



Three cheers for a great institution at the 44 Club AGM

Eighty-five years on from the foundation of Shell-Mex and B.P. Ltd the members of the 44 Club gave three cheers for an even longer-standing institution, Her Majesty the Queen, whose 90th birthday it was on the day of the Annual General Meeting and reunion. The meeting approved the new structure and constitution of the Club and more than 120 stayed on to meet old friends and remind one another of what a great company we had all once worked for. The story begins on Page 4.

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Welcome

Lunching with the Grandfathers



From left to right:

Mike McMonagle, Rick Westley, Russell Elden, Alan Hall, Viv Thomas, Bob Blake, Charles Hogbin, John Perry, Bob Breese, Frank Downes, John Montgomery, Dick Tinson, Charles Madge

The 'Grandfathers' Club' is a quintessentially Shell-Mex and B.P. thing! I was delighted to be invited to their latest lunch – not because I have suddenly become a Grandfather but because I persuaded the members that it was time to feature the Club in the 44 Club News. And it was a delight! Three of my old bosses were there – Bob Blake, Bob Breese and Frank Downes – as well as a few more very familiar to me from my decade in SMBP.

The origins of the Club go back to 1957 when some members of the 'Senior Mess' – the restaurant for the high-priced help in Shell-Mex House – thought that it would be a good idea to form a dining club for the grandfathers among their ranks. The first lunch was on October 23rd of that year and the rules were agreed. You had to be a member of the Mess, a grandfather and be invited to join. It was restricted to 15 members only (later increased to 40) and there were to be two lunches per year. Each lunch was to have a Chairman (by rotation) and the dining was to be good, but not extravagant (though the welcoming drink was Champagne). A convenor was appointed – in nearly 60 years there have been just four; G.H. Selly, Michael Shaw, Clifford Grinsted and John Perry.

Brand Separation did not wither the Grandfathers - the roots were now deep enough for the Club to survive even this trauma. And it is from the Grandfathers that the ideas for an SMBP 44 Association and an SMBP Benevolence Association were to spring. All designed to 'keep alive the spirit and comradeship of SMBP'. Over the years the rules of the Club had to change and now, with the Senior Mess just a memory, membership can be for any grandfather who '...would in due course have become a member of the Senior Mess...'. The Chairman and the Secretary of the 44 Club are also members as well as the President if there is one. These days the Club meets still twice a year in the R.A.F. Club in Piccadilly and the lunch your Editor attended was enjoyed by 13 good men and true – a bit down in numbers from the usual complement. Inevitably this gave rise to a discussion at the lunch on the Club's future and it was decided to put the subject on the agenda again for the next meeting in November. The Convenor has reminded members that 23rd October 2017 will be the 60th anniversary of the Club. My guess is that the members of the Club (currently 35 in total) will want to mark this anniversary in traditional fashion. I'm sure that we all wish them well.

Paddy Briggs

AGM

Despite clashing with the Chelmsford Branch Lunch, we had a good turnout at the AGM on 21st April with over 120 present. The revised Constitution was adopted and a good reunion followed (see next few pages!). All the photos taken are now on the Club's website.

Obituaries

As you will be aware we struggle to get advice from BP on the deaths of those among our members who went to BP on Brand Separation. (The situation for Shell is much better but occasionally one or two do slip through the net). We are still on the BP case but in the meantime we must rely on word-of-mouth. Please let the Secretary know of any deaths that you hear of (Shell or BP, but especially BP).

Spouses' Birthdays

I know that there are some couples who both worked for SMBP but only one of them is registered as a member. This means that some spouses are not receiving the birthday cards to which they are entitled! Could you please send the Secretary details of anyone who should be included in the Birthday Cards list – regardless of their current age and we will update the database.

Photo Competition

Photography is a hobby enjoyed by many of our members and we would like to challenge you to enter a competition for a photo *with an SMBP or 44 Club connection*. This must be taken especially for the competition (no archive snaps please!) and should be sent to the Editor preferably by Email (a high resolution jpeg file) or a good quality print. A selection of entries will be published and the winner will receive a £25 Amazon voucher.



Spouse Membership

Some of our most active members are widows and widowers of former SMBP employees. Another reason for wanting to improve our collation of information about the passing of members is that we always write to surviving spouses offering condolences and also continued membership of the 44 Club. The information we receive from Shell provides us with the name of the spouse so an invitation is sent – with a good response rate! But unfortunately at present we cannot do the same reliably for our ex BP spouses.

Associate Membership

The redraft of the 44Club Constitution which was approved at the AGM, included clarification of the rules of Associate (used to be Honorary) Membership. We look favourably on requests for Associate Membership, subject only to an application and approval. So for anyone associated with or interested in the Company, or who consider themselves a supporter of the Club, then membership is accessible.

Email Addresses

Thanks to the 'campaign' that's been a feature of this magazine of late we have been very successful in harvesting email addresses. The Club office now has over 650 email addresses on the database. The use of email as a medium of getting notifications out to our members has increased hugely and this has helped keep our costs down. Of the 120 applications for the AGM only 13 of the confirmations we sent out were by post - all the rest via email. Good for the environment, good to demonstrate our efficiency drive with Shell, but not so good for Royal Mail profits! Please be assured there is no intention of replacing paper with the electronic medium - we just want to be efficient and to maximise the use of new technology wherever possible.

PLEASE NOTE: The Warner's Mini Break at Bembridge Coast Hotel has been cancelled by Warners due to insufficient uptake. Any of you who booked the weekend break will be contacted by them to offer you an alternative.

Business and pleasure at a lively Annual General Meeting and reunion of the SMBP 44 Association



The 38th AGM and reunion of the 44 Club was held in Shell Centre on Thursday 21st April 2016. Attended by over 120 members the meeting got down to some important business in approving the Club's proposed new constitution before the bar opened and the memories as well as the wine and beer started to flow.

Club Chairman **Rick Westley** welcomed members and in the formal business the Minutes of the last meeting were approved and Nick

Preece's Treasurer's report likewise. The Club's finances are satisfactory with a year's surplus of £1200 and £11,000 in assets. Rick thanked Nick and Auditor Les Bater for their work in keeping us solvent. In his report the Chairman said that the main work had been the Study Group in respect of the new constitution linked to creating a new operating structure for the Club on which Ken Longhurst the Group Chairman would report. In other areas he said that the Club still



Nick Preece

had over 3000 members and whilst this number would inevitably continue to fall there were new members joining as well. He encouraged members to seek new recruits as word of mouth seemed to be the best way to keep the inflow going.

