

The old Guv'nor,
God bless Him!

The Friends of the Old Paint Company

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Reunion Evening: Our 16th this year on 7th October and very well attended by regulars and many new "old" faces. Over 90 applications, with a few last minute cancellations, the evening was a great success. With a buffet for all tastes, a free bar till 11.00 pm and a lot of "chat" of old times, ensured a good time was had by all.

Next Year: Same time, same place on **FRIDAY 6th OCTOBER 2017.**
"Keep in touch with us to help us keep in touch with you."

BERGER PAINTS, HERBERTS So what happened to the company where we worked for the best part of our lives? Is there anything left of what Lewis Berger started in 1760 in Homerton and Dr. Kurt Herberts in 1866 in Wuppertal? The history of the company is well documented on the website. Let's start in the mid 80s.....

- Berger, apart from Industrial, was sold to Williams Holdings. Jenson & Nicholson(Stratford plant)closed. HPG Industrial Coatings created and later renamed Herberts.
- Late 90s. Hoechst decide to sell its heavy chemical industries including paint.
- 1999 Herberts sold to DuPont and DuPont Performance Coatings created. Closure of manufacturing and warehousing at Chadwell Heath announced.
- 2004 Closure of Chadwell Heath site announced. Relocated to Stevenage.

Freshwater Road, Chadwell Heath, Essex RM8 1RU in 2016.



North Side
Now~ Nichols & Clark
Builders Merchants



Spies Hecker TC
Now~ Harmony Christian
Church Kemp Road



Office Block
Now~ Spectrum Flats with
Child Care & Fitness Centres
on the Ground Floor



1986 Factory
Now~ Central Books
Loc 200(Lab Block)
Demolished



Factory Entrance
Now~ CED Electrical Distributor
and HR Pavilion(empty) ~ it's
a listed building



**Resin Plant & Barrel
Farm**
Now~ Emerson Cranes



**Loc.400 &
No 2 Car Park**
Now~ OnLine Roadways



**Standox TC & No 1
Car Park**
Now~ Kinvara Business
Park

So what happened after DuPont?

- In 2013 DuPont sold DPC to The Carlyle Group, a multinational private equity, asset management and financial services company. They rebranded the company as **Axalta Coating Systems** a coatings company, headquarters in Philadelphia, that develops and manufactures coatings for light and commercial vehicles, industrial, and refinish applications. It operates in 130 countries, with 13,000+ employees, and more than 100,000 customers.
- In November 2014, the firm completed its IPO on the NY Stock Exchange.
- In 2016 **Axalta Coating Systems**, Son of Berger and Herberts celebrated 150 years in the coatings industry. Based in Welwyn Garden City in the UK.



Photos from the evening



A general view of the evening



The Two Ronnies



Karl Marx, Neil, Dave, Sandra and Neville



A view of the evening



Doug, Dave and Bob



John, Bev and the other John



A Rose between two thorns



*Terry, George and Ray
AND THEN IN ONE FELL SWOOP . . .*



Kish and Avril



Ray took Terry's head off !!!



Mick and Alan



Sue and Christine Laughed



Andy and Bryn ~ Taking it easy



Keith and Buzz thought it was brilliant



Val, 'The Old Guvnor, and David look on apprehensively at



Buzz and Reg were surprised BUT



Alex and Flo were not impressed



Bill and Susan



Larry and Bill



Patrick and Jacqui



Lynn and Amanda..(nee Rick)



Reg, Ron Robert and Keith



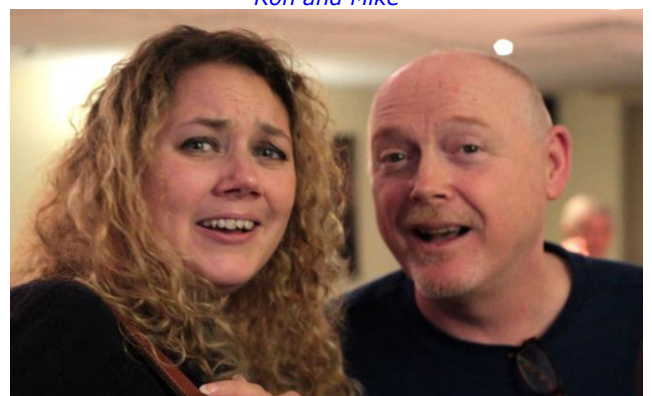
Neville trying to Hypnotise Sandra



Ron and Mike



Gary and Reg



Gemma and Neville



Frank, Lynn, Dave, Ken and Sandra



Lynn and Frank



Kish and Robert



Les Girls

Many thanks to our hard working photographer, Clive Simpson



Clive

OBITUARIES

We are sorry to advise you that several of our old Friends have passed on:

Joe Hitchen	Feb	2014
Trevor Smith	Feb	2014
Geoff Newton	Feb	2014
Jim Evans	Mar	2014
David Orton	April	2014
Colin Broughton	April	2014
Terry Gillman	April	2014
Anne Sherlock	Sept	2014
David Sumner	Sept	2014
Doug Parker	Nov	2014
Tommy Hall	Dec	2014
Derek Gratze	Dec	2014
Christian Hansen	Dec	2014
Arthur Keeley	Jan	2015
Jack Hamer	Jan	2015
Trevor Lemmon	Feb	2015
Brian Shearmur	Feb	2015
Dennis Reynolds	Aug	2015
Geoff Pink	Oct	2015
Reg Burton	Oct	2015
Mary Brewer	Oct	2015
Linda Gibbons	Jan	2016
Liz Lebrecht	Feb	2016
Alan Smith	Mar	2016

If anyone wants a copy of the photos taken on the evening, we can send you a set on a CD at very low cost of £8

Donations: A number of people sent in donations to support the evening. It's a great help and pays for the newsletter. We would like to give a personal *Thank You* to all for your generosity

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and ... from the vast team of organisers that make the reunion possible we would all like to wish all our regular readers: - A really super Christmas and a good and peaceful New Year



The old Mr Berger [circa 1810] also wishes you a Merry Christmas