

Fellowship matters – report from our chairman Dick Side

I hope this latest edition of KierLink finds you well and unscathed following a particularly harsh winter. Although some of the Trust's events were affected, attendance at the many festive lunches was at record levels, which bodes well for the success of events during 2011. Unfortunately, the weather conditions in the south-east prevented me from getting to all the festive gatherings I had kindly been invited to attend but hopefully I will be able to make amends over the next year.

I was, however, able to attend the funeral of John Skull, our Tempsford organiser, who sadly passed away on 29 January. His local church was full with many Kier people, past and present, in attendance to pay their last respects. I am sure those that were there would agree that it came across, from the tributes delivered during the service, that working for Kier, and his involvement in the Fellowship Trust, had meant a lot to John and that he will be greatly missed.

It is at times of adversity and ill health that the true spirit of the Fellowship comes to the fore and expressions of concern and the giving of support are truly appreciated by those involved.

Unfortunately, a number of our area organisers have, in the recent past, found themselves in adverse health situations and are still in need of help and support. If you are aware that your area organiser is experiencing difficulties, could you please consider banding together with other members to help share the load. Even organisers that are fit and healthy and full of energy would appreciate your help in organising Fellowship Trust lunches and coach trips to theatres and places of interest etc.

Recent events have emphasised for me how special and probably unique the Fellowship Trust is; but as with all successful voluntary organisations it requires a high level of involvement from its members and commitment from its organisers. There is a great deal of work that goes into staging successful events large and small and, although we rely on our organisers to lead the way, they in turn need to be able to rely on help from local members.

I hope you will be able to increase your involvement and enjoy as many Fellowship Trust events as you possibly can in 2011.

Editor's note

From the comments so far about the new format it appears to be accepted in principle. However, it is your magazine and any constructive suggestions are welcome. There are a number of new correspondents and with the support of the designated directors, members will be able to have a variety of events to look forward to – they do need your support. Our new members list now has the number of years of service included – an interesting exercise to add them up!

An important reminder to all correspondents – last day for copy for the October edition is 31 August 2011. Please send all articles, news items and announcements to: Roger Almond, Editor, KierLink, Cottage Garden, 2 Orchard Road South, March, Cambridgeshire PE15 9DE, Tel: 01354 654601.

Hole in one

A 70-year-old golfer toasted his third hole-in-one at the same Fenland golf course by producing an even better round – in his clubhouse bar!

Formerly of Kier Plant, Geoff Coombs, from Terrington St Clements, had already sunk two wonder shots at Sutton Bridge Golf Club when he did it again at the 188-yard 15th using a Ping 18 degree rescue club.

It was Geoff's second one-shotter on the hole since he took up the game in 1984.

"My first thought was oh dear I've got to buy everyone a drink," laughed Geoff. "If you get a hole-in-one it's you who has to buy the round and there were roughly 20 people in the clubhouse, but I don't mind."

"The shot took one bounce and headed for the green and all of a sudden three people who were playing ahead of us just started jumping up and down and said it had gone straight in the hole."

"Everyone was smiling as much as me to be fair because I think they knew they were going to get a drink."

Despite the achievement, Geoff has no intention of giving up the game just yet. After stepping down as club chairman five days before his dream shot he admits he is still looking forward to more years of striding up the course's fairways.

Geoff, who carded a round of 84 on the par 70 despite the one-shot feat, said: "I was amazed because some people have played for a lot longer than me and never had one but I don't plan to hang up my clubs for at least 20 years."

"I still really love playing because I enjoy the companionship. Golf is so sociable and it's brilliant exercise because you walk about four miles when you play."

"I suppose a hole-in-one is just like aiming at the bull really – now and then you're going to hit it."

Smile please - part two

So, how am I getting on with my new Canon EOS 1D Mk 1V digital camera? Well, most probably not, but I thought I would update you anyway.

It is a beast of a camera that is built to last, hence its cost, being in the region of £4,000 for the body only, lenses are extra. So I very much see this as my last camera. However, I do see myself getting more lenses, as and when the pension allows. I am still amazed that Pat (my wife) allowed me to buy it, but it has given her great leverage when she is looking to buy new clothes, or whatever it is that keep women at the shops for so long.

