



A good time was had by all at the 44 Club's 2017 Reunion and AGM

There was a good turnout at the Reunion and AGM on 27th April in Shell Centre. We report on the serious business of the day – including our questions to Shell's UK HR Director about the demise of the PLR Scheme – and on the happy meeting of old friends over a glass or two later. The story begins on Page 4.

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Welcome

From Rick Westley,
Chairman SMBP 44 Association

The Replacement of the PLR Scheme

On page 4 onwards of this Club News you will find a report of the recent AGM and Reunion of the 44 Club. You will be able to read about the reasons for the demise of the PLR scheme and an indication of what Shell plans to replace it with - as advised at the AGM by Shell's HR Vice President for the UK Jonathan Kohn.

Mr Kohn has consulted your Club as well as the SPA and SPBA in the development of the proposal for future Pensioner support, and we are grateful to him for this. We had an opportunity to comment both on the planned new scheme and the way it was to be communicated to all Shell Pensioners – including the over 2000 Pensioners who are members of the 44 Club. The initial form of communication of the plans is a letter to all Shell pensioners from Mr. Kohn. By the time this magazine is published that letter will be with you. We were asked to comment on that letter and made one or two suggestions to aid clarity and emphasis. Unfortunately these didn't 'make the final cut' so I note them below for your information:

Paragraph Two

We wanted to emphasise that the service in respect of Pension queries provided by the Pensions Administration Team of the Trustee Services Unit is not new and had not changed. We also wanted to reassure you that whilst the registration of an Email address with the company is recommended (see the factsheet attached to the letter) it is not mandatory and that communications will also continue on paper for the foreseeable future.

Paragraph Four

We wanted to make it clear that the telephone line will be run by a third party and not by Shell and that the operators of the line can refer people to the 44 Club and other organisations as well as to the SPA and the SPBA.

Paragraph Five

We believe that the roles referenced in the 'small team' would more appropriately be called 'Pensioner Support Officers' and to emphasise that this small team will focus on pensioners who are 'vulnerable and in need of support'.

Your Club will continue to do all we can to influence the Company on this matter because we know that the 44 Club community is by virtue of age and other factors among the most vulnerable of the groups of Shell Pensioners.

Rick Westley



BP Members

The Secretary recently met the senior managers at BP Pensions and Benefits to find a way of receiving notifications of deaths of our members who were BP pensioners. The outcome of this very fruitful meeting is that we will soon be receiving quarterly reports. As BP also has to remain compliant to data privacy regulations, they will not be able to provide us with any information regarding any surviving spouse.

Members' Details

The Secretary often receives requests to give details of other members. This is usually a request for a telephone number or email address. Currently, permission must be sought before this information is passed on. Clearly this incurs a delay as well as extra work. In the box is our current Data Privacy statement which is now included as a part of our revised membership application form. As a majority of you will have joined the 44 Club prior to this we need to ensure you are aware of our obligations. If you do NOT agree to your details (postal address, phone numbers and/or email address) being passed on to other members, please advise the Secretary. This can be done by email (44-club@Shell.com) or by letter to The Secretary, The SMBP 44 Association, 40 Bank Street, London E14 5NR. If you have any questions about Data Protection, please get in touch with Colin Hill and he will seek to provide you with answers.

Data Protection

In May 2018, the old Data Protection Act that has been in place since the mid-1990s will be replaced by the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). We, as an affiliate organisation of Shell International Ltd, need to comply with the Regulation and this will affect certain parts of the way we conduct our affairs. The Trustees of the Shell Pension Funds have decided that none of Shell's Pensioner organisations (including the Shell Pensioners' Association; the SPBA and the SMBP 44 Association) have the right to access pensioner information. It has been agreed that monthly reports of members' deaths will be produced, but the report will not contain details of any surviving spouse. Shell Pensions will write to surviving spouses informing them of their right to transfer membership of the Associations (SPA and 44 Club), but we will not receive any details of their name or address. This is a change to the existing process. Therefore, the Secretary will need members to send details of any spouses in order that we may be proactive in inviting them to continue membership.

Continued Membership

Any Member's spouse can become an Member of the 44 Club which means, of course, that on the death of the member the surviving spouse's membership of the 44 Club would continue automatically – thus alleviating the GDPR problem referred to above! The process is quite simple. We will send you an application form (or one can be downloaded from the Club website). Once completed, details will be securely stored on our own Members' Database and the Magazine, birthday cards will continue to be sent and contact will be maintained. There's a bit of work to do to put this into effect – but please watch this space!

Data Privacy Statement

The Shell-Mex & BP 44 Association ('44 Club') processes personal data of the members of the 44 Club in order to establish and maintain membership and support of the Association. The participation in the SMBP 44 Association is voluntary.

The following personal data is usually collected by the 44 Club through the membership applications:

- Name
- Home Address
- Date of birth
- Last professional position with Shell or BP prior to retirement
- Email addresses
- Phone number(s)

Processing of data: Data shall be processed only for the purposes of providing or administering activities for the members and maintain contact with the members. Personal data shall be shared with such organisations as Shell or BP only for the purposes necessary to organise the 44 Club's activities and with volunteers involved in such activities. Information shall only be retained as long as necessary for administration of membership.

All members' names shall be published in the list of members accessible to all members of the Club. Members who do not wish to be included in the list of members may request the Club to remove their details.

2017 Club reunion and AGM



Rick Westley



Peter Cast
(Unfortunately Peter could not be with us this year, photo from previous year)



Dave Seymour



Colin Hill

44 Club Chairman Rick Westley opened the 2017 AGM and Reunion. This was what he said:

"A warm welcome to you all to the 39th AGM of the SMBP 44 Association... In late 2016 all Shell activities were under serious scrutiny and a review of Pensioner benefits was undertaken by the Company. I'm pleased that we in the 44 Club had previously introduced some streamlining and this was recognised and the 44 Club organisation was left alone. However the Shell funded time commitment of our Secretary was reduced from 6 days to 5 days per fortnight – we think that this is the right level... but one of the main

recommendations was that the system of Pensioner Liaison Representatives (PLRs) should cease... Jonathan Kohn is here to bring us up to date on this (see pages 5,6) ...

