



Unstoppable!

Many of our XPA members don't seem to know the meaning of the word 'retirement'. As the feature below and *Life after Xerox* go to show, Xerox pensioners just keep on 'keeping on'!

Three men in a boat

Early last Summer, three Mitcheldean old boys, Robin Fyffe, Kevin Horrobin and Danny Haines, were busy sipping lemonade after a gruelling round of golf. Robin asked the other two if they fancied taking a Canadian canoe down the River Wye. It sounded a great idea and all three enthused on a great 'schoolboy adventure'. A few weeks later, they met up at Monmouth Leisure Centre, armed with cool-boxes, sunglasses and a supply of Factor 12 sun lotion.

An instructor ran through the safety instructions, which included how not to be hit on the head by a canoe as it overturns! Safety jackets were then donned and the intrepid adventurers boarded a minibus that took them upstream to the small village of Bishopswood.

With a bit of a struggle, they launched the craft – made of aluminium and not caribou skins, as Danny had thought. Robin was positioned at the front, Danny in the middle and Kevin at the back – his job was to steer. The trip to Monmouth was just over 14 miles. However, with Kevin's steering it ended up a lot further. The motley crew careered from one bank to the other – and Robin nearly swore once!

There were beautiful kingfishers all the way down the river, as well as numerous herons, swans and other



Robin at the front, Danny in the middle and Kevin at the back

small birds. Above them, the screech of the buzzards accompanied the boys as they scraped and banged their way over numerous rapids. It was an idyllic setting and a beautiful day.

So, with Robin and Danny slogging away on the paddles for four hours, and Kevin sitting in the back ('Has Kevin finished that book yet?'), the three pensioners eventually pulled into Monmouth once more and gingerly staggered out of the canoe and up the steps to terra firma.

"That was great", said Kevin earnestly, "Let's do it again soon."

Danny's and Robin's muttered reply was unprintable!

Well Dunn Wyn!

On 23rd August 2004, Wyn Dunn (formerly Lewis) celebrated her 90th birthday, surrounded by her family and friends. Altogether, there were four generations at the party, held at the village hall in Suffolk where she now lives.



Ninety reasons to celebrate

Wyn worked at Denham, first with Supply Demand, then JQ Travel Ledger, and finally in the HQ Cash Office, retiring early in order to travel.

Her three great-grandchildren presented her with a birthday cake. Wyn's eldest great-grandchild is named 'Lewis' to carry on her family name.

Anniversary celebrations

Congratulations to George and Nan Chappel on their Diamond Wedding on 7th September last. Many of you will remember George for his time as Manager, Planning and Admin at Queen Annes Court, Windsor, and before that when he was at Observatory House in Slough.



Greetings from the Queen for George and Nan

THINGS TO DO...

Welcome to the Intrepid Travellers' Club

In the past, XPA has organised short breaks and holidays for Xerox pensioners, but a decision has been taken that XPA will no longer be involved in such activities. Instead, they will be run by the Intrepid Travellers' Club, which has been formed to continue to offer XPA members the opportunity of group holidays with old friends. Barbara Keech and John Handscombe will run the Club in addition to their XPA duties and will organise holidays for any of you who are interested. As the Club will be self-supporting and non-profitmaking, those of you who would like to receive information about forthcoming trips will be asked to make a donation towards printing, postage, telephone etc. A small amount should last quite a time and details of forthcoming holidays and breaks would then be sent to you automatically, by e-mail or post.



*Above right: Waiting for the land train from Vilamoura to Quarteira
Above left: Edinburgh trip: in the garden of our hotel*

The XPA website (www.xpa.org.uk) shows photographs of groups who have enjoyed previous holidays. These have ranged from short breaks at Warner resorts in interesting UK destinations to trips to Europe and long-haul visits to countries like the USA, Thailand, Malaysia and South Africa.

Trips planned for 2005 under the ITC banner will be to Austria, 19th-26th June, flying Heathrow/Munich and staying at Zell am See; and to Croatia, for two weeks from 22nd September, flying Gatwick/Split. Further details can be obtained from Barbara or John (*contact details on page 4*).

