

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

A LOSS FOR POSTSCRIPT

The responsibilities of his full time position with the Company now make it impossible for Geoff Jackson to continue as Editor of Postscript. The members of the NCR Retirement Fellowship owe a huge debt of gratitude to Geoff, firstly for his great contribution towards getting the Fellowship established and organised, and secondly for taking on the task of creating and maintaining our newspaper Postscript. Anyone who has been involved in the preparation work required for any kind of newsheet or journal will be aware of the considerable amount of time required to achieve final publication. There is no doubt among the readership that Geoff has set a standard which is going to be very difficult to maintain. Those of you who have attended Geoff's Pre Retirement course will be fully aware of his dedication to the interests of retired people and the Fellowship is going to miss his contribution to our newspaper.

Very many thanks from us all Geoff, please rest assured of a very warm welcome as a guest at any of our functions wherever they may be held. If you can ever spare the odd moment, there will always be room in Postscript for the odd article, cartoon, or story that might come your way.

In the meantime we intend to keep our publication afloat by the efforts of an Editorial Committee of the London based Regional Organisers and Paddy Ellis as Working Editor who will introduce himself later on in the newsletter.

Harry Redington

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PENSIONER'S PROFILE



JO LEIGHTON

Seeking inspiration, I looked back at 'Pensioners Profiles' in previous issues. How can a succession of personal pronouns be avoided? The short answer is that it can't be, I guess there is only one way it can be done, so here goes:-

My NCR career started after demobilisation from the Royal Air Force in 1947. I'd been trained as a wireless mechanic and very shortly afterwards was posted to the Middle East where I joined the Desert Air Force servicing Kittyhawks and, later, Spitfires. We followed the Eighth Army to Malta, Sicily, Italy—we had reached the outskirts of Venice when the war in Europe ended reaching the dizzy heights of corporal in the process.

Like many others I was looking for a career that would utilise the training and expertise I had acquired in the RAF (not that I foresaw the electronics explosion, I wish I had). What are my memories of NCR?

At the very beginning was my interview with Jim Wallace when I amazed myself by stripping down and re-assembling a Class 700 adding counter. Then the 6th floor at Head Office, Jack Wright and Percy Townsend. My most vivid memory is

of Percy's big hands trying to pull apart a piece of repair work I had done and his growling voice, loud enough for all to hear saying 'Bad engineering practice'.

The LCC Hostels. Who, having once been a guest there could ever forget Porchester Terrace? Bravington Road and Vic Gladden? The Old Vic we called him, a lovely man. Week-ends in London with no money. Mrs Sloan, Landlady at Hendon. A letter from Charlie Webb – my appointment as Depot Manager.

Sean Dixon-Child travelling to Workington in the back of the service van to sell a 9H Adding Machine to an Italian Fish & Chip shop owner. Full Line Training. Carlisle was the first, and as far as I know, the only Depot to complete that programme which involved training all the Engineers on the full range of NCR equipment.

Charles Green and the great changes in Field Engineering. The new style conventions and meetings of FED Managers were an indication of the rising status of the division and of its increased importance.

The very first UK installation of the 'Century' Computer at Cumberland Fashions, Maryport. Paul DeCarle who specialised in the sale of the Class 3I Accounting machines and made a clean sweep of the Cumbria Commercial scene with them. Being seconded, after the closure of the centre to 'Mobet' – an enterprise trust that arose from the ashes of the iron and steel closures in West Cumbria.

Walking, particularly fell walking in the lakes has always been important to me and living all my life in Cumbria has made it easy to indulge my enthusiasm for it. Freda, my wife, and I are active members of the local group of the Ramblers Association, and, once or twice a week, depending on the time of the year, we walk with the group.

The type of walk varies, midweek is usually footpaths, riverbanks, lakesides and valleys with an occasional evening walk during the summer months. Week-ends are different, it is then we enjoy the fells and the high tops. Groups such as ours are to be found in all parts of the country and anyone interested in finding out more can do so by contacting the Ramblers Association, 1 Wandsworth Road, London SW8 2XX.

But my main interest these days is in the administration of swimming. I suppose it started when our two sons developed, at an early age, a great talent for the sport. That was more than 30 years ago and they, like me but in a different way, are still active. Denry, a Telecom Engineer in Sheffield and Norman an Assistant Leisure Centre Manager in Rotherham, are involved with Water Polo at a high level and play, coach and officiate regularly.

Norman is married with 2 children. Richard, age 4 was awarded a trophy in December last year for being the youngest swimmer in the Sheffield area to swim a length of the pool (33½m) a chip off the old block, and Frances aged 6, also a fearless water baby.

My own involvement has led to my being currently Secretary of Cumbria ASA and the NCASA Local Officer for Cumbria, an ASA Swimming Official operating at all levels and an Executive Member of the Swimming League of the NW. All of that and membership of The Northern Sports Council ensure that I don't have too much spare time.

But there is time for holidays, we try to manage two a year. One caravanning with friends, usually in a walking area, and one abroad. We prefer Italy but anywhere warm, but not too hot will do. And time too for visiting, Denry and Norman and family in Yorkshire, where we experience the joys of babysitting from time to time – all the joy but none of the responsibility of parenthood – and time to visit our daughter Glenda in Scotland.

Glenda, husband Tom and Kristofer their son, live in a delightful little hamlet in north Peebleshire, close to Edinburgh where Glenda, a

Nursing Officer, runs an old peoples home for the Local Authority. Tom is the Borders Representative of News International and Kristofer a pupil at Stewart & Melville School, Edinburgh. What time is left is spent in gardening, reading, home decorating and DIY. This year we plan to erect a lean-to conservatory, if we ever find time to sit in it.

As can be seen we lead a fairly full and active life with no time to think about growing old. If there is a message here it surely is that retirement can be a wonderful opportunity for adventure, activity and involvement.

