

STEPHEN SWINBANK TO BE OUR NEW PRESIDENT



Stephen Swinbank with Lin Sandell photographed at the London Lunch

I am delighted to announce that Stephen Swinbank has agreed to become our new President. I had the pleasure of working with Stephen when we were both relatively new to NCR and had both joined the internal IT department. From there Stephen progressed to a very successful career in sales, taking some significant orders for NCR. Our paths crossed again when we were both appointed Trustees of the Pension Plan. Since then, as you are aware Stephen

became the Chairman of the Trustees and with the others on the Trustee board, spearheaded the recent and very well managed transfer of our fund to PIC. Stephen, therefore, brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Fellowship Committee and we look forward to continuing to work with him.

Lin Sandell – Chairman & Treasurer

STEPHEN RESPONDS:

How can anyone follow Rex Fleet UK MD & Chairman? – I was honoured being approached by Lin Sandell your Chairman of the Fellowship at the London Fellowship Luncheon in October 2015 announcing my appointment as President of the Fellowship which caused me to give an impromptu speech! Having been an NCR UK employee for over 30 years and a Trustee of the Pension Plan for 25+ years, including 15 years as Chair of Trustees. I do hope that I can live up to Rex's deft experience & touch. I do hope to be able to attend a few Luncheons around the country in 2016.

You may be interested to know that in December The Trustees have been 'shortlisted' for another award – Pensions Age Award – the Winner of which is to be announced at a black-tie dinner at The London Marriott Hotel, Grosvenor Square, on 25th February 2016, which all the Trustees are attending.

I wish you and your families a good 2016.

**Stephen
President – NCR UK Fellowship**

AROUND THE REGIONS

Region 1 – Jack Whyte

This very successful event took place at Qua Italian Restaurant in Ingram Street in Glasgow. 22 old retired souls showed up – a top-notch gathering considering the abysmal weather. As usual, they came from all points of the Scottish compass – **Ian Duncanson** from the Isle of Whithorn in Galloway, **Brian Strathdee**, **Ginger Gray** & **David Graham** from deepest Edinburgh and some of the usual suspects from the far north and east including **Hamish MacKenzie** from Strathpeffer, **John McElroy** from Aberdeen, **Fred Wieworka** from Forfar and **Peter Kemp** and **David Brown** from Dundee.

We were especially pleased to that **Scott Caldrow** came along despite a throat illness which rendered him rather quieter than normal and that **Bill Ferguson** joined us again and was able to claim the title of “father of the chapel” – with good justification. **John McElroy** tried to explain the intricacies of the recent eclipses and encouraged us all to join him in Indonesia in March 2016 for the next major solar eclipse. **Ian Duncanson** is finding Galloway a little off the beaten path and had a crack at selling his secluded house there. **Iain MacLachlan** is a relatively recent retiree and regaled the gang with tall tales of motor biking through the Baltic States and of gallivanting around Europe with his wife in their camper van.

My thanks are due to **Allan Caldwell**, **Wallace Hay**, **Ginger Gray** and **George Brown** for their cooperation in organising the occasion; to **John Mackay** & **John McElroy** for the photographs and everybody who attended and made it a thoroughly entertaining afternoon.

Neil Bathie, David Brown, Scott Caldrow, Allan Caldwell, Ian Duncanson, Fred Wieworka, John Falconer, Bill Ferguson, George Brown, John (Ginger) Gray, Peter Harden, David Graham, Wallace Hay, Peter Kemp, John Mackay, Hamish MacKenzie, Iain MacLachlan, Jim Marshall, John McElroy, Graham Nisbet, Brian Strathdee, Jack Whyte.



Allan Caldwell & Graham Nisbet



Peter Harden, Hamish MacKenzie, Peter Kemp, Wallace Hay & Neil Bathie



John Gray & John McElroy



Scott Caldrow & Ian Duncanson



Iain MacLachlan, Brian Strathdee & Wallace Hay



Bill Ferguson & George Brown

Region 2E – Pat Keogh

We had another very successful lunch on 28th of October in the Northeast with 32 attendees, same number as last time. This is our second lunch of the year and once again the Chef at Otley Golf Club near Leeds did us proud with an excellent menu of Soup or Prawn Cocktail followed by Roast Beef or Sea Bass then Apple pie or Crème Brûlée washed down with Coffee and a selection of his own made Continental Chocolates.

The attendees are all listed on the photos attached and messages were sent by a number of people who couldn't make it this time.

Terry Fergusson, Harrold Hunter, Dave Cowley, Ian Beveridge and Bob Appleby all contacted me to let me know that they couldn't make it but will try next time.

Philip Wilkinson hasn't made it for some time and was hoping to come this time but had a late change of plan.

Walter Bullen is in Liverpool visiting family and **John Clayton**, from Liverpool is not well enough to attend.

Peter Ramsden is still labouring for his son James. He sent me an email to say that he couldn't attend as they are fitting a Jacuzzi today. Well the Jacuzzi didn't arrive and Peter has made it to the lunch after phoning me this morning.

Peter Scanlon who always attends, emailed me to say that he was taking Jill for a hospital appointment but would see us in May.

Roger Fernside, who lives down south now but has attached himself to our region as he worked in Leeds, emailed me to say maybe next year. He signed off as **Roger Fernside** (NCR 1965 – 1979)

Margaret Ellis attended the Birmingham lunch to see her friend **Jo Wright** and will see us in the spring.

Geoff Beaumont has a consultant's appointment and will see us next time. Nothing serious he says.

Richard Willett is in serious trouble with his wife. They decided to take separate holidays this year as she doesn't like flying. So he booked himself two weeks in the Canaries forgetting that his wedding anniversary was in the middle of it.



Ladies Catching Up

On the left is Mary Wood, Mike's wife, on the right is Pauline McMillan Sandy's wife and in the centre is June Rudge-Priestly who was the Northern Regional Secretary to the last three Northern Regional Managers, John Limn, Tom Wallbank and myself, Pat Keogh.



Pre-Lunch Drinks

Remembering old times over a few pre-lunch drinks.

Walter Scarth emailed me to say that he can't leave his wife Pam as she is not well. Walter is in his 80's now but is determined to make one of the lunches.

