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DMGT PENSIONS

Hello...

Yes, it's that time of year again, and it certainly has been a busy 12 months since the last edition. From the financial and political headlines we've seen, to the ever unpredictable weather, there has been plenty to keep us on our toes.

DMGT Pensions also has some news of its own – in September we welcomed Mike Weston to our team as Head of Investment. I'm sure you'll all join me in congratulating Mike in his appointment to this key role.

Since 2002, we have had the pleasure of providing work placements for individuals as part of their studies. These students have proved to be a valuable asset to the team, and we hope that their time with us has been rewarding and informative. Many of your magazine contributions describe your own early careers, and as with previous issues, Press On 2009 has been a most enjoyable project, thanks to your interesting and colourful letters. Let's hope we have created some good memories for those for whom we have provided placements.

As always, we rely on your feedback to ensure that we are providing you with a good service. If you have any comments or queries relating to your pension, please contact DMGT Pensions using the details below.

Lisa Feinson has been with us for a year now and has taken Press On to heart. She has very much enjoyed doing the behind the scenes work of collating and reviewing your submissions. She particularly enjoys looking at all the lovely photographs you send us. Thanks Lisa, keep up the good work!

Well, that's enough from us – all that remains is to wish you a fantastic festive season, and a happy New Year, from everyone here at DMGT Pensions.

Teresa Berkengoff
Editor

Important notices

DMGT closes scheme

The board of DMGT has decided to keep the Harmsworth Pension Scheme open for current employees, but to close it to new employees with effect from 30 September 2009. The company also plans to introduce a series of measures designed to help secure the financial health of this scheme into the future.

This will have no effect on your pension and means that the security of the scheme will be improved as a result.

End of an Ideal era

We are sad to announce that DMGT no longer owns the Ideal Home Show business. It has been a lot of fun over the years and we know that the Show has brought joy to many people.

It is with regret that we have to inform you that we are no longer able to send you tickets to the Show. We hope we leave you with some fond memories.

Front cover photograph courtesy of Mike Davis (and Molly the cat).

John remembers the past but is looking TO THE FUTURE

The recent changes which allow people who still work to draw their pensions give an opportunity for both retired members and people still working a chance to exchange their views.

As a proud former Father of Chapel of the Evening Standard Outside Chapel, who was instrumental in achieving both union/chapel recognition in the workplace and the three-year wage agreement, it warms my heart to see the progress that has been made after my retirement.

Whilst I was F.O.C, Robin Dickers, my deputy, Brian Eller, the chairman and I decided after long discussion to lodge some chapel artefacts where they could remain safe and be kept in good condition.

After a visit to the Bishopsgate Library we decided this would be a perfect place. We then deposited the artefacts with them.

Left, Brian Eller, Middle, John Cato, Right, Robin Dickers.

If anybody has any Evening Standard memorabilia that they no longer need, please send them to me via the present chapel officers who have my contact details or alternatively hand them to me at the reunion on Tuesday, 15 December 2009 at the City Retreat which is organized by Jimmy Sidnell.

John Cato
ex-Evening Standard

Getting in touch

Please keep your contributions coming – the magazine relies on them.

The address for posting is: **The Editor, Press On, Freepost, DMGT Pensions, 10 Bedford Street, Covent Garden, London, WC2E 9BR**

Phone: **020 7395 7277** (Press On enquiries only - please ask for Lisa)

020 7395 7272 (Pension-related enquiries)

Fax: **020 7240 4357**

Email: **retired@dmgtpensions.com**

Please ensure that all submissions include your pension number, your former place of employment and your contact details, including your phone number. **The deadline for submissions for our next edition is 1 September 2010.**

For reasons of space we have been obliged to impose a 500-word limit on contributions. The Editor reserves the right to use all submissions for publication in whole or to edit them for reasons of clarity or space.

The views expressed in this magazine are not necessarily those of the Editor or DMGT. In some instances, we are unable to verify references to people or places.

Please note that, due to limited space, we cannot use everything you send us – even though we might like to!

This atmospheric shot was sent to us by Marjory Bostock, widow of Alan Bostock who was in the Mail's Lino department. Marjory has captioned it 'Over the fence on a misty morning in Herefordshire'.

Living with Lymphoma

Just over a year ago I was diagnosed with Lymphoma, cancer of the immune system. I had noticed a lump in my groin 18 months before and thought it was a hernia. But my GP said he didn't think so and arranged for me to get it checked. I was out of the country when the appointment came up – and the lump disappeared.

