

# KierLink

The Magazine for Kier Group Fellowship Trust

## FELLOWSHIP MATTERS

Reports from Trust Chairman Dick Side and Group Chief Executive Paul Sheffield

## UPCOMING EVENTS

What we can look forward to in the coming year

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Plus much more!



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## Welcome



Welcome to the 24th edition of KierLink Magazine. We are pleased to bring you this Spring Edition and very thankful to everyone who has made contributions - without your interest and support this Magazine cannot exist.

As much feedback as possible is always welcomed and can be directed to your respective Area Organisers. All feedback will be taken into consideration when designing the next edition of the KierLink.

Kind Regards  
Marel Strydom  
(KierLink Designer)

## Editors' Notes



John Simson



Geoff Brown

### *Welcome to the new look KierLink.*

***We hope you will enjoy the new format when reading this issue and look forward to receiving your ideas for future articles – please get in touch with us to share your views on what you would like to see in KierLink.***

We would like, on behalf of all our readers, to thank Roger Almond for his 10 year tenure as Editor which will take some beating!

As you may be aware Geoff Brown is ex Kier London and I am ex Kier Eastern although we first worked together on the M11 Motorway way back in 1974-78.

We intend to include reviews of all events in all areas together with photographs which always add to your memory of enjoyable days out with friends and colleagues. So please take photographs on your outings and send them to us.

With this in mind we will be running a photographic competition to encourage all you amateur photographers and happy snappers with a £50 prize for the best photograph taken by a member or spouse/partner in the last six months. (Closing date for this is 31<sup>st</sup> July 2012).

We would both like to wish you a healthy and happy 2012 and look forward to meeting you at the next national event, the Tempsford Garden Party on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July.

*John Simson & Geoff Brown*

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## Administrator's Report



Welcome to our new administrators column where we will try to keep you up to date with matters relating to our membership.

For the second year running over 80 events were held across the country with some 2,300 people attending. If you would like to go to an event or merely check what is planned for the future please visit our website at [www.kier.co.uk/about/fellowship.asp](http://www.kier.co.uk/about/fellowship.asp) which gives information concerning forthcoming events.

The Trust currently has nearly 1,200 members, perhaps you have a friend who worked for Kier, but is not yet a Trust member. We are always pleased to encourage new members who are currently missing out on our numerous events. Joining is easy and free and can be done online at the above website or by completing a form which can be obtained from your local Area Organiser.

We also try to re-acquaint colleagues who have lost contact with each other. If we have the details on our database we will be happy to pass on messages or letters.

During the year the KierPlus Benefits Scheme was made available to the Trust members, so far some 315 members have registered their details to take advantage of the scheme, which includes genuine savings and discounts from a selection of retailers, travel companies etc. More information is available from your local Area Organiser and if you then wish to join you will need to provide them with your full name and national insurance number

Members may not be aware that we have a small stock of limited edition KGFT ties at the special price of £5 each.

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*Brendan O'Boyle*

## Chairman's Fellowship Matters

January 2012



*I hope you find this new style presentation of KierLink interesting and informative and that it inspires you to increase your involvement in the Trust's activities.*

This edition includes an article from Paul Sheffield who, in addition to his duties as Kier Group Chief Executive, has found time to carry on as a director and trustee of the Kier Fellowship Trust.

I am sure we are all very pleased to read Paul's comments, particularly regarding the pension deficit and thank him for his continued involvement in our organisation.

We also have a new Administrator's Column in which Brendon O'Boyle can keep you informed on membership matters. I think it is interesting to note that just over half of the current Kier Group pensioners are members of the Fellowship so there is plenty of scope to increase our membership as Brendan suggests.

I am pleased to be able to report that in these difficult financial times the level of Trust activities and events is being maintained and we are continuing to operate within our break even budgets largely thanks to the support we receive from the local Kier businesses and Tempsford Hall.

I would like to conclude by taking this opportunity to pay tribute to Norman England, our Area Organiser in the North West who sadly died early in November last year having suffered from debilitating health problems for some time. He almost single-handedly and with infectious good humour organised many successful events over the period 2002 to 2011. Norman will be sorely missed and any help from members willing to assist in maintaining the programme he established would be much appreciated.