I would like to thank the Shell management for the invaluable support that they give to us in both facilities and funding – they simply enable this Association to exist... Closer to home I would like to mention the sad passing of Ken Melville from Aberdeen who was so active as Chairman of that Branch. I would also like to say thank you to the birthday card team – John Burton and Peter and Bridget Cast for the great work they do. May I also extend thanks

to our Secretary Colin Hill who despite his own brushes with the medicos this year does important work at the heart of our Club – and thank you to all of you, the Club would not be what it is today if it was not for your support. A word of thanks to David Seymour who has been on our Executive Committee from Scotland and is now standing down in favour of Elaine Ellen from Glasgow... Finally just a reminder that we do have an 'Associate Member' status for those who although they did not work for SMBP were our friends in the SMBP years. Do nominate people if you would like to."





On 27th April the Club's 39th annual reunion and AGM took place in Shell Centre. Numbers were a little down on previous years but well over a hundred of us gathered, asked questions and later sipped a refreshing glass of something whilst putting the world to rights with friends. Rick Westley chaired the meeting with his customary efficiency (see page 2). The formalities took little time and we moved swiftly to the main subject – the demise of the Pensioner Liaison Representative (PLR) scheme. Shell HR's Jonathan Kohn (right) explained why it was happening and answered questions from the floor – of which there were quite a few.

Mr Kohn explained that the lower oil price had placed 'tremendous pressure' on the Company but that the Company remained very proud of its retired staff many of whom had spent much of their working lives with Shell and are still ambassadors for the company. The Company's commitment to the Shell Pensioners' Association and the 44 Club had been confirmed as was the wish to

continue to support the Benevolence Association. The PLR network had remained unchanged for many years and when it was looked at, the Company was concerned about many aspects, including safety (driving on company business), and the risk that PLRs could be seen to be giving 'advice' which in a regulated world is dangerous. Among the 29,000 pensioners there are some who do need help but many who do not. We want the Benevolence activity for those in need to work - how we might best do that working with the various pensioner groups. The PLRs are going through the process to identify those most in need who need regular contact. We are looking at having a smaller, more **focused** network of support - also telephone support. A problem is that those who are in need today are not necessarily the same people as in a few years' time. How do you identify these people? We are looking at creating a 24/7 'Helpline' – probably run by BUPA - which provides 'first up' support on a range of services and can refer people to

others for advice. People need to feel free to ring up and ask for advice. We are currently studying all this and as soon as we can we will go out to the pensioner community and advise them. Questions were invited.



Jonathan Kohn



Brian Keech (ex PLR) pointed out that all Benevolence recommendations came from PLRs and said that in his experience more than half came in respect of 'vulnerable dependent pensioners'. How will we be able to

get information about dependent pensioners to be used when a pensioner dies? Mr Kohn said that data privacy is a key area. The company will control this and there shouldn't be an issue though there will need to be data

privacy considerations. We aim to serve the full community including dependent pensioners.

Charles Madge (ex Secretary of the SMBP Pensioners Benevolent Association) said that updating the list of the vulnerable would be extremely difficult. He also suggested that looking at organisations (e.g. ex service organisations) as well as BUPA would be valuable. Mr Kohn said that a significant change was being made and that there is an approach to "capture what we know today". The BUPA helpline and "stronger direct links and the ability for the network to work in the community to point people in the right

direction" will step into the gap. We will monitor it carefully. We will want to promote the Helpline (etc.) via the Pension Fund, the SPA and the 44 Club (etc.).

Peter Reynolds (PLR for eleven years) said that "Shell Pensioners are a very proud bunch of people... to discover whether they needed help required considerable effort on the PLR's part. People would not readily admit that they'd got a problem. I can't see pensioners phoning up..." He also said that it had never been the role of PLRs to give professional advice. PLRs had always been asked to point people in the right direction not to give advice. Mr Kohn said that there was a challenge in positioning the BUPA Helpline to encourage people to use it. We will watch how it's working very closely.

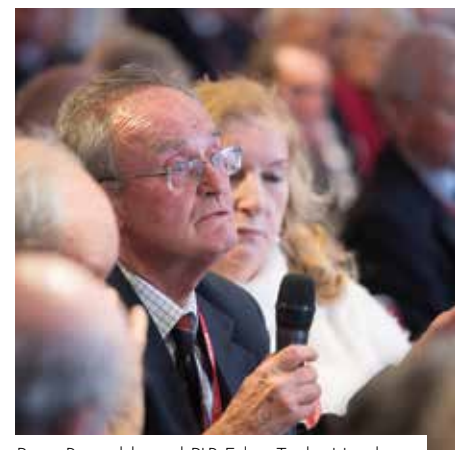
John Parsons (BP Pensioner) asked about how the system would be reviewed and enquired whether if oil reached \$100 Barrel again Shell might be more generous? Mr Kohn said that cost was not the main reason and if oil had been \$100 the outcome would have been the same. The review will test the success of the service with plenty of data on the Helpline, referrals, charitable awards etc. ('After Action review'). The Company will still be funding the new activities and is trying to put something valuable in place to help the people in most need.



Brian Keech



Charles Madge



Peter Reynolds and PLR Edna Taylor-Hawkins

The Chairman thanked Mr Kohn for coming to the meeting and for his contribution.

REUNION - A PHOTO GALLERY



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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & REUNION 2017



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News from the Branches

Inverness

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First meeting of season was on March 30th at our new venue the Kingsmills Hotel, Inverness.



We all celebrated the Diamond Wedding Anniversary of Isobel and Norman McKenzie. A very enjoyable event with a delicious cake brought by the happy couple (front row, right).



Inverness Branch

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Our final meeting for the 2016/17 session took place on 23 March. Our scheduled speaker had to cancel at the last minute and so we waited, with bated breath, to hear the replacement

speaker who advised us that the title of his speech would be 'My Life as a Male Escort'. The meeting started with our AGM. We were sorry that our Treasurer – Nancy – was standing down and everyone expressed their thanks for all the work she has put into the post. Thankfully she isn't leaving the Branch, just relinquishing the bank book!