A year later another lump appeared. An appointment was made for a biopsy at a hospital near my home. This time I kept it. I found out it was Lymphoma when the result came back, and it was arranged that I should be treated at Leicester Royal Infirmary. There it was all patiently explained to me. Amazingly, I wasn't at all scared. I suppose, like many arrogant so-and-sos, I thought I was indestructible.

There are more than 30 types of Lymphoma. Mine is a non-aggressive type called Non-Hodgkin's Disease, a cancer that affects the white blood cells, which are involved in protecting against infection. There is no known cause. Fortunately for me, the cancer had not invaded anywhere vital. My consultants decided on chemotherapy and they warned me it would be unpleasant. It was.

I had the choice of having a chemotherapy session every three weeks, or volunteering to take part in a research project called R-CHOP. I volunteered because, though I knew it would be more intense, I thought I'd get it over and done with sooner. It involved visiting the infirmary fortnightly, being put on a drip for the day and injected with a cocktail of drugs. Chemotherapy affects the whole body. The drugs also attack normal cells, which include skin, the lining of the gut and the hair. I went bald rapidly, save for my eyebrows. I also lost my finger and toe nails.

The sting – literally – is in the package of hypodermics they give you to take home. Because my immune system was being closed down so that the drugs could get to work on the tumours, I had to have a course of injections between treatments to protect me from infection. Local nurses taught me how to inject myself.

With patient family support – even though I was lousy company at times – I got through it, and after seven months I was given the all clear. Every three months I have to

go back for more checks. If I'm still OK after a year, I'll get let off for six months at a time. I am now in remission, and it will be five years before I know whether I'm totally clear. People with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma can live near normal lives for many years. The downside is that it can always return.

We shall see. I'll let you know.

John Chaplin
ex-Daily Mail

Editor's note: Lymphoma - help and support

The Lymphoma Association is a specialist UK charity which provides medical information and support to lymphatic cancer patients, their families, friends and carers.

Services include a freephone patient helpline and free literature, as well as a 'Buddy' scheme whereby a former lymphoma patient (or someone who has experienced the disease closely through a loved one) is able to offer their time to listen to any worries and discuss them in an informed way. A number of support groups have also been formed nationally, as a way to introduce patients to others in a similar position.

The Lymphoma Association website can be found at www.lymphomas.org.uk. It is a very comprehensive site, with information on the symptoms, varieties and treatments related to lymphoma, as well as listings of the support groups and more detailed information on the services available. Alternatively, you can telephone the Lymphoma Association on 0808 808 5555 (Monday to Thursday 9am-6pm; Friday 9am-5pm).

Who would HAVE THOUGHT IT

I was 13 years old and it was my last day of school in July 1943. The headmaster asked if I had got a job, my answer being "No Sir." He gave me the bus fare to The Stoke on Trent Evening Sentinel offices in Hanley (now just The Sentinel). "Ask for Mr Jack Newton, who will interview you."

All went well. Mr Newton asked "Can you start on Tuesday August 3rd?" I said yes but pointed out that I would not be 14 until August 12th. That didn't matter, so I worked for nine days as a 13-year-old.

I started as the Subs messenger until a vacancy came along for a junior in the Photographic Department. It opened a wide door – I started learning with a VN Plate camera, had my first picture published in November 1944 and progressed slowly until my two years in the RAF (1947-49). Upon demob there were more engagements to cover as people were organising events following the war.

I met Stanley Matthews in 1945, when he was a Stoke City player before going to Blackpool. On his return to Stoke in 1961, we became, and remained, good friends until his death. I am still friends with the Matthews family and get invited to many events.

In 1955/6 the Reardon family came to live in Stoke from Tredegar. Father Ben was a miner along with his son Ray, who was also the Welsh Junior Snooker champion – soon to be displaying his talents at exhibitions in the city. With seeing him so often professionally, we became firm friends, often sharing a pint together. I am still in touch with him and am proud to say that I was best man at his wedding.

In the 1980s when I was Chief Photographer, I had a call from a family friend asking if I could take some photos of her eight-year-old son, as he was looking for entertainment work. Willing to help a friend I said yes and provided her with a series of black and white 10 x 8s. Did they prove very important years after? Her son was Robbie Williams!

Above: Robbie Williams aged 8.