I hope you will be able to attend as many Fellowship events as you can in 2012 and look forward to possibly seeing you at the annual Fellowship Luncheon at Tempsford Hall on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July or the National Golf Day at Bedford on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

Best Wishes, *Dick Side*

## Message from the Group Chief Executive

*As we remain in the throes of the longest recession experienced for decades, the need to keep the business strong is a big challenge across the whole Group. Fortunately, we have a strong balance sheet and our diversity – both in terms of what we do and where we operate – is helping us to weather the storm.*

Over the last two years we have seen our public sector workload shift from 75 per cent to 50 per cent and we continue to see a decline in traditional areas of public spending such as building schools, hospitals and libraries. We are however anticipating significant growth in infrastructure, overseas opportunities and support services.

We are delighted to have been awarded some of the biggest contracts on the Crossrail scheme during the year and our Joint Venture with BAM Nuttall and Ferrovial now has £700m of civil engineering work across London. We are confident that the new nuclear programme will provide exciting opportunities for Kier in 2012 and we have been successful in winning work in Hong Kong during the year. Our growing services business should be well placed to benefit from the spending cuts that are being forced on local authorities across the country.

I am pleased to say that the pension deficit has been steadily reduced over the last few years and we will continue to support the fund with further cash injections and the transfer of some of our PFI assets to the scheme over the coming months.

Kier remains a great business – certainly one that I am proud to lead. It's a business committed to its people, not only those that find themselves working for us today, but also those whose past commitment, talent and sheer hard work have laid firm foundations for the Group we have today.

*Paul Sheffield*



## Boston Spa Report

### Christmas Party

We held our Christmas event at Millford Lodge Hotel, 18 attended a party night on 10th December, a good time was had by all.



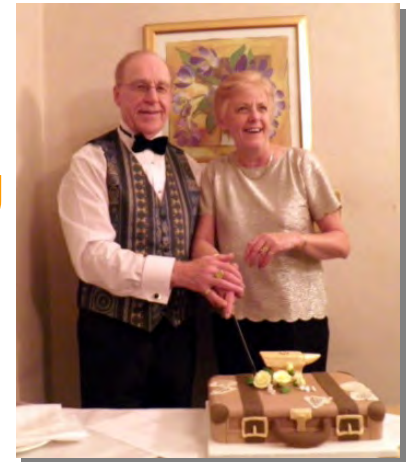
### Blast from the Past

The picture below was sent in by Jack Hughes, it shows the Halifax Inner Relief Road 1973; project manager was Dick Allen. Jack has this picture on the wall in his home.



### 50th Wedding Anniversary

These are photos of our recent 50th golden wedding anniversary which may be of some interest. You may be puzzled why the cake is in the shape of a suitcase with an anvil, this represents our elopement to Gretna Green in 1961 whilst I was working on site at the Medway Bridge with J L Kier Ltd. I had the cake made as a surprise by the cake maker, who made Prince Charles' and Camilla's wedding cake, who just happens to reside locally.



Fortunately, having been absent from site for 28 days, which was the time required in Scotland to become a resident before marriage (the days of instant marriages ceased in 1929) and despite my absence causing some police investigation on site, I was very kindly taken back and after working on various Kier locations went on to become the youngest site office manager at just 24.

I left Kier some years later and continued working in the civil engineering/oil industry, including overseas, for the rest of my working life. I would always hold fond memories of my time at Kier at the very important time of my marriage and early career.



*Katherine Leadley*

## Cheltenham Report

*Forty-five members and spouses attended the Cheltenham area's annual Christmas lunch, held at the Cotswold Hills Golf Club, Cheltenham.*

An excellent three course meal, with coffee and mince pies, contributed to the convivial atmosphere, which was assisted by the generous contribution of drinks by Kier Moss.

It was good to welcome former Managing Director Len Gayler, but sadly current MD Robin Butler was called away to Tempsford Hall (it must have been an important meeting). His place was taken by Marianne Irwin-Boers who, together with Janet Ballinger and John Mackman had put in much hard work in organising the event. Many thanks are due to them, and to the support which the Fellowship received from Kier Moss.

Events are being planned for 2012 - watch this space!

*Hugh Sweet*



## Wisbech Report



13 Members attended the Red Lion during September for a Luncheon.



Various members join John Taylor at Wetherspoons for a "Pie and a Pint" every couple of months as well as meeting retired, current and previous staff over a Chinese in West Winch.

The Annual Christmas Luncheon was held at the Crown Lodge Hotel in Outwell on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December which 40 members and partners attended (slightly down on previous years).

