

Chris Dunn, whose swimming achievements were reported in the Summer edition of Postscript, celebrated his 70th with this magnificent cake.

XMAS MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I am pleased to report that the Fellowship is still going strong and that we continued to welcome new members during 2016. Our lunches have been well attended and it is a great pleasure to see new faces meeting up with long standing members.

However, with the current structure of NCR, it gets more difficult to find new members, so we would appreciate any help that you can give by encouraging other ex-colleagues or new retirees that you know to join us.

My thanks to all our members for their continued support and to the Committee members for all that they do to keep the Fellowship going.

Merry Christmas and a happy new year to you and your families.

Lin

AROUND THE REGIONS

Region 1 – Jack Whyte

The autumn lunch took place at Qua Restaurant in Ingram St in Glasgow on 19th October, which was followed by a some liquid refreshments at the Committee Rooms in John Street. Quite a few were unable to make an appearance (we received apologies from **Fred Wieworka**, **David McIntosh**, **Bob Stewart** and **Neil Bathie** who usually attend) so just 16 colleagues showed up – on a beautiful dry autumn day in Glasgow. As usual, they came from all points of the Scottish compass – **Brian Strathdee**, **Iain MacLachlan**, **Ginger Gray** & **George Benson** from darkest Edinburgh, **Wallace Hay** and **George Brown** from sunny Ayrshire and some of the usual suspects from the far north and east including **Hamish MacKenzie** from Strathpeffer, **John McElroy** from Aberdeen, **Peter Kemp** from Dundee and **Bill Hudson** from Pitlochry. Those more local to Glasgow included **Peter Hardern**, **Roger Green** and **John Mackay**.

We were especially please to see **Scott Caldwell** again looking very well indeed and, of course, **Jim Marshall** as sprightly as ever although he was not going dancing that afternoon after a big lunch.

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

George Benson, **Bill Hudson**, **Scott Caldwell**, **Allan Caldwell**, **Roger Green**, **George Brown**, **John (Ginger) Gray**, **Peter Hardern**, **John Mackay**, **Wallace Hay**, **Peter Kemp**, **Hamish MacKenzie**, **Iain MacLachlan**, **Jim Marshall**, **John McElroy**, **Brian Starthdee** and **Jack Whyte**.



The full gathering



John Mackay and Roger Green



George Brown with Bill Hudson



Scott Caldwell and Hamish Mackenzie



John McElroy and George Benson



Peter Hardern. Jim Marshall and Wallace Hay

Region 1 continued



Brian Strathdee and John Gray



Peter Kemp and Jack Whyte

Region 2E – Pat Keogh

Our October Lunch was held on the 26th at Otley Golf Club on the outskirts of Otley. We had booked the 19th but the evening booking for that day asked for the room all day to set up so we had to change date at the last minute which affected our normally high turnout. However the eighteen attendees, listed in the photos, had a very enjoyable lunch and chinwag.

Sadly the day opened with the announcement that **Laurie Edwards**, of Terradata Manchester, had passed away.

Tony Mudd, an ex Cash Register Engineer, attended this lunch for the first time and intends to continue. I also jokingly marked down **Phil Wilkinson** as a new attendee as he



Left of the gap - Dave Dawson John Evanson Graham Hatton Alan Ludlam Keith Penny



Pat Keogh updating the group

hadn't attended for some years for various family and health reasons. It was nice to see him again. The downside was however that his wife and grandchild were in Otley spending his money.

Unable to attend for a mixture of reasons were **Harrold Hunter**, **Bob Appleby**, **Richard Willett** and **June Rudge-Priestly**. The change of date also caught out **Roger Fernside**, **Bas Pickard**, **Mike Green**, **Andrew Hill** and **Norman and Denise Roberts**.

Don Ward and **Judy** were on the attendance list but had to pull out at the last minute due to Judy taking ill.

Also caught out by the date change were the York Team, **Maureen Burdis**, **Silvia Beck**, **Sheila Davidson** and their driver **Peter Raisbeck**. They had bought tickets for another event.

Sandy McMillan emailed me to say that he and **Pauline** couldn't make it but reported the arrival of their seventh grandchild and a very expensive Christmas. The even better news for Sandy was that the most recent arrival was born in Scotland. If I were one of the six English grandchildren I would be very worried about my inheritance.

Peter Ramsden is just back from holiday and is very busy supporting his son's plumbing business. Also **Dave Cowley's** wife is quite poorly at the moment and he couldn't make it.

Jean Pugh, **Ron's** wife, was rushed into hospital last week with a blood clot in the throat. She's doing well and was due home. **Geoff Beaumont** and **Pauline** also sent their apologies. They did manage the May lunch and hoped to see us next May.



Peter Cundall Ian Beveridge Dick & Jacqui Sale

Region 2E continued



Sandy & Alan Dixon Walter Bullen Phil Wilkinson and Pat Keogh

Richard Slater now retired from the day job, is still too busy.

Frank Puesey is back in the States doing his tax. I wonder who he voted for.

Margaret Ellis and **Barbara Duncan** are at the Birmingham Lunch in Litchfield. They will see us in May as usual as they alternate between the two.

Mike and **Mary Wood** have swapped their caravan for a jet are in Canada till the end of October.

Walter Scarth has always sent me a report to keep in touch and let us know how he is doing. He has been the fulltime carer for his wife **Pam** for some years and has not been able to attend the lunches. Unfortunately his latest report informs me that Pam passed away in August.

Ian Ormerod also touched base with me. Although he lives much further away now, I would hope to see him in the future. Ian has been a great supporter of my Leeds lunches in the past, both with attendance and doing various presentations.

After updating everyone I gave a brief report on the Chairman's Report.