Literary London – walk with John Muffty Tuesday 19th April

We will meet at Russell Square underground station and take a walk through Bloomsbury, one of London's most attractive Georgian areas and once home to Dickens, Karl Marx, George Orwell, T. S. Eliot and the influential Bloomsbury group of intellectuals and artists. We can hear about their associations and the history of the district, located amidst some of the finest architecture in London.

Lunch will be arranged and, in the afternoon, as we shall be in the area of the British Museum, it would be a good opportunity for those who are interested to view some of the highlights – such as the Elgin Marbles, the Anglo Saxon treasure from Sutton Hoo ship burial and the Vindolanda Tablets from Hadrian's Wall.

The Annual Spring Tramp Thursday 5th May

Doug Nevell proposes something a little different this year – an exploration of Windsor Great Park. Perhaps less hilly than our more normal Chilterns venue, the traffic-free inner park offers splendid walking, in particular when the azaleas and rhododendrons in Valley Gardens are at their best (hence the later date). It is proposed to use the Valley Gardens car park. The Fox and Hounds at Bishopsgate will provide lunch from a choice menu. Although the full-day circuit will hardly exceed eight miles, appropriate footwear and modest fitness are required to enjoy it fully. Dress to suit the weather.

A start time of about 10.30 am is proposed, finishing about 4 pm. A deposit of £5 per head secures a place, supplemented on a pay-as-you go basis for lunch. A limit of about 20 people is necessary.*

HOLIDAYING ABROAD – THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Free passport

If you're a British national and were born on or before 2nd September 1929, you can apply for a free ten-year passport from the UK Passport Service. If you satisfy these requirements and have applied for a passport since 19th May 2004, please apply for a refund.

If you need further information or help in applying for a refund, please call the *Passport Adviceline* on **0870 521 0410** (calls are charged at national rate).

New health cover form

From 1st January this year, a new **E111** form for free or reduced cost healthcare in another European country came into force. You can find an application form in the leaflet *Health advice for travellers* or on the Department of Health website –

www.doh.gov.uk/travellers.

In either case, the form must be stamped at the post office.

During 2005, the European Health Insurance Card (**EHIC**) will replace the E111. Tick the appropriate box on the application form for the new E111 and an EHIC will be sent to you automatically.

Thames Meander Friday 12th August

This walk is another annual classic organised by Doug Nevell. Doug plans to explore yet another part of the Thames Path, taking a Salters' river cruiser from Cookham through Maidenhead and then a gentle stroll back beside the river, via Boulter's Lock and Cliveden Woods, at a very relaxed pace – approximately four miles. A buffet lunch is planned en route. Embarkation is at 10.15 am, returning by around 4pm. The cost of boat fare and buffet lunch will be about £15 a head, payable on booking. There is free parking on Cookham Moor, 10 minutes walk from the embarkation pier. A limit of 40 people may be necessary.*

*More details on both of Doug's walks will be available on booking. Any queries in the meantime should go to Doug on 01582 762120.

XPA Golfing Society Matches arranged for 2005

Hazlemere, High Wycombe	Tuesday 10th May
Chartridge Park, Chesham	Friday 10th June
Chiltern Forest, Aylesbury	Wednesday 13th July
Selsdon Park, Croydon	Sunday 14th/15th August – Haggett Trophy
Hazlemere, High Wycombe	Thursday 22nd September

Any golfer who wants more information should contact Paul Donegan on **01727 862004** or e-mail padonegan@tiscali.co.uk.



Sailing Days

Our sailing days with the Xerox Sailing Association have proved extremely popular and we are pleased to announce that the XSA is, once again, offering our members dates for this year. Don't be nervous about trying this activity for the first time – good advice is on hand from

experienced sailors and you are well looked after. If you are interested, please return the completed form to Margaret Brooks (*see page 4*).

