

Perspective – Spring 2014

The Newsletter of the IBM Hursley Retirees' Club



EX CATHEDRA

Another busy year for our Club and its Members.

The important business of the AGM this year was the acquisition of a new Constitution for the Club. For some time, IBM has been keen that Retiree Clubs across the UK should operate under a Constitution with common rules. Thanks to your vote last month, this is now in place and available on the website. The new Constitution also changes the Club's name to IBM Hursley Retirees Club from the rather lengthy IBM Retired Employee Club (Hursley Branch). Cheques for your trips will be a little easier to write!

It's worth remembering that for Members of the Club, events organised by every IBM Club across the UK are open to colleagues provided there's space. Each Club's website usually has details of events being planned.

2014 shows every prospect of being a busy and eventful time for us all. The Hursley programme of outings is well on its way to you, whether by email or the "real" Mail.

At this year's AGM, we had a rush of blood to the head and conducted a short survey of Members' experiences and preferences regarding the general programme of outings. My thanks to the nearly one hundred diners who completed the page. An analysis, unprofessional as it is, suggests that your Committee is broadly right in our choice of venues but could sometimes be a little more adventurous. Of course, the constraints of journey time and venue catering capacity are elements which offer no easy solution when considering otherwise very attractive options. London and local theatre visits are always welcomed and frequently oversubscribed. Historic cities and buildings continue to be popular, as do steam engines of every size! Popular mini-trip destinations suggested include the Lake District, Yorkshire and the near Continent. Other ideas include a Hursley BBQ one evening and regular coffee mornings at the Clubhouse.

Whilst the general view is that "if it ain't broke, don't fix it", there were also some excellent suggestions which will be good input to decisions on the 2015 programme later this year. Thanks to those who took the time to comment.

Please do email me chairman@hurrec.org.uk if you have any other suggestions for trips or comments that will help us run the Club for all our Members.

Best wishes.

Martin

Martin Hughes
Chairman

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AGM

MINUTES OF THE 2014 AGM HELD AT HURSLEY ON TUESDAY 11 MARCH 2014

1. WELCOME

The meeting was opened at 7.30pm by the Chairman, Martin Hughes, who welcomed Hugh Proudman, Program Director Information and Analytics Development and Paul Dixon, IBM Pensions Operations Manager.

2. HURSLEY LAB UPDATE

Hugh Proudman was pleased to announce that Hursley Lab has a new leader, Rob Lamb, his title is: SWG M&D Europe and Hursley Lab Leader. He had previously worked at Hursley in 2000/01 so it was especially good to welcome him back. New Initiatives were continually evolving, a Think Academy was one, which was a new approach to learning for IBMers, Hugh spoke highly of another scheme being run in Armonk by Ginni Rometty for key customers and IBM Experts. This is called Think Fridays and met once a month covering diverse subjects such as Security, Africa, Social Media, Big Data and Cloud. Hugh was also pleased to say IBM were celebrating 21 years of Invention and Patent leadership which covered a very broad range of innovation. Lastly he announced IBM Mainframe50, this is to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the IBM mainframe and an event is planned at the IBM Hursley Clubhouse on Thursday 24th April to which Hursley retirees are invited.

3. APOLOGIES

One apology received.

4. MINUTES OF THE 2013 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the 2013 AGM were distributed and adopted. Proposed by : Richard Wright, seconded by Guy Smales.

5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman was sorry to announce that there had been 28 Hursley retirees who had passed away this year and he read out their names. He reminded people that this information is kept up to date on the Hursley Retiree website.

The 2014 programme was now finalised and will be sent out very soon. There had been a drive this year to encourage more email distribution of newsletters and trip information. The challenge for the future would be to have all communications on electronic mail and thus reduce paper, postage costs and time spent stuffing envelopes.

Martin thanked the committee for their hard work during the year and especially thanked Tony Compton who was standing down from the committee after 20 years service, 11 years of which had been as treasurer. The remaining committee were re-elected although we are always looking for more members to join us and help put our programme together each year.

