

iCONTACT

For Pensioners of the Reckitt Benckiser (formerly Reckitt & Colman) Pension Fund

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RBPA September Committee Meeting

Allan Chandler retires from the committee

At our second meeting of the year in September, we were sad to hear that Allan had to resign from the committee, where he held the role of Treasurer. On behalf of RBPA members and the committee, our thanks have been expressed to Allan for his commitment and we send Allan our best wishes.

Kevin O'Berg, who has only recently taken up the position of RBPA chairman, kindly volunteered to take on the Treasurer role and the committee was happy to accept. Kevin is also a member of the *iContact* Editorial committee, so we are doubly grateful for this.

Re-elected

In *iContact* 75 we reported that Trevor Clark, Gill Morrell (both Northern region) and Alistair Stewart (Eastern) were due for re-election. All three offered themselves for re-election and, as we didn't receive any nomination forms by the deadline of Friday 24th September, they have retained their positions on the committee.

Could you be a committee member?

As you can see from the last two issues of the magazine, we have had a couple of resignations from the committee and have a rolling re-election program. We're always looking to recruit "new-blood". So if you could spare a small amount of time, we know that you'd find this a rewarding experience.

Visiting - Re-visited!

Thank you to those that completed the form in the last issue requesting contact or a visit from one of the RB Pensioners' Association (RBPA) visitors.

There has been a delay in responding to your requests due to the necessity to comply with current data protection legislation. Initially it was thought that direct contact with pensioners would have to cease but, with the help of the RB Pensions Department, RBPA is putting documentation in place which will enable the visitors to recommence their work. This should be finalised in the near future and contact will be made in due course. Watch this space! **ALSO** see the Visit Request form on the back page.

Successful West Country pop-in



Martin Fox and Tony Swell hosted our first "pop-in". It was held at The Victoria Hotel, Sidmouth on 15th August. They sent us this photo and tell us that, "It was a very pleasant informal get-together with plenty of chat over afternoon tea and delicious cakes". Martin and Tony decided that they ought to repeat the event again next year - and the date for that is **Thursday, 27th August 2020 at 2pm** (put it in your diary) - reminders will be in the April and August 2020 *iContact* magazines. They're looking forward to seeing all of the attendees again and of course the invitation is warmly extended to any new faces who were unable to attend at the event in August. How can you resist a free cake, drink and a chat?

NEW for 2020 Bournemouth pop-in



Following the success of the West Country pop-in at Sidmouth, Mike Urry and Tony Swell have arranged to hold a pop-in at the Royal Bath Hotel, Bath Road, Bournemouth. Pensioners from the Bournemouth, Poole and Christchurch area are invited to join them on **Tuesday 7th April at 2pm in the lounge area**. If anyone would like a chat beforehand, please phone Mike Urry on 02392 526 860 or Tony Swell 01189 691 390. The pier and car parks are very handy nearby.

Get-togethers

Please see pages 2 and 3 for get-together reports from around the regions. The diary dates for 2020 can be found on Page 3. You're all very welcome to come along.

Get-togethers around the regions

Derby - The Potting Shed Cafe, Markeaton: Contact Lorraine Mugleston



It is always a pleasure to see familiar faces but it is also lovely to welcome new people and we had two new members join us, David Buckley who was a salesman for Meltonian and Amarjit Gidda who worked in Aerosols. Once again we had a

very healthy attendance; conversation flowed

and there were many trips down memory lane. Lots of conversations begin with "Do you remember when ...". Laughter is a predominant feature at our get-togethers - they are a gathering of friends and not just colleagues - and everyone who already goes or would like to come along is or will be made very welcome.

We have a really friendly group and, if anyone new is wondering if they should come along, then please do. We would love to see you. Lorraine.

Nottingham - The Shepherds, Stragglethorne



An excellent, friendly get-together for Nottingham in spite of pouring rain. Mr and Mrs John Clark who always attend were unable to come due to other appointments - we all hope they can make it next time. The group enjoyed some interesting reminiscing during the get-together. **Brian looks forward to seeing old and new faces at the next meeting.**

Chiswick - Wheatsheaf Hotel, Virginia Water



Chris Mann reports, "We had the second of this year's Chiswick Pensioners get-togethers and lunch yesterday. Sir Michael Colman joined the group and a good time was had by all."

