

## THE FELLOWSHIP ORGANISING COMMITTEE



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(Absent: John Atkins (Secretary), Pat Keogh (Reg 2E) and Richard Craigie (Reg 8).*

### A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The first six months of 2016 have been quite quiet compared with the activity of 2015. We have welcomed three new members, however the changing face of NCR is making new members hard to find. At our annual Fellowship Committee meeting in March we agreed to send a copy of PostScript to each of the remaining NCR offices in the hope that the promotion might encourage others to join. I am coordinating this initiative with Bryan Reddie, NCR Marketing and Communications. If anyone has any other ideas please let me know, or if you have contact with other ex NCR employees a little encouragement to join would be welcomed.

We were delighted to be able to hold our annual meeting at the new NCR facility in Merchant Square. It is a very impressive office and we were well looked after by Dave on reception, our thanks to him for his hospitality. During the meeting the Committee reviewed the finances and I can confirm that the membership fee will remain at £10 for 2017.

Having reported that Ian Ormerod is no longer able to be the organiser for region 2W, I wrote to all the members of the region asking if anyone would be willing to organise the regional lunches. Sadly no one has come forward so if anyone in another, maybe neighbouring, region would be willing to volunteer please let me know.

In February I was delighted to be invited to join the Trustees at the Age UK pension awards dinner – see article right. My sincere thanks go to the Trustees and congratulations to them for winning an award.

I wish you and your families a lovely summer.

Lin

### PENSION AGE AWARDS WINNER

On the 25th February at a 'Black Tie' Dinner The NCR Trustees were presented with the Pension Age Awards





2016 – Best Risk Management Exercise Award for achieving astonishing results meaning that through the Trustees Investment decisions (with a lot of expertise, especially from our Actuary etc) we had ended up managing to increase everyone's Pension's by approximately 10+% in mid 2015. The increase applies to all 5000+ NCR Members, including those yet to retire, meaning everyone's Annuities were also increased, which they will enjoy when they do retire.

Your Trustee Board have also just learnt that they have been nominated by PIC (Pension Insurance Corporation) for another Award – Best Trustee Board 2016 – to be announced at a Lunch on July 7th!

So keep your fingers crossed and watch out for the next edition of Postscript.



*L to R: Dennis Pearce, Ron Gammie, Clare Teagle (Independent Trustee), Simon Hartley (Lawyer), Donald Macqueen, Teresa MacLagan, Namita Bhargava (Guest), Ashu Bhargava (Scheme Actuary), Stephen Swinbank (Chair of Trustees), Lin Sandell (Chair & Treasurer Fellowship)*

## AROUND THE REGIONS

### Region 2E – Pat Keogh

Our May Lunch was held on the 11th and we once again had a very enjoyable day. We had 31 attendees who enjoyed high quality food with Soup or Goat's Cheese starter followed by Salmon or Chicken and then Apple pie or Fruit Pavlova. This was washed down with Tea or Coffee and a selection the chef's own made Continental Chocolates. At £14 per head this was also great value.

The attendees were Myself of course, **Silvia Back**, **Geoff** and **Pauline Beaumont**, **Walter** and **Jean Bullen**, **Peter Carruthers**, **Mervyn Clapham**, **Peter Cundall**, **Sheila Davidson**, **Dave Dawson**, **Alan** and **Sandy Dixon**, **John Evanson**, **Roger Fernside**, **John Gilroy**, **Mike Green**, **Graham Hatton**, **Andrew Hill**, **Liz Lee**, **Keith Penny**, **Bas Pickard**, **Frank Pusey**, **Jean Pugh**, **Norman** and **Denise Roberts**, **June Rudge-Priestly**, **Keith Stansfield**, **Don** and **Judy Ward**, **Richard Willett**.

We held a minute's silence for **Keith Watts**, Doncaster; **Ami Glenn**, Sheffield Office; **Eddie Rose**, Newcastle and **Harry Willey**, Chester. We also included **Peter Scanlon's** wife **Jill** who died the previous week and whose funeral was the day of the lunch.

Unable to attend for a mixture of reasons were **Terry Bearpark**, **Dave Cowley**, **John Shields**, **Margaret Ellis**, **Bob Appleby** and **Brian Jackson**.

**Dick Sale** had a cardiologist's appointment following a second heart attack in February but hopes to see us in October.

**Sandy** and **Pauline** emailed me from Leeds Airport while waiting to board a flight for a month in Tenerife.

**Mike** and **Mary Wood** were caravanning in Cambridgeshire.

**Walter Scarth** couldn't leave his wife who now needs 24/7 care.

**John Evanson** then did a brief presentation of a children's book his wife

wrote which was being sold for charity following his wife's recovery from cancer.

Finally, to help with planning, I proposed that we fix the dates of our lunches as the third Wednesday in May and October every year.

So our next lunch will be on Wednesday 19th October 2016.

### Region 3 – Keith Templeman

Our spring lunch was on 14th April at our long established, regular venue of the George Hotel in Bird Street Lichfield. There were 24 of us enjoying a carvery style meal. Present were **Duncan** and **Dorothy McCondochie**, **Harry** and **Rita Ridge**, **Clarence Allbutt**, **Jill McPhail** with her daughter **Fiona**, **Joy Wright**, **David Beattie**, **Keith** and **Dene Templeman**, **Jim McHugh**, **Kevin** and **Marian Rixson**, **Ian** and **Kay Davidson**, **Joe** and **Jenny Teeling**, **Peter** and **Vicky Heywood**, **Phil Rock**, **John** and **Val Latty** and **Noel Shaw**.

Appologies had been received from **Margaret Elliss** who always attends the Region 2E lunch in the spring and ours in the autumn, **Eric** and **Lavinia Grace** who were on holiday, **Allan Green** who was busying himself assisting with a Nottingham Lace Market Theatre production and couldn't tear himself away, **Malcolm Alliband**, **Paul Glynn**,



*David Beattie, Val Latty and John Latty.*



## Region 3 continued



*Joe Teeling, Jenny Teeling and Phil Rock.*



*Dene Templeman and Keith Templeman.*



*Ian Davidson and Marian Rixson.*



*Fiona and Jill McPhail.*

**Ken Ford, Bob Swingle, Alastair and Maggie Gilmour and Brian and Barbara Briggs** who all had better offers on the day.