Martin then welcomed Paul Dixon to talk about the Pensions Trust.

6. PENSIONS OPERATIONS MANAGER – PAUL DIXON.

Paul explained how the Pensions Department operates. This is run as a separate company and they have 60 employees. He showed a presentation giving details of numbers of members of the IBM Pension Scheme, also Trustee Board and changes. No judgement has been received following the Good Faith Court Case held last year. This is expected very soon and the result will be communicated in due course.

In April 'My Pension' will be launched. This will enable each retiree to have access to their pension details online. There will be the ability to update any personal changes, see payment history, view P60 information and update bank details. Also there will be a "contact us" box and feedback is welcome. This is a new system which will be monitored during the coming year and updated as necessary.

From the floor there were some questions regarding Equitable Life and Paul said his department could look into any outstanding matters on an individual basis. ATOS was the company handling this and there were 2000 more cases being investigated. IBM would monitor the situation.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

In the absence of John Jones, Ron Wilks stepped up to present the financial report for 2013 expenditure, and thanked John Dennis for auditing the accounts.

The income/expense account for the year ending 31st December 2013 was distributed at the meeting and Ron went through it explaining the various costings.

In 2013 we spent £318 on public liability. This cover is now paid for and shared between IBM UK Clubs.

Report accepted: Proposed: Richard Walker. Seconded Ted Bell.

8. REVISION OF THE CLUB CONSTITUTION

A new constitution had been agreed including a change of name to IBM Hursley Retirees Club. The new wording had previously been circulated via email prior to the meeting. The meeting was reminded that the new name of the club has been simplified to IBM Hursley Retirees Club and this should now be used on all cheques when applying for trips.

Proposed: Guy Smales, Seconded: Roger Barnes. Carried.

9. PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Merv gave the results of this competition. The photographs submitted had been shown on a screen during the meal so everyone could see the entries.

1st Rafe Pascual – Dorset Steam Fayre

2nd Geoff Sharman – HMS Warrior

3rd Alan Gordon – Trelissick Gardens

Merv thanked all those who had participated in this competition.

AOB

Martin Hughes thanked everyone for coming to the AGM and looked forward to the coming year's programme. He reminded everyone that the departure time for the trips is as stated on the sheets and this will be strictly adhered to. There is a mobile phone number listed so that this can be used on the day for any urgent messages.

The meeting closed at 9.05p.m.

FAQ's for trips

Notification

For those trips that you are requested to supply a stamped addressed envelope, you will receive notification of whether you have been successful in your application for that trip. For all others, just turn up to Hursley, follow the signs to Retiree Parking, park, join a coach, and enjoy the day

Cancellation

None of us are getting younger, and the gremlins come and attack us from time to time. If you have booked on a trip and find that you can't go, please phone Harry Helyar. If Harry does not answer the phone, just leave a clear message. What many do not realise is that Harry has a deputy plan in place for when he away from home, so messages do get listened to, and Harry is made aware.

By cancelling, you may help us to save money by reducing the number of coaches we have booked, or allow someone else who is on a waiting list to go in your place. Of course, if you cancel then your cheque is torn up, another benefit.

Even on the day you can help us by cancelling, just call the club's mobile telephone.

Emergency

Should an emergency arise while on a trip you should call the club's mobile telephone **07505-094887** which will be carried, unless you have been otherwise advised, by the trip organiser.

Leaving on time

Please do make sure you arrive at Hursley before the planned departure time, and also be **back at the coach at the stated times**. The coaches need to depart within minutes of the stated time. If you have a last minute problem, call the club's mobile. They will leave without you if you are not there.

2013 Photographic Competition Winners

Third Place

Third place goes to Alan Gordon for this shot of Trelissick Gardens.