Leicester - The Fox Pond, Oadby



The Leicester pensioners enjoyed the new venue for lunch. Raymond was telling a story how he has collected old cigarette packets over many years, some of which have now gained quite a lot in value. **Looking forward to our next get-together in 2020.** *Factoid: Did you know that "Cartophily" is the name given to the hobby of collecting trade cards - especially cigarette cards.*

Norwich News

Production at Carrow will soon end after 170 years of providing important work for the people of Norwich. Many who worked there have happy memories.

In 1996 meetings of pensioners were started and now meet at the WHITE HORSE INN, Trowse. Over a cup of coffee and a sausage roll those attending have reminisced about those happy days. Although Carrow is about to become part of history, the pensioners' get-togethers can help to keep those memories alive.

So, as we approach the beginning of a new year, the first meeting will be on the Tuesday January 14th, 10:30 am at the White Horse Inn, Trowse.

Come along, all are welcome.

See more photos in the digital edition
www.icontactnewsletter.co.uk



DIARY DATES 2020

CHISWICK/LONDON (W)

Thursday, March 26th at 12 noon
The Wheatsheaf Hotel, Virginia Water.
Contact Chris Mann,
Tel 07824 446 392

HIGH WYCOMBE

Wednesday, April 1st at 12 noon,
Brewers Fayre, Loudwater,
High Wycombe.
Contact Paul Gilliam
Tel 01494 562843

WEST COUNTRY POP-IN

Thursday, August 27th from 2pm
The Victoria Hotel, Sidmouth
Contact Tony Swell
Tel 01189 691 390

BOURNEMOUTH POP-IN

Tuesday, April 7th from 2pm
The Royal Bath Hotel, Bournemouth
Contact Tony Swell
Tel 01189 691 390 or
Mike Urry
Tel 02392 526 860



DERBY

Tuesdays, April 7th and
September 15th,
both at 10:30am
The Potting Shed Cafe,
Markeaton Garden Centre,
Markeaton Lane, Derby.
Contact Lorraine Mugleston
Tel 01159 733 753

NOTTINGHAM

Tuesdays, May 5th and September 8th,
both at 12 noon
The Shepherds, Stragglethorpe,
Radcliffe-on-Trent, Notts.
Contact Brian Bradley
Tel 01526 321 575

LEICESTER

Tuesday, April 21st and October 6th,
both at 11:30am
Fox Pond, London Road,
Oadby, Leicester,
Contact Brian Bradley
Tel 01526 321 575

NORWICH

Tuesdays, January 14th, April 14th,
July 14th and October, 13th,
all at 10:30am
The White Horse, Trowse.
Contact Alistair Stewart
Tel 01603 436 391

HULL

Wednesdays, February 19th,
April 22nd, June 17th, September 9th,
October 21st and December 2nd,
all at 11am
Cheval Cafe, Willerby
Contact Phil Shearsmith
Tel 07858 137 178
alloa@alloa.karoo.co.uk

High Wycombe - Brewers Fayre

The October GTG was the biggest event to date with 30 guests. We had several new faces who had responded to the notification of event dates given in Contact Magazine. Even though numbers were high, we missed several of our regulars including Dick Avery and Anne Bartholomew. Many of our guests had travelled long distances to be with us and we hope they will be able to join us on April 1st - the date of our next event. A slight delay in serving the meals came and went unnoticed by our guests as the conversations between former colleagues, many of whom are now friends, became louder and louder! And surely that's the main point of these gatherings.

Before drawing the raffle, Paul explained the latest thinking on why written permission was needed for Pension Visitors to visit pensioners in their homes or Nursing Homes, etc. The procedure for notifying the Company of a request for a visit was explained in the last edition of Contact Magazine. The raffle was held with many of the prizes donated by the pensioners themselves, including several pots of flowers, beautiful chrysanthemums from Tony Collier, biscuits, cosmetics, chocolates, even tangerines - and not forgetting Mrs Bridges' marmalades.