**Graham Brookman** has moved home to London and will attend the Region 4 lunches in future.

There were a few members who did not respond to the invitations. As these were sent out by email I do hope they reached the correct destinations. Please don't forget to notify me if your email address changes as I do prefer this method of sending invitations out where possible.

Although everyone enjoyed a different venue last autumn the consensus of opinion was that this venue suited most

rather than varying it. I will keep my options open for future locations. If I can find a different location as convenient or one that has some other attraction on the day I will, but Lichfield is the most central for all overall, and provides a town centre that is within walking distance of the hotel for a stroll before or after the meal. A diary date for our next lunch was announced as Thursday 13th October.

Last year the first PIC client seminar lunch was in October too so I hope this year's does not clash. As I am not a member of the PIC pension scheme I trust one of you will send me an email, or call me, if it happens to fall on the same date.



*Jim McHugh and Noel Shaw.*



*Peter and Vicky Heywood.*



## Region 3 continued



Clarence Allutt and Joy Wright.



Rita and Harry Ridge.



Kevin Rixson and Kay Davidson.



Duncan and Dorothy McCondochie.

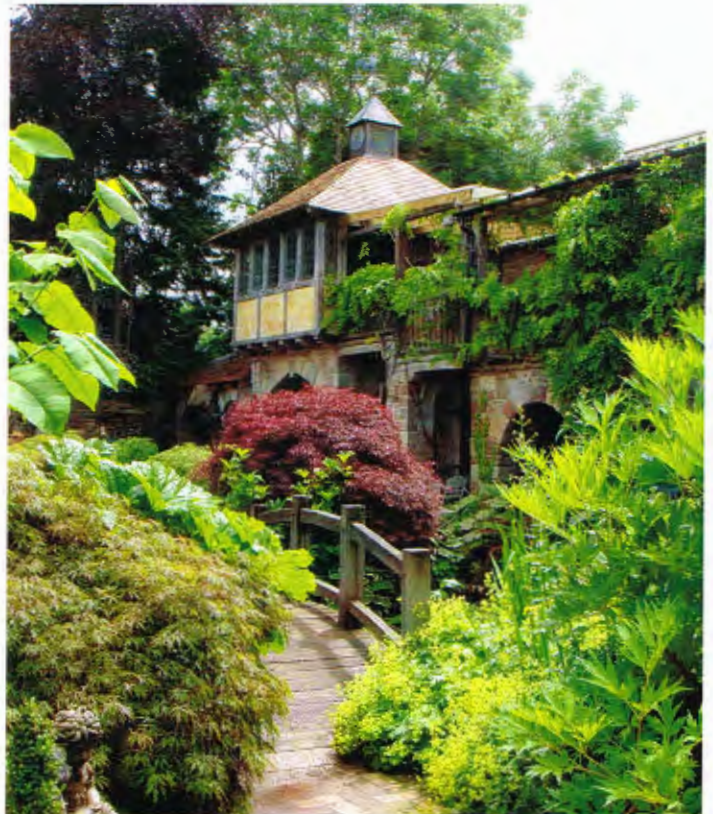
## THE LONDON LUNCH

You are cordially invited to attend the London Lunch which is to be held, once again, at the Corus Hotel near Paddington Station on Wednesday 5th October. This always proves to be a great occasion for meeting old friends and colleagues and is always well attended. The plan is to arrive at about midday for a drink when you will be able to circulate and catch up with old friends before sitting down for lunch at 1 pm. A two course lunch, glass of wine and coffee will cost you £25, cheap by first class hotel prices. Roger Whelan continues to organise this, helped on the day by John Atkins and Chrissie Young who will check you in. If you can be persuaded to come along then make sure that you contact Roger no later than 31st August who will send you a booking form so that you may make your menu choices. We look forward to seeing you there!

Roger's details are as follows: Roger Whelan 8, Forester Road, Bath, Bath & N E Somerset, BA2 6QF. Tel: 01225 464286.

## A Photographic Competition

Those photographers amongst you who would like to show off their skills are invited to submit an entry for the Post-Script Photographic Competition. The subject title is "My Holiday" and must have been taken this year. There is no prize offered but the three entries judged to be best will be reproduced in the pages of the Christmas Edition of this publication. Entries should be submitted as attachments to an email addressed to: megalops@btinternet.com and must arrive no later than 1st November 2016. Designed to whet your appetite is a picture taken by the Editor whilst on holiday in The Lake District this Summer!





### Region 5 – Anthony Welch

We had our spring meeting on 6th April at the Malta Inn Allington, due to holidays, ill health, conflicting arrangements, it proved to be a small gathering, Ray and Carole Howes, Peter Shipp, myself and the lady wife, and Chris Stocker from darkest Oxfordshire, nice to see him.

Lets hope that the autumn is better attended.



### Region 7 – John Jones

Region Seven's 7th June 2016 Get Together

Once again I used the invitation technique of emails and telephone calls which worked well last time. This time more telephone calls as people have changed email addresses.

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, I kept the day as a Tuesday because Dave and Jean Jones were flying out to Sweden on the Wednesday and I had an appointment on Wednesday as well.

Those attending were **Roy Back, Dave Calford, Wayne Edmund, Maurice and Pat Keene, Rob Fairbairn, Jessie Wallace and husband Martin, Dave and Jean Jones, Sue Hooper (Jim Kembery's daughter), Edwin Clark (an old friend of Jim's), Jean Check, Geoff Jackson and myself John Jones.**

**Chris Stocker** ex Oxford Office contacted me because he had seen names he recognised in our Postscript report, He was very welcome and I think he managed to match most of the names to faces he hadn't seen for umpteen years.

**Barry and Barbara Avery, Fred Macey and Ian Omerod** were due to come but something must have come up

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, John Shadbolt, John Timberlake, Jonathon Knight, Peter Roderick, Mary Leader, Maurice Chivers, Michael Wells, Geoff Batcup, John Watts, Betty Vickery, Keith Middleton, Keith and Margaret Ponting, Dave and Jan Robinson, Peter Bodley, Bill Hudson and Peter Lacey.** All of whom sent their best wishes.

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.

Hopefully I will be able to organise another one in the last week of October 2016 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.



