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Diary Dates 2008

County Hall

The Chapel of Christ the King

Annual Service of Remembrance
Tuesday 11th November - 10.50 am

Christmas Carol Service
Tuesday 16th December - 12 noon

Talks - 2pm

Friday 31st October

Mr David Piercy confessions of
a Coach Driver

Friday 28th November

Mrs Irene Cottam
Christmas Day in the Workhouse

Northern Sub-Group

Talks at 2pm Elms Hotel

Tuesday 11th November

Gordon Curry – an Audio Visual Presentation

Annual Christmas Lunch

Thursday 4th December

in a private room at the *Elms Hotel*

Walks 2008

Wednesday the 15th October

Walk up to trig point on Bowland Knotts

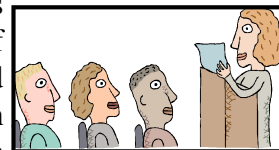
October

Just a reminder that the first County Hall talk of the winter is David Piercy giving **Confessions of a Coach Driver**. If you are under 21 don't feel too shy!

T'Was Christmas in County Hall

On 28th November our *Irene Cottam* will talk about the last Christmas party in the old Preston workhouse, the *Civic Hostel* on *Watling Street Road*, which she arranged before it was closed down as a home by the County Council.

As our talks are getting more popular we are increasing the number of talks with a talk at the end of October (see above) and another *Christmas* talk in December on the 12th December by *Elaine Burridge Gift Wrapping with a Difference*.



Also, the **Carol Service** has been arranged for Tuesday 16th December at 12 noon in the *Chapel of Christ the King, Christ Church Precinct*.

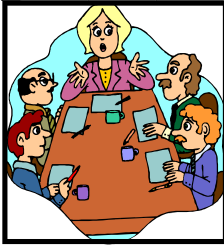
The Remembrance Day service this Year
Tuesday 11 November 10.50,
Christ Church Precinct.

Dave Sergeant

Chairman

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Executive Committee News



Most of the discussion at this month's meeting was about **organisation and finance.**

Whilst the global financial problems do not have a direct affect on us, we still have to be careful with our finances. Our newsletter is probably our biggest item of expenditure, however, I know from those of you who contact me that it is appreciated by our members.



On **organisation**, it is worthwhile pointing out that whilst we can bring friends and family to our events, only those who have been members of the union for at least **two years prior** to retirement can become **retired members.**

During our meeting I was asked to remind all our members to take care when answering the door to callers. Make sure you are aware of who is there before opening your door.

The **Retired Members' Conference** is taking place in **Glasgow** on 14th and 15th of this month. We will be represented by **Kath Montgomery** and **Stella Talbot** and I will also be attending in my role as a member of the **Conference Standing Orders Committee.**

We still have one vacancy on our committee, if anyone would like to join us please let me know.

Maureen Vass
Secretary

Central Lancashire NHS

I have joined the recently formed **Patient Focus Group** within the **Central Lancashire Primary Care Trust** which covers **Preston, South Ribble, Chorley** and **West Lancashire Districts.** The main purpose of the Group which meets every two months is to comment from the patient point of view on any of the services currently provided by the Trust and to provide views on any proposals by the Trust for new services. This does not include hospital-based services but does include all community based health services. There are plans to provide an increased emphasis on community health services and increasing levels of patient choice, building on the personal care plans for people suffering from long-term medical conditions which will be up and running by **2010.**

If anyone would like to email me with any general comments arising from their own experiences, I would endeavour to raise them as appropriate through this Group. Although the Trust only covers part of Lancashire, comments and views from other areas would also be welcomed as a way of spreading good practice or testing for relevance within **Central Lancashire.** I will include any useful or interesting information coming out of the Group in future Newsletters. My email address is-



roger.rymer@bopenworld.com.

Roger Rymer
Vice Chairman

Northern Sub Group

Annual Voluntary Contributions

Annual voluntary contributions for 2008, for those of you who pay by cheque these are now overdue. Please send your remittance to **Ray Rudge, 9 Blythe Ave, Cleveleys FY5 2LL.** Cheques to be made payable to **Lancashire Unison Retired Members Section.**

Talks - 2pm Headway Hotel

Tuesday 11th November

A very welcome return by one of our Members, **Gordon Currie**, who will give one of his excellent **audio-visual presentations,**



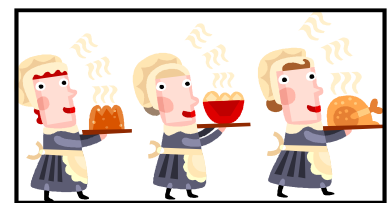
always thoroughly enjoyable. Please come along, bring your friends and enjoy a free cup of tea/coffee and biscuits.