The Club is becoming digitised with nearly a quarter of all members registering email addresses with the Club office, with a website up and running, and with the magazine also available online. However Rick stressed that communications on paper would also continue for the foreseeable future. As far as the crucial Branch network was concerned Rick said that there were

Rick Westley

some holes which it was hoped could be plugged and he commended Bournemouth Secretary Tony Reeve-Parker who had given new life to the Club's branch on the Bournemouth & Southampton Area. Rick said that there were regular reviews with Shell management and that the Club was, as ever, appreciative of the support Shell gives on facilities and funding.

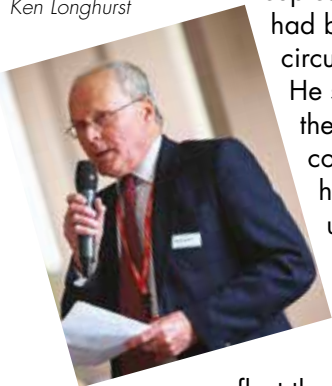
Without this the Club would not exist. There was pressure on budgets in these times of stress owing to the low oil price and the Club would continue to operate as cost-efficiently as it could. The Club continued also to liaise with BP whose support was welcomed.

Rick asked to place on record the Club's deep appreciation of all the many volunteers and supporters in the 'field' - in the Branches - it was thanks to them that the 44 Club remained a vibrant and 'joined-up' organisation. He called on those present, and the membership at large, who were not actively involved to do so if they felt they could.

Finally he paid tribute to those Club members who had died in the past year with a special mention of past Auditor Malcolm Brown and the long-time Secretary of Chelmsford Branch Trefor Everett.

Ken Longhurst introduced the proposed new 44 Club Constitution,

Ken Longhurst



copies of which had been pre-circulated. He said that the existing constitution had been unchanged in 30 years and that revision was overdue to

reflect the Association as it is today. The main changes lay in simplifying membership (including Associate membership) and in giving greater flexibility to the field organisation. Branches lay at

the heart of our Club and they should be able to organise themselves as their particular circumstances dictate. Flattening the organisation to bring the Branches closer means that Regions would no longer be formally recognised. This would also allow the Executive Committee to be slimmed down to a level more appropriate to the scale and scope of its activities. It will in future comprise 5 elected posts, namely the Chairman, the Treasurer and 3 elected Representatives, plus 2 ex-officio members, the Magazine Editor and the Secretary. Other changes included the provision for the Chairman (rather than President) to take the Chair at the AGM, and for the meeting quorum to be established at 40 rather than the current 20. The proposed constitution provides that the Executive Committee be comprised of the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary plus (ex officio) the Editor of the Magazine and three elected Committee members.

Colin Hill



Five of the committee (out of seven members) would be elected.

A member asked for clarification about how Branches would relate to the Executive Committee. The Chairman said that they would relate directly and that there would be no use of regional coordinators as a conduit. Another member

asked whether existing Regional Coordinators were happy with the proposal. The Secretary said that there had been a mixed response and that for some they were difficult to accept. The Chairman emphasised that whilst delayering is appropriate for a contracting organisation, flexibility remains the key. There is no intention to stop people doing useful things in the field so in parts of the Country where for instance active Branch co-ordination is an effective mechanism, long may it continue.

The proposed new constitution was put to the meeting and approved.

The Chairman paid tribute to retiring Executive Committee members Greta Chandler, John Burton, John Harvey, Charles Richards, Pat Withers and Bill Scott.

In the Elections of the Officers and Committee Rick Westley and Nick Preece were re-elected Chairman and Treasurer respectively and Ken Longhurst, David Seymour and Brammer Allport were elected as Committee members.

The Chairman announced that longstanding supporters and previous officers of the Club Derek Higgins and Peter Cast had accepted the appointment as a Vice President of the Club.

The formal part of the meeting concluded with three cheers for Her Majesty the Queen on the day of her 90th birthday, and the bar opened!



left to right: Paul Heseltine, Alison Dartnell, Mike Stapley, Jill Siely, Stuart McGroary and Ken Piggott

REUNION - A PHOTO GALLERY



Dennis Stevenson, Jo O'Donnell, Ken and Valerie Froy, Greta Chandler



David Prole



Surveying the demolition of Shell Centre



Derek Howcroft and Ken Shaw



'Three little maids who all unwary... Anne Lyttle, Dee Riley, Sylvia Sellers'



'The Four Musketeers... Nick Edmonds, Stewart Marshall, Tony Varey, Simon Dipper'



Ignacio Sanchez, Barry Chorlton, Dennis Stevenson



Mike Howard, Myrtle Richardson, Nick Edmonds, Ken Longhurst

Distributor Trade Reunion



The latest Distributor Trade Reunion took place in April 2016 in the Cotswolds at The Redesdale Arms Hotel in Moreton-in-Marsh. The Redesdale is one of the smaller hotels that we have used for our reunions, but the staff were extremely helpful and we enjoyed good food from two very good dinner menus.

Disappointingly our numbers (12) were down on last year (17/18). This was due to the difficulty and time taken to find a suitable venue resulting in some of our numbers being already committed to doing other things!



*Standing (left to right): Maureen Howard, Eddie Morton; Vickie and Rick Westley, Mike Howard, Jenny Edmonds, Maurice Husbands, Nick Edmonds
Seated (left to right): Dena Tinson, Audrey and Maelor Jones, Dick Tinson*

Whilst in the area members of our group made visits to Blenheim Palace, National Trust properties including Hidcote Gardens and Snobs Hill, and the local town of Chipping

Campden. It was a lovely stay with the weather on our side (fortunately we missed the snowfall later in the week) and we look forward to next year's reunion. **Nick Edmonds**

News from the Branches

We are very sorry that we have been unable to include all upcoming Branch events in this listing. Branch secretaries will no doubt ensure that their own members are aware of events that are planned in the coming months. The Autumn '44 Club News' will include upcoming events again and we will be in touch with Branches to make sure that this happens in that edition and reliably in the future. **Ed.**

Inverness

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Coming up:

Coffee morning and meeting. Maple Court Hotel on last Thursday of every month.

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Glasgow

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On 24 March 2016 we had the final meeting of the season. Perhaps the AGM part of 'AGM and Quiz' deterred people as we didn't have quite as many as usual! Jim Currie devised an excellent quiz for us and

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Glasgow Branch

there were four tables, three members at each. The winners – Nancy, Calum and Robert – were presented with lottery tickets as their prize! I am sure they will be generous with their winnings.

Many thanks to Tommy Thomson for lending us his 'Tanker Lorry' photographs. The A3 versions were put up on the wall and generated a lot of interest. If anyone reading this would like to see the photographs just visit our website. You will find them in the 'Photographs' section.

