

Four Candles

My career in NCR and my work over twenty-three years as a volunteer police officer brought me into contact with many famous and interesting people from royalty to villains.

This last Christmas we received a Christmas card which brought back memories of one of those people who I met several times and enjoyed his company and tales of his entertaining life during visits to him in Chipping Norton.

It began in the late 80s when I answered the phone in the Sheldon office, the caller asked if I was Ian Ormerod, the National Cash Register Historian and then went on to say that he was Ronnie Barker and had a number of cash registers at his Emporium at Chipping Campden which he would be grateful if I would have a look at and advise on their condition.

We met up one Friday evening and I managed to get two machines working one of them being an unusual press down register with large milk glass coin slabs.

I returned to the Emporium whenever he got a new cash register in which needed attention and during these visits chatted about his various shows and films that he had been involved in.

I told him that one of my favourites was "Futtocks End" which he then told me he had not seen since it was made and that he believed that no copies had survived; I have since found a copy on DVD and play it, remembering the evenings I spent with him.

Ronnie had bought the Emporium in 1987 and eventually retired and sold up in 1999.

Oh..... the connection with 'Four Candles'! I never took any payment for my visits as they were so enjoyable, but one evening he brought me a wood Till from his home and presented it to me saying "I salvaged this from the 'Four Candles' sketch.

Ian Ormerod



WINTER MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

As another successful year has come to a close, I am pleased to report that 10 new members have joined during the year. We would like to welcome them to the Fellowship.

Graham Brookman has now taken on full responsibility for the production and distribution of PostScript having produced his first, and very successful, edition in the summer. I would like to thank him again for taking on this role.

I was also delighted to make a small presentation to Geoff Jackson to commemorate his 33 years as editor and to recognize his amazing contribution.

Unfortunately, Graham's duties as PostScript editor have

prevented him from also taking on the role of Regional Organiser for 2W as he planned, but we hope that some regional lunches can be arranged via region 2E.

From reports received the lunches around the regions continue to be well attended and it is good to know that so many old friends are still getting together.

Finally, my thanks, as always, to all our members and the committee members for all that they do in support of the Fellowship. I wish you and your families a very Happy New Year.

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Editorial

Firstly, apologies to anyone who hoped they would be reading this edition over their Christmas dinner. We have decided to publish PostScript in January and July each year from now on which is why you are receiving this in January and not December.

This edition is largely taken up with reports of the various lunches that have taken place since the last edition and there are always more of these in the second half of the year than the first.

We have recently heard that both Dr Peter Whitehead and Noel Shaw have passed away. Obituaries for both of these gentlemen will be included in the summer edition.

In this edition you will also find articles relating to the FED Golf Society. The changing face of NCR UK Head Office and an obituary for Bill Park who passed away in April of last year.

CASH REGISTER IN PORTUGAL

These two photographs of a very old NCR cash register (front and back), were taken by Barbara Briggs (wife of Fellowship member Brian) in a ladies' boutique shop in Cascais, Portugal whilst they there on a golf trip in June 2018.

Despite the "no photography" sign, when Barbara explained the background, the shop owner / manageress was delighted for the photographs to be taken and indeed, cleared various items from the front and back of the till in order to improve the shot.



AROUND THE REGIONS

Region 1 – Jack Whyte

Our Retirement Fellowship Autumn 2018 lunch took place at the Italian Kitchen Restaurant in Ingram St in Glasgow on Wednesday 31st October.

We had lunch here in October 2017 and it was reviewed by many to be of a rather higher standard than many of my previous choices. Once again, we found the staff very friendly and although the service was a little slow, unsurprisingly for a group of 24, the food was delivered very efficiently and was excellent. I was impressed that the correct dish, from a wide choice on the menu, was delivered directly to the right person with no fuss. Perhaps I am too easily impressed.

This year 27 colleagues were due to attend - on a beautiful, dry autumn day in Glasgow - but **Graeme & Christine Edwards** had to withdraw as Graeme was in the Netherlands and **Fred Wieworka** decided not to travel after a bout of flu. As usual, they came from all points of the Scottish compass - Brian Strathdee, Jim O'Hagan, John Gray, Joe Hall & George Benson from Edinburgh, **Wallace Hay, Ian Fairbairn** and **George Brown** from Ayrshire and some of the usual suspects from the far north and east including **John McElroy** and **John MacNicoll** from Aberdeen and **David Brown** from Dundee. **Hamish Mackenzie** came from up north in Strathpeffer via Edinburgh. Those more local to Glasgow like myself, included **Bill Ferguson & Roger Green**, plus **Bob Stewart, Peter Hardern, Ron Gammie, Neil Bathie, Jimmy Marshall, Scott Caldwell, Graham Nisbet, Allan Caldwell** and **John Mackay**.



Hamish Mackenzie + Allan Caldwell



Bob Stewart, Graham Nisbet & Scott Caldwell

Region 1 continued

The lunch itself was very enjoyable and low key and many of the party repaired after lunch for some liquid refreshments at a rather busy local pub - the Committee Room Number 9 in John Street.

Again, there were a few who could not make it - **Peter Kemp** was roughing it in Australia; **Iain MacLachlan** was off to winter in Spain; **Jim Tucker** preferred to play golf but joined up later for a drink, while **Dod Craig** was on an RNLI course.

David McIntosh, Frank McCarroll and John Falconer all have mobility issues and elected not to come along this year. **Ian Duncanson, Gordon Mackenzie and Ken Naylor** sent apologies because of upcoming hospital appointments. **Ian Leslie** also sent his apologies as he's been a bit under the weather lately.

Norman Roberts declined the invitation as he has now moved to North Yorkshire. In addition **Don McFadyen, Betty Moreland, Jim Harrower, Laura McAllister, Jim Sharp and Steve Swinbank** sent apologies.

