



More than eighty years on we look back to January 1933 when Shell-Mex House, the iconic home of Shell-Mex and B.P. Limited, opened.

Built in two years by over a thousand construction workers with its 'boldly modern lines and by the careful planning which has gone into its smallest detail' Shell-Mex House was seen as a 'gesture of commercial optimism' in difficult times. We look back to its opening which was not just a statement of intent by the infant Shell-Mex and B.P. but also seen as a symbol of the '...eventual triumphal emergence of British industry from its present struggles'. Read the story from Page 4 onwards – and why not let us have your memories of the great building?

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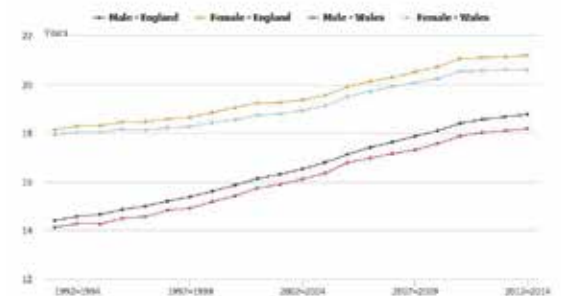
Welcome

When we have big birthdays it concentrates the mind. Your Editor has just experienced the move into the seventh age of man - so far without too much second childishness. And the teeth, eyes, and taste, seem to be holding up. For the moment. But mortality is more present when you accept that even by the wildest stretch of the imagination you can't be regarded as being in 'late middle-age' any more. You're old!

All that said the changes in longevity of the past 25 years or so have been astonishing. Life expectancy at 65 for women is 22 years and for men a year or so less. That's an increase of eight years since 1992 which is pretty remarkable.

Figure 2: Life expectancy for 65-year-olds by sex and country

England and Wales, 1991-1993 to 2012-2014



Source: Office for National Statistics

Less scientifically, but closer to home, I checked the average age of the Obits in the Club News of December 1980. It was 73. In the most recent Club News the average was 90. Even allowing for the two centenarians in the recent list this does suggest what the national statistics prove – we are, on average, living a lot longer. As a Trustee of the Shell Contributory Pension Fund for four years I saw from close, how longevity was a key factor in the Fund's 'Liability' calculations. Even for a closed Fund (which the SCPF now is) ever rising life expectancy places an additional burden on the Fund's managers and Trustees. The SCPF is coping well with the challenge – as is the equivalent BP Fund - but longevity will be sure to concentrate minds and perhaps lead to some different investment models which are much more liability driven.

Increasingly the issue with old age is not so much the quantum – how old you are – but the quality. In the 44 Club we have large numbers of members in their late 80s and 90s for whom the quality of life is still pretty high - the odd creaking joint apart. What's not to like? But, of course, we also have members of similar ages or younger for whom life is more of a struggle. Here the 44 Club performs a vital function providing both companionship and often practical help. And for the Companies that underwrite our pensions there is arguably more to do than 'just' paying the pension on time. Let's hope that 'duty of care' continues to be extended to former employees beyond the legal requirement for the Pension Funds to pay the pension.

Paddy Briggs

BP Obituaries

We have been made aware of an error that has been made by our colleagues in BP.

A list of obituaries was published in the August 2016 edition of the BP Society News. This listed names a number of BP Society members who are very much alive. We are advised that this was due to an error made by the BP Pensions and Benefits team who have acknowledged this error and they have apologised to all affected members.

If the member whose obituary was published is also a 44 Club member we are likely to have removed their name(s) from our members' register. Should you be one of those affected or if you know of anyone who might have been affected, it would be appreciated if you could send details to the Club Office (44-club@shell.com). We will then restore the membership.

AGM

Our annual reunion (and AGM) has now been confirmed for Thursday 27th April in Shell Centre starting at 5:00pm. Come and meet old friends and support your Club. You will be very welcome.

Shell Travel Club

The Shell Travel Club (open to all 44 Club members) has some great trips planned in 2017 including to Cambridge, the Isle of Man and Madeira. Details here: <http://tinyurl.com/ShellTravelClub>

Volunteers

The 44 Club is run by volunteers. Can you join us? Every Branch welcomes new volunteers. Can you help?

Wedding Anniversaries

Diamond

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33 Severn Road
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1st September 2016

Brian and Marion Lewis
37 Percival Road
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22nd September 2016

Paul and Pat Woods
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Hill Road,
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Surrey KT22 9SZ
29th September 2016

Willie and Maggie Farquhar

Orchard Grove,
Smithton,
Inverness, IV1 2NL
16th June 2016

Golden

Anthony and Penelope Woodhouse
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3rd December 2016

Jim and Jan Mullen

Pinewood
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2nd April 2016

Sapphire

Mike and Pat Wager
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18th September 2016



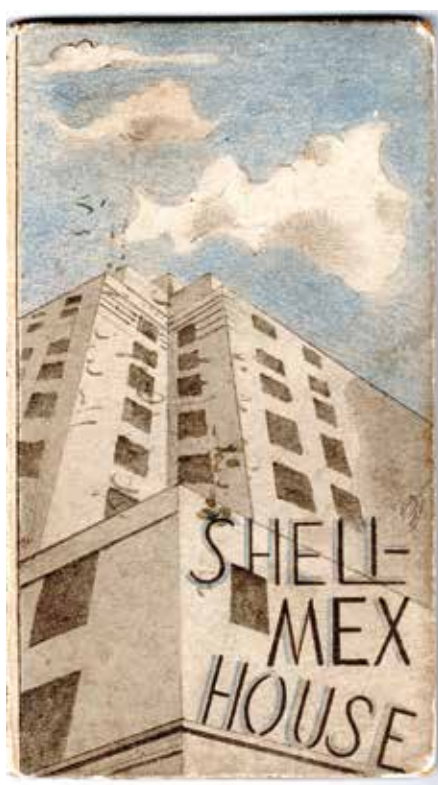
Jim and Jan Mullen

The opening of Shell-Mex House in 1933 – a ‘Symbol of confidence’ in British industry.