Richard Slater was planning to come but had a late change of plan. I think he has actually retired now but had to step in to cover someone in the volunteering he does. Apart from the grandchildren keeping him and Francis busy, he volunteers at a Hospice and Guide Dogs for the Blind. Then in his spare, spare time he is working with some others to restore the 80 year old Theatre Organ at Ossett Town Hall. If anyone is interested he says he could do with more help with this project.

There were no hot topics to discuss as we can no longer put the NCR Pension Plan to rights so we had to talk about football and golf and such things. The banter continued for some time before everyone made their way home with a full stomach and a smile on their face, or was that the beer!



After Dinner Presentation

Pat Keogh addressing the group after lunch, bringing them up to date with anything new and passing on messages from those that couldn't attend.



Table One

Front left is Sheila Davidson then Maureen Burdis, Alan Ludlam, Denise and Norman Roberts, Jean Pugh, Silvia Back and Peter Raisbeck.

Region 2E continued



Table Two

From the left and then clockwise are Graham Hatton, Brian Jackson, John Evanson, Andrew Hill, Peter Ramsden, Liz Lee, Dave Dawson and Mervyn Clapham.



Table Three

On the left is Mary Wood with her husband Mike behind her, where every good husband should be. Then clockwise are Mike Green, Bas Pickard, Terry Bearpark, Sandy and Alan Dixon and in front is June Rudge-Priestly.



Table Four

At the front are Sandy McMillan and his wife Pauline. Behind Sandy is Keith Penny then clockwise are Keith Stansfield, Peter Carruthers, John Gilroy, Pat Keogh and the empty chair belongs to Peter Cundall, our photographer for the day.

Region 2W – Vacant

Ian Ormerod organised the last lunch for Region 2W. At that time he made it known that, as he was now living in the South West it was not practical for him to continue in this post. He asked for a replacement to come forward. This has not happened so in all practical terms this Region has ceased to exist and no further lunches will be held. With 36 registered members in the region it should be possible for someone to take on this not very onerous task. If you are able to help please contact **Lin Sandell** (address on back page).

Region 3 – Keith Templeman

Report, October 2015 Lunch

The Midlands region contingent met at the National Memorial Arboretum at Alrewas in Staffordshire this autumn for a change of venue. It was well attended by 26 of our members. They were:-

Ian Ormerod, Dorothy and Duncan McCondochie, Bob Swingler, Jim Mchugh, Jill MacPhail and her daughter Fiona, Joy Wright, Margaret Ellis, Jacky and David Beattie, Dene and Keith Templeman, Clarence Allbutt, Marian and Kevin Rixson, Barbara and Brian Briggs, Malcolm Alliband, Allan Green, Kay and Ian Davidson, Maggie and Alastair Gilmour, Joy Maskell and Iain Simpson.

Several apologies had been received from those unable to attend this time, notably Lavinia and Eric Grace, Henry Hardacre, and Noel Shaw due to a clash of appointments this time, Ken Ford and Paul Glynn who were unable to travel, Val and John Latty, Phil Rock, Rita and Harry Ridge who were all on holiday, and Peter Heywood who was moving house. We hope to see them at the next lunch.

The visit was on a beautifully warm autumn day with a brilliant blue sky. This was just as well as unfortunately the Arboretum site was undergoing a major refurbishment, which was unbeknown to Keith when he booked the venue earlier in the year. This meant that it was a fair walk from the car park and entrance to a temporary marquee restaurant in which the private lunch was to be served. However this, perhaps, made for a more interesting visit rather than detracting from it. The lunch was very well prepared and served and everyone enjoyed it. The National Memorial Arboretum was opened in 2001 and is maturing nicely with many memorials and trees marking our fallen heroes and



Left to right:- Iain Simpson, Malcolm Alliband, Allan Green, Kevin Rixson, Dene Templeman.

commemorating the many service organisations that have helped us through past and present conflicts. The NCR Retirement Fellowship group did attend the site in 2001 and there were a couple of today's guests that remarked on the difference between then and now.



Left to right:- Ian Davidson, Kay Davidson, Marian Rixson, Iain Simpson.



Left to right:- Ian Ormerod, Brian Briggs, Barbara Briggs, Jacky Beattie, David Beattie.



Left to right:- Jill MacPhail, Joy Wright, Margaret Ellis, Joy Maskell.



Left to right:- Maggie Gilmour, Alastair Gilmour, Ian Ormerod, Brian Briggs, Barbara Briggs.

Some of our group arrived before lunch and others stayed a while after to stroll amongst the memorials or to take a ride on the road train around the 150 acre site situated in the heart of the country and includes some 300 memorials to services and individuals serving as a poignant reminder of loss of lives in conflicts gone by.



Left to right:- Joy Maskell, Dorothy McCondochie, Duncan McCondochie, Clarence Allbutt.

See also Keith's Arboretum article page 16

Region 4 – Roger Whelan

For the seventh year Region 4's annual lunch was held at the London Corus Hotel in Lancaster Gate close to Hyde Park and Kensington Gardens on Wednesday 7th October 2015. Every year we find there has been a steady turnover in staff at the hotel, so much so that **John Atkins** and I make sure that we meet with the management a couple of days before to make sure our requirements are fully understood.

We were lucky this year that the new manager was very keen to make sure that everything was to our liking. We were a bit taken aback when we were told that the room we normally use would not be available and we would have to transfer to the street level room overlooking Bayswater Road and Kensington Gardens beyond. As it turned out, this suited our needs very well except for the super-charged air conditioning which affected one table. Hopefully we can make sure that is corrected for next year. Otherwise the service and the quality of the meal were excellent and met with general approval.

We had 69 Fellowship guests this year, 10 more than last year. Unfortunately, a few expected guests were not able to make it at the last minute.

We were also pleased to welcome 2 guests, **Richard Hawke** and **Richard Seymour**, from PIC, the company which now manages the NCR pension. They gave us a reassuring talk about their company and responded to several questions by our members.

Lin Sandell announced the resignation of **Rex Fleet** as President of the Fellowship due to his inability to make the Atlantic crossing from his home in Florida and join us. Lin also announced that **Stephen Swinbank**, former chairman of the Trustees of the NCR Pension Fund, would succeed Rex as President. Based on the outstanding work in transferring the pension fund and negotiating a good settlement with the NCR Corporation the news of Stephen's appointment was met with a loud cheer and he gave us an account of the process involved in the transfer.