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



Peter Hardern, Jim Marshall & Brain Strathdee



John Mackay & Ian Fairbairn



Jim O'Hagan & Neil Bathie



Ron Gammie + Bob Stewart



Joe Hall + John McElroy



Jack Whyte & Wallace Hay

Region 1 continued



(L to R) Allan Caldwell, Roger Green, Bill Ferguson & George Brown



John MacNicol & Peter Hardern



John Gray, George Benson & David Brown

Region 2E – Pat Keogh

Our second lunch of 2018 was held on the 10th October at our usual venue, Otley Golf Club. The day was enjoyed by 25 with a three course lunch followed by Tea/Coffee. All the attendees are listed on the photos with the exception of **Graham Hatton** who managed to evade the photographer.

Harrold Hunter, Richard Willett, June Rudge Priestley, Roy Burnell and John Semple couldn't make it this time but sent their best wishes and looked forward to seeing us in May 2019. Aren't the years just rolling by.

Mervyn Clapham was coming, did the Bank transfer but then woke up with the latest cold bug that's going around.

Also missing was **Peter Cundall** who had a bad fall the night before the lunch and ended up in hospital for three weeks. He's back home now and on the mend. Won't be playing football for a while.

Richard Slater and **Peter Ramsden** were again tied up with their many activities. They reported that **Bernard Hamblet** was attending hospital on a regular basis for 'important treatment' but as always is cheerful and upbeat. The last email address I had for him was 'b.h4@ntlworld.com'.

Terry Bearpark was attending a hospital appointment following a knee replacement, blaming all that bending down and crawling in and out of ATM's.

Margaret Ellis wrote to me saying that she was again attending the Birmingham luncheon to meet her friend Joy Wright but would see us in May and wished everyone all the best.



Region 2E continued

Susan Elgar contacted me to say that she was working but would see us again. I contacted Kathy who preferred to spend the day shopping in Harrogate with her daughter.

Derek Allen, who normally travels across from Manchester is struggling with a bad back and can't make the journey.

Dick Sale writes that he and Jacqui are currently on a tour of Europe in their campervan, at this moment in Belgium after touring Germany and Luxembourg over the last three weeks and then off to Colmar in France tomorrow and then onwards to Spain. It's good to see him in excellent health again.

Ian Ormerod again wins the travel award having made the long journey from the deep south to attend our lunch. He brought with him and distributed a number of copies of a CD he has produced on the history of Post Script. The CD, which has multiple indices, records the content of the NCR Post Script from 1985 to Summer 2018.

Roger Hall has sent me the following report on the North North East Sub-Group.

Northeast NCR Wrinklies Coffee Club

Hi Pat,

Here is a report on the above meeting, held every second Tuesday in the month, as you requested.

We meet at The One Twenty Cafe, Heaton Rd, Newcastle at eleven thirty ish, for refreshments and a natter.

Attending yesterday were, **Alan Barker**, who takes time out of his numerous church duties to keep every one informed of whether and when meetings are on. Alan is recovering from a ankle joint replacement and is due back in hospital for adjustment to same. **Brian Lewis** was there, he too is recovering from recent heart surgery, looking good though. **Dougie Todd** our youngest and fittest member attended, tells me he still rides a bike, the only problem Doug has is what to do with the vast fortune he and Kim has amassed, should he buy a Mercedes or BMW! Last is myself, **Roger**



Hall, just recovering from two weeks in sunny Menorca topping up my vitamin D, can't afford to be getting Ricketts at my time of life, other than a list of the usual aches pains I'm ok.

Members absent were, **John Rooke**, who presently is swanning around somewhere in sunny Canada. **Bob Appleby** couldn't attend due problems and possible hospital appointments. **Brian Armstrong** couldn't make it, poor old sod isn't very good on his legs these days, **Doug Todd** usually rings him and if one of his good days coincides with a meeting, collects him and brings him along.

The meeting is the usual mixture of everyones medical issues and putting the world to rights plus a smattering of



Region 2E continued



NCR anecdotes of the old days good and bad. After a hour and a half to two hours of this, the meeting breaks up and we all depart.

That's about it Pat, warmest regards from myself and all the other old farts to you and all our colleagues at your next meeting. If anyone is in the area they are welcome to drop in.

Roger.

Dave Torrance organised a get-together in the centre of Leeds on 27th January 2018 at the Weatherspoons Pub. The venue was picked on the basis that most people in the region could get there by public transport. It was an informal drop-in event and was very well attended.

He started a bit early at 1:00 as it was very busy. He is looking at Saturday 26th January 2019 at 3pm when it may not be so busy and most people will have moved on to the football.

Future Dates.

All of our May lunches will be on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Wednesday 15th May 2019

We are unable to have the third Wednesday for our October lunch as planned due to other bookings in the golf Club. The earlier dates we have tried seem full of holidays and the fourth week is half term, grandchildren duties. So I am going back to the third week and moving to Tuesday to see



if it better suits most people.

Our October lunch will be on Tuesday 15th October 2019

I would like to close by thanking all those who regularly attend the 2E lunches. I get high twenty's to mid thirty's at each lunch and it is this that drives me to continue to organise them. It is also extremely important to have the Fellowship and Post Script supplying some background support and structure. I will have another go next year at encouraging more attendees to join the Fellowship.