Hull - Cheval Cafe, Willerby

The Hull group have had two get-togethers since the last magazine - one in September and then again in October. The Heritage centre sent a couple of DVDs that have just recently been converted from film. One was about the building of the Hull KWN factory and the other was about Health & Safety. The H&S DVD was very entertaining and showed the promise of the extremely high standard expected nowadays. The October meeting saw the drawing of the *iContact* questionnaire prize draw - and photos of that can be seen on Page 7.





RMC - Romantic Motoring Club?



In the last edition of *iContact* we ran a small feature on the Reckitt's Motoring Club (RMC) and in the intervening period, two of you have been in touch with us to share some memories of your time with the RMC.

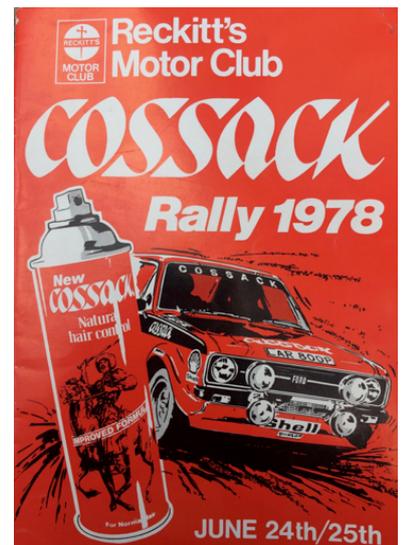
Philip Robinson sent us the photo (above) which shows a very glamorous group of couples at one of the many RMC social events. Philip (far right) tells us he was on one of the early dates with Rheda Stanford (known as Sue), the lady sitting in front of him. She must have enjoyed herself because they later married and have recently celebrated their 55th anniversary. Both Philip & Sue worked at Reckitts (overseas accountant & secretary to the Pharmaceutical department director, respectively) for a combined service of 44 years. *Do you recognise any of the other people in the photo? Write in and let us know.*

Heavily involved in motor sport, Malcolm Wallis was invited to the showing of a film on the Derby site where he worked as an

accountant. The Marketing people from Hull, including the Cossack brand manager at the time whose name (he believes) was John Clark, had brought along a now classic film (of which Malcolm has a DVD) entitled "From Harrogate It Started". It was a stirring film of the 1971 RAC Rally with background music by 'The Who'. The reason for showing the film was that the Cossack brand had been approached by a retail chemist in Hull, looking for sponsorship of his Mini rally car. After the film, Malcolm recalls that they went outside and John, being so 'fired up', said, "I feel like getting into my car and having a blast around the site!". The sponsorship went ahead and, as we know, was later followed by the step up to sponsoring Britain's top rally driver, Roger Clark.

Malcolm's second memory is of the club's night rallies which started from Beverley. As a regular competitor in rallies around Derbyshire, he thought it would be interesting to compete in the Reckitt's Motor Club event. He entered the 1978 rally in his Mark 1 Ford Escort and even received sponsorship from the Derby site! The cricketer, Brian Close, was the official starter for the event and Malcolm was fortunate enough to do reasonably well and win an award in his class.

Malcolm sent us a photo of the front cover of a Cossack rally booklet. It has to be said that the brand colour, name and even typeface seem to have been ideally suited to rallying sponsorship.



Happy Birthday celebrations - 100 years for Mrs Middleton and Mrs Watson - and a mere 70 years for Keith Lawson



Mrs Middleton - It's a family thing: Mrs Kathleen Middleton (above) is seen here celebrating her 100th birthday. Kathleen worked in the Starch Department and left in 1942 when Carrow was bombed. It was at Carrow that Kathleen met her husband George who worked in various departments; he retired from Soft Drinks. The Middleton family had a long association with Carrow; George's father, grandfather and several uncles all worked there. They also met their wives there. Finally to end a long association with Carrow, Kathleen's daughter Margaret worked in various departments and married David Beck who worked in the Depot. Mrs Middleton and her husband were regular attendees at the Norwich get-

together in earlier years. Pam Gulliver and Alistair Stewart visited Kathleen to congratulate her and she received chocolates and flowers from the Pensioners' Association.

Mrs M Watson

Our other centenarian celebrated her 100th birthday in July. Mrs Watson worked at Colours (Morley Street) and her husband worked at Dansom Lane, in Hull.



Keith Lawson (70 years old - not 100!)