You may recall from my report of my May Lunch that **John Evanson** did a presentation of a children's book that his wife produced for charity after recovering from cancer. Quite a number of the attendees bought a copy to support the charity. John and Cynthia have now sent me more detailed information which is produced in an article later in this issue along with some photos. I hope you find it interesting and maybe purchase a copy of the excellent book or make a donation.

Future Dates.

Our future lunches will be on the 3rd Wednesday in May and the 4th Wednesday in October.

Next Lunch:- Wednesday 17th May 2017.



The view of The Golf Course from the dining room

Region 2W - Vacant

I am saddened to see that, when receiving reports from the various Regional Organisers, that Region 2W still has no Organiser. Organising a Regional Lunch really isn't that difficult and there must be someone in Region 2W willing to do this. It is such a shame that a large number of the Fellowship members are unable to get together once or twice a year to keep up their friendships. Please, if you are willing to run a lunch or two, get in touch with Lin who will be pleased to get you started. **Geoff Jackson** Editor.

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



Dene Templeman and Keith Templeman.



Joe & Jenny Teeling and Phil Rock

Region 3 continued

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.



Kevin Rixson and Kay Davidson.



Jim McHugh and Noel Shaw.



Ian Davidson and Marian Rixson.



Peter and Vicky Heywood.



Fiona and Jill McPhail.



Clarence Allutt and Joy Wright.

Region 3 continued



Duncan and Dorothy McCondochie.



Rita and Harry Ridge.

Region 4 – Roger Whelan

The London Region's annual lunch was held at the Corus Hotel in Lancaster Gate close to Hyde Park and Kensington Gardens on Wednesday 5th October 2016. This was the 8th year at the hotel and not for the first time we found that most of the staff had changed. But after a meeting with the hotel management we were soon assured that our needs would be met and the day would be a success. We are lucky to have a central London venue where the service and the food are very good and the price is reasonable. The new manager was very keen to make sure that everything was to our liking. Long may it continue!

Hopefully everything met with the approval of all our guests many of whom travelled a long way to be there. **John O'Shea** still takes first prize for travel distance, coming as he does from Orkney!

We had 62 Fellowship guests this year, a few less than last year as, unfortunately, a few expected guests were not able to make it at the last minute. It was a great pleasure to welcome several new guests for the first time and hopefully they will come again next year. These included **Graham Brookman, Barbara Burvill, Mary Cronin, Tracey Harrison, Vince Parry, Allan Robertson and Roger Lintern.**

Lin Sandell and **Stephen Swinbank**, chair and president respectively of the NCR Fellowship gave a short update on events leading up to the transfer of the Pension Fund to PIC Plc and the settlement of the annuity arrangements under which the pensioners now receive their pension. It was satisfying to be reminded about how well that turned out!

I have included a list of attendees as a reminder for all those who were present and which could be used as a prompt to tempt others to come and join us next year and continue to make it an enjoyable annual reunion.

As always I am extremely 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!

I got the impression that everyone enjoyed the event but

if you have any comments or suggestions how we might improve the arrangements, please let me know. We have managed to keep the same price for the meal since we started at the Corus Hotel and will have to see how far we can hold the line next year!

I would like to offer the suggestion that we start half an hour earlier next year. The reason is that the hotel requires us to vacate the room by 3pm so that their staff can prepare for another event. This usually requires a bit of gentle but firm ushering. If we were to start lunch at 12.30 rather than 1pm and arrive from 11.30 onwards we would have a bit more time after the meal. What do you think? Please let me have some feedback about whether you think this would be convenient before firming up next year's arrangements. You can email me at r.whelan2007@btinternet.com or telephone 01225 464286.

To sum up, it was a great opportunity to meet with old colleagues and to have an enjoyable get together for a few hours and any feedback you send will be most welcome and will be seriously considered.

I am looking forward to the next Fellowship Lunch on Wednesday 4th October 2017 at the same venue.

Fellowship Guests:

Barbara Burvill, Dennis Cash, George Cass, Alan Chard, Roy Cheal, Mary Cronin, Ida Daly, Ian Davidson, John Davies, Chris Dunn, John Fenner, Roy Gardner, Robert Gray, Patricia Hague, Bernard Harris, Ray Harris, Tracey Harrison, Melville Hill, Keith Hollands, Ann Humphreys, Geoff Jackson, Lal Kerai, Roger Lintern, Paul Livesey, Julia Lomas, Hilda Lott, Douglas Milsom, John Munday, John Nanzer, Alan Nickell, John O'Connor, Joan O'Farrell, John O'Shea, Richard Packer, Eric Page, Vince Parry, Cliff Ree, Allan Robertson, Bob Robinson, Andrew Robinson, Lin Sandell, Peter Shipp, John Smith, John Souster, Roy Southward, Peter Staines, Stanley Statt, Mike Sumner, Stephen Swinbank, Rodney Velloso, Vince Wake, Roger Whelan, Paul Williams, Ron Wiltshire, Chrissy Young.

Region 4 London Lunch continued



Alan Robertson & Roger Whelan



George Cass & Ron Wiltshire



John Atkins & Chrissy Young



Cliff Ree & John O'Connor



Dennis Cash & Doug Milsom



Roy Garner, Steve Swinbank, Ray Harris & Wallace Avery.



John Atkins' Girls! Namely: Mary Cronin, Barbara Burvill, Tracy Harrison and Pat Hague*.

* Mary, Tracy & Pat worked in Accounts Receivable and Barbara in Payroll.

Region 5 – Anthony Welch

We had our lunch on 19th October, at the Malta Inn, Allington. Nice venue and handy for the M20.

