**DISCUSSION POINTS FOR TOPIC 3 OF *SHE WORE A YELLOW DRESS***

1. Obviously, attending university was critical in transforming John from a farm boy to a successful professional. Had this education not been free-of-charge, the rest of the story would not have happened.
2. Did John make the correct decision to join industry and Ford of Britain? What would you have chosen? If he had to select today, he would choose the research opportunity; back then, he did not have the financial resources and lacked confidence in becoming a success in academia.
3. There were many serendipities John encountered during his career; which ones might have been the most important to him?
* Introduction to the “milk round” by his friend.
* The cup of tea incident during his first interview with Ford.
* Finding himself in a very visible function at Ford as his first appointment.
* Discovering Jean-Louise
* The mentoring he received in his first placement
* Receiving counsel from his fellow trainees Chris and David.
* The Ford of Europe position opening up for a second time because his predecessor had to return home to Denmark, enabling him to leave KD Operations in Dagenham.

 Would you have done anything differently?

1. How did your career develop? Was it planned or did it just happen? Would you chose an alternative career path if you were starting over again?
2. How do you see careers transforming in the future as technology creates new opportunities through artificial intelligence and machine learning, but simultaneously destroy traditional occupations. Inequality, a shrinking middle class and difficulties finding employment are phenomena of this new global situation.