Grouped in with our centenarian celebrants is Keith Lawson (formerly Hull R&D), pictured on the right with Jeremy Wilcox celebrating his 70th birthday at a surprise party. The party took the form of a "This is Your Life" session involving many R&C colleagues. Jeremy regaled the audience with tales of his IDD trips to Latin America and the Caribbean with Keith. The highlight

was a memory of the time they spent with the R&C business in Jamaica, for which (as



you can see in the photo) the two of them donned appropriate headgear. Jeremy tells us that Anita Dryden (also see page 5) was pressed into service to spring out of the cake (no photo supplied!).

Keith - way to go - only 30 to catch up !!!

Are you celebrating any special birthday or events?
Write in, send photos and let us know.

Mousssec to Brian's ears ...

In the last edition of *iContact*, Brian Bradley (Nottingham & Leicester get-together organiser), asked ex-Mousssec employees to get in touch with him via email - and you did! Here are your emails to Brian ...

Les Trimmer worked at the Rickmansworth winery. The Mousssec business commenced in 1932 when the articles of association were issued. His father Jess (Jack) Crossley was a general foreman at that site. Mousssec production eventually moved to Norwich. Les was approached and made the move there when it was a virtual green-field site and was present when Mousssec was first produced. Les has serious doubts about the Rickmansworth factory being used as a "front" for manufacturing tanks - he says that the only tanks on site were the wine brewing tanks! (See *Mousssec* article in *iContact* 75)

Tony Fox Carter joined Mousssec in late 1966 as Development Chemist, then as Chief Chemist, eventually combining that role with that of Production Manager - effectively Tony was in complete charge of the Winery and Bottling Hall where he stayed with Mousssec before moving to Carrow when it was sold on to Lamb and Butler. Tony recalls that Les Riceys was a wonderful place in a time warp.

Michael Harrison was the Wine Buyer from 1975 to 1984 for Edouard Robinson and Colman's of Norwich, subsequently R & C Vintners. Michael tells us that, "At some stage Les Riceys, near



Troyes situated in the Bar vineyard area at the southern limit of the Champagne area, was once a source of one the grape juices for Mousssec. I believe the juice was concentrated at Les Riceys and subsequently shipped to Rickmansworth where it was diluted and fermented to make the base wine for sparkling Mousssec and later as a still British wine for filling into the Bag in Box format. Obviously, there were other cheaper sources of concentrate, as the Les Riceys source was far too expensive for the production of Mousssec."

Nigel Fuller, late husband of Christine, also worked at Rickmansworth. Nigel worked in the labs for Quality Control team, both at Rickmansworth and later at Norwich. She recalls Nigel telling her this amusing incident that happened at Rickmansworth, "Nigel was responsible for testing samples of Mousssec and each evening he would leave them in the fridge for the following day. On many occasions he noticed that some of the samples were not as he had left them, and in fact it was obvious that someone had been tasting

them. After a while he became very irritated that his work was being interfered with, so he hatched a plan. He took the samples as usual, but on this occasion, he took twice the number required. The ones he would be working on were put into the fridge out of sight and the others he left in the normal place, but these ones had an added ingredient salt! Imagine his surprise the following day when a senior member of staff complained that there was something drastically wrong with the previous day's batch! The culprit was uncovered and luckily for him I've forgotten his name!

Fund-raising for Women's Health



Anita Dryden, Healthcare manager at the Pharmaceutical and Household divisions, sent us a letter and photos that tell us a little more about the efforts behind the X-ray story we ran in *iContact* 74. The photo here shows Anita (left) and Olive Cockshaw, presenting a cheque for £1500 to help buy equipment for the early detection and treatment of cancer in women to Mr Alan Gordon and Mr Alan

Palmer, both specialists in women's health at the Hull Royal Infirmary (Sutton). One thousand pounds had been raised at two R&C employee events - a Christmas fair held at Household div. and a disco held in Leven. Anita says that both events were amazing, with everyone contributing to the success of the fair in one way or another. The people of Leven provided the venue and music for the disco, which was again well supported by R&C employees. The remaining £500 was a gift from the Sir James Reckitt Trust Fund.