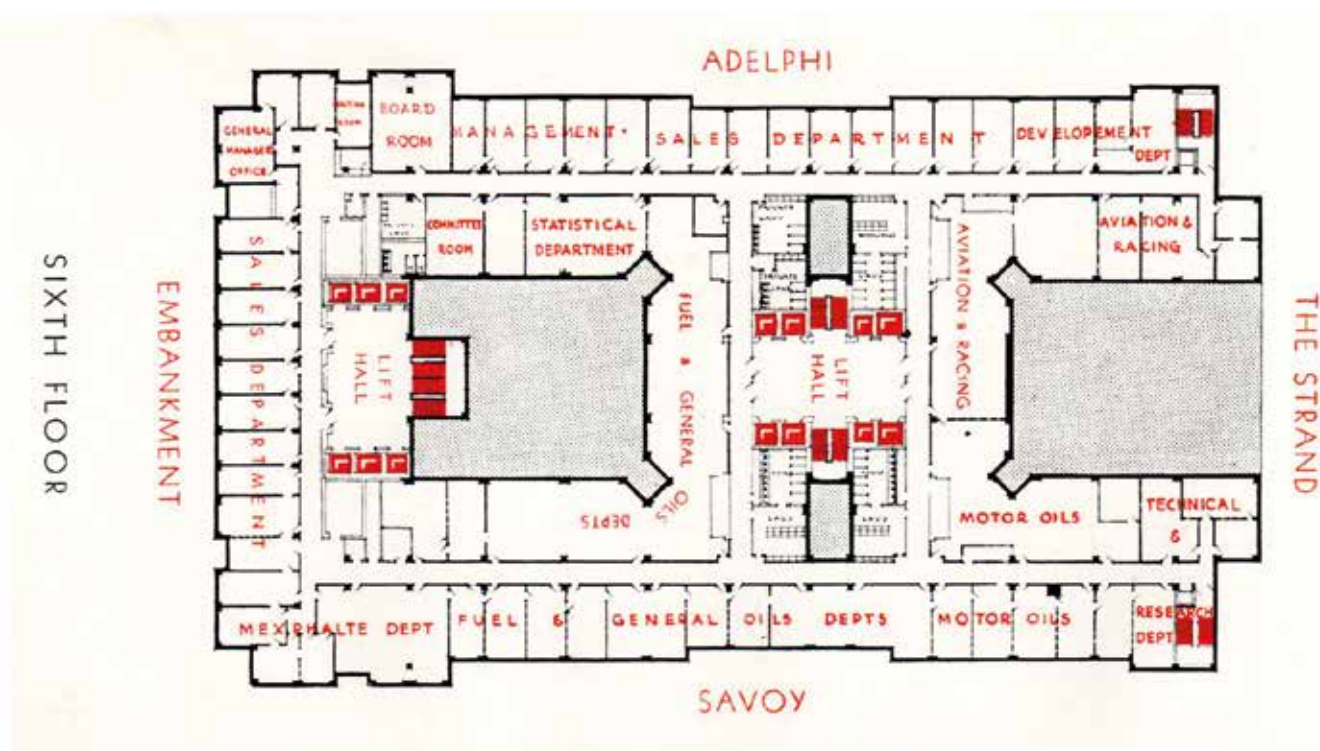
In 2013, eighty years on from the opening of Shell-Mex House in 1933, we missed the opportunity to look back at a building that was so important to so many of us in our Shell-Mex and B.P. and, for the Shell folk amongst us, Shell careers. But better late than never! For once the word ‘iconic’ is appropriate when we describe Shell-Mex House – its Art Deco style and architectural originality did, and does, make it one of London’s most significant modern landmarks. If we compare a photograph from 1933 with one from today nothing much has changed (we’ll pass over the outrage that the building is now called ‘80 The Strand’!).

The 1933 photo comes from one of the treasures in the SMBP archive - the ‘guide-book’ produced for the opening ceremony on 25th January 1933. After the ceremony guests



were invited to tour the building and then to tea in the Restaurant and cocktails, at 5:30pm, on the Fifth Floor. The opening ceremony was conducted by Walter Runciman who was President of the Board of Trade and curiously in his speech, and in the news report in *The Times* which followed, the company was referred to as ‘Shell-Mex Limited’ - though the booklet makes it clear that it was to be ‘Shell-Mex and B.P. Limited’ (formed just a year earlier on 1st January 1932) which would occupy the building. Runciman ignored BP when praising the ‘amazing rapidity of the growth of the Shell Company’ and the 40% owners of the company, and the building, got no mention in the press either.

In thanking Runciman Shell Chairman Lord Bearsted (Walter Samuel the son of the founder of Shell Transport and Trading Marcus Samuel) said



that he hoped Shell-Mex House would be “a symbol of the eventual emergence of British industry from its present struggles”. At that time the depression had led to unemployment at an all-time high of more than 20% (over three million). Runciman replied that “there is no reason why we should despair for the future... so long as enterprise and courage are to be found in commercial circles there is hope for the country.” He also said, “you must not look for new developments in the commercial world beginning in Downing Street... once the manufacturing and industrial people in this country rely upon Governments... for their success the days of our greatness are numbered.” This was a ringing endorsement of free enterprise from a man who was a Liberal and a member of Ramsay MacDonald’s “National” Government.

So from its opening Shell-Mex House was seen as a sign of free enterprise – a ‘Symbol of Confidence’. There may be a touch of hyperbole about this but it is also a function of how important Shell-Mex and B.P. in its early years was to be in helping

the consumption-led recovery which did indeed begin in 1933. House construction and car ownership boomed and the beginnings of a consumer society can be seen in those pre-war years – and you need plenty of petroleum products to fuel this!

Back to the opening ceremony and the tour of the building. The ‘guide-book’ stresses its modernity – including the housing of an air-conditioning system in the clock tower which it calls, rather quaintly, a ‘mechanical breathing system’. It also stresses the use of British ‘Portland Stone’ both externally and internally rather than marble which would have been ‘...in the hands of foreigners’ (!) The overall scale is impressive; 1486 windows, 27,000 panes of glass, twenty-two miles of hot and cold water pipes and so on. Including the basement and the sub-basement there are fifteen floors – some of which are illustrated. Here is the sixth floor with the Department names written in:

The significance of opening of Shell-Mex House in 1933 cannot be overstated either in the political/

economic circumstances of the time or in respect of the commercial opportunity for Shell-Mex and B.P. that it symbolised. The guide-book says ‘Modern enterprises must always tend to centralisation... they must expand without loss of central efficiency’ and SMBP had been formed very much with this in mind. In effect the technical monopoly that SMBP was endorsed at the building’s opening by Walter Runciman.

Chillingly 1933 was also the year that Adolf Hitler became Chancellor and effectively shortly afterwards Dictator of Germany. Within six short years Britain would be at war again and Shell-Mex House became the home of the Petroleum Board. It’s idle to speculate what might have happened had SMBP not had the hiatus of the war years. But after the war SMBP’s return to competitive marketing, as we know, saw twenty-five years of growth and profitable trading. Throughout the 44 years of the company’s existence Shell-Mex House was the powerhouse of progress. **PSB**

News from the Branches



Kingsmill Hotel

Inverness

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Maple Court hotel in Inverness has been closed for renovation since our last meeting in the spring. We were taken by surprise so found a new meeting place in Kingsmills Hotel (above) for our October meeting and future meetings and Christmas Lunch on 8th December. We will meet in the spa building on mezzanine floor reached by a lift. Parking and access are good. We will continue to meet on last Thursday of the month. Our last get -together was on the canal boat with Seagull Trust. Twelve members enjoyed a lovely trip on a rainy morning. We were entertained by two excellent musicians and during our two hour trip we had a lovely buffet, tea and coffee.