### Special Event for 2012

9<sup>th</sup> March **Gundog Day at Crufts** – My Puppy, Mr Hudson (Pedigree name Eastbury New Grace`N Favour) qualified and took part in the Special Puppy Class for Golden Retrievers.

### Other Events planned for 2012

- Trip to London for a show or River Trip
- Evening Chinese meal and an Indian meal
- Lunches in Wisbech, Kings Lynn and Norwich
- Horseracing at Newmarket or Huntingdon
- Cromer Seaside Special
- Tempsford Garden Party
- Coffee mornings at the office including overview on how the group is doing
- National Golf Day

*Sonia Webb*

## Maidstone Report

ELVIS PRESLEY | JOHNNY CASH | CARL PERKINS | JERRY LEE LEWIS

### MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET

Our group saw 'Million Dollar Quartet' at the Noel Coward Theatre in London for the matinee performance on Thursday October 13<sup>th</sup>. It proved to be the most popular show for our members to date.

It was well worth the visit. The star performer for me was Jerry Lee Lewis, whose piano playing was absolutely outstanding. A brilliant Show!

Once again, a big thank you must go to our members who came up trumps yet again this year at our Christmas Lunch at the 'Wealden Hall' on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December. The event was very well supported with 81 guests.

I can only put down this challenge to all members to make next Christmas the biggest ever!!! This will be, yet again, a great treat and I'm sure Wealden Hall will look after us all very well.



## Christmas Lunch



*Anne Ransley*

## St Patrick's Irish Party Week

Our next trip is to Brick Lane Theatre on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2012, to see the ever popular St Patrick's Irish Party Week (proves it's Irish, it runs for 2 weeks!).

This time we will be able to enjoy lunch there and then watch the show. The price is a 'giveaway' for £30 p/p and offer is open until 1<sup>st</sup> February so please be quick. (Please note: this Theatre is not easily accessible for anyone who has a problem with walking as we are unable to park right outside the door).

## Loughton-Witham Report

### Thames Barrier Visit and Thames Cruise

Since the last issue of KierLink, we have held seven events commencing in August when over the course of three days 97 of our members visited the Thames Barrier. Time was then spent in Greenwich for lunch and a little shopping followed by a boat trip up the Thames to Westminster.



### National Golf Day

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September saw four members take part in the National Golf Day.

### Hever Castle and Gardens

On the 15<sup>th</sup> September, 26 members spent a day at Hever Castle and Gardens.



### Tempsford Airfield Talk

6<sup>th</sup> October, 29 members attended Tempsford for the Tempsford Talk, a fascinating talk by Bernard O'Connor on Churchill's Most Secret Airfield.



### Bletchley Park

On the 12<sup>th</sup> October, 38 members enjoyed a memorable day at Bletchley Park (National Codes Centre). Our guide told the story of Bletchley Park and how it was a desperate race against time to crack Germany's coded communications such as those sent by the German Enigma machine.





## Christmas Luncheon

Our Christmas lunch was held on the 24<sup>th</sup> November at Keene Hall, Galleywood, where 58 members enjoyed a three course turkey dinner, followed by mince pies, coffee and mints.



## Brick Lane Music Hall

Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> November, 59 members attended The Brick Lane Music Hall for a festive meal followed by a great afternoon of entertainment.



## Events for 2012

Tue	24 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Golf Day – Stock Brook Manor
Thu	26 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Spring Buffet
Sat	05 <sup>th</sup> May	Royal Albert Hall
Wed	30 <sup>th</sup> May	Cruise/Dinner on the River Lee
Thu	14 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Kew Gardens
Sun	01 <sup>st</sup> Jul	Tempsford Garden Party
Wed	18 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Dover Castle
Wed	22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug	Hatfield House & Gardens
Thu	6 <sup>th</sup> Sept	National Golf Day
Thu	20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	St Paul's Cathedral and Globe Theatre
	Oct	Top Hat (Theatre Trip) A New Show
Thu	29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Christmas Lunch, Galleywood
Thu	13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Thursford Christmas Show



**Our Committee**

*Geoff Brown & John Simson*

## Rushden Report

### Austria Trip

*On the 19th of October twenty nine members went on a four day trip to Austria. After our flight to Munich we travelled through breathtaking scenery to our destination, Kirchberg.*

The hotel had wonderful views from our balconies, and after taking in the scenery we headed outside for drinks on the patio as the sun was lovely and warm. Whilst sitting there a local said "make the most of this it is going to snow tonight" and we all laughed.