An improvement on our spring lunch, there were thirteen members present. **Neville Hurion** was unable to be with us due to health problems, and **Pete Withey** was exploring the continent. You may think from the pictures we enforce segregation, we don't, it was the ladies idea, I think it was a success, it went on for nearly four hours.

Merry Christmas All.



Chris Stocker, Ray Howes, Estelle Sillett



Carol Howes, Jenny Nash, Wendy Elliott



Fay Welch, Sue Chilton



Tom Elliott, Peter Shipp, Rod Nash, Bob Chilton



All the Ladies



Ray Howes, Tony Welch

WILL YOU HELP US?

The task of publishing and distributing PostScript is quite demanding for one person and we are looking for someone to volunteer to help us with the distribution.

This would involve receiving the copies from the printers, putting them into envelopes, attaching the labels and the stamps and taking them to the Post Office, and of course this is an activity which is only carried out twice a year.

If you would like to volunteer or would like more information, please contact me using my details on the back page of this magazine.

Many thanks
Lin

Region 6 – Alan Hutchins

Region 6 held their 2016 Lunch at the Castle Hotel, Bramber West Sussex once again on October 5th 2016. It was a beautiful day so those who travelled a long way had a good journey. The meal was excellent as we have come to expect from this hotel. We were 20 in number, a little down on last year, but as we are getting older I suppose we must expect this. We had some absences due to illness. **Jim and Christine Bates** were unable to attend due to illness as were **John & Margaret Stephenson**. **Trevor Collins** could not come again and is always missed. We had a visit from **Rod Nash** from Region 5, it was very nice to see him. Some of us who worked with Rod had not seen him for over 20 years so it was very nice to catch up. We hope to return to the Castle next year, hopefully with a few more members.



Region 6 continued



Region 7 – John Jones

The Report of Region Seven's 25th October 2016 Get Together

We almost had a record attendance at our October get together, but a couple of last minute cancellations kept our numbers at 24. I stayed with the choice of venue as the Brewers Fayre Concorde at Filton just off the A38 as it is a straight run in from the M5, but if we have such large numbers again we may have to look elsewhere as there was quite a long delay in the arrival of the food. However this did give us more time to natter and catch up with news of absent friends.

After consulting with **Keith Ponting**, I kept the day as a Tuesday because he didn't have the grandchildren that day, but it was to no avail as Margaret went down with a cold on the day. Every cloud has a silver lining however because **Dave and Jan Robinson** did manage to come.

Those attending were. **Roy Back**, **Wayne Edmund** and wife **Angela** (A first visit hope we will see her again), **Maurice** and **Pat Keene**, **Rob Fairbairn**, **Jessie Wallace** and husband **Martin**, **Dave** and **Jean Jones**, **Jean Check** who was transported by **Mary Leader**. **Barry** and **Barbara Avery**, **Fred Macey**, **Chris Stocker**, **Annie Cunningham** and husband **Bev**, **Graham Watt**, **Paul** and **Angela Bryant** 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 **Rita Keitch** (Out to Lunch with her Grandson) **Dave Calford**, **Geoff Jackson**, **Bill Parke**, **Ian Omerod**, **Bob Kirkham**, **Chris Mumford**, **Colin Easterbrook**, **John Shadbolt**, **John**

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

I managed to pass round some membership application forms and a couple of old copies of Postscript maybe this will help boost the official membership.

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.



Barry Avery, Jean Jones and Pat Keene



Dave Robinson and Fred Macey



Martin and Jessie Wallace, Jan Robinson and Maurice Keene

Region 7 continued



Annie Cunningham, Graham Watt, Jean Cheek



Rob Fairbairn, Paul and Angela Bryant



Dave Jones and Barbara Avery



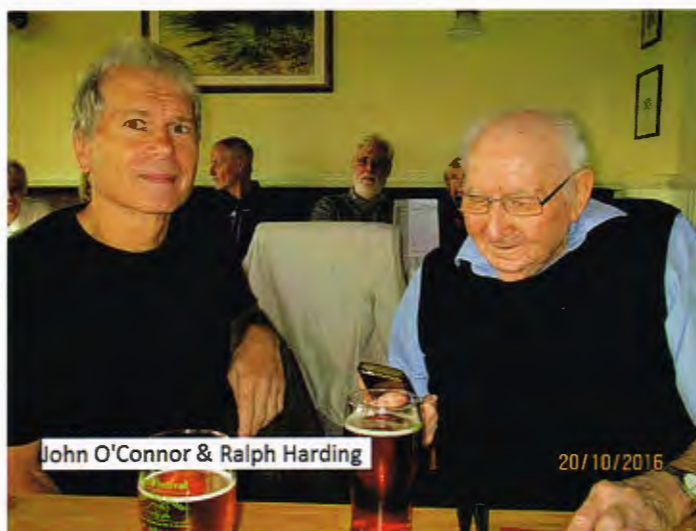
Mary Leader



Bev Cunningham



Annie Cunningham



John O'Connor & Ralph Harding

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Roy Back, Chris Stocker, Angela and Wayne Edmund



Frank Bellamy & Richard Craigie

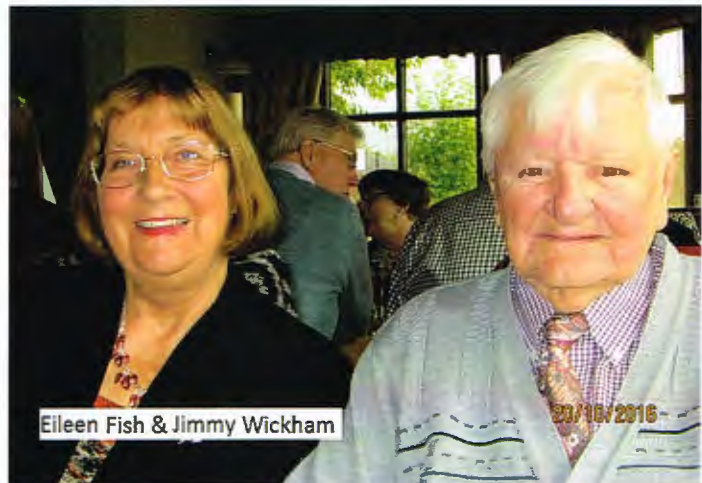
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Region 8 – Richard Craigie