Coming up:

Coffee morning and meeting.
Kingsmills Hotel on **last Thursday** of every month at 11.00am.



Inverness Branch

Aberdeen

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Coming up:

The intended meetings dates in Rubislaw Church Centre, Beaconsfield Place, Aberdeen, on the **second Monday** of each month, will be as follows:

Monday 13th February: at 10.30a.m. to 11.30a.m. for a coffee morning.

Monday 13th March: at 10.30a.m. to 11.30a.m. for a coffee morning.

Glasgow

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Our first meeting of the season, on 20 October, was well attended and it was great to see everyone and catch up on the chat. Our speaker – Mrs Elizabeth Rodgers – gave us an extremely interesting talk about homemade wine and how to make the perfect brew. She brought along examples of a wine in development as well as of wine ready to drink. Some members had experience in making their own wine but I think we all came away with a lot more knowledge on the subject than when we arrived!

The first 'Coffee & Chat' of the new season took place in Newton Mearns on Thursday 22 October. Seven people attended and there was plenty of chat and reminiscences, both about Shell and about the War. One of those present had been evacuated to the Isle of Man during WW2 and, coincidentally, another one had worked there more recently. The next Coffee & Chat will be arranged for early 2017.

On 17 November our speaker was Judith Bowers, the founder and director of the Britannia Panopticon



Glasgow Branch

Music Hall Campaign. Judith talked about the history of the world's oldest surviving music hall and its colourful past. She had the audience in stitches with a theatrical performance which was also interesting and informative. We heard of the history of a theatre in Trongate, Glasgow, which in its prime attracted an amazing 2,000 visitors per day. Many Glasgow luminaries had treaded its' boards, probably the most famous being Stan Laurel

and a young Cary Grant. Founded in the 1850's, the theatre was boarded up and hidden away behind shop fronts in the late 1930's, only to be re-discovered in 1997. It is now being fully restored and a charitable trust has been set up to fund the music hall's preservation.

Our first branch meeting for 2017 is on Thursday 19 January when Mr Watt, a very popular and long standing speaker, will return to further our knowledge of antiques. All welcome.

Coming up 2017:

Thursday 19th January: Antiques

Thursday 16th February: The story continues ... Christine Millar – Genealogy.

Thursday 23rd March: The Joy of Singing and Musical Games.

Lucinda Geoghegan shares her knowledge of why singing and musical games are an essential part of childhood and an important feature of our culture. (Preceded by AGM).

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Coming up 2017:

11th January: 1200-1230 Light Lunch: The Chichester Arms, Chichester Road, South Shields.

8th February: 1200-1230 Light Lunch: The Chichester Arms, Chichester Road, South Shields.

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We held our Autumn Lunch at the Consort Hotel Thurcroft on 23rd August - 42 members attended and enjoyed a lovely meal. We followed the meal by holding a raffle a very enjoyable afternoon.

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Coming up:

Regular monthly pub lunch on 2nd Tuesday of every month at 12:30.

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North Midlands

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Skittles & Lunch Wednesday 12th October 2016. We returned once again to The Squirrel, Alveley, Nr Bridgnorth, on 12th October 2016, to enjoy our second games of skittles of the year and what a great afternoon it turned out to be with 27 members and guest attending. This a very old pub but the only one we can find locally that has a Skittle Alley with room for us but, on saying that we are made very welcome by the



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staff who serve up what was to be a 'light' lunch and what a wonderful lunch it was and plenty of it in fact for those who chose chicken, there was half a chicken on the plate!!! We managed two games of skittles before we ate and during the break 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 continued support. Our last game was a knock out, for which we paid 20p a game the proceeds went to the winner who once again was one of our Guests. I think the members need to get some practice in before next year!! Yet again a very enjoyable time was had by everyone.

Coming up 2017:

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.

February: 12:00pm Carvery Lunch being arranged (date to be confirmed) at The Plough, Far Forest, Bewdley.

March: Skittles & Lunch being arranged (date to be confirmed) at The Squirrel.

April: Spring Lunch to be arranged (date to be confirmed). Further details will be sent out by letter.

South Midlands

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For our late summer outing organised

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South Midlands Branch

by Ken Longhurst a group of 29 members visited Frithsden Vineyard near Berkhamsted. After coffee on arrival, we were taken on a guided tour of the vineyard by the winemaker Simon Tooley who gave a most informative and interesting explanation of the types of vines suitable for cultivation in the English climate. After a visit to the wine production area we retired to the terrace in glorious early September sunshine for a tutored wine tasting followed by an excellent ploughman's lunch washed down by some of the local produce. For those in need of retail therapy there was time after lunch to visit the vineyard shop to buy a bottle or two of English wine. We tasted two white wines, Solaris and Phoenix and a Rose all from 2015; all very palatable. A most enlightening outing, thoroughly enjoyable and possibly a venue for a return visit.

For our final pub lunch of the year in October we made a return visit after a gap of several years to the Bridgewater Arms at Little Gaddesden. Understandably, the magnificent turnout of around 45 members put the pub kitchens under some considerable strain and there was plenty of time for conversation



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before the food arrived! However, it was a most enjoyable and convivial event and we were very pleased to welcome Kevin Bates who had made the trip from Welwyn Garden City and also Ron Dobbs, one of our long standing Branch stalwarts, returning after a lengthy absence. Many thanks to Malcolm Bury for his excellent organisation of the lunch.

Coming up:

Our first pub lunch of 2017 will be held on Tuesday 14th March and the venue will be chosen at our Committee meeting in January. Our usual diary circular giving full details of our 2017 programme will be circulated to all our active members in February.

King's Lynn

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We tried a new venue, namely the Angel pub at Watlington and what a great success it was. A delicious carvery lunch was served followed by very tasty home-made desserts and sundaes. So many compliments were forthcoming long before the meal was finished that it has already been decided to return there next year in the spring for our first event. To have 30 of us without complaint takes a bit of beating! And makes life a lot easier for the organisers! Most of our long distance supporters were present as usual. So a good meet up was had by all.

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A new venue the Lodge Restaurant at the Ski Slope, Ipswich was the next lunch to be held, it was well attended with 28 members and guests. It was a delight to see new guests attending and how they will support the branch

at future events. The food and value was excellent and will be on the list of venues for next year.