**Maurice Keene & Dave Jones**



**Dave Calford**



## Region 7 continued



Roy Back, Chris Stocker, Wayne Edmund &amp; Rob Fairbairn



Jean Jones, Pat Keene &amp; Jean Cheek



Sue Hooper &amp; Edwin Clark



Jessie Wallace &amp; Geoff Jackson

## Region 8 – Richard Craigie

Region 8 had another successful and enjoyable lunch at the Lazy Otter Thursday 12th May. Several of our regulars could not attend and they are missed. Note to me, must try harder and be more persuasive next time. Our group were **Richard & Linda Chamberlen**, **Tom & Avul Herbert**, **Frank & Gladys Bellamy**, **Colin & Olwen Franklin**, **Jack & Cliff Ree**, **Tom Atkins**, **John O'Connor**, **Dave Debnam**, **Dennis Pearce** and of course our visitors **Mike & Mary Wood**, **Ralph Harding** and **Chris Stocker** and finally Gloria and I.

Region 8 next lunch will be 20th October at The Lazy Otter.



Frank Bellamy &amp; Colin Franklin



Linda &amp; Richard Chamberlen



Ralph Harding &amp; Richard Craigie



Region 8 continued





## Region 9 – Jessie Wallace

On 13th June, Members and Wives got together to enjoy a regional lunch.

We were 10 in number – and once again had an excellent lunch at the Mount Pleasant Inn in Dawlish Warren.

Those who were able to attend: **Geoff Jackson**, our resident photographer!, **David Evans** on his own, his wife **Barbara** was on holiday. **Tony** and **Sue Fiore**, **Derek** and **Pam Knibb**, who are about to celebrate a Golden Wedding Anniversary, congratulations to them from all of us. **John** and **Margaret Stevenson**, who were down in the West Country on Holiday and finally myself, **Jessie**, and husband **Martin**.

We had apologies from: **Yvonne Wood**, who is away from the home at present. **Wally** and **Cherry Crump**, Wally is poorly at present, we wish him well. Cherry sent their Best Wishes to all. Our new member, **Denis** was unable to make the date as away. **Frances Willsmer**, **Eric** died suddenly recently, our condolences go to Frances and her family. Eric will be sadly missed from our group.

After Lunch, we had a brief update on the AGM that Geoff and I had attended in March, in the new Head Office, giving information on the total membership, and the Financial status.

The date of our next Lunch will be on 14th November, 2016 at the same venue. All welcome.

Hope all have a great Summer.



Jessie Wallace and husband Martin



Margaret & John Stevenson, Tony & Sue Fiore & David Evans



Margaret & John Stevenson, Tony & Sue Fiore



Derek Knibb



Pam & Jessie enjoying grandchildren!



Pam Knibb



## Ian H Jones

26 May 1951 14 Dec 2015



I first met Ian Jones in January 1980 after his recruitment to Corporate Audit by the late Bill Southwood, working from Brent Cross. He appeared with a broken arm, plaster and sling, and no tie (standard dress in those days, of course). We had to tie one on him, and took him to Head Office to introduce him to the financial folk there, Vince Parry, Alan Robertson, Martin Webster, Mrs Whelan and Fred Bates among others. I think it was Vince who quipped that "for an auditor he seems quite 'armless'".

This was very perceptive as far as Ian was concerned, for he strove to be fair and helpful, and was a good colleague. He was dependable and if he promised something he made sure he delivered on his promise. Ann Humphreys provided me with a number of comments taken from various messages she had from former American and British auditors, on telling them of Ian's passing: "he did a lot for me", "if he promised, he would do it", "he was a fun person." He used to say that if work was not fun, it was better not to come to work. It was great to see such comments from former colleagues over 30 years later. Quite a testimonial!

He worked extensively in Europe, Middle East and Africa, "and served his time" in World Headquarters, Dayton, "the capital of the Empire" as he called it, thinking WHQ a bit pretentious. "Cosmopolitan and urbane" sum him up. He became audit supervisor, succeeding me as manager when I left in 1986, and eventually became Finance Director for NCR UK. I kept in touch and met up with him at auditors' reunions in London, and in a number of Plymouth pubs, near where he lived by the Marina. After retirement he did some consulting, amongst other things "helping the Norfolk Constabulary with their enquiries", as John Davies put it - as consultant of course, rather than as suspect.

Well, Ian certainly gave me and others a lot of fun, and I am sure some very happy memories of him. We will miss him.

Lin Sandell

## Frank Cunningham



I regret to have to inform the Fellowship that Frank Cunningham died on 27th April 2016 at the age of 91.

I am not quite sure when Frank joined the National Cash Register Company. What I do know is that he joined the RAF towards the end of the war as a volunteer and that he came to the Technical Service Division from there. He was a specialist on the Class 2000 machine. In 1963, Steve Conway offered him a job in Local Government Sales where his technical expertise was a great asset. Over the next few years, he clocked up 6 CPC's. However, the glory days came to an abrupt end with decimalisation in 1971. Frank continued in Sales on one of the Century teams until 1980 when he accepted a new role as Education Advisor, working between Head Office and Sheldon. This lasted until 1988 when he was offered early retirement.

In his youth, Frank had been a keen scout so it was natural that, when his boys were of an age to become cubs, he took an interest again. In 1974, the scouting boundaries in the UK were changed to coincide with Local Authority boundaries. At this point he became District Secretary for Chiltern North, a post he retained for 21 years. When he retired from NCR, he became Assistant County Treasurer, a post he held for 10 years.

Frank's other retirement interest was Workaid, refurbishing tools for Africa. He started and led the Thursday shift. When I joined in 2003, he was responsible for socket sets. After a bout of ill health, he transferred to a lighter job in the office. He took responsibility for scanning the equipment manuals for sewing machines and knitting machines, a task he continued until 2 days before his demise.

Frank was active to the end. I met him on the way down to the town the day before he died. He was his usual cheerful self. His only complaint was that the doctor would not let him drive but he expected to be back behind the wheel in a day or two!

This picture was taken on 16th April at Workaid's 30th Anniversary Celebration where Frank had a place of honour as the longest serving volunteer.

