

Dear Peter

Taking up the invitation, I was intrigued to read in the latest Newsletter of the apparent cachet attached to the ex-Wood Laners who moved to BSI. While Roger Jones may well have been the last, I believe that I was the first, having joined that august body in 1967. Admittedly, I did not go direct from BICC, having worked in the interim at the Building Research Station in Garston for a few years, but I did stay at BSI until I retired (early) in 1992.

The only ex-Wood Laner that I can recall overlapping with at Wood Lane as well as at BSI was Derek Toop, who joined BSI some time after me. Derek recruited me to BICC, and was my Section Leader in the Wiring Enamels Section of Rubber & Plastics. Our places in the BSI hierarchy were reversed.

Apart from attending the reunions (when I remember), which take place conveniently near where I live, the only other Wood Laner with whom I am in regular contact is Jim Crawley (Metallurgy), who now lives in Whitstable.

I'd be happy to hear from anyone who wishes to contact me. My e-address is mjpater@gmail.com; other coordinates follow.

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