

# iCONTACT

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

## RB's Q3 results - Pandemic Positive

There have not been many positives coming out of the current pandemic but Reckitt Benckiser plc's results for the third quarter of 2020 were positive!

They showed like-for-like sales growth of 13.3% and, according to RB, this was due to "underlying operational improvements augmented by continued growth in our leading global disinfection brands. The pandemic has heightened the societal

importance of hygiene". Clearly there has been a big demand for Dettol.

RB also announced that it was investing £2bn into hygiene, health and nutrition brands over three years.

The stock market's initial reaction to the results was favourable as the share price increased by almost 2% on the day that the results were announced

## Update on get-togethers

Once again as we go to press, we are not able to let you know when the next get-togethers will be able to take place but, as the lockdown slowly eases, we will be keeping under constant review the latest guidance to see when we can safely recommence our activities and we will keep you all informed.

In the meantime we are very lucky to have volunteers, all of whom would be very happy to hear from pensioners who fancy a telephone chat or a WhatsApp/text chat. They are located in the following areas and are standing by for your call ...

**Lincoln, Leicester, Nottingham,** Brian Bradley 01526 321575

**Derby,** Lorraine Mugleston 01159 733753

**West Country, Bristol,** Martin Fox 01458 850468

**High Wycombe, Wealdstone, Harrow,** Paul Gilliam 01494 562843

**Chiswick, West London, Surrey,** Chris Mann 07824 446392

**Hants, Dorset, Wiltshire,** Mike Urry 02392 526860

**Berkshire and any areas not covered above,** Tony Swell 01189 691390/mobile 07519 281648

## RBPA Committee Elections

Three members of the committee, Lorraine Mugleston, Brian Bradley and Kevin O'Berg (representing Derby, Nottingham and Hull), have all been re-elected unopposed.



The committee welcomes Paul Gilliam, Pensioner visitor for High Wycombe, Wealdstone and Harrow, who was nominated and has been elected to the RBPA committee.

Paul joined R&C Industrial Division in the 1970s as a Product Manager. He had a family connection to R&C as his father, George Gilliam, was the Export Manager at Winsor & Newton. Paul leads a very active life in retirement, has taken a doctorate (see iContact no 73) working with a wide range of UK and international universities - as well as working as a co-ordinator for U3A (University of 3<sup>rd</sup> Age) in his home territory. He was delighted to be recruited to be a visitor for the RB Pension Fund and has enjoyed remaking contacts with former colleagues from the Industrial Division.

## Reduce and save

Tackling predicted water shortages of up to 33% over the next 50 years, due to climate change, is high on the list of RB's sustainability program. Although 70% of the earth's surface is covered by water, only 2% of this is accessible. It's also reckoned that 2 billion people do not have access to safe clean water. Whilst RB has done much to reduce the amount of water used in the manufacturing process and put systems in place to capture waste water, clean it and re-use it, RB says, "Our biggest challenge is often not the water we use in operations or products, but the water needed by people to use our products". It's estimated that 84% of water per dose of product is used by the customer. To this end the Finish brand has been working on a worldwide initiative to raise awareness with their #skiptherinse and #FinishWaterWaste campaigns. If you have a dishwasher, do you pre-rinse before you load the pots? There's no need - Finish

## #Skiptherinse

tablets will do the job without the pre-rinse. RB says "In response to Australia's devastating droughts, our Finish team in Australia initiated the #FinishWaterWaste campaign. Kicking-off in September 2019 in partnership with Rural Aid, it encouraged consumers to pledge to stop pre-rinsing their dishwasher loads, saving 40 litres of water per dishwasher load. This is matched by Finish donating 40 litres of water to rural communities in need. The campaign has got people talking about saving water and raised their awareness of this critical issue. In the wake of the extensive bushfires and drought, the #FinishWaterWaste campaign will continue in 2020 in even bolder ways." RB has partnered with water.org to improve access to safe, clean water in Nigeria. It worked with National Geographic to inform consumers on why water wastage is a problem. (rb.com - Sustainability)

## RB support for vulnerable communities in Hull (Covid-19)

Six local charities have benefitted from a donation of £266,000 made by the RB Hull business to support severely impacted communities. The charities cover food poverty, homelessness, mental health and young entrepreneurs otherwise not eligible for government grants. RB employs 1500 people at the R&D and manufacturing facilities in Hull and this local donation builds on the global commitment RB has already made through its £32 million Fight for Access Fund.