Second Place

Second place goes to Geoff Sharman for this picture of HMS Warrior, taken at Portsmouth Dockyard



First Place

The winner of the 2013 Retiree Club Photographic competition was Rafe Pascual for this evening photograph of a large Ferris wheel at the Dorset Steam Fayre.



Our thanks to Brynja Maughan for judging the competition and supplying constructive critiques on each of the photographs.

2014 Trips

Royal Bath & West Show

29th May



A day when town and country all come together to provide a show for everyone. As always, we will expect the animals on show to be some of the best beasts in the country with their owners all trying to get that coveted gold rosette.

For those with an interest in flora, marquees housing the horticultural exhibitors and the floral art displays will provide endless enjoyment.



Having walked around, visited the trade stands, sampled the various offerings in the food halls, it will be time to sit down and relax while watching one of the many display that will take place in the show rings.

In order to have a full day, our coaches will leave Hursley promptly at 8:00am, returning between 6:00pm – 7:00pm.

Blenheim Palace & Flower Show 21st & 22nd June



Choose your day, either Saturday or Sunday, and trust that the weather will be good. For this is a trip any lover of flora will not want to miss. Our trip includes entry into the fabulous Blenheim Flower show, which consistently gets rave reviews.

Perhaps a flower show is not quite your thing. Fret not, since on this trip you also have the option of visiting the magnificent palace.

Having regard for your inner soul with all the activity and exercise you will get walking around either the flowers or the palace, we have also arranged for you to have a 2 course meal at lunchtime, included in the trip cost.

SS Shieldhall Cruises 14th June, 4th July, 14th September

A departure from our normal approach to our organised events, we are giving you the option of purchasing tickets on any of 3 days to travel on the SS Shieldhall. All trips depart from Dock Gate 4, Southampton Eastern Docks, and **no**



coaches will be provided. You should plan to board the ship no later than 30 minutes before the stated departure time. Parking is available on the quayside at a cost of £3.50 at the time of writing this newsletter. Each of the three dates has a different 'flavour', so you can choose which of the options appeals most.

14th June

This trip is classified as a Music Cruise, with a live band on board. The cruise will leave the dock at 3:00pm, returning

at 6:00pm. During your cruise you will be able to watch 3 ocean liners head out on their cruise voyages.

4th July

In keeping with the date, the 4th July cruise has been called the US Independence Day Jazz Cruise, with a live jazz band on board. The ship will depart at 7:00pm, returning at 10:00pm.

14th September

On this day during Heritage Open Weekend, the ship will be open to the general public from 10:00am – 4:00pm. Your cruise will depart at 5:30pm, returning at 8:00pm. Music will be provided by a traditional fiddle and guitar with Ben Paley and Tab Hunter.

For more detail, see www.ss-shieldhall.co.uk

Weymouth

8th July

If at first you don't succeed, try try again. Many of you will remember getting stuck in that awful traffic jam following a tragic major accident last year. As a result, a decision was made to travel to Bournemouth instead of Weymouth. Given that so many like visiting Weymouth, we have decided to try again.

A traditional seaside day-out. No rush to get out of bed as we will not be leaving Hursley until 9:30am when our coaches will take us straight to Weymouth, a journey of a little under 2 hours.



It is total free time once we get to Weymouth, so you will have about 5 hours to do your own thing. Perhaps you will just get a deck-chair and spend the day on the beach, or wander around the old harbour area where there is always so much to see and photograph; a photographer's delight. The more energetic amongst us may like to visit the RSPB reserve at Radipole Lake just a short walk from the beach, or perhaps stroll out to the headland and visit Nothe Fort which was built by the Victorians to protect Portland Harbour.

Clarence House and Buckingham Palace 12th & 28th August



This trip was so popular last year that the waiting list on each day was greater than the number that were able to go on the trip, so we have decided to have a re-run. Those that were on last year's waiting list will get priority on this year's trips.

We will leave Hursley at 8:00am, and travel directly to Clarence House. The coach party will be divided into 3 groups as the maximum number of people that are allowed on the guided tour of Clarence House is 18; timed entry tickets will be distributed on the coach, the tours will start at 15 minute intervals commencing at 11:30am and will last one hour.