Then we heard all about the experiences of a Cruise Ship coach tours escort – well what did you think he was going to speak about? It seems that these escorts have a fascinating but sometimes fraught time of it and Alan Clarke gave an excellent, interesting and amusing talk.

Coming up:

The start of the next session will be on Thursday 10 August for our Summer Lunch. Full details will be sent out nearer the time. This will be followed on Thursday 19 October with our first meeting of the new session where we will welcome Emma Wilcock from RSPB who will update us on the progress made at the RSPB Loch Lomond Reserve.

The Glasgow Branch will now meet at St Andrew's Bridge Club, 2 Woodside Crescent, Glasgow G3 7UL. This is very close to our old meeting place of the Mitchell Library but will be a more flexible and comfortable venue. We look forward to welcoming our members there on 19 October. If you would like to join our Branch, or come to one of our meetings as a guest, please get in touch with Elaine. You will be made very welcome.

More information, photographs and copies of the various archive material (posters, photographs etc.) that are used at our meetings can be viewed on our website.



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We have had to have a change of venue for our meetings. The new venue is The New Crown, Mowbray Road, South Shields, Tyne and Wear NE33 3NG. Lunch the second Wednesday in every month.

West Riding

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Coming up:

The Queens Hotel, 201 Harrogate Road, Leeds, LS7 3PT
 Thursday 3rd August - 12 for 12:30 Lunch

Wednesday 22nd November - Christmas Lunch

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Teesside

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Teesside Branch

On 21st April, 20 members met at the Fox & Hounds Slapewath for our spring get together. The carvery lunch was enjoyed by everyone followed by lots of friendly banter. Thanks to Ces and Doreen for organizing a very enjoyable afternoon.

Coming up:

Thursday 18th August: The next meeting of the Teesside Branch will be at 1200 hrs at the Jolly Sailor Inn, Whitby Road, Moorholm, Saltburn-by-the-Sea TS12 3LN

South Yorkshire & Lincolnshire

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Coming up:

Tuesday 22nd August: 12 for 12.30. Lunch.

Tuesday 5th December: Christmas Lunch

Manchester

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Coming up:

Manchester branch have their usual monthly pub lunch on the second Monday of each month at 12:30. Contact Pat for details.

North West - Western

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We started 2017 with our customary meeting and lunch at the Plassey Restaurant at Eyton, Wrexham. Fourteen members and guests enjoyed the early April sunshine as well as a hearty Lunch. The men enjoyed a chat whilst the ladies visited the local Boutiques. For the first time ever we have had to cancel a booking



North West - Western Branch

for a 44 Club event – our planned visit to The Sandpiper Restaurant, Ormskirk had to be cancelled - we think that age, holidays, hospital visits etc. were the main reasons for the low interest. Let us hope we are all fit for our next Lunch on June 29!

Coming up:

29th June: 12:30 for 1:00 Forest Hills Hotel, Frodsham.

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

North Midlands

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Our Christmas Lunch was once again held at Wharton Park Golf & Country Club. Bewdley, on Wednesday 14th December 2016, and was attended by 42 members and guests. Our numbers were up on last year but we are generally seeing depleted numbers at functions due to the age

Our apologies for the entry in the last 44 Club News (Spring Edition No 154) regarding our Christmas Lunch. For some reason, not known, it appears that December 2015 was shown and not December 2016 and we have therefore added this to this current edition. (Ed: Almost certainly, though not probably (!) a mistake made by the Editorial team (aka as me!). Apologies.)

of the remaining members who find it difficult to travel too far from home! Just wish there was an answer to this so that more could enjoy an afternoon out with old colleagues.



North Midlands Branch

Our meal this year was far below their normal standards. We were put into their restaurant not their function room which we have always had which meant there was very little room to move from the tables or for the staff to serve our meals. A verbal complaint was made at the time and a formal letter of complaint has been sent to them for which we await a reply. As there was another party in the restaurant which was very loud there was a lack of atmosphere. My apologies go to all our members



North Midlands Branch

and guests who attended and we will endeavour to look elsewhere for this 2017. Following on from lunch we had our usual Christmas Raffle with some prizes supplied by members and guests and others being purchased out of club funds which are raised by members & guests at raffles held during the year. Many thanks go to them for their support.

For the first of our functions of this year, we once again gathered at The Plough, Far Forrest, Bewdley, on Wednesday 1st March 2017 with 40 members and guests attending. This is a lovely venue and is always very popular with our members and guests and this is the fifth year we have come along to this wonderful old coaching inn, which has increased in size and seating capacity over the last few years. It was a good thing that we were first to be served as there was almost a full house when a coach party turned up. The weather was very kind to us and at times the sun came out which always makes for a very pleasant afternoon and once again our members asked if we would book up again for next year!

Our first Skittle games this year were once again at The Squirrel, Alveley. Nr Bridgenorth, on 5th April 2017 and were attended by 24 members and guests. Our Chairman was in attendance this year but he was no better than the rest of us at knocking the skittles down. 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. The prize money she won,

was very kindly given towards the club funds, for which we thanked her.

Coming up:

24th July: Holiday to Bideford.

23rd August: Lunch and Bowls at Cookley.

18th October: Skittles at The Squirrel, Alverly.

Notification letters will be sent, but if further information is required please contact Frank or Carol.

South Midlands

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Our first pub lunch of the year in March was organised by Christine Cowie and held at The White Horse, Bourne End. Ideally situated close to Hemel Hempstead, this always proves to be a popular venue and this year was no exception with well over 30



members attending. It was good to see some familiar faces including Phil Howard (left) who was celebrating his birthday. Despite having to compete with the conflicting demands of a party from the National Trust, the pub staff managed to see that we were promptly and well fed and provided a good start to our events for this year.