Chelmsford

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We had a lunch at the Orsett Hall on September 19th a firm favourite of ours. After last year's rather poor attendance we were delighted to have 60 members and guests, twice that of last year. We had the pleasure of



Chelmsford Branch

Colin Hill, national secretary who now lives within the branch area, also other guests who were most welcome. Our Facebook page SMBP 44 Club Chelmsford is doing well, with photographs taken by the Chairman at the lunches which are posted for members to view.

Peter Gobell wishes to thank the secretaries and committee of Chelmsford, Ipswich and Kings Lynn Branches for all their efforts in making 2016 a successful year, and we all look forward to 2017.

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Nineteen members attended our summer event held on Thursday, 30th June – a visit to the Yeo Valley Organic Gardens at Blagdon, just a few miles south of Bristol. This is one of only a handful of organically



Great Bristol Branch

certified ornamental gardens in the UK backing onto Blagdon Lake and facing onto the Mendip Hills. The six and a half acre gardens have a number of very interesting areas including various flower beds, grasses, wild flower meadows, vegetable patches, water gardens and glasshouses. They are based next door to the headquarters of the Yeo Valley dairy business and are the brain child of Sarah Mead, wife of the owner, Tim Mead, whose parents started the dairy enterprise back in the 1970's. There is also a restaurant where we met for coffee at 11am. We then wandered around the gardens and met up at 1pm for lunch, followed by more investigation of the gardens. The day was overcast but luckily, dry. We went home slightly tired but very grateful to Roger Gamlin our Chairman and Event Organiser for arranging a wonderful day out.

Our 2016 Autumn Pub Lunch was a return visit to 'The Salthouse' in Clevedon, where much of the TV series 'Broadchurch' is filmed. We were 20 in total and met for coffee at 11am sitting outside in glorious sunshine admiring the pier and the boating lake which was finally repaired this spring. Across the Severn Estuary we could clearly see

Wales. As usual there was much to chat about. Charles Madge's ears in particular should have been burning. All good, Charles! At 12-30 we sat down in a reserved area for lunch from an extensive menu. After putting the world to rights we gathered for a group photo. Our Chairperson and Event organiser, Roger Gamlin, was thanked for organising yet another memorable event.

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On October the 14th, 52 of us sat down for the customary annual lunch at the Hydro in Eastbourne and once again were not disappointed with the excellent meal and ambience.

On October the 27th our outgoing Chairman Mike Baker arranged a very enjoyable lunchtime get together at the Royal Oak (Beefeater) at Wrotham. For such an event, we had a very good turnout of 22. It is hoped that we can in the future, once again go to the Royal Oak, along with the West End Tavern at Marden - the Horse and Groom at Charing, and other Pub get-togethers, on an ad hoc basis.

As Mike and Christine will be leaving these shores very shortly, I would like to thank them once again for all their hard work and efforts.

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Harrow Branch will meet at Sea Pebbles, 345 Uxbridge Road, Pinner HA5 4HR at 12.30 p.m. for lunch on the 7th February. Please contact Greta Chandler, 27 Elm Ave. Ruislip, HA4 8PE (tel. 020 8866 8452) by 3.2.17 if you wish to come. Meanwhile, Happy Christmas to everyone. Greta Chandler.

Bournemouth, Southampton and District

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Autumn Lunch at the Dorset Golf and Country Club 23rd September. This was a new venue for us being way out into the Dorset countryside - the first hurdle was for our members to find the venue! With a full complement we sat down for our lunch in a sunny restaurant overlooking the greens and looking into the far distance - truly beautiful. The food was first class - the two most popular items on the menu, the slow braised beef steak and the crème brûlée, were both amazing. From the comments received, everyone enjoyed their lunch and would like a return visit sometime.



Bournemouth Branch

For those of you who have yet to try our branch events, do come along, you will be made very welcome. The branch can only exist if members support the arranged events.

Coming up:

Look forward to seeing you at our Spring pub lunch, east side of the forest this time - at the Hobler Inn Lymington Tuesday 16 May 2017.

Your Letters

Brand Separation (1)

My recollection is that the manager responsible for finding a mechanism to allocate, on a neutral basis, the Industrial customers 60/40 was Mike Walker. He asked various people for ideas, one of whom was Anne Marriott who worked in Operational Research. She came up with the method that was used to do the first-cut 60/40 split. This involved putting all Industrial customers within each SMBP sales territory in descending annual volume order for Fuel Oil offtake (Fuel Oil being the largest volume product overall). The list for each Territory was then divided into groups of 10 (thus the first group was the largest down to the 10th largest, the next group the 11th to 20th, and so on). Within each group, the 1st, 3rd, 5th, 6th, 8th and 10th were allocated to Shell, and the 2nd, 4th, 7th and 9th to BP (note the discontinuity in the middle!). Those customers, who didn't buy Fuel Oil, were then listed by the next largest overall product, which was Gas Oil, and the same system applied. Those who didn't buy Fuel Oil or Gas Oil were ordered by the next product and so on until all customers had been allocated. The resulting product splits were remarkably close to 60/40. There were some later subtle refinements (not least for LPG, which was split 80/20, and for branded Lubricants), but this was the basic principle used! (I was easily the most junior member of Jack Cook's Industrial Brand Separation Team from Nov 1972 to March 1973!)

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Brand Separation (2)

Further to the letter from Tom Cannon in issue 150 and your appeal for information on how they separated the 'Shell Sheep' from the 'BP Goats' at Brand Separation let me give you my memory of what we were told at the time.

Each line manager was tasked with allocating his staff on a 60/40 basis however the line manager would be the last to know whether he or she would be a Sheep or a Goat. I am not aware of the criteria to be used e.g. age, colour of hair, old school tie, golf club, length of service, etc.! At the time I had recently been appointed as one of the first Shift Managers at Point Law Terminal, Aberdeen, and had moved north from my Operations Engineering role in the Glasgow Regional Office. No doubt, in common with other SMBP Terminals, some of our number were easier to work with than others. Following the announcement of who was going where at Point Law one of the Shop Stewards came to me and disputed the Company line on the allocating manager being the last to know which Brand they would join! Looking at the list I had to agree but could only repeat what I had been told. Imagine our surprise when the Manager's Brand became known, and the Shop Steward was kind enough to come back and apologise for doubting my story.

It will be interesting to hear if this memory is shared by others. (Names not given to protect the innocent!)

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Ken Hathaway

At the end of last year I attended the funeral of Ken Hathaway (82). Ken worked for the British Pipeline Agency (BPA) at Stourport-on-Severn. At Brand Separation Shell-Mex and B.P.'s management of the BPA was transferred to BP and Ken moved with it. He was based at the Lincomb Hall depot.

