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Q1 Results

CEO Kris Licht reported, "Core Reckitt delivered Q1 like-for-like (LFL) net revenue growth of 1.3%, impacted by very low seasonal incidence, weak categories in Europe and geopolitical disruption. Excluding seasonal OTC, Core Reckitt delivered 3.1% growth. This was led by high single-digit growth in Emerging Markets, despite market-specific headwinds. We maintain our LFL net revenue guidance for 2026. This will be driven by sequential growth from our market-leading Powerbrands, as the season resets and we continue to launch superior innovations including Mucinex 12hr Cold and Fever, improved performance in Europe and continued strong growth across China, India and non-seasonal North America."

Digital Science

Reckitt hosted (14th May 2026) "Focus On: Digital Science". The seminar, led by the company's digital and R&D teams, was part of the Reckitt Focus On investor series, which provides investors and analysts with incremental insights into the Reckitt business, strategy, and key growth drivers. The event showcased how these new capabilities are being deployed across Reckitt's Powerbrand portfolio and the results they have driven.

Reckitt is harnessing digital science including generative AI solutions to increase speed, scale and superiority in the company's innovation pipeline across its Powerbrand portfolio. As part of its strategy, Reckitt is focused on building a simpler, sharper business centred on its Powerbrands. Innovation remains a core driver of growth with Digital Science playing a central role in translating strategic plans into innovation that drives sustainable category growth.



Angela Naef PhD, Chief R&D Officer at Reckitt, said:

"Innovation is no longer about having good ideas. It's about how quickly you can prove them, how confidently you can

scale them, and how consistently you can repeat that success. Digital Science at Reckitt is about how we are fundamentally changing the way innovation happens so



that we not only meet consumers' rising expectations but ensure we bring superior solutions faster, make them scalable, and deliver sustained growth over time."



Bastien Parizot, SVP Global Business Services and AI Enterprise at Reckitt, said: "Every AI initiative at Reckitt is business-led, value-

proofed, built on strong data foundations, and deployed with humans fully in the lead. We invest progressively, we stop early if value isn't clear, and we track impact rigorously. That discipline is why this transformation is sustainable."

Digital Science combines predictive science and simulation technology, using proprietary data and expertise to reduce the need for physical testing, to lower development costs, and to speed up time to market. Generative AI is also being used to augment expert decision-making, enhance productivity and to accelerate workflows.

By bringing these capabilities together from product development to launch, teams are able to prove value earlier, to focus resources on the highest-potential ideas, and to scale innovations that will prove popular with consumers around the world.

Reckitt has highlighted the progress it is delivering through the utilisation of these technologies:

✓ Up to 70% time savings on lower added-value tasks across R&D function

✓ Average project size, in terms of expected incremental net revenue, has increased by 25% year-on-year

Digital Science capabilities are now deployed across all Powerbrands, in more than 20 countries, and more than 2,000 colleagues across R&D and marketing have been trained to use these new solutions. Reckitt will use the learnings gathered to date as it starts extending these capabilities into additional functions through 2026. [Read more and watch the video on Reckitt.com and choose the Investors tab.](#)

THANK YOU!



To all of the team that host the get-togethers and keep in touch with our Pensioners - and also to all of you who have contributed articles for the magazine.

RBPA Committee

Committee Vacancies

Whilst we don't have any current vacancies on the committee, we do have one committee member, Alistair (Norwich), who would like to step down as soon as we have someone to hand over to. We also have 2 committee members who have indicated that they want to step down from some/all of their commitments at the end of their three-year term (Jan 2028). **The committee urge you to consider whether you could step forward. Please see page 8 for details of our vacancies.**

Committee Members

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Trustee

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Lorraine Mugleston (Derby, Leicester
and Nottingham) 01159 733753

Alistair Stewart (Eastern Region -
Norwich) 01603 436391

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Out and about - with Paul Gilliam

**** More **** - pictures!

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Diary Dates

You're Welcome!