Friday 17th June
Thursday 14th/Friday 15th July
Monday 15th/Tuesday 16th August

XPA holiday discounts

Here are the current holiday discounts with Bourne Holidays.

When you book, please state that you are a Xerox pensioner and quote the appropriate code.

HOLIDAY COMPANY	DISCOUNT	BOOKINGS HOTLINE	CODE
Warner Holidays and Weekend Breaks in 2005 brochure <i>Brochure requests</i>	Up to 15%	0870 601 6012 Website Warnerholidaysonline.co.uk 0870 242 2005	HG499
Haven UK holidays Self-catering Half / Full board <i>Brochure requests</i>	Up to 50%	0870 242 4300 0870 242 2222 0870 242 2222	PHC
Butlins Family Entertainment Resorts (self-catering) Entertainment Hotels (half-board) <i>Bookings and brochure requests</i>	Variable	0870 242 0753	Q108X/915
Shearings People with special needs	Discretionary	01942 824824 01942 496507	Letter from Regional Co-ordinator or Margaret Brooks



Xerox Pensioners' Association

XPA website:
www.xpa.org.uk

All Xerox pensioners are automatically members of XPA

AIMS

1. To establish and maintain a two-way personal link with all pensioners.
2. To be informed about pensioners' needs and problems in order to assist where possible.
3. To help pensioners keep in touch with each other.

XPA President

Our President, **Mrs Barbara Keech**, is available on telephone **01923 820034 – 9 am to 5 pm Monday to Friday**.

Barbara's address is 1 The Manor House, Eastbury Avenue, Northwood, Middlesex, HA6 3LJ.

Email: barbara.keech@btinternet.com

XPA Administrator

You may telephone **Margaret Brooks**, the XPA Administrator, on **01494 615159, Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays only**. Margaret's address is Xerox Pensions Ltd, 20-24 Temple End, High Wycombe, Bucks HP13 5DR.
Email: margaret.brooks@xerox.com

Regional Co-ordinators

West Region John Court

Stockwell Farm, Aylburton, Lydney, Glos GL15 6DN
Tel: 01594 843651 Email: john@courtjb.freeserve.co.uk
The West Region is based on Mitcheldean and covers: Avon, Cornwall, Devon, Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Shropshire, Somerset and Wales.

East Region John Handscombe

Town Farm House, 51 High Street, Henlow, Beds SG16 6AA
Tel: 01462 814009 Email: johnhandscombe@onetel.com
The East Region is based on Welwyn and covers: Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Lincolnshire, Norfolk and Suffolk.

South Region Anne Cain

24 Maygoods Lane, Cowley, Uxbridge, Middlesex UB8 3TE
Tel: 01895 231420
The South Region is based on Bridge House, Uxbridge and covers: Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Dorset, Hampshire, Kent, London, Middlesex, Oxfordshire, Surrey, Sussex and Wiltshire.

North Region Sheila Webb

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Tel: 0113 2646979
The North Region covers: Cheshire, Cumbria, Derbyshire, Durham, Lancashire, Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, Northumberland, Nottinghamshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire, Worcestershire, Yorkshire, Scotland, Northern Ireland and the Isle of Man.

Two Visitors needed – Welwyn Garden City

We need two Visitors in the Welwyn Garden City area. Do you think you could take on this much-appreciated task? It is not too time-consuming – each Visitor is allocated no more than 25 pensioners to contact, if possible twice a year, with a phone call or visit if required. Pensioners welcome your phone call for information or a chat.

If you are willing to help out, please contact John Handscombe (*details above*).

Thank you, from Hamish Orr-Ewing

Following his 80th birthday last year, we received a nice letter from Hamish Orr-Ewing who, many of you will remember, was Chairman of the Company. He writes:

“I would like to tell you how much I admire the work XPA people do to make retirement a happy time for so many who have served the business over the years... Those of us who are long retired owe a debt of gratitude to the present generation of pensions management and the XPA.”

