

Lancashire UNISON

Retired Members Section

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Newsletter

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Diary Dates 2009/10

County Hall

December Carol Service

See December Newsletter for date/time

Talks - 2pm start

Friday 27th November

Mr Hugh Barton

Queen Victoria's Letters

Friday 29th January

A talk given by **Mrs Alice Turberfield**

Childhood Memories

Northern Sub-Group

Christmas Lunch

Thursday 3rd December

12pm Headway Hotel Morecambe

Talks 2pm

Headway Hotel Morecambe.

Tuesday 8th December

Talk cancelled

Tuesday 12th January

Roy Smith talks on "Traditional Customs & Dance" a countrywide topic

Walks 2010

Wednesday 13th January

An almost level walk following the canal west to **Lea Town**.

Queen Victoria's Letters

The speaker at our November *County Hall* talk on Friday 27th is **Hugh Barton**. His great great grandmother lived near *Kensington Palace* and became friendly with some of *Queen Victoria's* children. His talk is based round letters from the children. How the other half lives. Or how the other 5% lived!

Annual Social Evening

We have **revised** our date for the *Annual Social* evening to 16th April at *Garstang Golf Club*. This year saw changes in our evening, next year there will be more changes. More information later.

Dave Sergeant

Chairman

News from the Executive Committee

Your committee considered dates for our *Annual Reunion and Dinner* which will once again take place at the *Garstang Golf Club*. The date is being booked for **Friday 16 April 2010**. Please make a note of this in your diary.

We received a full report of our recent conference. Our *General Secretary, Dave Prentis* gave a very interesting speech and said how he recognised how

much support retired members give to **UNISON** and how he felt that Branches should look after their retired members. He felt the *Government* should have put out conference agenda at the top of their agenda. He thought that the current campaign 'A Million Voices for Change' should include 'A Million Voices for Pensions and Public Care Services'.

Next years conference will be held in our region in *Southport*.

There will be a *Carol Service* in December as usual, but the date is still to be arranged.

Maureen Vass

Secretary

Lancashire Pensions

Normally at this time of year we can establish the level of increase payable on *Lancashire* pensions with effect from *April 2010* based on the year on year increase in the *Retail Price Index* for September 2009. However, as predicted in previous newsletters, this year the Index has actually **reduced** by 1.4%. This means that there will be **no** increase in basic *Lancashire* pensions from April 2010 (the good news is that there will be no reduction either!). I have sought clarification from *Lancashire Pensions Service* on the treatment of *Pre 88 GMP and Post 88 GMP* which are paid as part of our pensions but at the time of going to press on this newsletter I am still awaiting their reply. Hopefully I will be able to include something in the next issue.

As mentioned in previous newsletters, state pensions will be increased by **2.5% next April** in accordance with the Government's guarantee.

Roger Rymer

Vice Chairman

Northern Sub Group

Christmas Lunch

Thursday 3rd December 2009

12.00pm Headway Hotel Morecambe

As the *Elms Hotel* in *Morecambe* is to be demolished shortly we have had to find a new venue for our *Christmas Lunch*.

Fortunately the *HEADWAY HOTEL*, where we have our monthly talks, is able to provide a choice of meal

similar to that at the *Elms Hotel*. Furthermore, although the price of **£12.25** per meal is lower than the *Elms Hotel*, it includes also an afternoon dance, with a further drink and mince pie!!

Details are given in the **Application Form** attached, to be returned to *Ron Clement* at the address shown.

[PLEASE NOTE – IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES IT HAS BEEN DECIDED NOT TO HAVE A MONTHLY TALK AT THE HEADWAY HOTEL WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN HELD ON TUESDAY 8th DECEMBER – THE DANCE IS OUR MONTHLY EVENT!!]

Talk October 13th

26 members and friends thoroughly enjoyed *Derek Sanderson's* presentation on the "World of Antiques" bringing along several items of porcelain for valuation.

This was a very good start to our *new* programme – do please continue to support us, bring along your friends and enjoy the following programme, all at the *Headway Hotel* at 2pm:-

Tuesday 8th December
cancelled as shown above

Tuesday 12th January

Roy Smith's talk is entitled "Traditional Customs and Dance", a countrywide topic.

Tuesday 9th February

Peter Logan gives a slide show entitled "Japan at Blossom Time".

Tuesday 9th March

Graham Stirrup talks about a "History of Women in the Mines", a presentation which was very well received when he came to *Preston* a few months ago.