On this page you'll find the dates and contact details of the various events held in your area. Everyone is most welcome to come along and - best of all - the events are funded by the RBPA. The hosts for the get-togethers are former Reckitt employees who generously give up their time to organise an event. One of the Committee's challenges is that we don't receive the contact details of new pensioners or even existing pensioners. So, unless we know you already, it's impossible for us to get in touch with you and extend a personal invitation. Please do get in touch and come along to one of our friendly events.

West Country - Sidmouth Martin Fox

The West Country get-together will be held at **3pm for afternoon tea, on Thursday, 27th August** at the Victoria Hotel, Sidmouth. If you'd like more information and/or you do plan to join us for afternoon tea and a chat, please contact me by email at martin_fox28@hotmail.com or by phone on 01458 850468 or 07903 220386. Alternatively, you can contact Tony Swell on 01189 691390.

Norwich Alistair Stewart

The date of your next 2026 get-together is **13th October**. All meetings are held on a **Tuesday, starting at 10:30am**. The venue is The White Horse, Trowse, NR14 8ST. You can contact Alistair by phone on 01603 436391.

Hull Gill Morrell

Venue: Sails Cafe, which can be found in the courtyard of Skidby Mill, Beverley Road, Skidby, HU16 5TF. **Get-togethers start at 10am. Dates - all Wednesdays - are 9th September, 21st October and 9th December.** These are casual "just turn up" events but, if you want more information or you'd like me to add you to my reminder list, please email me at gillmorrell@icloud.com.

Not only ... but also ...

Hull "Christmas do": Bill Maxwell

Bill is hosting a 'Christmas do' at **The Rose & Crown, Upstairs Function Room, North Bar Without, Beverley HU17 7AB on Friday 11th December from 7pm till 11:30pm**. Numbers are limited, so please let Bill know as early as possible, but before 19th September, if you would like to come along. Bill can be contacted by email on billmaxwell123@gmail.com.

Street, Gosport & Hampshire Martin Fox

Look out for the 2027 (!) dates in our December 2026 or April 2027 magazines. You can contact Martin by email at martin_fox28@hotmail.com or by phone on 01458 850468 / 07903 220386.

Derby Lorraine Mugleston

The date of your next get-together is **Tuesday, 29th September, 11:30 for 12** at the Toby Carvery, Nottingham Road, Chaddesden, Derby, DE21 6LZ. You can contact Lorraine by phone on 01159 733753.

Leicester Lorraine Mugleston

The date of your next get-together is **Thursday, 1st October at 12 noon** at The Oadby Owl, 7 Glen Road, Oadby, LE2 4PE. You can contact Lorraine by phone on 01159 733753.

Nottingham Lorraine Mugleston

The date of your next get-together is at **12 noon on Friday, 2nd October**, at Shepherds Stonehouse, Stragglethorpe Road, Radcliffe on Trent, Nottinghamshire, NG12 2JZ. You can contact Lorraine by phone on 01159 733753.

Chiswick Chris Mann

Your next 2026 Chiswick get-together is at The Wheatsheaf Hotel, London Road, Virginia Water, GU25 4QF. on **Thursday 22nd October at 12:00**. and, if anyone wishes to come along, please call Chris on 07824 446392.

High Wycombe Paul Gilliam **NEW VENUE**

Your next High Wycombe get-together is on **Wednesday, 14th October, at 12 noon**. We have a **NEW VENUE - The Spindle & Thread**, next to Morrisons in the centre of High Wycombe (parking is available). All are welcome. Please contact Paul on 07799 796289.

Personal Pensioner Contact

In addition to our get-togethers you can also request personal contact which can take one of several formats these days. Some regions are able to offer a one-to-one contact, in person, from a Pensioner Contact Volunteer. We also have alternative ways of keeping in touch either by telephone or social media such as emails and WhatsApp. Pensioner Contact Volunteers are former Reckitt employees who themselves are now retired. One-to-one visitors are DBS checked.