Our second lunch in May saw a third visit in as many years to The Golden Eagle in Ashley Green. Organised again by Brian Lovell, a successful



South Midlands Branch

combination of a specially prepared 44 Club menu and the main bar and

restaurant being reserved for our exclusive use was rewarded by an encouraging attendance of more than 40 members. Once more, the food was excellent and the service quick and efficient. We were particularly pleased to welcome back Mike Howard, our former Chairman, and his wife Maureen after Mike's recent illness and unwelcome additional encounter with the fracture clinic at Watford Hospital. Mike was in good form and is looking forward to getting back on to the golf course again in the very near future.

Coming up:

5th July: 1200 noon onwards. Pork spit roast lunch at The Oak, Green End Street, Aston Clinton HP22 5EU. A separate notice and booking form giving full details will be sent to members. Contact Malcolm Bury for further information.

1st September: Visit to Frithsden Vineyard, Hemel Hempstead HP1 3DD. Vineyard Tour, Tasting and Lunch. Contact Ken Longhurst (☎ 01296 660711 or k.c.longhurst@talk21.com) for further information.

6th September: Visit to Audley End House and Gardens, Saffron Walden, CB11 4JF. Introductory talk, self-guided tour and optional lunch. Full details and a booking form to follow. Contact Malcolm Bury.

19th October: 1200 noon onwards. Pub lunch at The Full Moon, Hawridge Common, Cholesbury HP5 2UH. Contact Ken Longhurst ☎ 01296 660711 or ✉ k.c.longhurst@talk21.com for further information.

Chelmsford

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Our first lunch of the year on March 13th was at one of our favourite venues, the Top Meadow Golf Club when 66 members and guest attended. A welcome increase on last year. The food and

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Chelmsford Branch

service was of the highest standard as always.

Our next lunch on April 24th was at the Langdon Hills

Golf Club, near Shell Haven where some members play Golf. There were 65 members and guests attending and for a change there was only one PLR attending which gave everyone pleasure knowing that the raffle prizes were not all won by the PLR table. The Golf Club presented the Club with a voucher for 2 carvery Sunday lunches, which was very kind of them. The AGM was held and the existing committee carry in for another year with the help of Chairman's daughter Julie assisting in administration. The raffle was very successful - thanks to the members who donated prizes. We look forward to returning for our Christmas lunch.

The Chairman Peter Gobell thanked, via Peter Cook the only PLR attending, a special thanks to all past and present PLRs for the valuable work and service to Branch members and may they continue to attend the branch lunches.

Coming up:

October 25th: Orsett Hall.

December 14th: Langdon Hills Golf Club (Christmas lunch).

Ipswich

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The first lunch of the year held on April 4th at a new venue, The Black Tiles, Martlesham was very successful



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with 24 Members attending with guests. The AGM followed together with a raffle. Everyone enjoyed the lunch and we will be visiting again next year.

Coming up:

18th July: Hintlesham Hall.

26th September: 'The Lodge' at Suffolk Ski Centre, Wherstead

5th December: Rushmere Golf Club (Christmas lunch).

King's Lynn

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Twenty-four of us enjoyed another excellent carvery lunch and get together at the Angel, Watlington on 21 March. It was discovered that two of our longstanding members had reached the great age of 90, namely



Ron Burke and Len Hall, earlier in the month, and Ted Pidgeon had celebrated his 91st in February! We welcomed two new members to our branch namely Jack Thompson and Pat Pennell who enjoyed meeting up with colleagues from years ago. The AGM took place and Tom and Steve agreed to carry on for another year. The lunch was enjoyed so much by everyone that it was agreed unanimously to return for our autumn event.

Coming up:

13th July: A buffet lunch at the Sandringham Club, hopefully on a lovely summer day!

Greater Bristol

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Our Spring event took place on Thursday, April 27th – a return lunch time visit to The Failand Inn, which is situated just a few miles south of Bristol. Numbers were a little down on last year but the meal as ever 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.



Greater Bristol Branch

Coming up:

Our next event will take place during June. For details please contact Roger.

Bournemouth and Southampton

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On Tuesday, 16 May, we held our Spring Lunch again at The Hobler Inn near Lymington.

On this occasion we welcomed two members who had travelled some distance to join us, one from Chichester and one from Bognor Regis. We also welcomed some new members from a more local vicinity. I believe we all enjoyed a very good lunch and had a great time together.



Bournemouth and Southampton Branch

Coming up:

Next is our Autumn Lunch in September, date to be advised. For those of you who haven't tried one of our get-togethers, do come along, you will be made very welcome. Don't worry if you think you won't or don't know anyone - because you will by the time you go home! A warm welcome awaits you.

East Kent

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Coming up:

6th July: 11.30am onwards, Wagon and Horses, Faversham Road, Charing Kent, TN27 0NR (01233 712 249)

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Coming up:

Miller & Carter (The Plough), 154 Bury Lane, Ruislip, HA4 7TH (☎ 01895 635318) Lunch 12.30 - Thursday 13th July 2017. Plenty of parking available. Please advise Greta Chandler, 27 Elm Ave. Ruislip, (☎ 020 8866 8452) by 10/7 if you wish to come.

Welcome New Members

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|---------------------|---|------------|
| Mrs Kay Booth | - | Chichester |
| Mrs Doreen Craddock | - | Plymouth |
| Mrs Dorothy Latham | - | Congleton |

Your Letters**Jim Mullen**

Jim Mullen, whose death was reported in Club News 154, I first met over fifty years ago and worked with on and off in SMBP and its successors. We eventually became near neighbours in Devon and members of the Ottery 41 Club (an ex-Round Tablers' Club) where Jim was the first person I saw - propping up the bar! He and his wife Janis went to India last year and visited the Delhi Gymkhana Club where Jim's Father, Clarence Mullen had been a member until 1957, when they moved back to England.

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A Big Birth Day!

I was an SMBP man at Lensbury terminal and my father-in-law, Eric Day, was also in the Company - he was Chief Clerk at Wandsworth Terminal in the early seventies. He passed away some years ago but his widow, Joyce, will be 100 on 23rd July this year.

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(Ed: A very happy birth Day Mrs D!)