YOUR NEW EDITOR

It was with great pleasure that I accepted an invitation from Harry Redington to become the Working Editor of *Postscript*, following the departure of Geoff Jackson. You will have read Harry's tribute to Geoff for all the excellent work that he did for the Fellowship and for *Postscript* and it will be a hard and challenging task to follow in Geoff's footsteps, nevertheless it is a challenge that I hope I will meet.

I propose to make one or two minor changes to *Postscript*, such as standardising the format and injecting a trace of humour into its contents. I maintain that *Postscript* is a newsletter for Fellowship Members; about Fellowship Members and written by Fellowship Members. We can only succeed if you, the members, contribute towards its contents. Let us know about your holidays, your hobbies, anything which you think will be of interest to others and especially about your experiences whilst you were an active member of NCR, including the amusing ones.

How about that great change-over "Decimalisation"? what a time that was, surely somewhere out there, are countless stories of what happened at that time; come on recall the past and let us all share in your memories.

All contributions to *Postscript* can be sent to me c/o Betty Campbell, FREEPOST, NCR Limited, 206 Marylebone Road, LONDON NW1 6LY.

I wish you well.

PADDY ELLIS

Paddy Ellis and Rosie



ARTICLES

NOSTALGIA from HENRY BROOMFIELD

I joined NCR in 1927 at Tottenham Court Road, as shorthand-typist to C.H. Thurgood in the Collection Department: I was engaged mainly on extracting monthly Hire Purchase payments from shopkeepers for their Cash Register, at a salary of £1.50 per week.

The General Manager at the time was H.C. Banwell who came from the USA, and it seems that I gave some information in writing to a salesman which he said Mr Banwell did not agree with. I was summoned to his office and almost sacked on the spot. This happened shortly after I joined NCR, but I weathered the storm and stayed 46 years until I retired in 1973!

At a recent Retirement Fellowship luncheon we afterwards had a representative from a leading holiday company who gave a talk and video presentation with a view to interesting members in their winter holidays abroad. This reminded me of an early Owl Class evening, when instead of imbibing NCR knowledge from a Department Manager, John Scott (then Shipping Department manager, and later Vice President, Overseas Operations, Dayton) arranged for the Polytechnics Touring Association to speak to us on holidays in Switzerland. As a result I went the following year on my first holiday abroad to the Polytechnic Chalet Hotel (now Seeburg Hotel) near Lucerne. It cost me £13 for 10 days.

In 1933 as a reward for regular attendance at the Owl Class meetings, NCR hired a small Thames steamer, and we sailed from Putney Bridge on a Saturday afternoon having, of course, been to the office in the morning. I took my camera and have a few photographs which include G.A. Marshall, E.F. Jones, W.O. Robbilliard, A. D. Bennett, S. Symes, C.H. Thurgood, W. Newton, E. Rogers, Moth (later manager for Spain) and Jimmy Files of the mailing department who brought his three piece band.

On another occasion we had an Owl Class Dinner at the Florence Restaurant in Rupert Street, Soho (now demolished) and amongst others I took part in the after dinner entertainment.

In a recent POSTSCRIPT it featured the building of NCR in Marylebone Road, which I well remember. We had to move in before it was completed with some bizarre results. Large areas of the floor were still just concrete and our desks were moved in, with small wooden platforms on which to put our feet. The toilets were not ready and so we used those in Marylebone Station, and also had breaks to go to the local cafe for coffee and tea. Apart from the structure of course, the interior of the building bears little resemblance to the original offices. Events I attended

in the old Convention Hall prior to my RAF service included an edition of the live wartime radio programme 'Workers Playtime'.

When I was demobbed I was interviewed by Bernard Capps (then Secretary) and given the job of organising the new Addressograph Department, at the satisfactory salary of £7.50 per week. I finally ended my career as manager of Stationery and Reproduction, and in connection with my duties as stationery buyer met my future son-in-law, who still serves NCR. It is a small world!

Over the years I made many friends, and am glad to renew contact with old colleagues at the Fellowship events. We must thank the Company for their support, and the organisers for the work put in making the necessary arrangements.



HOW TO CELEBRATE A 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Bert Newman, as many of you will know is well known for his Globe trotting activities. He and his wife Josie celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary by travelling around the world for 14 months, using their own itinerary. Bert has sent us the following comment on his stay in Singapore. Most people use Singapore as a stopover but they stayed for over 2 months.

First, we can recommend Garuda Air 747s, leg room excellent and food plentiful, also it left Amsterdam on time and arrived here on time. Staying with my daughter and family was an eye-opener. Luxurious house and pool complete with an Amah who refuses to let you do anything except perhaps to shower; by the way it's the first time in my life I have had two cold showers every day in February! We are beginning to find our feet and getting used to living on the equator. The people are of a mixed race: 70% Chinese, the rest Malaysian, Indian and Singaporean. The food follows the same pattern but sadly McDonalds is in evidence so slim males and females won't be for long. I have had some exotic snacks, dried fish like a biscuit, sweet or salty.

We are celebrating the year of the Tiger and everybody goes mad, all wear new clothes, as it's unlucky not to. Paper dragons and tigers litter the streets and providing you can bear the so-called music, which is a kind of catawauling with drums and cymbals (fortunately I can switch off my hearing aids and enjoy the spectacle!).

Singapore changes daily: new shops, new roads. Because Singapore is similar in shape to the Isle of Wight and 1½ times as large but with a population of 2½ million, it must change or bust! The government has restricted families to two children and cars are not allowed in the city centre unless they have at least four passengers.

