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ARCHIVES

Due to the continued efforts of Philips Pensioners colleagues, our Archives record more of our history and events. Just added is the oldest issue of Philips Group Magazine for 1951, well worth a read and contributed by Margaret Balcombe via Pat Belchamber. Here read more about Balham and early history Also added are two copies of the Southampton 'Contact' magazine for 1980 and 1981, contributed by Derek Jeffs whom many may remember from the Social and sailing Clubs there. Found by the original stimulator for these archives Les Holden, the 'Career in Philips' makes interesting reading showing the breadth of the organization when anything seemed possible in Philips UK 1960. All too frequently the passing of one of our colleagues causes articles and files to be unearthed; In the next example Jean Edwards, Duncan's wife, had contributed 'Mullard and the Television industry' and the Mullard 'Consumer Magazine 1970'. An unlikely item is the 'Definition of an Image', a Philips flyer. A massive gathering of Philips publications is also being collected on the PEPA web site at <http://pepa-online.org.uk/Company-History.php>.

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PENSIONS MATTERS

By now the dust has settled upon the arrangements of your pension. Hearing frequently that other pension funds are in difficulties (BT is the latest) and that the solution is to reduce benefits or extend the date for retirement, how fortunate we were in the timely and beneficial arrangements that were negotiated by our Pension Fund team under David Jordan.

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POLITICS

Last Newsletter I mentioned both Brexit and Trump. Since then we have had the burden of the Manchester explosion at a child's pop concert with so many deaths and injuries plus the horrors of the London Bridge attack.

Very shortly we will be facing the outcome of our General Election and the Brexit negotiations. This is a time we have to draw upon our British strengths and values and confront the EU and Internal threats. But has Trump more contributions to reveal? (Paris climate conference agreements rejected)

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EPEPNET

I am constantly reminded how our team Barry and I work together. Barry has I guess like many of us a partner who requires more support as time goes on, thus leaving less time for our web site updates and management. I am thus very gratefully to Barry for his efforts to keep epepnet going. Our web site is supported and covered until 2018 and with the increasing number of your document contributions to the archives there is a need for more storage. Not a problem but we would like to hear if you think it contents are worth preserving for longer. We think of it as the heritage of Philips UK and its subsidiaries. But what do you think?

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PHILIPS LIGHTING HAMILTON

Philips Hamilton will be celebrating its 70th this year. Their hope is to gather as much as possible about its history into a publication. If you have any information about the site, the people or products, please let me know and I will forward your contributions to Jack Farnham.

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GOLF

Take a swing at this? You may have discovered the Link to Golf in the South, organized by Keith Dunbar? See <http://epepnet.co.uk/KeithDunbar/golf.html> to join in and get the meeting dates and locations.

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