Happy memories

I really enjoyed issue 154 of the Club News and indeed all previous numbers. I had intended to write in response to the history of Shell Mex House and how, as a small boy, I

was so impressed by the building on my first ever visit to London in 1945. My father, later working across the river in County Hall, rather unkindly described it as an oversized Smith's clock! Then to read Mary Green's memories of her days in Ipswich, the town I moved to in 1946 and how I admired the shiny red and green vehicles that delivered fuel oil to my school. Also a reference in a previous issue to Archie Hardie whose sons were at the same school and who I would see being driven in his shiny black Humber Super Snipe to the Lloyds Avenue Office. Years later I would meet the then chauffeur on my return to the town for a brief spell as Ipswich Terminal Manager. 'Sandy' Sanders was one of my rugby heroes, I played rugby for the school with his younger brother Jim and through Sandy, subsequently joined Harlequins. TC Richards' son was also at the school as were the sons of other employees (Fisk, Severwright come to mind) and there was Jean,

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daughter of Bert Zinn, I was rather fond of her!

I joined the company in 1956 working in Shell Mex House and certainly remember Terry Griffiths (letters in issue 154). I am pretty sure he is pictured in the centre of the photograph (above) of the 1958 Sales Dinner/Dance. The young lady jiving in the front of the picture is now my wife, we married 56 years ago.

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Clive Brousson

As reported in the Obits Clive Brousson died on Palm Sunday in Malta to where he had retired. I recall him well from SMBP days in Shell Haven. After Shell Haven he moved to Purfleet as Shift Manager and later went as TAAM to Wandsworth under Ray Smith. Clive then went to Shell Centre and had assignments in Oman, Qatar and Dubai and as Operations Manager Shell Company in the West Indies, in Jamaica and later in Puerto Rico. He then moved back to the Middle East as Operations Manager in Dubai with responsibilities across the region. His final assignment was in Guam - he then retired to Malta.

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[Ed: I met Clive from time to time in the Middle East and elsewhere - a man of forthright opinions and splendid company. He was a good example of how SMBP training in the early years could be a solid foundation for a later international career.]

Romance in Shell-Mex House

Barbara and I celebrate our 45th (Sapphire) anniversary this year (Ed: See 'Anniversaries'). We met in the late 60s whilst both of us worked on the 7th floor of Shell-Mex House. By the time of Brand Separation I was initially 'branded' BP, so I informed Barbara's line management in Operations & Network Planning ONP (or maybe it was Operations & Supply Planning OSP, I can't quite remember). Subsequently I was 'rebranded' to Shell, as BP decided not to have the particular role I was destined to do in their Purchasing Division. I dutifully advised Barbara's line management again, as her Division was still to go through the branding process and married couples were meant to be branded to the same company. It came as something of a surprise therefore that Barbara was eventually 'branded' to BP!

Barbara's Division was the last to leave Shell-Mex House right at the end of 1975 and on that day Barbara left employment permanently as our first child (a daughter) was born in March 1976. We are off to visit our children next week. Our daughter, her husband and two daughters live on Bali, Indonesia, whilst our son and his wife live in Sydney, Australia and we try to visit them both a couple of times a year, especially now that they are both broadly in the same area of the world.

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Intermediaries and Distributors

I'm curious to understand more about how SMBP operated through intermediaries and distributors,



especially in the farthest-flung parts of the country. The company had a comprehensive coverage of the UK, via its network of terminals for white oils, black oils, bitumen, LPG, and Lubricants. But, by the 1950s, it had also developed a huge collection of 'Authorised Distributors' and other intermediaries for deliveries to small drop delivery points - and in some parts of the country to customers of all sizes.

The more remote parts of the UK such as the Highlands & Islands of Scotland, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, the Isle of Wight, the Scilly Isles and a small part of West Wales around Aberystwyth, were serviced by All Product Distributors (APDs) for Industrial, Commercial, Domestic, Agricultural, Marine and Retail customers. There were even Heavy Fuel Oil storage and tankers at Douglas (for the IoM Electricity power station) and on Islay (for the distilleries - and by ferry to the Isle of Jura Distillery). I seem to recall there was also an APD area in the East Midlands - a territory operated by Kennings Ltd, into which no SMBP white oils tanker would deliver. I wonder why?

It was a time for acronyms. ADs (Authorised Distributors), APDs (All Product Distributors), AFOAs (Authorised Fuel Oil Agents), ASDs (Lubricants Authorised Stockists & Distributors), PWDs (Lubricants Packed Warehouse Distributors), LPG MDs (Main Dealers), TODs (Tractor Oil Distributors)... no doubt many other types of intermediary as well.

It would be interesting to hear reminiscences from 44 Club members about how they worked in partnership with the intermediaries.

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More on Pipelines

The British Pipeline Agency (BPA) evolved from a small secretive group of SMBP engineers, technicians and admin staff known as United

Kingdom Pipelines (UKP) the HQ of which was located on the 4th floor of Shell Mex House. I was one of the last recruits to that happy band in May 1960. Our main task was the restoration, maintenance, operation & development of most of the Government owned pipeline system that had been built during the War to distribute oil products around the country supplying numerous depots, military airfields and, eventually, the continent via the PLUTO system. There were also teams of maintenance staff and operators based at pump and control stations all over the country from Hampshire to Yorkshire.

On behalf of SMBP the UKP team had recently completed the design, construction and commissioning of one of the first commercially-owned oil pipelines in the UK from Walton-on-Thames to Heathrow. UKP was upgraded and expanded into a separate Pipeline Department managed by George Parry, and moved to the rooftop offices built during the war on the 9th floor of Shell Mex House. We continued to manage most of the Government pipeline system but also undertook the design and procurement of new UK commercial systems for SMBP. We were also heavily involved in design studies for what eventually became the United Kingdom Oil Pipeline (UKOP) system owned by a consortium of oil companies (the design and construction of this white oil products system linking the then Shell refineries at Stanlow and Shell Haven, SMBP terminals at Kingsbury, Uttoxeter, Northampton and Buncefield, and another connection to Heathrow airport). Other projects we were involved in were hot-oil pipelines to Partington, Port Talbot steelworks and Bridgewater; the white oil line to the new SMBP Haydock terminal, and others.