The second of our 'Satellite' coffee mornings took place at the Glynhill Hotel in Paisley and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. The third one is in the process of being arranged. We have now decided to refer to these meetings as 'Coffee and Chat' and would love to hear from anyone out there who would be interested in coming along (and joining our branch of course!!) The committee will be finalising dates for next session over the next couple of weeks and also (hopefully) arranging a summer get together for everyone.

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West Riding Branch

West Riding

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Queens Hotel, Harrogate Road, Leeds on the 14th of April. Nine attended including wives and as usual we had a good catch up and put the world to rights. The next meeting is to be held on August the 4th again at the same venue The Queens.

Teesside

Contact: Ces Tate
☎ 01642 722 491

Twenty-two members met at the Crathorne Arms on Thursday 14th April 2016. Great food and good company. Many thanks to Ces and Doreen for organising it.



Teesside Branch

Coming up:
18th August: 12:00 for 12:30 Lunch.
The Bay Horse, 88 High Street, Great Broughton, Stokesley, North Yorks.

South Yorkshire & Lincolnshire

Contact: Jim & Audrey Broughton
☎ 01522 805 319
✉ Audrey.broug2@ntlworld.com

Coming up:
23rd August: Noon. Light Lunch.
The Consort Hotel, Brampton Road, Thurcroft, Rotherham, S66 9JA

Manchester

Contact: Pat Withers
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Coming up:
12th July, 9th August, 13th September and 13th October: Pub Lunches.
Contact Pat Withers for details.

North West - Western

Contact: Norman Waterfall
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Coming up:
14th July, 11th August, 8th September, 13th October: Noon-2:30pm . Monthly informal get-together. Whitby Social and Sports Club. Just turn up.

12th October: 12:30 for 1:00pm . Lunch. Burnside Hotel, Kendal Road, Bowness-on-Windermere (Tel: 015394 48553).

North Midlands

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For the first of our functions this year, we gathered at The Plough, Far Forest, Bewdley, on Wednesday 17th February 2016 for a carvery lunch with 44 members and guests attending. This is a very popular venue and it was the fourth year running we have been. The quality of the food and surroundings, although it was very busy with other diners we did not have to wait too long to be served. It was a dry day to start with, which was unusual, as the weather had been very wet. However



North Midlands Branch

on leaving after lunch the heavens opened and everyone had to run to their cars, but everyone said they had enjoyed themselves and asked if we would be going again next year!

Our first Skittle games this year was once again at The Squirrel, Alveley. Nr Bridgnorth, on 23rd March and was attended by 28 members and guests. During a break in our games, we were served a light lunch and held our usual raffle with a wonderful selection of prizes, all supplied by some of our members and guests - our thanks go to them for their support. Our last game was a knock out and was won by one of our Guests (her first time in playing skittles). The prize money she won, she very kindly gave towards the club funds, for which we thank her.

We held our Spring Lunch on Wednesday 27th April see photo above). In the past this function has always included our AGM, but as we are down to just two committee members, Our Chairman (Frank Barnett) and our Secretary/Treasurer (Carol Barnett) and with no more volunteers coming forward, it was felt that an AGM would not be appropriate! However it was stressed that the books/accounts could be checked by anyone if they so wished. We once again lunched at The Green Restaurant (Wharton Park Golf & Country Club) Bewdley. With unfortunately only 22 members and guests attending, the group were asked if they wished the functions to continue, due to the drop in numbers and everyone was in agreement that they did! It turned out to be a very enjoyable afternoon with sunshine/showers/wind and hail going on

outside, but a very lively atmosphere inside - another lovely day.

Coming up:

For details of the monthly meetings (every 3rd Wednesday) of North Midlands Branch at Northampton Working Men's Club, 56a-56b Sheep Street, Northampton (New Venue!) please Contact John Wooding 01604 643292

?? August: (Date to be confirmed) Carvery Lunch at Island Pool, Cookley followed by Bowls.

?? October: (Date and details to be confirmed) Lunch and Skittles at The Squirrel, Kidderminster Road, Alveley, Bridgnorth WV15 6LW

South Midlands

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Our year started in March with a return visit to The Golden Eagle in Ashley Green organised again by Brian Lovell. It was very well attended and the food selection on the specially prepared 44 Club Menu was excellent. Locals were given advance notice of our visit so parking

was much better.

The second lunch was held at The White Horse in Bourne End, another favourite for many years. Again the attendance was very good and great to see a few new faces. Everyone agreed the food was superb and we filled most of the dining room. Definitely a return visit next year.

Our programme for the year has now been finalised and will be circulated to all branch members. New faces will always be made very welcome at every event.

Coming up:

7th July: 12:00pm onwards. Lunch at the Two Brewers, The Common, Chipperfield, near Kings Langley WD4 9BS. Contact Mike Howard (☎ 01923 282596 or ✉ mandmhoward@hotmail.com) for further information.

1st September: Visit to Frithsden Vineyard, Hemel Hempstead HP1 3DD. Vineyard Tour, Tasting and Lunch. Contact Ken Longhurst (☎ 01923 282596 or ✉ k.c.longhurst@talk21.com) for further information.

12th October: Pub Lunch at the Bridgwater Arms, Little Gaddesden, Berkhamsted HP4 1PD. Contact Malcolm Bury (as above).

King's Lynn

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A smaller number than usual of members and guests attended the



King's Lynn Branch

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lunch at Middleton Hall Golf Club but we all enjoyed the lunch and each other's company. A raffle was held which raised £48 for the branch funds. The AGM was a brief affair and Steve and Tom agreed to carry on organising club events. Everyone is looking forward to our next event at the Sandringham Club on 7th July which all enjoyed so much last year.

Coming up:

7th July: 12:00 for 12:45pm. Lunch at the Sandringham Club.

Ipswich

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The first lunch was a return to the Compasses at Holbrook after a couple of years and now under new management. Whilst only 14 attended the meal was excellent. Barbara Squirrell celebrated her 90th Birthday that day and sat



next to Mary Green who celebrated her 100th last year. The two young ladies sat together and they were full of chat! There was a AGM which elected Tony Grayston and David Cattermole to the secretarial and treasurer roles whilst Peter Gobell as Chairman. The next lunch will be at Hintlesham Hall, a fine dining venue which all members like.

