

# Lancashire UNISON

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# Newsletter

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## **Diary Dates 2009**

### County Hall

#### Talks - 2pm

**Friday 27th February**

Joyce May on "Lancashire Dialects"

**Friday 27th March**

Mr Stirrup on "Women in the Mines"

**Friday 20th March**

**Annual Social Evening**

at Garstang Golf Club - see menu on Pg7

**Friday 24th April**

**Retired Members AGM**

Followed by a talk in the afternoon on the  
"History of the Lancaster Canal"

### Northern Sub-Group

Talk at 2pm Headway Hotel

**Tuesday 10th March**

a talk by Mr B. Halliwell on the  
"The Golden Age of Comedy"

Trip Tuesday 12th May

to Glasform, Singleton, see  
John Ditchfield - Master Glassblower

### Walks 2009

**Wednesday 18th March**

A walk along the River Ribble to  
Brungerley Bridge & onward

## Lanky Culture

Our County Hall talk on Friday 27 February is by Joyce May who will be talking about *Lancashire anecdotes and dialect styles*. Scanning around for a snappy title "*Lanky Culture*" seems to sum it up. Coming from Cheshire I have always been intrigued by how you can have different Lancashire dialects in areas close together, for example *Preston* and *Bamber Bridge*. Where I come from everybody spoke the same variation of *scouce*!

The January talk on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> was well attended which was encouraging for such a serious subject as the *Life and Times of Florence Nightingale*. However, Aled Jones was such a lively speaker that the fascinating subject never lost its interest.

## DQ

Our annual social evening is, for the first time, being held at *Garstang Golf Club* on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March**. February will therefore be our last chance to book in. A form with all the details such as choices of menus which we haven't had before is attached to the Newsletter. Hope to see you there.



**Dave Sergeant**

Chairman

## **Executive Committee News**

I hope everyone is managing OK after winter has returned with a vengeance. Although we, here in *Lancashire*, have been luckier than other parts of the country.

Let us hope that spring is just around the corner.

Enclosed with this newsletter are two nomination forms for the new committee which will take up office after our **Annual General Meeting** on Friday 24 April at 11.30am in County Hall. A buffet lunch will be provided for all who attend the **AGM** and in the afternoon we will have the last talk of the winter season. I hope as many of you as possible will be able to attend.

Your three nominees to the **Regional Retired Members' Committee** were all re-elected and I was once again elected as its **Secretary**.

The **Branch AGM** will take place at 4pm on Thursday 5 March in **County Hall** and all members of the branch, including all retired members are invited to attend

Don't forget our **Annual Reunion and Dinner** will take place on Friday 20 March at **Garstang Golf Club**. They have accommodation for an overnight stay if anyone does not wish to drive home after the meal.

**Maureen Vass**  
Secretary

### Telephone Charges

Those of you with **British Telecom** as your telephone service provider will have seen that they have now included **0870** and **0845** numbers in their inclusive calls plans (although they have also increased their line rental charge by £1 per month as an afterthought!). They are not being exactly generous – anyone with one of the other providers can go to the website



[www.saynoto0870.com](http://www.saynoto0870.com). Just click on "**Search to find an alternative number**"; on the next screen enter the name of the organisation that you want to phone and the 0870 or 0845 number and click on "**Search**". It will usually come up with an alternative number which you can ring as part of your inclusive calls package.

**SAYNOTO**  
**0870.COM**

Incidentally the **Government** is currently consulting on a proposal to ban the use of 084 numbers by the **NHS (including GPs)**. The choice is between local rate numbers (01, 02) which are cheaper for the caller but are often engaged and not capable of re-direction; 084 numbers which are dearer for the caller but provide more flexibility to redirect the call via a push button system; or 03 numbers which are the same cost to the caller as 01/02 numbers, have the greater flexibility of 084 numbers but are more expensive for the organisation receiving the call. The **consultation period** continues until 31 March 2009. The consultation paper can be obtained from – **084 Consultation Responses, Department of Health, 2N16 Quarry House, Leeds LS27UE**. If you are so minded you can also sign the petition which is on the website - [www.saynoto0870.com](http://www.saynoto0870.com).

### Dental Services

Many of you will be aware that the Government negotiated a new dental services contract in 2006 which no longer requires dentists to maintain a register of patients.



It also introduced the 3 bands of charges for **NHS dentistry – Band 1**

Examination and scale and polish £16.20; **Band 2**- Fillings plus band 1 treatment £44.60; **Band 3** – crowns etc £198.

If you need to find an **NHS** dentist you can contact your local **Primary Care Trust's** dental access team or if you need emergency out of hours treatment you can contact **NHS Direct**.