December Talk

To be announced later.

Christmas Lunch

Thursday 4th December



Our very popular lunch will take place in a **private room** in the **Elms Hotel.** With a choice of four starters, four main courses, and four sweets, at an **inclusive price**, with coffee of **£14.95.** an application is enclosed which should be sent to **Ron Clement** as indicated.

Ray Rudge
Treasurer

Activities at County Hall

We start the new season of talks on **Friday 31st October** with a newcomer to County Hall **Mr David Piercy** he will endeavour to entertain us in a humorous way



about the **“Experiences of a Coach Driver”**.

The second talk on **Friday 28th November** is back by popular demand, our very own **Irene Cottam** will relate her time organising a Xmas Do entitled **“T’was Christmas Day in the Workhouse”**

I have introduced an extra date on the **12th December** to help us get into the Christmas Spirit.

The last talk of **2008** will take place on **Friday 12th December**



just to remind everyone how near to Christmas it is and to get those pressies wrapped. **Mrs Elaine Burridge**

will demonstrate **“Gift wrapping with a difference”** using everyday things.

I hope to see our usual members and friends again this year and hopefully our new members who are joining every month will come along to join us. It is a pleasant way to spend a winter’s afternoon; you could have a meal



or snack in the restaurant beforehand.

Again to our loyal members who come along every month to listen to the speakers I thank you, the talks couldn’t continue without your support.

The usual reminder for our new members and friends about the talks, they are held on the last Friday of the month during the winter months, they start at **2:00pm finishing approx. 3:15pm**, they are held in one of the **Cabinet Rooms in County Hall**, (unless directed elsewhere by the security person on the day). The entrance is from the **Pitt Street Main Door**.

Please ensure you sign in and receive a



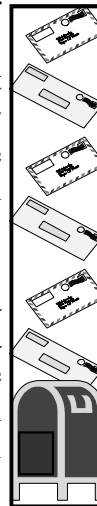
visitor’s

badge. 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



**Group
Correspondent:**

Don Windle,
contact number
01772 713820.

The **final walk** for
this year is on the

15th October, see below for further information, and the last walk of the **2008/09** programme will be on the **14th January 2009**.

The **programme meeting** for the **2009/10** season will be held on the **12th November**, at **25 The Howgills, Fulwood, Preston**. at **2.00pm**.

The **October** walk is on **Wednesday the 15th**. Walk starts at **11am**, walk leader is **Tony Ingham**, you can contact him on **01772 782480**.

Meet in the car park/picnic site adjacent to the northern quarter of **STOCKS RESERVOIR SLAIDBURN**, travel north east from **Slaidburn** village along the **B6478** for three miles. Turn left signposted **Keasden** and following this road for about 2 more miles through **Gisburn Forest**, ignoring Cocklet Hill car park, and on over the reservoir causeway to **Stocks Reservoir** car park adjacent to School Lane.

Landranger Sheet 103. Grid Reference 732 565

**Outdoor Leisure
41 Forest of
Bowland**

A walk of approximately 8½ miles, with toilets in Slaidburn.



A walk up to the trig point (430m) on **Bowland Knotts**,

returning via the new bridge over the *River Hodder at Copped Hill Clough*. A gradual rise from the reservoir to the trig point, but with one fairly short steeper section.

Flo & Don Windle

Walk Coordinators

Membership Secretary's Report

Since our last report we have had **13 new members**. We offer them a warm welcome, they are:

David Brown

Thornton;

Paul Burgess

Worsley;

David Clayton

Burnley;

Mrs Isibéal Curry

Leyland;

Eric Dale

Nelson;

Mrs Jane Embery

Fulwood, Preston;

Alan Newbould

Earby;

Mrs Lynne Parkinson

Leyland;

M/s Elizabeth Rawcliffe

Southport;

Mrs Gillian Tucker

Lancaster;

Mrs Lynn Walmsley

Longton;

Mrs Patricia Westby

Morecambe;

Mrs Hazel Wilkinson

Oswaldtwistle.



