

Norman George Sykes (Fellow 1963, Member 1949) died on 9th November 1975 leaving a widow and one son.

Born in Rutland, Mr Sykes studied at the London Radio College and from 1927 to 1932 was a sea-going Radio Officer, first with the Marconi International Marine Company and later with the Cunard Steamship Company. In 1933 he entered the radio industry, working for a short time at McMichael Radio and then with Gambrell Radio Communications, eventually becoming Acting Marine General Manager. In 1938 Mr Sykes joined the Admiralty at H.M. Signal School, subsequently the Admiralty Signal Establishment, and during the early part of the war he was responsible for final acceptance tests and repair of radio and radar equipment. Later in the war he was commissioned as Lieutenant Commander RNVR and was seconded to the Staff of Vice Admiral Q, British Pacific Fleet, as technical adviser on telecommunications and radar in the Pacific theatre, based in Australia and Ceylon.

After the war he spent 15 years at the Admiralty Surface Weapons Establishment; from 1951 to 1963 he was Head of Telecommunications and Electronic Warfare Production, responsible for all aspects of the production of equipment in this field for the Royal Navy.

In 1963 Mr Sykes moved to the Government Communications H.Q. as a Superintendent Grade Engineer, and he was for four years Chief Engineer of the Government Communications Radio Organization with the grade of Assistant Director prior to his retirement in 1970.