

Lancashire UNISON Newsletter

Retired Members Section

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Diary Dates 2008

County Hall

Talks - 2pm

Friday 31st October

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of Florence Nightingale

Friday 28th November

Mrs Irene Cottam

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Northern Sub-Group

Talks at 2pm Elms Hotel

Tuesday 14th October

Rev Stuart Westley

on Henry VI, 'Patron Saint of Lancashire'

Tuesday 11th November

Gordon Curry – an Audio Visual Presentation

Walks 2008

Wednesday the 16th July

Following the Pennine Way north

Wednesday the 23rd July

Join Roy on one of his long walks

Wednesday the 13th August

The walk will be the Beamers Trail

Wednesday the 10th September

Escape into Yorkshire
on a footbridge over M62

Computers are Perfect

For the past month or so the *UNISON* office has been transferring names and addresses of members to a new computer system which is used for the *Newsletter*. Now I agree with you that computers are perfect, but the trouble usually seems to happen when information goes in and comes out and that mostly seems to involve *humans*. The office now have finalised their new list and have asked our members who know of someone not receiving their usual *Newsletter* or receiving one by mistake to let us know. We will be checking separately with *good old paper and biro* but that could take some time.

August

If this was not enough while they have been doing this the office has had a huge workload increase. I imagine you will have heard of national strikes and ballots and, believe it or not the *County Hall* car parking saga still continues. *OK, you would believe it!* As a consequence of all this work for the past three months the *Newsletter* has been printed away from the *UNISON* office which has increased our costs. While this is temporary and arrangements are in hand to sort out the costs the *Executive Committee* have decided, as a one off saving while matters are sorted, (and you all know what "*temporary*" can mean) we are **NOT** printing an *August* Newsletter this year. The next Newsletter will be in *September* and will contain information about all winter activities which start in October.

Dave Sergeant Chairman

Executive Committee News



At our meeting we started to look at the arrangements

for our next **Annual Reunion and Dinner**. Before we are in a position to publish anything there are lots of things to consider, not least **the date, the venue** and then **the menu**. More information to follow in future months.

We regularly consider our finances, and are continuing to monitor the cost of producing the **Newsletter**. As is reported elsewhere we are NOT issuing a newsletter in August (please make a note of the various dates), neither will we be having a meeting. I will be having my usual holiday at our holiday village in **Croyde** at the end of July beginning of August. I hope everyone who is off on holiday has a safe journey and a pleasant and enjoyable holiday

Maureen Vass"

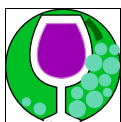
Secretary

Northern Sub Group

Summer Lunch.

Elms Hotel 1st July

Thirty-one members and friends enjoyed a very good meal at the



Elms Hotel Morecambe – being sat at three circular tables encouraged the social

benefits of the occasion.

Afterwards, **Barbara Rudge** gave one of her holiday adventure talks, this time about **Hong Kong Macau** and **China**, circulating several of the items she had purchased there – clearly enjoyed by all.

Talks, October November

As they will be no August newsletter please put the following **Bookings in your diary** (both at the **Headway Hotel Morecambe - talks start at 2pm**)

Tuesday 14th October

Rev Stuart Westley – Henry VI, 'Patron Saint of Lancashire'

Tuesday 11th November

Gordon Curry – an Audio Visual Presentation

Ray Rudge"

Treasurer

Activities at County Hall

I have booked some very interesting speakers to start in **October** after the summer break they are as follows: -

Friday 31st October we welcome **Mr Aled Jones** who has been recommended to me by one of our members. He will present a most interesting talk about **The Life and Times of Florence nightingale.**

Friday 28th November back by popular demand and with the Christmas festivities in mind **Mrs Irene Cottam** will relate her time organising an **Xmas Party.**

Twas Christmas Day in the Workhouse

Friday 12th December just to remind everyone how near we are to Christmas we have a talented lady **Elaine Burridge** who will demonstrate how to gift wrap your presents with everyday trimmings entitled

Gift Wrapping with a Difference

Everyone is welcome to join us at these events, bring your friends it is a pleasant way to spend an afternoon, finishing with free tea/coffee biscuits and a social chat. Once again I would like to thank our regular members for

continuing to support us we could not carry on without you.

Hopefully our new (**youngish!!**) members who seem to be growing in numbers every month, would like come along with new ideas, it's a nice way to spend a wet and cold afternoon, you could always meet up with friends and colleagues in the **Vic & Station** for lunch before hand!!