Sadly 3 of our members have died; we offer our condolences to their family and friends.

Miss C Briggs

Mrs M Barnes

Fleetwood;

Mrs M Unsworth

Tatham, Lancaster.

**Our membership is 1894
(including 32 associate
members)**

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sirbilltaylor@btinternet.com

and to finish more of -

'did we land or
were we shot down'

6. "There may be 50 ways to leave your lover, but there are only 4 ways out of this airplane"

7. After a particularly rough landing during thunderstorms in Memphis, a flight attendant on a Northwest flight announced, "Please take care when opening the overhead compartments because, after a landing like that, sure as hell everything has shifted."

8. From a Southwest Airlines employee: "Welcome aboard Southwest flight 245 to Tampa. To operate your seat belt, insert the metal tab into the buckle, and

pull tight. It works just like every other seat belt; and, if you don't know how to operate one, you probably shouldn't be out in public unsupervised."

9. "In the event of a sudden loss of cabin pressure, masks will descend from the ceiling. Stop screaming, grab the mask, and pull it over your face. If you have a small child traveling with you, secure your mask before assisting with theirs. If you are traveling with more than one small child, pick your favorite."

10. Weather at our destination is 50 degrees with some broken clouds, but we'll try to have them fixed before we arrive. Thank you, and remember, nobody loves you, or your money, more than Southwest Airlines."

11. "Your seat cushions can be used for flotation; and, in the event of an emergency water landing, please paddle to shore and take them with our compliments."

12. "As you exit the plane, make sure to gather all of your belongings. Anything left behind will be distributed evenly among the flight attendants. Please do not leave children or spouses."

13. And from the pilot during his welcome message: "Delta Airlines is pleased to have some of the best flight attendants in the industry. Unfortunately, none of them are on this flight!"

14. Heard on Southwest Airlines just after a very hard landing in Salt Lake City: The flight attendant came on the intercom and said, "That was Quite a bump, and I know what y'all are thinking. I'm here to tell you it wasn't the airline's fault, it wasn't the pilot's fault, it wasn't the flight attendant's fault, it was the asphalt."

UNISON RETIRED MEMBERS NORTHERN SUB GROUP CHRISTMAS LUNCH

THE ELMS HOTEL BARE MORECAMBE

Thursday 4th December 2008 - 12.00 for 12.30

MENU

STARTERS

- a. **VEGETABLE & BASIL BROTH** - Freshly prepared and scented with basil
- b. **MELON, ORANGE & KIWI COCKTAIL** - Pearls of honeydew melon, orange segments & kiwi fruit macerated in fruit juice and presented in a chilled glass
- c. **EGG & PRAWNS MARIE-ROSE** - Chilled Icelandic prawns and cooked egg halves on a crisp salad napped with Marie-Rose sauce.
- d. **CHILLED FRUIT JUICE**

MAIN COURSES

- 1. **ROAST FYLDE TURKEY** - Traditionally roasted and served with bacon, chipolata, seasoning and cranberry sauce
- 2. **BRAISED PORK NORMANDY** - Tender pork escalope cooked in a cider, apple and cream sauce scented with tarragon
- 3. **DELICE OF SALMON** - Steamed Delice served with wholegrain mustard sauce.
- 4. **MUSHROOM STROGANOFF WITH RICE** - Fresh button mushrooms cooked with paprika and shallots finished with cream and accompanied by rice.

All served with fresh seasonal vegetables and potatoes

SWEETS

- W. **STEAMED CHRISTMAS PUDDING WITH RUM SAUCE**
- X. **FRESH FRUIT SALAD**
- Y. **PANNA COTTA**
- Z. **STRAWBERRY GATEAU**

Freshly brewed coffee with mint confection

Northern Sub Group

Christmas Lunch - Thursday 4th December 2008

I/We wish to attend the above I enclose *my/our* meal selections & cheque for £.....(at £14.95 per meal)

Enter your Name & Address:

Name

Address

Tel No.

Signature

<u>Starter letter</u>	<u>Main Meal number</u>	<u>Sweet letter</u>

Please return bottom part of this sheet with meal requirement's to:-
R Clement, 2 Leycester Drive, Lancaster. LA1 5HP. (Telephone:- 01524 35860)
Make cheques payable to - **Lancashire UNISON Retired Member Section**