London Lunch



John Atkins,
Chrissie Young
& Ian Ormerod



John Wellington



John Davies & Julie Lomas

Anne Humphreys
& Roger Whelan



Bryan Turner



Norman Bowen



Alan Chard &
Eric Page



Our guests
from PIC,
Richard Hawke &
Richard Seymour



Joan O'Farrell &
Ron Wiltshire

Roy Gardner &
Wallace Avery



I have included a list of attendees as a reminder for all those who were present and also to tempt others to come and re-acquaint themselves with former colleagues. We were very pleased to see more newcomers, including **Teresa Maclagan, Yogi Patel** and **Pat Hague** and others. I hope they will now make this an annual event.

I am grateful to **Chrissie Young** and **John Atkins** who generously helped out with the registration. I'm sure the hotel's waiters would have had difficulty delivering the wide range of menu choices to the right guests without our label-coding system!

The comfortable atmosphere and the lively hubbub of conversation made the event very enjoyable. We have managed not to increase the price for several years now through active negotiation and we shall have to see how far we can hold the line next year!

To sum up, it was a great opportunity to meet with old colleagues and to have an enjoyable get together for a few hours. If anyone has any suggestions for improving the arrangements please let me know and they will be considered.

I am looking forward to the next Fellowship Lunch on Wednesday 2nd October 2016 at the same venue.

Special Guests: **Richard Hawke** and **Richard Seymour**

Fellowship Guests: **Roger Allen, Niall Anderson, John Atkins, Wallace Avery, Douglas Baker, Kenneth Bloxham, Peter Bodley, Norman Bowen, Ernie Brewer, George Cass, Alan Chard, Roy Cheal, Frank Cunningham, Ida Daly, Will Davies, John Davies, Chris Dunn, John Fenner, Peter Foxwell, Roy Gardner, Len Goodrich, Robert Gray, Pat Hague, Ray Harris, Bernard Harris, Nigel Hensman, John Hill, Keith Hollands, Ann Humphreys, Geoff Jackson, Lalji Kerai, David Lawton, Paul Livesey, Julia Lomas, Hilda Lott, Teresa Maclagan, Donald MacQueen, Don Martin, Douglas Milsom, Rod Nash, Alan Nickell, John O'Connor, Joan O'Farrell, Ian Ormerod, John O'Shea, Richard Packer, Eric Page, Yogi Patel, Dennis Pearce, David Ratcliffe, Cliff Ree, Owen Riches, Andrew Robinson, Lin Sandell, Peter Shipp, John Souster, Roy Southward, Peter Staines, Stanley Statt, Mike Sumner, Stephen Swinbank, John Taylor, Bryan Turner, Roger Whelan, Dennis Williams, Paul Williams, Rita Williams, Ron Wiltshire, Chrissy Young.**

Region 5 – Anthony Welch

We met for our Autumn lunch at the George & Dragon, Headcorn on 21st October. Those attending were Tom & Wendy Elliott, Ray & Carole Howes, Peter Shipp, Peter Withey, Richard & Eryll Woollett, Rod & Jenny Nash, Estelle Sillett, the lady wife and myself.

A pleasant lunch, as usual, plenty to chat about, holidays, grandchildren, and this year pills, potions and ailments, nice to see Estelle Sillett again. I had a message from Neville Hurron's wife to say that he had an operation, and would not be coming, at the lunch I heard he was recovering well. Hope to see him in the Spring.

Region 6 – Alan Hutchins

Region 6 held their lunch on October 7th at the same venue we have used for some time – The Castle Hotel, Bramber, West Sussex.

It has been extensively refurbished since our last visit and is now very smart, they have a new chef and it was a lovely menu enjoyed by all who attended.

We were 23 in total, unfortunately **John & Margaret Stevenson** could not come due to illness, very pleased to say they have now recovered. We were sorry **Trevor Collins** was unable to attend but at 91 years young he finds it difficult. Those who came were **Jim & Christine Bates, Mike & Carole Brown, Nick Carter, Dave Gilby, Dave Court, Tony Goddard, Kent & Linda Harper, Jim & Sylvia Lawmon, Colin & Peggy Norris, Mike & Jenny Ray, Barry & Pat Shorten, Dave & Joan Wheller, Alan & Sheila Hutchins.**



Region 7 – John Jones

The Report of Region Seven's 3rd November 2015 Get Together

I used the now tried and trusted invitation technique of emails and telephone calls again, with a slight increase in the number of telephone calls.

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 and I kept the day at a Tuesday

Those attending were **Roy Back, Dave Calford, Wayne Edmund, Maurice and Pat Keene, Peter Bodley, Ken Bloxham, Rita Keitch, Jessie Wallace and new husband, Bob Kirkham, Jonathon Knight, Ian Omerod, Mary Leader, Jean Cheek, Geoff Jackson, Michael Wells, John Shadbolt, Keith and Margaret Ponting, Dave and Jean Jones** and myself **John Jones**.

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), Chris Mumford, Colin Easterbrook, John Timberlake, Peter Roderick, Barry and Barbara Avery (Cruising in Bulgaria), Fred Macey (Working), Maurice Chivers, Geoff Batcup, John Watts, Sue Hooper (Jim Kembery's Daughter), Betty Vickery, Keith Middleton, Dave and Jan Robinson (Hospital Appointment), Paul and Angela Bryant, Rob Fairbairn, Graham and Carol Watt (in France) and Bill Hudson (Jet lagged on return from New Zealand)**.

All sent their best wishes and wished to be remembered to all who attended.

Bob Kirkham (from Yorkshire) and **John Shadbolt** were first time visitors to our get-togethers I hope we will see them both again and **Jonathon Knight** and **Michael Wells** were only on their second visits, so they have some catching up to do.

It was good see **Dave Jones** back on form after having the dry joints on his pacemaker terminals re-soldered. (Should have had a Maintenance contract with NCR)

Ian Omerod brought two friends who were not in any way associated with NCR. They were very welcome but I wonder what they made of our usual ribald banter.