**Roger Rymer**  
Vice Chairman

**Northern**  
**Sub Group**

### Talk 2pm Headway Hotel Tuesday 10th March

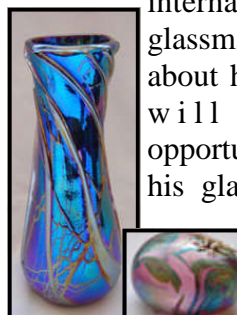
The last talk of the current Season is to be given by **Mr B. Halliwell** and is called "**The Golden Age of Comedy**". Many of us may wonder what has happened to comedy in modern television programmes, and will look forward to hearing this speaker.



Please come along bring your friends and enjoy a free cup of tea/coffee and biscuits

### Blackpool Trip Tuesday 12th May

Using our own transport **Ron and Gill Clement** are organising a trip to **Glasform Singleton** near **Blackpool**. **John Ditchfield** an international famous glassmaker, will tell us about his work and we will have an opportunity to watch his glassblowers using tools and techniques developed over 100's of years.



There is also a showroom to

browse through. John now has many pieces listed in Miller's Collectables Price Guide, the antique hunters yearly bible.

The visit will be followed by a lunch at the *Millers Arms*, only a mile away in *Singleton Village*.

Full details and an application form will be included in the March newsletter.

There will only be 25 places available, so you will need to apply early.

Ray Rudge"

Treasurer

## Members Walking Group

**Group Correspondent: Don Windle**, 25 The Howgills, Fulwood, Preston, Lancashire PR2 9LX.

Telephone: (01772) 713820

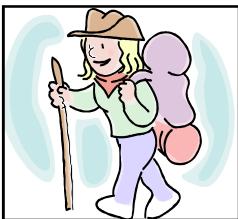
### Walk Dates for 2009

18th March, 22nd April, 20th May, 17th June, 15th July (Roys long walk), 22nd July, 19th August, 16th September, 14th October, 4th November (Programme meeting)

The 13th January 2010 walk to be arranged.

### Grid References give Location of Meeting Points

If you are not familiar with grid references, the meeting points can be located from most regular 4 miles to 1 inch motoring maps.



The next walk will be *Wednesday 18th March* start at 11am. Walk Leader is *Flo Windle* you can contact her on 01772 713820.

Meet in the pay and display car park at **EDISFORD BRIDGE**

situated on the south side of the B6243 Clitheroe to Hurst Green Road approximately one mile west of Clitheroe Castle.

### **Outdoor Leisure 41 Forest of Bowland. Grid Reference 726 413.**

A walk of approximately 7 miles there are toilets in Waddington

Along the River Ribble to



Brungerley Bridge, through Waddington to Page Fold, Cow Hey and

Bashall Hall then back to Edisford Bridge.

Flo & Don Windle"

Walk Organisers

## Membership Secretary's Report

Since our last report we have had 2 *new members*. They are:-

*M/s Doris Bancroft*  
Colne;

*Mrs Jennifer Bateman*  
Heysham.

## Deaths of Members

Sadly 4 of our members have died, we offer our condolences to their family and friends.

*Mr A Thompson*  
Milford-on-Sea;

*Mr P Wilson*  
Chorley;

*Mr W Denis Pearson*  
Penwortham;

*Mr William Ainsworth*  
Fulwood.

Our membership is 1899  
(including 34 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."

**£250 - £300 per week + 20% off for all Unison Members.**

For more information please visit:

<http://www.lafincagolfowners.org>

Or ring Bill Taylor on:-

**07768 793 312 or 01254 668 404**

### Available to Rent

1 Bedroom and fully equipped apartment (*sleeps 2/4*) in *Gran Canaria*.

Monday 22nd June 2009 to 29th June 2009 **£200.00 for the week.**

The complex of *Club Puerto Calma* is situated on a hill opposite the beach and marina of *Puerto Rico* with views over the port and gardens. Access to the beach is a pleasant short walk via the marina. There is a spacious sun deck around the pool served by a bar, you'll also find a cafe and a restaurant. The resort organises events during the day and on occasions evening entertainment, the bars, restaurants and night spots of the town are all within easy reach. The apartment has a large balcony that gets most of the afternoon sun, comprising of sun lounge's table chairs sun canopy. Taxi's supermarket and restaurants are situated just across the road.

Not suitable for people with severe walking difficulties, but the complex is wheel chair friendly.

**TELEPHONE** after 6pm  
01772 742459

**And to finish from Committee Member Roger:-**

Slow down for three minutes to read this. It is so worth it. Touching words from the mouths of babes.

***What does 'Love' mean?***

A group of professional people posed this question to a group of 4 to 8 year-olds

***'What does 'love' mean?'***

The answers they got were broader and deeper than anyone could have imagined.