I would firstly like to thank Jack Thompson for clearing up the query regarding Grafham Water reservoir.

This article is based on wildlife from our own coastline and as space is limited it is a very brief overview concentrating on wildlife that is no bigger than our own little wren. The wren is not, as some may think, our smallest bird. This title is taken by the only slightly smaller goldcrest/firecrest. I am yet to photograph the less common firecrest, but have been more successful with the goldcrest, as you can see. The last two cold winters have taken their toll on these little birds, so numbers are down, but hopefully they will recover.

Even in this country small insects and birds give scope for a large and varied selection of photographic opportunities – starting off with the ever popular summer attractions of butterflies and moths. They belong to the order of lepidoptera and there is no clear difference between the two species. All have two pairs of wings, which are covered in minute scales, and this gives them the colours and patterns that we are so familiar with. We have somewhere in the region of 60 species of butterfly in Britain, but nearly 2,500 species of



Hornet moth



Southern hawker



Comma butterfly



Goldcrest



Hummingbird hawk-moth



Large white butterfly

moths, some of which are to be seen during the day, while a greater number are nocturnal.

Life for these species starts as eggs, which are laid in batches, generally on the underside of leaves. This gives them a ready food supply on their way to becoming caterpillars. The next stage for the caterpillar is the chrysalis, from which the butterfly/moth eventually emerges. The whole process takes about four to six weeks.

I have yet to see the stunning family of swallowtail butterfly. These are generally restricted to the wetter eastern parts of the British Isles. Attached are photographs of the comma, and large white (cabbage white) butterflies – fairly easy subjects to spot. Moths take us into

another world of equally stunning examples, such as the hummingbird hawk-moth, and the hornet moth, to name but two. The hummingbird hawk-moth photograph was taken in Ventnor Botanical Garden on the Isle of Wight. The hornet moth image was very much an opportunist shot, having asked another photographer at Little Paxton Pits Nature Reserve what he was studying so closely. The hornet moth is on the RED endangered list, so this was a very lucky opportunity. It is distinguishable from the hornet wasp as it lacks the waist between the abdomen and the thorax. It is also harmless.

In my next article I intend to cover British fungi, even though Roger Almond has said there may not be 'mushroom' in the forthcoming edition of KierLink!

By Chris Shurlock

Puns

- Those who jump off a bridge in Paris are in Seine
- A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking
- Dijon vu – the same mustard as before
- Practise safe eating – always use condiments
- A hangover is the wrath of grapes
- Dancing cheek-to-cheek is really a form of floor play
- Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?
- Reading while sunbathing makes you well red
- When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I
- A bicycle can't stand on its own because it is two tired
- What's the definition of a will? It's a dead giveaway
- Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana
- In democracy your vote counts. In feudalism your count votes
- She was engaged to a boyfriend with a wooden leg but broke it off
- A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion
- If you don't pay your exorcist, you get repossessed
- With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress
- The man who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered
- You feel stuck with your debt if you can't budge it
- Local Area Network in Australia – the LAN down under
- Every calendar's days are numbered
- A lot of money is tainted – taint yours and taint mine
- A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat
- He had a photographic memory that was never developed
- A midget fortune-teller who escapes from prison is a small medium at large
- Once you've seen one shopping centre, you've seen a mall
- Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead-to-know basis
- Shotgun wedding – a case of wife or death
- A man needs a mistress just to break the monogamy
- Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses
- Acupuncture is a jab well done.

National Golf Day, Harpenden Gold Club, Monday 5 September 2011

I am pleased to advise you that John Grover has completed his negotiations for this year's National Golf Day, which will be held on Monday 5 September at Harpenden Golf Club, Hammonds End, Redbourn Lane, Harpenden AL5 2AX. The following programme has been arranged:

11.15am	Meet for coffee
12 noon onwards	Tee-off time
6 – 6.30pm	Two-course evening meal

The cost is £45 per person; any members/partners who wish to join us for the evening meal will be welcome at an additional cost of £18.50.

Can I ask you to co-ordinate with members in your area who wish to play at this attractive location and let me have their names, handicaps and fees prior to **24 August 2011** at the latest. Cheques should be made payable to Kier Group Fellowship Trust. If you have any queries please let me know.