Everyone is still very happy with the outcome of the pension negotiations and even a little in awe of the magnificent job that the Trustees did, so the announcement of the appointment of **Stephen Swinbank** to the post of President of the NCR Fellowship was agreed by all to be a very good move.

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.

Finally keep an eye out for "**Bob the Jogger**" soon to appear in an episode of Casualty played by none other than our own Wayne Edmund. (It'll be the X Factor next)

Hopefully I will be able to organise another one in June 2016 and that those who couldn't make this one will be able to attend.

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



Top Table: Keith Ponting, Roy Back, Mary Leader, Ian's Friend, Ian Omerod, Margaret Ponting



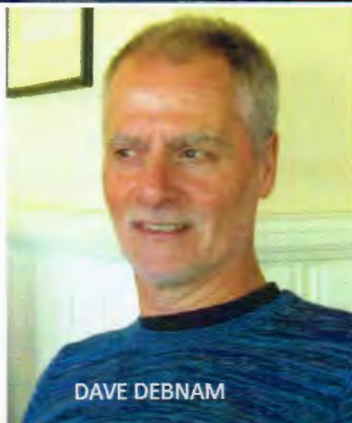
Happy Group: Maurice Keen, Pat Keene, Jean Jones, Rita Keitch, Jean Cheek, Dave Jones



Bottom Table: Peter Bodley, John Shadbolt, Jessie Wallace, Dave Calford, Wayne Edmund, Michael Wells, Geoff Jackson, Martin Prosser

Region 8 – Richard Craigie

Region 8 had another really successful and enjoyable lunch at the Lazy Otter yesterday 12th November. We were 23 in all and welcomed back **Lin Sandell** and met her husband Arthur. It was also nice to welcome **Mike Ree**, Jack's son. It too was nice to see **Margaret Atkins** back with us. Several of our regulars could not make it and our best wishes go out especially to **Des Woodall** and **Tom Boles**. Just for fun being near to Christmas we had a small raffle and our prize winners were **Gladys Bellamy** and **Tom Herbert**.



In attendance were **Richard & Linda Chamberlen**, **Tom & Margaret Atkins**, **Jack, Cliff & Mike Ree**, **Colin & Olwen Franklin**, **Frank & Gladys Bellamy**, **Dennis Pearce**, **John O'Connor**, **Derek Prescott**, **Lin & Arthur Sandell**, **Jimmy Wickham & Eileen Fish**, **Tom & Avril Herbert**, **Dave Debnam** and lastly **Gloria & I**.



Region 8 continued



AVRIL & TOM HERBERT 12/11/2015



JOHN O'CONNOR

MIKE REE

12/11/2015

DENNIS
PEARCE

LIN SANDELL

12/11/2015

GLORIA
CRAIGIE

RICHARD CRAIGIE

12/11/2015

Region 9 – Jessie Wallace

Our Autumn Lunch was held on Monday 9th November at the Mount Pleasant Inn in Dawlish Warren.

It was good to see all the familiar faces again.

Before lunch **Adrian Gallagher** and another, present employees of the company, dropped in to see the Group, especially **Wally Crump**.

After some good food, we had a brief exchange of news and then decided on our next date for lunch.

This will be on the 13th June, 2016 at the Mount Pleasant Inn.

Apologies were received from; Mr & Mrs **Eric Willsmer**, Mr & Mrs **J Stevenson** and finally Mr **Ralph Barnes**.

Those attending are in the excellent pictures taken by **Geoff Jackson** our resident Photographer!!

Finally, best wishes to all for 2016.



Clockwise; Jessie Wallace, John Shadbolt, Derek Knibb, Betty Shadbolt, Pam Knibb, Martin Prosser.



Clockwise; Wally Crump, Mrs Yvonne Wood and her friend, Wally and Cherry Crump's nephew, Cherry Crump



Clockwise; Mr & Mrs Tony Fiore, Mr & Mrs David (Kosher) Evans.

Region 10 – Ken Carson

Friday 23rd October was a fine day for scouting and the forward party of the Region 10 Fellowship Group had assembled as is customary, at the recently renovated Crown liquor saloon, only in demonstration of our support for the ethos of the National Trust, who own this gas lit throwback to the Victorian era. This was not of course our final destination for the main lunch event and suitably fortified we made our way the few blocks to our autumn favourite, the Big Round Table at the Ginger Bistro, to meet up with our esteemed colleagues who prefer the more direct approach!

As usual the diverse menu made choosing very difficult for all the right reasons and with everyone assembled in the round, the atmosphere and bonhomie between good friends made it a very special afternoon altogether. We were missing a few regulars on this occasion due to illness and family commitments but it was good to have some new attendees, who by the end of proceedings, sounded keen enough to repeat the experience at the next outing. So with this in mind I will be in contact again in Springtime DV, to arrange a date, time and venue for our next reunion!



Carmel Bannon in the snug at the Crown



Ken Carson and Bill Gordon



Ron McGowan and Jim Bothwell



Colm Hughes and Brian Caughey



On Dec 9th PIC held a Xmas lunch for 250 at the Marriott Hotel Bristol. Those lucky enough to be picked from NCR were (l to r) Dave & Jean Jones, John Jones, Geoff Jackson, Anita & Dennis Williams

EDDIE ROSE

Mrs J Rose has contacted us and asked us that our readers be informed that Eddie died on 29th September this year and thanks those who have sent their commiserations to her. Eddie worked for NCR for a total of 35 years out of the Newcastle office.

HAROLD WILLEY

Dear Geoff. Harold Willey passed away on Saturday 18th July. He was 82. Harold worked in Chester Office as a Cash Register Engineer for more than 30 years and later he was trained to maintain ATM's as well.



After decimalisation in the UK, Harold was asked to work in Lagos, Nigeria. To instruct and assist in changing from sterling there and later to do the same in Gibraltar. These visits extended over several months, but he always said what a marvellous experience it all was. He did say however how scary it always was driving in Lagos, particularly after dark. "You don't stop at traffic lights" he said. He was a great fellow to work with and socially as well. We were all a very happy gang at Chester.

He is survived by Margaret his wife and his three children.

Charles Southall

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Compared to the very busy first six months of 2015 the second half has been relatively quiet. We continue to get new members and as PIC has agreed to include details of the Fellowship in the documents which they send to all new NCR retirees we are hopeful that this will continue.