Councillor Daren Hale, deputy leader of Hull City Council said, "We are delighted to be working with RB to support some of our most vulnerable residents in the city."

The funded charities are: Fareshare, The Food Partnership, Forum, HEY Mind, Hull Homeless Community Project and John Cracknell Youth Enterprise Bank.



## Happy 100<sup>th</sup>, Laura Pearson!



In September one of our Pensioner widows, Laura Pearson, celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Her daughter, Rosemary, sent in a lovely card to say thank you for the flowers that had been sent in honour of the occasion. It's a sign of the times that Covid-19 had s o m e w h a t restricted the celebrations as Rosemary tells us

that "Just eight members of the family were allowed to visit her - socially distanced of course. She blew out the candles on her cake that the chef at the home had made specially, and even joined in singing Happy Birthday with us!" The family was allowed a very precious 40 minutes to celebrate the event - and by the looks of things they were fortunate enough to get nice weather for the outdoor social distancing. Laura is the widow of Ron Pearson.

**Let us know if you remember Ron or Laura.** Kevin O'Berg (RBPA chairman) does - he says "When I joined R&C in the seventies he (Ron) was the Services Division Accountant. I remember going down to Chiswick with Ron, Mike Boyce, Pete Prothero and Ian Gillespie for a meeting of the Nominal Ledger working party. John Sowerby chaired the meeting and it lasted about three hours. I had recently joined the Company, it was my first meeting and I remember thinking that it was a lot of waffle without getting anywhere. So, on the journey back, I was surprised to hear Ron say that it was the best Nominal Ledger meeting they had held!"

## zoom!

The RBPA committee usually has two meetings a year and these take place in a hotel on the outskirts of Peterborough. But not only was our Spring meeting cancelled in the first flush of the pandemic but our Autumn meeting was threatened as well. We decided that we really did need to keep in touch and so we've subscribed to Zoom. Kevin organised a dummy-run meeting the week before to make sure we were all able to join - and it worked. The meeting proper was held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October and on the whole went off rather well! As those of you

## Gone Viral? - Results

The answers to the "Gone Viral" word game (in the last magazine) are as follows (from 1 across): Airwick, Scholl, Nurofen, Dettol, Vanish, Gaviscon, Veet, CillitBang, Harpic, Durex, Lysol - and of course the "topical" word is CORONAVIRUS.

## Don't Forget - it's your mag

Please keep in touch. Write in (details above), respond to our articles and let us know about your hobbies, special events, sporting achievements, informal get-togethers or any other items of interest.

## The Good Old Days of Wine

Apologies are sent to Tim Vernon who took the trouble to send in his stories about the wine business much earlier this year - Tim writes, "In your April edition, you asked for recollections of the UK wine companies. I joined Reckitts with Coleman and Company as Marketing Executive in 1970 and quickly got involved with Moussecc and Edouard Robinson, the distributors of Bulls Blood. We had a contractual dispute with the Hungarian Government which necessitated trips to Budapest. Such was the level of our concern about possible bugging, that we held our pre-meetings in John Lipitch's bathroom in the Hilton Hotel with the shower turned on!