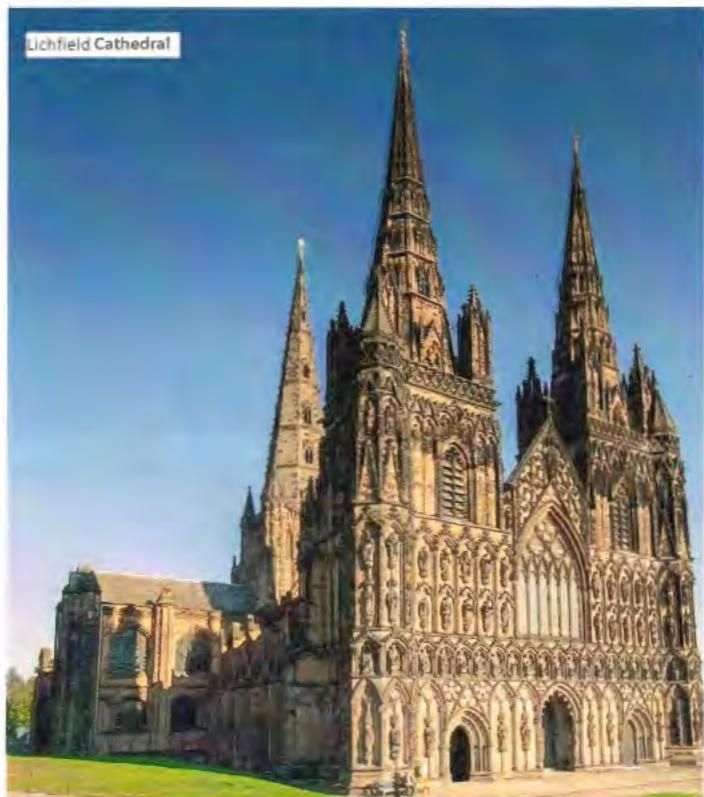
Region 3 – Keith Templeman

24 of us were present today at our usual venue of the George Hotel in Lichfield. The hotel has had quite a long history since its beginnings as a 16th century Coaching Inn and, after spotting an history leaflet in reception I have inserted it here after these notes for information. Of course, the city of Lichfield is steeped in its own history, its Cathedral is well worthy of a visit being the only medieval three-spired Cathedral in the UK dating from the 12th century. Photograph follows.

I did receive several apologies though since not everyone could attend. These were as follows:-

Peter Heywood, Joy Maskell, Ken Ford, John Latty making a visit to Yorkshire, **Phil Rock** on holiday in Scotland, **Jim McHugh** holidaying in Malta, and **Bob Swingler**.

Region 3 continued



Lichfield Cathedral

Les Clarke couldn't make it so instead sent me a photo of the Sheldon building!

Keith Hemming couldn't make it again. He is still enjoying living in Anglesea and has swapped his cricket whites for gardening clothes and busying himself with his allotment. A most unlikely pastime for anyone who knows Keith. He sends his regards to anyone that remembers him, and especially to Auntie **Joy (Wright)**.

Brian Briggs is on a golfing holiday in Greece, but wished me to pass on his warm regards to everyone present and anyone reading who knows him.

Noel Shaw unfortunately is having health problems and may not be able to manage the journey in future.

Our next lunch is earmarked for 11th April 2019.



Dave and Jacky Beattie



Ian and Kay Davidson



Jill MacPhail with Fiona



Sheila and Ian Ormerod



Joy Wright, Jill MacPhail, Fiona, Valerie Glynn

Region 3 continued



Valerie Glynn and Clarence Allbutt



Graham Brookman, Yatish Ranch



Kevin and Marion Rixson



Dene and Keith Templeman



Jenny and Joe Teeling, Dene Templeman



Nita and Harry Ridge, Lilian and John Williams, Margaret Ellis



Dave and Jacky Beattie, Jenny and Joe Teeling, Dene Templeman

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 3rd October 2018. It was now the 10th year at the hotel and, as in past years, there were several staff changes. However, I am pleased to say that the lunch went off very well, with several members of the hotel management serving the lunches.

This year, unfortunately, there was a price increase after 9 years of keeping the price at the same level. The feedback I received was that it is still considered reasonable for central London. We have our own private lunch room, good service and good quality food.

Region 4 continued

You are welcome to send me any suggestions you may have about how the arrangements could be improved and I will try to implement them if possible.

We had 57 Fellowship Lunch guests this year, a few less than last year, as a few expected guests were not able to make it at the last minute. As always, it was a great pleasure to meet up with former colleagues and friends from an NCR which is gradually becoming a fond memory for many of us. Nothing we can do about that, but at least we can catch up with one another and compare our experiences and news.

We splashed out and bought new re-usable name badges which include the menu choice codes. Big deal you might think but actually these do help the hotel staff serve our meals quickly to the right guest before the food gets cold! We also have a new PA system which took some getting used to so if you have any announcements you want to have made at next year's lunch please let me know!

There is a list of attendees at the end of this report as a reminder for all those who were present This 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.

I would like to thank everyone who sent me their email address. I did send out about half of the invitations by email to save postage but this was not a complete success as there were a few changes of email address in the meantime. I will persevere with this method of sending out the invitations and will of course post invitations to anyone who prefers that method or who do not have the facilities to receive or send emails,

As always I am extremely grateful to **Chrissie Young** and **John Atkins** who generously helped out with the registration. Starting the lunch a bit earlier worked well and gave us all a bit more time for conversation.

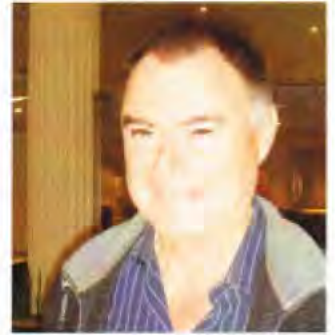
I look forward to seeing everyone again at next year's London Lunch which will be on Wednesday 2nd October 2019. Invitations will go out late June / early July.