The London Region were delighted to welcome Richard Hawke and Richard Seymour to the Region 4 lunch in October. Since it was a social event there was no official presentation but the two Richards offered to take questions and also had some one-on-one discussions. This willingness to interact with NCR pensioners appears to typify the general approach at PIC and I have had some very positive feedback from pensioners who have contacted PIC with queries. I hope that some of you will be able to attend one of the PIC open days.

The Fellowship Committee were unanimous in supporting the offer to Stephen Swinbank to be our new President and we were delighted that he accepted the position.

In November NCR held an official opening of the new office in London. Ian Ormerod was again asked to make presentations so the Fellowship was represented. A few of the other Committee members were invited, however due to the very late notice given were unable to attend.

It has been announced in the last week that NCR has a new significant investor, see the separate article right for more information.

It is hard to believe that the Fellowship has now been running as a separate entity for 12 years and its ongoing success is due to the time and effort of the Committee members and the continued support of you all. It is a pleasure to be involved and I would like to say a sincere thanks to everyone.

Finally I wish you and your families a very good Christmas and a happy 2016.

Lin



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Strategic Partnership with Blackstone

What an incredible day for NCR employees, partners, shareholders and the communities where we work.

NCR has been executing a deliberate and thoughtful plan to reinvent the company over the last ten years. Our goal has been to create positive and transformative change for NCR and all our stakeholders.

For the past six months, Blackstone, one of the world's most sophisticated and respected financial firms, has done their due diligence on NCR and firmly believes in our vision, business strategy, reinvention, and team. Today, I am extremely pleased to announce that Blackstone is making an \$820 million investment in NCR to accelerate our strategic transformation into a software-driven, hardware-enabled technology solutions company. The investment is tangible evidence of Blackstone's conviction in NCR's business. NCR will use the Blackstone investment to help fund the £1 billion repurchase of our common stock, while preserving our ability to fund growth opportunities and increase shareholder value in the years ahead.

Blackstone is a strong and experienced investor in the technology sector and will provide access to the expertise of its portfolio companies and their technology products and services. Their investment highlights a stark contrast between our strategy and that of our lagging ATM legacy competitors, Diebold and Wincor. Unlike Diebold/Wincor merger, which will face significant integration risks and long-term execution challenges, Blackstone's investment in NCR will further accelerate our transformation. I've never felt better about our market position – this is our time, this is our moment.

Just last week I was in Atlanta, Georgia for the groundbreaking ceremony of our new corporate headquarters. During the ceremony, Kasim Reed, the Mayor of Atlanta, recognized NCR for having the unique ability to create a vision and turn that vision into reality. Simply stated, Blackstone also believes in our vision and has demonstrated its commitment by investing in our future. You should all feel a great sense of accomplishment to know that we are being recognized for all of our hard work.

We are ONE team with ONE vision and we have built an amazing company together. You should be so extraordinarily proud of being here – I know I am. It is my sincere hope that you take pride in our evolution and join me in the excitement about this next stage of growth and opportunity.

Bill

Left: The NCR Pension Fund Trustees complete their excellent job and hand over to PIC with a smile!
(L to R: Donald McQueen, Teresa MacLagan, Stephen Swinbank, Dennis Pearce and Ron Gammie)

NCR UK team celebrate 120th Anniversary of NCR Ltd and officially open the new NCR Merchant Square office

On Tuesday 10th November NCR leadership, London employees, partners, suppliers and a few ex-colleagues attended a party to celebrate NCR Ltd.'s 120th anniversary and the official opening of our new state-of-the-art Merchant Square office.

Andy Heyman, President of NCR Financial Services, and Bob Ciminera, newly appointed SVP Hardware for NCR, led the celebrations alongside some of NCR's UK leadership team, saying a few words to those present and cutting a ribbon to officially open the facility.

The team also benefited from the cake making skills of one of our very own iNCRedible employees. Izza Buque from the PS team produced an amazing copy of the Tiffany's till in reception (see opposite), which was a real highlight of the event.

What else happened?

- **NCR Ltd History:** Did you know? You might now, if you were at the event. A focus of the event was a 120 year timeline of NCR Ltd featuring photos, old brochures and old equipment from our past in the UK. Many people also attended a series of very interesting short talks from NCR UK Historian, Ian Ormerod to learn more about NCR's last 120 years in the UK
- **Getting to know your iNCRedible colleagues:** Many people played a game during the event, matching up historic and celebrity partnerships and then swapping details about each other to get to know one another better
- **Customer Experience Centre tours:** Many of those who attended took the opportunity to have a closer look at our new state-of-the-art Customer Experience Centre (CEC)
- **Surprise:** "We have the ability to turn water green!" was the classic quote from the night. The reality was that the team turned the fountain outside the offices NCR living green!

NCR has evolved much over the last few years and never more quickly than over the last few weeks with the announcement of a strategic partnership with Blackstone and the \$820 million equity investment to accelerate NCR's transformation.

However, NCR and its present employees are acutely aware of the heritage and history of NCR, and how that has shaped the company that they work at. NCR has moved offices many times in the UK over the last 120 years, from The Strand to Tottenham Court Road to Marylebone and now to Merchant Square in Paddington.

Another chapter in NCR's history beckons as we settle into these new offices, and NCR looks forward to keeping those who no longer work at NCR informed of how the company evolves. Partly, because it's good to keep in touch, but importantly because it is you who helped make the company what it is today. Thank you.



Andy Heyman and Bob Ciminera officially open NCR Merchant Square office, flanked by NCR U.K. Leadership team (R to L): Spencer Clarke, Rachel Nash, Bruce Davies and Jon Stretton



Izza Buque from the NCR PS team and the Tiffanys cake that she produced for the 120th anniversary of NCR Ltd.





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NCR BIRMINGHAM

How wonderful to read Alan Bowley's article on Birmingham's NCR office & salesmen etc. I was most involved with at my time there.

I was interviewed for a position there by District Manager P. S. Houghton & the indomitable Miss F. Wells – at the time I was an accounting machine operator at a bank. I was accepted & began my career at NCR Birmingham on 30th July 1956, on a salary of £7.10.0 per week.

