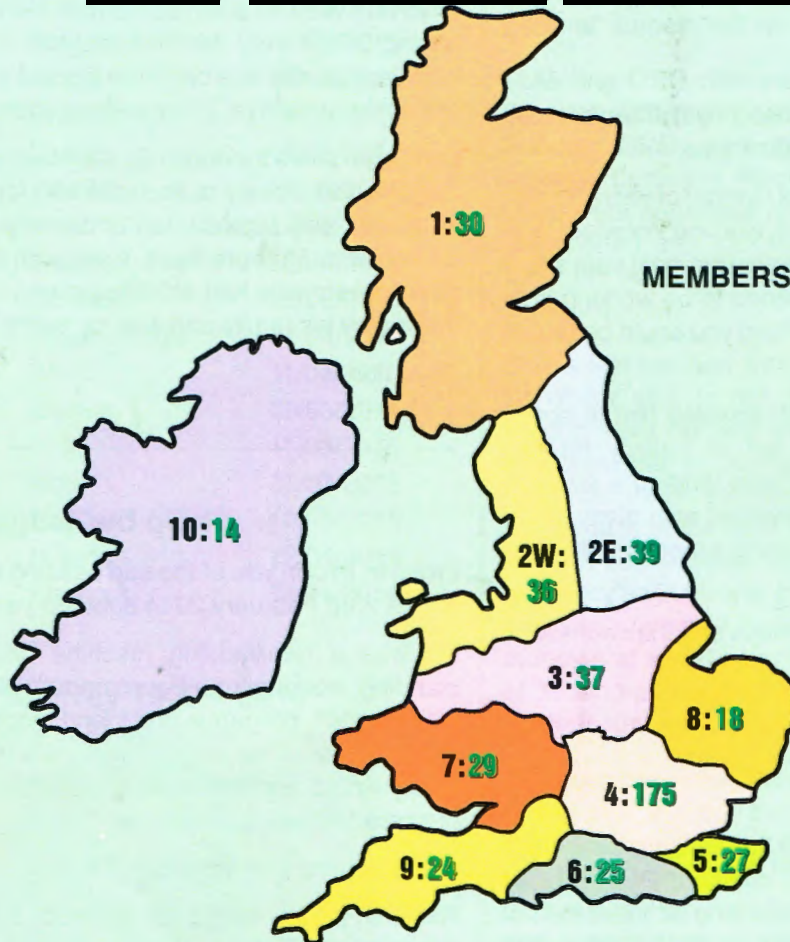
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