We had another very enjoyable lunch at the Lazy Otter on Thursday 20th October, we were 20 in all as several of our group were unable to attend and our love and best wishes goes out to each and every one. Gloria and I gave a small Christmas raffle as a thank you to everybody for the support they give me during the year especially keeping me in touch with one another. Ralph's nephew very kindly brought Ralph again and Brian & Ina were over from Spain and brought their friend, Chris joined us again. Our Spring lunch is

Region 8 continued

booked at the Lazy Otter for Thursday the 27th April 2017. In attendance were **Richard & Linda Chamberlen**, **Tom & Avril Herbert**, **Dave Debnam**, **Jimmy Wickham & Eileen Fish**, **John O'Connor**, **Dennis Pearce**, **Ralph Harding**, **Frank & Gladys Bellamy**, **Colin & Olwen Franklin**, **Brian & Ina Bourdon**, **Ann Brader**, **Chris Stocker** and finally **Gloria & I**.



Region 9 – Jessie Wallace

We met at The Mount Pleasant Inn in Dawlish Warren on 13th November, a very pleasant venue which we have used many times before. Those present were **Derek and Pam Knibb, John and Betty Shadbolt, Tony and Sue Fiore, David and Brenda Evans, Geoff Jackson** and sister **Wendy and Jessie** and husband **Martin**.

The food continues to be very palatable and the conversation flowed freely. **David Evans** told us that he had made a video tracing the making of the enormous figures; Gog and Magog, which appeared at this year's London Lord Mayor's Show. Copies were made available for members to take away and enjoy.



Region 10 – Ken Carson

In this issue of the Fellowship Script, Region 10 has a double entry to post as our spring/summer get together was somewhat later than usual, to accommodate holidays and other personal commitments and even with the deferment your correspondent had to forego the pleasure due to an interposing family obligation. So many thanks to David Hogg and Bill Gordon for their photo record of the shenanigans.

Our venues for our two annual lunches are now well established and on Friday 1st July an eager eight of our fraternity made their way to bistro bar at Benedicts Hotel Belfast, for the first conclave of 2016. Benedicts provides a really affordable and wholesome carvery lunch in its Gothic themed bar complex, which has numerous nooks and crannies to cloister away even the most raucous caucus. None were reported on the day, but I am reliably informed that the usual friendly banter pervaded the afternoon, fuelled by recollections of a time when there was more social chat than media snap!

Friday October 21st was the date of our main annual lunch and with a resounding "Ni" all shrubberies were abandoned as we assembled around the big round table at the Ginger



Bistro. The menu was incredible once more and while being devoid of herring in any form, provided the usual profusion of appetising choices at reasonable forfeit. It was good to see everyone in such buoyant form and good humour and with the evidence of advances in bio-mechanical intervention on display, the future may not only be Orange, it may Trump that!

Thanks again to everyone for their support in making the conveners job such a pleasure and look forward to seeing you all again DV, mid-2017.



Region 10 continued



OBITUARIES

PIC reports the demise of the following NCR employees:

R C Brown	31.10.16	C D O'Brien	15.05.16
G A Fantham	10.08.16	D Ormazdi	06.07.16
J D Jones	27.09.16	H Rowbottom	03.09.16
N T Jones	25.08.16	J Wallwork	23.07.16
C T Knight	31.10.16	D Wisker	18.07.16
J L Knox	14.10.16	J Woodburn	14.09.16
J A Lawrie	22.07.16		

NOTE: There were no Fellowship Members on this list

CHARITY BIKE RIDE

In the summer your editor took part in a charity bike ride in aid of Michael Morpurgo's ("War Horse") charity; "Farms for City Kids". This was a 100 km Devon coast to coast ride, Exmouth to Instow. Due to his advanced years he only did the first 20 miles which brought him to his local pub which was, conveniently, on the route, arriving at 11 just as they opened. He did however raise a considerable sum having completed what he predicted!



Hot and happy to have arrived at the Beer Engine in Newton St Cyres

DONATION OF £18,396 FOR THE ALZHEIMERS SOCIETY

When the NCR Trustee Fund was finally wound up there was a small residue left over from the £800m fund which left a challenge for the Trustee's!

The cost to distribute a 'one-off' payment of £3.47p to each 5,300 Members would cost more than the residue was worth. So as NCR itself did not want the money back the Trustee's voted to donate the residue £18k to 'The Alzheimers Society' which we thought could benefit any of us in the future.

The Society sent a letter of appreciation saying ... 'On behalf of the Alzheimers Society we would like to thank you for your kind & generous donation which is greatly appreciated and invaluable. It is down to support such as yours that we have come so far and made so much of a difference in the lives of people with dementia and their carers'.

Stephen, Chair of Trustee's
President of The NCR Fellowship

THE WORM TURNS !