The UKOP system was substantially completed in 1969 and SMBP was appointed to commission and operate it. Pipeline Dept. was given this task and moved to L.A. House, Hemel Hempstead – and renamed 'British Pipeline Agency' but remained part of SMBP. We had various senior staff

drafted in like Dai Evans, Dennis Green, Norman Turl, Roy Clarke and Derek Elliot.

Following 'Brand Separation' in 1976, the operation became 'BPA Ltd' owned equally by Shell & BP, but with 'pay & rations' administered by BP. We continued with all the tasks we were involved with before, including a major expansion of the Government system financed by NATO. In the 1970s, the UKOP consortium decided on a major expansion of their commercial system by duplicating the Kingsbury/Buncefield pipeline and extending the Heathrow system to Gatwick, including related pumping stations & storage facilities.

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(Ed: I think that the BPA can be seen as one of the last remaining joint Shell/BP operations in the UK (see Box) and as such is perhaps a living memory of Shell-Mex and B.P. Limited! Thanks to all who have brought us up to speed on the mysterious world of the pipeline!)

Dunblane

My late wife Nanette and I lived in Dunblane for 32 years. I was a scout leader and an Elder in Dunblane Cathedral. I worked for Shell Retail and then Eddie Morton's Distributor trade team as their man in Scotland. My wife was a nursery nurse teacher at Dunblane Primary prior to the disaster there in March 1996.

I once did a painting for a friend here in Australia who has family that bought the cottage on the right of the river Allan as you look towards the Cathedral from the bridge in Dunblane. It used to be grey but I understand they have painted it white now. It is not the cottage by the river but on the slope from the high street level to the river level.

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'British Pipeline Agency Limited (BPA)' is a leading UK pipeline consultant, owned jointly by BP Oil UK and Shell UK Oil. It was founded in the 1960s to develop, engineer and operate refined product pipeline and storage systems in the UK, and has since evolved to also provide highly value added technical and operational solutions to the onshore oil and gas pipeline sector worldwide. BPA provides engineering solutions for pipelines, tank farms, terminals, rail loading, road loading, jetty facilities, pump stations, control systems, gas regulation and metering, etc. BPA is a founding member of The United Kingdom Onshore Pipeline Operators' Association (UKOPA) and BPA's Director and General Manager currently chairs the 'Oil Pipeline Management Group' (OPMG) at CONCAWE in Brussels, giving BPA working relationships with most of the liquid pipeline operators in Europe.'

(Ed: This was prompted by Sandy's recent letter (CN 154) and my remembrances of Dunblane where I had a house for many years.)



Dunblane

Birthday Thanks

80th I have played tennis since I was 13 but sadly had to give it up two years ago due to sciatica. But Bridge, which I took up eight years ago, is good for me and I make lots of friends. I had a party for my birthday which included my tennis and my bridge friends (30 in all) and we had a wonderful time with a masterpiece of a Birthday cake and a singalong. I am very lucky to have had such a lot of lovely people to share my big birthday with me.

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80th Very many thanks for the card that arrived spot on time, to celebrate an advancing year's mile-stone. What a great tradition the 44 Club have hit upon. Certainly one that stirs the memories and enables one to look back upon simpler times, and a comradeship that does not seem to exist in the workplace today. Happy Days Many thanks too, for 44 Club News. Each edition has a mention of a colleague who you knew well and worked with. Like my old boss Jim MacCarthy, or my old mate Des Brown. Sadly, also the last two pages list those who have joined the branch in the sky. To all, keep up the good work, again many thanks.

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80th It is lovely to be remembered - it brings back many happy times. I still often think about when I started in Shell Mex House working with Lois Linley and Brenda Prout and all the many people who I used to know then - and now see again in the Club News.

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83rd It is hard to imagine that I joined SMBP 57 years ago as a DFS in Leeds Branch at the beginning of the 'Mrs. 1970' Domestic Heating Campaign. I took over from Maurice Purdy, who was a Fuel Oil Rep. and he introduced me to the Appointed Installers, such as Brian Bottomley, Jack Gahan, et al and the major Appointed Merchant in the area, Yorkshire Heating Supplies, which was run by Trevor Pearson. I remember Cliff Peacock was the DFS for Wakefield Branch. Happy Days! I wonder what has happened to them in the interim?

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85th Fortunately I am still very fit and well which I believe is due to my taking a Selenium tablet every evening and have done so for the last forty years. I no longer build or fly my model aircraft as my responses are a little slow now so I have joined the local model boat club. If I make a mistake with a boat I just have to wait until it drifts to the edge of the boat pond. I wish all my fellow members a Happy Day on their next birthday.

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85th I can't believe I'm 85! I can still mow my 42 yard garden's three lawns, play the organ, piano and accordion and paint and draw (this notelet has one of my drawings - of Rochester Guild Hall and Museum - on it). These things keep my brain and my body active!

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87th I have just had eighteen months of trouble with my legs and do not walk at all well. The doctors say "You're getting old Mr Ripley" – which is fair comment! I have purchased a walking frame with a seat for rests. I also have a mobility



scooter that is permitted on footpaths and on the road! So I'm probably a menace to all in Coulby Newham and beyond...

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(Ed: Thanks for the warning Mr Ripley!)

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Notelet drawings by Leonard Boyns

90th I received 41 cards and there were several parties as I enter my tenth decade! I managed to blow out all the candles! My house has been full of flowers and the sun is shining. I so enjoy the magazine – thank you.

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98th I am now living with my son so have changed my address. At 98 I feel I need a bit more support. I look forward to receiving the magazine and would like it to continue.

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Thanks also received from:
Ernest Ribano, Wilf Sephton (80), RG Munro (plus donation – thank you sir), Alan Hall (87), Bill Stevenson (89), Jean Robinson (75), Vivien Wilkins (87), Marjorie Elliott (90), Mabs Ball (84), Sheila Dunn (88) (plus donation – thank you Mrs Dunn), Des Brown, Patricia Bray (80), R Poole, R A Baverstock, Geoff Sullivan, Michael Chapman (82), Peter Parsons, Mary Greville, Len Wordley, Don Shields (83), Les Sewell (92), Tommy Watherston, Lionel Reece (80)

Ken Cutting

12th October 1934 - 5th May 2017

Ken Cutting, whose death is reported in the Obituaries, was a much loved colleague of many of us in Shell-Mex and B.P. and later in Shell. Ken and his wife Kathy were on their way to visit the David Hockney exhibition at the Tate Gallery in early May when he was hit with a sudden and, sadly, deadly heart attack. He was 82.