This year's Lunch Guest list:

Niall Anderson, Melia Astaniou, Wallace Avery, John Atkins, Douglas Baker, Norman Bowen, Ernie Brewer, Graham Brookman, Barbara Burvill, George Cass, Alan Chard, Roy Cheal, Roy Constantine, Mary Cronin, Ida Daly, Ian Davidson, John Davies, Neil De Mello, Chris Dunn, John Fenner, Trevor Friend, Roy Gardner, Chris Gillespie, Nanda Goonawardana, Robert Gray, Alan Gronner, Ray Harris, Bernard Harris, Terry Harris, Tracey Harrison, Mel Hill, Ann Humphreys, Geoff Jackson, Roger Lintern, Hilda Lott, Rodger Main, Christopher Marles, Steve Matthews, Douglas Milsom, Ian Ormerod, Richard Packer, Eric Page, Kevin Rixson, Andrew Robinson, Peter Ross, Lin Sandell, Peter Shipp, John Smith, John Souster, Roy Southward, Peter Staines, Stanley Statt, Mike Sumner, Cath Sunderland, Keith Templeman, , Roger Whelan, Chrissy Young.



Graham Brokman



Trevor Friend



Norman Bowen & George Cass



Peter Shipp



John Smith



Roger Whelan, Ian Ormerod & Roger Lintern

Region 4 continued



Roy Cheal & Ida Daly



John Atkins & Chrissy Young



Hilda Lott & Peter Staines



Mike Sumner, Ray Harris & Wallace Avery



Cath Sunderland, Mel Hill and Terry Harris



Alan Chard & Lin Sandell



Ray Harris, Roy Gardener & Wallace Avery



Mary Cronin, Barbara Burvill, John Smith, Alan Chard, Nanda Goonawardana & Tracey Harrison

Region 5 – Anthony Welch

We had our autumn lunch on 1st November, as usual at the Malta Inn Allington. Unfortunately, this we were somewhat depleted, **Chris Stocker** had a family bereavement, **Peter Shipp** had had a fall that shaken him up, and **Tom and Wendy Elliott** had a hospital appointment,

so we were down to a grand total of seven, **Ray & Carol Howes, Rod Nash & Jenny, Estelle Sillett**, myself and the lady wife. As usual we split into male and female groups, saves a lot of arguing, and don't know what they talked about, but we covered paintings the Napoleonic wars, cars ancient and modern et al. We broke up after a very sociable three and a half hours. Unfortunately, there are no pictures, as some fool, me, forgot a camera, and I haven't sussed these new-fangled phones.

Region 5 – Alan Hutchins

Region 6 held their Lunch this year on November 7th at the Crown Inn, Cootham, Pulbrough. A new venue for us which turned out very good. The weather was awful, lots of wind and rain which I think made it impossible for some to attend. But we still had 21 which is a good number. We had a nice surprise, **Geof Penton** came, some of us had not see him for 25 years so it was good to catch up. Others attending were **Dave Court, Nick Carter, Mike and Carole Brown, Dave Gilby, Linda Harper, Jim and Sylvia Lawmon, Colin and Peggy Norris, Mike and Jenny Ray, Barry and Pat Shorten, John and Margaret Stevenson, Dave Wheeler, Alan and Sheila Hutchins, and John Stringer.**

Region 7 – John Jones

7th November 2018 Lunch.

We returned to the Redwood Farm Inn and my revised directions seem to have paid off.

I sent out 27 invitations by email and then a few follow-up phone calls to those who hadn't replied.

Those attending were, **Wayne Edmond, Maurice and Pat Keene, Dave and Jean Jones, Fred Macey, Michael Wells, Bev and Annie Cunningham, Jean Cheek** transported by **Graham and Carole Watt, Bill Hudson, Jessie Wallace and Martin, Ian Omerod** and myself **John Jones.**

Pete Bodley phoned on the morning of the event to say he was worried about flooding in his area and I must say that travel conditions were pretty awful. **Geoff Jackson** failed to come because his dog was taken ill.

Keith and Margaret Ponting cried off two days before having caught colds from their grandchildren whilst on holiday.

Rita Keitch has still not fully recovered and **Roy Back's** daughter is in Hospital again. We wish her and Roy's daughter a speedy recovery.

Sue Hooper is ferrying her son to college and Mary Leader was invigilating.

Others who were unable to attend were **Dave and Jan Robinson** (Bowling), **Chris Mumford, Barry and Barbara Avery, John Watts, Keith Middleton** (In Madiera), **Paul and Angela Bryant** (on Holiday) **Bob Kirkham and Jonathon Knight, Chris Stocker and Keith Templeman** (On Holiday), **Rob Fairbairn** (at School Reunion) **Paul Davis** (working).

I had some problems contacting **Dennis and Anita Williams** after no response to emails, I tried a phone call but the number I had was for a Dave Williams in the same road. I now know that Dennis and Anita have only just returned from a visit to Australia.

I will endeavour to organise another one in June 2019 at this same venue because although it may be a little tricky to find, it is a very good venue with a good choice of menu and very comfortable.

Hopefully 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 please contact me, my details are on the back page of Postscript.



Bev Cunningham & Graham Watt



Carole Watt & Anne Cunningham



Dave & Jean Jones

Region 7 continued



Dave Jones & Ian Omerod



Fred Macey, Jean Cheek & Bill Hudson



Jesse Wallace & Martin



Maurice & Pat Keene



Michael Wells & Wayne Edmond

Region 8 – Richard Craigie

Region 8's latest lunch was at the Lazy Otter on the 11th October we were 18 in total.

Some of our gang were missing but with help from **Ted & Debbie Miller** I could give an update of how our missing friends are. We also took time to remember both **Jeff Fuller and Brian Bourdon** who have passed recently.

We had a small raffle just for fun, the winners being **Colin Franklin & Frank Bellamy**.

At our lunch were **Richard & Linda Chamberlen, Tom & Avril Herbert, Jack, Cliff & Mike Ree, Tom Atkins, Colin Franklin, Frank & Gladys Bellamy, Jimmy Wickham & Eileen Fish, Dennis Pearce, Derek Prescott, John O'Connor** and finally **Gloria & I**.

