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TO: ALL BRANCHES

Dear Colleague,

FRED JEPSON – FORMER CWU PRESIDENT, NEC AND POSTAL EXECUTIVE MEMBER

It is with deep sadness that I write to advise branches that Fred Jepson, former CWU President, NEC and Postal Executive member, passed away yesterday following long-term health issues.

CWU Representatives who knew Fred will fondly remember him as a lifelong trade unionist and a larger-than-life advocate for our members and working-class people.

He joined one of our predecessor unions, the UPW in 1970 and went on to hold numerous union positions in the Mount Pleasant Branch, including Branch Secretary.

Fred was also subsequently elected to other positions including District Organiser at LDC3, London Regional Secretary, the Postal Executive, NEC and ended his career in the union as National President in 2002.

Throughout his time in the union, he was known for his passionate speeches in members meetings and at conference and will always be remembered as one of the true characters in the history of our organisation.

On behalf of the whole of the CWU, we offer our sincere condolences to Fred's wife Cherry and his family.

We will advise branches of the arrangements for his funeral in due course and in the meantime branches and representatives may wish to send condolence cards to the following address:

4a North Road, Brightlingsea, Essex CO7 OPL.

Any enquiries on the above LTB should be addressed to the General Secretary's Office at dlynch@cwu.org.

Yours sincerely,



Dave Ward
General Secretary