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To: All Branches

Dear Colleague

DAVID FIELDS – FORMER NEC AND NATIONAL HONORARY MEMBER

It is with great sadness that we inform CWU Branches of the recent passing of David Fields, former NEC and National Honorary member.

David joined the union in 1975 and almost immediately moved into representational roles in the then Grimsby Indoor branch as part of the Telephone Operator Grade.

He had an outstanding record of union activism in various branch, district and national roles, including being elected to the National Executive in 1995, becoming the T&FS Industrial Executive Vice Chair in 1998 and being awarded National Honorary membership in 2007.

Following his retirement from BT, David continued to work for the union and represent members as an Employment Tribunal Panellist and he became an expert in this field and one of the most respected people to undertake this type of work in the history of the union.

Those who knew David will always remember him as a lifelong union stalwart and Labour movement figure who was totally dedicated to representing his members and working-class people.

On behalf of the whole of the CWU we offer our sincere condolences to David's family. He was a true comrade to our movement – RIP David.

We have been advised of the funeral arrangements and these are set out below:

Wednesday 28th January at 12.30pm
St. Andrews Church
Church Lane
Immingham
DN40 3JJ

Wake to be held at: The County Hotel, Pelham Rd, Immingham, DN40 1AD.

Any enquiries relating to this LTB should be addressed to the General Secretary's Office,
Dawn Lynch on dlynch@cwu.org

Yours sincerely,

Dave Ward.

Dave Ward
General Secretary