We have learnt some dos and don'ts so as not to offend. No pointing of fingers, no touching of the opposite sex (unless invited). No. 4 is unlucky so does not appear very often in car numbers. Intelligent people consult

the stars before making decisions and the worst thing you can do is to punch your hand with your fist to emphasise a point. It's even worse in front of a woman; as far as I can make out, similar to putting up two fingers (perhaps worse).

We have eaten in all types of restaurants, even in Raffles. The best for European food is the Tanglin (?) Club, used only by members but they also serve Chinese and Indian food. The most interesting is the 'Hawkers Market' where the kitchens of all different cultures surround the chairs and tables and you choose what you want from each. Cheap compared to other restaurants. Lastly, the Indian banana leaves which are placed on your table are for each person, then the waiters come around with a large soup ladle and plonk dollops of rice, curried meat and fish and other weird things straight on the leaves, then you are left to your own devices. Most use their fingers but we had a spoon because we had a large fish head swimming in the soup to eliminate. I enjoyed all I tasted but the fish head was too much for even me.

We saw a funeral of a man aged 67 who had 4 wives (2 still living) and 29 children. I can guess what the wives died of, but the man did not die of boredom. There were 51 descendants and the undertaker's name was Ho Go Soon. It was very elaborate with two bands and a lorry decorated to look like a temple made of coloured paper with dragons and tigers in abundance. Good and bad spirits were in attendance, the coffin was in the street for four days and free food and drinks were supplied, also money was burnt for him or the gods. I suspect it was toy money. The wives had sackcloth over their heads and when they moved off, the wailing could be heard over the noise of the bands. I have since heard that another undertaker is named Oke Coffin.

I found out why taxi drivers wear 10c coins inside their ears: to use the phone in an emergency.

Bert sends his regards to all NCR retired folk

AWAY FROM IT ALL

by Basil Garsed

Next winter, thousands of older people will be escaping the worst of the bad weather and flying to a sunnier part of the world. And they can be saving money by doing so.

The UK's major holiday company has announced thousands of winter sunshine holidays for the over 55's from as little as £1.99 per day. Other Tour Operators have also announced a wide range of new holiday opportunities. Included in your transfer by coach to and from resort, a choice of main meal, a variety of activities and entertainment and even free excursions. All this combined with sunshine and the companionship of people of the same age makes for a memorable winter holiday whilst Britain freezes.

Even your physical and spiritual needs are catered for on one of these holidays! This particular tour operator has made exclusive arrangements to fly out vicars to resort so that you do not have to miss your regular visit to church whilst on holiday. In addition, a resort doctor is on call 24 hours a day.

The great thing about being this age is that your time is your own, you don't necessarily have to restrict yourself to a two-week holiday and the longer you stay away the cheaper the daily rate of your holiday becomes and the less you have to put aside for your heating and lighting bills at home.

For those of you who enjoy activities and getting out and about, there will be plenty to do, from sightseeing trips to keep fit classes, old time and modern sequence dancing, golf, bingo, gala nights and rambling sessions. You will even have the opportunity to learn new hobbies or pursue existing ones.

There are plenty of quality hotels to choose from. If you really want to feel 'at home' why not book a self-catering apartment? You can do what you want when you want, eat whatever and whenever you wish, or eat out – which represents great value for money.

Experience exploring the open-air Mediterranean markets for fresh fruit, eg, meat and fish – bartering with the locals is great fun and you can still find familiar brands in the larger supermarkets.

If you are wondering how these holidays can be so cheap, the reason is simple; the major companies are generating business for hoteliers all year round and this gives them strong buying power to negotiate highly competitive deals for accommodation in the quieter winter months.

There are a variety of destinations available from traditional Mediterranean resorts to North Africa and the Canary Islands, and the advantage of travelling in the winter is that you still benefit from the sun without the temperatures becoming unbearable.

You can explore islands such as Malta by car where rental rates are extremely reasonable, particularly if the cost is shared between a few friends.

These faraway places such as Tunisia in North Africa can be reached in only 2½ hours by plane from the UK and the country is so different from anything you may have seen before that you'll feel you are really 'away from it all'.

Further south, Tenerife in the Canary Islands is beautifully warm throughout the winter months, when temperatures usually reach the seventies. This island is truly exquisite and full of unusual wildlife and tropical plants bursting with colour.

Apart from the fabulous scenery and the taste of foreign climes you will be in good company because these holidays provide the perfect opportunity to make new friends. There are special singles holidays available and you'll have no need to feel concerned if you are travelling on your own. You'll soon be made to feel welcome and at home by the friendly and well-trained resort representatives.

So why stay at home this winter? Take a relaxing break and enjoy yourself in the sun. Holidays for the over 55's are available in the new Thomson 'Young at Heart' brochure which offers fully inclusive, keenly

priced holidays with a greater range of accommodation than ever before. Holidays range from 7 to 84 nights with the average cost of a 21 night stay at £265 per person. Self-catering long stay holidays prices start from £1.99 per day. There are 14 resort areas to choose from with daytime flights from 11 UK departure points.

When you have decided, you can provide yourself with extra spending money by booking through Express Boyd. e.g. A couple booking a holiday at £300 each will enjoy a discount of £37.50; enough to buy 'Duty Free' to take with you and your wine while you are away.

P.S. INTASUN and THOMSON very kindly came to Regions 4, 5 and 8 meetings and gave interesting presentations.

BASIL GARSED

PPS. by Ed.

Package Holidays are not new, they were in existence in the days of the Roman Empire. The Emperor Nero once hired a Roman Triemme (Galley with three banks of oars) from a Tour operator, for a two week cruise around the Mediterranean. When the holiday was nearly over, he sent for the Slave Master and told him that he was so pleased with the holiday that he wanted the Slave Master to pass on two messages to the galley slaves. Firstly that when the ship got back to port at the end of the holiday, all slaves would be given their freedom and secondly, that he, Nero, wanted to go water-skiing the next morning.