But sure enough the next morning it was a white wonderland and after gearing ourselves up for the weather we headed off to Innsbruck where a guide was waiting for us at the Cathedral to show us places of interest including the ski slope where Eddie the Eagle made his famous jump.

After lunch we made our way to the Swarovski Experience, and an experience it certainly was. We travelled through the Swarovski Crystal worlds from Crystal Dome to Crystal Forest and finally to the Swarovski shop - that's strange - where have all the men gone!

The next day we caught the train to Zell am See, this again took us through wonderful countryside and on reaching our destination we headed for the famous Grand Hotel by the lake and spent a very pleasant hour or two walking around the lake, we even saw the Orient Express pass close by!

On our final day in Kirchberg we decided to be brave and take the ski lift up to Bergbahn where the views again were breathtaking and the hot chocolate was pretty good too! It was time to leave with very special memories of a beautiful country and lovely people.

*Brian Hill*

### Wye Valley & The Royal Forest of Dean

We have been particularly busy in the months up to Christmas. On the first Sunday of September forty five members boarded a coach for a visit to the Wye Valley and the Royal Forest of Dean. Morning coffee in Chepstow, lunch in Monmouth, Wye Valley River Cruise and tea at Symonds Yat - what a day!

### Tempsford Airfield Talk

Later in the month over a dozen members travelled to Tempsford Hall for an evening talk by Bernard O'Conner about Tempsford Airfield during the Second World War and the use of Tempsford Hall as an Agent staging post before being dropped into enemy territory.



A snow covering greeted us on our second day in the Tyrol.

## Blenheim Palace

Our busy December month started with a visit to Blenheim Palace - home of Winston Churchill- gardens and exhibitions entitled a White Christmas!

## Carol Service in the Guards Chapel

The following Sunday was our annual pilgrimage to London for the Christmas attractions and the carol service in the Guards Chapel - although it was the same story, people are still enthralled by the occasion.

## Christmas Dinner & Dance

On Friday the 16th a coach load travelled to Pavenham Golf Club for a "Strictly" Christmas Dinner and Dance perfectly organised by John Stamford.

## New Year Break

We finished the year with a New Year four day break at the Redworth Hall Hotel in County Durham in first class surroundings with plenty of food and drink.



The group did reach the top of the Mountain



Arthur & Joyce Deighton, both in their 80's, enjoying life in the Austrian Tyrol



Outside the Swarovski experience



# Maple Cross Report

## Tea at Grim's Dyke



A number of members enjoyed afternoon tea at Grim's Dyke, Harrow Weald, on 12<sup>th</sup> August.

## Fellowship Golf Day

We hosted the Kier Fellowship Golf Day at Harpenden Golf Club. We had two members (John Grover and Jim Morrison) attending, they both picked up prizes.



## Long Service Award Luncheon

A number of members joined the regional company for their long service award luncheon at Aldenham Golf Club on 21<sup>st</sup> October.



*Terry Delany*

## Other Events

- A number of members joined the Regional Company for their long service award luncheon at Aldenham Golf Club on 21<sup>st</sup> October.
- A number of members attended the very popular Winchester Christmas Market on 3<sup>rd</sup> December.
- 34 Members attended Aldenham Golf Club for our Christmas Luncheon.

**We have a current membership of 86.**

## Events for 2012

Date	Venue	Event
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Edgwarebury Hotel	St Patrick's Day Luncheon
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Freddies	St George's Day Luncheon
Mon 04 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Warners Nottingham	5 Day Break
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Aldenham	Summer Luncheon
Sun 01 <sup>st</sup> Jul	Tempsford Hall	Garden Party
Nov/Dec	Thursford	Christmas Show
Thu 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Aldenham	Christmas Luncheon

# Tempsford Report

## Past Events

11<sup>th</sup> October – Fifteen members had lunch at the Green Man, Stanford.

8<sup>th</sup> November – Twenty members turned up at the Anchor , Great Barford for a wonderful lunch.

13<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas lunch held at the Anchor, Little Paxton, which Twenty Eight members attended.