After the tour, the group has time for lunch and the short 10 minute walk to Buckingham Palace, where everyone will enter at 2:30pm and will have just over 2 hours to enjoy the self-guided audio tour.



West Somerset Railway 4th September



This is a trip for the steam enthusiasts and also for those that love looking at the rural British countryside. Our coaches will leave Hursley at **7:45am sharp** since we have a train to catch. Travelling to Bishops Lydeard, we will catch the 11:05am steam train for the 90 minute journey across the north of Somerset to the seaside village of Minehead. Coffee and biscuits will be served on this journey.

Arriving around 12:30pm, you will have around 2 ½ hours to take lunch and enjoy the sights of Minehead before catching the 3:05pm train back to Bishops

Lydeard. We then will join our coaches for the journey back to Hursley arriving between 7:00pm-8:00pm

London Free Time
11th October
(Notting Hill/Portobello Market)



Portobello Market is probably one of the best known markets in London. Almost 150 years old, the market is famed for all its antiques stalls. However, there is much more to the market than antiques, it's also a haven for lovers of fashion, food, books and music. Indeed, there is probably something for everyone in this vast market.

We will be visiting the market on a Saturday, Saturdays being the biggest market day. Our coaches

will leave Hursley at **9:00am** (N.B. the departure time), and will arrive in Notting Hill around 11:00am. We plan to return to Hursley between 6:30pm-7:30pm.

For more information about Portobello Market, check out the web. One website I found interesting was www.shopportobello.co.uk

Notting Hill is between 30 – 45 minutes away from Harrods's and the other areas of interest in central London, so if the market is not your scene, you could always enjoy free time in London.

Oxford
20th November



Nearly time to start thinking about Christmas, and so our final outing of the year heads off to a city, one renowned for its architecture, but with plenty of opportunities for retail therapy. Our coaches will leave Hursley for Oxford at 9:30am, returning between 6:00pm-7:00pm.

As an optional extra, we are also offering those travelling on this trip the opportunity to have a guided tour of the world famous Ashmolean Museum. See the booking sheet for full details of the additional charges.

Volunteering/Charities

Stroke Association Voluntary Group

Chandler's Ford Stroke Support Group
Supported by the Rotary Club of Chandlers Ford and Itchen Valley



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Our meetings:

The last Thursday of every month 2pm - 4pm
Velmore Community Centre
Falkland Road, Chandlers Ford, SO53 3GY

Contact us

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Phone: 07976 630764
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WINCHESTER MUSICALS AND OPERA SOCIETY

High Society

High Society is a witty and romantic show, with some delightful characters who find themselves in a variety of situations: confusing, romantic, embarrassing, shocking and absurd; all happening within a setting that is sophisticated and class-aware. The show is full of humour: gentle, boisterous, saucy, slapstick and silly!

13th - 17th May 2014

Evenings at 7:30pm

Saturday Matinee at 2:30pm

Tickets: Theatre Royal, Winchester or call 01962 840440

See www.wmos.org.uk for more information.



Waterside Musical Society

That Crazy Thing Called Love

We can promise lots of variety - with songs from Les Miserables, Blondie, Kit and the Widow, Tim Minchin, The Sound of Music, Avenue Q, Mozart (well, Mozart with a twist), Chess, Flanders and Swann, The Beatles . . . not to mention Fiddler on the Roof, Bruno Mars, Disney, Don MacLean and a song or two by our own in-house song-writer Chris Wortley.