MACHINES I HAVE LOVED

by Paddy Ellis

At one of our recent get-togethers, I was reminiscing over old times with a few of my friends and our conversation went back to the early 60's and the machines of those times. We had got over the novelty of the Class 31's and 32's, so what was to come next? Then the stupendous news: an accounting machine that could automatically produce a punched card as a by-product of the operation of a Class 31.

I remember it well; detailed to attend the first course, held over the road from Head Office at Castrol House, I turned up to be instructed by such people as Tony Watkins, Johnny Limn and George Hawkins. There it stood, a Class 31 linked by a thick cable to a Card Punch (ICT in those days). Thrown into a world of Back Bars; 31 Programme Boards; Jumper Wires (complete with Jumper Tool for the insertion and removal of Jumper Wires) and Plug Boards things gradually started to make sense and it was with a great feeling of achievement that I completed my first exercise and strode confidently to the monster with my programmed Plug Board to see it work.

HA! HA! The machines were switched on and away we went: holes appeared by magic in the cards but unfortunately not in the right columns or in the right places. I looked up into the smirking faces of the instructors who showed the greatest delight in telling me that I had not got it quite right. After a couple of weeks however, all things slotted into place and away I went.

What next? A week's course on that terror, the 406 Sorter, held again in Castrol House only this time without the comfort of the old 31 to keep us company. Plug Boards again, programmed to sort into a pre-determined order the punched cards that I had produced from my Class 31 and Card Punch. Again, full of confidence I put the Plug Board in the Sorter, loaded up the cards and switched on. Cards flying in all directions except into the containers where they were supposed to go. Never mind I got it right in the end.

Next on the agenda, Punched Tape instead of Punched Cards and what is more, a Diode Board in the Tape Punch and a Diode Extractor for the insertion and extraction of Diodes.

Then Check Digit Verification: by this time I did not know whether I was bored, punched or confused as the saying goes. But surely this must be the end? NO.

'An introduction to the Computronic with its Pre-Set Factors. Little fibre cards with holes that had to be linked with pieces of wire soldered into them. Many a time have I burned my fingers on the soldering iron when making up a Pre-Set Factor card.

From there, on to the 395 and the 500 with all its magic (never did get my programme on the 500 to work quite right).

After this I was withdrawn from the firing line and placed in the comparative peace and calm of Sales Promotion and Advertising; that is if you can call working for Bob McCullagh calm and peaceful.

Now in my retirement, I can look back with nostalgia at the machines I have loved and even though at the time I thought that they were monsters, they were grand old machines; grand times and grand people to work with.

THE GREAT TEA TROLLEY DISASTER OF 1948

From Eric Gimson

It seems hardly possible that nearly forty years have passed since the great tea trolley disaster of 1948. Picture it if you can, the Accountants Department on an ordinary run of the mill afternoon. Thirty heads bent over their work under the firm but fair control of Assistant Accountant, Gerry England. The clang and whirl of the class 2000's and 3000's, the tapping of typewriters and the occasional ring of the telephones. Then DISASTER! The peace of the afternoon is broken by the tea trolley catching the doorway. A tray of cream cakes slither relentlessly to the ground, falling face downwards in the well trodden lino. The kindly old soul in charge of the trolley surveys the damage. Tears well in her eyes and slowly trickle down her face – will she have to pay for the cakes? Forty cakes at fourpence each would be a princely sum from her £4 per week. Sympathetic and willing hands restore the messy and unedible cakes to the tray. Then, Miss Johns (Johnny), Section Head, Salesmens Accounts, a lady with a heart of gold has a great idea – 'Let's all buy two cakes each' she says 'even if we cannot eat them'. Everybody agrees and dutifully hands over their eight pence – except one! Eric Jones was a man renowned for his caution with his money which he kept in a well worn purse. 'I am not buying cakes which I cannot eat' he says. Johnny appeals and threatens – 'Come on Eric, don't

be mean'. 'No' says Jones, not to be browbeaten by any female, 'I am not buying them'. Johnny may have had a heart of gold but she also had a very short fuse. 'Right' she says 'if you won't buy one you can have it for nothing'. A gooey, messy cream cake hurtles through the air, narrowly missing Jones' head and splashing to rest on the glass partition in front of Gerry England. Startled, he leaps to his feet and spins round. There is Jones, with his arm raised to protect himself, also on his feet. Everybody else have their heads down, working hard. 'Are you drunk, Jones, or have you gone completely mad' barks Gerry. 'It wasn't me' quavers Jones. Deathly silence – would Jones suffer the ultimate punishment – dismissal? The department held their breaths. No, Gerry decides to give him the benefit of the doubt. Perhaps he realised that it was Johnny. 'Sit down and get on with your work' he says. Thirty people sigh with relief and return to their work with only a cream cake slowly slithering down the glass to remind them of the great disaster.

INFORMATION FROM DHSS

Until July of this year some of those in receipt of a social security benefit who had an adult dependant with an occupational pension were not awarded an increase if the dependant's occupational pension exceeded the appropriate earnings limit. A re-interpretation of the law has made it clear that a dependant's occupational pension should only be treated as earnings if he or she also has earnings from employment.

To reach those most likely to have received wrong decisions and to avoid a large number of abortive claims, DHSS Ministers have decided that the Department should approach your organisation and others who are in touch with, or represent the interests of occupational pensioners with the request that, if at all possible, this letter be brought to the attention of occupational pensioners and their partners in any way you consider appropriate.

Anyone who has a dependant and who can answer 'Yes' to all of the following questions *may* have had a claim for a dependency increase wrongly disallowed. The claimant

should approach his or her local social security office and ask for the earlier decision to be looked at again. Any new decision will be notified to the claimant with details of any arrears payable.