Perhaps my biggest thrill was in 1952 when I photographed Laurel & Hardy at Hanley's Theatre Royal.

I could go on for a long time with tales of my 48 years at The Sentinel! I retired as the paper's first ever Picture Editor in 1991.

Huston Spratt
ex-The Sentinel 1943-1991

"After my final League game from Stoke City against Fulham at the age of 50... my old pal, Evening Sentinel photographer Huston Spratt came into the dressing room and asked for one last photograph. I oblige by showing the world I am finally hanging up my boots." Stanley Matthews.

Below: Huston with Ray Reardon on his wedding day.

Puzzle page

Nigel Davies has been busy once again, compiling these mind-tests for Press On

How well do you remember the Eighties? They were not all that long ago, but all of our lives have moved on apace since then, and the world seems so different in many ways.

Here are ten questions involving events that happened in the decade from 1980 – 1989. Give yourself two points for every correct main answer, and other points as indicated. There are 30 points in total to be scored.

1. In which year did Neil Kinnock become leader of the Labour Party? For an extra point, name his immediate predecessor.
2. Eric Morecambe and Sir John Betjeman brought great enjoyment to millions. They died in May of the same year. Which year?
3. Which royal personage celebrated their 80th birthday on August 4th 1980?
4. In which year was The Mail on Sunday published for the first time? And for two extra points, what was its main advertising slogan?
5. Events in Beijing captured the world's headlines in 1989. What is the English spelling of the name of the famous square where demonstrators confronted tanks?
6. Which famous singer/songwriter was shot dead in New York on December 8th 1980? And, for an extra point, which famous Goon died in the same year?
7. In 1981, Rupert Murdoch bought which two Fleet Street titles? For an extra point, from whom?
8. England's football team was beaten in the 1986 World Cup, thanks partly to the Hand of God incident involving which player? And name the country he represented for an extra point.
9. The NUM called off the year-long miners' strike in which year? For an easy extra point, name the tonsorially challenged leader of the NUM at the time.
10. Name the only woman in the so-called Gang of Four who formed the Social Democrats in 1981. For an extra point each, name her three male colleagues.

Trivia

With Christmas approaching, let's finish with some trivia...and I do mean Trivia (with a capital T!)

During the past 12 months, I've discovered, and been mildly surprised by, the answers to the following questions. See what you think.

1. Britain's first nude statue in the street caused such public outrage that a fig-leaf had to be added to Achilles' form within just a few months. In which year did the unveiling take place?
2. Give or take a few million either way (because how can anyone really know?), how many trees are there in Spain?
3. The first recorded solar eclipse was noted in China. When?
4. In which year was the first officially recorded sighting of the Loch Ness Monster?
5. In the Christian calendar, what are the earliest and latest dates on which Easter Day can fall?

Divide the panel of numbers into seven segments so that each contains the digits 1 - 5. There may be more than one solution.

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All answers on the back page

Calendar pages

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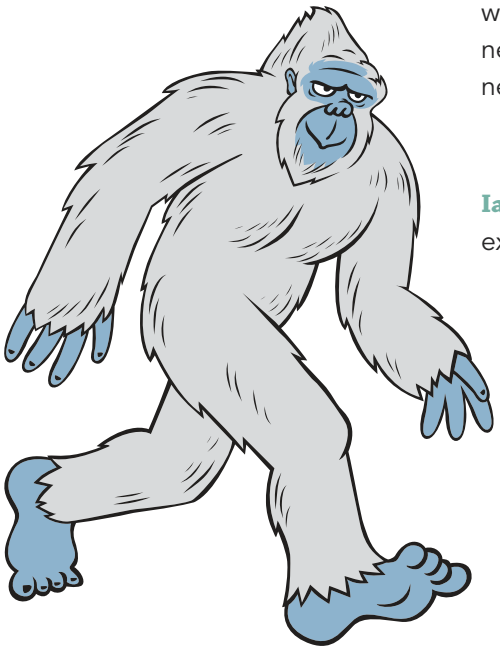
Let battle COMMENCE

Anyone who has ever worked in the production unit (the 'caseroom') of a newspaper when it was produced using hot metal on wonderful machines like Linotypes and printed in large machine rooms on thundering Goss high speed rotaries – unlike the rather insipid computerised methods of today – will have experienced 'First Edition Fever.'