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(Ed: Thanks for the memory Ron. The BPA was one of SMBP's last major initiatives. It opened in 1969 with the United Kingdom Oil Pipeline (UKOP) (owned by a consortium of oil companies) white oil pipeline which connected the (then) two Shell refineries at Shell Haven and Stanlow. On Brand Separation BPA remained a Shell/BP joint venture though, as you say, its management transferred to BP Oil. If any readers have memories of BPA in its early (SMBP) days do get in touch.)

Ben Hurley

I was sorry to hear of the passing of Ben Hurley. Some people evoke a strong reaction – one pace forward Ben Hurley! His demise saddens me immensely. Any meeting of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers was enlivened by his contributions. His resonant voice and choice turns of phrase always made its mark on the audience. Ben was a graduate engineer who had worked with Harry Ferguson, Douglas Motor Cycles and with bearings, piston and piston ring manufacturers. The French word for engineer, "Ingénieur" suggests ingenuity and that was something that Ben had in spades, only surpassed by his equally well-developed capacity for 'feather ruffling' (hooray)!

In the 1970s the Oldham-based truck manufacturer Seddon Atkinson was working on fitting Deutz air-cooled engines to their vehicles. But there

was a problem – they overheated when in slow-moving traffic. Ben and I visited them to try and find a solution. Also present was a tall, young, elegant and very German Engineer from Deutz. Ideas were banded about and it was clear that Herr ‘Deutz’ wanted the last word. Then Ben put forward an elegant proposed solution. There was a long silence - then our German friend said “I have decided what we shall do – we shall do what Mr Hurley says” Game, set and match! Dear friend you are greatly missed.

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Fenella Fielding

The photo of the lady on page 7 of the last Club News was of the wonderful Fenella Fielding. I worked for Bill Sands, Advertising Manager, SP&A before brand separation and then for Walter Henderson, Marketing Manager. I can remember some of us going to the Mermaid Theatre and having lunch with



Fenella, but it's all rather vague now. She had a wonderful voice and is still going strong according to her website. **(Ed:** Indeed. See Photo) I'd completely forgotten about it until I saw the picture. Happy days.

Maureen White
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Raynes Park SW20 8BD

(Ed: Thanks to all who spotted Ms Fielding. Maureen just pipped Colin Kirk to the prize. Colin remembers Ms Fielding also from 1966 when she visited Hastings to open a new BP site the land for which he had secured after lengthy negotiations with the

local Borough Council. Several HO managers attended the opening and the story goes that they fell under Fenella's spell. (As you would!)

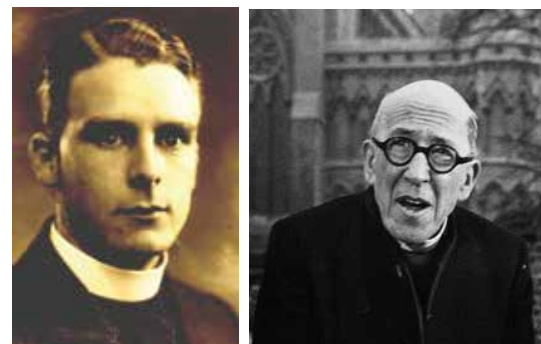
Pam Hudson

Pam Hudson (née Hartley), whose death was announced in the last Club News, was the Secretary to the Regional Manager – Industrial, in South East Region, Knightsbridge, during the late 1960s. My greatest memory of her was on the day in spring 1969 when I was going for my ‘Sales Panel’ interview in the hope of becoming a Group Commercial Representative. It was held in the office of the Regional Manager, Douglas Booth, and Don Maddin, Area Manager, London North, was also on the panel. I was nervously waiting in Pam's office for the summons when she suddenly said, ‘Oh, by the way, Colin, the Bishop of Chelmsford is in there and will be sitting in on your interview’. At my startled look she continued, “He wrote to Head Office, saying he'd like to spend a day in Industry and they suggested he shadow Mr Booth for the day. This is just part of Mr Booth's day”. Well it might have been just a part of the Regional Manager's day but to me the interview was suddenly looking a lot more challenging! ‘What do I call him?’ I asked. Like all top secretaries, Pam had a book of etiquette in her desk drawer which she consulted. We couldn't agree if he should be a ‘Your Grace’, or a ‘My Lord’, and then the door was flung open by Don Maddin and I was ushered in. Pam smiled sweetly at me and whispered “Just call him ‘Sir’ – he won't mind”.

The Bishop certainly didn't mind and sat somewhere behind me, saying, “Don't take any notice of me” in the same kind of twinkly voice as Robertson Hare, the Archdeacon in ‘All Gas and Gaiters’, which was on TV at the time. But it did mean I had to keep turning around to include him in my answers, and then he would benignly smile encouragement. I thanked Pam for her advice as I stumbled back into the corridor. For the record, I passed the Panel.

It would have been illuminating to know if the Bishop contributed to the discussion on whether I should get the job – but we'll never know!

(Ed: Colin, our extensive research department has scoured Bishopric records and found that the Bishop in



1969 was one John Tiarks – crazy name, crazy guy – and here he is. Alongside him is Robertson Hare from ‘All Gas and Gaiters’)

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So Many Memories

I was moved when I went through the Obituary pages of the Summer issue of the Club News as listed were three ex colleagues from the early days of our Authorised Distributors who I had worked with.

Don Piggott was Assistant Manager in ‘Kerosene and Agricultural Dept.’ responsible for the development of our AD network, initially under Gerry Baxter and then Dickie Mott. I had the pleasure of working for Don from 1955 until his promotion into BP in 1958. He was a wonderful boss - always calm and courteous. He organised the initial Divisional AD conferences, was much involved in the launch of the PPDS (Pink Paraffin Delivery Service), and the introduction of hose reels and meters on AD vehicles. It was an exciting time.

Maelor Jones and I were AD Development Supervisors at the same time and we used to meet up to discuss our complex role. We

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were both appointed Consumer Area Managers after McKinsey so again we saw something of each other. I also knew Maelor when he ran Pilot Oils and later during his spell in Exeter. He was always good company and full of energy.

Geoff Bryant took over as AD Development Supervisor in Birmingham and after McKinsey he was appointed as a Consumer Area Manager – then he was on his way to Shell International. It was good to meet up with all 3 of them over the years at Distributor reunions and 44 Club AGM's in London. Happy days! So many memories.

*Maurice Husbands
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Trimming the Carpets

In Club News 152 (Page 9) there is a photo of the lovely Ann Green. She had been, I think, the secretary of Mr Scaife who was Establishment Services Manager, but had also been appointed chief of office layouts and protocol. This covered Office Size, desks, chairs, carpets, coat hangers, décor- wall decorations and so on. Didn't you have carpet reduced in the office you moved into once?