Question 1 – have you been entitled to any of the following benefits at some time since 26 November 1984? Retirement pension – invalidity pension – severe disablement allowance – invalid care allowance – unemployability supplement with industrial disablement pension – sickness benefit – maternity allowance – or unemployment benefit.

Question 2 – have you had a claim for an increase for an adult dependant disallowed because he or she was receiving an occupational pension?

Question 3 – was your dependant *without* earnings from employment or self-employment during the period for which you claimed the increase?

I should point out that there is a proposal before Parliament in the Social Security Bill to restore the original intention that occupational pensions should be treated as earnings for the purpose of deciding entitlement to a dependency increase whether or not there are other earnings. Some increases in respect of occupational pensioners will therefore cease to be payable if the proposed legislation becomes law in the Spring of 1988.

The Department will be examining those decisions which are readily identifiable from its records and paying arrears where there have been underpayments, but it is estimated there are likely to be a further 1,000 claims which cannot be traced in which those with a dependant with an occupational pension could be entitled to arrears.

LETTERS

NOTE FROM ED.

We have received countless letters from Fellowship Members, thanking us for the 1988 Diaries and wishing us well in the New Year. They also express their appreciation for all the work put in by the Regional Organisers in arranging the various Regions Get-togethers. Space does not allow us to print all of these letters no matter how much we would like to, but we do enjoy receiving them.

TO ALL FELLOWSHIP MEMBERS

I would like to thank all those of you who sent me Christmas Greetings, these were greatly appreciated, as were your many letters thanking us for the NCR Diaries which we are glad you were all so pleased to receive.

BETTY CAMPBELL
SECRETARY
NCR RETIREMENT FELLOWSHIP

BRENTWOOD BAY, CANADA –
NOVEMBER 1987

Dear Harry

First of all I would like to thank you, and through you, the NCR/UK Fellowship, for another diary; it stays with me through each year as a constant reminder of my 40 odd years with the NCR organization in UK and the many friends I was privileged to know and to work with.

Secondly, I would like to enquire after your own health and to congratulate you on the concept of the Fellowship; one of these days when I visit England again, I would like to attend one of your functions.

For the past 11 years I have been a citizen of Canada and up to 4 years ago worked as Education Director for NCR Canada. Like the UK, NCR Canada is full of wonderful dedicated people who are a delight to work with.

For the past 4 years I have been conducting my own consulting business, teaching seminars to industry on Management development: this has carried me into many countries of the world (most with NCR) and they include Saudi Arabia, Australia, Bahrain, Nigeria, Cyprus, South Africa and, just recently, Zimbabwe. Now the time has come to fully retire, and Ann and I decided to move right over to the West Coast on Vancouver Island.

I have to say that Victoria and Brentwood Bay is a paradise, both from point of view of weather and scenery; our home is right next to the Pacific Ocean, with vistas of trees, flowers and mountains. Actually there are many British people, mostly retired, living around us, so it is almost like coming home.

Both our daughters have their own families in Ontario, and our eldest son still has his architectural practice in London, close by St. Paul's cathedral!

When you have a moment, I would like to hear from you, Harry. Please keep the Postscript and diaries coming – they are a good link with those 'other days'.

Best wishes,

DENIS TRIGGS

DUBLIN – DECEMBER 1987

Dear Mr Redington,

Once again, a big thank you for the gift of the NCR Diary and accompanying 'Postscript', a very witty title! Many of the names mentioned therein are familiar to me from Cyril's long and happy years with NCR and the continuing contact is a pleasure to me.

With every good wish for a happy Christmas, and renewed thanks to the people who go to so much trouble to compile the 'Newsletter'. May it go from strength to strength in 1988.

Shalom,

PAT MOORE

REGIONAL REPORTS

REGION 1. J.E. SALE

The meetings and lunches for 1987 were held as planned – Ambassador Restaurant Glasgow – June 3; Queens Hotel Dundee – June 4. This was the second meeting in Scotland and proved very successful – it was earlier in the year to take advantage of the 'better weather' – which did not materialize!!! However, we had a good attendance, and although some members could not come due to illness and early holidays – those present thoroughly enjoyed themselves – confirmed by the number of letters I received afterwards.

We welcomed three new members – Tom Wilkin & Gerry Cowie (Glasgow) and Mrs N Smith (Dundee).

We were fortunate too in obtaining a Guest speaker – Mr Scott Caldwell, Senior Centre Manager – Glasgow, who up-dated us on the progress in Field Engineering development. Scott found the time in his very busy day to give us a most interesting talk.

At Dundee too members from as far afield as Aberdeen and Pitlochry made it and my thanks go to Aberdeen Centre Manager Don McFadyen and Con Dailly (Area Admin Mngr – Scotland) for their assistance with transport.

I would also like to thank Margaret Gilmour and Con Dailly for the 'behind the scenes' help with the arrangements in general.

Good wishes for a speedy recovery to those members who could not attend due to illness were expressed at our meetings.

At these meetings interest was expressed regarding membership ties and scarves – they would like to see samples if possible? The postscript was on everyone's mind too – and regular issues would be welcome. I explained the problems of publishing and I know all concerned are doing their best to speed up the process. The diaries issued and the good wishes stickers proved to be a great booster to morale – now I feel higher at each event.

REGION 2. E.J. GILES

A very successful luncheon was held on Oct 22nd at Newton-on-Ouse, York and was attended by the following:

Edna Curry, Neville Smith, Sheila Davidson, Ron Lyle, Jim Batchelor, Stan Kennedy, Joan Kennedy, Frank Chambers, Frank Murray, Jessie Stevenson, Maureen (Leeds), Peter Jones, Al Watts, Johnnie Light, Geo Gent, Jack Sale, Henry Faber, Fred Townsend, Harry Pridham, Eddie Tuck, Margaret Proctor, Audrey Stringer, Eileen Palmer, Ernie Giles and Stan Holderness.

