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Your Which?

Each month this year, we will feature one of our original members on this page as part of celebrations of our 50th anniversary

Architect and town planner

John Collins, 82, cheerfully

weight of his collection of

Which? magazines – all 50

admits that the ceiling of the

family home groans under the

years' worth of them. John, of

Hargrave, Chester, said: 'My

wife Mary complains at the

'My family (six children)

have all grown up with the

magazine. They know that

"Pop" never buys anything or

takes any action until he has

It's perhaps no surprise that

checked it in Which?.'

John has been a Which?

member from the start: 'I've

pioneering projects, being in

When Which? started in

rebuild a city damaged during

the Second World War. His

always been interested in

at the start of something.'

1957, John was living in

Coventry and helping to

'There are plenty of people trying to con you'



Founder Which? member John Collins

eldest son was christened at Coventry Cathedral in 1959.

In 1957, John and Mary had only recently been married. There were quite a few people in his office in the same position, and an older staff member labelled them the 'happy little homebuilders' amount of space they take up. for their habit of always chasing after the best bargains: 'Someone would come in and say they saw some very good stools and we would rush out to buy them?

> John, an ex-president of the Royal Town Planning Institute, now does voluntary work using his planning expertise. He explained why he had stayed a Which? member: 'I've always found it very useful. There are plenty of people trying to con you, but Which? gives totally independent advice.'

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