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Dear Colleague

**Chris Flinn - former NCU National Executive and retired Gold Badge member**

We are writing to inform you that Chris Flinn, a former NCU National Executive and retired Gold Badge member, passed away on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019. He joined the Post Office Telephones on 16<sup>th</sup> September 1955 and the POEU on employment and then went on to take up official roles and actively served the Union from 1961, originally with POEU Warrington Branch from 1961 and then South West Lancashire Branch, most of that time as the Branch Secretary. Chris had a forty-year career as a telephone engineer for Post Office Telephones, then with BT until he retired in 1993 but he continued his CWU membership.

Chris has been unwell for some time and due to complications over the past few weeks, he eventually passed away after a bout of pneumonia.

Chris's funeral has been arranged for 2.20pm on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October at Walton Lea Crematorium, WA4 6TB. Please note that there will be no church service prior to this.

Afterwards, there will be a gathering at Warrington Sports Club, Walton Lea Road, Higher Walton, WA4 6SJ, where the family would be pleased to see any of his former colleagues which is a couple of minutes' drive from the crematorium.

The family is happy to accept flowers/wreaths, if you wish to do. Alternatively, you can make a donation to the Blind Veterans UK. (for further information see: <https://www.blindveterans.org.uk/>)

Our thoughts are of course with Chris's family at this sad time and on behalf of the CWU, I convey our deepest sympathy and condolences.

Any enquiries on the above LTB should be addressed to [gsoffice@cwu.org](mailto:gsoffice@cwu.org)

Yours sincerely



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**General Secretary**