We had a good meal, turkey etc., and Xmas pudding and the atmosphere has got to be classed 'par excellence'. Unfortunately Joy Brown (Booker) was unable to be with us due to illness and that meant that Cathie Hoson was unable to travel. We were delighted to see Stan Holderness after such a gruelling summer in hospital. Stan has survived where others may have found it difficult to, he still needs to take care, but I am sure that he will do that. Regretfully, on the day before our meeting, his brother, the Rt Reverend George Holderness died in York hospital after a long illness. He was also close to Stan and being a 'Bishop' in his own right, very often appeared when we visited foreign parts on our CPC trips.

Next year 1988 (doesn't time fly) we hope to brighten our luncheons still further by inviting existing NCR members to talk to us e.g., we firmly believe a visit from our HON SEC would be appreciated. Then followed by a member of, say, TSD Leeds Office, maybe then a Systems man/woman (doesn't really matter), not forgetting our Chairman, to whom an open invitation will always be made. Next week I go to Carlisle to enjoy a PUB lunch with Jo Leighton and his crew.

My, didn't the week go quick. Here I am at Carlisle for the celebrated PUB lunch. Andrew, Mary, Jo, John, Ann and myself enjoyed the fruits of Joe's efforts - i.e. Pub Lunch, prices within the 'elegant restaurant environment'. It was so good, so enjoyable that our future meetings could well be catered for in this

manner. Regretfully Doreen could not be with us. She had to stay and care for her sick husband - we trust all is well by now.

The year 1987 has been a good one, finally ending in Carlisle and with no fewer than five luncheon arrangements for the North West and North East Region. We lost two of our colleagues and our sympathies are extended to their families.

REGION 3 - ANN WOOD

The Christmas lunch was held in Birmingham on the 4 December, 1987. Everyone agreed that it was a very good gathering and they all seemed to enjoy it very much.

REGION 4 - E.B. Garsed

REGION 4 LUNCH 28 OCTOBER, 1987 ... LIST OF ATTENDEES

George Attle	Lucy O'Donoghue
Fred Bates	Ray Pearce
Irene Biggs	Charlie Pegg
Ena Brister	Percy Pond
Peter Casemore	George Price
Ken Clarke	John Price
Robert Cleaver	Joyce Ranson
Derrick Coleman	Mike Regester
Betty Colmer	Betty Shorter
John Crosson	Mary Simmonds
Dick Downey	Bernard Slotkin
Gerry England	Bill Smith
Chris Ferdinando	Denis Smith
Elsie Ferry	Len Stanhope
Alf Froud	Sid Stroud
Bill Goddard	Frank Taylor
Fred Goodall	Margaret Totton
Eunice Hall	Alan Watson
Margaret Hanley	Barbara Walker
George Hawkins	Ted Way
Kathleen Hill	Lillian Whelan
Jim Hill	Phyllis Wickens
May Hill	Nina Wiltshire
Brian Hitchens	Des Woodall
Olive Holloway	Cyril Worts
Margaret Hyams	George Wright
Gladys James	
Des Jones	
John Light	Basil Garsed
Mike McHugh	Harry Redington
Margaret Mardlin	Betty Campbell
Len Morgan	Tim Lunn
Bill Morgan	Sue Parker
Ron Mason	(Thomson's)
Joan May	George Muggleton

1987 has been a year of good progress, special pleasure coming from several members, previously not interested, switching to full and active membership. The 'EVENTS' of the year followed the successful pattern of 1986.

1. The joint Regions 4, 5 and 8, Tea at HO on Thursday 23 April was a great event, enjoyed by everyone. 125 members attended and enjoyed a lovely 'spread' laid on by Ken Phillips and his staff.

Guest Speakers were June and Jack Allcock who gave a most interesting illustrated talk on London which gave us a quite different insight into our capital city.

The **Grand Prize Draw** was increased and proved extremely popular. The winners of the £30 theatre ticket vouchers and the bottles of wine all went away particularly pleased.

The 'Afternoon Tea' event seems to be an annual 'must' for the London regions.

2. The Region 4 lunch on 28 October was a great success with 70 members attending. Unfortunately another 4 were unable to get in owing to flooding disruption to transport.

The initial 'Wine and Talk' session was made even more enjoyable by the fact that Rex Fleet and Ian Black joined us for this part of the proceedings. Mr Fleet gave a most interesting view of current affairs in the Company which is obviously confident in mood.

It was especially appreciated that **Mrs Fleet 'PAT'**, took the opportunity to come in and meet a lot of old friends.

Our **guest speaker** was Sue Parker from Thomson Holidays 'Young at Heart', kindly arranged by George Muggleton, who we were delighted to have with us as our guest. This presentation was aimed to interest this specific audience and we are grateful to Sue Parker for her time, effort and interest.

The opportunity was taken to tell members of the 'POST-SCRIPT' situation and to urge them to make their magazine live by their active contributions.

During later discussions I sounded opinion on the subject of speakers - Yes/No, what sort? etc. Everyone I spoke to wanted to have guest speakers provided the subjects were appropriate and that the length was limited to 30 minutes maximum including question time.

3. Other Matters. We have our quota of new members, whom we welcome most warmly. Conversely we have an increasing trend of migration to other regions, e.g.

Bob Nash to Ringwood

Mrs A Gilbert from Greenford to Bude

Mike McKenna from Ealing to Falmouth

Mrs M D Lea from Eastcote to Bournemouth

Peter Peacock from S. Ruislip to Frimley

Howard Reynolds to Worthing

Dennis Blackburn to Milton Keynes.

Sadly Thie, who was present at the April tea event, died on 26 June.

