

## CECIL JOHN PHILIP WOOD

Chairman 1975-1977

Phil was born in 1926 in Birmingham

During the war he was a Bevin Boy, whereby many men of army age were directed to the coal industry instead of the armed forces.



### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

<b>1948</b>	Joined Lucas Electrical and spent 40 years working for that company.
<b>1953-1960</b>	European Representative for Motorcycle Equipment
<b>1960-1986</b>	Additionally responsible for Rolls Royce, Jaguar and Rover
<b>1986</b>	Sales Manager Motorcycle Equipment

Phil has one claim to fame. In 1961 he was sent to London to meet with a Mr Jim Harrison who had been Sales Director of Raleigh Cycles, but was now involved with a foreign company. Phil duly met with a very drunk man who claimed he had a machine which would sweep the country. Having examined the 50cc Honda, Phil reported to his Sales Director (Sir Kenneth Corley) that he couldn't see a future for such a small machine on English Roads.

Since retirement Phil has directed his energies into local politics.

- 1962-2002 Member of Walsall Metropolitan Council
- 1966 Parliamentary Candidate for Bosworth
- 1978-2000 Chairman Bevin Boys' Association
- 1981-1982 Mayor Walsall
- 1994-2000 Leader of Walsall Metropolitan Council