GDPR & Request for Pensioner contact or visit

If you would like to be contacted by one of our Pensioner Contact Volunteers, please complete this form and return it to us at the following address: RBPA c/o Pensions Department, Reckitt Benckiser Group plc, Dansom Lane South, Hull, HU8 7DS.

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EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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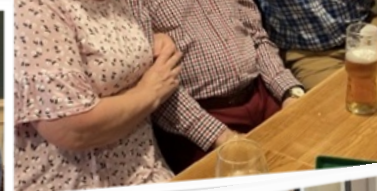
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Regional reports and photos

Derby April 2026

Lorraine Mugleston

See page 4 for the
Derby write-up



Regional reports and photos

Derby April 2026 Lorraine Mugleston

for our meeting.

A warm welcome was extended to two new faces, **Peter Smith** who worked as a fitter in Aerosol and **Valerie Mason** who was a Senior Supervisor in HVL.

Our members are always so pleased to see each other and at times the noise level rises (53 people all talking at once!) but there is a genuinely happy atmosphere and we all very much appreciate the fact that the Company enables us to have such an occasion.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 29th September, same time, same place - see you there!

Nottingham April 2026

Lorraine Mugleston

Sadly, we only had one attendee at our Nottingham get-together. It would be lovely to see more of you. If you would like more information please give me a call and we can have a chat.



High Wycombe March 2026

Paul Gilliam We're off to a great start in 2026! Our photographs show some of our colleagues celebrating together at the spring get-together in High Wycombe. Although our numbers were down slightly on meetings held in 2025, that led to everyone trying to remember former colleagues whom we can invite. We're optimistic that we can return to, or exceed, the numbers we achieved last year.

We are delighted that the number of raffle prizes supplied by the Association is now being matched by gifts donated by members - shortening the odds of winning a prize!

The heritage records of Winsor & Newton are currently being digitised by Cambridge University, and I have been promised access later in 2026. This will provide a wonderful opportunity to share some fascinating memories. My father, George Gilliam, was Export Sales Manager at Winsor & Newton when the company became part of Reckitt & Colman, so I am particularly looking forward to discovering more about that period.

The date of our next meeting is **Wednesday 14th October** at a new venue, **The Spindle & Thread**. This is located next to Morrisons in the centre of High Wycombe (parking is available).

If you know of any former employees who are not currently attending our get-togethers, please email me at gilliamph@aol.com. We'd be delighted to welcome them along to our future gatherings.



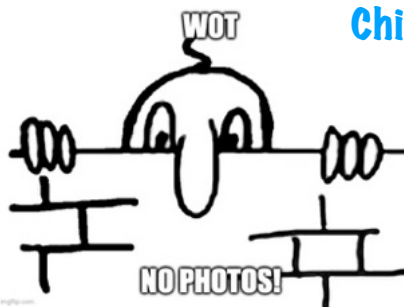
Leicester April 2026 Lorraine Mugleston

It was lovely to meet up once more with Mary, Nirmala and Kirti and to bring ourselves up to date with all our news, if you would like to join us we can always make room for more.



Chiswick March 2026 Chris Mann

The lunch was attended by 22 and service from The Wheatsheaf Virginia Water was again excellent. Everyone tucked into scampi, chips & peas followed by apple pie & custard. A good time was had by all.



Norwich April 2026 - Alistair Stewart

A good get-together was held on 14th April. Thirteen Norwich pensioners were present and even included one pensioner who cancelled a doctor's appointment to be there (verified). *That's dedication for you!*



Regional reports and photos

Hull - April & June

Gill Morrell



levels. We were happy to welcome one new pensioner, Roger Wilson, and to welcome back some pensioners we'd missed for a while. It was great to see you all! The conversations continue to be lively, and everyone has a good time.



At our **April** get-together, and with better weather than February, our numbers were back up to regular

Due to holidays, I was unable to host the **June** get-together, but the remarkable Mr Ian Jolliffe very kindly stepped in and kept everyone in order! So concerned was Ian about taking the photos (apparently he's great at chopping heads off etc!! (maybe a guillotine for Christmas?)) that he delegated the task to Alf Davis.