A woman in her "senior years" was arrested for shoplifting in a supermarket. She gave everyone a hard time from the store manager through the security guard to the arresting officer who took her into custody. She complained and criticised everyone except herself throughout the process. When the case came to court the judge asked her what she had stolen from the store. She defiantly replied "Just a stupid tin of peaches". The judge then asked why she had done it to which she replied 'I was hungry and had forgotten to bring any money into the store'. The judge then asked her how many peaches there were in the tin, She replied truculently "Nine, but I don't see the relevance of that question" The judge answered patiently "The reason for the question enables me to sentence you to nine days in prison, one day for each peach!" As the judge was about to drop his gavel, the lady's long suffering husband nervously raised his hand and asked if he might speak. The judge said "Yes, Sir, what do you have to add?" The husband then said meekly, "Your Honour, she also stole two tins of peas".

BORROWED FROM THE BARD

It probably hasn't escaped your notice that this is the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death; but did you know how many expressions in common use originated from the man from Stratford-upon-Avon? Here are just a few:

Wear your heart on your sleeve	Spotless reputation
Come What may	For goodness sake
Neither here nor there	Mum's the word
Eaten out of house and home	Knock, knock! Who's there?
With bated breath	A wild goose chase
Too much of a good thing	A heart of gold
Not slept a wink	The world is my oyster
In stitches	Send him packing
Vanish into thin air	Own flesh and blood
Love is blind	Refuse to budge an inch

And, Finally: Dead as a doornail !

“Mortimer Mouse Messes Up”

A children's book

Written by Cynthia Evanson and illustrated by her sister Maggie.



You may recall from my May Lunch Report that John Evanson, one of our retired engineers, did a presentation of a Children's Book, written by his wife Cynthia and illustrated by her sister Maggie. The book is of excellent quality and content and all the proceeds go to charity.

Quite a number of the attendees, including myself bought a copy at the lunch. The following is the very interesting content of John's presentation.

Life throws up unexpected events, some we would rather not have, but these unwanted events can also provide new opportunities. Three years ago my wife Cynthia was diagnosed with terminal cancer, but thankfully a long course of chemotherapy has enabled her recovery. Upon receiving the diagnosis, one of her regrets was that she would not see any of her niece's babies when they were born. Well just over 1 year ago her niece had a baby and Cynthia excitedly decided to make some little animals and make up stories to read to the new baby. One story was written down and then made into rhyme. Her sister, Maggie, said 'you should get that published', Cynthia's reply was to laugh and then say 'I'll get it published if you do the illustrating'. And so, surprisingly, the adventure of publishing a book began.

They found a private publisher in Chesterfield and asked him if the book was viable and just how to go about it. He gave useful information and Cynthia and Maggie set about thinking of layouts of pictures to illustrate the rhyming story. Maggie had done no art work since her school days so had to go on to U-Tube to see how to paint stone walls, and clumps of trees and so on, but used the animals Cynthia had made for the illustrations. Maggie also had to borrow water colour paints in order to start the illustrations.

It was at this point that they decided they would like to sell the books and give all the profits to the building of the new MacMillan Cancer Centre at Chesterfield Royal Hospital, as at present people from Chesterfield have to travel to Weston Park Hospital in Sheffield for treatment. The new Cancer Centre in Chesterfield will lighten the load of the Western Park hospital and save long journeys for those in Chesterfield who require cancer treatment.

The day came in April 2016 when the parcels of 1,000



Cynthia on the right with her sister Maggie.



books arrived from the publisher. Cynthia and Maggie said it was a little like seeing the arrival of a new baby. Since then there have been great efforts to sell the books, they have been on radio Sheffield, given talks at ladies meetings, WI meetings, Rotary clubs, a stall at Sainsbury's, several libraries have had them read the story and take the animals along.

Cynthia and Maggie have had lots of encouraging feedback via parents about their children's opinions of the book. Some children who find difficulty in reading have found the rhymes and pictures have helped their reading along.

So far they have sold over 500 of the books and look for opportunities to sell more. The book is aimed at small children up to 6 years old.

The books sell at £6.99 but with postage that would be £9.50.

If you would like a copy of the book called 'Mortimer Mouse Messes Up' please contact Cynthia by Email on, jandc.evanson@talktalk.net.

If you would like Cynthia and Maggie to come and talk about their project, and bring the animals from the book, to any suitable meetings then they would be pleased to do so.

John Evanson
NCR Northeast

Also if you think you can help in any other way please contact Cynthia or myself, Pat Keogh, Region 2E Organiser. My contact details are on the back page of this Post Script.



Animals that Cynthia made to accompany the book.

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Top of the pile

► On the back of NCR Pension Plan's award for the best risk management exercise at this year's Pensions Age Awards, Adam Cadle speaks to NCR DB scheme chair of trustees Stephen Swinbank to delve deeper into its successes

Can you describe the make up of the NCR defined benefit pension scheme trustee board?

The board comprised of six trustees, including one independent, and five former employees – two member-nominated trustees and three company appointed.

Both the member and company trustees were all long time serving employees representing the various divisions of the company, scanning sales, software and engineering. Although the chair and company trustees had retired from NCR, they continue to serve as trustees at the request of the sponsor. The sponsor did not want to lose the invaluable experience, ranging from 15 to 25 years, which these trustees had accrued. For the scheme's recent buyout the sponsor and trustees agreed to appoint an experienced independent trustee, which was invaluable.

The trustees' modus operandi means they effectively utilise their technical advisers' expertise. In particular the advice provided is subject to scrutiny until all trustees understand – the trustees passionately feel that there are no silly questions. At the same time the trustees ensure that they do not get lost in the detail, so that they can remain focused on the big picture when making decisions – the trustees decide whilst advisers advise. Decisions were taken after the issues had been hammered out face-to-face in the full trustee board – there are no sub-committees. The board operated on a 'consensus' basis, which took care to make sure that everyone's view was listened to, discussed and debated until we reached a unanimous view.