We look forward with confidence to an excellent 1988.

REGION 5 - R. HILLIAR

REGION 5 LUNCH ... 4TH
NOVEMBER, 1987

Region 5 held their annual lunch on Wednesday 4 November, and the following members attended:

Cyril Ashworth	'Tudor' Tudor-Hall
Albert Barden	Harry Turner
Henry Broomfield	Marjorie Vigus
Frank Bushell	Bob Wadsworth
Gus Butler	Jim Walpole
Cliff Dobbins	Bob Webber
Rosa Dodd	Des Woodall
Bill Doe	
Sam Foster	
Alex Guy	
Joan Hunter	
Len Hurst	
Bob Judges	
Dick Macey	
Bert Newman	Basil Garsed
David Pelly	Harry Redington
Will Preston	Betty Campbell
Edith Pritchard	Tim Lunn
George Roberts	Sue Parker
Andre Rossi	(Thompson's)
Doris Rowley	... Guest
Reg Sedgwick	George Muggleton
Stan Scorer	... Guest
Will Simpson	Paddy Ellis
Lillian Skinner	... Guest
John Stamps	Vince Gordon
Ron Tarling	Geoff Jackson
Tom Treadwell	Rex Fleet

We were all sorry to learn that Ron Hilliar, Region 5 Organiser, was in hospital, but were delighted to receive a letter from him which Harry Redington read out to the meeting. Harry Redington had bought a large Get Well Card which all members were only too willing and eager to sign and many expressions of good wishes were voiced by the assembled company.

Needless to say lunch was a most enjoyable meal, for which we all heartily thanked Ken Phillips and his most amenable staff.

Once again we were pleased to welcome Vince Gordon, Manager, Pensions Dept, and Tim Lunn who was introduced to the members as our liaison with Pensions Department, Nicola Lawrie having left the Company for pastures new.

We were delighted that our Chairman and Managing Director - Mr Rex Fleet - was able to join us for the pre-lunch drink session although it was not possible for him to join us for lunch because of his very heavy business commitments. Rex welcomed the Members and gave a brief but interesting and informative speech on the present position and future plans of the Company, which all members appreciated as, indeed, they appreciate the fact that Rex takes time out of his busy schedule to join us.

After lunch, there was a short presentation by Sue Barker of Thomsons Travel Agency on holidays available to the Senior Citizen, for which we have to thank George Muggleton who kindly arranged this for us. The presentation was well received by the members many of whom had asked for information of this kind.

We are pleased to report that the lunch was a success and many members said how much they enjoyed not only today's meeting but how much they looked forward to future get togethers.

REGION 6 - J. GORMAN

To keep us in touch with today's NCR, in June we held meetings at Brighton and Southampton.

The Brighton meeting was mainly social with a humorous talk given by the Brighton Manager Frank Robinson. Also we saw a video address given by Mr Rex Fleet.

The Southampton meeting conducted by Manager Paul Williams was technical with a talk on FED Quality Improvement Projects, and a demonstration on how a VDU works. I must emphasise how indebted we are to Frank Robinson, Paul Williams and their staffs for putting up with us and making our visits so enjoyable. Each office provided us with refreshments.

The lunch at the Crest Hotel, Southsea on the 22nd October was again very successful. Everyone was extremely sociable and together with a splendid meal we had a great time. Unfortunately several members were unable to attend as their homes suffered storm damage and they had workmen present this day making repairs.

REGION 7 - N. COLE

A lunch for Regional 7 members was held at the Crest Hotel, Hambrook Bristol, on Tuesday 16th June.

This lunch was attended by twelve members.

We met at between 10.30 am and 11.00am for coffee over which old acquaintances were renewed and lunch was taken at 1 O'clock.

Members dispersed at around 3 O'clock after expressing their thanks to the company for a very happy and enjoyable few hours.

Our members were down at this lunch partly owing to the original date having to be changed due to my illness.

However, I would like to thank Mr J. Kembery, FED Bristol and Mr G. Cole FED Cardiff, for their assistance in arranging this lunch.

Those present at the lunch were:

Mr H. Ladd	Betty Hopkins
John Watts	Les Clarke
Mrs G. Wilson	Dorothy Davies
Bob Horwood	Norman Cole
Bill Garbutt	Tim Bale
Tom Edwards	Ron Jones

REGION 8 AND 8a - DES WOODALL

Since our last meeting in March, Region 8 and 8a has enjoyed shared proceedings with Regions 4 and 5 at the tea and get-together on 23rd April. This event was greatly enjoyed by the many NCR Pensioners present, and they also enjoyed the talk about 'Old London' given by my friends June and Jack Alcock.

52 members indicated that they would attend the Region's lunch at Head Office on 21st October. This was a very enjoyable affair, with an excellent meal being provided by Ken Philips and his staff, plus a very good talk from a representative from Intasun regarding suitable holidays for retired folk. Everyone present was also asked to put on their thinking caps and submit interesting articles about themselves or their hobbies, for inclusion in Postscript.

Tim Lunn from Pensions Department also came along to meet Region 8 members as the new liaison link between the Fellowship and the Company, he replaces Nicola Lawrie who moved on to pastures new earlier in the year.

Five new members have joined the region since April, one has moved to Region 6, and 2 ladies (Margaret Sellwood and Margaret Sheppard) have died.

I would like to record my personal thanks to Betty for all the help she has provided.