A highlight of life in the Wine Companies was the annual Coleman sales force trip to one of the European wine producing countries. These trips were amazing learning experiences, but in reality quite hard work with extensive daily travel between vineyards, lengthy wine tastings and lectures from the MD in the bus on the way to the next vineyard. Woe betide anyone who was spotted sleeping in the bus to recover from the previous tasting. The strategy of spectacle-wearing personnel was to sit at the back of the bus, draw their wide-open eyes on a piece of paper which was cut to fit behind their lenses, thereby enabling them to sleep peacefully without being spotted.

A special memory of the trip to Germany was in the cellars of Schloss Johannisburg where we had an extensive tasting and our hosts were waxing lyrical about a wine with an outstanding smokey nose. In reality the smoke we could smell was from the back of the Sales Manager's jacket because he was leaning inadvertently against a barrel with a lighted candle attached, which set fire to his jacket! Happy days!"

*Editor: I guess this wasn't the sort of "Smoking jacket" that was designed in the 1850s!! And, by the way, Tim tells us that coincidentally the colleague whose jacket caught fire telephoned him following a 50 year gap in communication. And it really is Johannisburg and not Johannesburg as my spellchecker seems to insist!*

who use Zoom regularly will know, it can be hard trying to control the flow of the conversation but we were all very well behaved and worked through the agenda quite smoothly - we were also aware that Kevin, the chairman and Zoom meeting host, could "mute" anybody who was talking too much! Although it went well, we all agreed that it's not the same as meeting face-to-face and chatting over a coffee and lunch.

Many of us have only come across Zoom as a result of the pandemic, but it has been around since 2011. It was created by Eric Yuan (California). and was initially called Saasbee. It was renamed Zoom in 2012 and in 2017 it became a unicorn company - a private company valued at over \$1billion. The first profit was made in 2019 and the business joined the Nasdaq 100 on 30<sup>th</sup> April this year.

**We're also very pleased to tell you that we have two more ladies who have celebrated their centenary birthday ...**

## Happy 100<sup>th</sup>, Winifred Abbs!

Pensioner Mrs Winifred Abbs, who lives on the North Norfolk coast, celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in November. Mrs Abbs is the widow of Eric Abbs who was the Administrative Director at Colman's in the 60s and 70s We wish Winifred good health.

## Happy 100<sup>th</sup>, Frances Meekin!

Pensioner Mrs Frances Meekin, who lives in the Hull area, celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on 18<sup>th</sup> November. Frances's husband worked at Stoneferry, Hull. We wish Frances good health.

## Spotlight on the Committee



In future editions of Contact we will be taking a look at the pensioners who represent you on the Reckitt Benckiser Pensioners Association. Today we put the spotlight on our Vice Chairman Tony Swell, one of the original group of 5 pensioners who met at Chiswick some 27 years ago and formed, with significant encouragement from the then Chief Executive Officer Vernon Sankey, what was then known as the Reckitt & Colman Pensioners Association.

In recent years the Association (renamed the Reckitt Benckiser Pensioners Association) has continued to grow its activities providing pensioners with Company and Pensioner news, hosting get-togethers and a volunteer visiting service. Tony has always been committed to these aims and spends much time helping to achieve them.

His working career was in Sales and Marketing. He worked at the 3-in-One Oil Company, Brooke Bond Oxo and finally with Colman's of Norwich, ending up as the Retail Sales Controller. During his very busy retirement he created an agency working with a number of well-known food manufacturers, providing advice on Business Development and Continuous Improvement. He also spent 2 years with the Princes Trust as a mentor to young people starting out in life. Latterly, he has formed an agency providing trained examination invigilators to a number of well known Universities.

Just over a year ago, he and his wife Patsy celebrated a rather special anniversary (Diamond) with 60 friends. They are enthusiastic cruisers, having visited many countries and cruised through the Panama, Suez and Keil Canals.