*Harold Thompson*

## Events for 2012

Day	Date	Detail	Comment
Tue	10 Apr '12	Lunch at the Eaton Oak - 12:15pm - last year's return to an old favourite was very successful.	Pay as you go
Thu	10 May '12	Lunch at the Danish Camp - Rendezvous 12:15pm - another regular.	Pay as you go
<b>TBA</b>	May '12	A guided tour of Bletchley Park ( <b>subject to demand</b> ). Details later. Please advise whether you would like a coach or to make own way there.	
Wed	16 May '12	Tempsford / Rushden areas joint Golf Day at Pavenham Park Golf Club. Ticket £36.50 includes a Bacon bap and dinner	£37.50
Tue	12 Jun '12	Lunch at the Five Bells - 12:15pm - we were squeezed out last year.	Pay as you go
Sun	1 Jul '12	Summer Garden Party in the grounds at Tempsford Hall. The popular mix of good food, wine, live music, dance floor and raffle.	Ticket Price to be confirmed
Thu	12 Jul '12	Lunch at the Greyhound Inn - 12:15pm – a popular venue.	Pay as you go
Tue	14 Aug '12	Lunch at the White Horse Inn - 12:15pm – we enjoyed it last year.	Pay as you go
Thu	6 Sep '12	Fellowship National Golf Day at Bedford Golf Club - tickets £40 per head.	Price to be confirmed
Thu	13 Sep '12	Lunch at "The Orchard" Harvester, 1 Riverfield Drive, Bedford, MK41 0UE (tel: 01234 271339). Rendezvous 12:15pm. Our first visit was very enjoyable.	Pay as you go
Thu	11 Oct '12	Lunch at the Green Man - 12:15pm - a regular venue.	Pay as you go
Tue	13 Nov '12	Lunch at the Anchor - 12:15pm - another favourite	Pay as you go
Thu	13 Dec '12	Our Christmas get-together at The Anchor - 12:15pm. Another popular venue.	£10 deposit and pre-order menu.

## Western Report

### St Pierre Hotel Reunion Lunch



In July, Kier Fellowship Trust members from South Wales and Bristol enjoyed a reunion lunch hosted by Dick Side and Nick Jones at the St Pierre Hotel in Chepstow. The lunch was well received by over 30 guests, including some long serving staff members from our South Wales and Bristol offices. The lunch was a great success and provided plenty of opportunity for friends and colleagues to catch up.

### Christmas at Mamma Mia's



Christmas was celebrated in style at Mamma Mia's in Chepstow where 10 Fellowship Trust members joined Nick Jones, Martyn Osborne and Sam Allen for a festive lunch. Several trust members have been meeting recently in order to create a detailed programme of events over the coming year. We will keep you posted.

*Sam Allen*

## RAF Tempsford Talk

*On the 29<sup>th</sup> September and 6<sup>th</sup> October members from Rushden, Tempsford, Loughton and Witham were joined by some staff members to hear a talk by the author Bernard O'Conner based on his book RAF Tempsford.*

*Bernard's talk was illustrated by screened photographs taken on the airfield during World War II. The airfield was located about one mile east of Tempsford Hall.*

The airfield opened to flying on the 12<sup>th</sup> February 1941, but it was not until the 14<sup>th</sup> March 1942 that the base came into its own with the arrival of 138 Squadron equipped with Whitley, Lysander, Halifax and Stirling aircraft.

One month later 161 Squadron arrived with the same aircraft types plus Hudson and Havoc aircraft. These squadrons were used for S O E activities, which included dropping agents and supplies into ten enemy occupied European countries, including Germany itself.

Pick up operations were carried out using the Hudson and Lysander aircraft; this was extremely hazardous as the reception parties were often most difficult to locate because they usually sought the shelter of woods to screen their activities.

It was at this time that Tempsford Hall came into its own; the agents arrived there from their headquarters in Baker Street and stayed until they got the call from the airfield to take part in their particular operation.

Over sixty female agents were sent on dangerous missions into enemy territory, capture meant almost certain death. One of these was Violette Szabo, born in Paris in 1921, with a French mother and English father, they moved to Stockwell in London and she attended school in Brixton until she was fourteen. She married in 1940 Etienne Szabo, a French officer who was killed at the battle of El Alamein and it was his death that made Violette volunteer for the S.O.E. She parachuted into France in April 1944 returning later to England by Lysander. She returned to France on her second mission and was in a car that was stopped at a road block on June 4<sup>th</sup>, after a brief gun battle she was captured when she ran out of ammunition.

After being interrogated and tortured she was transferred to Ravensbrack Concentration Camp where she was executed on the 5<sup>th</sup> February 1945 and her body disposed of in the crematorium.