Free tea/coffee and biscuits will be provided as usual.

Ray Rudge

Treasurer

Retired Members Walking Group

Group Correspondent: Don Windle, 25 The Howgills, Fulwood, Preston, Lancashire PR2 9LX.
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Walk Date for 2010 is the 13th January

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 last walk of this seasons programme is on **Wednesday 13th January 2010**. Walk Leader is **Joan Booth** you can contact her on **01772 732177**

Meet in the **UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL LANCASHIRE SPORT'S CENTRE** off Tom Benson Way Preston. The grid reference quoted is a field between the **Preston to Blackpool Railway line** and the **Preston to Lancaster Canal**, immediately west of Tom Benson Way (B6241).

From the **Preston to Blackpool Road (A583)** at the traffic lights adjacent to Lea Police Station turn north onto Lea Rd. continue over canal bridge to the roundabout. Turn right onto Cottam Way, proceed east for 1/2 mile. Turn right at roundabout on **Tom Benson Way** and the **Sports Centre** is on the right in approx 500 yds at the next roundabout.

From M55 junction 1 proceed south towards Preston for 100 yds, turn left into **Eastway** and left at the roundabout proceeding westwards under A6. Continue along **B6241** past 3 roundabouts, at the 4th turn right into **Sports Centre** adjacent to railway line. There are several signs to **Preston Sports Arena**, ignore signs for **Preston Grasshoppers Rugby Club**.

Landranger Sheet 102. Grid Reference 505 313 Explorer 286

An almost level walk following the canal west to **Lea Town**, before turning south to join the **Millennium Link** from the **River Ribble** along the realigned **Savick Brook** until we rejoin the **Lancaster Canal** at the new locks immediately east of our starting point.

Flo & Don Windle

Walk Organisers

**Membership
Secretary's Report**

Since our last report we have had four new Members, we offer them a warm welcome They are:

David Forward

Cleveleys;

Martin Horarth

Lancaster;

Mrs Sally Jayne

Croston;

Lorraine Hood

Fleetwood.



Deaths of Members

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

Mrs M Ainsworth

Crosby;

George Barker

Fulwood;

Sydney William Walter Barker OBE

Penwortham;

James Dickenson

Chorley;

Eric William Ashcroft

Fulwood.

**Our membership is 1913
(including 35 associate members)**

Health Branch

**Contact Irene Cottam on
01772 492936**

Thursday 10th December

Christmas Lunch at Bourne Poachers

contact Irene if you require further information

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

UNISON RETIRED MEMBERS NORTHERN SUB GROUP CHRISTMAS LUNCH

THE HEADWAY HOTEL MARINE RD EAST PROMENADE MORECAMBE

Thursday 3rd December 2009 - 12.00 for 12.30

MENU

STARTERS

- a. **CHEFS THICK WINTER VEGETABLE SOUP**
Served with croutons and bread roll
- b. **FANNED MELON**
Fan of Honeydew Melon served with a rich fruit coulis
- c. **CHILLED FRUIT JUICE**
Choice of Orange, Grapefruit or Tomato

MAIN COURSES

- A. **TRADITIONAL ROAST TURKEY**
Tender Turkey served with traditional trimmings
- B. **POACHED FILLET of COD**
Lightly poached fillet of cod, topped with a white wine cream sauce
- C. **BAKED LEEK and MACARONI CHEESE**
Traditional baked macaroni cheese topped with sautéed leeks and grated cheese
Chef's selection of potatoes and vegetables

SWEETS

- 1. **OLD ENGLISH SHERRY TRIFLE**
A traditional favourite
- 2. **TRADITIONAL PLUM PUDDING**
Served with a rich brandy sauce
- 3. **CRANBERRY and ORANGE MERINGUE ROULADE**
Served with pouring cream

Choice of Tea or Coffee

To follow Lunch - Dancing till 4.00pm with tea or coffee and mince pie prior to departure

Northern Sub Group

Christmas Lunch - Thursday 3rd December 2009

*I/We wish to attend the above I enclose my/our meal selections & cheque for £.....(at £12.25 per meal)
Please make cheques payable to:- 'Lancashire Unison Retired Members Section'.*

Enter your Name & Address:

Name

Address

.....

Tel No.

Signature

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

Please return bottom part of this sheet with meal requirement's to:-
R Clement, 2 Leycester Drive, Lancaster. LA1 5HP. (Telephone:- 01524 35860)