(Ed: Indeed Maurice. In Agricultural Department in 1964 I shared an office with Arthur Haddock, Mike Groom, Pat Boyle and others. It was a bit crowded and the front feet of my desk were on Arthur's carpet. Now

Arthur was entitled to a carpet, but I wasn't. So the authorities (presumably Miss Green) instructed that four inches were to be trimmed from it so that I no longer offended protocol. Rules is Rules, as they say!

*Maurice Husbands
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Make Money

Reference the piece about 1966 and the World Cup, with special interest in Make Money in the recent Club News.

At that time, in Shell-Mex House, if you were below a certain grade you had to work one Saturday morning per month. One of my Saturdays was the day of the World Cup Final. I spent most of the morning answering the phone to dealers who had run out of Make Money coupons, or were about to do so. Of course, I could not help, apart from taking names etc. and promising to do more on Monday. I remember walking from Shell-Mex House to Charing Cross to catch my train home and buying an Evening Standard to read on the train that our team for the Final would not have Jimmy Greaves in it!

Eighteen years, later in April 1984, I was Manager of Retail Sales Department when we launched a new Shell Make Money. Happily for us, the 1966 team left a long report on their promotion with successes and weak points, and one vital piece of



advice. In 1966, for security reasons, all the coupons were printed in USA and freighted over to Heathrow. During June 1966, a number of cases were stuck in Heathrow freight and not passed by customs, so Dealers ran out which was very embarrassing. Consequently, in 1984 all the coupons were printed in England, with special care taken with the printer on the matter of security. Only one £10,000 ticket was printed for each Region, and a member of my team was present to witness their printing, and then that plate was smashed to avoid unauthorised duplication. Happily for the promotion, all the £10,000 coupons were redeemed.

As a matter of interest, the most successful promotion in terms of fuel sales was not Make Money but a Soup Bowls offer in the spring of 1986! Those were the great days of happy Dealers, happy drivers in Distribution and happy, motivated staff all round.

*John Smeddle
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Birthday Thanks

A 'SHOUT OUT' as they say on the social media to Mr and Mrs Peter Cast who keep our Birthday Card despatches on track. As always qualifying members are happy to receive a card (as here from Mrs Hall of Knutsford) and the Club really appreciates the voluntary work that Peter and his wife do.

80th I was invited to join the 44 Club when becoming the PLR for North London and Herts in 1994 and I visited many SMBP Pensioners during my years of service. I looked forward to these visits and the stories they told! In my Shell career I worked closely with staff in Shell-Mex and B.P. and later Shell UK in the 1970s when the computing function was merged with



that of Shell International to form the Wythenshawe Computing complex. I also have fond memories of many SMBP staff when I played football at Lensbury and Sydenham.

*Colin Gibbens
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80th Many thanks to all those concerned with sending out birthday cards. It is a very nice gesture. My 80th celebrations went very well with a lunch for relations and friends in our village hall. I feel very fortunate that the wonderful Shell Mex & BP company took me on in 1962. Soon after joining I was introduced to the company flying



scheme which subsidised the main cost of learning to fly. I learned to fly at the Ipswich airport on the Auster aircraft which was a tricky one, to land especially! I last flew solo in December 1967 just after my first child was born. Then the scheme finished in 1968 so that was that. This leads me to tell you that I had a very special birthday present from my sister which was a flight in a 2 seater Spitfire. The commander, a lovely lady named Anna, gave me the controls a lot of the flight time. It was a wonderful feeling to actually have the controls which were very light and responsive. She agreed with me that it was easier to fly than an Auster!! A boyhood dream come true.

*Tom Cannon
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80th There is something strangely unreal to be recognised in SMBP print even if it is only for surviving to eighty. When I first retired and joined that band of stalwarts who had seen us through the perils of, computerisation, decimalisation, Brand Separation and the like, I marvelled that those

previously retired colleagues and friends, some of whom had gone to 'the dark side', could still be around after having dropped off my personal radar for many years. Now, after quite a few years as one of 'them' the current situation seems quite normal. There are currently of course contemporary overtones, especially as the Brexit decision bears an uncanny similarity to the decision of our masters to disband after 44 years of Shell Mex and BP. If the disentangling of the UK from Europe is half as complicated as Brand Separation there could be a role for some of us to play in helping out HMG. Let us hope that the goodwill and cooperation on both sides matches that which was evident in SMBP in the 70's.

My best wishes to all my old friends and colleagues who still survive, as one who has not yet been hooked off the pitch, I have to admit, shamefacedly, that the obits always has a (hopefully) quick scan on receipt of the excellent magazine.

*Tony Eliston
Orchard Cottage
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(Ed: Luke 23:34 springs to mind Tony)

81st I joined SMBP Gases in 1964 at Eastern Division, Ipswich as a trainee LPG Service Engineer. I spent the next 26 years working with LPG with the best bunch of people you could ever meet!

*Terry Pettit
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81st I do enjoy reading the magazine – though it is always sad to read about those who have passed away. I worked in the Divisional office in Southampton and after that in Hamble Terminal where I completed a total of 32 years' service before retiring in 1983. They were very happy days.

*Mrs NE Wisdom
45 Malt Drive
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Cambs PE14 0SR*

(Ed: Congratulations on reaching your first target – your pension years now exceed your employment years! Well done)

84th I guess that at 84 I must be getting quite senior in the ranks of the 44 Club now. I'm planning a few more years yet...

*Martin Spankie
1 Carlton Street
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(Ed: I think you may have moved out of the 'apprentice' category Martin, but 'senior' is much further ahead!)

84th It is a lovely idea the Club reminds us, as we get older, that there are many like us who keep passing these special dates. My day was a happy one with notably cards from my two sons and, of course, my wife. Lunch was taken in the town's Indian Restaurant where Jancis and I indulged ourselves with a jolly good meal. Our town has very few good shops, a few solicitors, too many estate agents and an ever decreasing number of Banks but this must be progress (that is as long as the supermarkets and restaurants continue to serve the ever expanding town!). Very many thanks and good wishes to the Club.

*Doug Quayle
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Gillingham SP8 4TH*

87th I always appreciate receiving the cards and enjoy the lunches arranged by Greta Chandler for Harrow Branch.

*Lesley Constable
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87th I started my career emptying ashtrays and progressed to dusting the desk of my boss. (Only joking). My 15 years in SMBP were undistinguished to the end but I have happy memories of an interesting and varied work life.

*Peter Farr
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BIRTHDAY THANKS

90th Family celebrations of the big birthday at the local Yacht Club and a very happy time for all. Greetings to all my old pals in the 44 Club!