Following a discussion with Mr Palmer about the benefits of early detection, Anita went on, with the support of the Household division, to introduce mammography screening every three years for all female employees.

The passing of Olive Cockshaw, at the age of 90, was recorded in the obituary section of *iContact* 75. Olive was one of the nurses in Anita's team.



In the frame?

Philip Robinson (far right) sent in this photo of the Overseas accounts dept and wondered if you recognised anybody else in this shot?



Left to right: Gerard Guegan (Chartres) receives the man of the match trophy; Tony Gotts, Carrow captain, proudly accepts the winner's cup from Carrow M.D., Vernon Sankey; Pat Rackham received the Carrow F.C. player of the year award.

Congratulations - still winning medals

We're delighted to extend our congratulations to David Francis and Dave Carter who have once again won medals in the React Games event held in the south of England, for people aged over 50. David (left) and his partner, won a gold medal in the short tennis event and Dave (right), playing with a new partner, won bronze in table tennis. David, competing for the last 10 years, has reached every final, winning two silver and eight gold medals. Dave has taken part in six of the React Games, during which time he has won the Bronze medal three times and the Gold medal once. Well done guys. Keep it up!



Colman's Football Penalty Prowess

In June 1985 Colmans sent a football team over to France to play a team from the Reckitt's factory in Chartres. In a hard fought game the final score was 0-0. It had to be decided on penalties, and this time the English won. *Do you have any memories of this game?*

Chiswick in the eighties

(or have we got old news for you!)

Back in the 1980's Chiswick HQ was the Corporate hub of Reckitt & Colman with all power and major decisions centred there. However, there was a vibrant social side for the staff and many pleasurable hours were spent away from the pressures of the business.

Looking through old copies of the Chiswick News reveals details of a mixed bowling competition won by Bob Robb, Jacquie Piesley and John Knott. The wooden spoon went to "Lovejoy's losers" comprising Louise Woods, Margaret O'Connor, George Formby and Paul Lovejoy. Paul said at least there is always one thing we are first at – the bar!!

If you have any memories or stories of the Chiswick days just drop us a line and let us share them!

Carrow & Norwich City

It's all about the football

Colman's staff and families wait to board the coach bound for Wembley to see Norwich City in the 1985 Milk Cup final.

Do you recognise anyone in this photo?



Dettol - protecting us & the environment?



Dettol - one of RBs eighteen leading global brands - first made its mark in hospitals 80 years ago as Dettol Antiseptic Liquid. It was first used for the cleaning and disinfection of skin during surgical procedures and was also used to protect mothers from illness after childbirth. After humble beginnings, Dettol now boasts a range of 96 products which encompass a broad range of uses and formats from bar soaps and liquid soaps to surface cleaning sprays and laundry products. With so many formats and packaging types, recycling would seem on the surface (no pun intended) to be a bit of a nightmare, but the Dettol website (www.dettol.co.uk) has a recycling page which shows that the majority of its packaging is recyclable through council waste schemes. There are one or two exceptions; pumps (like those you find in the liquid soap packs) are currently not

recyclable; the biodegradable wipes and refillable product packs (which themselves use less plastic) can be managed for waste through a partnership that the Dettol brand has made with a company called Terracycle®. This company, set up by Tom Szaky, provides collection options for these non-routine types of products. It manufactures a range of products, such as tables, planters, benches and playground equipment. A points system for waste collectors can be converted in to environmental charity donations. Visit the website www.ownterracycle.com to find out more. So, whilst we all endeavour to reduce our impact on the environment, the Dettol brand is also committed to playing its part.



Fybogel - the motion potion



Reckitt News ran an article on Fybogel in 1975. It tells us that Fybogel was launched in 1974 to address the 20th century problem of lack of dietary fibre. This problem is believed to have become more prevalent with the increased use of refined grains such as white flour, where the natural fibre has been removed. Fybogel, made from the fibrous husk of the Isphagula grain, is unusual for a product that was (then) mainly available on prescription inasmuch as it's a natural solution to a natural problem. The product is diluted to make a drink - best drunk as soon as it's mixed. Amazingly, the Isphagula husks absorb more than 40 times their

own weight in water and, if left to stand, clearly demonstrate the gel-like nature of the product. It is this gel-like format that bulks up our waste, making it softer and putting less stress on the squeezing action of the large intestine - making it all round easier to make that "final push". As well as addressing very common bowel problems such as constipation and haemorrhoids, bowel experts recognise that increasing dietary fibre and thus promoting a healthy gut can reduce the risk of bowel cancer. It's also thought that fibre in the diet can reduce cholesterol levels.