Ian says, "I can report there was a good turnout for the coffee morning with no rowdiness (except for that Alf Davis!). An added excitement was the completion of the fitting of the replacement sails to the windmill."

I think both guys did a fantastic job, and I am very grateful to them both for taking on the challenge and keeping the good ship *Sails get-together* afloat!



We have a summer break now, and we will start again on **9th September**. Join us! Gill.





Gosport get-together June 2026

Paul Gilliam Lots of hard work by Martin Fox and Mike Urry paid off in Gosport on **June 3rd** when colleagues met up together to enjoy lunch at The Sailmaker, a favourite venue in the area. Sadly, Martin Fox himself was unable to attend as he had an important appointment to keep. Martin was grateful to Paul (our Chairman) for standing in as host and photographer!

Amongst the guests enjoying lunch, our picture shows Celia Williams. Celia is now assisting Mike with visits around the area. Mike (approaching his 101st birthday) is still as active as ever in making phone calls. These are much appreciated by former employees who have become his personal friends.

We also welcomed Stan Williams and his wife, who have moved to this area from High Wycombe. If you've relocated, do check if we hold a 'get-together' close to your new home.

If you live in Portsmouth, Gosport, neighbouring areas, or places along the South coast, please let Mike Urry or Martin Fox know. They would like to invite you to attend future gatherings.

Martin also holds a regular get-together in Sidmouth, and if you're in that area on **Thursday 27th August**, he would be happy to welcome you. You can contact Martin Fox on 01458 850468 or 07903 220386.



An email from Ken Hunter

Many thanks once again for the work that you and others put into producing such an informative magazine. I always look forward to each edition and enjoy spotting familiar faces from the Hull gatherings. Unfortunately, there are always friends and former colleagues whose names appear in the obituary section. In the latest edition, I was saddened to read of the passing of Noel Lloyd Hirst and Bernard Stubbs.

Noel worked on the top floor in the Systems Department. I knew Noel and his wife Nina very well, as they lived nearby in Kirk Ella, and we attended church together. Noel was a quiet, gentle man whom I held in the highest regard, not least because of his great knowledge and expertise. He may have been unknown to many, as he worked very quietly and efficiently behind the scenes.

I first met Bernard (Bernie) as a young graduate chemist at Morley Street. He was a charge-hand in the Liquids Section of the factory and later worked in the Dansom Lane Security Office. Bernie was always friendly and very helpful to me, always with a smile. We would often chat about his passion for trains.

They were both true Reckitt's people, and I feel privileged to have known them and to have worked alongside them. Please pass my best wishes to my ex-colleagues at your next Hull meeting.

Hull Engineers meet-up

At the Hull get-together in April, George Finney told me about the Engineers' group which meets twice a year at The Lambwath pub in Hull. The events are organised by Ian Geadow and Dave Chick, and George says they are always well organised with everyone enjoying a great afternoon. George asked if he could share some photos for the magazine - so here they are. [See Digital Extras for larger versions.](#)





Our Proud Heritage

Check out our online magazine with Digital Extras for more photos from the Heritage Archives

In April, I made my first visit to the new R&D Extension Building. The purpose of the visit was to learn more about the projects the Heritage team were working on, explore the archives, and uncover some fresh material for the magazine.

My host was Wesley Leak, who was standing in for his manager, Grace Chapman, while she was on maternity leave. We are pleased to report that Grace gave birth to a baby boy, Leo, in April, and we send her our warm congratulations and best wishes. Wesley also had reason to celebrate, having recently graduated from the University of Lincoln, a leading centre for the study of cultural heritage conservation.

What impressed me most, however, was the number of Heritage artefacts on display. Wesley gave me a tour of the museum and the glass display cases in the main reception area before showing me around the building itself.