Chelmsford

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Our first lunch of the year was held at an old favourite, The Top Meadow Golf Club on March 7th when 53 members and guests attended. As usual it was a varied three course menu choice of excellent value which we all enjoyed. Our next venue was



Chelmsford Branch

on April 21st when we said farewell to the Chichester Hotel after 70 lunches over the last 35 years since our formation (the new management has put so many financial obstacles in our way). We had a good attendance of 75 and a raffle of some 22 prizes, which as usual the PLRs did very well - we must find a way of reducing their luck! It was also our AGM and in addition to Peter Cast, Tony Scott-Russell and Peter Gobell we invited Peter Holcombe to join us to fill in the loss of Trefor Everett who we greatly miss. We have four more venues planned this year including a visit to the Langdon Hills Golf Club, not far from Shell Haven on December 14th.

Coming up:

5th September: 12:00 for 12:45pm. Lunch at Beauvoir Arms, Downham, Nr Billericay.

19th October: 12:30 for 12:45pm. Lunch at Orsett Hall.

Plymouth & West Wales

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Greater Bristol

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Our Spring event took place on Thursday, April 7th – a lunch time meeting at The Failand Inn, Failand which is situated a few miles south of Bristol. Numbers were a little down on last year but the meal was excellent and there was plenty of time for a chat. The event was organised by our chairman, Roger Gamlin who was warmly thanked for his efforts.

Coming up:

?? September: Pub Lunch. Details to follow.

East Kent

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Coming up:

7th July: Lunch at the Wagon and Horses, Faversham Road, Charing TN27 0NR (Joint Lunch with Tunbridge Wells Branch).

Tunbridge Wells

Contact: Charles Richards

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Coming up:

7th July: Lunch at the Wagon and Horses, Faversham Road, Charing TN27 0NR (Joint Lunch with East Kent Branch).

?? September: Lunch at the Crown Inn, Groombridge, Tunbridge Wells TN3 9QH

14th October: 11:30 Autumn Lunch at the Hydro Hotel, South Cliff, Eastbourne (0123 720 643) (Joint lunch with Brighton Branch).

Brighton

Contact: to be advised

Coming up:

14th October: 11:30 Autumn Lunch at the Hydro Hotel, South Cliff, Eastbourne (0123 720 643) (Joint lunch with Tunbridge Wells Branch).

Guildford, Kingston & London West

Contact: John Burton

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Coming up:

23rd August: From 11:30/Noon (sharp). Lunch. Thames Court Riverside Pub on towpath upstream of Shepperton Lock.

?? October: 11:45 for 13:00.
Reunion and Carvery Lunch at
Lensbury. Details will be circulated.

Harrow

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Coming up:

18th August: Lunch as for 14th June.

Bournemouth, Southampton and District

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14 intrepid souls made their way
to The Hobler Inn, Battramsley,
Lymington on Tuesday, 17 May.
Very few of us knew each other to
begin with, but in true 44 Club style
it wasn't long before introductions
were made and we felt comfortable
in each other's company. The food
was excellent and the staff were very
pleasant and attentive. The lunch

revolved around good company,
good food with a lot of laughter
mixed in, an ideal cocktail. From the
remarks made after lunch and letters
received, it was, for the first pub
lunch of the new Bournemouth and
Southampton 44 Club, a resounding
success. The next pub lunch will be in
September/October to the west side
of Dorset.



Bournemouth, Southampton
and District Branch

Wedding Anniversaries

Blue Sapphire (65)

Bramwell & Patricia Bedford
21 Wellhead Road
Totternhoe
Dunstable
LU6 1QS
24th March 2016

Diamond

Barry and Susan Clarke
7 Crofton
Woodfield Lane
Ashted
Surrey
KT21 2BH
2nd June 2016

Mike and Jill Hancock

Pilgrim Cottage
Church Road
Little Gaddesden
Berkhamsted
HP4 1NZ
15th August 2016

Ted and Vera Bell

51 Nursery Road
Meopham
Kent
DA13 0NE
23rd June 2016

Victor and Betty Shaer

26 Beechpark Way
Watford
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23rd March 2016

Brian & Betty Lindon

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Worcester
WR3 7AN
2nd April 2016

Emerald

Gordon and Pat Lamont
5 Thomson Close
The Willows
Aylesbury
Bucks
HP21 8PP
2nd September 2016

Golden

Geoff and Barbara Clemens
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Plymstock
Plymouth
PL9 8HY
1st April 2016

Ruby

Derek & Janet Maughan
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S13 9BB
11th September 2016



Graham and Marion Cowdery
whose Golden Wedding we recorded in the
last Club News.

Your Letters

Hugh Wickham (1)

I came across a quote from Robert Louis Stevenson recently "That a Person is a Success who has lived well, laughed often and loved much" and thought



how apt it was as a memory of my friend Hugh Wickham (whose death at the age of 88 is reported in the Obituaries). From his early years in Shell in the 1960s via a time with SMBP and subsequently in his successful career in Shell UK, Hugh was one of the most skilled practitioners in the art of communications in all its forms. His talks on the North Sea in the 1970s and later his involvement in the advertising campaigns – corporate and Retail and Lubricants - were all memorable contributions. As a person he was infectiously cheerful and energetic and he loved life in all its forms. He started a Wine Club as a student and founded the "Puritans Hockey Club" in which among other things he was the leader of the sing songs at festivals and tournaments.

After Shell, Hugh became a Corporate Relations consultant to Golf's 'European Tour' where he was a popular figure. Ken Schofield, Chief Executive of the European Tour from 1975 – 2004 described Hugh as a 'true gentleman' who "gave the Tour wisdom and integrity that assisted our culture at a time of considerable growth...his people skills were of legendary proportion and to the best of my recollection, we never saw Hugh flustered, nor with a negative word or thought regarding anyone or anything."

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Hugh Wickham (2)

I was fortunate to meet with Hugh in my early days with SMBP where, since I was a reasonable golfer, he invited me to take part in many of the Oil Industry Golf days which he organised. It was the start of a very long lasting friendship. We met at the many Opens we both attended and he and I often played the Old Course at Wentworth together. We always



had fun since he had such a very good sense of humour. My favourite recollection was at a Brian Bowden management conference at the Lythe Hill Hotel near Haslemere. Four of us decided to get up early (6 am) and play tennis before the conference sessions started. Hugh and I were paired against Frank Goyvaerts and Peter Smith. Picture the scene. Beautiful sunny summer's day, not a cloud in the sky, birds tweeting etc. Frank, who had arrived in the UK as the American ambassador for Retail Operations, was very well turned out with all the latest smart tennis clothes. He also had the latest Jimmy Connors racquet from Wilson with the metal frame and a small triangle of air between the racquet head and the handle. Frank is to serve to Hugh to start the match. Up goes the ball, there was a swish of the Wilson racquet and the ball disappears. I can still see Peter's face now when

it was discovered that the ball had mishit the racquet and was stuck in the small triangle described above. Hugh and I fell about and collapsed in to fits of laughter. Close of play! Hugh was always a delight, always a great friend and always an enthusiast for life.