New Members

If you would like to see a list of new members since our last issue, just contact our Administrator, Margaret Brooks (*contact details above*).

PENSION MATTERS

Change of Member Trustee

As you can read in your edition of the latest Pension Scheme Annual Report to Members, **Alan Cryer** retired at the end of last December after nearly 13 years as Member Trustee of the Pension Scheme. We would like to add our thanks to Alan for his sterling service and, at the same time, welcome **Chris Pinney**, who takes his place on the Trustee Board. Chris was Director European Financial Services when he retired from Xerox in 2000.

Pension credit, tax and allowances 2005/2006

WEEKLY AMOUNTS		ANNUAL ALLOWANCES	
State pension		Personal allowance	
Single	£82.05	age 65–74	£7,090
Couple	£131.20	Personal allowance	
Pension Credit Guarantee		age 75 and over	£7,220
Single	£109.45	Married couple's	
Couple	£167.05	allowance, 75 and over	£5,975
Attendance allowance		Blind person's allowance	£1,610
Lower rate	£40.55	Income limit for	
Higher rate	£60.60	age-related allowances	£19,500
Carer's allowance	£45.70		

ABSENT FRIENDS

Here is a list of our members who have died in the last few months, with their ages. Our sincere sympathy goes to their families.

ALBION HOUSE	Laurie Rawlings	84	
Clive James	59	David Roberts	55
BOWKER PUBS	Allan Sanderson-Miller	86	
Bernard Stuttle	81	Bernard Sherwood	74
GINN & CO	Gordon Shingles	74	
Zena Shell	87	Fred Thomas	78
MARLOW	Edwin Turville	82	
Ross Ivy	65	Eric Virgin	72
John Shaw	77	William Walters	66
William Tremayne	70	Peter Watson	74
MITCHELDEAN	Desmond Willoughby	81	
Mary Acland	80	UK CO	
Harry Andrews	89	Mike Ashburn	70
Desmond Annis	80	John Baker	83
George Arnison	81	Kenneth Begley	71
Valerie Baggett	79	John Butterworth	68
Victor Baker	76	Arun Chakrabarti	71
Fred Blake	83	Alan Gale	91
Fred Burley	87	Joan Hallett	86
Royston Charles	78	Christopher Healey	91
Arthur Cooper	82	Derrick Ingleby	78
Frank Davies	80	Malcolm Matthias	71
William Davies	83	Jenny Richardson	88
John Elliott	93	Mary Yarrow	86
William Greenway	80	WELWYN	
Harvey Gwilliam	79	George Angell	83
Michael Harper	61	Jesse Chennells	92
Caleb Hawkins	84	Cynthia Cole	76
Eric Hawkins	89	Rhoda Dyke	84
Gerry Jackson	70	Florence Gammage	77
Margaret Jackson	53	Teresa Hines	64
Brian Lampshire	78	Harry Hunt	75
Florence Lewis	81	Frank Moore	81
Ray Mabbett	82	Gerald Pomeroy	66
Frederick Matthews	79	Sydney Stainer	71
Thomas Meek	85	Mary Walker	77
Edward Pearce	86	WOKING	
John Perkins	72	Kenneth Williams	64
Rita Phillips	85	XFM	
Charlie Pitt	79	Sandra Barnard	55
Alfred Price	71		
Raymond Pyart	79		

Pension Dates 2005

Your Xerox pension will be paid into your account as follows:

PENSION	PAID IN
April	Friday 1st April
May	Friday 29th April
June	Wednesday 1st June
July	Friday 1st July
August	Monday 1st August
September	Thursday 1st September

Obituaries

Barbara Keech writes:

I am sorry to report the sad deaths this year of two of our stalwart Regional Co-ordinators – **Stan Wheeler** on 10th January and **John Smith** on 13th February.

Stan Wheeler

Stan had long Company service, having joined in 1947 with British Acoustic Films at Woodger Road, Shepherds Bush. He moved to Mitcheldean in 1957 where he had many responsibilities, including designing and anglicising Xerox electrics for the UK market. He retired in 1979 and immediately became a Visitor for XPA. He took over as Regional Co-ordinator from Jim Evans in 1986 and carried out these duties for the next nine years.