The tremendous respect and trust between the board of trustees and our scheme actuary (Ashu Bhargava, formerly Willis Towers Watson and now Legal & General), led to seamless collaboration and meant that the board could move quickly to take advantage of market opportunities.

How effective has NCR's buyout been?

It was very much a team effort. The trustees of the NCR pension plan and actuary have improved the security of members' benefits by securing all benefits with an insurer. The sponsor, NCR Limited, is no longer subject to risks from a £800 million pension plan and can now focus on its core activities. However, what is different about this buyout is that the trustees transformed a deficit of £70 million into a surplus of £90 million. Members' benefits have been enhanced by around 10 per cent and the sponsor has been spared from having to pay a shortfall.

How has the investment strategy of the scheme changed in the past year?

When the sponsor told the trustees that they would like the £800 million NCR Plan to be bought out as soon as possible the plan had a deficit of £70 million. The trustees took a proactive approach, deciding that as well as improving security, they also wished to enhance member benefits.

Having watched and read a lot about other schemes considering buy-ins or buyouts, we asked our actuary to conduct a one full day buy-in/out course in July 2013 for the trustee board. The trustees enjoyed listening to real life current situations and appreciated the sharing of experiences of what went well, as well as pitfalls to avoid too.

Following the training, the trustees and actuary monitored the buyout



NCR Pension Plan representatives collecting their Pensions Age Best Risk Management Exercise award in February this year

“The trustees transformed a deficit of £70 million into a surplus of £90 million. Members’ benefits have been enhanced by around 10 per cent and the sponsor has been spared from having to pay a shortfall”

position and in order to maximise the chance of increasing benefits the actuary put in place daily monitoring. This monitoring allowed for both changes in investment market conditions, and the appetite of insurers to take on new business. Pre-agreed triggers determined the timing and nature of transactions so that fleeting market opportunities could be seized as the trustees moved from a 50/50 return seeking/matching investment strategy to a 100 per cent matching strategy.

During this project, a trustee board that had been previously been meeting quarterly was racked up to monthly and then every other day. By being on top of everything, the trustees demonstrated to the bulk annuity providers that they were able to transact quickly. This made providers more willing to go the extra mile when negotiating pricing – contributing to the surplus achieved – and contract terms.

How has more certainty been achieved?

The key priority for the trustees was to take advantage of the market opportunity and avoid an unexpected reduction in the surplus as they moved further down the buyout process. More certainty was achieved in two main ways

Firstly, in relation to the assets, the trustees negotiated a structure with insurers to ensure that the premium moved in line with a portfolio of assets,



The NCR Pension Plan trustees

eliminating any risk that the premium could move away from the trustees.

Secondly, in relation to the liabilities, although the data was fit for ongoing purposes, there was the possibility that in the transformation to data fit for buyout, the liabilities could increase. Data was cleaned speedily as the items that would have most impact were prioritised, so that the market opportunity would not be missed due to a protracted data cleansing process. This also minimised any potential later on to reduce the surplus by cleaning the data and the period over which adviser fees were paid was minimised, thus maximising the surplus and therefore enhancing benefits that could be distributed (ultimately enhancements were around 10 per cent).

Does the scheme have any future investment plans or overall de-risking plans to continue to secure the benefits of its members?

Following members’ benefits being enhanced by around 10 per cent and bought out in June 2015 the NCR Pension Plan was wound up.

Throughout the buyout process the trustees have regularly communicated with all members to allay any concerns/uncertainty from this change (particularly from the older pensioner

population) i.e. the transition from having their pensions managed by the trustees to having them managed by an insurer. The feedback received from the membership indicates that this has been appreciated.

One former senior employee and current member wrote to the trustees and stated: “Given all the bad news we hear and read about pension plans, I cannot believe that you have increased our security. Even more surprising is that you have also managed to enhance our benefits too. Well done!”

✉ Written by Adam Cadle

✉ About NCR

NCR, a global technology company, was founded in 1884 and then acquired by AT&T in 1991. Following a restructuring of AT&T in 1996, NCR was re-established on 1 January 1997 as a separate company. Using its software, hardware and portfolio of services, which include self-service kiosks, point-of-sale terminals, automated teller machines, check processing systems, barcode scanners and business consumables, it is able to make almost 550 million transactions possible every day.



England versus Australia Test Match Played on an NCR Century 200 Computer

Ron Wiltshire

In my 44 year spell with NCR there is one project I was involved in which gave me the most pleasure. It was decided that NCR would hold an exhibition at Lord's cricket ground in September 1971. The fact that an NCR Century 200 had been released made this a most appropriate venue. The Century 200 was not actually on show at Lord's but was linked on-line to an NCR 795 visual display unit which would show the "Test of the Century" cricket match between England and Australia. The teams consisted of 22 of the finest cricketers to have taken part in Test Matches between the two countries over the previous 50 years. England's team was chosen by G.O. "Gubby" Allen, ex-chairman of England selectors and captain of the MCC team which toured Australia in 1936-37. The team, in batting order, was: J.B. Hobbs, L. Hutton, W.R. Hammond, D.C.S. Compton, M. Leyland, P.B.H. May (Captain), T.G. Evans, H. Larwood, M.W. Tate, J.C. Laker and H. Verity. F.S. Trueman was the 12th man. Sir Donald Bradman was asked by NCR, to select ten players with himself as Captain. His choice, in batting order, was A.R. Morris, W.H. Ponsford, D.G. Bradman (Captain), C.G. Macartney, R.N. Harvey, R.B. Simpson, K.R. Miller, R. Benaud (Vice-captain), R.R. Lindwall, D. Tallon and W. J. O'Reilly. A.K. Davidson was



The two team selectors for the NCR "Test of the Century", Sir Donald Bradman and 'Gubby' Allen, tossing up at the start of the 1936/37 England versus Australia series of Test matches in Australia. On that occasion Australia were triumphant.