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Early days of Computing and Brand Separation

I had a great time in SMBP having been recruited in 1957 as a 'computer expert'. In due course I wrote the report that resulted in SMBP's first computers arriving in 1963 and designed the sales accounting system which was their core job. Making it work took longer than planned, like most computer systems before or since, and I had the odd uncomfortable night on the first aid bed baby-sitting test runs. How lucky to have such a great boss in Brian Bowden.

I was eventually reincarnated as a bookie in the period before brand separation. Being responsible for SMBP's management accounts was an odd experience as the company hardly made anything! Still, I was able to avoid being involved with a pretty traumatic conversion to Univac computers. My boss then, Vic Upton, was a master at explaining to the board that it was definitely not our fault!

You correspondent in the last issue, Tom Cannon, asked how Brand Separation worked for the allocation of staff. In the case of Hemel Hempstead, Harry Cordwent was asked to report on the subject, assisted by David Howden and myself. Harry poured out text daily which we then edited, removing such gems as 'staff will be branded from

the bottom up' and 'many of the staff are married women who mainly live at home'.

I am still hooked on computers, albeit a bit different now from the first one I met - EDSAC which lived on two floors in Cambridge. Thank you for a great magazine - long may it flourish.

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Brand Separation (1)

For several months in 1975 I worked on the brand separation of products, customers and staff.

I was given the task of identifying any products with a small sales volume which could be uniquely branded to one brand. I went through the list of SMBP products making my recommendations until I came to one product where the decision seemed to have already been made since the last letters of the product name were BP. However, it turned out that those letters stood for British Pharmacopoeia! I also devised and implemented a system for branding the myriad of small Industrial customers in each Sales Area so that 60% of the sales volume was allocated to Shell and 40% to BP.

I was then given the task of recommending the branding of SMBP Retail Sales Representatives. Retail outlets had already been Solus branded and it had been decided how many outlets provided enough work for one Representative. The sites of each brand were then grouped geographically to form sales areas for each Representative. Each Representative was expected to live in the middle of his area. So I obtained the home addresses of each SMBP Retail Sales Representative and recommended his brand allocation according to where he lived in relation to the new branded Retail Sales Areas. That worked out pretty well until I discovered that one Retail Area Manager had allowed four of

his Representatives to get away with murder and live by the seaside in Teignmouth! Happy days.

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Brand Separation (2)

I was intrigued to read in the letters column of 44 Club News the question from Tom Cannon about how Brand Separation actually worked. Perhaps I could give a partial answer - I'm sure there are others.

Leading up to Brand Separation I worked as a lowly marketing assistant in Maidstone area office, having served my time in SE Regional office in Knightsbridge (yes Sir, no Sir, I know I don't deserve a pay rise Sir, and I promise to put my jacket on when not sitting at my desk Sir!). Maidstone was a great place to work, made even more so by Peter Ost, a memorable Area Manager. So, imagine a country house hotel outside Maidstone with Peter in the chair and twenty or so Reps all assembled with their computer printouts showing their customers' oftakes. My job was to keep a tally of volumes, honestly! We knew one of the tasks ahead of separation was to allocate customers on a 60/40 split Shell/BP for fuel and a 80/20 split for lubes. So the proceedings started with Peter asking for large volumes of fuel, with customers then being allocated to either Shell or BP. After some time we started to reach the desired split and then the cry went up from Peter "Who has 50,000 gallons of Heavy Fuel oil?" or "Give me 80,000 gallons of Jet A-1" or towards the end "I need 400 gallons of hydraulic lubes - who has some?"

In the meantime I was busy totting up figures and checking with my colleagues we had things in the right column. It all sounds rather seat-of-the-pants stuff but it worked. I doubt the customers were ever that worried about their fate (Shell or BP), and we felt this was a job well done. So,

decamping off for a celebratory drink we could say we delivered what was asked, everyone was happy and there wasn't a computer in sight. That's my recollection of Brand Separation, no more no less! (Incidentally, my fiancé, who worked at Hemel, decided she wanted to be BP and I wanted to stay Shell but I convinced her that "she can be sure of Shell" (as well as me) so we married in 1975 and moved to Wythenshawe).

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Tony Teal

Further to Frank Irving's tribute to Tony Teal, a few more memories. I first met Tony when I joined the team at Hemel in 1962/3 working on the LEO computers. He was a team leader under Stan Butterworth. There were only a couple of dozen of us. In order to meet our deadlines we worked nights and weekends. When Stan Butterworth moved to another job, Tony became the boss. He drove the various projects hard until they were operational and he must take a lot of credit in making SMBP a leader in computer use in those days. We had many other firms visiting us to see how we did things. The LEO computer was ahead of IBM in commercial applications like ours but unfortunately no help came from the government so LEO collapsed. Tony was a good leader - we became good friends meeting outside working hours as well.

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Bob Blake moves from two wheels to four

As promised, a photo of me astride my faithful steed that carries me around the property. Sadly, she balks at high hedges and walls. Its acquisition came about when I became less mobile due to an injury to my lower vertebrae and it became more and more difficult for me to get around our property of 350 acres. I say 'our' property but it actually belongs to our son-in-law, an 'absentee landowner' who relies upon me to keep an eye on things while he conducts his business in London. We have a pheasant/partridge/woodcock shoot so I am engaged in overseeing rearing, feeding and predator control.

Driving a Landrover is uncomfortable for me so my dear wife Agnes (who some 44 Cub members will remember as Agnes Rennie) suggested that a quad would be a better mode of transport for an old biker and duly bought me a machine as a Christmas present. Perfect! My introduction to the world of motor-cycles was in 1948 when I first sat astride a Rudge Ulster, the machine that won the Ulster TT in 1938. Thereafter I rode a succession of machines including Matchless, BSA, Royal Enfield and BMWs. My last bike was a BMW 75K which I had the pleasure of riding in a BMW - sponsored rally through the Pyrenees from the Atlantic to the Mediterranean. By then I was into my seventies and Agnes decided that it was time for me to hang up my crash-helmet.

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(Ed: I note the cat is wisely keeping a cautious and respectful distance!)

From the Professor!