Fawley Church - 29th March

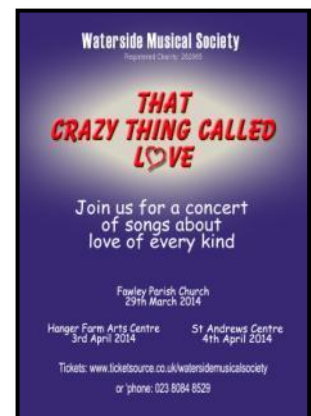
Hanger Farm Arts Centre, West Totton - 3rd April

St Andrews Centre, Dibden Purlieu - 4th April

To be sure of a seat book online at: www.ticketsource.co.uk/watersidemusicalsociety

(Note that a small booking fee is payable on line)

or 'phone Robin at 023 8084 8529



Hursley Bowls Club

The Hursley Bowls group is looking for new members. The group meet on Tuesday morning at 9:30 and play a very casual and friendly game in the Hursley Sports Hall. We have Woods you can borrow, we take coffee at 10:30 and finish at 11:30

If you would like to come along and try please do. Wives or partners are welcome. Contact Harry Helyar 01962 889276 harryhelyar@btinternet.com

Introduction to Yoga



The IBM Yoga Club is running an introduction to yoga for beginners. The Yoga classes are held every Wednesday evening in the Jim Hayes hall. There are two classes (same content) but offering times to suit you. One at 5:30pm and one at 7:15pm.

Please see our website for dates:

<http://www.ibmhursleyclub.org.uk/subsection/hursley-yoga-club>

If you've wondered what doing yoga would be like but are unsure about joining an existing class, come along and see what you think.

We won't do extreme poses or tie ourselves in knots: we will gently and gradually stretch all areas of the body. Postures can be adjusted to any degree of fitness so you won't feel "I can't do that." You will work within your own capacity. There is no age limit (although there are some medical conditions that are precluded). If you've spent the day crouching over a keyboard or fretting about your workload or tackling the next work challenge, yoga will help you unwind and calm your mind. If you do a sport that repetitively uses only some muscles it will help balance all muscles.

Practising yoga can help keep muscles toned and improve balance. Most people have a better night's sleep after they've practised, and regular practice brings a sense of well-being and calm.

Wear clothes that allow you to move freely without embarrassment, and bring a small blanket or a towel.

For further information contact Toni Martin 01962 816390 or email: Antoinette_Martin@UK.IBM.COM

Circuit Training at the Hursley Keep Fit Club

Planning to incorporate some regular physical activity into your weekly schedule?

Come and join us for an hour of exercise and fun. Our circuit sessions, led by a professional lady instructor, are suitable for both men and women and take place every Wednesday evening in the Sports Hall from 5.30 to 6.30pm. Whatever your current level of fitness you can take things at your own pace in a very friendly and supportive environment.

The cost is very reasonable, especially for club members and to encourage new members we are offering Free Trial Sessions

Don't forget – The key to getting fit is getting started !

Contact David Clayton 37247211 (david_clayton@uk.ibm.com) or Alan Gordon 01962 868616 (acgordon.acg@googlemail.com) for more details.

Pétanque



Many people have seen the French playing Boule when on holiday. It's actually an easy to pick up, organised, sport played in many countries world-wide.

The Fareham Pétanque Club has just opened with two 15m x 24m floodlit pétanque terrains for playing boule, near Henry Cort Community College Fareham. Its new premises were largely designed and project managed by two ex-Hursley people - Doug Glading and Derek Ashmore.

Doug and Derek would welcome any retirees (and their families) who would like to have a try at playing - just come along any Wednesday evening at 7:30.

More info www.catisfield.com/petanque

Talks at the Hilt Community Centre, Chandlers Ford John Pilkington - A Balkan Adventure

Friday June 13 7:30pm

In 2013 I (John Pilkington) spent 5 months exploring the Balkan Mountains from Trieste to Istanbul. This part of Europe has always fascinated me. I visited Yugoslavia briefly in the 1970s, since when they abandoned communism, suffered brutal conflicts, and taken small steps towards coming together with the rest of Europe. In Bosnia and Kosovo I found people still traumatised, but many were working hard to create a peaceful future. For instance, in the ominously named Accursed Mountains; Albania has joined Kosovo and Montenegro in an inspirational new project called the Balkans Peace Park. I spent three weeks in this fabulous range, walking freely back and forth between the three countries amongst people who were working



together to overcome the horrors of the past. Continuing south and east through the mountains, I met people in the remotest villages of Macedonia and Bulgaria. The route then took me to the River Evros, where Greece meets Turkey and migrants attempt to dodge European Union border guards. As summer turned to autumn I reached Istanbul; capital of two empires each lasting 1,000 years and finally the Bosphorus, where Europe gives way to Asia.