Our next lunch is at the Lazy Otter on Thursday 25th April 2019.



Eileen Fish & Gladys Bellamy



Tom Atkins

Dennis Pearce

Region 9 continued



Frank Bellamy & Richard Chamberlen



Mike Ree

Cliff Ree



Jimmy Wickham & Eileen Fish



Richard & Linda Chamberlen



Derek Prescott

Colin Franklin



John O'Connor & Jack Ree



Tom & Avril Herbert

Region 10 – Kenn Carson

On Friday 19th October, the venue for the Region 10 Autumn lunch was once again our tried and tested port of call, the Ginger Bistro, with the entire crew circumnavigating the Big Round Table.

As is customary a forward landing party descended upon the Crown Bar for the ceremonial splicing of the mainbrace, before the short saunter south eastward.

Unfortunately our company was a few short of its full complement on this occasion, due to holiday commitments, illness and recuperation, but we were delighted to be joined for the first time by **Colin Hughes's** wife Mona and by new fellowship-mate **Sam Chambers** who was on board with NCR in the 70's.

It was a splendid afternoon of good banter and reminiscences of comradeship over many decades and we look forward to reassembling again for our Spring/Summer event in June. To this end I shall be casting the net once more in the spring to arrange to haul us all together again.

Region 10 continued



DECEASED FORMER NCR EMPLOYEES

We are sorry to have to tell you that the following employees are no longer with us. Our condolences to all the affected families:

Fellowship Members

J Fuller	18.06.18	Region 8
DM Graham	03.07.18	Region 1
EA Joselin	23.10.18	Region 4
TA Nickell	13.06.18	Region 4
JC Page	25.08.18	Region 3
Noel Shaw	23.12.18	Region 3
WN Park	22.04.18	Region 7
EA Roads	20.06.18	Region 4
BLJ Bourdon	02.06.18	Region 11 (overseas)

Other Deceased Pensioners

Ms OJ Baker	10.09.18
RA Blake	23.07.18
J Brown	25.06.18
Ms M Day	13.06.18
WJ Edwards	07.09.18
Ms FL Fallis	20.08.18
WG Garbutt	26.08.18
IP Hamilton	03.07.18
DJC Holland	12.05.18
D Marshall	25.08.18
EL Palmer	19.06.18
Ms T Presir	09.06.18
Ms SV Quelch	21.05.18
AC Sharp	17.09.18
GR Thomson	16.06.18
Ms PM Wade	26.06.18

Unfortunately PIC do not give us any more detail than this so we appreciate that it can be difficult to identify individuals (especially non-Fellowship members) from the information given.

Sheldon – the future

I've just received information about the future of our much loved (or unloved in some cases) facility in Sheldon, Birmingham which NCR moved into in April 1980. Of course, they have not been there for many years, but I thought some of you, at least, might be interested in future plans.



Work will start in January to convert a large office building into 126 apartments. BPG will convert the four upper floors of Lyndon Place, which comprises 75,000 sq ft of office space overlooking Sheldon Country Park.

A celebration of the life of



William Norman Park

3rd October 1926 - 22nd April 2018

The funeral took place on Tuesday 15th May at South Bristol Crematorium and was attended by the following NCR Fellowship members Dave and Jean Jones, David and Jan Robinson, Graham Watt, Maurice Keene, Jim Kembery's Daughter Sue, Jean Cheek, Fred Macey and John Jones.

Others who were unable to attend but sent their condolences were, Keith and Margaret Ponting, Barry and Barbara Avery, Roy Back, Geoff Jackson and Bill Hudson.

Quite a few tales were told about Bill's days with NCR, one from Dave Jones told of how Bill was asked in an exam of the number of ways to open a cash register. Three says Bill. Wrong says the Instructor. So Bill showed him, 1 with the Customer Key, 2 with the Control Key and 3 with his great big hands he twisted the case and it came open.

Another engineer commented that if you followed Bill to a job you had a really hard time getting the screws undone, He used to do them up so tight.

He was a lifelong Bristol Rovers supporter and a very keen fisherman.

This is from Bill's Son Gary.

Known as Bill, or Pop / big Pop to his two grand daughters and 4 great grand children whom he adored.

An only child, he was born and lived all his life in Bristol, he died after a short stay at Bristol Royal Infirmary following a couple of falls at home.

He Joined NCR before marrying Eileen on 26th March 1949 and worked there for the rest of his career, making many friends along the way.

Eileen passed away in 2010 and he continued to live in the same house and maintain his independence, providing himself with a 'cooked meal' as he called it each day.

He enjoyed family visits several times a week but sadly fell victim to increasing deafness and limited mobility in recent years. However it must be said he 'kept all his marbles' to the end using his computer as his 'window on the world' tracking the Rovers progress and keeping in touch with family and friends by email as many of you will know.

His ready smile and sense of humour will be remembered for a long time.

Below is a transcript of the eulogy read out by John at Bill's funeral

I am grateful to Bill's son Garry who has prepared this Eulogy which it is my privilege to read on his behalf.

The only son of William senior and Mary Park, he was known as Will to them, but Bill to his wife and friends.

He was a proud and loving Dad to his only son Garry, Pop to his two granddaughters Kelly and Claire, Big Pop to his four great grandchildren, Isabella, Maisy, Ronnie and Freddie, and Will.i.am to Claire's husband Neil !!

Bill lived all his life in Bristol, firstly in Woodbine Road in Whitehall which was quite apt as both his loving wife Eileen, as well as Garry and Claire went on to work for WD&HO Wills/ Imperial Tobacco.

After leaving school at the age of 15 Bill had a number of jobs before joining The National Cash Register Company – now known as NCR.

He spent the rest of a happy working life there and made many friends along the way, some of whom have joined us here today to prove the point. Thank you and welcome.