There is no escaping the company's pride in its heritage. Throughout the corridors, the history of the business is celebrated through paintings of our notable forebears, illustrations of former site buildings, a striking brand wall (below), and a series of informative displays.



The new archive store is located in the KWS building in the space formerly occupied by the Coffee shop and the Company Shop (the coffee machine - sophisticated in its day - still remains!). Having settled into the new on-site location, it came as a surprise to hear that they are moving again - just a few blocks down. At least they're now experts in packing and moving!

The documents, representing a wide variety of materials, are stored on racks. Other artefacts, including sporting trophies, are being sorted, catalogued, and securely stored. Colour-coded labels indicate whether they require further restoration or are suitable for storage in their current condition. It's not always appropriate to polish the silver - patination counts!

Wesley shared two of his favourite sporting trophies from the tug-of-war competitions. One incorporates a piece of the original rope, while the other shows that the competition continued well into the 1970s.

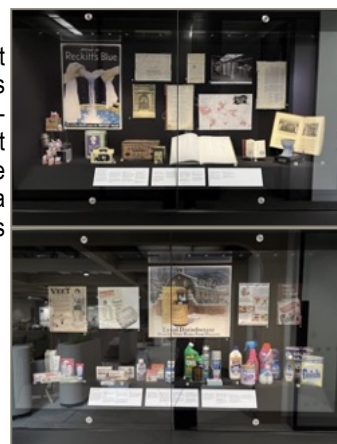
The shield appears to have been presented by the TGWU (Transport and General Workers' Union). The engraved winners are difficult to read, but the top two entries on the left appear to show the Riverside Warehouse as the winners, with the Engineers Department listed below. **Were you a member of one of the teams? We'd love to hear your story!**



The Heritage team has been busy supporting other sites...

STOCKLEY PARK

You may (or may not!) know that Reckitt Benckiser plc's Global Headquarters is in the process of relocating to a brand-new, sustainability-focused building at Stockley Park, Uxbridge. The Heritage team was heavily involved in creating a permanent display showcasing Reckitt's Heritage.



AUS120 & NZ140

Australia and New Zealand are celebrating (respectively) 120 years and 140 years of business. Here are some of the items supplied to them from the Heritage archives ...



Oops!

One eagle-eyed reader, Mahendra Pankhania, spotted a mistake in our *iContact95* magazine. He writes, "I recently came across your article in the January issue of *iContact Inside the Factory*. It was a great read, and it brought back many memories, as I joined the Boots company in 1979 and was proud to be part of the ibuprofen, Brufen, and Nurofen success story. I hope you don't mind me mentioning a small correction for the record. In the article, the discovery was attributed to a Dr. Stewart Evans, but it was actually Dr. Stewart Adams and his team who led that breakthrough. I was lucky to meet all of them as they were still associated with the Boots Co."

Mahendra sent more information on the development of ibuprofen: "Dr. Stewart Adams (Pharmacologist): Often called the 'father of ibuprofen', Adams initiated the research in 1953. His goal was to find a 'super-aspirin'—a drug that could treat rheumatoid arthritis as effectively as steroids but with far fewer side effects than aspirin. He famously tested several of the team's compounds on himself, including the one that became ibuprofen, to cure a hangover before a speech. John Nicholson was an Organic Chemist who joined Adams in 1956. He was responsible for synthesising the various compounds the team tested. Together, they screened over 600 molecules before identifying 2-(4-isobutylphenyl) propionic acid, which we now know as ibuprofen."

It was good to catch up with Mahendra (even on email!) who had worked in Hull after the acquisition of Boots. He retired in 2019 and has been thoroughly enjoying life since then, keeping busy with travel, family, and grandchildren. Mahendra sends his best wishes and says "hi" to anyone who remembers him at the Hull site. **Mahendra, thanks for your email - and for pointing out the boo-boo!**

As a post-script, I passed on Mahendra's email address to Ian Jolliffe, who told me that the pair of them used to have Christmas pudding-eating competitions at the RB Christmas do's. He doesn't think they got beyond three puddings each. **Christmas pud eating competitions - Gordon Bennett!** By the way, did you know the phrase "Gordon Bennett" may be attributed to James Gordon Bennet Jr., a wealthy American Newspaper tycoon and avid sportsman, whose outrageous antics frequently made headlines, thus cementing his name as a synonym for shock and disbelief.