The house where she was brought up in Burnley Road, Stockwell has a blue plaque on the wall to commemorate her bravery. This is just one of the many stories of heroism of members of the S.O.E and the gallant RAF aircrew who risked their lives landing and taking off, both delivering and collecting S.O.E. members.

Analysis of the records of 138 and 161 Squadrons show that between 1942 and 1945 there were 5634 sorties from Tempsford and about 1480 agents were dropped by parachute together with approximately 60,000 containers and 20,000 packages. In addition a further 485 agents had actually been landed and 575 V.I.P's, agents and shot down aircrew brought back on return trips. Approximately 150 aircraft were lost on operations.

Bletchley Park supplied 16,554 carrier pigeons which were dropped by parachute from Tempsford aircraft, attached to each bird's leg was a miniature spying kit, a small screw top Bakelite capsule in which was a rolled up piece of very fine paper, around a very small pencil. On the paper were instructions in Dutch, Flemish or French depending on where they were dropped, which the finder was asked to follow. It asked for military information on the area in which the pigeon was found. Once completed it had to be placed in the capsule and the pigeon released to fly back to Bletchley Park. Only 1842 returned – an 11% success rate, but enough to help with vital intelligence gathering.

Today not much remains of Tempsford airfield and it is quite possible to drive along Everton Road without realising that it was once a major airfield. The barn where the agents assembled for their flights has been refurbished and stands today as a memorial to the brave men and women who were based on the airfield during the war and to those who gave their lives for their countries. The barn can be visited by appointment, as can the Parish Church in Tempsford Village where memorabilia of the two squadrons can be viewed.



**WESTLAND LYSANDER R9125**

**These aircraft were used by RAF Tempsford to deliver and recover S.O.E members, to enemy occupied Europe, time on ground would only be a few minutes.**



**N6090 SHORT STIRLING RAF A66E**

**Stirlings were used for supply dropping and for delivering S.O.E by parachute to enemy occupied Europe from RAF Tempsford.**

*Jack Thompson*

## Obituaries

***Our deepest Sympathies to the families of the following members who have passed away:***

Name	Date Passed Away
Irene E Addison	12-Aug-11
Nancy E Andrews	06-Sep-11
Geoff Breeze	20-Nov-11
Frederick Clark	06-Sep-11
Herbert W Clarke	25-Aug-11
Patrick J Fitzpatrick	25-Sep-11
Audrey Glover	Unknown
Brian B Hall	29-Sep-11
Kenneth Hulse	03-Oct-11
Donald M Jarvis	08-Jul-11
Michael Livermore	Unknown
A McLaughlin	Unknown
Roy Norman	11-Sep-11
William Oldall	09-Oct-11
Ivan W Osborne	06-Sep-11
Graham Pace	19-Dec-11
Alexander Paterson	14-Sep-11
Johanna W Raper	04-Jul-11
Edward M Smart	19-Aug-11
Robert Smith	TBC
Joyce Swepston	14-Jul-11
Edwin Thomas	11-Nov-11
Fred Trevillion	29-Dec-11
Tony I C Wootten	29-Jul-11
John W York	25-Jul-11

## Norman England

02 March 1935 - 7 November 2011



It is with great sadness that we have to announce the passing of Norman England on the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2011, who was the Kier Construction – Northern Fellowship Trust area organiser.

Norman has carried out the role for the last nine years and was extremely active and supportive of all aspects of the Fellowship, a job he loved doing, especially organising the raffle and providing unusual prizes.

Norman joined William Moss and Sons on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1969 as Office Manager and completed 24 years service.

He was a character in carrying out his duties as Office Manager in that pencils were only issued when a returned used pencil was given to him, resulting in a drawer full of used small pencils. A request for stationery was met with “where is the requisition and do you really need that or can you use second hand stationery or even scrap paper”.

This all went under the banner of times were hard in the 1980’s.

On a more personal note, Norman was father to Stephen and Denise, father-in-law to Martin and Julie and grandfather to Emma, Sian and Dominic.

One of Norman’s favourite pastimes was his love of rugby which was witnessed as a spectator at Orrell and at West Park Rugby Football Club where he was the Treasurer after retiring.

Stephen, in a note to Kier said “We are so very proud to have had a father who was a great man, a funny man and a real gentleman”.