As mentioned earlier, the Association has significantly grown in recent years; it provides the iContact Magazine, a visiting service and organises get-togethers in Derby, Leicester, Nottingham, High Wycombe, Chiswick, Norwich and Hull, with drop-in get-togethers in Sidmouth and Bournemouth. More were planned but, due to the virus, all activities are on hold at the moment awaiting guidance. Tony has always been deeply involved in the Association activities and he is particularly grateful to have the help and enthusiastic support in the Southern Area from the following volunteer visitors: Brian Bradley, Lorraine Muggleston, Martin Fox, Paul Gilliam, Chris Mann and Mike Urry, who are all ready to recommence when safe to do so. Meantime, Tony is standing by and is happy to chat or text with any pensioners. Tony's details are Telephone 01189691390. Mobile 07519281648

## TAKE CARE! STAY SAFE!

"Take Care. Stay safe" has become our new pandemic closing salutation but, as the pandemic has taken hold, it's a sentiment that we should also be saying in order to protect ourselves from fraud, scams and identity theft.

Most financial institutions are seeing increases in reported cases as it seems our vulnerability during the pandemic is being exploited by unscrupulous scammers and fraudsters.

Even the smartest people can get caught out by scammers who often pose as those in authority such as the bank, the police, HMRC or a clone of a genuine institution. **Here are a few tips which might help you:**

1. Have you been called out of the blue? A legitimate company would never call in this way and ask for personal details. If in doubt, then hang up and call a friend or relative to make sure the scammer has cleared the line, or wait for five minutes before ringing the company on a number from your own paperwork
2. Are you being asked to share personal details? Never share personal details unless you are 100% certain that the caller is who they claim to be.
3. Are you being pressured to respond quickly? Even if they threaten with a fine or legal action, do not be rushed as this is often the sign of a scam. Think things through and speak to family and friends.
4. Does a message contain spelling or grammatical errors? These are signs of a scam.
5. Scammers often use a PO box or a premium rate number (starting 09). Watch for these.
6. Scammers often pose as your bank and ask you to transfer money to a new account or open a new account. This is almost certainly a scam.

This is not a definitive list and there is a lot of valuable advice and guidance available. "Take Five To Stop Fraud" is a national campaign led by UK Finance, and backed by Her Majesty's Government. The campaign is being delivered with and through a range of partners in the UK payments industry, financial services firms, law enforcement agencies, telecommunication providers, commercial, public and third sector organisations. The Take Five website contains a wealth of information and can be found at "[takefive-stopfraud.org.uk](http://takefive-stopfraud.org.uk)".



And finally, if you think you have been a victim of a fraud or scam, get in touch with Action Fraud - the UK's national reporting centre for fraud and cybercrime.

**Take care! Stay Safe!**

## GDPR & Request for a Pensioner visit/contact

Due to Covid-19, we are unable, at the moment, to offer visits in person. However when it is safe to meet up again and if you would like to be contacted by one of our Pensioner Volunteer Visitors, please complete the following form and return it to us at the following address:

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

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TEL No: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

# Sporting Nostalgia ...

Our sporting nostalgia articles in previous magazines have prompted several of you to write & email in with some great photos and recollections. Thank you & keep 'em coming ...

## Cricket - past & ... further past ... more on FRC Sporting Greats

**Gordon Jackson** wrote in to tell us about the R&C Hull Cricket Club centenary match. He wrote, "I was lucky enough to be the captain of the 1<sup>st</sup> eleven at the time the Cricket Club reached its centenary in 1987. To celebrate the event a match was arranged where the existing 1<sup>st</sup> team played an invitation eleven consisting of past Reckitt players. As I recall, it was a very sunny day offering perfect batting conditions, which were exploited by the past XI to win the game.

A good time was had by all, followed by plenty of liquid refreshment."

Gordon has sent in photos of the two teams. *Do you recognise yourself on these photos? Have you got anything to tell us about that day or other cricket club stories? Can you identify the missing names?*



First XI. Back: Umpire Ted Atkinson, Phil Gibson, ? Stephenson, Mike Medforth, John Benstead, Chris Saville, Peter Howcroft, Umpire Eric Whitton. Sitting: Chris Mudd, Chris ?, Gordon Jackson, Peter ?, Ric Stephenson.