Doors Open at 7:00pm when tickets will be available for £6

This illustrated talk will start at 7:30 pm

Advance tickets available from Roger Clark T 02380 253600

Hursley Amateur Ballroom & Latin Dance



We meet on Monday evenings in the Club House for tuition by a professional dance teacher.

We are looking for new members to join either as beginners or if you already have some dancing knowledge.

Typically the dances we have covered or are engaged on at present are: Waltz, Rumba, Cha Cha, Foxtrot, Tango and Quickstep. The choice of dance is very democratic, it is up to the group to express an interest in a particular dance to our teacher or she will lead.

Dancing is a fun way of keeping fit both of mind and body and is incredibly useful when it comes to those special occasions and holidays. Why not be up dancing on that cruise rather than watching ?

We have three terms usually 10 weeks each. Outside of terms we use Monday evenings as our practice nights. These are evenings when we try to help each other and be sociable.

You are welcome to come along to see us in action or to join us for an evening as a taster session.

This is not an IBM only club and encourage members to invite guests to join and become one of the gang.

Currently we have two classes, one from 7 'til 8pm and the second 8 'til 9pm.

Ideally we would like to have another class of beginners and would encourage anybody who thinks they would like to give it a try to contact one of the following people who will advise on how to get started.

Dave Watson :- dave.watson1@gmail.com

Helen Pinchin :- helenpinchin@gmail.com

Keith Taylor :- kgtaylor@bcs.org.uk

Hursley Museum Services – Spring 2014 update

Current Activities & Acquisitions

Over the last two months we have acquired quite a bit of old IBM hardware from two former IBM offices in Basingstoke and Weybridge. We were fortunate to be invited to look around these two building whilst they were being cleared, and take pretty well anything we wanted. We have also received donations from the Hursley DP Machine Room of equipment discontinued in recent weeks, together with a few private donations, including a PC-XT and two Selectric typewriters, one of which attaches a 5.1/4" diskette drive, a rare find. The AS/400 that was offered by a family in Leicester was delivered by them towards the end of 2013.

Hardware from Basingstoke and Weybridge includes several different iterations of the AS/400, including a rack containing three tape library machines, a 9309 and two 3590s. We also have some RS/6000 and PC / PS2 boxes, printers, miscellaneous cables and adapter cards, a couple of racks together with eServer & RS/6000 rack mounted units. We also acquired a Sequent-branded rack containing as yet unidentified servers.

The Hursley DPMR kit is not particularly old, but we figure it will be one day. Included is a Power5+ server, comprising 8 x 2 way 2.2 GHz CPU cards, 16 x 4Gb DIMM, 16 x 73Gb 10K RPM SCSI disks and 8 x 2GB Fibre Channel PCI-X cards.



AS/400s & Tape Library



AS/400s



082 Card Sorter

We are soon to receive more artefacts, this time from the closure of Buchan House in Edinburgh. One item is an 082 card sorter, an excellent find, which we hope to get working and be able to demonstrate. We have also been promised a number items from Greenock.

The curators have been kept very busy with this new influx, but have also had time to continue work on bringing old kit back to life. Focus is currently on the AS/400s and building a Token Ring Network. Meanwhile, cataloguing and filing of the paper archive continues apace.

Display Rooms

The Customer Engineering work benches have acquired some additional lighting. A section of raised floor has been added to the display, with some channel cables underneath. Many of the machines on display have now been PAT tested, and can be demonstrated in working order.