Ken joined SMBP in 1956 and studied to become an engineer which made him one of those in the then Fuel Oil Department who were busy on Coal/Oil conversions in those years. The Industrial/Commercial market was to be his home for most of the rest of his 30 year career.

In early 1973 he arrived in Ipswich Office to be the new Area Manager in the Industrial Markets office – part of Douglas Booth's South East Region

Tony Grayston was one of Ken's staff at this difficult time for the industry – he remembers that he, Peter Berry and Mona Berryman had to adapt to the fact that Ken "did not expect the office to run quite as the ancient regime had and quickly established the fact that he would be the manager but obviously had had reports that Ipswich Area Reps. Lubs. Reps et al were ok and that

he could work with us and as we all had the Company at heart that was a good foundation on which to build."

Ken Cutting says Tony, "soon established that as long as we did our best for him he would do his best by us". Over the coming years Ken became the archetypical Sales Manager – whatever the organisation changes were. In the mid to late 1970s, post Brand Separation, I was a colleague of Ken's in Frank Downes's Watford Region – we all knew that he was the most reliable of colleagues with an instinctive feel for the business and a particular strong rapport with his staff. I was to meet up with Ken again in 1983 when we were both Sales Managers in Consumer Markets – he in Ipswich and me in Scotland. It was from this job that he was to retire early in 1987.

Tony Grayston remembers Ken as being "a stickler when it came to carrying out policy handed down from on high" and it was this characteristic which led him to be seen as the classic "Company Man" – always intended as a compliment. Ken enjoyed his work but he worked to live rather than the other way around. His family was his great joy along with his long and happy marriage to Kathy. He was a keen



golfer and served a year as Captain of Felixstowe Ferry Golf Club and was playing regularly until his untimely death. Ken was immensely able, but unambitious. He was happy to be a biggish cog in a smaller wheel than to try and crawl his way to the top. It was people like Ken that made Shell-Mex and B.P. and its successors what they were. He will be much missed.

Paddy Briggs

Obituaries

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

ALLARD (88). Mr Henry Allard of Grantham has died. He was Design Draftsman, BP Research Centre, Sunbury when he left group service in 1984 after 13 years.

ANTONIO (80). Mr Kenneth Antonio of Great Sutton died on 27th April 2017. He was a Driver at Stanlow when he left group service in 1987 after 22 years.

ARCHER (94). Mr Kenneth Archer of East Grinstead has died. He was a Supervisor, British Pipeline Agency, Rowfant Terminal when he left group service in 1983 after 36 years.

ASHTON (78). Mr Brian Ashton of Ravensden, Bedford has died. He was Personnel Manager, Polygon Retailing, BP, Bedford when he left group service in 1992 after 30 years.

BEKEN (93). Mr Basil Herbert Beken of Poole died on 18th March 2017. He was BP Automotive Engineer (SMBP) when he left group service in 1975 after 22 years.

BELL (83). Mr James Bell of Darlington died on 17th March 2017. He was a Representative, Shell Oils, Manchester when he left group service in 1990 after 16 years.

BROUSSON (77). Mr Clive Brousson of Rabat, Malta, died on 9th April 2017. He was Operations Manager, Shell Companies in Dubai, UAE when he left group service in 1992 after 23 years.

BUTT (90). Mr Ken Butt of Swansea died on 9th March 2017. He was Driver at Swansea when he left group service in 1977 after 26 years.

CLARK (93). Mr Derek Clark of Ely died on 27th February 2017. He was a Driver at Royston when he left group service in 1982 after 17 years.

COPPING (77). Mr Peter Copping of Ammanford died on 19th April 2017. He worked at Swansea Terminal when he left group service in 1989 after 25 years.

CRADDOCK (91). Mr James Craddock of Plymouth died on 21 February 2017. He was a Terminal Operator at Plymouth when he left group service in 1984 after 37 years.

CRAWFORD (91). Mr George Crawford of Kirkcudbright died on 12th March 2017. He was Group Terminal Manager, Aberdeen when he left group service in 1983 after 42 years.

CUTTING (82). Mr Kenneth Cutting of Felixstowe died on 5th May 2017. He was Area Sales Manager, Commercial Division, Watford Office when he left group service in 1987 after 31 years.

DAVIES (89). Mrs Gwen Davies of Marlow has died. She was the widow of Mr Arthur Davies once a Manager, Manpower Admin Division, BP Victoria.

FOSTER (89). Mr Andrew Ivan Foster MBE of Belfast died on 1st March 2017. He was a Real Estate Surveyor at Belfast when he left group service in 1975 after 26 years.

FRYER (92). Mr Stanley Fryer of Evesham died on 18th April 2017. He was Regional Manager Retail, South Eastern Region when he left group service in 1979 after 20 years.

HAKES (96). Mr Yvon Hakes of Twickenham died on 3rd April 2017. He worked in Cost Accounts, Shell-Mex House when he left group service in 1980 after 23 years.

HOWARTH (87). Mrs Eileen Howarth of Huddersfield died on 2nd April 2017. She was the widow of Mr John Howarth.

LOCKE (89). Mr Anthony John Locke of Padstow died on 26th February 2017. He was Bitumen Field Manager UK, Shell-Mex House when he left group service in 1979 after 23 years.

MARKS (89). Mrs Joan Marks of New Milton died on 19th April 2017. She was the widow of Mr Sydney Marks once a Senior Airfield Operator at Heathrow.

MAYHEW (95). Mr G R Mayhew of Godalming has died. He was Manager, Information Systems, Shell-Mex House when he left group service in 1975 after 16 years.