Reckitts Past XI. Back: Ted Atkinson, Chris Glen, David Atkinson, Dave Jennson, Gerry Rudston, Rick Gatenby, J Fishwick, Eric Whitton. Sitting: Alan Towle, Colin Hockney, Peter Bacon, Joe Boland, Alan Moulds



The story in our last issue "Sporting Greats visit FRC", prompted another recollection - this time from **Bob Jowett** who used to work in the KWE Warehouse as a Warehouse man/Fork lift Instructor.

Bob (pictured left with darts supremo Jocky Wilson) tells us, "I had the pleasure of playing Jocky Wilson at the FRC. About 15 players played him and amongst them were several county players - nobody managed to beat him. Jocky, who was a very down-to-earth person, would go out of his way to be friendly with people - until he played you on the dart board and then his skill shone through."

Bob also played for the very successful FRC darts team that was managed by Joe Bolton and captained by Ray Whittaker, both from Disprin manufacturing. The team won several trophies in the Hull darts leagues.

**Peter Haigh** also wrote in to give some more information about the "Sporting Greats" evening at the FRC. He was there to watch Dennis Taylor and managed to get his autograph. He believes that one of the sponsors was Tutty's stationers and that possibly one of their employees had been one of the lucky few to have a game with Dennis.

**BAT FACTS:** Cricket bats are made from willow (Salix Alba Caerulea). In England the willows are grown in the wetlands of East Anglia - typically for 20 years. There are 10 stages to bat manufacture: grading, machining, pressing, fitting, shaping, sanding, rasping, binding, polishing and finally brand labelling.

## Cricket debut - Reeves Dryad

Receiving the iContact Magazine for August 2020 and noting the article on Sporting Nostalgia, **Val Callum (nee Dixon)** was prompted to look up some old information from the Reeves days.

Val, who worked at Reeves between January 1962 and April 1981 (when Reeves closed), remembered a fun cricket match between Reeves Dryad (Reckitt's Leisure) and the auditors Price Waterhouse. The match report (19<sup>th</sup> May 1977) that Val supplied says that this was the inaugural match for Reeves Dryad Cricket team. There was 4 supporters (described in the match report as "a capacity crowd"! - Val, Val's sister Veronica, Eileen Killick (nee

Brown) and Bill Mallet. Reeves Dryad triumphed on the day and won by 18 runs.

A copy of the match report, written by team captain Terry Shaw, can be found in the digital edition. It's a really "creative" and very funny read.

Val also sent in some photos taken at the match along with a photo of a "social" taken at the Reeves Dryad Christmas Party in about 1978 at the Top Hat nightclub in Hoddesdon.

If you'd like to get in touch with Val, please send an email to rbcontactmag@gmail.com and we'll pass that on to Val.



Dave Colbert, Martin ?, Guy Topham, ? Marrable, Mike Waddington

Dave Colbert, Terry Shaw, Guy Topham, Eileen killick



# You remembered ...

## Rambling on ...

I wonder how many of you remember the **Meltonian Marathon** - a 26 mile walking event held in the beautiful Derbyshire countryside. Acting as a middle-man in some email correspondence, Charles Trafford prompted Hilary Wilson to remember riding on a tandem on the pre-competition day. She recalled, "Yes! David my husband was an enthusiastic member of the Rambling Club and I did join him on a few events. The tandem ride was one of the most frightening days of my life. It was the day before the Meltonian marathon which the club was marshalling. Several members hired bikes to ride on the old railway cycle track. I was 8 months pregnant so David hired a tandem and put me on the back. We were quite slow going up inclines but the two of us had so much weight we were overtaking everyone on descents! I couldn't see around David and just remember him shouting out warnings of "passing on your right" as we shot past people and then those posts that stop vehicles went whizzing past my ears!! Not an experience I ever wanted to repeat although the walking events themselves were always most enjoyable. They might be something more of your readers would remember.