Raised Floor under CE workbench



More Lights!

Hursley Products

We've not had much input on this of late. If you've not yet looked at the products list, we'd be grateful if you could see if you have any information to help boost the list. The hardware list is at <http://hursley.slx-online.biz/hursley-products-hw.asp> and the software at <http://hursley.slx-online.biz/hursley-products-sw.asp>.

Appeals

We still need the handset from an old rotary dial telephone to display on our acoustic coupler. There are still no leads on the IBM 2984 Lloyds Cashpoint. We are now wondering if we can put together a cardboard replica!

Computer Conservation Society / Bletchley Park

At the end of November the museum received an invitation to join the CCS as a Project Group. We have accepted, Peter Short has been 'nominated' as Leader, with backup from the other two curators Terry Muldoon and Mark Perry. We look upon this as an opportunity to expand our contacts and hopefully find more old artefacts. It does mean we have to produce extra newsletters before each of their committee meetings.

One result of this closer relationship was Terry Muldoon's two-part article for the CCS's magazine, Resurrection, on "100 Years of IBM". The editor of Resurrection feels that until now, IBM has been under-represented in Resurrection and would welcome future input from us. We are looking for anyone who can supply us with documentation or memories or who is willing to be interviewed at Hursley about the company's past. The editor feels that CICS has never had the exposure that it deserves and so some memories of its early days would be useful, together with System/360 hardware, software and peripherals.

On hardware, especially processors, we need more information on: Futures Series (and its descendents System/38 and AS/400) and "Stretch". Personally, Terry would like more on Hursley's SCAMP and how its technology was used in low-end System /360. Any contributions on the above and any other Hursley product would be very welcome.

'Small Ads'

New to this edition, advertisements by IBM Hursley Club Retirees.

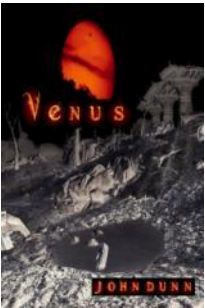
Small Print

First the small print, well normal sized print really but you know what I mean.

The rules are:

1. Advertisements only accepted from Hursley Retiree Club Members.
2. Club accepts no responsibility for any product or service offered.
3. Any queries or issues arising will be directed to the Member
4. The Editor's decision is final.

Venus by John Dunn



The desperate attempt to colonise another planet to rescue an Earth society that has disintegrated due to the disastrous collapse of all financial institutions.

Decades from now, society on Earth has degenerated into a stark division between those who have financial wealth and security and those living in desperate poverty within wasteland settlements, George Armstrong, a multi billionaire head of a Space Station re-supply company embarks on a project to address the acute social problems by colonizing a planet.

He embarks on an epic earth-moving project to re-engineer a planet within our solar System and to physically re-locate it to a new orbit close to Earth by deliberately striking it with Asteroids that are towed out of their orbits by rockets to drive the planet into a new orbital path and then to alter the hostile environment so that it can sustain and be survivable for mankind.

The planet selected for relocation is Venus.

Google 'John Dunn, Venus' to find the book.

The Guvnors



The Guvnors featuring classic Rock and Pop music from the 60's to 80's, with John Dunn as one of the artists. The group is available for hire, see the poster for contact details and the website for more information.

FLORIDA GULF COAST LUXURY 4 BEDROOM PRIVATE VILLA FOR RENT



2 Double, 2 twin Bedrooms, 2½ Bathrooms,
Family room, Lounge, a/c, solar heated oversized private south
west facing pool, sailing, boating, fishing, glorious beaches,
numerous superb golf courses, nature reserve, walking, cycling.

Excellent restaurants/shopping

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Telephone Nigel Linfield on 01329 665849/07528 885187 for availability and further information or
e-mail: floridaluxvilla@gmail.com. Quote Reference number NWL7 for the special offer.

See www.pineviewvilla.net for more information

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distance to nearby village which has
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