For those enthusiastic and dedicated golfers who wish to play in the national competition, as well as some of the local competitions, a joint Rushden/Tempsford Golf Day will be held on **Wednesday 1 June** at Pavenham Golf Club, Pavenham, Bedfordshire. The total cost for this event will be £37.50. This will include coffee and bacon baps on arrival, 18 holes of golf and a two-course evening meal. Please let me know direct, together with handicap and payment of fee. Cheques should be made payable to Kier Group Fellowship Trust. Look forward to hearing from you.

John Stamford

KierPlus benefits scheme

Since the KierPlus benefit scheme has been made available to the Trust, over 270 members have registered their details to take advantage of the scheme, which includes genuine savings and discounts from a selection of retailers, travel companies and mobile phone providers to name but a few.

Members who wish to know more about the scheme or to register should contact their local area organiser for information.

Please ensure that your application form is completed as required as there have been problems particularly with incorrect or incomplete insurance numbers and letters.

Brendan O'Boyle

Around the regions

A special thank you to the area organisers who have now 'retired again' from their duties: Revie Morris (Boston Spa) and Frank Furlong (Rushden), and a warm welcome to their successors. I trust that all members will give them enthusiastic support.

Regional area office	Organiser	Designated director	Company
Boston Spa	Katherine Leadley	Tyd Gray	Kier Northern
Cheltenham	Hugh Sweet	John Mackman	Kier Moss
Liverpool/Manchester	Norman England	David Jenkins	Kier Northern
Loughton	Geoff Brown	Keith Bishop	Kier London
Witham	John Simson	Nick Bache	Kier Eastern
Maidstone	Anne Ransley	Peter Searle	Kier Southern
Maple Cross	Terry Delany	Norman Elliott	Kier London
Havant/Southampton	Graham Willoughby	Martin Orr	Kier Southern
Newport/ Bristol	Nick Jones	Martyn Osborne	Kier Western
Plymouth	Shirley Riddle	Peter Young	Kier Western
Rushden	Brian Hill	Greig Marshall	Kier Marriott
Wisbech	Andrew Pallant	Graham Howe	Kier Eastern
National events	John Stamford		Kier Group

Boston Spa: Katherine Leadley

Membership of the Boston Spa branch now stands at 47. Since the last KierLink we have held three events, the first being a Sunday lunch at the Dintingdale Restaurant at Scarthingwell Golf Course, which was attended by 23 members and guests and enjoyed by all. The second was a Christmas party held at the Milford Hotel. This was attended by 25 revellers, of which 16 stayed the night and all were up in time for breakfast! Lastly, we held a lunch on 13 March – once again at the Milford Hotel.

Cheltenham: Hugh Sweet

Twenty members from the Cheltenham and Birmingham areas visited the National Arboretum Memorial to the war-dead at Alrewas, near Lichfield, on 21 October. Unfortunately the area representative had to cry off with back trouble, but those who went found it a most moving, though somewhat chilly, experience.

The Christmas lunch was a less sombre affair, and 44 members and spouses enjoyed an extremely good and festive lunch on 16 December at the Cotswolds Hill Golf Club. We were joined by John Mackman and Janet Balligar from Kier Moss, which has been most supportive of the Fellowship, both financially and administratively, throughout the year.

Maidstone: Anne Ransley

We held our Christmas luncheon on Wednesday 15 December at Wealden Hall in Larkfield, Kent. This event proved very popular; 82 guests attended and because of the numbers it appeared that everyone was able to meet up with someone they recognised and

there were plenty of conversations taking place. Dick Side very kindly said grace, and during coffee I thanked everyone for coming and detailed my hopes for 2011 and the outings we have provisionally arranged. Dick then gave a speech and kindly asked if anyone could help me sometimes, to which came a couple of immediate responses, lovely.

On 31 January I closed our register for our trips on 2 March 2011 to Brick Lane Theatre in London to see a variety music hall medley. This theatre provides either lunch, afternoon tea or dinner and since this was our first visit I decided to take afternoon tea. If popular, we can always take lunch or dinner on another event. This theatre appears to be very much in demand and I found it quite hard to book for a group of guests, but fortunately we managed to get this slot and the event was extremely enjoyable.