It is always so good to receive my copy of the 44 Club News. I particularly enjoyed Richard Springett's guest editorial concerning



apprenticeships and the importance of mentoring. I first met Richard in our early days in SMBP when we were both working in Operations - Richard was in the Work Study Group with Guy Ackers, Chris Dunn and Tony Wilson and I was in the Industrial Relations Team under Peter Yarranton along with Gordon Baker and Frank Stephens. I would echo his words about the wealth of patience advice and wisdom we received in those early years.

As always the magazine is tinged with sadness as I read of colleagues passing. The latest one with Harry



Mitchell's death was particularly sad as I came across a letter from him a few days ago as I was sorting through some old correspondence. I met Harry when I worked in S.E. Region - he was truly a good man who gave me much time when I was a callow Regional Personnel Relations Adviser in 1975. I just passed my 40th Wedding Anniversary with Mary Sue on April 10th. We now

live in Columbia, SC in the US. Great place to spend time and try and shape the next generation of HR professionals in the Business School of the University of South Carolina, which is a regular supplier of HR talent to Shell in the US I am proud to say.

*Julian Dalzell
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The Node (1)

I have fond memories of The Node, both as a course member and as a lecturer.

As to the former, I remember a time when the course that I was on was asked to prepare a list of questions for a Q and A session with 'John' Greenborough. I know from his secretary that he was handed the questions as he got into the car to go to The Node, yet he started the session about 2.30 pm and we went on to and through dinner and after. Each question was answered and discussed at depth. Truly a virtuoso performance!

As to lecturing I always seemed to get the first session after lunch when the course members, after a time in the bar, a good pork chop and a solid pudding, had only one thought on their minds. I soon learnt to bring

a good loud commercial which was slapped on 15 minutes after start time to a certain amount of 'where am I' expressions on faces.

And, yes, I also remember the mirror room, truly a candidate for Cluedo!

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The Node (2)

The item on the Node in Club News 150 brought back so many memories. As a child I lived not far away in Hitchin in the early 50s and frequently passed through Codicote on Sunday drives. The tiny 'Node' signs at the gate always fascinated me as there were no clues as to what went on there and the house was not really visible from the road. All became clear a few years into my career when in the 70s I attended my first course there. It was in that Brand Separation transition period of Shell Marketing and BP Marketing as delegates were from both Shell and BP. The Course was 'Interactive Skills' which had a reputation for sending participants home with nervous breakdowns (fact or fiction? I never found out) but the course was described as 'seeing yourself as others see you!'

The course was a truly fascinating experience and quite demanding. The rules were quite strict and we were not supposed to be off the premises at all but, always up for a challenge, some members decided to go into Stevenage for a night out at the Mecca dance hall and had a very good time returning in the early hours when we found ourselves locked out. I spotted an open bathroom window on the first floor as well as a ladder in the yard. Up I went and through the window intending to let the others in through the front door but found that it was also locked from the inside. I had to open a window in the bar and everyone climbed through but someone dislodged a panel covering the radiator under the window which fell to the floor with an almighty crash and probably woke everyone up. We hastily quietly made our way to our rooms. Nothing was mentioned at the Course review conducted by Training Officer John Frank on whom we played a prank. John had a habit of sitting on his desk in the Yoga Lotus position and we all conspired to imitate this when prompted by his question as to what was the most important thing we had learned!

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Memories of good food and cricket

I worked in Shell-Mex House, No. 1 Kingsway and 195 Knightsbridge in the 60s as Secretary to the Managers of Marine Sales, Industrial Sales and PIU. I well remember the excellent lunches we used to have for the price of one shilling! The food was always of the highest standard and varied. There was what we called a 'Glory Day' once a week on a Thursday when Turkey, Beef, Lamb and Chicken were on the menu with all the trimmings. Not so many vegetarians around in those days! The Senior Secretaries were especially spoilt with a private Secretary's Mess at both Shell-Mex House and 195 Knightsbridge.

With reference to the Cricket picture in Club News 146, I worked alongside Jim Stallibrass at 195 Knightsbridge and well remember Mark Mothio (plus red carnation) and Tom Glynn Jones. My husband John (now aged 87) many times played cricket in first team at Lensbury alongside Mark and Jim. I am still in touch with Gordon Watson (aged 95) for whom Jim and I worked.

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Birthday Thanks

81st Times flies by when you are enjoying yourself! Family keeps us busy and we really appreciate the events organised by our excellent 44 Club Branch Committee.

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81st I enjoyed a celebratory birthday lunch at the Union Jack Club for family and friends. My greetings to all who remember me from the Heating Training Centre, Fulham. Happy Days!

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82nd Reading the Obituaries in the Magazine I see that ex-SMBP people are certainly living longer! In the most recent Club News the average was 88 whilst 5 years ago it was 79!

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84th I am quite active although a recent fall down some steps has set me back a bit. Last month I played the warm-up at Medway Organ Club on the Club organ and last summer I entertained our Church Fellowship on my piano accordion. It's nice still to be useful in your eighties!!

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85th I lost my wife, Josephine, some five years ago and these days busy myself meeting up with contemporaries, 'Chairing' our Sussex Shell Pensioners

Association and serving on the committee of The Shell Travel Club. To me, SMBP and Shell are still very much 'family', though a lot seems to have changed since I retired in 1983 !

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87th I have just been up in the North East to celebrate my brother's 90th birthday and will be going again for my sister's Diamond Wedding. It is so nice to meet up with members of the family, with two new arrivals this year. I am fortunate to be here in Foxton with my daughter in the next village and that as a Shell Pensioner I have financial security and a very real sense of still being part of SMBP and Shell.

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88th As a widower for sixteen years to be remembered gives one a lift – your continued attention is much appreciated!

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89th Sadly my brother passed away in February and I am now the last one left out of a family of six! In my ninetieth year I am in good health and able to look after myself. My son-in-law is coming to the UK from his home in Johannesburg in May and I am looking forward to his visit. Thank you for keeping in touch with me.

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90th My father, George Norris, who celebrated his 90th Birthday on St. George's Day, has asked me to write to thank the 44 Club for his card. He had a wonderful day, spent with his wife Mary, children, grandchildren & close friends. George worked for Shell for 33 years, before taking early retirement. He has very fond memories of his time with Shell and the people he worked with at Dingle Bank and Haydock, where everyone was always very helpful and friendly.

Claire Mann



90th The 44 Club card is always one that stands out from the crowd, nicely understated and (especially this time round) not making a fuss about the big number. This time also, I was touched to hear from colleagues and friends with whom I worked on the Pilot Oils project all those years ago.

Audrey and I realise that we are especially fortunate to be still together and to be able to share our enjoyment of life. To give ourselves a treat on my birthday and to escape the village, we booked a penthouse suite at the Midland Hotel, Morecambe Bay for a few nights. Fabulous view of the Bay while sitting in the bath and at breakfast a flask of whisky was standing next to the large crock of porridge! I think we might go there again next year!