As we were all to learn at his funeral, Stan was a many-talented man with a strong social conscience. He was an excellent photographer and painter, and wrote computer programs and poetry, as well as being an excellent engineer. He will be sadly missed by his family and by us.

John Smith

John worked for Rank Xerox for 21 years and was involved in various areas of the Company. He was probably best remembered for his work with the Paper Group. He finished his career as Managing Director of Xerox Trading Enterprises, a Xerox Corporation subsidiary involved in trade with Brazil. In retirement, he was a keen golfer and was an excellent guide on Tours of Lord's Cricket ground. He became Regional Co-ordinator for Central Region in 1995 and was always a staunch supporter of the Pensioners' Association.

Graham Wing

Memories of Graham Wing, who, sadly, died on 8th July last year, by Stan Harris, District Manager of Major Accounts Division City Branch: I have very happy memories of Graham, who was both liked and respected by his team colleagues and his customers alike. His sense of fun and enjoyment was tempered by his diligence, and I, personally, found his attitude a joy to manage. I am sure his memory will live with us for years to come.

Christopher Robin Collins

We are sad to announce the death on 10th March 2004 of Christopher Collins. His son, Dr Richard Collins, writes: My father joined Xerox in 1973 and was a senior service engineer at Hull and then Leeds. In the late 80s and 90s, he was one of the few senior engineers covering the area south of the Humber. He retired through ill health in 1996 and spent much of his remaining time gardening and indulging his passion for watercolour painting.

Richard has written a thriller – 'Under a Blood Red Sky' – which he has dedicated to his father. He has kindly offered a copy as a prize in our competition. Details of the book can be found at www.underabloodredsky.com

Company News

XEROX SPONSORSHIPS – Ducati Xerox Superbike Team

A major global sponsorship partnership is the Ducati Xerox Team for 2005. Fully supported by the Ducati factory, the team is a major force within the World Superbike Championship with the 2004 champion rider, James Toseland.

The team's success has been based on excellence, innovation and exceptionally fine-tuned Ducati technology. In 2005 Xerox has partnered with the Ducati Motor Company, in particular Ducati Corse, in helping provide even better technology support for this winning Ducati Xerox Superbike Team.



A colourful future with Xerox



At the beginning of last December, it was announced that Jasprint, based in Tyne and Wear, had installed the first Xerox DocuColor 8000 Digital Press in the North of England. The company, which specialises in short run digital printing, has upgraded to the DocuColor 8000 from its existing Xerox DocuColor 2060 as a result of increased demand for short run digital work and an increasing amount of variable data work.

The company, which also uses two Xerox DocuTech printers and a Xerox 92c Highlight Colour machine, wanted to extend its capability to produce colour variable data print runs.

'The Xerox DocuColor 8000 was designed as an option for print providers who are looking to expand into the high-growth digital colour printing business,' said Peter Taylor, Director of Graphic Arts, Xerox UK. *'As well as meeting the need for more colour and variable printing, the DocuColor 8000 will enable Jasprint to offer improved quality output and turnaround times to their customers.'*

\$40m contract for Xerox Global Services and EDS

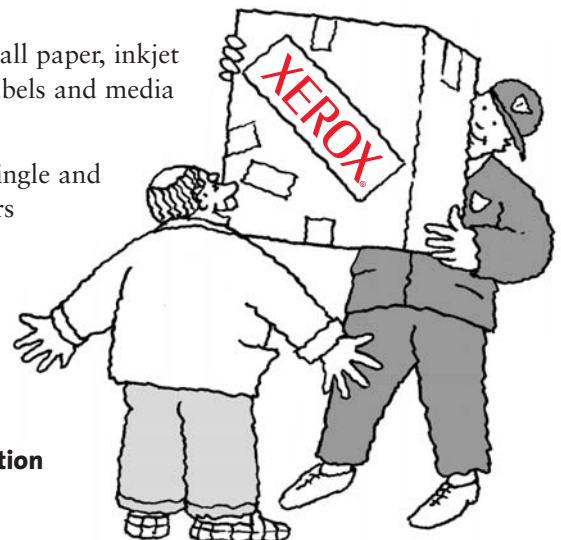
In alliance with EDS, Xerox Global Services (XGS) has won a \$40 million contract over five years to undertake Barclays Group managed print services, with XGS taking total responsibility for Barclays' office document output, bringing the printing, scanning, faxing and photocopying services and paper under one umbrella.