James Barber	Bill Maun
Jim Brierley	Arthur Mensing
Reg Burt	Jean Minshull
Pat Caldecourt	Charlie Morgan
Betty Campbell	Micky Myers
Kath Carter	Fred Newman
Alf Cawfield	Hannorah Newman
Ernie Channon	Joyce Newman
Gerald Cutler	Wally Prince
Paul de Carle	Betty Ranson
David Fulleman	Wally Rawlins
Basil Garsed	Harry Redington
Eric Gimson	Anne Riches
Ray Hall	Lee Robinson
Phyllis Harrison	Flo Smith
Adrian Hubbard	Walter Smith
Win Hudson	John Spinks
Vivian Hyde	Eileen Taylor
Bill Ide	Peter Timlett
Doreen Jarman	Louis Vertessy
Irene Jones	Renee Welham
Ron Knubley	Fred Whybrow
Charles Lee	Des Woodall
Fred Main	Tom Wright

REGION 9 - TOM FARMER

A lunch was arranged for Region 9 on 27 November at the Great Western Hotel in Exeter. This was attended by 33 people including Tom Tilley who is 90+ and going strong.

We were also very pleased to welcome three guests to our luncheon, Rex and Pat Fleet together with George Haynes, and as we are a small group the husbands and wives of some of our members. The lunch and get together was most enjoyable. Members again said how much they appreciated the diaries which everyone apparently puts to good use.

Derek & Pat Locke	Harry Crown
Roy & Daphne Zaiger	Tom Tilley
Jack & Olive Fowler	Eric & Frances
Bert & Gladys King	Willsmer
Percy & Ann Davis	Rose Nicholls
Ken & Hazel Thorne	Margaret Adlam
Vera & Harry	Betty & Ted Wassink
Rowbottom	Gladys Jarman
Ken & Ida Haynes	Val & Tom Farmer
Joan Gardner	Rex & Pat Fleet
Mike & Joan	George Haynes
McKenna	

NEW RETIREMENTS

R. BEARD	1.9.87
M. CLANCY	1.9.87
L.A.R. COLLIS	1.9.87
B.M. DRURY	1.10.87
A.N. COLCOMBE	1.11.87
H. BOORER	1.12.87
J.A. LAWRIE	1.12.87
D.R.D. SMITH	1.12.87
W.A. COOK	1.1.88

OBITUARY

Dennis H Bates. Died 19.11.87 Aged 63. Manager LSC/FED, Brent. Retired 31.5.87 after 38 years service.

John Barbour. Died 2.7.87 Aged 68. Systemedia, Gourock. Retired July 1983 after 35 years service.

Cecily Bloxham. Died 13.6.87 Aged 74. Systemedia, Brent. Retired April 1973 after 10 years service.

Annie Gilbert Died 21.9.87 Aged 62. Credit Accounts, Guildford, Retired Aug. 1977 after 14 years service.

Jack Hairyes. Died 27.10.87 Aged 72. FED, Leeds. Retired July 1975 after 45 years service.

Bill Harbor. Died 17.6.87 Aged 92. Research & Mfgt. Labs. Borehamwood. Retired January 1962 after 30 years service.

Walter Rowland Hart. Died May 1987 Aged 81. Sales Director. Retired Dec. 1965 after 35 years service.

John Mabey. Died 19.12.87 Aged 79. Careers & Educ. Greenford. Retired Aug 1970 after 22 years service.

Norman Peacock. Died 22.12.87 Aged 73. Mng. Ins. & Pens. H/O. Retired May 1976 after 45 years service.

Harry D. Preston. Died 29.7.87 Aged 66. SPIC/FED, Brent. Retired June 1985 after 29 years service.

George M. Reilly. Died 21.10.87 Aged 59. FED Manchester. Retired Dec. 1984 after 32 years service.

Frederick W. Rowland. Died 14.8.87 Aged 84. AAMD/HO. Retired Sept. 1970 after 35 years service.

Leonard J. Salmon. Died 17.11.87 Aged 81. Mgr Spec. Projects, Systemedia, Brent. Retired Nov. 1971 after 23 years service.

Margaret Sellwood. Died 27.9.87 Aged 67. Systemedia Brent. Retired April 1977 after 12 years service.

Margaret Sheppard. Died 25.10.87 Aged 64. Express Boyd. Retired April 1983 after 15 years service.

John Stamps. Died 30.11.87 Aged 75. Personnel Controller, H.O. Retired Sept 1977 after 16 years service.

Kathleen Telford. Died 14.10.87 Aged 83. Staff Restaurant H.O. Retired Aug. 1965 after 9 years service.

Bert Thie. Died 26.6.87 Aged 70. Foreman, Roll Production Systemedia, Brent. Retired April 1977 after 21 years service.

Arthur Webster. Died 19.11.87 Aged 91. London CRD Showroom. Retired Jan. 1962 after 11 years service.

Frederick Wills. Died 31.8.87 Aged 77. Premises Dept. NCR 1000. Retired Jan 1975 after 12 years service.

Walter Wright. Died 25.4.87 Aged 77. Security H.O. Retired Jan. 1950 after 23 years service.



REGION 3



REGION 9



REGION 2

CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE

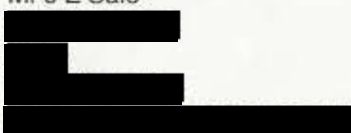
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REGION 2

Mr E J Giles



REGION 3

Mrs M D Wood



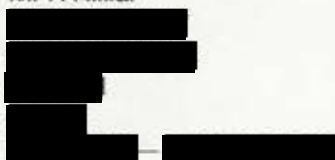
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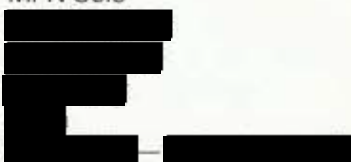
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Mr J Gorman



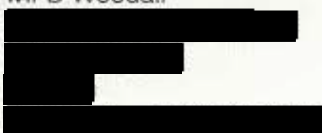
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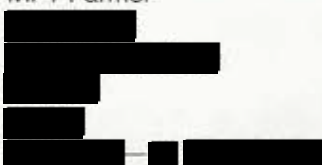
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