

# LIFE ON SUNDAY

*Nick Thompson also recalls some of his memories:*

Charles & I first met with the Cliffords, both Hill and Denton, in 1999 at Moggerhanger when I recall Clifford Denton recommending a meeting with Richard Teideman. Then on 2nd February 2000 Charles & I met Dr Brian Mawhinney at the - of Parliament, it was the first all even number date – 02.02. 2000 – 2 February 2000 in over 1100 years!

I remember that John Hockett made contact through the first coverage in PT, he was a Professor of Business Studies at Warwick University. Sadly he later suffered from dementia and passed away about 10 years ago. His son Richard was also part of the group.

I remember too that I spoke on *Life on Sunday* at a UCB conference in early 2000 in Belfast. And there was a German brother called Ulrich who lived in London who engaged with us. He tragically died when a fish bone lodged in his throat.

There was also a designer guy that Charles introduced who lived out in Greece with his Greek wife, and only came to the UK every so often if I remember right. He conducted our design work which was outstanding.

Among many others, I remember that we met with Tim Green of Mastercard, Malcolm Matson of Colt Communications fame, the gentleman who ran Ultraframe up in the North West, Eddie Stobart Snr, and also the stockbroker who was involved in Premier Radio - I do not recall his name though.

We came very close to raising the funds through a Christian Tech Entrepreneur in late 2001/early 2002, but he went bust in the Tech Stock Crash in February 2002.

All this was on the back of producing a dummy edition on the back of 9/11. It was an impressive piece of work, made possible by some individual brothers and sisters whose generosity along with our own funds covered those costs and the starting of an internet *Life News*, edited by Charles with some contributors providing material.

John Widdows, FD with News International worked/walked with us for a while.

Around 2010 we began talking around an online news site that would lead into a print edition. Nat Wei, the entrepreneur and social reformer in David Cameron's government who was elevated to a peerage, was involved and he had a number of meetings with us but again the funding did not come through.

I often reflect on where we were out of step, I believe recent events have demonstrated the need for such a news vehicle, but the Lord did not see fit to progress the idea at that time and so we submit to His will and continue walking.