*Jimmie Robertson
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Queensland 4573
Australia*

90th I feel very fortunate to be remembered by the people with whom I worked for so many years. Those years were very happy, starting in Southern Division in Southampton in 1950 and then making my way to Shell-Mex House via Oxford Branch, Reading Branch and Kingston where I was Branch Secretary. I was one of the first females in administration (rather than secretarial!) in Shell-Mex House and made many friends some of whom I still see. We worked hard in those days but had time for fun like swimming and squash in Shell Centre. Those were the days!

*Pamela R Marks (née Johnson)
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90th Thank you so much - I am well aware now that life has gathered speed. How fortunate we ex SMBP/Shell Staff are that we are still part of a great company. My sincere thanks to all



you volunteers who manage to keep us retired staff up to date - it is almost as if I had never left. The pictures were taken at the surprise party that my friends, here in France gave me. They even arranged for my Son to join me from the UK. It was quite an emotional Day.

*Frederick Jones
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Glomel, France*

90th Twenty-Seven years a widow and still the cards come every year. My sincere thanks to those who give their time and trouble to the 'Birthday List'.

*DM Holloway (Mrs)
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96th I am not as physically fit as I was and am now living in a retirement home. I am grateful to my old friend Terry Petitt who faithfully keeps in touch. I have even been remembered by the French Government with the award of the Legion d'Honneur for my war service.

*Leslie Plews
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(Ed: Compliments on your award Leslie. You will see our tribute to your fellow veteran Stan Fryer elsewhere in this issue. The Club equally thanks and congratulates you.)

Welcome New Members

We wish to welcome the following new members:

Mr Malcolm Gibbs - Peterlee
Mrs Jenny Hill - Haslemere
Mrs Sylvia Horsfield - Sale
Mrs Jackie Jackson - Redcar
Mrs Sheila Jones - Cardiff
Mrs Lesley Kettlewell - Skelton-in-Cleveland
Miss Ena Randall - Bourne End
Mrs Myrna Taylor - Norwich
Mr Roy Waight - Rowledge
Mrs Frances Warren - Poole
Mr Ian Weatherhead - Chessington
Mrs Anthea Wilkinson - Twickenham

96th It is so kind to be remembered - I am amazed that the Association is able to remember us all particularly those who are widows, like me, and never worked for Shell!

*Beryl Westray
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Milford-on-Sea
Hampshire SO41 0WF*

Thanks also received from: Marguerite Nicklin, Peter Phillips, A Pullin, William Brotherston, Tom Christie, Stan Unwin (94), Mary Lovatt (91), Stan Fryer, Donald Stephen, Eadie Patterson, Dennis Parkes (83), Margaret Baker (91), John Wells, William McNeill, Mary Pickering (84), Ken Doran (85).

Donations

The Birthday Card mailings are funded mainly from Diary sales so thanks to all who have helped by buying a diary. Thanks also to those who make donations which are gratefully received. Thank you to Mr S.P. Gill, Mrs Hall, Mr C.D. Salmon, Mrs D Lococo and others.

Obituaries

We are sorry to report the deaths of the following members. Our condolences are sent to their families, friends and past colleagues.

BROWN (86). Mr Frederick Brown of Luton died on 11th October 2016. He was a Driver at Buncefield Terminal when he left group service in 1990 after 21 years.

BUTCHER (87). Mrs Cecilia Butcher of Saint Paul Lizonne, France died on 19th September 2016. She was the widow of Mr J Butcher once with BP Agency at Ellesmere Port.

BYE (87). Mrs Ada Bye of Portishead died on 8th September 2016. She was the widow of Mr Alfred Bye, once a Training Officer at Stanlow Terminal.

CAIRNS (81). Mr William Cairns of Ballinahinch died on 20th September 2016. He was with Gas Department, SMBP, Belfast when he left group service in 1974.

CAESAR (92). Mr Gerald Caesar of Chorley died on 17th October 2016. He was Regional Manager, Heating & Agriculture, Manchester when he left group service in 1978 after 36 years.

CATTANACH (79). Mr John Cattanach of Milngavie, Glasgow died on 30th September 2016. He was a Senior Airport Operator at Glasgow Airport when he left group service in 1991 after 26 years.

CLARE (86). Mr John Clare of Brampton, Cumbria died on 23rd October 2016. He was General Retail Representative, Newcastle Retail Sales Area when he left group service after 26 years.

COLE (93). Mrs Doreen Cole of Nottingham (formerly of Solihull) died on 26th October 2016. She was the widow of Mr John Cole, once Terminal Manager, Kingsbury.

CULHAM (93). Mrs Olga Culham has died. She was the widow of Mr Ian Culham, once a Marketing Assistant, Retail, Knightsbridge.

FIRTH (84). Mrs Barbara Firth of Prestatyn died on 20th September 2016.

FLINDALL (96). Mr Douglas Flindall of Swanage died on 12th October 2016. He was Commercial Market Representative at Watford when he left group service in 1975 after 21 years.

GOWER (102). Mrs Violet Gower of Woodbridge died on 8th October 2016. She was the widow of Mr Charles Gower who once worked at Royston Domestic Sales.

GRAY (86). Mrs K N I Gray of Bristol died on 12th October 2016. She was the widow of Mr Albert Gray once a Terminal Operator at Avonmouth.

HARRIS (90). Mr John Harris of Knockholt died on 4th April 2016. He was Real Estate Project Manager, Hemel Hempstead when he retired.

HARTLEY (82). Miss Margaret Hartley of Benissa, Alicante died on 14th October 2016. She worked at Barton Lubricants Plant when she left group service in 1986 after 11 years.

HAWKINS (71). Mr Keith Hawkins of Reading died on 23rd September 2016. He worked in Hemel Hempstead when he left group service in 1996 after 30 years.

HOGG (78) Mrs Antoinette (Nanette) H. Hogg, Died on 14th October at home in Australia with her family. She was the wife for 58 years of A.O.(Sandy) Hogg, (Distributor Trade and Retail Scotland).

HURLEY (89). Mr Brian Hurley of Poole died on 9th October 2016. He was in Lubricants Department, Shell-Mex House when he left group service in 1977 after 25 years.

HUXTER (98). Mr Albert Huxter of Broadstone died on 28th August 2016. He was a Senior Supervisor, BPA Poole when he left group service in 1973 after 34 years.

KANE (85). Mr Derek Kane of Tooting died on 9th September 2016. He worked at Fulham Motor Repair Centre when he left group service in 1987 after 17 years.

LOVEJOY (87). Mrs Beryl Lovejoy of St Albans died on 14th August 2016. She was the widow of Mr Charles Lovejoy once with Shell UK S&T, Shell-Mex House.

McILHENNEY (96). Mrs Eileen McIlhenney of Holywood died on 24th January 2016. She was the widow of Mr Norman McIlhenney once a Senior Marketing Assistant, Industrial, Northern Ireland and latterly a Pensioner Liaison Representative for Northern Ireland.