OBITUARIES

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

(Age) Service years:

Hull:

William Ashton (75) 26
David Atkinson (81) 11
Terence Brookes (87) 32
Melvyn Burling (76) 5
Jacqueline Butler (82) 14
Roy Elvin (91) 29
Maurice Fairbank (91) 34
Barry Fenton (70) 4
Peter Holgate (79) 10
Brian Howden (91) 24
Ivor Jones (90) 26
David Leaman (71) 9
Ian Pooley (78) 27
Gordon Rignall (72) 25
Avril Russell (68) 9
Christopher Wigley (68) 18
Gordon Wilson (89) 25
Marian Wilson (94) 16

Colours/Morley Street:

Arthur Bailey (96) 18

Norwich:

Sylvia Arthurs (81) 3
Leslie Blenkinsop (80) 25
Russell Campling (95) 35
Terence Marshall (89) 11

Chiswick/Windsor/Slough:

Eileen Davey (93) 23
Bridget Delahunty (92) 10
Hugh Gardner (96) 27
Terence Roberts (93) 22
Penelope Smith (79) 8
Ian Shaw *Ex-Pat* (85) 9

Nottingham:

Keith Cumberpatch (75) 4

PMUK/Industrial/Rev:

Maureen Fraser (86) 3
Richard Halford (92) 4

Services Div/Depots:

Samuel Foster (72) 10

Bawtry:

David Andrews (77) 18

Reeves/Leics:

Yousuf Kassam (78) 5
Ernest Smart (78) 10
Barbara Swann (96) 14

Wealdstone:

Betty Christie (95) 41

Site not recorded:

Robert Alden (71) 11
Barry Bilton (72) 6
Pauline Jackson (89) 38
Jeanette Keenan (67) 8

Please note: The magazine faithfully reproduces the list of our dearly departed colleagues using a list of names supplied by Trafalgar House.

Go Digital?

You're welcome to stay with the postal magazine but if you would like to become one of our "digital only" readers, please send me an email at rbcontactmag@gmail.com and I will make the necessary arrangements. All you need to do is supply me with your name, address and email address. Thanks. Gill.

Colman's move again

Plans are afoot to merge McCormick & Co. and Unilever Foods (current Colman's owners) by mid-2027. McCormick's CEO, Brendan Foley said it "marks a major milestone for McCormick. We are bringing together two leading organisations, McCormick and Unilever Foods, to create a strong, scaled and growth-oriented company that will be flavour-focused and exceptionally well positioned to succeed in today's dynamic environment"

A reader of the *Telegraph* expressed concern as to whether the flavour of much-loved condiments such as Marmite and Colman's Mustard would remain unchanged when under new management.

Right is an advertisement for Colman's Mustard and (from Paul Gilliam) a pack of a new offering - Honey and Mustard flavoured peanuts and cashews.



Committee Vacancies

NORWICH COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

Alistair Stewart has been a committee member for many years, and, at 85 years old, Alistair has said he would like to stand down from the committee. We would like to encourage a pensioner from Norwich to come forward. The role involves attending 2 committee meetings per year (one by video) and organising the Norwich get-togethers. If you are interested, please give Alistair or Paul Gilliam a call to discuss this in more detail. Alistair can be contacted on 01603 436391, and Paul on 07799 796289.