By far the busiest time for all of them was the lead up to decimalisation in 1971 when every cash register in the country had to be converted from £sd. They didn't see much of their families for a while, but the Bank Manager was happy with overtime pay!

Shortly after joining NCR Bill married the love of his life, Eileen who sadly passed away in 2010.

They lived at first in the then new Cadbury Heath estate before moving to Cambridge Street in Redfield where they lived for the rest of their lives.

Garry, their only child was born in 1953 and has many happy memories of playing with the toys which Bill made, watching the Rovers play and getting up at 4 in the morning to go fishing with his dad.

Bill spent many happy hours making toys for Garry when he was a youngster, a hobby resumed when grandchildren Isabella and Maisy arrived.

Sadly, Bill's love of fishing was curtailed in recent years as his mobility became an issue. His devotion to the Rovers continued till the end – hence the blue ties here today – and he would follow their every move on the PC, which became his window on the world when deafness also took its toll.

Bills last ambition was to see the Rovers play at their new stadium, sadly that was not to be and I wonder if any of us will!

So rest in peace Bill, Dad, Pop, Big Pop, Will I am !

You were loved very much, and you will be missed by all of us.

Bill Park was a man who was admired and respected by everyone who knew him. He was kind, fair and wise in all his dealings, and he treated everyone with respect and with dignity.

John Jones

FED Golf Society 32 years and still counting

By Alan Chard (funny bits) assisted by Pat Keogh and Dave Hubbard (serious bits)

During the 1980's NCR Sales Division ran Regional Customer Golf days and it was felt FED could enjoy similar outings.

Tom Boles was the FED Director at the time and a keen golfer and after an initial survey initiated by some keen regional golfers it was clear that there was national support for a Divisional Golf Society so the FED Golf Society was started in 1985.

An inaugural outing was arranged in Manchester at Shaw Hill Golf Club on Saturday 25 October 1985 and 30+ golfers from all over the UK attended.

I went up in a Bedford Sherpa van with John Smith, Terry Walters, Harry Brien and Geoff Rattey. We met at 4am in a Chorleywood Church car park and made the 200 mile journey in 4 hours. Sadly the weather was abysmal and that didn't change. Having made the journey and in true FED spirit and special permission from the club we all decided to play and got absolutely soaked as the rain continued all day and the course was waterlogged.

Strangely in the society's 32 year history that day is still one of my more memorable days highlighted by 2 magic moments;

- 1 Terry Exton giving up after 14 holes because he ran out of balls and nobody would lend him any.
- 2 The other being Dave Hubbard arriving in the changing room looking like a drowned rat having scored 8 points. He met up with Vince Wake. Dave asked Vince how he had fared. Vince said he got 4 points. Dave said well at least I'm not last. Vince replied - I'm not last!! (For those non golfers out there if a golfer played to their handicap then they would score 36 points) To this day I love telling that story.

Below I enclose a copy of the score sheet for that day.

I enclose this primarily because of the historical significance of the document as it was the first in the society but even more importantly because I won.

We had a great dinner and returned the same day - I remember getting home at 4am the following day.

Despite the weather the day was great success so the Society was officially formed.

Below is the first membership list

SECTIONAL MEMBERSHIP			
SECTION I			
Scotland & Ireland			
Rep. to be elected			
J. Flood	Dublin		
A. McNaughton	Dublin		
SECTION II			
Midlands		Northern	
S. Anderson (rep)	Birmingham	R. Keating (rep)	Manchester
B. Weaver	Birmingham	D. Bielby	Manchester
J.F. Daniels	Birmingham	W. Ramsor	Manchester
R.J. Swingle	Birmingham	D.R. Elce	Manchester
J. Bulme	Birmingham	D. Williams	Manchester
D. McCondochie	Derby	W. Frederikson	Manchester
J. Whitehead	Witham (P'boro)	G.K. Watts	Doncaster
J. Fuller	Witham (P'boro)	A.F. Ludlac	Doncaster
G. Gilbert	Witham (P'boro)	P. Percy	Doncaster
P.R. Squires	Witham (P'boro)	P. Keogh	Leeds
		D. Torrance	Leeds
		A. Southall	Liverpool
		C. Southall	Liverpool
SECTION III			
London & North		London & S. East	
T. Exton (rep)	Watford	D. Hubbard (rep)	Bonhill St.
J. Smith	N. London	A.P. Chard	Bonhill St.
E. Grantham	N. London	D. Boyton	Bonhill St.
V. Wake	N. London	C.E. Sillett	Sittingbourn
P.G. Foxwell	N. London	G. Kattley	S. London
B. Clement	Watford	J. Brotheridge	S. London
K. Middleton	Bristol	S. Bates	S. London
M.R.L. Stevens	Reading	K.D. Verhoeff	S. London
T. Walters	Luton	K. Rogers	S. London
R. Cook	Luton	E. Upcraft	Bonhill St.
J. Woolhouse	Luton		
		P. Jenkin (rep)	URTEC
T. Roles	Head Office	J. Pothergill	Head Office
J. Crouch	Head Office	S. Molnar	Head Office
J. Taylor	SPIC Brent	D. Bates	LSC Brent
H. Paynter	ICRC Brent	J. Kiff	ICRC Brent
G. Vine	ICRC Brent		

Tom Boles was voted in as the Society Chairman while I was voted in as Captain, Pat Keogh as Vice Captain, Steve Molar as Secretary and John Burchfield as Treasurer.

Regional organizers were nominated but changed over time

- Scotland and Ireland - Ron Gammie, Jimmy Flood, Graeme Edwards
- Northern - Rex Keating, Pat Keogh
- Midlands - Sid Anderson - ultimately merged with Northern
- North London - Terry Exton - Ultimately merged with South London
- South London - Dave Hubbard, Vince Wake, Mel Hill - ultimately became Southern
- UKTEC - Pete Jenkin - until it closed



FED GOLF SOCIETY **NEWSLETTER NO. 1**

This is the first of a series of newsletters that will be distributed to keep members aware of the societies activities.