*The editor writes:* "I too was a member of the Rambling club and bizarrely was also about 7 or 8 months pregnant when I helped out with the Meltonian. My husband and I travelled down in a minibus with (I think) Mike Kaslow and Maggie Sutton. We went for a walk the day before the race (more sedate than a tandem ride!). I recall Jean Prince led that walk via Bakewell - a good place to stop for a tea and cake. On the walk, I remember we found a gap in a stone wall that was perfectly shaped for a pregnant woman to pass through sideways - so I did - and had my photo taken. The race HQ was located at Ilam Hall YHA and the marshals stayed overnight. I was late getting to the ladies' dorm and had to haggle to get a low bunk!. *What do you remember about the Rambling Club?*

## Fair Charter

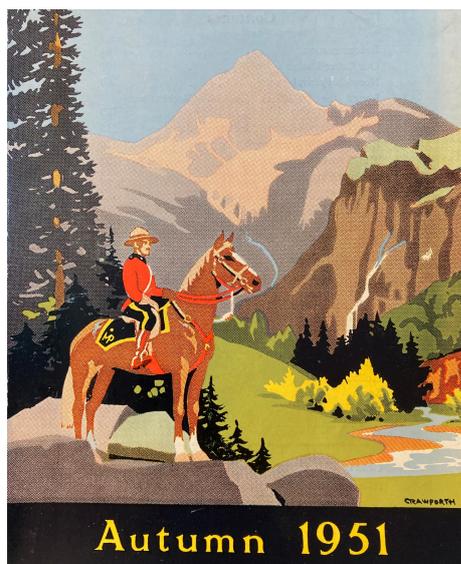
Hull Fair - the largest and oldest travelling fair in Europe - was unsurprisingly cancelled this October. The right to hold this fair in Hull was granted by a Royal Charter in 1278. Originally the fair took place in March but in 1293, Edward I gave permission for a six week period of festivities from May through to June. In the 16<sup>th</sup> century the fair had moved to September and lasted for 16 days. A second charter was granted by Charles II and in 1751 the fair moved out to October 11<sup>th</sup>, where it has remained ever since (it starts on the Friday closest to the 11<sup>th</sup>). The fair has been held in many locations in Hull, but moved to its present location, Walton Street, in 1888. In order to maintain the spirit of the charter, the only fair ride provided this year was a child swing ride.

## iContact email list ...

We continue to get a lot of interest from readers wanting to join our email circulation list. The email notification lets you know when the next edition has been added to our website. If you would like to be added to or removed from this list, please email us at [rbcontactmag@gmail.com](mailto:rbcontactmag@gmail.com). Being on the list doesn't mean that you stop getting the magazine through the post **but**, if you do want to go totally digital, please let us know and we can arrange for you to be taken from the postal circulation.

If you thought you were on our email circulation list but haven't been receiving emails, please let us know and we can check that we have your up-to-date email address.

## ... More on Beautiful covers



In the last edition of iContact, we featured one of the covers drawn by Harold Crawforth and asked if anybody knew or knew of him - and we had 2 replies.

Mr D F Harrison (who started at R&C in September 1946) wrote to us, saying that he knew Harold quite well. He (Harold) was employed at Reckitts all of his working life - in fact from 1915 to 1966 (51 years!) and was responsible for all poster advertising.

Richard Jeffrey (who worked at R&C between 1961 & 1985) said that, when he joined the R&C Overseas Company in Hull in 1961, Harold was head of the art department. He goes on to say that, "In those days this was a small in-house facility which produced pack designs and advertising layouts for the UK company (Reckitt & Sons) and the Overseas advertising department."

