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PENSION INSURANCE CORPORATION

The latest issue of Insight November 2015 spells out the final buy-out of our pension fund by PIC. Earlier buy-outs have been made by Prudential and Rothesay Life.

During the last 12 months or so our PPC and in particular Aubrey Dunsford have kept us informed and dispelled our fears as the deals were negotiated. The outcome, with several tranches of extra money from Philips, is that our pension conditions have been secured. I understand that in contrast many other Philips 'national' pension funds are not so well placed. This result for the UK fund is in no doubt down to the leadership and negotiation skills of our funds trustees and chairman, David Jordan.

During the first two to three months of 2016 we will each receive a letter from the insurance company that now pays our pension, re-iterating the conditions.

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ARCHIVES

By now you will have noted and found the extra option on the left of our epepnet home page. Have you explored our Archives?

As a consequence of some 30 years of Philips Post and Horizons and New Horizons being offered to me by Les Holden many things have been undertaken. The first was to commit to scanning them and loading onto our epepnet web site, following our motto 'Information not shared is forgotten'.

These historic Philips Electronics UK papers rectify the airbrushed history shown on the current Philips UK site. This needed the acquisition of an A3 scanner - we all have A4 scanners in our 'all-in-one-printers' - but as you may remember the Philips Post was larger than the A4 Horizons.

The next was to determine the best way to enable them to be read. As journals one expects to 'page', so some software 'flip page builder' was thought necessary and learnt by Barry, our web editor.

Experimental scans were made to determine the best DPI in order that once on the web they could be read, by if necessary 'magnification'. Armed with this information, the pile of original journals were scanned in PDF. We now have some 30 or so years loaded. Enjoy!

There are gaps and nothing earlier than 1985. This is where you can help. Do you have copies of the missing or early issues? If you have can they be added and the stories shared? Please let Tony M know by email <mailto:tonymetcalf@ntlworld.com>. The originals will be taken great care of and returned once scanned. A final New Year bit of good news is that our web site is secured until 2020, longer if you write confirming your support. [\(return to top\)](#)