The problems of producing an edition which will beat your rivals onto the streets is something you have to experience to fully appreciate. For there is also a 'civil war' raging. A battle between the Headprinter (who does not give a tinker's cuss for what anyone from Editorial wants) whose sole ambition in life is to 'put the paper to bed' as close to 9.30pm as possible (we're talking national dailies here) and the Editor, who wants to hang on for that all important breaking news which he is utterly convinced, even at this late hour, is humming its way across the wires. And so the nightly battle is joined, with occasional humorous results.

One such evening in Edinburgh, in the late lamented Scottish Daily Mail caseroom, on the stroke of 9.30pm with steam coming out of the Headprinter's ears and gin leaking from the Editor, a copyreader emerged from the Reading Room wearing a soft hat (a 'down-the-river' I believe it was called). Amid a stunned silence he marched over to Page 1, swept off his headgear, produced three paper balls from it and proceeded to do a version of the three-card trick on the sacred type of tomorrow's front page.

After successfully performing this sleight of hand he quietly withdrew to the comparative sanctity of the Reading Room, leaving both Editor and Headprinter somewhat shattered, but the tension was broken and the edition was 'put to bed' in relative calm. The copyreader in question was a well-known 'wag' who was renowned for diffusing the most volatile of situations. His most famous intervention came at the conclusion of a particularly acrimonious union/management altercation, when he claimed the outcome to be a victory for common sense, and not one attributable to any particular party.



On another occasion, during a proliferation of Abominable Snowman 'sightings' which took place sometime in the 70s, the Headprinter, flapping around for a few minutes before the first edition deadline (as was his wont), called to a compositor "Charlie, have you got that snowman headline ready yet?" Without a moment's hesitation came the reply "No Yeti, Mr Waterhouse."

I worked as a Linotype operator on various national dailies for a great many years and 'many a sight I've seen' as the saying goes. I am certain that many of you have had humorous work-related experiences, so please share them with us through our splendid newsletter. A bit of light relief never did anyone any harm!

Iain Robertson
ex-Scottish Daily Mail

Your letters & photos

Northcliffe golfers

Assuming the Northcliffe Golfing Society is still in existence, I wonder if they enjoy the great times we did in the 60s, 70s and 80s. The matches against the Manchester office, both home and away, were all well-fought tournaments and great fun. There was a group of players from the Evening News that, besides providing some of the best golfers, entertained us with a great deal of humour, and was sadly missed when the paper closed.

Viscount Rothermere was often actively involved in some of the matches although his golf left a bit to be desired. He seemed to enjoy being in the company of 'the chaps'.

One particular occasion that would be hard to forget was the morning of the match against Manchester at Royal Lytham, when the Manchester team – dressed to kill in matching brown jerseys and grey trousers – entered the breakfast room in an unbroken line. The shocked silence was broken by a London team member breaking into song with "Brown Girls in The Ring". The place was in an uproar.

After many complaints about the London team being the poor relations of Associated Newspapers, Jack Wallwork supplied the whole London team with very itchy blue wool jerseys with Northcliffe Golf Society 1910 embroidered on the breast. I still have mine.

Well-known members of editorial and management turned out for these matches: Mike McDonnell, Peter Moss, Ian Wooldridge, Vincent Mulchrone, Ernie McLaughlin, Tom Clarke and, for the management, Alwyn Robinson, John Winnington-Ingram, Jack Wallwork, and for Manchester, Ken Digby. All the matches were followed by a wonderful meal, toasts were made, jokes told and those of a mind got drunk. A great time was had by all.

The final match was in Wimeraux in France, a sad time as some really genuine friends had been made and some wonderful memories created.

We played a few matches against a group called The Pickwickians, organised by a member of the features department named Colin Reid. Their members consisted of members of the media and arts. They even had their own flag, a depiction of Mr Pickwick, that they flew on match days. There were also a number of domestic matches played throughout the year. These matches usually brought together two of the society's best golfers, Danny McDermott (Mail) and Nick Blake (Evening News), to continue their long running battle of who was best. I don't think it was ever determined.

Stanley W J Morris
ex-Daily Mail Composing Room

Hot metal

Many thanks for the copy of Press On. I look forward to reading and perhaps gaining an insight into the lives of former colleagues, one such being the fascinating article by Sid Henry. I knew Sid very well from my days in the Manchester office, where he did a great job despite a physical disability which was, I think, attributed to his experiences in the Second World War.

