

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

As mentioned at the opening we lost a good mate in Dave Robson this year. His wife Brenda has written to me and asked that I pass on the family's thanks for all the good wishes that were sent and also to those members who attended the funeral. The Assoc. donated a sum of money to a local leukaemia charity in his memory.

My thanks to David for the organising this weekend. And to the rest of the committee for their work over the past year. The creation of the membership sec.'s position has been a great success and we now have a good grasp of who are active members. Thanks Bill for your efforts in that. Also need to thank Mo Pritchard, who is standing down as vice chairman, for his efforts in getting the ass. off the ground.

promised visit

On a lighter note this year saw the 50th anniversary of myself and Pusser Hill joining up and meeting each other in Raleigh. To mark the occasion we decided to go to the UJC for the weekend and go to a show. We were joined by George, Jim and Brian and their wives. Everybody had a great weekend except of course for me who collapsed in Waterloo station and spent the weekend in a London hospital.

Finally I think we need to give some serious thought and discussion as to what we want to do with the association in the future. Membership means different things to different people and for various reasons many of our members decided not to attend this year. We all understand, and have family and other commitments that may clash with our dates. However I worry that our reunions are becoming a less attractive outing for some people. I'm sure we will have some feedback in any other business. My best wishes to you all for the coming year,