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Sent: 09 November 2010 16:35
To: Baldwin Mel
Subject: Fw:

and this one cheers Jen x

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Born Aintree Liverpool Oct 1942 First school St Johns infants Aintree Moved to Watford Herts 1948 due to fathers occupation as a printer. Attended Malvern Way infants school Croxley Green,early memory,friend asked me if I would like to see his television,whats television I asked,TV had not reached the north by then,radio with pictures, he replied The kids made fun of my Liverpool acent and kept asking me to speak, Moved to Harvey Rd. Junior school then to Durrants Secondary school.Left school aged 15 Xmas 1956 Started work Jan 1957 as apprentice photographer spcializeing in weddings and horse shows,very boring and poorly paid,left in 1959 and joined Cassio Photographic in the Lab,testing photogaphic paper,joind White Paper print union,had to keep quiet due to union not recognised in Lab,left 1961 and joined Rank Labs Denham,also ACTT,worked in printing room on Bell and Howel and Sound Union printing machines,Monochrome was king,Technicolor where the colour lab,worked on many TV progs,Man in a Suitcase,William Tell,Danger Man among others,enjoyed good conditions and pay and soon realized this was due to ACTT also as a young man I enjoyed working with about 300 young women,great times what with all those dark rooms,after a couple of years transfered into Traveling Matte as camera operator doing blue backgruond and flying ect.Moved to BBC dept as Assistant Contact 2 years later,duties included vueing rushes progress chasing keeping in contact with editors and producers at BBC on progs .Most Assistants go on to become Contactmen,and they where all men,but it bacame clear prety soon that my trade union activities would bar me from any further promotion,so when I left 30 years later I had the same job.Union career to follow

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From: PHILIP HOOLEY [hooleyshere@btinternet.com]
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hi Mel could you print this off for Phil I will have two more to send you.
cheers Jen see you tomorrow xx

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From: PHILIP HOOLEY <hooleyshere@btinternet.com>
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Subject: Phil Hooley

Joined ACTT IN 1961/2, became a member of the local Rank Labs committee mid to late sixties, after being told by the then Shopsteward Monica Toy to put up or shut up, did not always agree with Mon, but came to admire her and like her. Later became Secretary, Vicechair, Chair, Dayshift steward and finally Covenor in early eighties, a job I did until a couple of years before I left Ranks, but I did return as Shop Chair in my last year. Took redundancy offer in 1993, due to being informed that if I stayed on I would be probably be sent back to the printing room, a job I had done 30 years before, so on the advice of my partner Jenny, I left one day before my 50th birthday. Three months later was appointed a National Official at BECTU, on maternity cover, I remained in the job, which I really enjoyed off and on, due to being on contract for part of that time, until 1999, when I left due to ill health until 2001, when I was asked to return on a 3 day week until June 2002 when I finally left and went travelling, more about this later. Between 99 and 01 did various part time jobs to make ends meet, Plasterers labourer, Fish delivery, Pathe Film Library, Arion Post Prod. as well as lay work for Bectu including visiting the film studios once a week to keep Bectus profile up, a job I loved. I first attended ACTT annual conference in 1971, I believe, when the former Gen. Sec George Elvin was President, for one year, I really enjoyed it, the debates and particularly the fights between the Trots and the CP members who ran NEC. I have attended most An Cons since then. At about that time I started to attend Laboratory Committee, which I later became Secretary, Vice Chair, and then Chair until I became an Official. I started to attend ACTT General Council and was voted on to the NEC and F&GP in the mid eighties, I remained on NEC of both ACTT and BECTU until I became an Official. Attended first TUC Congress as a delegate in 1982, when Alan Sapper was the President, and attended every year until becoming an Official, became a delegate to SERTUC in mid eighties which I still am. In the mid eighties I became the Labs Representative to FISTAV and attended many conferences at home and abroad during that time, Prauge, Rome, Paris, Berlin, Montreal, and of course Moscow. I think that's it. Any more info required let me know. Pastimes and travel to follow. Thanks Phil

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