I would like to bring to your attention a story that I have been thinking about for some time. It is, in effect, a potted history of events in the late 70s and 80s – the transition from hot metal to 'new technology'.

Sometime in the mid to late 70s, the Harmsworth board directed the then Technical and Production Director, Tom Garrod, to set up a Forward Planning Department under the management of a Mr Burt Fowler. This had the objective of looking at technological developments taking place within the industry. Burt worked with a number of consultants, but also recruited three key personnel from within Associated Newspapers who were to lay the foundations and, indeed, implement the changeover from hot metal to today's computerised systems.

The three individuals concerned were Jean Fairclough, Alan Bromley and myself. A small computer system (now Atex) was set up in an office in Old Street, near Liverpool Street station, and the three of us laid the foundations of how to operate a computerised system. The system became the one chosen for the launch of The Mail on Sunday and later for the Daily Mail's transition. Jean Fairclough took over from Burt Fowler when he passed away, and became a member of the Harmsworth board. Alan Bromley became the System Manager for The Mail on Sunday and I became General Production Manager for the Daily Mail, and Project Manager for the introduction of new systems for the Mail. There were many other people involved in this huge project, such as Hugh Dawson, former Production Editor on the Mail, and Malcolm Couch who directed our original Old Street system and who became System Manager of the new Atex system in Kensington, to name but a few.

I still have some of the old documents related to the work we did and I think it is important that such a successful – and profitable – change be documented. I am proud of what we all achieved and of the part I played. Perhaps it is now time this fascinating story was put together as part of the Daily Mail and The Mail On Sunday's story.

Bill Blacktop
ex-Daily Mail

Taking the...

When I think back to my time in the machine room at Northcliffe House, I obviously recall the high drama headlines such as an IRA bomb or a change of government etc. However, my overriding memory is of the lads I worked with and their wonderful sense of humour.

An example – at the point the reels came out for the presses there was a small, two-man urinal. This was installed very much as an afterthought, constructed from sheet steel, between two massive pillars. It measured roughly eight feet by four feet. Over the course of time the inevitable graffiti became written, not just on the walls but on the ceiling too! One item I recall said "Johnny X sucks lightbulbs to make him bright" and some wag had added "It didn't work!"

Such comments were written everywhere, even below the hand basin, close to the floor, until there was nowhere left for any more. Of course, it couldn't continue and it was finally sealed off and a clean up, refurbishment and fresh paint followed. A week or so later it was reopened as a fine and immaculate convenience.

When I came to use it, on the first evening of its opening, there, straight in front of me, were the words "Start here!" and on the ceiling was written "Reserved for Michelangelo."

John Sams
ex-Evening News

Here is a snap of my Evening News van, taken in 1976 at Hatch End in Middlesex.

If anyone wants to get in touch with John, please contact us - Editor.

Obituaries

We regret to announce the death of the following DMGT pensioners.
Our condolences go to their families and friends.

	Date of death
Aberdeen Journals Ltd	
Mr W V A Gordon	27/06/2009
Mr D J Skinner	16/10/2009
Mr A B Smith	15/07/2009
Argus Shield Ltd	
Mr N J C Anderson	27/04/2009
Mr G G Andrew	05/08/2009
Mr R P Finucane	12/02/2009
Mr C J Freezer	19/05/2009
Mr P Hubbard	26/12/2008
Mr P W Jessett	14/05/2009
Mr J C Lumsdon	05/02/2009
Mrs I D Richardson	24/01/2009
Mr F D Westrep	25/11/2008
Mr K Whitworth	02/03/2009
Associated Newspapers	
Mr M E Roffey	13/12/2008
Associated Newspapers - London	
Mr W Abbott	07/05/2009
Mr H R Abell	07/06/2009
Mr G A Amos	27/02/2009
Mr R E Baker	03/06/2009
Mr J Barker	24/05/2009
Mr F S Beck	12/11/2008
Mr S T Beton	01/07/2009
Mr L R Blackmore	17/01/2009
Mr R Bone	08/01/2009
Miss M Bowen-Williams	25/02/2009
Mr C S Bowerman	15/06/2009
Mr A W Bradford	01/05/2009
Mr R F Buckmaster	26/02/2009
Mr T A Buckner	14/08/2009
Mr B D Burgess	20/11/2008
Mr B W Campe	07/01/2009
Miss V J Charlish	06/10/2009
Mr T L Charlton	02/02/2009
Mr I A Coates	02/02/2009
Mr T Cole	05/11/2008
Mr R F Collier	22/12/2008
Mr R H Collier	06/02/2009
Mr D F Collins	09/05/2009
Mr R A Condron	23/06/2009
Mrs J Cooke	13/10/2008
Mr J G Cooper	15/02/2009
Mr J Crawford	26/04/2009
Mr T J Darvill	24/11/2008
Mrs D M Davis	23/03/2009
Mr W O Davis	07/05/2009
Mrs S G Doyle	10/01/2009
Mr S A Edge	10/06/2009
Mr M A F Edwards	09/05/2009
Mr H Egerton	24/01/2009