Following are the results of the first stableford competition held Saturday 25 October at Shaw Hill Golf Course Manchester.

There were three categories, one for members with official handicaps, one for those without handicap and scratch.

1 - Players with handicaps			2 - Players without handicaps		
Name	H/Cap	Points	Name	H/Cap	Points
A. F. CHARD	17	35	J. BROOTHERIDGE	24	23
J. POPPERCILL	21	32	P. KEOGH	24	22
D. MCCORDOCHIE	13	31	J. WOOLHOUSE	24	18
J. TAYLOR	9	30	T. WALTERS	24	15
B. WEAVER	10	29	R. COOK	24	14
K. MIDDLETON	17	29	T. BOLES	24	12
P. JENKINS	18	28	B. TORRANCE	24	11
D. WILLIAMS	10	28	D. BOYTON	24	10
R. KEATING	18	26	D.P. ELCE	24	9
S. ANDERSON	18	25	A.F. LUDLAM	24	9
A. SOUTHWALL	25	25	D. HUBBARD	24	8
S. MOLNAR	17	24	C. SOUTHWALL	24	6
D. RIDSDALE	15	22	V.O. WAKE	24	4
M. CAMPBELL	24	22	T. EXTON	24	2
J. SMITH	12	20			
J. BULME	27	20			
J. P. DANIELS	19	19			
R. J. SMITHEN	24	19			
H. BRIEN	25	15			
G. RATTEY	20	13			

3 - Scratch

J. TAYLOR	21
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Nearest The Pin - T. Walters
Longest Drive - S. Molnar

Initially there were matches in each of the areas but over time they were amalgamated into three regions, Southern, Northern and Scotland and Ireland with a central Captain's Day.

Southern events started at Gatton Manor in Dorking and then a few other venues finally moving to Chesfield Downs in Stevenage. They were organized initially by Dave Hubbard and later by Vince Wake and Mel Hill. This venue proved popular as it was accessible for golfers from the north. Two sponsors were established over time Wag Coombes Car Repairs followed by MicroRoute, NCR's partner in replacing the Branch Terminals in Barclay's Bank. Prizes were very good I recall winning a holiday in Tenerife one year.

Northern events were initially played at Boothferry or Doncaster but for the last 15 years held at Otley Golf Club, (Pat Keogh's Club) in Yorkshire. Sands Builders, owned by Jimmy Harrison and Dave Roberts carried out the ATM installation work for NCR and offered to sponsor the Northern Event and Captain's Day. They were both keen golfers and attended most events with their wives. They also made most of our Irish Trips. When their contract with NCR ran out and the sponsorship came to a close, we did them the honor of making them full members of the Society, and they still attend events.

One adventure I thought about for the Otley event was going up on the Friday camping out, playing on the Saturday, camping out then returning home on the Sunday. Geoff and Fran Rattey did it every year so I asked to join them. It turned out to be the year of the big flood. We camped in a field that flooded overnight and the course was closed due to flooding we didn't play but I still had a great time.

A couple of times I went to the Otley event with John Smith, Vince Wake and Mel Hill by golly those guys know how to have a good time.

Scotland events initially moved around a bit and were not always regular. When the organisation was taken over by Graeme Edwards and Ron Gammie, they settled it at Moffat Golf Club to be close to the border and make travel easier from England. It took on the name of '**The Haggis Bash**' and was the inspiration for '**Harry the Haggis**'.



The Cliff Hole at Moffat was a Par 3, 160yds. You had to tee off facing a cliff. The green was on top of the cliff and blind. The organiser hid **Harry** in the light rough near the green. So we didn't play 'nearest the pin', but 'nearest the Haggis'. Winning the Haggis became more important than the main prizes. We have to give thanks to Trevor Steenkamp's wife for taking on the task of knitting numerous Harry's.

The Scottish event now has its home at Lochmaben golf club, even nearer to the border.

I only attended the Scotland Moffat event once. The Arran 80 Bobbers (long story!) went one year on their way to Arran for their annual golf bash. Moffat is a very small town and roaming the pubs in the evening was like attending an NCR convention.

Ireland events were established every second year. These events were organised jointly by Pat Keogh and Jimmy Flood. Pat organised and booked the Hotels and attendees and Jimmy organised the golf and entertainment. Our visits always seemed to coincide with some local entertainment event. They were surprisingly well supported and Jimmy did us proud with a variety of great venues.

On our first visit we played Laytown and Bettystown, a links course on the east coast, north of Dublin. We traveled to the northwest coast of Co Donegal to play Bondoran. We played St Margaret's near the Airport, Knockanally west of Dublin and Deer Park in Hoath. On one memorable event we traveled north to Ballymac near the border with Newry. Our visit coincided with the Young Farmers Monthly Dance. If you went out for a breath of air, it was quite a site to see a car park full of tractors.

We also managed to play Jimmy's own course at Malahide Golf Club. Jimmy and Dermot Byrne were also regular visitors to the games on the mainland.

I have some fond memories of the first event in Ireland. I recall travelling with the Bonhill Street contingent that included John Brotheridge, Terry Exton and Dave Hubbard travelling from Luton on a Virgin Vickers Viscount turboprop. We attended a great cabaret and as I recall it drank a lot of Guinness.

Two memories from Ireland were:

1. Tom Boles sharing a room with Eddie McMahon – and for those of you that know Eddie – enough said.
2. John Smith who being disturbed by the gallery on one hole enquired if it was OK for him to T-Off while they were talking.