FUTURE VACANCIES (January 2028)

As you will know, committee members are elected for a 3-year term, and two committee members have indicated that, when their term ends, they will either be standing down or would prefer to take on a reduced role. You may wonder why we are advertising these vacancies so early. Unfortunately, we often find it difficult to recruit pensioners to join the committee. *By giving 18 months' notice, we hope this will allow plenty of time for members to give the opportunity careful consideration and, we hope, put their names forward.*

COMMITTEE SECRETARY

This position involves arranging two meetings per year, circulating the agenda, taking the minutes and, typing and circulating the minutes following each meeting. If you are interested and would like to find out more, please get in touch with Gill Morrell at gillmorrell@icloud.com, and she will connect you with Jon Sewell.

MAGAZINE EDITOR

In brief, the position involves collecting all materials for the magazine, laying out the articles in a clear and inviting format, and providing the printer and our internet provider with an approved file. If you are interested and would like to find out more, please get in touch with me, Gill Morrell, at gillmorrell@icloud.com to arrange a more detailed conversation about this role.

I also undertake two other roles on the committee. I am happy to continue serving on the committee and am only looking to relinquish the editor's role.

Digital Extras

Brought by a member to Gosport GTC. Conning tower shape of tin Pics 1 and 2. Pic conning 3 shows conning tower of a sub. The shape of this unusual Colman tin at the National Tramway Museum Tramway 4 is good overall pic.

Text of Museum

The unusual 'conning tower' shape of this tin meant it was often incorporated into models of submarines.

The National Tramway Museum has been in Crich, Derbyshire for over 60 years. It combines displays of historical collections with a working tramway, allowing visitors to explore tramway history and ride vintage trams. Our pictures show that the Colman's brand was very much part of the scene and integral to the items displayed.

Carol might not like her picture (Tramway 2) but 3 may ne more

Sidmouth Martin Fox

Our next get-together will be on **Thursday, 27th August at 3pm** for afternoon tea at the Grand Hotel, Sidmouth. If you'd like to join us by the seaside, please contact Martin by email at martin_fox28@hotmail.com or by phone on 01458 850468 / 07903 220386

West Country - Sidmouth Martin Fox

Join is for afternoon tea at **3pm on Thursday 27th August** at The Victoria Hotel, The Esplanade, Sidmouth, EX10 8RY - **please note the new time**. If you live in the region or are on holiday in the area at the time, we'd love to see you!

If you'd like more information and/or you do plan to join us for **lunch** and a chat, please can you contact me by email at martin_fox28@hotmail.com or by phone on 01458 850468/07903 220386. Alternatively you can contact Tony Swell on 01189 691390.

Sidmouth Martin Fox

Our next get-together will be on **Thursday, 27th August at 3pm** for afternoon tea at the Grand Hotel, Sidmouth. Contact Martin by email at martin_fox28@hotmail.com or by phone on 01458 850468 / 07903 220386 if you want to join the seaside fun!

Our next get-together will be on **Thursday, 27th August at 3.00 pm** for afternoon tea at the **Grand Hotel, Sidmouth**.

If you'd like to join us for a fun afternoon by the seaside, please contact Martin by email at martin_fox28@hotmail.com or by phone on **01458 850468** or **07903 220386**.

Digital Extras

The Derby Crew



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Out & About with Paul Gillian



Colman's Mustard Tins and Conning Towers.

This tin (above) was brought to the Gosport meeting by one of our pensioners and is shaped like a submarine's **conning tower**, with the tin wider at the base.

This unusual design can be seen even more clearly in the Colman's Mustard tin pictured on the right, photographed at the National Tramway Museum. The museum explains that the distinctive "**conning tower**" shape meant these tins were often incorporated into models of submarines. It does make you wonder—which came first, the submarine model or the tin design?

The National Tramway Museum at Crich, Derbyshire, has been preserving Britain's tramway heritage for more than 60 years. It combines fascinating historical collections with a working tramway, allowing visitors to explore the history of tram transport and enjoy rides on beautifully restored vintage trams.

Paul's photographs show that the Colman's brand was very much part of the scene, with these familiar mustard tins forming an integral part of several of the museum's displays. They are a reminder that everyday household items can become treasured pieces of Britain's industrial and social history.