Since its inception, Fybogel has been manufactured at the Hull site. It is filled into individual sachets that are packed at speeds of up to 850 sachets a minute. Like many products it's undergone many improvements to make a relatively healthy product even more healthy and the manufacturing process safer.

Brand Word Search

One of the suggestions from the questionnaire was to have a puzzle or a quiz, so with that in mind, we've put together this "taster". *Please email us to let us know if this is a feature you'd like to see again.* Sadly there is no prize on offer - just the satisfaction of completing the grid! We'll publish the answer in the digital edition of the next magazine.

Can you find the following names in the word grid?

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|-----------------|------------------|
| Disprin | Harpic |
| Lemsip | Mr Sheen |
| Gaviscon | Dettol |
| Fybogel | Senokot |
| Silvo | Windolene |
| Nulon | Nurofen |

W	X	N	I	R	P	S	I	D	L
C	I	P	R	A	H	H	E	L	E
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O	N	U	D	T	T	N	O	G	S
C	E	L	L	O	M	V	G	O	I
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iCONTACT QUESTIONNAIRE: The results are in

The committee would like to extend its thanks to those pensioners who returned a response to the questionnaire that we printed in the August edition of *iContact*.

The Prize draw

We had 93 replies and, as promised, those who supplied their name were entered into the prize draw: the draw was held on Wednesday 29th October at the Hull get-together.

First out of the hat and winning a £50 Love2Shop voucher was Arthur Williams (Southern). The winners of the second and third prizes were Janette Cooper (Northern) & Brian Barnes (Eastern), who each won a £25 Love2Shop voucher.

What you told us

It was good to see that, on average, over 90% of the magazine content is read. We were very much encouraged that on a scale of 1 to 5 we received a score of 4.4 for the quality of the articles and that 95% of respondents would miss the magazine if it stopped. The majority thought that we should keep the printed magazine and we are happy to confirm that both formats will continue to be available. However, if you do feel that you do only want the digital magazine, then please read the section at the end of this article.

The good and the bad ...

You made us very happy by giving us a lot of compliments - like "The magazine is first class", "It doesn't need improving", "Keep up the good work", "the magazine is really great", "Thank you".

There were a couple of comments on grammar and spelling (must try harder!). Some comments asked us to avoid product nostalgia - others asked for more!

Improvements

You gave us a number of interesting ideas and suggestions for improvements. The most common themes were to have more articles about the company, as it is now and plans for the future; more information on products - particularly new or those in development; more news

about Norwich or overseas and more articles (particularly sporting) from the old Reckitt's magazines.

We'll put these on our storyboard and will endeavour to come up with as many of the goods as possible. It is unlikely that we will be able to report on new product developments as that information is commercially sensitive until a product is launched.

we're unable to produce a list of new retirees. We'd love to include more information for our obituaries section but we are only able to get hold of the details that are currently printed. It would be logistically very difficult to get hold of many photos.

We always welcome any obituaries or even just short recollections about a friend or colleague who has passed away - send them to us by post or email.

If you have any interesting hobbies or have any achievements or milestones to share, send them in.

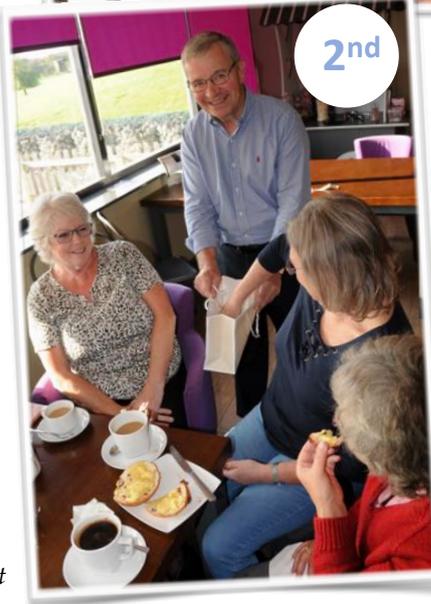
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It is also incredibly hard (more so than you might imagine) to get information on really interesting things that are currently ongoing at RB. But you've asked and we will continue to try to get some articles on these topics.