MASON (87). Mrs Barbara G. Mason (known as Gwyn) of Hampton, Middlesex, died on 23rd August 2016. She was the widow of Mr John Mason formerly in BP Retail Development at Knightsbridge.

MASON (83). Mr John Mason of Mobberley died on 30th September 2016. He was Section Head, Pricing Unit. Computer Centre, Wythenshawe when he left group service in 1984 after 24 years.

MITCHELL (89). Mr James Mitchell of Torbrey died on 30th August 2016. He was Training Officer – Commercial Division, Norbury when he left group service in 1984 after 26 years.

MUMFORD (89). Mr William Mumford of Birstall (formerly of Heckmondwike) died on 31st October 2016. He was a Driver at Leeds Terminal when he left group service after 22 years.

NORRIS (84). Mr Gerald Norris of Fareham died on 20th September 2016. He was Shell Retail Sales Rep, Knightsbridge when he left group service in 1978 after 6 years.

PARSONS (89). Mr Ian Parsons of Sheringham died on 21st July 2016. He was Community Heating Supervisor, BP Victoria when he left group service in 1979 after 23 years.

SEAMAN (92). Mrs Margaret Seaman of Reading (formerly of Grays) died on 31st October. She was the widow of Mr Leonard Seaman once an Office Supervisor at Purfleet.

SHEARD (94). Mrs Margaret Sheard of Leeds died on 24th September 2016. She was Senior Marketing Assistant, Heating and Agriculture at Leeds when she left group service in 1975 after 11 years.

SHENFIELD (90). Mr Stanley Shenfield of Sidcup died on 23rd October 2016. He was Head Messenger, Shell-Mex House when he left group service in 1986 after 9 years.

SKIPP (93). Mr Alan Skipp of Clevedon died on 5th October 2016. He was Manager, District Heating, Shell-Mex House when he left group service in 1982 after 11 years.

STOCKBRIDGE (95). Mr Douglas Stockbridge of High Halstow died on 20th August 2016. He was a Senior Foreman at BP Oils, Kent Refinery when he left group service in 1980 after 45 years.

TAYLOR (79). Mr Charles Taylor of Hemel Hempstead died on 28th July 2016. He worked for BP Africa when he left group service in 1992 after 27 years.

TAYLOR (79). Mrs Margaret Taylor of Washington died on 21st September 2016. She was the widow of Mr James Cant once a Driver at Jarrow.

VINCENT (83). Mrs Jean Vincent of Keynsham died on 11th August 2016. She was the widow of Mr Greville Vincent, once a Territory Manager – Retail, Bristol.

WARREN (91). Mr Harry Warren of Poole died on 20th July 2016. He was Section Head, Credit Administration, Hemel Hempstead when he left group service in 1983 after 35 years.

WEBB (91). Mrs Maureen Webb of Netley Abbey died on 24th October 2016. She was the widow of Mr Maurice Webb once Operator 1 at Hamble Terminal.

WEIGHT (93). Mr George Weight of Eastbourne has died. He was in SP&A Department, Shell-Mex House.

WELLS (82). Mr Dennis Wells of Bristol died on 4th September 2016. He was Senior Consultant, BP Oil UK, Hemel Hempstead when he left group service in 1990 after 35 years.

WILLIAMS (94). Mr Norman Williams of Huyton died on 16th August 2016. He was Senior Ops Assistant at Haydock when he left group service in 1982 after 32 years.

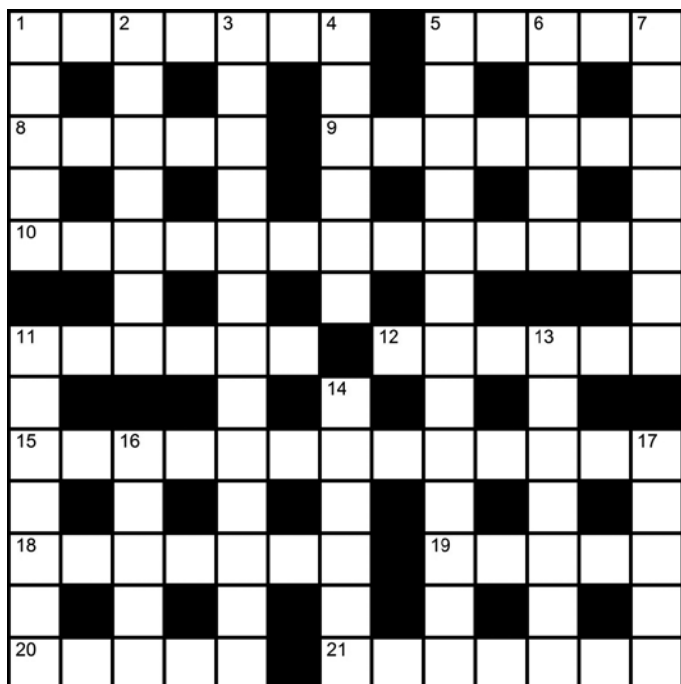
and Finally ...

Quotable Quote

"We must do our duty as the safeguarders and the trustees of British wealth and British industry and British labour but... we must turn to you gentlemen to assure the salvation of our country"

Walter Runciman, President of the Board of Trade opening Shell-Mex House in 1933.

Prize Crossword



Across

- 1 For your office beverage (Seniors only) (3,4)
- 5 Memorandums (abb.) (5)
- 8 Former name of Mariinsky Ballet (5)
- 9 Plays for Hendon based Rugby club (7)
- 10 Head Office (13)
- 11 A middle distillate (3,3)
- 12 Song of patriotic celebration (6)
- 15 Happy after a Distillery visit? (2,4,7)
- 18 Piece of music that continually repeats in the mind (7)
- 19 Microsoft spreadsheet (5)
- 20 Using sound to navigate (etc.) (5)
- 21 Someone who visits (7)

Down

- 1 Yorkshiremen (5)
- 2 A stuffy space is _____ (7)
- 3 Door that keeps on turning (9,4)
- 4 They always agree (3-3)
- 5 They visit shops to keep stocks high (13)
- 6 Former Portuguese colony in China (5)
- 7 Car make (see picture) (7)
- 11 Did Colin Jones's surprise interviewer wear them? (7)
- 13 The barber's service (7)
- 14 Russian born Sci-Fi writer (6)
- 16 Gerald Ronson's petrol station company (5)
- 17 From the Sun (5)



Clue 7 down

This edition of the Club News is available online at:
<http://tinyurl.com/ClubNews153>

Last Issue's Crossword

Twelve all-correct entries from which Paul Donovan of Cranbrook Kent emerged as the winner. Well done Paul. First Edition of the 'Shell Guide to Kent' by Pennethorne Hughes on its way to you!

Closing date for next issue
January 30th 2017