***See what you think:***

'When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too.

***That's love.' - Rebecca- age 8***

'When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different.

You just know that your name is safe in their mouth.'

***Billy - age 4***

'Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other.'

***Karl - age 5***

'Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs.'

***Chrissie - age 6***

'Love is what makes you smile when you're tired.'

***Terri - age 4***

'Love is when my mummy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK.'

***Danny - age 7***

'Love is when you kiss all the time. Then when you get tired of kissing, you still want to be together and you talk more.

My Mummy and Daddy are like that They look gross when they kiss'

***Emily - age 8***

'Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen.'

***Bobby - age 7 (Wow!)***

'If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate,'

***Nikka - age 6***

(we need a few million more Nikka's on this planet)

'Love is when you tell a guy you like his shirt, then he wears it everyday.'

***Noelle - age 7***

'Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well.'

***Tommy - age 6***

'During my piano recital, I was on a stage and I was scared. I looked at all the people watching

me and saw my daddy waving and smiling. He was the only one doing that. I wasn't scared anymore.'

***Cindy - age 8***

'My mummy loves me more than anybody You don't see anyone else kissing me to sleep at night.'

***Clare - age 6***

'Love is when Mummy gives Daddy the best piece of chicken.'

***Elaine-age 5***

'Love is when Mummy sees Daddy smelly and sweaty and still says he is handsomer than Robert Redford.'

***Chris - age 7***

'Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day'

***Mary Ann - age 4***

'I know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones.'

***Lauren - age 4***

'When you love somebody, your eyelashes go up and down and little stars come out of you.' (what an image)

***Karen - age 7***

'Love is when Mummy sees Daddy on the toilet and she doesn't think it's gross.'

***Mark - age 6***

'You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget.'

***Jessica - age 8***

And the final one -- Author and lecturer ***Leo Buscaglia*** once talked about a contest he was asked to judge.

The purpose of the contest was to find the most caring child.

The winner was a four year old child whose next door neighbour was an elderly gentleman who had recently lost his wife.

Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there.

When his Mother asked what he had said to the neighbour, the little boy said,

***'Nothing, I just helped him cry'***

Lancashire UNISON Retired Members' Section  
Nomination Form

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Welfare Secretary	K Montgomery
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I Parr, R Rymer, F Francis, S Talbot., M Dixon	
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# Lancashire County UNISON Retired Members' Section Annual Reunion / Social Evening / Dinner

Garstang Golf Club, Kirkland Suit and Lounge, Bowgreave, Garstang, Preston. PR3 1YE.

Friday 20th March 2009 - 6.00 for 6.30pm

The price per person will be £19.50 for the following menu (excluding wines)

## MENU

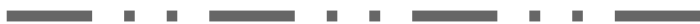
### STARTERS

- a **VEGETABLE SOUP** - Freshly prepared served with a bread roll and butter
- b **TERRINE** - Chicken, leek and potato served with salad leaves and wholegrain mustard mayonnaise
- c **FISHCAKES** - A melody of fish bread crumbed, served with our own tartar sauce
- d **VEGETARIAN** - Chargrilled bruschetta topped with oven roasted vegetables



- 1 **ROAST BEEF** - Traditionally served with pan gravy
- 2 **DUCK** - Pancetta and Savoy cabbage and cherry kirsch glaze
- 3 **HAKE** - Red pepper and garlic crust served on a cherry tomato salsa
- 4 **MUSHROOM PASTA BAKE** - Selection of wild mushrooms lightly sautéed with garlic and shallots, jumbled with pasta and cream sauce

*All served with fresh seasonal vegetables and potatoes*



*followed by a*

**SELECTION of DESSERTS of the DAY**

*and after*

**Freshly brewed coffee with mint confection**



Members and Guests are all welcome to attend this event. Tables will consist of 10 or 12 persons, depending on numbers.

Please book with your friends if you wish to sit together.

This event is a time when you can enjoy a good meal and have some fun with our Music Maestro Ray providing dancing, quizzes and games. Meet old friends and even make some new ones.

## Lancashire County Annual Reunion Dinner

Friday 20th March 2009

I/We wish to attend the above I enclose *my/our* meal selections & cheque for £.....(at £19.50 per meal)

**Enter your Name & Address:**

Name .....

Address .....

Tel No. ....

Signature .....

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

Please return bottom part of this sheet with meal (or any special dietary) requirement's to:-  
 Fran Francis, 38 Shaftesbury Avenue, Penwortham, Preston, Lancs. PR1 0EL. Telephone 01772 742459  
 Make cheques payable to - Lancashire UNISON Retired Members Section