Rodger Main



## OBITUARIES

## Fellowship Members:

Miss JM Agates	29.03.16	Region 4
B Booker	01.02.16	5
FP Cunningham	27.04.16	4
W Eadie	14.04.16	4
G Hawkins	06.05.16	4
AA Hayes	19.04.16	2W
R Robinson	04.01.16	4
E. Welham	03.05.16	4
EG Willsmer	03.02.16	9
WD Woodall	19.03.16	4

## Non Members:

DN Benson	27.04.16
GE Bray	02.03.16
C Cahillane	30.05.16
R Downey	17.02.16
ML Drew	28.01.16
Mrs M Evans	04.03.16
BE Floyd	19.02.16
Ms A Glenn	15.02.16
LV Hart	03.03.16
IH Jones	13.12.15
G Lacey	11.01.16
B Lennon	19.04.16
R Louden	22.01.16
DB Maberley	08.02.16
P May	29.06.16
Mrs S Mortimer	18.02.16
MA Nolan	09.01.16
BG Salvesen	31.01.16
RF Shepherd	19.04.16
GF Taylor	28.01.16
R Turner	24.04.16
BJ Twyford	08.05.16
RM Wilson	17.02.16

## Now Chinese want your pension

The Chinese are close to investing hundreds of millions of pounds in a major British pension insurance company.

Legend Holdings, which part-owns the Chinese personal computing group Lenovo, is in talks to plough £500m into Pension Insurance Corporation (PIC). PIC insures the retirement schemes of several large companies including EMI Music, Cadbury, Honda and the London Stock Exchange, meaning it covers around 130,000 pensioners.

The Chinese have been in talks with PIC for several months and it is thought a deal could be announced in the next two weeks, but PIC declined to comment.

The company is just the latest British firm to interest Chinese backers. China is expected to invest several billion pounds into a nuclear power station at Hinkley Point in Somerset should the project go ahead.

The Chinese also have stakes in the likes of BP, Barclays and Thames Water and have taken control of Pizza Express, Sunseeker and House of Fraser.

– WATCH THIS SPACE –

NCR Fellowship  
January 2015 – December 2015

## Membership summary:

UK members	465
2015 New members	14
<b>Total membership 2015</b>	<b>479</b>
Deceased members	18
Non renewals	16
<b>Starting membership 2016</b>	<b>445</b>

## Membership by region

Region 1	26
2E	38
2W	36
3	39
4	173
5	25
6	21
7	27
8	17
9	20
10	14
11 (overseas)	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>445</b>

## Financial Summary:

<b>Income</b>	Total b/f	4687.85
	Membership fees	4390
	New members	120
	Donation	231
	Early payments 16	20
	<b>Total</b>	<b>9448.85</b>
<b>Outgoings</b>	Expenses	670.80
	Postscript	3304.60
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3975.40</b>
<b>Balance c/f</b>		<b>5473.45</b>

NB. Subject to audit planned June 2016  
Expenses covers all administrative costs  
(eg. postage, copying, annual meeting)



Our NCR Historian Ian Ormerod, has been taking a break exploring the historic Route 66. During his travels he discovered the sailing cruiser above. Note its home port registration! (Dayton - by-the-Sea?)



## BRONZED IN GERMANY

By Brian Seddon, FED/CMS

Well when I was there in early August 2015 the thermometer was hitting 44 degrees with wall to wall blue skies. It was indeed most fortunate mein host had a swimming pool adjacent to his patio at the rear of his house. A cool down dip could thus be enjoyed when things got hot!

Firstly though I should explain location – I was in the village of Donsieders, South West Pfalz region of Germany. This region shares borders with Luxembourg and France, the nearest large towns to Donsieders being Pirmasens and Kaiserslautern. The latter is still the "R & R" town for American service personnel stationed at the massive Ramstein Airbase and military facility. Visits to any of the bars in 'K' Town will involve you in a friendly American speak conversation.

Secondly why am I here – this goes back to my working life as a mainframe Computer Field Service Engineer with NCR. Updating training as new bits of kit were installed was vital and at that time NCR's Technical Training School was in Dundee, Scotland. Here I first came into contact With Herr Koejer working in a similar position for NCR Germany. We shared a common interest for carousing late into the night which as you might imagine did not make us the best of students the next day! Cutting to the chase, after losing touch for some 12 years we met up in London in 2003 to celebrate my 60th birthday. Since then I have regularly visited him and his wife in Donsieders, his home village.

Thirdly, what is the title of this article about? Being an Invicta Military Vehicle Preservation Society member implies an interest in all things military and I discovered in the village was an active section of Verband der Reservisten der Deutschen Bundeswehr, or in English Organisation of German Army Reservists. Each year I was in the village, at Christmas Market, I would pitch in and help these guys with such tasks as preparing the Pea Soup to serving behind the bar using my schoolboy German, (interesting,) and any other jobs to be done. Little did I realize at the time what this might bring.

So fast forward to August 2015 and the Donsieders 'Heimatfest' an annual weekend of summer celebrations to



The 'Welcome' sign as one enters the Village.



Herr Koejers cooling Pool.

which the vast majority of the populace attends. Curiously my host insisted we should be at the Village Square, the Dorf Platz, for 17:45 hours on Sunday 9th August but without revealing why. I soon found out – at 18:00 a PA call from the local Burgomeister, Peter Spitz, requested my presence at the front of the stage and shortly after we two were joined by a full uniformed Matthias Littig one of the main men in the local reservists. Speeches in German followed which was when I realized I was about to get a Bronze 'Gong' for services rendered.

Matthias translated the award speech into English for my benefit then smartly stepped in front of me and pinned the



Mein Host, Herr Koejer in white shirt, strikes a typical well practiced pose.



award on. Hardly believing then that an Englishman was receiving a medal from the German Army – Cor Blimey, Luv a Duck, Knock me down with a Feather, were initial reactions. But, what a unique honour and a most kind gesture.

Of course this event had to be celebrated with copious rounds of 'Park' Lager, the local brew from Pirmasens. Almost like old times in Dundee!



*Yours Truly receiving the Bronze gong.*



*Speeches from The Burgomeister and uniformed Matthias Littig, Bundeswehr Reservist.*



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DES VERBANDES DER RESERVISTEN  
DER DEUTSCHEN BUNDESWEHR E.V.  
VERLEIHE ICH

Herrn  
**Brain SEDDON**

IN ANERKENNUNG  
FÜR VERDIENSTE  
UM DEN VERBAND  
DAS EHRENABZEICHEN IN BRONZE

Bonn, 01. Februar 2014

*Roderich Kiesewetter*

Roderich Kiesewetter MdB  
Präsident



*The Presentation Certificate.*

## CPC SIDESHOWS

*Michael Croneen*



I have to blame my old garden shears for being suddenly transported back over twenty years to the times I spent working on CPC's around the world. The shears were to be thrown away and the oily red cotton blade protector was unwound to reveal, much to my surprise, a red t-shirt (medium) with a message across the chest announcing 'NCR CPC Rio de Janeiro'. It was this t-shirt which caused so much consternation with the CPC committee in Rio.