	Date of death
Mr J P Ellis	28/09/2009
Mr R J Everett	18/06/2009
Mr H Fairburn	06/06/2009
Mr P Fisher	03/12/2008
Mr L J Flain	03/02/2009
Mr S C Fleet	01/08/2009
Mr R Fleming	01/12/2008
Mr W A Flint	03/11/2008
Mr F Ford	07/05/2009
Mr D Francis	31/01/2009
Mr H C French	27/10/2008
Mr J W Friend	05/04/2009
Mr F D Fuller	14/10/2009
Mr E L Gibson	14/10/2009
Mr E H Godfrey	27/02/2009
Mr D S Goffee	10/02/2009
Mr A R Gosling	09/04/2009
Mr R W Grant	13/05/2009
Mr A V Greenfield	01/12/2008
Mr R G Gutteridge	26/01/2009
Mr R C Hardaker	28/05/2009
Mr H C Hardy	10/03/2009
Mr R A Harvey	17/03/2009
Mr J A Hawkes	13/09/2009
Mr J F Haysom	29/11/2008
Mr R S Hayter	15/07/2009
Mr W Heathcote	04/04/2009
Mr M B Higerty	16/05/2009
Mrs L M Hodges	22/02/2009
Mr A Homes	14/03/2009
Mr G T Hope	24/05/2009
Mr D F Hopper	28/05/2009
Miss P G Hudson	28/03/2009
Mr H S Hudspith	09/10/2008
Mr N J Hughes	04/03/2009
Mr P C Hunter	10/02/2009
Mr J W Hurn	12/01/2009
Mr K R Jones	21/07/2009
Mr B J Kelly	13/05/2009
Mr R A Kerslake	02/05/2009
Mr G C Lakin	16/01/2009
Mr P Lampon	24/12/2008
Miss B S Levy	23/01/2009
Mr T W Lock	12/09/2009
Mr B Lowe	24/06/2009
Mrs M Lyons	09/10/2009
Mrs W D Madgett	16/05/2009
Mr F A Marden	10/01/2009
Mr W E McFie	23/06/2009
Mr J B Nelson	05/06/2009
Mr G C Oborne	31/07/2009
Mr F D O'Brien	08/11/2008

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Mr C S Orr	19/11/2008
Mr H J Perry	03/06/2009
Mr R W Playford	18/03/2009
Mr W J Pleasant	22/11/2008
Mr J C Powell	27/05/2009
Mr M Prahalad	23/06/2009
Mr G Priestley	15/11/2008
Mr P S Quigley	19/01/2009
Mr F J Raggett	18/02/2009
Mr W W Richards	14/04/2009
Mr C Roach	13/02/2009
Mr M G Rothwell	10/07/2009
Mr E G Russell	06/04/2009
Mr F Scott	26/10/2008
Mr G C Sears	20/04/2009
Mr M B J Shaw	10/12/2008
Mr R H Smith	28/11/2008
Mr T J Smith	30/09/2009
Mr A B Smith	25/10/2009
Mr T J Smith	23/07/2009
Mr D Smith	07/09/2009
Mr H A Spink	14/09/2009
Mr H J Stedman	13/09/2009
Mr R Taylor	04/02/2009
Mr T Taylor	06/11/2008
Mr W J Tiller	07/09/2009
Mr R S Tovey	02/10/2009
Mr F Waterfield	25/02/2009
Mr C Webb	02/11/2008
Mr W T Webb	07/11/2008
Mr A Webster	30/06/2009
Mr W A Westwood	06/05/2009
Mr M L Whiting	17/12/2008
Mr A T Whittington	09/12/2008
Mr C K R Wilkins	27/01/2009
Mr E J Williams	27/10/2009
Mr D Woodcock	22/08/2009
Mr L Wright	10/02/2009
Mr S Wright	07/11/2008
Mr F H Young	13/01/2009
Associated Newspapers - Manchester	
Mr W F Macmillan	11/09/2009
Dr C R Purcell-Lee	30/03/2009
Bristol Evening Post & Press Ltd	
Mr J E Eastwood	29/04/2009
Mr I C Evans	10/02/2009
Mr L Gray	26/08/2009
Mr R G Henley	15/01/2009
Mr K R Lowrey	09/07/2009
Mr W T Martin	18/06/2009
Mrs L Moore	01/06/2009
Mrs M N Read	19/06/2009

