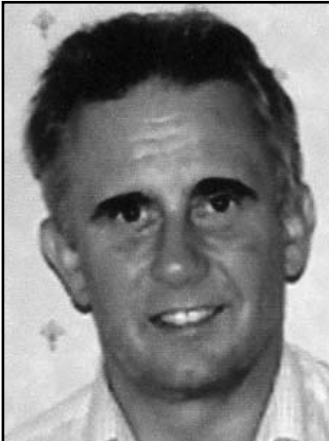


**AMICUS EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS, 2003.
CHEMICALS, PHARMACEUTICALS & PROCESS**



JOHN OLIVER

I am asking your vote in the forthcoming Executive elections.

With the election of Derek Simpson as General Secretary our union can rebuild our democratic structures and begin to deliver what our members want and need.

To complete the transformation Derek needs an Executive that will back him in his endeavors in the best interests of the members.

Our union's merger has given us the opportunity for all the membership to have their say in the future of the union

I want to be part of that movement and pledge to work to that end if I am elected.

I have been a member of our union since 1965, in Barnsley 1 Branch, joining as an apprentice whilst employed at Beatson Clark plc. In that time I have been a Shop Steward for over ten years and Convener for some six years. I am an active Safety Representative trained to TUC certificate IOSH "practicing technician level". I am the joint works committee chairman at Beatson Clark for both Barnsley and Rotherham works. I am also a member nominated Trustee for the works pension scheme. I have attended as a delegate our union conferences held at Blackpool in the last two years and I was a delegate to the rules conference this year. I feel if something needs doing and you have the capability to do it there is no one better than yourself to do it. I believe in democracy and with my union training and working together we can be a force to bring change.

I am standing for election to the Executive on the Unity Gazette platform as I have found their views are mine. The union is its members and the members should decide, its officers should be accountable and elected not appointed. Partnership deals are not to the benefit of the worker and should have been resisted not encouraged.

Please give the union a chance to be your union once again. Use your vote in the Executive election to promote the changes you voted for with Derek Simpson's election as General Secretary. Vote for me and the Gazette candidates and we will endeavor to assist in making those changes happen and do our best to represent the views of our electorate, you the members.

Thank you.

Amicus unity gazette

For a democratic union controlled by the members

We are standing for election as part of a group of candidates committed to returning the union to its members. We are supported by Amicus Unity Gazette, the grouping that was central to Derek Simpson's election campaign, bringing together activists from both AEEU and MSF.

For more information, see www.amicusunitygazette.com or write to Bill Young, 22 Swale Road, Rochester, Kent ME2 2TT. If you want to send a donation, please make cheques payable to "Engineering Gazette".



May I take this opportunity to thank the shop stewards who supported my nomination in this election.

In today's changing world our industry faces many difficult and challenging situations. We face constant demands on our members; big changes are taking place with corporate restructuring, break ups and divestments. The employers are constantly demanding new methods of work and more flexibility on conditions, such as shift patterns.

The British chemical and pharmaceuticals industries are first rate, however our members are forced to work on third rate pay and conditions. For a long time we waited in vain for our former leaders to take action, but they were always complicit with the employers in pushing through changes.

The election of Derek Simpson heralds a new dawn for our members in the chemicals industry. It is now time for the union to take a stand and launch a campaign to defend our pay and conditions, and faithfully represent our interests in our relations with the employers.

In asking for your vote, I undertake to return this Union to the membership. The seeds have been sown by the election of Derek Simpson as General Secretary. There must be no room for complacency, as there is much to be done.

The new lay Executive needs to be accountable, with grass root membership issues and concerns driving the agenda.

KEY AREAS WE MUST FOCUS OUR ATTENTION ON INCLUDE:

- Raising work-place Health and Safety awareness.
- Campaign for real jobs in the manufacturing sector.
- Encourage and reinforce company training programmes for apprentices and adult workers.
- Defend employee opt-outs.
- Challenge "Fat-cat" salaries at the expense of our members.
- Protect UK manufacturing jobs against foreign competition, tax havens and outsourcing by multi-national companies.

WITHIN THE UNION

- Accountability to the membership of ALL elected officials.
- First class training for shop-stewards, safety reps. and apprentices

Looking forward to your support.

Yours fraternally,
Ron Milne

UNION CV

- Joined AUEW in August 1973 as an apprentice in the textile industry
- Elected shop steward and safety rep in December 1980, when I joined a multi-national pharmaceutical company. Subsequently elected convener in 1986. Currently sit on Health and Safety Committees and Company Consultative pensions Committee.
- Past delegate to District Committee
- Elected to position of Branch Secretary in 1988 and have retained office to present day.
- Labour party member since 1985 and delegate to CLP. I have contested two local elections as a Labour candidate.