Thank you again – and many thanks to those of you who give your time to keep our Club alive in so many ways. Long may it continue?

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91st Your kind card brought back lots of memories of Kew Gardens which is where my husband came from. He used to play cricket on the Green by the main gates and I spent a lot of time in the Gardens.

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Thanks also received from Ken Parker, Mike Webb, Michael Grimwood, Kathleen Barker (90), Les Sewell (91), Ron Burke, Robert E. Watson, R. Coates, Cath Sykes (83), Stuart Rose (83), Pat Maloney (86), Bill Lee (80), Bill Topham (still cruising at 86!), Derek Skinner (84),

Welcome New Members

Mrs Valma Bevan	- Briton Ferry
Mr David Bradley	- Felpham
Mrs Elsje Clarke	- Buckhurst Hill
Mr Chris Evans	- Ash Vale
Mr John Farley	- Hemel Hempstead
Miss Christine Jamieson	- Hockley
Mr William McWilliam	- Aberdeen
Mrs Susan Mitchell	- Bury St Edmunds
Mr Arthur Peacefull	- Corringham
Mrs Alison Randall	- Benfleet
Mr Leslie Reeve	- Immingham
Mrs Peggy Seymour	- Ipswich
Ms Ann Thomas	- Upminster
Mr Jack Thompson	- Market Deeping
Mr Roger Williams	- Luton
Mr John Worland	- Stanford-Le-Hope

Obituaries

ARMSTRONG (79). Mr Kenneth Armstrong of Nicosia, Cyprus died on 11th December 2015. He was General Manager, Shell Cyprus when he left group service in 1994 after 34 years.

BARNES (88). Mr Tony Barnes of Warlingham died on 16th May 2016. He was Project Engineer, Shell-Mex House when he left group service in 1988 after 26 years.

BIRCH (96). Mr Maurice Birch of Victoria, Australia died on 25th March 2016. He was Sales Manager, Shell Composites Ltd when he left group service in 1974 after 38 years.

BLEEK (93). Mr Leonard Bleek of Farnborough, Hampshire died on 28th February 2016. He worked at Wandsworth Installation when he left group service in 1975 after 24 years.

BROADHURST (96). Mr Joseph Broadhurst of Fulford, York died on 1st February 2016. He was Retail Marketing Manager, Leeds when he left group service in 1975 after 39 years.

BROOKS (93). Mrs Rita Brooks of Wimbledon died on 17th March 2016. She was the wife of Mr Robert Brooks once a Motor Inspector at Wandsworth.

BRYANT (82). Mr Geoffrey (Geoff) Bryant of Tunbridge Wells died on 6th May 2016. He was Personnel Manager, London Service Companies, Shell Centre when he left group service in 1989 after 31 years.

BUTT (94). Mr Frederick Butt of Fareham died on 7th May 2016. He was with SMBP at Southampton Airport when he left group service in 1969 after 32 years.

BYRNE (89). Mr Alan Byrne of Lancaster died on 24th February 2016. He worked for Billiton International Metals, The Hague when he left group service in 1984 after 38 years.

CAMPBELL (83). Mr Alan Campbell of Astley, Manchester died on 25th February 2016. He was a Draughtsman at Barton Lubricants Plant when he left group service in 1988 after 23 years.

CHAMBERLAIN (85). Mr David Chamberlain of Ledbury died on 20th March 2016. He was Retail Estate Manager, Birmingham when he left group service in 1982 after 34 years.

CLARK (78). Mr Gordon (Gordie) Clark of Inverness died on 12th May 2016. He was a Driver at Inverness when he left group service in 1992 after 23 years.

DIMERY (78). Mr Peter Dimery of Plymouth died on 28th February 2016. He was Terminal Technician at Plymouth when he left group service in 1993 after 27 years.

DRINKWATER (91). Mr George Drinkwater of Highbridge died on 20th February 2016. He was Vehicle Tester at Bridgwater when he left group service in 1984 after 17 years.

EDWARDS (95). Mr Cyril Edwards of Flackwell Heath died on 7th March 2016. He was Manager, Heating Training Centre, Fulham when he left group service after ten years.

FAWSON (88). Mrs Yvonne Fawson of Southampton died on 11th April 2016. She was the wife of Mr Derick Fawson once a Senior Operations Assistant at Hamble.

GARNER (82). Mr Peter Garner of Whitley Bay died on 6th April 2016. He worked at Shell UK Materials Services, Shell-Mex House when he left group service in 1985 after 28 years.

HARRIS (79). Mr John Harris of Knockholt died on 4th April 2016. He was Retail Estate Project Manager, Hemel Hempstead when he left group service in 1992 after 35 years.

JONES (81). Mr Sidney Jones of Castell Nedd died on 25th March 2016. He was a Driver at Swansea Terminal when he left group service in 1985 after 23 years.

KIRK (84). Mrs Barbara Kirk (nee Phillipson) of Colyton, Devon died on 4th February 2016. She worked in the Hollerith Department at Oxford Road, Manchester when she left group service in 1959 after nine years.

LAKIN (81). Mr Brian Lakin of Harpenden died on 2nd March 2016. He was Manager, Customer Analysis Unit, Commercial Division, Shell-Mex House when he left group service in 1984 after 21 years.

LETCHET (92). Mrs Irene Letchet has died. She was the wife of Mr Bernard Letchet once Credit Supervisor, Hemel Hempstead.

MARPLES (93). Mr Kenneth Marples of Poole died on 8th May 2016. He was Group Depot Hand at Poole when he left group service in 1977 after 31 years.

MEAZEY (84). Mr Ken Meazey of Norwich died on 2nd June 2016. He was LPG Representative, South East Region when he left group service in 1983 after 26 years.

MERRISHAW (87). Mr Roy Merrishaw of Dersingham died on 11th April 2016. He was a Driver at King's Lynn when he left group service in 1982 after 33 years.

NELSON (87). Mrs Audrey Nelson of Earlsfield, London died on 4th April 2016. She was the wife of Mr Alfred Nelson once a Tanker Driver at Wandsworth.

NEWTON (90). Mrs Margaret Newton of Altrincham died on 26th April 2016. She was the widow of Mr Robert Newton once an Area Manager, Retail at Leeds.

NOCK (85). Mr Frederick Nock of Dartford died on 28th March 2016. He was a Vehicle Tester at Shell Haven when he left group service in 1987 after 21 years.