The picture above of a Canadian Mountie was painted by Harold based on a photograph supplied by the Canadian Pacific Railway. The Mountie was a particularly appropriate picture for the front of that edition as the magazine reported on R&C Canada House. Originally the business was set up in Canada in 1914 by Mr Whitfield Aston. In 1922, the business moved to Montreal after it acquired Montreal House from Sultana Ltd. This gave the opportunity for manufacturing and initially this was made up of Reckitts, Keen's and Colmans's Blues, Zebra polishes, Brasso & Silvo. The RB website now shows that there are 2 locations in Ontario; one in Mississauga (near Toronto) and the other at Kanata near Ottawa.

*Interesting fact: Francis Jeffrey Dickens, son of Charles Dickens, spent 12 years in the North West Mounted Police. He rose to the rank of Inspector.*

## Royal opening of the Colman Gallery, Norwich

The magazine also featured a lengthy article about the opening of the Colman Galleries, at the Norwich Castle Museum, by HRH the Princess Elizabeth, Duchess of Edinburgh. The gallery was built to house a truly magnificent collection of Norwich school pictures bequeathed to the city by Russell J Colman. The gallery was designed with "some of the most up-to-date equipment for the maintenance of the best possible conditions for the display and storage of pictures". Heating was provided through the floor surface and it boasted the best of controlled natural and artificial lighting, as well as an unusual design that maximised the amount of wall space.



Princess Elizabeth - scissors in hand - declaring the Colman Galleries open

# 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**

June Kathleen Campbell (76) 21  
Alan Cowan (78) 8  
Paul Christopher Coyle (71) 27  
Frances Simmester (79) 14  
Kenneth Franks (92) 16  
Thelma May Godfrey (91) 14  
Molly Helena Hakes (89) 8  
Carol Ann Hurst (75) 29  
Eileen Joyce (88) 14  
Bernard George Milnes (74) 30  
Ian Ritchie Nightingale (87) 34  
John Michael Orwin (81) 3

David Parratt (71) 14  
Edith Doreen Scott (84) 15  
John Stanley (79) 34

### **Sissons/Hull**

Dudley Thearle Smith (94) 17

## EASTERN

### **Norwich:**

Neil Adrian Barnett (79) 6  
Michael Gordon Fawcitt (69) 21  
Stephen Goodchild (74) 27  
Frank Ingram (91) 23  
Heather Madge Perfitt (83) 20  
Bernard Smith (90) 23  
John Victor Spear (87) 20  
Bernard Geoffrey Wilby (88) 14

## SOUTHERN

### **Derby:**

Leonard Cooper (87) 11  
June Steadman (80) 8  
Phillip Raymond Warren (58) 32

### **High Wycombe:**

Rhoda Jane Dick (84) 33

### **Chiswick:**

Chistian Vanderpuy (82) 5  
Peter Roch Howell (94) 20  
Stanley Herbert Pinel (93) 16

## OTHER

### **Services Division Depots:**

Brian William Thomas Davis (77) 14  
Trevor Sidney Smith (76) 4  
Brown William (74) 10  
Kenneth Wright (89) 22

### **Wealdstone:**

Kenneth Victor Cannon (90) 23

### **PMUK /industrial:**

Doris Cynthia Evans (88) 8  
Roger George Hazell (77) 7

### **Expatriate:**

George John Fyfe Alexander (96) 29

## Kevin Kilvington ... remembered

Hilary Wilson writes, "Both my late husband David and myself worked at the Dansom Lane site and I was deeply saddened to read the article about Kev Kilvington in the obituaries section. I started in the labs at the same time as Kev and it brought back many happy memories. I think my favourite is one of Kev turning up for work in the biggest pair of flares I had ever seen. They were so big that there was speculation that one leg was big enough for Pam Parker (as she later became) to stand up in and I believe she did just that!"

Please pass on my appreciation to whoever wrote that piece as it painted a picture that was very recognisable - and I can also say the same for the photo of him - although I remember him with a more 70s hair style!"

See more from Hilary in the Meltonian article.

A fishing competition was organised in August in memory of Kev (one of his passions was fishing) and we hope to bring you more of that in our next edition.

