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A Word from the Editor

Dr. William C. ("Bill") Wake was the UK's Associate Editor for *The Journal of Adhesion* from its inception in 1969 until his death in 1989. During those 20 years he served *The Journal* extremely well and, moreover, became a personal friend. In 1990, the Adhesives Section of the Institute of Materials (IOM) established *The William C. Wake Memorial Lecture* in his memory. This Editor had the honor of delivering the first Lecture in 1990.

The Seventh Meeting of the Adhesives Group of the IOM, recently held at Churchill College of Cambridge University, was the occasion of the Fourth Wake Memorial Lecture, delivered by Professor K. W. Allen of Oxford Brookes University. The lecture which Professor Allen gave was unusual, in that it was a tribute to Dr. Wake entitled, "William C. Wake: Intellectual and Artist", rather than a technical lecture on an adhesion-related subject.

Bill Wake did much for the adhesion community at large, not only during his 20 years of service to *The Journal of Adhesion* but during his entire career. Accordingly, we believe that Professor Allen's remarks on the occasion of this Fourth Wake Memorial Lecture bear publishing for the benefit both of those who knew him and of those who did not. For the former, they will serve to recall our memories of him and for the latter will enable them to know this remarkable man better.

Professor Allen's remarks follow on the next several pages.



The Editor in Chief