John Hopwood, Director and General Manager of XGS UK, said, *'Xerox is proud to be part of the EDS Agility Alliance, charged with driving industry innovation and costs control leadership.'*

Discounts for Xerox staff and pensioners

In partnership with BT, Xerox media and scanners are available to home users at discount prices and with home delivery. Visit www.shop.bt.com and use the following codes:

- **XXRPEN1**
20% discount on all paper, inkjet photo paper, cd labels and media
- **XSCAN3**
5% discount on single and multi-feed scanners



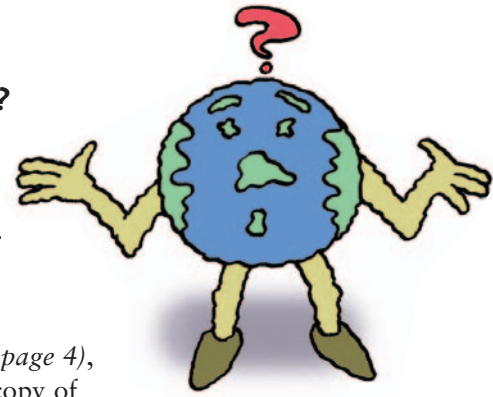
Discounts are in addition to BT online prices.

COMPETITION

Scrambled countries

Can you unscramble the letters below to show the names of countries?

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|-------------|----------|-----------|--------------|
| 1 ALTSUIAR | 6 LEASIR | 11 YANROW | 16 LHOANLD |
| 2 DGLNNEA | 7 EWSNDE | 12 NCFERA | 17 RPAGLUOT |
| 3 NERKDMA | 8 HANIC | 13 YGTPE | 18 NZAEUVEEL |
| 4 TINGARNEA | 9 RPUE | 14 YALIT | 19 LGSAEEN |
| 5 ICLHE | 10CMCOOR | 15 ECERGE | 20 MRANIAO |



Answers on a postcard or sealed envelope, to **Margaret Brooks** (contact details on page 4), no later than 30th June 2005. First correct answer out of the hat wins £25 and a copy of the book written by Dr Richard Collins, mentioned on page 5.

Congratulations to the lucky winner Our last competition proved very popular – and many of you spotted the spelling mistake in the third column. However, there were no prizes for that! First correct answer out of the hat was from Mr N Nunn of Dunmow, Essex and he receives a cheque for £25.

GETTING AWAY FROM IT ALL

B&B in Brittany

Sue and Ed Miller offer B&B at Les Tesnieres in the heart of the Côte d’Armor. It’s one hour south of Dinard airport and the ferry port of St Malo, one and a half hours from Roscoff and three hours from Caen or Cherbourg. It is an ideal location to use as a base for exploring the Côte d’Emeraude and some of the many medieval towns.

B&B: twin or double rooms – £40 per room, per night; no smoking.

Contact by telephone: 0033(0)2 96 60 21 37 or email: edandsu@tiscali.fr



Les Tesnieres, 22150 Plemy, Brittany

Monte Canelas – Algarve



Dave Staines offers a beautiful villa, set amongst palm, lemon and orange trees, with barbecue area, private swimming pool and veranda with panoramic views. There is also a self-contained studio apartment at ground level (not available alone). The villa is a 15-minute drive from Alvor town, which is two hours from Faro airport.