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Mr A D Rivers	20/06/2009
Mr N J Saunders	24/11/2008
Mr R S Stephenson	05/12/2008
Mr M J Tincknell	05/01/2009
Mr F B Warne	07/06/2009
Mr J A Wason	21/03/2009
Mr G T Willcox	07/11/2008
Mr R J Winter	02/02/2009
Cornwall and Devon Media Ltd - Barnstaple	
Mr A R Buckingham	13/03/2009
Cornwall and Devon Media Ltd - Bodmin	
Mr G E Griffin	21/03/2009
Mrs M L Hoggins	02/02/2009
Mr G A Scull	06/01/2009
Cornwall and Devon Media Ltd - Truro	
Mr P Bloxham	22/10/2009
Mr E G Howe	26/10/2009
Mr G Nicholas	03/10/2009
Courier Media Group Ltd	
Mr Z Paracha	19/01/2009
Daily Mail and General Holdings Ltd	
Mr C J Cornwall	15/10/2009
Derby Telegraph Media Group Ltd	
Mr K S Bedforth	24/02/2009
Mr T Hatton	11/08/2009
Mr G Longdon	25/02/2009
Essex Chronicle Media Group Ltd	
Mr B R Guy	04/11/2008
Mr P McCormack	04/05/2009
Mr V A Trumm	02/12/2008
Gloucestershire Media Ltd	
Mrs M S Babington	12/05/2009
Mr M W Clift	09/10/2009
Mr A Gray	13/06/2009
Mr A E Reynolds	15/02/2009
Mr T H Tyler	31/08/2009
Grimsby & Scunthorpe Media Group Ltd	
Mr R C Choppen	30/05/2009
Mr P Gurnhill	30/11/2008
Mr M T Heathcote	24/01/2009
Mr T Heslop	22/09/2009
Mr R P Hewson	30/10/2008
Mrs G Lightning	11/01/2009
Mr G F Planer	02/08/2009
Mr A Robinson	10/07/2009

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Harmsworth Quays Printing	
Mr G J Bright	02/06/2009
Mr T Bruley	10/08/2009
Mr R Chittenden	18/02/2009
Mr J Cope	24/06/2009
Mr M R Dignam	19/02/2009
Mr S A Elston	22/02/2009
Mr P Maynard	02/01/2009
Mr L Millgate	16/08/2009
Mr R E Rayment	21/03/2009
Mr D B Williams	10/08/2009
Mr R H Wood	28/04/2009
James Heap (Hanley) 1925 Ltd	
Miss E Davies	13/02/2009
Leicester Mercury Media Group Ltd	
Mr L Dunn	03/03/2009
Mr P Foster	27/02/2009
Mr W Hill	01/10/2009
Mr L J Jackson	28/11/2008
Mr A R Smith	28/06/2009
Mr P F Standfield	12/12/2008
Mr W A Stretton	21/08/2009
Mr J R Upton	25/03/2009
Mr B E Wootten	03/06/2009
Lincolnshire Media Ltd	
Mrs D A Dawson	22/09/2009
Mrs C Griffiths	10/10/2009
Mrs M J Roberts	07/05/2009
Miss P G Truman	19/10/2008
Lincolnshire Media Ltd - Retford	
Mrs M E Wright	19/06/2009
Mail News & Media Ltd	
Mr T F Adey	27/10/2008
Mr A D Dean	28/02/2009
Mr H R Ellison	06/11/2008
Mr L Smithson	01/03/2009
Mr R Wilkinson	23/05/2009
National Opinion Polls	
Mr B C Morton	05/10/2009
Northcliffe Media Ltd	
Mr D P Alexander	22/03/2009
Nottingham Post Media Group Ltd	
Mr A J Donnelly	24/09/2009
South West Wales Media Ltd - Carmarthen	
Mr E Jones	24/04/2009
South West Wales Media Ltd - Llanelli	
Mr D A Cardew-Richardson	15/01/2009