On 25 May we are planning a visit to Brugge for the day. Last year we visited St Omar which everyone enjoyed and it spurred me on to take our members a little further afield this time. We will be leaving Maidstone at 7.00am and taking the shuttle to Calais booked for 9.20am. I understand there is plenty to see and do in Brugge and I am sure everyone will have an enjoyable day.

Wisbech: Sonia Webb & Andrew Pallant

Over the winter period two lunches have taken place at The Red Lion in Wisbech and the well attended and popular Christmas lunch was again held at The Crown Lodge Hotel in Outwell.

Weatherspoons in Wisbech is the venue for an occasional pie and pint while putting the world to rights.

Further feasts are in the pipeline, hopefully ending with satisfaction in the gullet! A trip to London to see Dreamboats and Petticoats took place and for health & safety reasons certain members of the party were issued with a 'lost and found' label to ensure their safe return to the coach!

Travellers' tales

Seen on a sign in Boston (Massachusetts) 'No parking – violators will be towed' to which had been added 'and toads will be violated'!

Recounted by a tour guide in Uluru (Ayers Rock), Australia, which is a sacred location of the Aboriginal people with certain 'no go' areas. An American tourist group asked if they could climb the rock – which is frowned upon – and if there was a café and gift shop on top!

Tales from the past

Part of the Barking remodelling scheme carried out by W&C French for British Rail in the mid 50s was to construct a reinforced concrete rail underpass east of Barking Station. Temporary sheet steel piles had to be driven, due to the confines of the site, to facilitate the work.

The piling foreman was a character by the name of Andrew Norman, who was better known by his sobriquet 'toot'. Toot was setting up shop in an adjacent coal yard when the coal merchant arrived and asked questions about the project. 'What holds the earth back?' he asked. 'Sheet piles' was the reply. 'How are they driven into the ground?' 'By a hammer' was the answer. 'What makes the hammer work?' 'Steam'. 'Where does the steam come from?' 'That boiler' responded Toot, pointing to a large vertical boiler with a small token pile of coal by the fire door. 'What does it burn?' asked the merchant in a querulous voice. 'Coal' was the abrupt reply. 'Then I'd better move my coal' said the rather shocked man, looking around at his large stockpiles'. 'Well if you don't guv, I soon bloody well will' – and he did.

Rushden: Brian Hill

Since our last published report we have been busy as usual. Last August we had a day trip to Scarborough and Whitby followed by a trip to Woburn Golf Club to watch The Masters Golf Tournament.

In September 35 members visited the Malvern Autumn Flower Show and had a great time viewing the many exhibits.

October saw our annual ferret race night where we raised over £800 for the social side of Mencap – great fun.

November was the Lord Mayor's Show in London closely followed by Christmas shopping in Nottingham.

On a very cold and snowy Sunday in December we attended the Rochester Dickens Market – 36 members braved the elements.

Just before Christmas 42 members attended our annual visit to the Guards Chapel in London for the carol service.

The Friday before Christmas 20 members attended Pavenham Golf Club for a Strictly Dinner and Dance Evening – thoroughly enjoyed by all even if the weather was cold, frosty and snowy.

Starting 2011 we have just returned from an evening in Melton Mowbray. Now what is this town famous for? You're correct... pork pies. Twenty members including past chairman John Stamford and his wife Deidre had to make a pork pie – great fun and I understand they were all edible.

Our New Year trip to Mechelen

We departed Rushden at 4.30am on 30 December and for the first leg of our journey we travelled by Eurotunnel to Calais. On the way to our hotel we had a stop over in Ostende which gave us a chance to stretch our legs after our travels. We then continued on to Mechelen where we had time to relax before dinner after which we had an early night by our standards.

On Friday 31 December we had a lovely day at leisure in Mechelen – a lovely town with lots of shops and interesting places to visit.



In the evening we had a superb dinner followed by music and dancing – the guys in their dinner suits and the gals looking really glamorous as usual in their finest.



At midnight we strolled into the town square to watch the magnificent display of fireworks and then returned to the hotel for our second New Year UK time.

Saturday 1 January we had a trip to Antwerp where we enjoyed a Christmas market and a ride on the carousel, then back to the hotel to prepare for our fancy dress evening, the theme this year was In the Pink. What fun we had with characters such as Pink Panther, Barbie, Miss Piggy, The Pink Ladies and a Les Dawson's mother-in-law look-a-like, plus many more.