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Mr. R. J. McCullagh,
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206-216 Marylebone Road,
LONDON, W.1.

Dear Mr. McCullagh, Thankyou for your telephone call which spurred me on to do that job for you quickly.

I have picked my Australian team, bearing in mind the points you made. Every player has played in at least one test between Australia and England at Lords. I should point out however that my selection was not made on the basis of success or failure of the said players in matches at Lords but on my assessment of their ability as cricketers.

Some of the players, as you suggested, are of post 1945 vintage but I was not influenced by the era in my selection other than to carry out your stipulation that the players chosen must have played since 1921.

With due modesty I must point out that the selection of myself as captain was because you demanded it and I think some public explanation of this point would be fair to me.

I don't know whether you wish me to select my vice-captain but if you do, he would be Richie Benaud. The team I have chosen is set down in the batting order I would propose. I have not herein given reasons for my choice but this could be done if required.

My main purpose in writing now, and briefly, is because you said you wanted the team urgently because of the vast amount of research subsequently required.

The Australian team I would choose is:-

MORRIS
PONSFORD
BRADMAN (Capt.)
MACARTNEY
HARVEY
SIMPSON
MILLER
BENAUD (Vice Capt.)
LYNDWALL
TALLON
O'REILLY
DAVIDSON. (12th man)

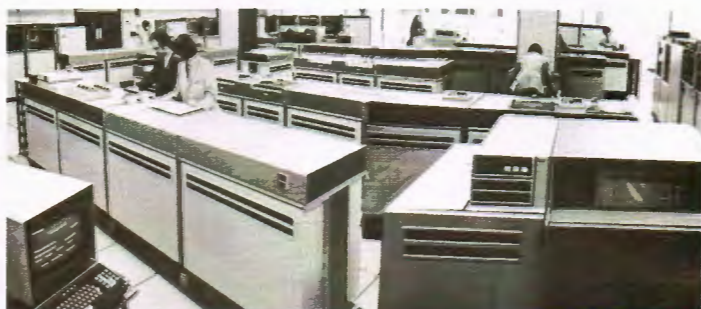
I trust this is all the information you require but will be pleased to hear from you that this letter has arrived and whether this completes what you wanted.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Don Bradman

the 12th Man. Being a keen cricket enthusiast I was asked to be part of a research team which made a detailed analysis of every run scored and ball bowled in every Test Match between England and Australia in the UK between 1921 and 1971. With the full co-operation of the MCC and the officials at Lord's, The Oval, Trent Bridge, Old Trafford and Headingley I attended each of these grounds and was given access to the scorebooks to obtain the information that was required. Bill Frindall, official statistician for both Wisden and the BBC, supplied a great deal of additional statistics. This information was then fed into the NCR Century 200 computer which converted it into probability tables for individual performances of both batsmen and bowlers. A random number for every ball bowled was tested against these probabilities. The computer then decided whether a run had been scored and if so how many, or if the batsman had been caught, bowled etc. The tactics for the game were determined in advance by the captains and held in the computer. As the computer had a very fast cycle time of 650 nanoseconds it was necessary to make adjustments so that the game would fill the five day Test period. Ball-by-ball details of the match were then printed out on an NCR Thermal Printer.



The NCR Century 200 room at NCR headquarters, Marylebone Road, London. Part of this equipment was used to play "The Test of the Century"

With the weather determined to be good and the wicket taking spin on the last two days, Sir Donald Bradman's winning of the toss and electing to bat gave Australia an immediate advantage. England did well to hold Australia to 321 for the first innings with Verity taking 4 wickets for 31 and dismissing Bradman for 22. Ponsford, 81 and Miller, 75 topped the Australian scoring. England's first innings started badly, with Hobbs going for 8, Hammond for 10 and Compton for 5. Hutton made a valuable 86 and Leyland 80 to prop the England score, with Peter May making 38 not out. England's total of 266 left them trailing by 46 runs; Miller was the main executioner taking 5 wickets for 46. Australia settled in for their second innings to slaughter the English bowling-reaching a total of 437. Bradman made 222 and shared with Morris a stand of 364. Although the Australian 'tail' collapsed, England was left needing 493 runs to win. Verity again shone with 3 wickets for 74 and Laker took 4 for 105. England started the final innings with a promising 60 from Hobbs and 58 from Hammond though Hutton went for only 21, Leyland made 60 and May 54, making England 299 for 6 wickets and the batting strength almost gone. Though Evans knocked a useful 30, it was too late. The rest of England's team were dismissed for only 11 runs between them. The total was 327; Australia had won 'The Test of the Century' by 165 runs. Keith Miller was chosen Man of the Match by the computer, having taken 8 England wickets for 111 runs and scoring 75 for Australia.

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TEST OF THE CENTURY

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ENGLAND

BATSMEN	HOW OUT	SCORER	RUNS	BATTING
HOBBS	10	VERITY	80	
HAMMOND	11	VERITY	58	
COMPTON	5	VERITY	25	
LELAND	10	VERITY	80	
VERITY	4	VERITY	31	
BRADMAN	11	VERITY	22	
LAKER	4	VERITY	105	
EVANS	3	VERITY	30	
MORRIS	1	VERITY	364	
1st INNGS			321	
2nd INNGS			437	
3rd INNGS			266	
4th INNGS			299	
5th INNGS			327	
6th INNGS			327	
7th INNGS			327	
8th INNGS			327	
9th INNGS			327	
10th INNGS			327	

EXTRAS

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AUSTRALIA

BOWLERS	WKTS	RUNS
1. MILLER	8	65
2. PONSFORD	4	68
3. BRADMAN	1	91
4. MILLER	1	75
5. MILLER	1	75
6. MILLER	1	75
7. MILLER	1	75
8. MILLER	1	75
9. MILLER	1	75
10. MILLER	1	75
11. MILLER	1	75

How did the test match progress?

