



# CASAL - AGRUPACIÒ CATALANA



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Dr. David George,  
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Dear Mr. D. George,

Firstly, I hope that these few lines will find you and your family in good health.

It was most unfortunate that for whatever reasons you were not able to attend our gathering in London to commemorate Catalonia's National Day. ( as we had forwarded you an invitation of same).

As I have been verbally told by Mrs. Carme Rius, I have become a member of the executive committee of the Anglo-Catalan Society, and therefore I shall appreciate written confirmation of this appointment.

I am surprised that whilst as a member I received a notification, last June, to attend your annual gathering to be held this year in London, this September, and also advising me that a later date, ie, August I would be receiving the exact dates and details, regretably to date I have not received anything further.

Although I am now proceeding to Barcelona to attend a Congress, for a few days, I will appreciate any advise regarding the above matter.

Kindest regards to your dear wife, Maria Antonia, yourself and professor Geoffrey Walker.

Yours sincerely,

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# Larger council call examined

A CALL has been made for the size of New Milton Town Council to be increased to take account of population growth.

An increase in the town's population has brought over 3,000 new electors in the council's 10-year history. Yet the level of representation

for each ward has never been reviewed. The present ratio of electors to councillors at New Milton is higher than the national average.

## WINE AUCTION

Tuesday 19th September  
10.30 am

### Over 2,000 cases of French and Spanish wines

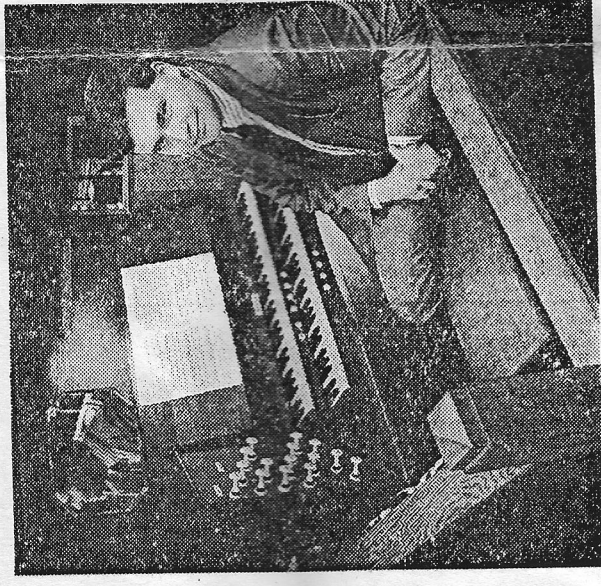
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THE MOAT HOUSE HOTEL,  
KNYVETON RD, BOSCOMBE  
BOURNEMOUTH

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Monday 18th  
11.30-3 and 4.30-8.30

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## Pulling out the stops

Ever sponsored a note or a stop for the future well-being of a church organ?

Musician Barry Rathbone is throwing down this musical challenge to raise cash to cover the restoration bill for the Hunter organ at Charminster United Reformed Church.

Barry plans to begin a 24 hour organ marathon at 9pm on Friday, October 20 and says: "I will be hoping to be sponsored richly."

The feat is being attempted to raise more money for the renovation fund, which is still in need of around £2,000 to cover the cost.

Becton, Ballard and Milton should each be increased from two to three. But town clerk Mr Dick Waterman said boundary revisions would also need Revisions Commission permission.

He warned that it was highly unlikely that the hard-pressed Commission would be able to deal with any New Milton application in time for the 1991 elections.

He recommended Bashley's representation should be cut from two members

# Civil war veteran fighting for region's autonomy

Story by Doug Daykin

A BOURNEMOUTH man, the last Catalan who fought in the Spanish Civil War to be living in exile in England, has been honoured by his countrymen. Josep Ibanez i Lopez, who was in the Republican army in 1938 and then had to flee the country when the dictator Franco took over, has become a prominent figure in advancing the cause of Catalan autonomy from abroad.

At one stage there were as many as a dozen Catalan organisations over here, but that number dwindled to just two, the Casal Catala a Londres and Mr Ibanez's own, the Casal-Agrupacio Catalana of Great Britain.

## President

At a party held in London over the week-end to mark the National Day of Catalonia, the first was dissolved and amalgamated with the other, of which Mr Ibanez is president. He retains his presidential position.

The much-decorated erstwhile local hotelier, who asks that his address is not divulged for obvious reasons, fought in the bloodiest battle against Franco which earned him the highest wartime accolade - the Laureate of the Brave.

## Spain

His home in Queen's Park is a shrine to his mother country and he remains determined to achieve his goal - autonomy from Spain.

"It is a very great honour for me to be made president and I received congratulations from many quarters as well as those of the 250 Catalonians, relatives and friends attending the party.

"We sang hymns from Britain and Catalonia. There was music and dancing and I spoke of the aspirations of my country. I am now shortly off to Barcelona to attend a Catalonia congress," he said.