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Whole Government Accounts

I do hope you have taken time to have a look at Whole Government accounts which I mentioned in the last news. We now need to have similar information for all the UKs leading banks. Mr. Diamond and his team has been exposed for what they have done to our economy and savings.

<http://www.official-documents.gov.uk/document/hc1012/hc16/1601/1601.pdf>

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MOVIES, our first video on EPEPNET

Do take a look at our first video in the members section of EPEPNET. If you are familiar with our web site then you will know there are also several references and articles on Viewdata and Philips UK MOVIES. To help you understand how advanced and influential these activities were 25 years ago on bringing about the Internet and the single screen for TV and Internet today in 2012, two references which you may have read on our web pages are reminders; MOVIES - the open door to Philips Service

<http://www.epepnet.co.uk/yourarticles/Other%20Items/1990-isaNewsMoviesROCCtoVAX%5B2%5D.pdf>

A Review of the 1980s leading to Retirement

<http://www.epepnet.co.uk/TMetcalfe/1980Review.html>

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Bletchley Park

I am very pleased that the Philips House Pensioners Association has a visit planned for 16 October to Bletchley Park, the place where the German

enigma code used by the German U Boat fleet was broken, saving many lives and ships on the vital North Atlantic Route. More information is available from Peggy Steers peggysteers@aol.com

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Death of a Light Bulb

LEDs are everywhere, following those 'efficiency' discharge bulbs which took some time to produce their full illumination. But before all those clever inventions the tungsten 'coil coiled' and 'rough service' lamps had served us as a much safer successor to gas lighting. Many of us still depend upon this technology for our car side and headlight. Now one of us pensioners John Otten has written a history of this great industry. His book is available from Waterstones and Amazon. John is to be applauded for recording such a significant part of an industry in which Philips and GEC Osram played a major role.

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EURO

Is there enough money in the EU countries to pay off the debt of its member counties? When we read of Irish towns where every new property build during the EURO boom is to be bulldozed you may ask where is the money to pay off the debts? It is all dust and rubble. And still the Commissioners want to increase the EU budget and the UKs contribution. Alongside the bankers are the EU bureaucrats all calling for more of our money to not only sustain their way of life but to enhance it. It is about time we had our say.

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London Olympics

Every form of media has been signed up to promoting the London Olympics. Team GB has done exceptionally well. Some Guardian followers have expressed the opinion that Team GB members have been on 'Lottery benefit' to enable them to live while training. Lets us hope that the volunteers that have performed so well as hosts will take the Olympic spirit of competition and the wish to indulge in sports home and encourage their local schools to do likewise. Unless this happens the benefits of the our investment in 2012 and the London stadia will wither and fail. "Competitive Sport for All Primaries" This was two weeks of TV coverage of excellent sporting competition, bookended by two cheesy luvvie-feasts.

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Frost Lunch

The annual gathering at Frost's Garden centre on Tuesday 24th April attracted 13 Philips House pensioners. A very enjoyable lunch was served by a dedicated waitress, a first at this annual event. As is usual a lot of banter and reminiscing ensued making it a very enjoyable day. The weather was variable precluding the normal group picture, however individual group images were taken and these have now been included in the Frosts link in the 'Your Pictures' page

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