We checked out and began our journey home on 2 January, stopping off at the city of Brugge en route. The city is beautiful and we had time to view the many interesting buildings and the canals and have a good lunch, before making our way back to Calais. All had a wonderful time and the hotel and staff were first class.

We are off to Malta before Easter, then our annual trip to the Royal Albert Hall for the Mountbatten Festival of Music before our regular visits to gardens and our attempts to make mystery trips different and enjoyable.

Liverpool/Manchester: Norman England

Another Halloween themed lunch took place at the ever popular Fairways Restaurant at Houghwood Golf Club. Our Christmas Fayre lunch was again at the Village Hotel and Leisure Club, Whiston, Prescot, and was enjoyed by 38 people.

The 47th annual reunion dinner was held on 4 March at the usual venue, Suites Hotel, Knowsley. We were joined by divisional director David Jenkins and managing director Nigel Brook, who gave a summary of Kier Northern's progress during the year.

A further spring luncheon was held in April at the Fairways Restaurant at Houghwood Golf Club.

Finally, I have to report the sad news of the passing away of Clive Snook, Frank Lloyd, Jim Harwood, Bill Garbutt and Peter Foster.

Tempsford: Harold Thompson

Since the last issue, we have only had two events – lunches in November and December – as our events start in March each year. There was an especially good attendance at the Christmas lunch on 14 December at The Anchor, Little Paxton. All who attended were looked after splendidly and enjoyed their chosen meals.

In 2011 we will try one or two new lunch venues and a mixture of dates i.e. in some months we will meet on the second Tuesday and in others we will meet on the second Thursday. We hope this will enable some who have not joined us previously to do so, but this may mean that some who normally attend are unable to do so! We are planning a joint golf day with the Rushden area for 1 June at Pavenham Golf Club. For more details see page 3.

Wednesday 1 June: Tempsford/Rushden areas joint golf day at Pavenham.

Thursday 9 June: Lunch at The Five Bells, Henlow, SG16 6AE – rendezvous at 12.15pm. Pay as you go. We enjoyed it last year.

Sunday 26 June: Summer Garden Party in the grounds of Tempsford Hall. The popular mix of good food, wine, live music, dance floor and raffle. £16 each. Ticket price held at last year's level.

Tuesday 12 July: Lunch at The Greyhound Inn, Hayes, MK45 3QD – rendezvous at 12.15pm. Pay as you go. Our second visit.

Thursday 11 August: Lunch at The White Horse, Broom SG19 9NN – rendezvous at 12.15pm. Pay as you go. We thought we would try this one this year instead of The Cock Inn.

Monday 5 September: The Fellowship Golf Day at Harpenden. £45 each. Ticket price held at last year's level. See page 3 for details.

Thursday 8 September: Lunch at The Orchard Harvester, 1 Riverfield Drive, Bedford MK41 0SE – rendezvous at 12.15pm. Pay as you go. A new venue for us.

Tuesday 11 October: Lunch at The Green Man, Southill Road, Stanford, Beds SG18 9JG – rendezvous at 12.15pm. Pay as you go. This has become a regular venue.

Tuesday 8 November: Lunch at The Anchor, Great Barford, Beds MK44 3LF – rendezvous at 12.15pm. Pay as you go. Another favourite (even though it usually rains on the day).

Thursday 8 December: Our Christmas get-together at The Anchor, Little Paxton PE19 6HA – rendezvous at 12.15pm. Pay as you go – but pre-order menu. A popular favourite.