Villa – cost for 14 days ranges from £450 in April to £600 in August.

Lounge with TV, video and DVD player; two bedrooms (twin beds), one ensuite; bathroom; fully fitted kitchen/diner.

Studio – additional cost, 14 days at £130 – £140.

Twin beds; two-seater settee; shower room; fully equipped kitchenette.

Services: Maid service and change of bed linen and towels once a week; folding bed and travel cot available on request. **Contact Dave Staines on 01253 596006 or 07779 564018.**

KEEPING IN TOUCH *Ray Allen, Rank Xerox 1960-1981, writes:*

I joined Rank Xerox (Elstree) in early 1960, where I became one of the pioneers of chemical treatment and selenium coating, working for Jack Wigglesworth and John Slevin. Some years later, I was involved in the transfer and setting up of Selenium Products from Elstree and then on to the R.B.M. factory at Welwyn Garden City. I left to take up the position of Departmental Manager in the 9200 Production Unit, where I remained until I left Xerox in 1981. During my service with the Company, I met and worked with many good friends and would like to hear from anyone who may remember me from those early days.

Ray can be contacted on **01394 461350** or email: **gillianfrancis21@btinternet.com**.

Life after Xerox

The tale of a very experienced man

At a time in life when most people are contemplating the pleasures of retirement, 61-year-old former IT consultant, Angus Roberts started out on his second career. Having completed a PGCE at Oxford Brookes University, last autumn he became a science and mathematics teacher at Matthew Arnold School.

Angus first thought about teaching when he was a physics student at Oxford some 40 years ago. However, having set out to gain some real-life experience, he found himself with a very successful career. In the early 90s, after 16 years with Xerox as IT Development Manager at Marlow, he thought he'd found the right moment to make the break and start a teaching training course. However, lucrative offers of



Start of a second career – Angus with his wife Martina

consultancy work started to come in. This phase of his career lasted for ten years.

In 2003, settled back in Oxford, Angus made his second break. *'I did wonder if I hadn't left it too late,'* Angus said, *'Happily, the tutors at Oxford Brookes didn't look at it that way. I was, as expected, the oldest of my cohort, but not by as much as I'd expected. It was a very mixed group, but I think that we all thoroughly enjoyed*

working together.'

'My former career was a challenging one,' Angus concluded, *'but I can honestly say that my year at Brookes was one of the most challenging and rewarding of my life.'*

A Livery Pensioner

Bob Reeve writes:

If all goes according to the timetable, in July of this year I shall become Master of the Worshipful Company of Scriveners which stands at number 44 in the pecking order of just over 100 City livery companies, with its first charter dating back to 1373.

What does being Master involve? The Company has two main social functions – its Spring and Autumn Dinners. I am planning a Xerox 'flavour' for the Autumn dinner with our three Knights – Sir Bryan Nicholson, Sir Derek Hornby and Sir David Thompson – as guests.


There are other fixed functions in the calendar – lunch with the Lord Mayor at the Mansion House, a carol service and a reception for the Sheriffs, usually at the Old Bailey. We are also linked with HMS Portland, a frigate whose home base is Plymouth, and LXX Squadron RAF, Brize Norton. Over recent months I've been privileged to go on sea-trials after a refit and fly over the Bristol Channel in a Hercules.



Bob Reeve in his livery

The activities of the Company are not exclusively social – there are charitable, educational and professional projects, all linked with the history of the Company and its importance for Notaries Public practising in the City (who must still pass the Company's examinations). A number of Kings of Arms and Heralds of the College of Arms are also members.

Only two Scriveners have been Lord Mayor of London – one in the 17th and the other in the early 19th century. The latter achieved some fame when George III upheld his claim that he took precedence over the Prince Regent in the City. I don't anticipate that my Xerox pension will extend to getting ideas above my station!



How are you doing?

Let us know what you are up to these days – in the form of a letter, snaps or an article – and share the things that make your life interesting. Please send contributions to Barbara Keech or Margaret Brooks (*contact details on page 4*).