MOODY (95). Miss Dorothy Moody of Bedford died on 25th February 2017. She worked in Computing, Shell Centre when she left group service in 1971 after 19 years.

MORONEY (77). Mr George Moroney of Bridge of Don died on 23 March 2017. He was at Aberdeen Terminal when he left group service in 1996 after 29 years.

PERKS (86). Mr Keith Perks of Sevenoaks died on 23rd March 2017. He was Manager, Intermediaries, Commercial Division, BP Victoria when he left group service in 1985 after 31 years.

PITWOOD (79). Mr Charles Pittwood of West Molesey died on 1st April 2017. He was a Driver at Wandsworth when he left group service in 1987 after 26 years.

SCOTT (90). Mr Stanley Scott of Holywood died on 24th December 2016. He was an Industrial Markets Representative, Belfast when he left group service in 1976 after 21 years.

SHORT (96). Mrs D F Short of King's Lynn died on 27th February 2017. She was the widow of Mr A Short.

SLATER (71). Mr Alistair Slater of Aberdeen died on 6th March 2017. He was once Chief Engineer on board MV Amoria and seconded to Shell-Mex House when he left group service in 1994 after 31 years.

SNEDDON (91). Mrs Jean Sneddon of Grangemouth died on 28th February 2017. She was the widow of Mr Thomas Sneddon.

STEWART (81). Miss Janette Stewart of Falkirk has died. She was Personnel Assistant, BP Oil, Grangemouth when she left group service in 1986 after 29 years.

WHEELER (89). Mr S G Wheeler of Easton-in-Gordano has died. He was Manager, BP Oil, Plymouth when he left group service in 1982 after 38 years.

WILLIAMS (95). Mrs Olive Williams of Wrexham died on 30th April 2017. She was the wife of Mr G Williams who once worked on Special Duties, Operations, Liverpool.

WITTS (84). Mr Brian Witts of Neath has died. He was a Driver at Swansea Terminal when he left group service in 1982 after 34 years.

WOOD (90). Mr Robert Wood of Sanderstead died on 18th February 2017. He was a Senior Electrical Engineer, BP Victoria when he left group service in 1986 after 26 years.

WOOTTON (82). Mr Brian Wootton of Barnsley died on 7th May 2017. He was a Driver at Sheffield when he left group service in 1983 after 22 years.



Wedding Anniversaries

Diamond

Doug and Jancis Quayle
24 Poppyfields
Gillingham
Dorset
SP8 4TH
30th March 2017
*(Corrects error from last edition
which placed Doug in Kent not
Dorset!!)*

**Paul and Miriam (nee Weeks)
Donovan**
Dearn Villa
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25th May 2017

Norman and Isobel Mackenzie
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30th March 2017

Golden

Peter and Carol Roberts
157 Marine Drive
Rhos on Sea
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9th September 2017

Sapphire

Geoff and Barbara Brown
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13th May 2017



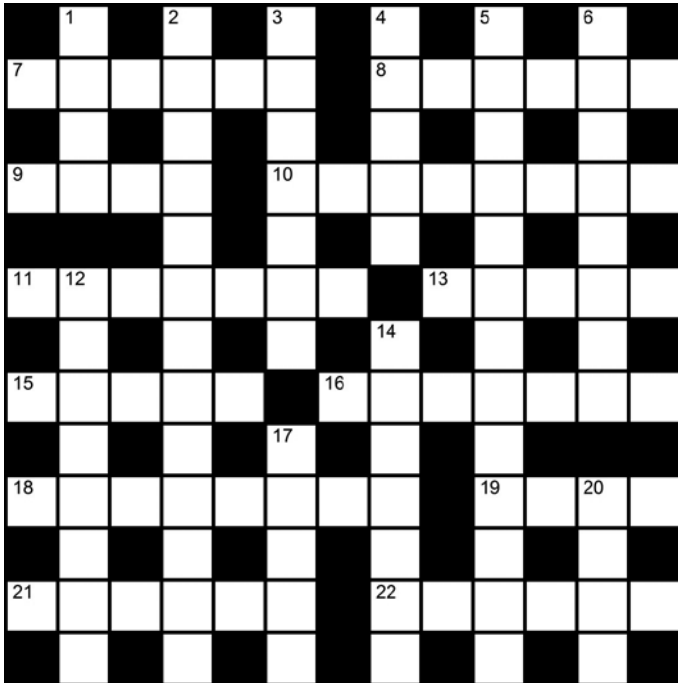
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Quotable Quote

"The Productivity Agreement with the Transport and General Workers Union... continues to make progress towards more efficient distribution"

T R Grieve Vice Chairman and MD SMBP 1967

Prize Crossword



Across

- 1 Tropical fruit (6)
- 8 Protects the front of a shoe (6)
- 9 Scottish island, now with a bridge (4)
- 10 A special Day on 23rd July (8)
- 11 The late Ken - much loved SMBP colleague (7)
- 13 Mr Seymour who has served 44 Club in Scotland (5)
- 15 Eskimo's home (5)
- 16 Western Branch's restaurant choice (7)
- 18 There's a big one at Bacton (3,5)
- 19 The Chairman's moniker (4)
- 21 A Beetle (6)
- 22 Island where Scapa Flow is (6)

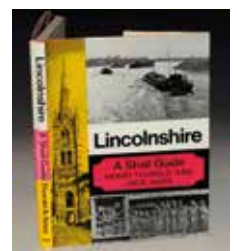
Down

- 1 A channel island (4)
- 2 SMBP had two of these (6,7)
- 3 Chinese game with tiles (7)
- 4 A chemical group derived from Ethane (5)
- 5 Industrial action in May 1926 (7,6)
- 6 The '44 Club News' is one (8)
- 12 Promoted to a higher level (8)
- 14 Army group commanded by a Lieutenant (7)
- 17 John the Actor or Rooney the footballer (5)
- 20 'Street ____' knowledge from practical experience (4)



Last Issue's Crossword

Thank you for all the entries of which five were all correct and from which our Competitions Director randomly chose Mr L Reeve of Immingham as the winner. A vintage copy of the 'Shell book of Lincolnshire' on its way to you.



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