After some time training & gaining experience I became Clem's Installation Operator – as we were called then.

I wrote most of the programmes, on Clem's instructions, installed the systems & trained many many operators at the numerous Lucas offices around the district – including a week at their Brighton office.

After Clem re-located to New Zealand I then became Basil Garsed's Installation Operator.

Clem & his family became life-long friends & we all socialised together, I still correspond with his family.

It was at Lucas's office I saw my first computer that they were installing – in a large room taken over by cabinets, floor to ceiling, with whirring tapes/reels... – what a contrast to today's laptops/iPhones all doing the same, and much more, as the original giant computers.

I hope you enjoy this little bit of history from NCR Birmingham, following on your article.

Yours sincerely
Mrs. A Joy Maskall
(Miss A. Joy Cutler)



THE WORLD IS WITHIN N.C.R.

by Alan Bowley

A. H. BOWLEY has just completed his fiftieth visit to the provincial offices of the N.C.R. Here he recalls some of the many interesting people he has met on these journeys. (Published May 1953)

It was on a rainy day in February, four years ago, that I began the first of a series of journeys which were to take me, by train, plane, van and car, many hundreds of miles through the towns and peaceful countryside of Britain—north to the rugged Isle of Lewis and the noble, granite city of Aberdeen, south to the quiet, little Cornish town of Truro.

Travelling broadens the mind. It lifts one out of the immediate, personal world of office and home and frees the mind from the trammels of everyday life. It also provides an opportunity of meeting people and, during the last four years, I have met and enjoyed the company of several hundred N.C.R. people in fifty of the offices maintained by the Company in this country.

If it is true that the home holds a mirror to its owner's character, then our people in the provinces are great home-lovers; for not only have I seen them at work in office and depot but spent some very pleasant hours with their families in homes which are always neat and well-cared for. And, of course, there is "father's bit of odd-jobbing" to admire—a concrete path, a built-in sink in the kitchen, a workshop in the garden or a nice bit of interior decoration. On mantelpieces, tables or piano-tops in the selling man's home there is always the silver trophy, well polished, a proud possession from a Sales Contest of the past.

The provincial sales force is composed of many men who have had a wide experience of selling but, here and there, I have met a man who was in another profession and though successful, was attracted by the lure of specialised selling. Many of these men have thrilling stories to tell of their earlier business lives—many of these stories rival the plot of the average novel.

For instance, there was the Detective Inspector of New Scotland Yard, the professional soldier from an old and distinguished Irish family, the trader from West Africa, the bailiff of an estate in Wiltshire, the sailor who had served before the mast on the grain ships plying between England and Australia, the Italian-trained baritone who had also been a Continental travel guide. I met a man who had worked in a lumbercamp in the Rocky Mountains, another who had run a Kaffir trading store in North Transvaal many years ago, and yet another who had managed a large tea plantation in India. In fact, the more I have travelled among N.C.R. folk, the more have I been surprised by the amazing diversity of their backgrounds and, also, their interests in life.

Looking back on the Servicemen I have interviewed on these journeys I find a staggering list of personal interests—it would take the whole of this page to mention them all. Among the most interesting were a rug-maker, a youth club worker, a shirt maker, a character reader, a chess-player, an ornithologist, an aquarist, a tapestry worker, a painter, a dog-breeder, a flower



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and vegetable propagarionist and a bell-ringer. Strange pursuits for men whose trade is the servicing of highly-specialised machines? Perhaps, but they provide a refreshing contrast to the daily work and help to keep the mind flexible. In this lies their value.

Turning over the pages of my notebooks I have come across other interesting people in our provincial offices—the mechanic who was studying for a Certificate in Applied Physics and the other who held a Diploma in the Technology of Plastics. There was the boy cornetist in the local brass band, the young, one-legged oarsman who had represented his town in the Head of the River race on the Thames, the 14-stone Scotsman who had thrown the hammer a distance of nearly 90 feet, the ex-merchant seaman who

had built himself a full-size trailer caravan fitted with every modern convenience, the daughter of a family of well-known crab fishers on the south coast and the Welsh girl who was practised in the difficult art of pennillion singing.

The girl Office Clerks of our provincial offices have a wide range of interests but, naturally enough, most of them turn to knitting or embroidery work for relaxation. There are such individual hobbies, however, as model aeroplane building, Sunday School work, singing, archery, psychology, horse-riding and amateur dramatics. Every single one I have met enjoys her work and it was very pleasant to find such thriving N.C.R spirit among them.

Limited to working in a particular office one is, perhaps, apt to forget that there are very many "people like us" who are working for the Company in other towns and cities of this country—genuine, warm-hearted folk, practical in outlook and keenly interested in N.C.R. affairs. They are there—in the gay resorts along the south coast, in the smoky, furnace-lit industrial areas of the Midlands and the North, in the quiet, country towns of Cheltenham, Worcester and Taunton and the cathedral towns of York, Canterbury and Exeter, in war-scarred Swansea, Plymouth, Hull and Southampton, in the great cities, and in the grey-stoned towns of Scotland and Ireland. And I have met many retailers and business people who are using National machines with confidence because of the splendid co-operation between them and the local Company office and depot staff.

No matter how small the number of staff or the premises in which they work, you will find the same Company traditions and friendly hospitality towards brother Nacarecans as you will find anywhere in the world where this Company is represented.

Writing this series has brought back many memories of not only places but people that I had the pleasure of meeting in the three years or so.

My very best wishes to everyone for the years ahead

THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL ARBORETUM

Here is a little about the Arboretum, most details being taken from their web site, www.thenma.org.uk

The National Memorial Arboretum is the UK's year-round centre of Remembrance; a spiritually uplifting place which honours the fallen, recognises service and sacrifice, and fosters pride in our country. It is a living and lasting memorial.



Since planting began in 1997, the National Memorial Arboretum has been a special place honouring those who have served, and continue to serve, our nation in many different ways.

It's not a cemetery. It's a place of life, represented by the 30,000 trees planted here, where older and younger generations alike can wander and wonder.

Covering 150 acres, the Arboretum has something for everyone. For some it's a wonderful place to stroll and enjoy the trees; for others it's a peaceful and beautiful place to remember loved ones, particularly those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

The trees and the more than 300 dedicated memorials on our site make the Arboretum a living tribute that will forever acknowledge the personal sacrifices made by the Armed Forces and civil services of this country.