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South West Wales Media Ltd - Swansea	
Mr H Davies	03/03/2009
Mr R R Evans	26/11/2008
Mr F C Gold	01/12/2008
Mr A E Hopkins	22/01/2009
Mr C M Lovell	21/02/2009
Southwest Media Group Ltd - Exeter	
Mr F S G Martin	19/05/2009
Mr M J Norrish	26/07/2009
Mr M E Penhaligon	15/11/2008
Mr J C Webb	10/08/2009
Southwest Media Group Ltd - Plymouth	
Mr R Bowker	09/05/2009
Mr R F Maddick	30/01/2009
Mr C L Mann	07/10/2009
Mr W Rowhan	16/09/2009
Mrs B M Solomon	30/05/2009
Ms C Trewin	14/10/2009
Mr D F Yorke	13/02/2009
Southwest Media Group Ltd - Torquay	
Mr H E King	30/06/2009
Mr R D Sims	17/12/2008
Staffordshire Sentinel News and Media Ltd	
Mr E A Bloor	07/02/2009
Mr G H Burgess	18/12/2008
Mr I K Dulson	17/10/2008
Mr P H Hewitt	05/01/2009
Mr J Hughes	12/04/2009
Mrs C L Ravald	25/10/2008
Mr S Tinsley	01/12/2008
The Cheltenham Newspapers Co Ltd	
Mr G D Bishop	05/12/2008
Mr J S Weale	31/05/2009
Western Gazette Co Ltd	
Mrs J A Glover	20/03/2009
Mr A F Rogers	26/07/2009
Mr A R Score	08/01/2009
Mr A B South	17/02/2009

Some of you have asked us if we can provide more information on this page. We would really like to be able to do this; however, due to the way our database has been set up, we are limited in what we can print. For example, we can only show the name the employing company is currently known by.

Your updates

The Evening Standard reunions

Thanks to your reminders in Press On, we again had a good attendance in December 2008 and March 2009. One member had travelled from Hampshire. These reunions have been going for over 20 years, and getting the attendance we do says a lot for the support from the members, many of whom have been attending since Tony Rogers first suggested we had one! Long may they continue.

The reunions are held at 11.30am on the first Wednesday of March, June, September and December at:

The Sir John Oldcastle, 29-35 Farringdon Road, London, EC1M 3JF

Tel: 020 7242 1013

Nearest tube is Farringdon.

Jimmy Sidnell
ex-Evening Standard

Birthday!

I am enclosing a photograph taken on the occasion of my 70th birthday at a dinner in Dartmouth, Devon at the 'New Angel' restaurant. It shows celebrity chef John Burton-Race signing his book for me.

I was formerly a Director of DMGT in Redhill and have been retired now for nine years enjoying life in glorious Devon. Warmest regards,

Anthony J E Pike
ex-DMGT

I am enclosing a picture of some of the compositors just before the London Evening News closed down. The girl in the foreground is an Australian stone sub-editor called, I think, Maggie. I am on the left with the goatee beard. Happy days!

Malcolm Johnson
ex-London Evening News

Puzzle solutions

ANSWERS

1. 1983; Michael Foot. 2. 1984. 3. The Queen Mother. 4. 1982; "It's what Sunday's been missing." 5. Tiananmen. 6. John Lennon; Peter Sellers. 7. The Times and Sunday Times; The Thomson Organisation. 8. Diego Maradona; Argentina. 9. 1985; Arthur Scargill. 10. Shirley Williams; Roy Jenkins; Dr David Owen, William Rodgers.

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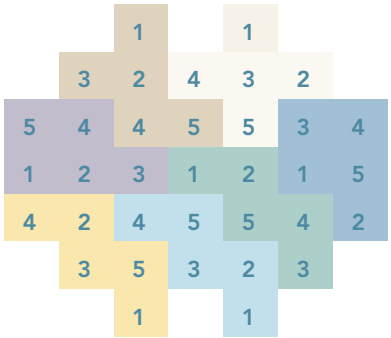
1. 1822.
2. 220 million.
3. 709 B.C.
4. 1931.
5. March 22 and April 25.