# Edwin Ivor (Tommy) Thomas

13 September 1912 - 11 November 2011

*Ivor or Tommy as he was known to most of his work colleagues, was born in Wales and subsequently moved with his family to Cambridge.*

As a boy Tom had a good singing voice and had a trial for King's College Choir, but was not selected.

He was also a keen sportsman and enjoyed cricket, football and tennis. Tom used to tell how Jack Hobbs and Herbert Sutcliff, who were both prominent cricketers of the day, used to challenge local lads to bowl against them on Parkers Piece in Cambridge and how they would balance a shilling on the bales to be won by the lad that bowled them out. Tom did not earn the shilling!

Tom started his working career at the Stock Exchange and then at Barclays Bank before joining W&C French in 1930. When he started he was told by Mr French that "you do not need to get to work before 7am"

On one of his early jobs in Walthamstow, which was building new sewers in tunnel construction and whilst privately studying surveying he had to fill in for the regular surveyor who was taken ill.

Tom managed get the direction and gradient correct using his newly learnt surveying skills and was promoted for his efforts.

As Tom's responsibility grew he graduated to a motorcycle to get to his ever more distant contracts.

Shortly after the outbreak of the second world war, in his Ford 8. Later Tom was sent to Blackpool at very short notice to start work on the construction of a new factory for Vickers Armstrong in which the Wellington bombers were to be built and later in the war he spent most of his time in East Anglia building airfields.

After the war Tom worked at Buckhurst Hill as a Quantity Surveyor and Estimator, but soon requested a move back to site. When the trunk road and motorway building programme developed, Tom, along with many of his colleagues, spent long periods away from his home in Elsenham on contracts in Durham and Doncaster and some closer to home on the A12 bypasses to Brentwood and Kelvedon and lastly on the M11 at Woodford from where he retired in 1977.

Tom had a long and happy retirement and had many interests including his membership of the Congregational Church in Stansted which he attended for over fifty years.

*John Simson*



## National Golf Day Harpenden Golf Club

The prestigious Harpenden Golf Club and the club of John Grover was the venue for the 2011 National Golf Day on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2011.



In almost near perfect (although blustery) weather 21 members from all parts of the country tee'd off to enjoy 18 holes of golf in a parkland setting.

At the 11<sup>th</sup> hole players were greeted by Terry Delaney, Don Shepherd and June Holland with a welcome choice of drinks and light refreshments.

40 members sat down to evening dinner where Dick Side (our Chairman) presented prizes to the winners.

### Winners

Overall Winner	Dennis Charlton
Ladies Winner	Frances Bagley
Best Front Nine	Roy Ellis
Best Back Nine	Colin Busby
Nearest the Pin	Jim Morrison
Longest Drive	John Grover



## Golf Days Notes for your Diaries

*For all those golfers out there, the following golf days have been arranged and are open to all members and their partners of the Fellowship Trust. If you are interested please contact the respective organiser.*

### Loughton/Witham Golf Day

This event will take place on the 24<sup>th</sup> April at the **Stock Brook Manor Golf and Country Club, Billericay, CM12 0SP**. First tee off time will be 12.02pm.

Cost is £30 per person and will include coffee and bacon roll before playing and a two course dinner afterwards and coffee.

**Contact John Simson  
01277 233688**

### Rushden & Tempsford Golf Day

This event will take place on the 16<sup>th</sup> May at the **Pavenham Golf Club**.

Cost is £37.50 per person and will include coffee and bacon roll before playing, and a two course dinner afterwards.

**Contact John Stamford  
01234 823041**

### National Golf Day

**National Golf Day** - is on the 6<sup>th</sup> September at **The Bedford Golf Club, Great Denham, Bedford**

Cost is £40.00 per person and will include coffee and bacon roll before playing, and a three course dinner.

