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## Branch Meritorious Award 2017

## Michael Sheldon

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For as long as most people in the branch can remember he has been the West Midlands Branch Secretary. He has done the job conscientiously and quietly. Often it has meant sorting out notes of meetings, suggestions for technical meeting subjects contacting the relevant speakers and making all the necessary arrangement from booking the room though to arrange greeting and organising hospitality. Certainly this has often taken quite a lot of time. Often the first thing we knew after a committee meeting or discussion was a comprehensive branch programme circulated and information that he had sent it to 'Silsoe'. (Yes I know it has changed).  At the same time he was doing a similar job for the local branch of the Institute of Horticulture and often shared their programmes with our branch member list to our mutual benefit. Some of those meetings were very interesting.

For several years he offered to retire but we never found a replacement, then it got a firmer statement about retirement and then eventually gave us, I think two years notice of cessation! Many of his documents were passed to Ian Moore and we now share them on a Dropbox.

Professionally he was a lecturer at Moreton Morrell College but eventually retired. Since the he has continued his professional interest and at a recent meeting gave us a talk on the tractors and equipment he had seen in Germany.