Welcome to our new members

Name	City/town	Area	Worked for	Length of service (years)
Alan Gray	Sheffield	Kier Northern	Kier Northern, Kier International, Kier Construction	21
Linda Palmer	Rickmansworth	Maple Cross	Kier Southern	6
Peter Wallbank	Waterlooville	Havant	Kier Southern	42
Alan Pearson	Bexley	Kent	Kier Wallis	23
Deryk Uprichard	Bedford	Tempsford	French Kier, Kier Construction	7
Roy Stantiall	Fareham	Southampton	Kier Southern	13
Keith Dunlop	Eastbourne	Aylesford	Kier South East, Kier Southern	33
Derek Pinkard	Plymouth	Plymouth	Companies not offices!	18
Keith Bygraves	Paignton	Plymouth	Kier Group, Kier Brazier, Kier Wallis (western), Dudley Coles, Kier Western	18
Roy Northover	Ormskirk	Liverpool	Kier North West	11
Edwin West	Rushden	Rushden	Kier Marriott	44
Dermott Smallman	Kettering	Rushden	Kier Marriott	35
Gill Hardwick	Newport	Newport	Kier Western	43
George O'Connel	London	Maple Cross	Kier Scaffolding	26
Paul Tucker	Solihull	Birmingham	Kier Moss	11
John Morrow	Pangbourne	Maple Cross	Kier Construction, Simplex, Kier International, Kier Western, Kier London	43
Geoffrey Collier	Kettering	Rushden	Kier Marriott	40
David Green	Rawcliffe	Boston Spa	Kier Northern	30
Christopher West	Mundesley-on-Sea	Tempsford	French Kier, Kier Developments, French Kier, Kier Property Investment	11
Brendan O'Boyle	Harrow Weald	Maple Cross	Kier Southern	44
Hilary Edmunds	Bushey	Maple Cross	Kier Southern	18
Tony Edmunds	Bushey	Maple Cross	Kier Southern	4
Brian Martin	London	London	Kier Wallis	39
Terrence Elliott	High Halstow	Bromley	Kier Wallis	15
Brian Sadler	Emsworth	Havant	Henry Jones	37
Bernard Pealing	Maghull	North West	Kier North West	41
Robert Gladwell	Gravesend	Aylesford/Bromley	Kier Wallis	24
Linda Taylor	Newbury	Newbury	Kier Moss	11
Michael Lee	Chelmsford	Witham	Kier Wallis	22
Susan Cox	Paxton	Tempsford	Kier Managed Services	12
Barry Cook	Liverpool	Liverpool	Kier Northern (Liverpool)	31
Paul Greenly	Outwell	Wisbech	W&C French, French Kier Construction, Kier Eastern	40
David Bradbury	Nailsea	South West/ South Wales	Kier Western	10
Steven Whitehead	St Albans	London	Bellwinch Homes	36
Michael Harmer	Southsea	Maidstone	Kier Southern, Henry Jones	46
Peter Gibbs	Copmanthorpe	Boston Spa	Kier Northern	13
Christopher Murphy	Hazlemere	Rushden	Kier Marriott	4
Ian Williams	Waterlooville	Havant	Kier Southern	24
John Burbidge	Tenterden	Maidstone	Kier Wallis, Kier Southern, Kier South East	8
Richard Hayes	Hinckley	Tempsford	Kier Construction	19
Peter Barker	Chichester	Havant	Kier Southern	12
Lesley Wood	Eaton Socon	Tempsford	Twigden Homes, Kier Homes	6
Carl Crane	Dartford	Bromley	Kier Wallis	39
Pamela Dowling	Staplehurst	Maidstone	Kier Wallis	14
Patrick Woods	Eastleigh	Southern	Brazier Construction	10
Roger Osgood	Bognor Regis	Havant	Kier Southern	15
John Dickerson	Clacton-on-Sea	Witham	Kier Facilities Services	9
Esmy Penn	Westford	Havant	Kier Southern	6
Elaine Handley	Solihull	Birmingham	Kier Moss	9