## Steve Goodchild

We are saddened to hear that Steve Goodchild, who worked for the Colman's Sales Force in the Southern region, passed away on the 8<sup>th</sup> October aged 75, after a short illness..

His favourite pastime was clay pigeon shooting and in recent years Steve ran his own shooting business.



## THANK YOU!

The editorial team send a massive thank you to all of those who took the trouble to write in and supply their interesting stories.

## Steve Nicholson ... You have to laugh

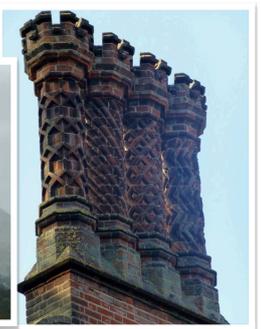
In the last edition of iContact we sadly reported the passing of Stephen Nicholson. Kevin O'Berg recalls one very funny story involving Steve. The story goes, "We were working at Chartres in France and it was our last night before meeting with the site Director, Francisque Le Goff, at 9am the following morning to discuss our draft report. Steve and I decided to do some shopping and I bought a nightie for my wife Dot. As I didn't have a bag with me Steve put the nightie in his brief case. Of course, the next morning at our meeting Steve brought out the papers along with the nightie! Le Goff looked completely perplexed as Steve held the nightie up and said "How did that get in there?". We laughed about the look on Le Goff's face for years afterwards!"

## £50 Photo Competition

Email one of your favourite photos and we'll try and print as many as we can in the next issue. There'll be a prize of £50 for the photo judged to be the most interesting by the editorial committee (Kevin O'Berg, Alan Oliver & Gill Morrell). **Closing date for entries is 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021.** Here are a few of the editor's favourite iphone photos. The editor says, "I'm intrigued by patterns."



*Spikey & spiral succulents,  
Helm Crao and Norwich Chimneys*



# REEVES AND DRYAD NEWSLETTER

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## CRICKET

### REEVES/DRYAD C.C.

Thursday 19th May 1977 must surely go into the country's sporting records as a date of considerable historical significance. This was the day the game of cricket in this county took a distinct turn for the better, when Reeves Dryad Cricket Club took to the field for the first time.

The match against our auditors, Price Waterhouse, was held at the Wadkins Sports Ground, Bushby, and ended in victory for the Reeves Dryad eleven. The team contained such household names as Waddington, Topham, Colbert, Pedley, Shaw, Marrable, Thorpe, Sandey, Greatorex, Doshi, and Taylor to name but eleven.

The capacity crowd was spellbound, the atmosphere electric, as these legendary sportsmen took the field on a cool Leicester evening. The Reeves Dryad team then subsequently proceeded with great determination and a high degree of skill to reduce the P.W. cricketers to shadows of their former selves.

Rather than single individuals out, to say it was a superb all round team performance is by far fairer comment; every man played his part to the full. The only casualties of the evening were Ken Marrable, who pulled a fetlock going for a quick single and Mike Waddington who suffered a severe attack of frost bite while fielding in the deep during the late evening. Both are

reported to be in satisfactory condition, and it is understood from the physiotherapist's report that Ken's leg glance won't be impeded by his injury.

The game was a total success and both players and spectators eagerly look forward to the next match.

Scorecard: Reeves Dryad C.C.  
72-6 (20 overs)

Price Waterhouse  
54 all out

Reeves Dryad won by  
18 runs.

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Following hard on the success of the above encounter, we have arranged an Enfield v Leicester match to take place at White Webbs Park, Enfield on Friday 17th June, starting at approximately 6.00 p.m. We need the full support of all our aspiring batsmen (right way up), bowlers, (left, right or underarm) fielders and those who just want a good laugh in very pleasant surroundings, with the Rose & Crown on the way out as it were. Prospective players should contact Messrs. Colbert or Newman at Enfield or Pedley and Shaw at Leicester.

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