Captain's Day was arranged in the midlands to make national access possible. Hawkstone Park was a favourite initially but we also did Patshull Park. It is now played at Gainsborough Golf Club in Lincolnshire and is organized by Pat Keogh.

Gainsborough Golf Club is the home of Ping and has two courses to play.

In 1993 Rex Fleet, NCR UK CEO, attended Captain's Day I remember taking £6 off him! He did mention in his speech that I had probably made a bad career decision that day. I am still not sure if it was.

We also had non-golfer members like John Burchfield who was our Treasurer. While at Captain's Day one year John was watching from the balcony at Hawkstone Park at a number of our less experienced members hacking their way round he thought to himself I could do better than that. For the following years John could be seen pipe in one hand and golf clubs in the other.

Over time membership was expanded to include sales and even ladies.

We had a new captain each year but I was given the honour of being captain again in 2006 the society's 21st year.

The society does still exist, sadly in much reduced numbers, gamely led by Pat Keogh. I went to this year's Captain's Day in Gainsborough where 10 attended and 8 played. Below is a photo, from left to right:



As best I can remember from left to right:

Joe Teeling, Barry Sutton, Brian Stevens, Harry Ridge, Trevor Botting, Duncan McCondochie, Alan Chard, ?, Pat Keogh, ?, Steve Clawley, Graeme Edwards, ?, ?, Terry Walters, ?, John Smith, Trevor Steencamp, Mel Hill, Vince Wake, Geoff Rattey, Mike Wood, ?, Dave Hubbard.

Over the years members have come and gone but I must mention 4 special members who were in my opinion the most loyal members of the society Harry Ridge and Duncan McCondochie, often with their good ladies Anita and Dorothy. Trevor Steencamp and of course Pat Keogh who I believe has kept the Society running.

I have only been able to find one other photo of a society outing – Stevenage in 2006. (See below. Ed).

As is always the case with such societies we owe a great deal of thanks to those who gave up their time organising the events and keeping this going.

I have tried to solicit input from a number of people and apologise to anybody reading this article who I have failed to mention, spelt their name wrong or didn't recognized them in the photo – I am getting old!

If anyone out there has any other photos or memories of the Society's 32 years I am sure the editor would be happy to include them in future issues.

The Society's Future

Barry Sutton is keen to continue the society through WWCS. We have made one attempt but failed to get support. Barry's team is taking over the helm of the southern event from 2019 and hopes to expand it from there.

Good luck Barry. You will have mine and many other's support.

Mike Wood, Barry Sutton, Dave Roberts, Pat Keogh, Alan Chard, Andy McCleod, Frank Pussey, Trevor Steencamp, Vince Wake and Mel Hill.

The changing face of NCR UK Head Office

Looking through previous editions of PostScript I found two photos of two NCR UK previous head offices taken at the time they were fulfilling that function. They were at 225 Tottenham Court Road and 206 Marylebone, both in London. As many of you will know, NCR has now relocated its UK Head Office to one floor (only) at 5 Merchant Square, Paddington Basin.

So armed with nothing but an iPhone, I did a tour of these three locations to take photos of them as they are today.

The following five pictures show the two former buildings as they looked in 1937 then 2018 and finally 5 Merchant Square.

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206 Marylebone Road 1937



206 Marylebone Road 2018



225 Tottenham Court Road 1937



225 Tottenham Court Road 2018



5 Merchant Square 2018

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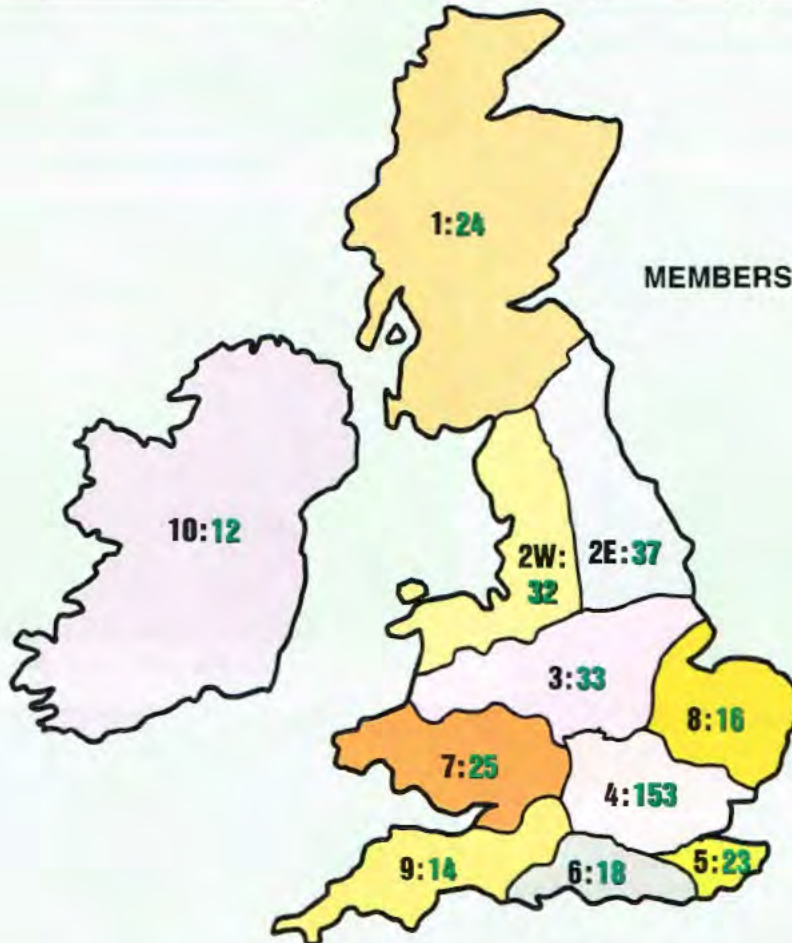
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