Obituaries

Stanley Grant	5 July 2010
Jean King	6 July 2010
Mary Hardy	18 July 2010
John Holding	24 July 2010
Phyllis Cullis	28 July 2010
Louis MacPherson	8 August 2010
Patrick Murphy	9 August 2010
Lily West	13 August 2010
William Morton	16 August 2010
John Harrow	2 September 2010
Peter King	2 September 2010
John Harrow	2 September 2010
Peter King	2 September 2010
Harold Davies	3 September 2010
Philip Truckel	11 September 2010
David Halford	19 September 2010
Gilbert Millar	19 September 2010
David Halford	19 September 2010
Gilbert Millar	19 September 2010
Marjorie Gamble	20 September 2010
Constance Turner	27 September 2010
Rita Shepherd	4 October 2010
James Dunton	4 October 2010
David Worth	7 October 2010
Jesse Harrison	9 October 2010
John Exley	10 October 2010
Ronald Hazel	18 October 2010
Derick Houghton	21 October 2010
Diana Jones	22 October 2010
Leonard Coldicott	24 October 2010
Peter Underwood	27 October 2010
Tony Avery	28 October 2010
Albert Sargent	30 October 2010
Geoffrey Harker	3 November 2010
Frank Lloyd	4 November 2010
Walter Barnes	9 November 2010
Gerald O'Reilly	11 November 2010
Paul Dellar	18 November 2010
Gwendoline Parker	18 November 2010
Leonard Seymour	24 November 2010
Barbara Elsworth	24 November 2010
Lesley Fluck	4 December 2010
Ken Stoneman	7 December 2010
Roy Willingale	10 December 2010
Herbert Willingale	12 December 2010
Paul Petrucci	14 December 2010
Brian Spratt	25 December 2010
Edward Dunion	30 December 2010
James Richardson	30 December 2010
John McNally	5 January 2011
Bernard Avery	5 January 2011
Christina Price	9 January 2011
Brenda Roberts	16 January 2011
James Harwood	17 January 2011
Allan Jordan	20 January 2011
Raymond Sayer	20 January 2011
Marjorie Guerin	25 January 2011
John Skull	29 January 2011
Derek Morgan	30 January 2011
Doreen Taylor	3 February 2011
Robert Trotter	9 February 2011
David Roberts	11 February 2011
Doris Rowley	12 February 2011
John Clark	20 February 2011
Rita Spratt	21 February 2011
Peter Foster	22 February 2011
Joyce Shephard	26 February 2011
George Perkins	26 February 2011
George Moody	27 February 2011

John Skull

It is with great sadness that we report the untimely death of a dear friend and colleague John Skull who passed away peacefully in his sleep early on Saturday 29 January following a bravely borne illness.

John joined the Group in 1969. A talented draughtsman with a keen eye for detail, John fulfilled several roles during his long career, latterly as bid manager. Following his retirement in October 2001 he continued working for Kier Build fulfilling photographic assignments for the company. He was an active member of the Kier Group Fellowship Trust and as the Tempsford area organiser, staged a series of successful events locally.

At John's funeral in Little Paxton on 16 February, St James' Church was full to capacity with standing room only as Kier colleagues past and present joined John's family and friends to show their last respects. Kier Build business development manager Gordon Mackenzie delivered a tribute on behalf of Kier, expressing the high degree of affection and respect in which John was held by his many colleagues. He will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by many.

Our thoughts are with John's wife Jean, daughter Andrea and family.

Kenneth Reginald Stoneman

It is with sadness that we report the death of Ken Stoneman, who passed away on Tuesday 7 December 2010. Ken joined W&C French in 1950 after leaving the army. During his time with the company he was a cashier, a surveyor and finally site manager on the various maintenance contracts that Kier London had with London Underground and various boroughs in and around London, before taking an early retirement in March 1992.

In the latter part of the 90s the company was in the process of forming the Fellowship Trust. Ken was asked if he would undertake the position of area organiser for the London area and, along with Doug Hutchin representing Witham, formed the London/Witham branch. This he carried out with a great deal of dedication arranging luncheons, golf days and other events during the first ten years of the Trust. He then felt it was time to put his feet up and enjoy his retirement.

He will be sorely missed by all.

John William Exley 1923-2010

Jack as he was known to his friends joined Kier in 1960 working as plant engineer on several power station sites. In later years he was plant manager on a number of major projects, including Port Talbot Ore Unloading Terminal, Devonport Dockyard and Gascoigne Wood Mine. Prior to his retirement in 1988 he was plant manager at Sherburn in Elmet for French Kier Northern.

Jack joined the Fellowship soon after its formation and was a regular at luncheons with his wife Doris; in recent years he was driven to events by his daughter Lois. He was always involved in discussion about contracts on which he was employed, often involving ancient batching plants and stubborn concrete pumps. His recollections of friends and other characters he met were endless.

Jack also kept in touch with his old friends from the forces and regularly attended reunions. He was a corporal in the Royal Engineers and part of the First Airborne Division involved in the liberation of Norway on 8 May 1945.

Jack was a good friend of us all, a gentleman who will be sorely missed at future events.