The usual reminder for our new members and friends about the talks, they are held on the last Friday of the month they start at 2.00pm finishing approx 3.15pm and are held in one of the cabinet rooms at **County Hall**, (unless directed elsewhere by the security person on the day). The entrance is from **Pitt Street Main Door**. Please ensure you sign in and receive a visitor's badge. When you come to the talks you are welcome to use the staff cafeteria situated near the main door before the talk begins, for a snack or meal, again the security person will direct you.

Derian House Stamp Appeal

Please keep sending your stamps to **Derian House**, many envelopes get thrown away, it only takes a minute to tear the stamp off the corner of an envelope (please leave 1 inch around the stamp.) Save the stamps in a container till you get a few to send on to the address below this is an on going stamp appeal for a worthwhile cause.

**Derian House Children's Hospice,
The Appeals Office,
Derian House, Chancery Road,
Astley Village, Chorley,
Lancs. PR7 1DH.
Fran Francis"**

Talk Organiser (01772 742459)

Members Walking Group

I have included information re walks up to and including

Just past the houses we turned into fields heading for *Feazer Farm and Woods*. Thankfully the rain had stopped and we had clear views of Pendle Hill. At *Mill Farm* we turned west in the direction of Seedalls. Continuing on we passed through *Drake House wood* and negotiated Drake House beck.

After passing through Bucks, a pile of felled tree trunks provide a suitable resting point for half the group to have lunch. The other half enjoyed the luxury of a bench. Thankfully the rain continued to hold off and *Curlews* landing and taking off in an adjacent field entertained us.

After lunch we set off again heading in the general direction of Grindleton. Passing between farm buildings at Lowcocks we came across two barns housing sheep specially bred for milking.

At Grindleton our route joined the River Ribble, which was followed east towards West Bradford. Along the way we paused for refreshment and watched a family of *Dippers* on the river. Unfortunately the weather became less kind and we were subjected to intermittent showers for the remainder of our journey back to Waddington.

It wasn't the kind of day to explore the charms of the village that has won the "*Best Kept Village*" competition on a number of occasions. So damp, but not downhearted, we all headed home to dry out and I had the satisfaction of knowing that my reputation as the "*Rain Man*" of the walking group was still intact!

FOOTNOTE:

The mystery sheep that we met on Roy's walk in April have been identified. They were *ZWARTBLES*; of Dutch origin their name translated means "*Black With White Blaze*",

which exactly describes their appearance.

Trevor Draycott
Walk Leader

Membership Secretary's Report

Since our last report we have had **12 new members**. We offer them a warm welcome:

Mrs Glenda Hampson

Preston;

Mrs M Hawke

Burnley;

Charlie Hooper

Preston;

Mrs E Howarth

Morecambe;

Mrs A Muckle

Bowerham Lancaster;

M/s J McGreevy

Preston;

David Morgan

Lancaster;

Michael W Warren

Preston;

Mrs P Wilkinson

Preston;

Miss J Wilson

Preston;

Mrs P Woodruff

Preston;

Mrs J Worthington

Morecambe.

Deaths of Members

Sadly 1 of our members has died, we offer our condolences to his family and friends.

Mr Harry Stone, Ribbleton,
Preston Police.

**Our membership is 1873
(including 32 associate members)**

Available to Rent

"Luxury 2 bed pent house apartment on exclusive *La Finca* championship golf course 10 km inland mid way between *Alicante*

& *Murcia, Spain* for rental. **Sleeps 4.**

Well equipped and beautifully furnished. Breakfast balcony and spacious roof-terrace with stunning views of the Course and of the surrounding countryside.

Within easy drives of beautiful beaches, countryside, walks, cultural sites. Excellent for active or lazy holidays."

Around **£275 - £300 per week**. With an additional **20% discount to Unison Members** For more information telephone:- **01254 668 404 or 07768 793 312** Or email: sirbilltaylor@btinternet.com

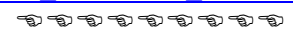


Travelling to Florida this year, why not add an extra week to begin or finish your holiday.

One week available to rent **27th September - 4th October 2008** at **Orange Lake Resort & Country Club** Kissimmee Florida. £375.

Two Bedroom, two bathroom deluxe 'Villa' condo, sleeps 6/8. fully-equipped kitchen, king-sized bed, two queen-sized beds, pullout sofa sleeper, full-sized washer & dryer, and much more. For more info Tel 01772 727812 or see it on the Internet at:-

http://orangelake.com/tour_our_resort/360_views.html



And finishing with a SMILE

"I cannot understand you" said the young man to his unmarried aunt. "You seem so happy and contented. I've always thought that unmarried women are lonely and miserable and just longing for the presence of a man about the place."

"Well," his aunt responded smiling, "I've got a fireplace that smokes, a parrot that swears, a cat that stays out half the night with no explanation, and a dog that leaves muddy footprints all over the house. Why do I need a man!!