Importantly, the focus isn't totally military. There is a large area devoted to Police who have fallen while on duty, as well as other areas devoted to the Fire and Rescue and Ambulance services. National charities representing those who have died in particular circumstances, including children, are also to be found in the Arboretum grounds.

The Arboretum was the brainchild of Commander David Childs CBE who wished to see established a national focus for Remembrance. Following a meeting with Group Captain Leonard Cheshire VC, an appeal was launched in 1994 by the then Prime Minister, John Major.

The future of the project became assured when three proposals were agreed. These were: for the site to be the location of the Armed Forces Memorial; for the Ministry of Defence to pay a significant grant-in-aid to allow for free entry and that The Royal British Legion would accept the gift of the site as the focus for the Nation's year-round Remembrance.

The project began with no money, no land, no staff and no

trees. The National Lottery, in the form of the Millennium Commission, granted some forty per cent of the funds needed and this was matched by thousands of donations, both large and small, from a wide variety of organisations both military and civilian, men and women, corporate and voluntary.

The site was developed on reclaimed gravel workings, bordered by the Rivers Trent and Tame, gifted to the charity by Lafarge, which has generously supported the idea from the beginning.

It was created by a staff of thousands: a small paid group; a dedicated and active Friends of the National Memorial Arboretum organisation; and countless others who have either planted individual trees or helped create a memorial for their organisation. The initial planting took place thanks to grants from the Forestry Commission and the National Forest.

The Arboretum was officially opened to the public in May 2001.

From the start it was seen as a place of joy where the lives of people would be remembered by living trees that would grow and mature in a world at peace.

As planting began in 1997 it seemed appropriate that the site should also celebrate the turn of the century. The Millennium Chapel of Peace and Forgiveness is a central part of the site and was created to offer a place of tranquillity and reflection to people of every faith or none.

The Arboretum's planting philosophy has always been inclusive, as can be seen in the many and varied plots. Nearly all were designed in partnership and consultation so that every group could feel a sense of ownership of the memorial to which they had contributed.

Now, more than 10 years on, the site hosts an abundance of wild plants, woodland areas, grassland, a reed bed and wetland. It is populated by a variety of wildlife including



brown hares, skylarks, lapwings, otters, tits and finches, green woodpeckers, buntings and an occasional black redstart. Our Wildlife Watch Group meets every month and enjoy activities including, bat detecting evenings, bird watching and walks.

Although many of the trees are still young, they are rapidly growing into a unique living tribute. Every year sees the dedication of new memorials and special events at the Arboretum.

Each year many motorcycling enthusiasts take to the road to show their support for the Armed Forces at the annual 'Ride to the Wall' event. This year it was on Saturday 3rd October, just two days after our group's visit and preparations were being made for more than 7,500 motorcyclists and their passengers to arrive. This annual event is the only one of its kind in the country and also helps to raise funds for the Arboretum.

The motorcyclists and their passengers set off from 11 points across the UK to ride to the Arboretum where they take part in a service of Remembrance at the Armed Forces Memorial. They come from all corners of the UK, as well as continental Europe, with some riding as individuals and others as part of clubs or groups.

The Arboretum is part of The Royal British Legion family of charities. It employs 50 staff and has over 200 volunteers.

Visitors from all walks of life number around 300,000 per year, including Service personnel, veterans, students of all ages, groups and individuals.

Over 200 special events are held annually. The Act of Remembrance, including a Silence, is observed daily in the Millennium Chapel.

ARMED FORCES MEMORIAL

The Armed Forces Memorial, dedicated in the presence of Her Majesty The Queen in October 2007, is the UK's tribute to over 16,000 men and women who have been killed on duty or as a result of terrorist action since 1948 to the present day.

Names are added annually to the giant Portland stone walls.

The Memorial, of which HRH The Prince of Wales is patron, has been designed to allow a shaft of sunlight to fall across the sculpted wreath on the central stone at precisely 11.00am on the 11th day of the 11th month.

The obelisk, which forms an integral part of the Memorial, is specifically dedicated to those who have died while in Service. It carries the inscription "they died serving their country we will remember them".

Uniquely, the memorial also recognises and acknowledges the courage of family and friends left behind. It also has a valuable role in supporting the bereaved as they manage their loss through different stages in their lives.

EDUCATION

The Arboretum welcomes school groups of all ages, with more than 5,000 visiting each year. It's dedicated education resource centre and learning team offers a one stop shop for teachers wanting to arrange stimulating and memorable student visits.

THE FUTURE

The continual increase in visitor numbers has led to a significant project to create a world-class centre for Remembrance. It will provide more fitting, higher quality,



buildings and infrastructure. The designs are being worked up by award winning Glenn Howells Architects.

- ‘Remembrance Learning Centre’ - for lifelong learning, education and interpretation of Remembrance
- Pavilion - to accommodate many of the 200+ events and conferences that take place every year



The Armed Forces Memorial



The Railway Industry Memorial



South Atlantic Memorial

- ‘Heroes’ Square’ - for major set piece events.

The Appeal for the £12m that is required was launched by HRH The Duke of Cambridge. Thanks to the generous donations and pledges received to date, the fund is now over half way to its target.



The Commando Memorial



National Service Memorial



Some important visitors

OBITUARIES

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

Fellowship members:

Alfred Collingham	04.07.15	Region	2W
Arthur E E Heslop	30.07.15	"	6
J M Hughes	12.07.15	"	11
Miss Nancy Jeffries	29.10.15	"	4

R S McCarthy	15.11.15	"	1
E M Rose	29.09.15	"	2E
Mrs H A Stratton	27.05.15	"	4 (Ann Winter)
George K Watts	27.07.15	"	2E
George H Willey	18.07.15	"	2W

THE VISIT

by Mike Hughes



In July, 1944, the heads of Britain's armed services were invited to a reception at Buckingham Palace in the presence of the King and Queen. The Queen had an entourage of Naval Officers around her and seemed to be enjoying herself. After a short while, she moved on and signaled one of her ladies in waiting. She spoke a few words in her ear and moved on to a group of senior RAF Officers.

