

Dear all

Amongst my Christmas mail was a letter from a cousin of Mike Squelch saying that Mike had died earlier in the year after a short illness. He was in his mid 70s.

Mike joined Wood Lane in September 1961 and stayed there until its demise in 1987. He started in the Rubber and Plastics Department and, after its successor split into two, he then worked under Barry Howell in the Polymer Processes Department. As with many of us he enjoyed the social and sporting opportunities that BICC offered, and especially excelled at badminton, where his skills took him way above the level of the company team. He was also active within the running of the Social Club, being for some time vice-chairman of the committee.

Post-Wood Lane, Mike, along with other former colleagues, such as John Childs and John Taylor, ended up with the British Standards Institution (BSI), from where he retired 10 or more years ago and went to live in the Isle of Wight. To the best of my knowledge his cousin, Jeff French, was his closest surviving relative

On a happier note I hope that you will recall that we set **Friday 15 May 2020** as the provisional date for the next **reunion**. Please ensure that it is in your diary. We hope to have full confirmation within the next 3-4 weeks.

All the best for the New Year

Kind regards

Mike