**Contact John Stamford  
01234 823041**

**( All days will be played over 18 holes)**

## Welcome to our New Members

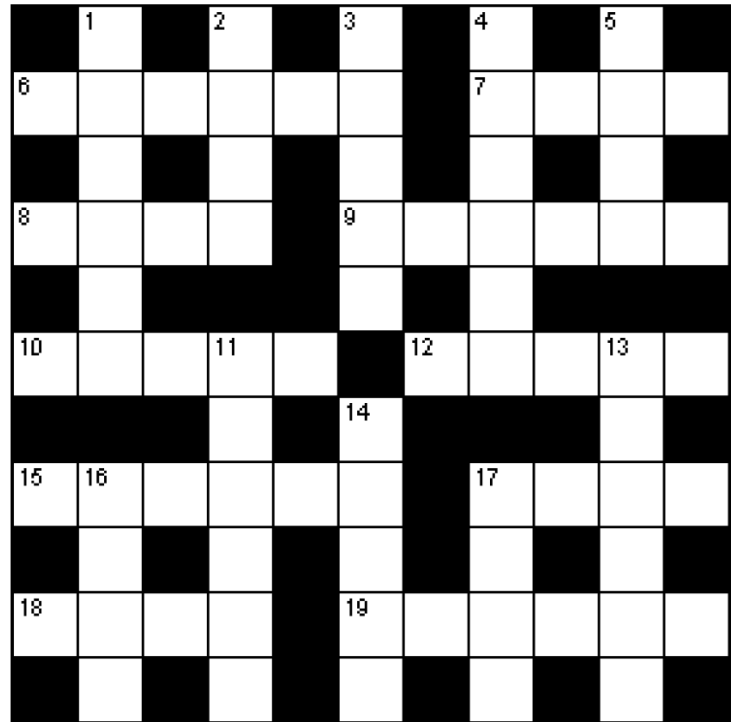
Name	City/Town	Area	Worked For	Service (Years)
Anthony Joseph Best	Chelmsford	Witham	Kier Eastern	2
Richard Bland	Norwich	Wisbech	Kier Eastern	37
Charles Christopherson	Ashton in Makerfield	Liverpool	Kier Build/KBM	4
Rita Margaret Cooper	Cheltenham	Cheltenham	Kier Moss	27
Graham David Cross	Botley	Southern	Kier Southern	17
Colin Raymond Foskett	Fareham	Southern	Kier Brazier	49
Robert Frame	Potters Bar	Maple Cross	Kier Southern	10
George Martyn Gesia	Abbess Roding	Loughton	Kier London	26
Thomas Gilroy	Ruislip	Maidstone	Wallis	34
Anthony John Greenland	New Romney	Maidstone	Kier South East/Wallis	30
Colin Halford	Markfield	Rushden	Marriotts	7
Geoffrey Harvey	Raunds	Rushden	Marriotts	20
David Hayes	Croxley Green	Maple Cross	Kier Southern	47
John Arthur Herbert	Spilsby	Boston Spa	Kier	9
Patrick Joseph Hutchinson	London	Maple Cross	Kier Southern	47
Maud Johnson	Huntingdon	Tempsford	Kier Construction	33
Robert Maybanks	Braintree	Witham	Kier Eastern	32
Neil Gordon McMinn	High Wycombe	Maple Cross	Kier Southern	8
Tim Nancollas	Billericay	Maidstone/ Loughton	Kier Rail	4
David John Percival	Romsey	Havant	Kier Southern	24
Brian John Sagers	Epping	Loughton	Kier London	49
Michael Stedman	Thrapston	Rushden	Marriotts	45
Christopher John Tovey	Tockington	Bristol	Kier Western	10
John Turner	Wetheral	Cumbria	Kier Northern	18
Christopher Webb	Alresford	Southern	Kier Brazier	11

# Crossword Competition

**£50** Prize for the first correct solution drawn out of a hat!

Across	
6.	Act properly (6)
7.	Furniture wood (4)
8.	Harden by heat (4)
9.	Whine (6)
10.	Free of ice (2-3)
12.	Temporary stop (5)
15.	Accusation (6)
17.	Quartz grains (4)
18.	Securely confined (4)
19.	Connected by links (6)

Down	
1.	Feminine (6)
2.	Long narrow strip of fabric (4)
3.	A piece of poetry (5)
4.	King of the Huns (6)
5.	Title (4)
11.	Opera by Bizet (6)
13.	Submerged (6)
14.	Repasts (5)
16.	Make healthy (4)
17.	Vocal music (4)



Entrants must be members/partners of the Fellowship.

All solutions to be sent either by post or email to: John Simson, 5 Gainsborough Place, Hutton, Essex, CM13 2RF

or [johnsimson@live.co.uk](mailto:johnsimson@live.co.uk)



## Features for the next edition of the KierLink

Please send all features to Geoff Brown or John Simson by no later than

**13 August 2012**

Many Thanks!



## Photo Competition

**£50** Prize for the best photograph taken by a member or partner at a Fellowship event in the last **6 months.**

### Closing Date

**15 July 2012**

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