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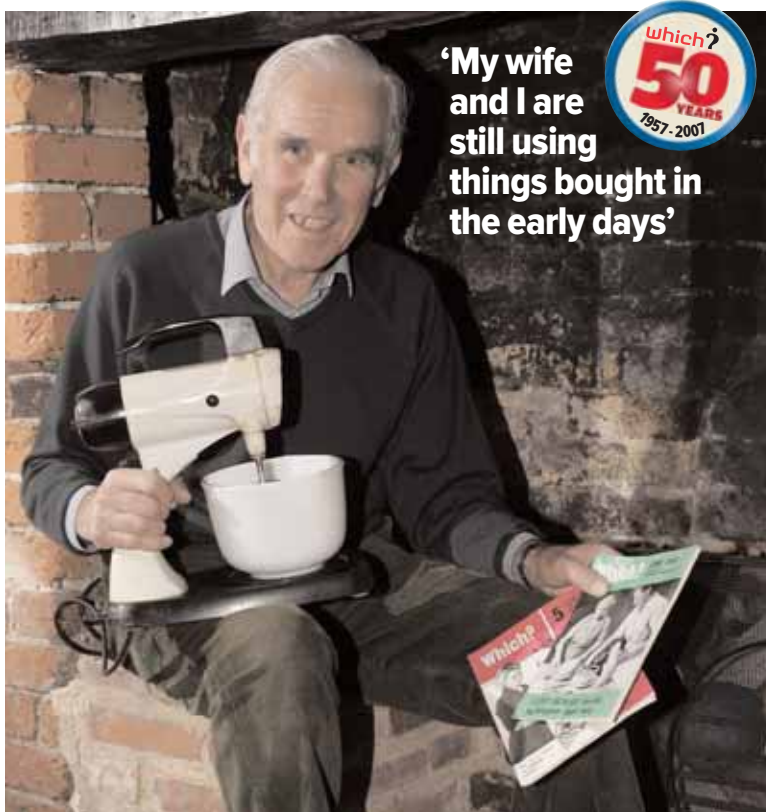
When Which? recommends a Best Buy, we hope members will enjoy many years using it – but even we are surprised by how well some have lasted.

Nicholas Crace, of Overton, Hampshire, a Which? member from the beginning, said: 'My wife and I are still using things bought in the early days.'

A set of Best Buy Salter Windsor bathroom scales from 1958 remains as accurate as ever. Just as impressively, Mr Crace, now 78, weighs the same as then – 12 stone.

He also has a 1959 Sunbeam Mixmaster (electric food mixer), which he used to make brandy butter at Christmas.

Mr Crace has used Which? to buy toasters, kettles, fridges, and TVs over the years – and has enjoyed some of our odder moments, too. In 1958, we tested the casing of ballpoint pens by 'stepping on the pens on a soft smooth lawn with the flat of a leather-soled shoe'.



Nicholas Crace with the Best Buy electric food mixer he bought in 1959

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The following won an MP3 player and portable DVD player: Brenda Cooling, Wokingham; John Samson, Loughborough; and Robert Teasdale, Grantham

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