As an organizing group, we arrived a week before the convention opening. After a day or two we became aware of the number of taxi drivers and hotel gardeners wearing our t-shirts. A visit to the store room in the hotel indicated that one bale of shirts from Dayton was missing. After much deliberation, it was decided not to involve the hotel management or police. The return of the t-shirts was impossible, so we decided to treat the incident as an impromptu promotional exercise. There were enough t-shirts to go around, although size choice was hampered.

It was remembering this incident that triggered off other



memories. Here are some which I would like to share with Postscript readers.

### **The Incident of a German who Questioned English Wine – CPC London**

I was billeted in a London hotel during this convention with mainly a German and Scandinavian group of salespeople.

Much earlier the CPC committee had decided to give three presents to each delegate. One at a time, to be delivered to their bedrooms whilst they dined. Gift one was a bottle of Bells whisky, gift two was a Wedgwood ashtray and table lighter and gift three a large bottle of Yardley's lavender water with an ornate basketwork jacket.

I was speaking to a salesman from Augsburg before his departure and he related a story concerning his room-mate. Apparently, his friend consumed the whisky on night one; thoroughly admired the Wedgwood pieces on night two and had consumed all the lavender water on night three. He announced that the Yardley's wine was far too aromatic and not as good as Rhine wines.

We both agreed that his breath would be most acceptable for a long time after his return to Augsburg.

### **The Incident of the Reluctant Donkey – CPC Palma**

The CPC Gala Dinner was always on the last evening and a time for merry-making.

I happened to be in the reception of the hotel, long after dinner and about to go to bed. To my left were the hotel's main glass entrance doors.

I was aware that about four salesmen were bundling a small grey donkey through the doors. The donkey was then reluctantly pushed towards the lifts. Here it became obstinate and refused any further movement. It was also the moment that the hotel management became active.

Surprisingly, the scene quietened and dissolved very quickly. The salesmen went to their rooms and the donkey was led away by the assistant manager.

No complaint followed the incident, which was a great relief to me. I never discovered how the donkey was found or what the intentions were when the donkey was installed in the hotel.

Some incidents, I recall, were best left alone as the likelihood of a return visit was unlikely.

### **The Incident of the Swede with an unexpected headache – CPC London**

The main business meeting was held at the Fairfield Hall in Croydon. I had been detailed to take up a position in the auditorium roof, where a ceiling panel had been removed. At one point during the speech given by George Haynes, he would exclaim 'Yes, a billion dollars!' This was my cue to scatter 'billion dollar bills' over the audience below.

I am not good with heights and, unfortunately, instead of scattering the notes, I let go of two unwrapped bundles. I saw them fall and hit someone seated below. I shut down

the overhead operation at once and went down to see if any damage had been inflicted on some innocent salesperson. Nothing seemed out of the ordinary when I reached the auditorium and I was very relieved.

However, at the buffet lunch I noticed a young Swedish salesman with a large plaster behind his ear. I asked him what had happened. He wasn't sure how he had received the blow. I kept quiet and hoped that was the end of the incident.



### **The Incident of a Missing Colleague – CPC Cancun, Mexico**

As always, the CPC committee arrived in Cancun a week before the start.

Meetings were usually daily but conducted in a fairly flexible manner. 'R' from Dayton was in charge of all delegates and their history and sales accomplishments. It was an exacting task.

'R' and I usually had breakfast together. I became concerned when I failed to see him for two days. I asked the hotel to look into his room and track any room service requests he may have made. This drew a blank. This became a real concern. With the hotel receptionist I checked with the police and then the local hospitals. At last, 'R' was tracked down to a local private hospital. I went at once to the hospital to find a very fed-up and angry 'R'.

Apparently, 'R', who is a dedicated runner, was out training early one morning and had become overcome with the heat. Somehow, he was swept up by the hospital and put into a locked private room.

As 'R' had been in his running gear, he had no means of paying the required \$1000 to be discharged. We will never know what would have happened if I hadn't found him and was able to pay the bill.

### **The Incident of Probable Money Laundering – CPC Dubrovnik**

It was decided to give the salespersons pocket money rather than gifts at this CPC. This money would be handed



over and signed for on their arrival, along with convention information. The cash (dinars) was late in arriving as the local bank had underestimated the amount required. At last it arrived and it became my responsibility to count out the amount for each person and put it into named envelopes.

In my bedroom I was surrounded by bundles of banknotes. After hours of stuffing envelopes, there was a knock at the door and a very welcome pot of coffee arrived. The look on the room-service girl's face was priceless and she departed open mouthed.

About fifteen minutes later there was another knock on my door; this time very loud and authoritative. In barged a very large hotel security man, who demanded to know what was going on.

After much explanation, he departed rather reluctantly with, I am certain, a belief that I was up to some very suspicious money dealings.

Whenever I passed the security man, he always gave me a deeply disbelieving look.

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Now, looking back over some of my CPC experiences, I am surprised that there were so few upsets.

Considering so many enthusiastic, successful and fun-seeking salespeople were gathered together in exciting venues, there were few difficult incidents and the CPC's were thoroughly appreciated.

## WHY I BELIEVE I HAVE BEEN AWARDED THE LEGION D'HONNEUR

Ron Mason

Well, to start with I was in the thick of it for about three months during The Battle of Britain and then posted to Coastal Command for The Battle of the Atlantic and on to Bomber Command where I joined Air Crews in night Operations. There I participated in 37 attacks on Germany, 4 of which were on Berlin and took 10 hours each way and was a total massacre.

But then 150 squadron was stood down until the Dams Raid as it was a sister sqdn to Gibson's 617 sqdn. At Scampton one day, I was asked to DI six Lancs but refused as I was not prepared to sign the Airworthiness Certificate when they had no bomb doors. I was then told 'in strictest secrecy', that it was because they would be dropping motorbikes to the Resistance and needed the space, so I did as I was ordered.

150 sqdn went back to smashing train tracks until one day we were ordered to bomb-up with Armour-Piercing bombs, so we knew were going on something special but didn't know where as we only got co-ordination and had no idea afterwards if it had been successful or a 'abortive sortie'.

