Bish, a life well lived

[Norman Bishop]

Born 4th April 1936 in East Ham, Bish was educated in Romford, later joining the RAF 1952 as Boy Entrant RadarMechanic and worked on radar in jet fighters.

Bish joined LEO in the mid 60s as an engineer working on the installation at Whiteleys, then moved to site engineer at Fords of Dagenham.

After LEO amalgamated with English Electric/Marconi Bish left to join Sperry Univac ending up as international support. Tired of all the travelling Bish

left Univac for Wordplex in his 40s as local support, working 9 - 5. Early 1980she transferred to the training division where he stayed until redundancy caught up. He spent the last of his working life as a civil servant and retired in 2001.

After moving to Cumbria Bish volunteered to support Age UK, giving talks about early mainframe computers and his experiences as an evacuee during WW2 in schools and sharing his memories with residents of retirement homes.

He left us 20 March 2013.

Jacky Bishop, his wife of many years kindly provided these notes about Bish's life. Our condolences to her.