The lady in waiting sought out the Admiral of the Fleet and had a few words with him. The Admiral showed his pleasure and told her that it would be organised before the middle of the next week.

He passed the Queen's message on to his second in command and told him to sort the matter out as soon as possible. It was passed down the ranks finally ending up in a signal to the Captain of a small aircraft carrier moored in Devonport undergoing engine servicing.

The Captain immediately called all his officers into the wardroom and told them the news. "The Queen is going to visit us and inspect our ship next week. It is essential that she is impressed with us and so everyone will need to get their stations absolutely shipshape and presumably Bristol fashion. There's a lot to do, so you'd better start now."

Everything that was polishable was polished and if it wasn't, it was daubed in paint. There was a military expression that summed up the whole enterprise – If it moves salute it. If it doesn't, paint it.

By Tuesday afternoon, the whole ship sparkled in the sun and the crew resting after their labours. Their uniforms were all clean and pressed and they were ready to line the carrier deck to honour the royal guest.

The officers relaxed in their wardroom with glasses of pink gin, having decided that the job was done. The Australian Signals Officer suddenly stood up and said

"It's not all finished, we haven't done anything about the dunny. If she's here all day, she's bound to want to take a pee."

This caused much discussion and consideration. The problem had to be addressed quickly and proper facilities needed to be provided. A cleaning crew was quickly assembled and the Officer's toilet was made one hundred percent clean and polished from top to bottom. A sign was prepared to indicate that it was only for the Queen's personal use.

The Midshipman was sent to the local shop to buy a roll of

soft toilet paper and a cake of sweet smelling soap. These were put in place together with a clean towel. The officers felt that they had done their best and that everything had been done to look after the Queen's personal needs. That was until the Australian stood up again.

"That's great. She's got a nice clean dunny but it's not a comfortable one. We need to go a step further and make it something that she won't forget and something she wouldn't find in Buck House."

"What've you got in mind?"

"Can we make the seat more comfortable? It could be cold to the royal bottom and we wouldn't want that. There's no way we could use hot water to raise the temperature. Any one got any ideas?"

There was a silence while everyone thought about the problem. The Engineering Officer suddenly said that he had a good idea but it would cost them all a bob or two.

"You all know that I bought a mink coat for my wife when we were in Archangel last time. If we were to take it to pieces and line the top of the seat and the inside of the lid with mink, it'd be warm and comfortable for the royal bottom. If you think it's a good idea, you'll all have to club together to buy another coat when we get to Russia next time."

"Great idea. A mink lined lavatory seat sounds exactly right. Let's have the coat"

He went down to his cabin and came back with the box containing the coat. It was laid out on the wardroom table and the lining stripped out. The seat assembly was removed from the pan and laid on the coat. The shape was marked and then cut out. The pieces were glued onto the seat and back and the toilet reassembled. The Signals and Engineering Officers were allowed to test the finished product and pronounced themselves satisfied. The dunny was then locked and not allowed to be used until the royal visitor needed it. The remainder of the fur was not a coat any more but merely a heap of discarded fur. It would never be a full garment again.

The great day arrived and the Queen seemed to enjoy her visit. At lunch time, she was entertained to a buffet lunch in the wardroom and all the officers unobtrusively watched to see when she needed the facilities they had prepared. It would have been a great shame if the lavatory was not used after all their trouble.

They saw her make a delicate signal to her lady in waiting and the two walked out of the wardroom. Everyone breathed a sigh of relief, and after a few minutes, they came back.

At the end of the visit, the Queen complemented the Captain, left the ship and was driven away.

Once she was safely away, the officers queued up at the toilet in order of rank. One by one, they entered it and dropped their trousers, luxuriating where the royal bottom had sat.

Mike Hughes a regular contributor to PS sadly died in July last.

The NCR Fellowship

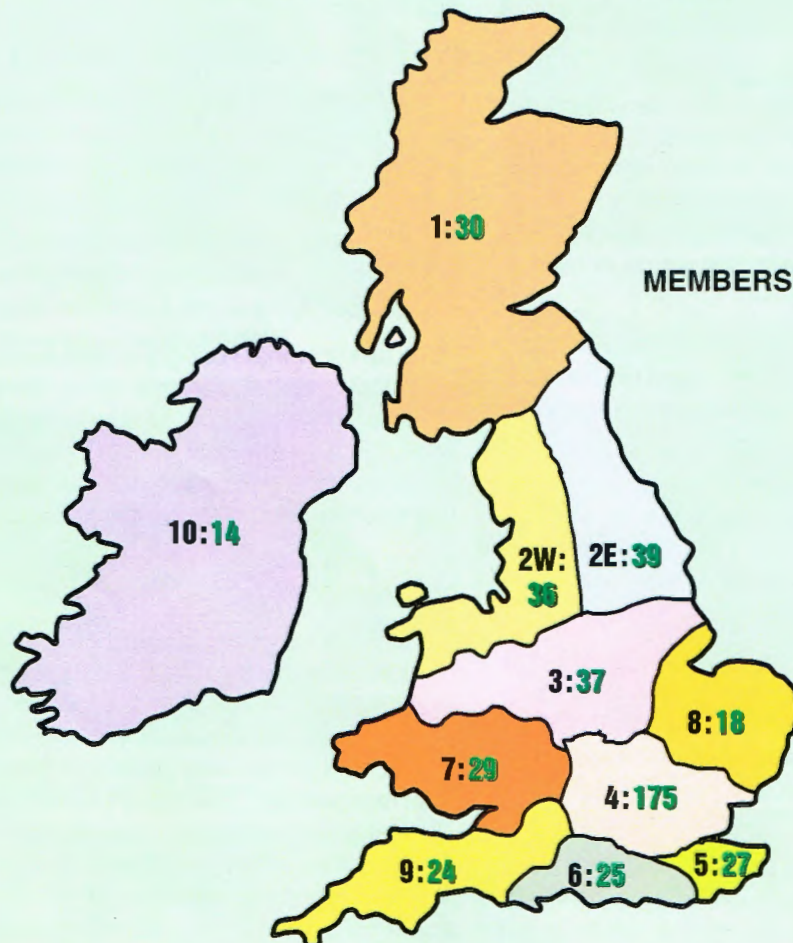
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