However we later heard that as the advance progressed a Squadron of Tiger Tanks was found, all smashed up and hidden in a wood like a lot of scrap iron, we were sure we had done it.

The story went that the Boche had pulled this squadron of Tigers out of the line in Russia and entrained them across Europe to deal with the Landings, PRU had followed them and when they got within 25 miles the French Landing Sector, Bomber Command sent out the order and we did the rest. If they had reached the beaches, thousands of French troops would have been lost.

I believe we had destroyed the train tracks and that they had to de-train and continue under their own power until they ran out of fuel and while they waited for supplies had hidden in the woods where we caught up with them.

This could be why this order was awarded as I'm one of the very few still alive from 150 sqdn and they are not given posthumously.



AMBASSADE DE FRANCE  
LONDRES

L'AMBASADEUR  
No 2015 - 929481

9 December 2015

Dear Mr Mason,

I have the pleasure of informing you that the President of the Republic has appointed you to the rank of *Chevalier* in the *Ordre national de la Légion d'honneur*.

I offer you my warmest congratulations on this high honour in recognition of your acknowledged military engagement and your steadfast involvement in the Liberation of France during the Second World War.

As we contemplate this Europe of peace, we must never forget the heroes like you, who came from Britain and the Commonwealth to begin the liberation of Europe by liberating France. We owe our freedom and security to your dedication, because you were ready to risk your life.

I am happy to enclose your insignia of *Chevalier de la Légion d'honneur* and once again extend to you my heartfelt congratulations.



The death this week of Mohammed Ali reminded me of the Superfight, staged between Ali and Rocky Marciano on January 20th 1970.

Those of you who have followed the many tributes and replays of his fights in the last few days will probably not have seen any reference to the Superfight or heard the story of NCR's involvement.

In 1967 a Miami boxing promoter, arranged a series of radio plays featuring fantasy fights between boxing champions from different decades.

The state of the art NCR 315 with 20k memory and Cram (Card Random Access Memory) was the computer selected for the lead role in this story.

Algorithms were provided by NCR's Dr. E.C. Yowell of Dayton. The computer was fed statistics covering the boxers' abilities and the program written in Fortran did the calculations, provided the blow by blow commentary, the round by round results, and finally declared the winner.

In the first round Mohammed Ali was matched against Max Schmelling and then in a later round, according to the computer, was defeated by Jim Jeffery.

The final of this series of fantasy fights was won by Marciano who was deemed by the computer to have defeated Jack Dempsey.

A great and definitive result, one would have thought, but not for Ali who felt that he had been slighted and sued Woroner for defamation of character.

## THE SUPERFIGHT



In order to settle the lawsuit Woroner arranged to have a fantasy fight between Marciano "The All-time computer champion" and Mohammed Ali. He then convinced the two undefeated champions to simulate on film what the NCR315 predicted for a fee of \$10,000.

Marciano had retired 13 years previously at the age of 33 and had to wear a toupee to make himself look younger in the simulated fight.

Ali had been stripped of his boxing title and had his licence revoked after his refusal to join the draft and serve

in Vietnam and needed to make some money.

Hank Kaplan the Technical Director of the project compiled data from the last five years of each fighter's career/ Every jab, hook, uppercut, hard and soft hits and evasion tactics were listed, a total of 129 variables. He then flew to NCR Dayton where the NCR team used the variables in the 315 program to simulate the fight, create a blow by blow script and come up with a winner.

Filming took place in secret in Miami with a smaller ring than usual, a black backdrop and no crowds. The result predicted by the computer was kept a total secret.

The script was used to plan the film with 70 rounds of sparring which were then spliced into 13 rounds to match the computer script. Crowd noises and the sounds of blows were added in later. No head blows were allowed but soft body blows were permitted: but there was a suggestion that these became a lot harder as the two boxers tried to make the simulation as realistic as possible.





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Sadly, three weeks after filming was completed Marciano died in a plane crash travelling from Chicago to Des Moines.

On January 20th 1970 the "Fight of the Century" was shown just once in 1500 theatres in the USA, Canada and Europe. One copy of the film was placed in the Library of Congress and all other copies supposedly destroyed.

Well who won?

After 12 rounds the score was even, 114 points to each boxer.



The official version was that Marciano knocked out Ali in the 13th. The common perception at the time was that it would have been politically incorrect, at that time, to have had a non-white boxer who had refused the draft and been banned to have won.

There were stories circulation that the theatres in the south showed Ali winning while in northern states the ending was a victory for Marciano. Whatever the truth is the the official champ was Marciano but several endings were filmed by the promoters.

After the film was shown Ali appeared on a TV and jokingly claimed the fight was a sham and that the computer was racist.

A further fight simulation was run on the 315, in September 1970, between Joe Frazier and Bob Foster, the computer forecast that Frazier would be defeated in the 6th round but in reality Frazier knocked Foster out 49 seconds into the second round. After that erroneous prediction the interest in computer simulated fantasy boxing fights ended. But the memories of Ali live on.

Ian Ormerod  
 June 10, 2016

## GOD'S PLAN FOR AGING ...

### Most seniors never get enough exercise.

In his wisdom. God Decreed that seniors become forgetful, so they would have to search for their glasses, keys and other things, thus doing more walking. And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God saw there was a need. In His wisdom, he made seniors lose coordination so they would drop things, requiring them to bend, reach and stretch. And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God considered the function of bladders, and decided seniors would have additional calls of nature requiring more trips to the bathroom, thus providing more exercise. God looked down and saw that it was good.

So, if you find that as you age, your are getting up and down more, remember it's God's will. It is all in your best interest, even though you mutter under your breath.



## CHRIS DUNN – SWIMMING MULTI RECORD HOLDER

I am Chris Dunn, in service with NCR from 1st April 1985 and retired 30 Nov 2008.

During that time working primarily on ATMs and self service projects.

Briefly:

- Just entered the 70-74 years age group
- In the South East Region Masters in Jan 2016 at K2 pool Crawley gained 7 GB & 5 European Long Course records
- In the GB Masters Sheffield in April 2016 gained 5 GB (3 improved & 2 new ones), 3 improved European & 1 World record
- In the European Masters Champs at the London Aquatic Centre in May 2016 gained 3 Golds and one improved European record

I have attached some press releases and pics of these activities.

Also, including an NCR Open Up News doc from 1996 with a mini article on a few records achieved.