You've said that you'd also like to have more names and people information: a list of new retirees, photos and departments for the obituaries section, names in the get-together photos, more from some of the non-RBPA organised get-togethers.

We do print names for the get-togethers as and when they are provided. Sadly,

OBITUARIES

Once again we are sad to record the deaths of our pensioners and former colleagues, who are listed in these columns.

If you have any recollections or memories of former colleagues, please email them to us and we will endeavour to print them in our next issue.

NORTHERN

Hull: (age) service years

Elizabeth C Leach (83) 34
Joyce Bradley (86) 14
Phyllis Hughes (86) 17
Maurice W Hall (82) 21
Francis Robert Harrison (94) 46
Terence M Shooter (83) 30
Brian Fitzpatrick (85) 25
Geoffrey C Beecroft (91) 38
Allan William France (82) 15
Geoffrey Richards (85) 16
Victor Albert Carpenter (74) 31

Colours, Morley Street:

Jennie Osbourne (88) 9
Margaret Rose Fenwick (83) 14

SOUTHERN

Chiswick HQ:

Dorothy Butcher (92) 34
Joan Willis (93) 32
Eric Lawton Kenyon (98) 19

Derby:

Hilary Elizabeth Scott (76) 8
Leslie Victor Woodger (67) 37
Alan Thomas Sheldon (81) 7

EASTERN

Norwich:

Edward Dinsdale Wayper (93) 17
Anthony Phillip Gray (91) 27
Alan Francis McConnell (86) 35
Ellen Hammond (97) 34
Derek Kenneth Limmer (86) 19
Arthur Buttle (87) 6

OTHER

Dryad: Fine Arts & Graphics:

Ernest Smart (94) 6

Group Distribution - Ripley:

Anthony James Wilbur (76) 12

Elizabeth Leach

Many people will remember Elizabeth - or Liz as she was better known - for her involvement in R&D in the 70's through to the 90's. During that time Liz was also a union representative for *ASTMS* and later became the full time on-site official for *Unite the Union*. She was involved in many employee improvement schemes such as the job evaluation panel, which was one step in the direction of gender equality.

Alan McConnell

Many were saddened in August to learn of the death of Alan McConnell. Alan was a long serving member of the Engineers Department, having joined Colman's from school. Many will remember him as a great cricketer and will have played with and against him in departmental cricket matches. He was a strong follower of county and national cricket, and that continued into his retirement. Alan was a regular at our get-togethers. He will be sadly missed.

Excellent Greens at Chamberlain Road Sports Ground

Reckitt News (1975) told the story of how the Bowls Club won one of the leading bowling trophies - the Hull Daily Mail doubles cup. At that time, with the greens in excellent condition, the Bowls Club was one of the best supported sections of the Reckitt's Sports Association. *Do you know who won this prestigious cup?*

Science & Innovation Centre, Hull

Some of you asked for an update on the new R&D building at Hull. Unfortunately, the timing of our magazine clashed with planned official communications on this project - expect an update in our next edition (April).

Marine Drive, Scarborough - the Harpic connection

Many will know that the famous Harpic brand name is derived from Harry Pickup. Prior to his Harpic fame, Harry had a foundry in Scarborough and was asked to manufacture the railings on the famous Marine Drive, which was opened by Prince Arthur, the Duke of Connaught, in August 1908. Marine Drive was originally opened as a toll road for both vehicles and pedestrians. No longer taking tolls, it remains an excellent stretch (albeit short) of the Cleveland Way.



PENSIONER VISITING

As we can see from our front page article, it is looking increasingly likely that our direct pensioner contact (by phone or by one of our visitors) may be able to re-commence. If this is possible and you would like a visitor from the Pensioners' Association to contact you, then please provide your details below and return this portion to:

RBPA c/o Pensions Department, Reckitt Benckiser, Dansom Lane South, Hull, HU8 7DS.

NAME: _____

TEL No: _____

ADDRESS: _____