PIGGOTT (95). Mr Donald Piggott of Bury St Edmunds died on 6th March 2016. He was Manager, Development Division, BP, Britannic House when he left group service in 1973 after 22 years.

POORE (88). Mr William Poore of West Ewell died on 12th January 2016. He was Shift Manager, BP Oil, Fulham Terminal when he left group service in 1982 after 34 years.

SKELTON (99). Mrs D A Skelton of Fleet died on 23rd April 2016. She was the wife of Mr G W Aylett once a Supervisor at Walton-on-Thames Installation.

SMITH (84). Mrs Iris Smith of Billericay died on 20th April 2016. She was the wife of Mr Leonard Smith once a Shift Manager at Shell Haven Terminal.

WARREN (85). Mr Malcolm Warren of Brixton died on 11th March 2016. He was the widower of Doris White once Divisional Manager Secretary, BP Oil, Victoria.

WICKHAM (88). Mr Hugh Wickham of Surbiton died on 20th May 2016. He was Manager, Marketing Communications, Shell Mex-House when he left group service in 1987 after 24 years.

WILKINS (86). Mr John Wilkins of Billericay died on 17th March 2016. He was a Maintenance and Repairs Superintendent at Shell Haven Terminal when he left group service in 1987 after 17 years.

WILLIS (86). Mr Philip Willis of Beltinge died on 29th April 2016. He worked in Shell Retail, Watford Regional Office when he left group service in 1989 after 21 years.

YARDLEY (83). Mrs Jean Yardley of Tunbridge Wells died on 16th March 2016. She was a Shorthand Typist in Engineering Department when she left group service in 1964 after two years.

YARRANTON (92). Lady Mary Yarranton of Mindarie, Western Australia died on 23rd March 2016. She was the wife of Sir Peter Yarranton once Manager, Lensbury Club & Conference Centre.



Mary Yarranton, whose death is announced above, was a great support to her husband the late Peter Yarranton throughout his life and was to emigrate to Australia after his death in 2003. She is pictured here with the well-known violinist Tasmin Little who was a friend.



Stop Press

Ed: We have just been advised that Maelor Jones, whose 90th Birthday he celebrated in "Birthday Greetings" on Page 16 above, has sadly passed away. Maelor was known to and loved by a very large number of 44 Club members and he will be greatly missed. The next edition of the Club News will include tributes to Maelor— please feel free to send the Editor your own memories.

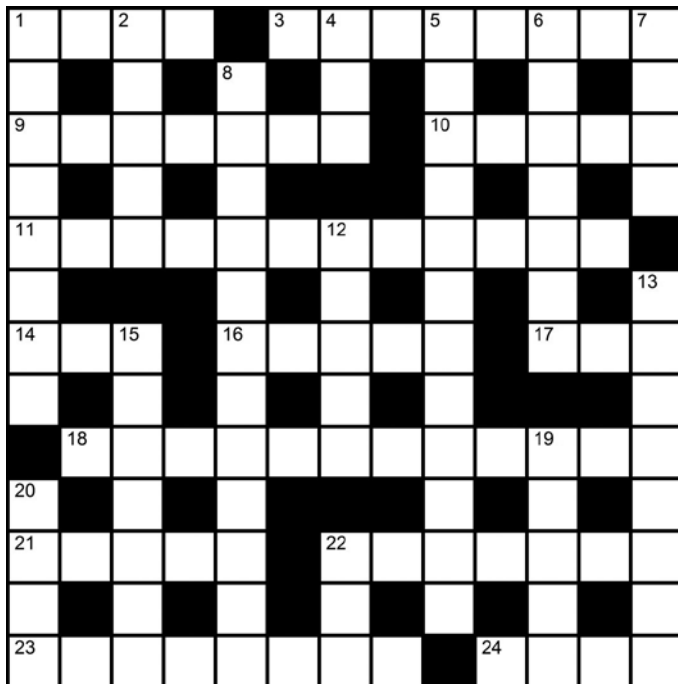
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Quotable Quote

"To me, growing old is great. It's the very best thing – considering the alternative,"

Michael Caine

Prize Crossword

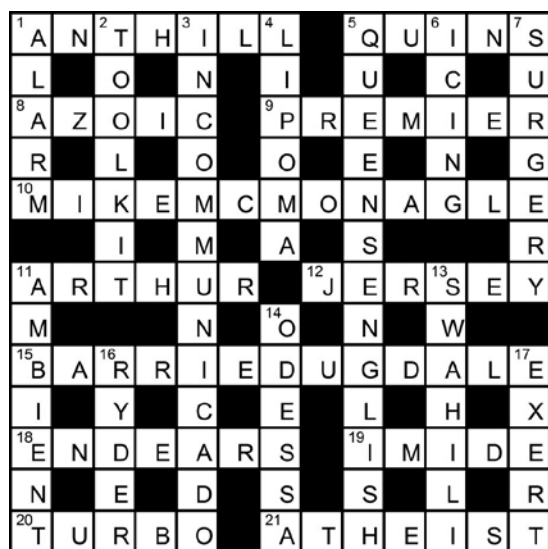


Across

- 1 One of the 'Grandfathers' (surname) (4)
- 3 Used for transporting packed lubricants (8)
- 9 At the end of the working week (7)
- 10 Walls around tanks to cope with overflows (5)
- 11 How SMBP was after McKinsey (12)
- 14 A porky pie (3)
- 16 On board a ship (not passengers) (5)
- 17 The traditional way to address your boss in SMBP (3)
- 18 A word of more than one syllable (12)
- 21 A young fowl (5)
- 22 Wilfred Pickles wireless programme (4,1,2)
- 23 Julian Dalzell's home town in South Carolina (8)
- 24 Retired servicemen (American) (4)

Down

- 1 Sitting by the window at the AGM (8)
- 2 One of the Northern Regional Office locations (5)
- 4 Help (3)
- 5 Work you enjoy (6,2,4)
- 6 They carry oil on road and rail... (7)
- 7 Not difficult (4)
- 8 Replaced Imperial measures (6,6)
- 12 A Vindaloo is a strong one (5)
- 13 They used TOU on the farm (8)
- 15 Fuel from plants (7)
- 19 His four-wheeled 'faithful steed' (surname) (5)
- 20 A product specification (Abbreviation) (4)
- 22 Inspectors operating on behalf of the Crown (Acronym) (3)



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Last Issue's Crossword

Congratulations to the 15 of you who got the last issue's (very difficult) crossword 100% correct and especially to **Lady Driver**, widow of Sir Tony Driver (of happy memory) who the Computer selected as the winner!

Closing date for next issue
August 17th 2016