I also received some sponsorship from NCR when competing in the World Masters Champs in 1996, but I could only find the details of the fax I sent my local paper and not the article in the NCR news doc.



### 21 Medals for East Region Swimmers at the European Masters

The LEN European Masters Swimming Championships took place at the London Aquatics Centre from 25 to 29 May. Over



*Triple gold medal winner Chris Dunn in action at the European Masters*

10,000 competitors from 48 nations descended on the 2012 Olympic venue to battle it out for European medals.

Although competitors were limited to a maximum of three individual events, there were still some very long queues, very short warm-ups and almost half the events were held in the warm-up pool rather than the iconic Olympic competition pool. Despite these challenges, there was some fantastic swimming from East Region masters swimmers.

Chris Dunn (Hatfield) won gold medals in all three of his 70/74yrs freestyle events – 200m, 400m and 800m – breaking his own British and European record for the 200 event. Janet Masters (South Beds) was also a triple medal winner in the 75/79yrs age group with silvers in 100m fly and 100m back and a bronze in the 200m IM.



### SWIMMING

Hatfield Swimming Club's Chris Dunn smashed five European Masters records in the 70-74 years age group in the South East Region Long Course Championships at the K2 pool in Crawley, Sussex.

From the five freestyle events ranging from the 50m to 800m and the 200m and 400m individual medleys (IM), the seven wins provided five European and seven Great Britain records.

Dunn's best win was the 400m freestyle in five minutes 13:26 seconds as this was just 1.21 seconds off from a world record.

■ Chris Dunn

## Nicely Dunn! Chris coasts his way to five European records

He also completed the 50m in 29.7secs, 100m in 65.59secs, 200 in 2:27.42, 400 in 5:13.26 and 800m in 10:50.20.

The 200m individual medley was in 2:56.26 secs and the most tiring event, the 400 IM in 6:23.93.

The K2 event was a major draw this year, with its largest turnout to date. It provided preparation for the European Masters Championships at London Aquatics Centre on May 25.

The European Masters follows on from the Senior European

Swimming, Diving and Synchronised Swimming Championships which start on May 9 at the London Aquatics Centre. It is the first time the three disciplines have partnered each other at a championships.

Hatfield SC Masters are training hard this year to compete in the Euro Championships with Masters coach George Knight watching over them.

Anyone aspiring for glory or swim fitness can visit [www.hatfieldswimmingclub.org.uk](http://www.hatfieldswimmingclub.org.uk) for more details on HSC.



# Hatfield swimmer breaks freestyle world record

## SWIMMING

Hatfield Swimming Club member Chris Dunn claimed an amazing world record at the British Masters Long Course Championships in Sheffield last weekend.

Dunn set a new 70-74 years old 400m freestyle record with a time of five minutes 11.68 seconds.

Benefiting from the early morning training sessions of Hatfield's new director of swimming, Janko Gojkovic, Dunn improved on the five European and seven British records

achieved in January at the South East Region Long Course Championships at the K2 pool in Crawley.

Dunn said: "I was 1.2 seconds off the world record at Crawley so I knew I was in with a chance."

"I swam out faster in the first half of the race and managed to increase the pace going into the final length and just managed to complete the last few yards before my limbs gave out through oxygen starvation."

"It was worth the effort when I was looking up to see the overhead scoreboard showing one second off the world record."

On top of the world record,

Dunn added the 100m freestyle European record in 1:05.45 and 200m backstroke British record to 3:03.21 and improved both his 200m freestyle European record to 2:26.50 and 50m freestyle British record to 29.36 seconds.

In preparation for the European Masters Championships at the London Aquatics Centre, starting on May 25, Dunn is setting his sights on the 200m, 400m and 800m freestyle events, the maximum amount one participant can enter at the meet.

For more information on the club visit [www.hatfieldswimmingclub.org.uk](http://www.hatfieldswimmingclub.org.uk)



## EAST SWIMMING

### New World Marker for Dunn at British Masters Champs 2016

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East Region swimmers set a total of 10 British, 3 European and 1 World Record when competing in the British Masters Championships in Sheffield from 1st to 3rd April.

Hatfield's 70 year old Chris Dunn competing in the 400m freestyle event touched the wall first in 5:11.68 setting his first ever World Record. This bettered his own British and European Record by 2.4 seconds set earlier this year. Chris also set an impressive European 70/74 years marker of 2:26.50 in the 200m freestyle and he posted a new European best time of 1:05.45 to take gold in the Men's 70/74 years 100m freestyle, both of these times lowered Chris's own British and European Records. Chris also lowered his own

British Record for 50m freestyle in 29.36 and set a new British Record of 3:03.21 for the 200m backstroke.



Chris Dunn 400m world record finish

### GB Masters Records – Long Course

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200m Freestyle	2:25.42	Chris Dunn (70-74 years)	26/05/16	Stratford, London
100m Freestyle	1:05.45	Chris Dunn (70-74 years)	3/04/16	Sheffield
50m Freestyle	29.36	Chris Dunn (70-74 years)	2/04/16	Sheffield
200m Backstroke	3:03.21	Chris Dunn (70-74 years)	2/04/16	Sheffield
200m IM	2:56.26	Chris Dunn (70-74 years)	24/01/16	K2 Crawley
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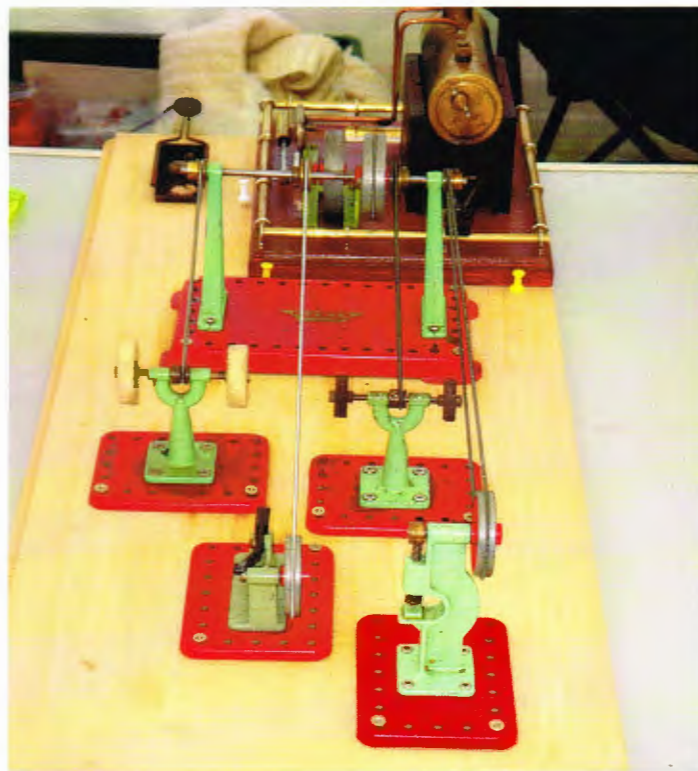