The test match was a closely fought contest between England and Australia. England's batsmen, led by Laker, put on a brilliant performance, scoring a total of 327 runs in the first innings. Australia's batsmen, led by Bradman, scored a total of 327 runs in the first innings. The match was a classic example of a test match, with both teams showing great skill and determination.

TOTAL for 1 Wkts 327

FALL OF WICKETS

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
26	163	151	157	267	299	309	311	317	327

OWENS 116

100 WKS. 100 WKS. 100 WKS.

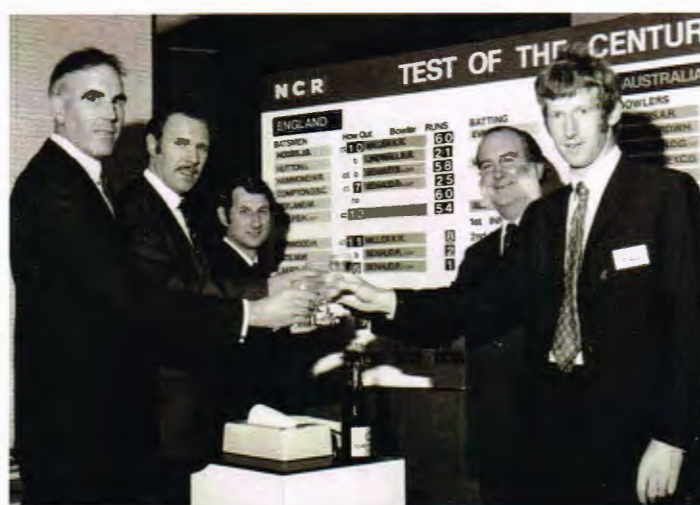
The scoreboard, showing the final score, with Australia the winners.



For the start of the match and to decide the toss there was a telephone link with Sir Donald Bradman in Adelaide and a conference line to Neil Harvey, Richie Benaud and Bobby Simpson in Sydney. The moment arrives for Peter May to toss the coin, watched by Alec Bedser, Dennis Compton and Jim Laker. Sir Donald Bradman has called correctly and he, having been given advance details of the state of the wicket for all five days, not surprisingly, decides that Australia will bat first.



NCR 795
This unit showed the "game" on its screen in an easy-to-follow diagrammatic format, showing ball, bowler, batsmen and fielders. The names of the players, runs scored, match score and bowling analysis etc. were also shown.



A post-match toast!
L to r Bruce Nunn, Ron Wiltshire, Ron Lerner, Godfrey Evans, ex England wicket-keeper, and John Pearson.

This "Test of the Century" between England and Australia at Lord's captured the imagination of cricket fans all over the world. It was covered by television, radio, newspapers and magazines, not only in England and Australia, but also in India, Pakistan, Africa and the West Indies.

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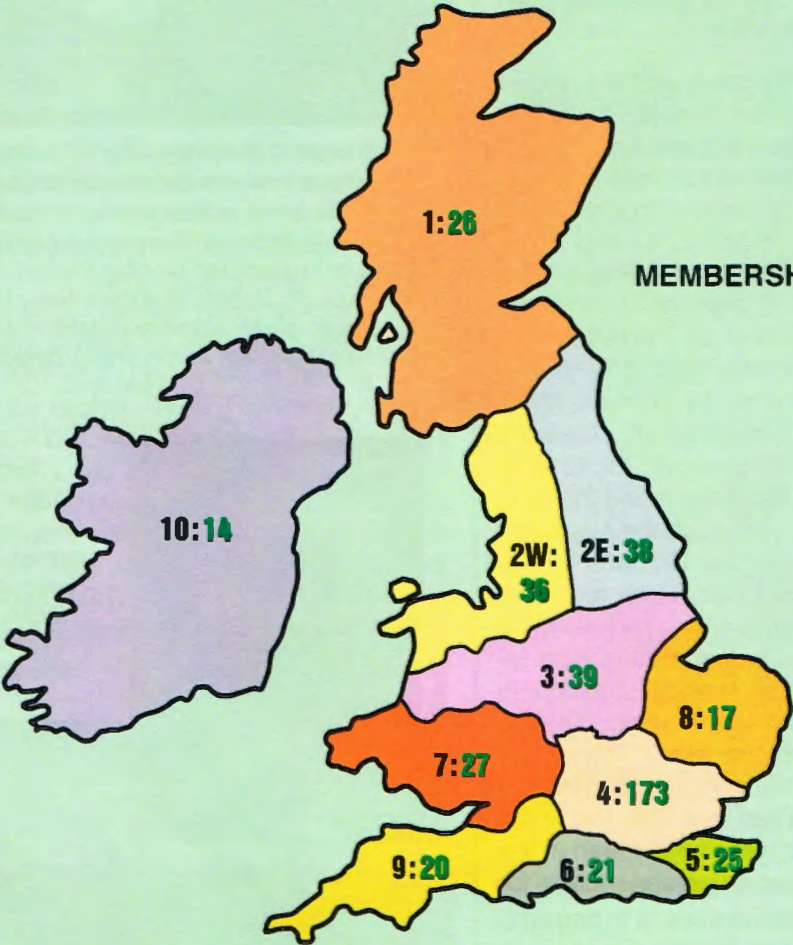
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