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PHILIPS ELECTRONICS UK - the FUTURE

You may have read our Company is to split into two with Lighting being separated ready for sale and the rest Healthcare and Consumer brought together under the Health Tech name. It is difficult for us to comprehend having been part of Mullard group of factories or MEL or one of the Pye or other subsidiaries to know that TV, Audio have been sold and there is no ELCOMA.

The realisation by our Pension Trustees that the backup of our fund which is by Philips Electronics UK will be reduced to just Health Tech which is about 1/10 or less the size of our original UK enterprise and that in pension support terms 'size matters'. Also our fund is 'closed' - no more new members - making the time ripe for our pension pots to be sold to insurance companies with appropriate guarantees. Maybe you have had a PIE or other pension offer as described in the Trustee Update of August 2015?

It follows that the company support for the PEPA Annual Reunion and maybe printing and postage of the 3 time per year Newsletter will decline. So 'times are changing'.

http://www.philips.com/shared/assets/gb/about_redesign/pdf/Philips_UK_Corporate_Brochure.pdf

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PHILIPS ELECTRONICS UK - ARCHIVE

Have you searched/Googled for your company on the Internet? It appears that the UK's history and achievements have been airbrushed from official records.

See:- <http://www.philips.co.uk/about/company/global/history/ourheritage/index.page>

The UK Heritage is much more than mentioned there. However, you will find ex-employees are taking steps to rectify this.

See the excellent effort by Roger Crabtree for Pye's history at:-
<http://www.pyemuseum.org/>

Thoughts on creating a more expansive archive were stimulated by some 100 issues of the UK Philips Post and Horizons given to me by Les Holden. Reading through these issues I was struck by how well they recorded products and people as events happened. They would make a real and truthful Archive and should be both preserved and shared. What better way than to get them on to the Internet.

Unfortunately, some issues are missing and more important nothing earlier than Philips Post December 1984. The December 1984 issue is particularly interesting because it lists each of the 27 UK sites and names the local correspondent, the new coordinator David Whitter who in turn bids farewell to retiring editor Barry Whitehead.

<p>PHILIPS POST is produced bi-monthly for the employees of the Philips Group in the UK, from Arundel Great Court, 8 Arundel Street, London WC2R 3DT.</p> <p>YOUR CORRESPONDENTS Washington Barbara Taylor Hamilton Tom Wright Medical Systems Larry Lattimore Welding Alan Turnbull Southampton Brian White Crossens Derek Macklam Hazel Grove Arthur Woodworth Durham Anne Lee Mitcham Howel Griffiths Simonsione Stan Douthwaite Blackburn Doug Dobson MEL Mark Hope City House Joan Gunstone Halifax Judith Mackintosh</p> <p>Mullard House Annette Bley Philips Service Ron Pickering Sports & Social Club, Cambridge & Pye Assoc. Peter MacCorkindale Pye TVT John Hawes TMC Jim Fewell Pye Unicam Max Wieland Data Systems, Colchester Jan Newman AGC John Richardson C & C Div. Richard Peoples Croydon David Bennett Hastings Debbie Mills Swift-Sasco Sharon Puddephatt</p> <p>PHILIPS</p> 	<p>FAREWELL, BARRY</p> <p>BARRY Whitehead was one of the first individuals I was introduced to when I joined Philips in April of this year.</p> <p>Although he had by that time already left the company and was acting as freelance editor, I knew from our first meeting that here was someone who knew a lot about the Philips organisation, and who was willing most generously to share that knowledge and expertise freely with myself as a newcomer.</p> <p>His cheerfulness and enthusiasm were infectious, and have helped to make my first months with this Company as enjoyable as they have been busy.</p> <p>I am sure that all who have known Barry in Philips (not forgetting our pensioners, and especially our correspondents) would like to join with me in wishing Barry a merry Christmas, happy New Year, and an active and successful future in his freelance activities.</p> <p>David Whitter, UK Corporate Relations.</p>
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It also features the Domesday Project which I am sure you will remember and gets mentions on TV and radio in 2015.

Missing issues:

New Horizons 1986/7 issues 22 and 23 and

Philips Post prior to December 1984 issue 90

What do **YOU** think?

How important is it to **YOU** to have a company archive?

Do **YOU** have any of the missing issues?

Please give your support and email Tony M or the webmaster.

The good news is that Martin Armstrong at Philips Electronics UK Guildford has signaled support - 'Your proposed project looks to be an excellent one'. So far company digital copies have not been located so the hunt is on for either a third party who can help with scanning our copies or for an A3 scanner to be obtained for a bit of DIY"

This is truly a great example of 'Information not shared is forgotten'.

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