## STEAM & THE CIRCUS

Every two years the village of Newton Saint Cyres in Devon holds its Revels. This consists of a super fete when each local society mounts an exhibition to show off its particular interests. This year's event was held at the beginning of July and your Editor was invited to exhibit his miniature steam engines. Readers may recall that, in a previous issue of Post Script, a description of that year's exhibit was covered. As a variation this year, the use of steam power used in the past in circus environments was the theme. A miniature circus ground complete with big top, helter-skelter and roundabout was set up and, in the background various steam vehicles ranging in scale from 1/72 up to 1/12 were drawn up. Also on display was a working stationary steam



engine driving a variety of tools. The stand proved to be very popular with the children, many of whom did not even know what a circus was!



## GROAN !

Ever since I was a child I've had a fear of someone hiding under my bed at night. This has persisted into adulthood and so finally, I decided to consult a psychiatrist. Having outlined my problem he said "Put yourself in my hands for one year, come and see me three times a week and we should be able to eliminate your fears". "How much do you charge?" I asked. "£80 per visit" he replied. "I'll sleep on it" I said.

Six months later I happened to meet up with the same psychiatrist who asked; "Why didn't you come back to see me about those fears you were having?". "Well, £80 a visit

three times a week seemed like an awful lot of money" I replied. "A barman cured me for £10. I was so happy to have saved all that money I bought a new car instead!" "Is that so..." he answered, "and how did a barman cure your phobia?" "He told me to cut the legs off my bed" I said.

I was in the checkout queue for less than 10 items when a woman, completely ignoring the sign, slipped in front of me with a trolley piled high with her purchases. Imagine my delight when the cashier looked into the trolley and asked politely: "So which 10 items would you like to purchase?"!!!

## GOD'S PLAN FOR AGING ... Pt 2

### Nine important facts to remember as we grow older:

- 9 Death is the number 1 killer in the world.
- 8 Life is sexually transmitted.
- 7 Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.
- 6 Men have 2 motivations: hunger and hanky-panky, and they can't tell them apart. If you see a gleam in his eyes, make him a sandwich.
- 5 Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day. Teach a person to use the internet, and they won't bother you for weeks, months, maybe years!

- 4 Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in hospital, dying of nothing.
- 3 All us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.
- 2 In the 60's, people took acid to make the world weird. No the world is weird, and people take Prozac to make it normal.
- 1 Life is like a jar of jalapeno peppers. What you do today may be a burning issue tomorrow.

Don't ignore this message.

This is your only warning.



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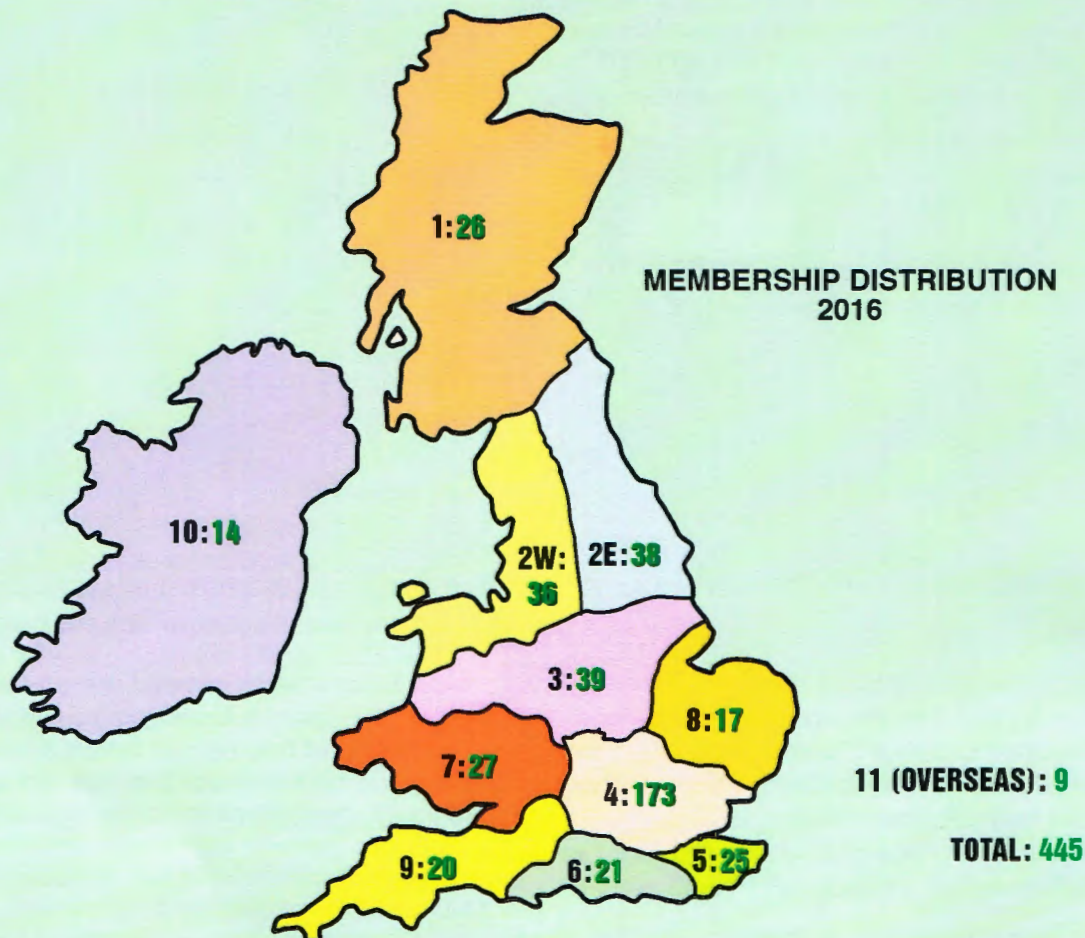
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