

Lancashire UNISON

Retired Members Section

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Newsletter

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Diary Dates 2010

County Hall

Regional Retired Members AGM

Friday 15 January 2010 at 10.30am

County Hall, Preston.

Talks - 2pm start

Friday 29th January

A talk given by Mrs Alice Turberfield
Childhood Memories

Friday 26th February

Mr D Walker

Talk & Samples Regarding Fisherman's
Friends

Northern Sub-Group

Talks 2pm Headway Hotel Morecambe

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"

Walks 2010

Wednesday 24th March

Starts the new programme of walks

Health Branch

Croyde Bay June 26th

£315 00 for 7 nights Half Board
(see further details in the Newsletter)

Childhood in Preston

Our County Hall talk on 29 January is childhood memories of *Alice Turberfield*. Alice was brought up in the 20s when the industrial revolution was in full swing and Preston had inspired *Charles Dickens* to write grim stories about cotton towns. Expect references to tin baths in the parlour, white washing the walls and stoning the steps.

Pensions

2010 is going to provide for state and *County* pension arrangements to be less straightforward than usual. That's if anything about pensions is straightforward! However, we are aware of peoples' concerns this year and further into the *Newsletter* Roger Rymer has provided further explanations of how arrangements are being clarified.

Dave Sergeant

Chairman

Executive Committee News

Well what a Christmas and since the New Year – both very white. So much so, that we have had to cancel our *January Committee meeting*. But the work still goes on.

Next month we will be sending out the *nomination form* for our *2010 committee*. If anyone wishes to join the committee please complete the form and send it in. Our *AGM* will take place on 30 April, at *County Hall*, followed in the afternoon by the last talk for

this season.

The Branch will be holding the **Branch AGM** from 11.30 to 2pm on Tuesday 2 March at County Hall.

In December we were sorry to hear of the death of one of our members. **Magda Gillow** remarried several years ago. That is why she is listed as **Ellershaw**. **Magda** was a member of the **National Executive of NALGO** for many years as well as being a senior member of our Branch. I had hoped to represent the Branch at her funeral but the weather mid-December was icy so I did not feel able to travel.

Maureen Vass

Secretary

Lancashire Pensions

As mentioned in the *November 2009 Newsletter* there will be no increase in the basic Lancashire pensions in April this year. We still do not have confirmation from the Treasury as to whether the **Pre 88 Guaranteed Minimum Pension (GMP)** and the **Post 88 GMP** which are paid as part of **LCC pensions** will not be increased **or** will have the **2.5% increase** applicable to the state pension. Latest expectations are that the **post 88 GMP** will **not** be increased and the **pre 88 GMP** may also **not** now be increased. We will confirm the position as soon as a reply from the Treasury is received via **Lancashire Pensions Section**.

Social Care

The Government have now said that they will issue a **White Paper** containing their proposals in advance of the **General Election** – must think that it will be a vote-winner!

Roger Rymer

Vice Chairman

Northern Sub Group

Talk 12th January

Roy Smith's talk about **Traditional Customs and Dance** had to be cancelled because of the adverse weather conditions.

Not only is it very difficult to travel, but **Roy** slipped on the ice, hurt himself, and was unable to drive from Preston.

He has been re-booked for October.

Tuesday 9th February

Talks are 2pm at the Headway Hotel

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. Telephone: (01772) 713820.

Our programme for 2010 is as follows

24th March, 21st April, 19th May, 23rd June, 14th July, 21st July (Roy's long walk) 11th August, 8th September, 13th October, 3rd November (Programme meeting)

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.

Flo & Don Windle

Walk Organisers

Activities County Hall

Talks are open to Everyone Members or Guests

Our winter programme **2009/10** started in October with a very interesting talk given by **Sylvia Saxton**, about the help you can get to receive the benefits you may not be aware you are eligible for entitled (**Your Welfare Rights**) the talk was well supported and very informative to a lot of our members.

The second speaker in November was **Mr Hugh Barton** who held our interest with a personal talk about the royal family, **Queen Victoria's** era.

We start the **New Year** in January with some very good speakers. Everyone is welcome to join us bring your friends It's a pleasant way to spend a winter's afternoon. I hope to see our usual loyal members and friends who come along rain or shine every month to support the speakers again this year, the talks could not continue without your support.

The usual reminder for members and friends who have just joined us; the talks are held on the **last Friday** of the month during the winter months, they start at **2:00pm finishing approx. 3:15pm**, with a most welcome cup of **free tea / coffee / biscuits** and a social chat. They are held in one of

the *Cabinet Rooms situated in County Hall*. The entrance is from the *Pitt Street Main Door*, please sign in and receive a visitor's badge, state you are a retired member and where is the talk being held. Please keep sending your stamps to *Derian House*. 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 very worthy 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

Membership Secretary's Report

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

Barbara Sandwell

Fulwood;

Mr N Wilson

Burnley;

Mrs Maureen Jackson

Morecambe;

Mrs Jane Wood

Barnoldswick;

Mr JB Connell

Blackburn.



Deaths of Members

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

Mr R Henton

Lytham St Annes;

Mr F King

Blackburn;

Mr L Heap

Acrington;

Mrs A Hodgkinson

Brinscall;

Mrs Magda Ellershaw (formerly Gillow)

Caton.

Our membership is 1916
(including 35 associate members)

Apartments 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.

And for the colder winter months (yes it does get cold in Spain) we have a newly added 'whoppin grate' cast iron wood burner.

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

£300 - £325 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

Fully equipped 1 bedroom apartment (sleeps 2/4) in Gran Canaria. **£250.00 for the week. 10% Off for Unison Members.**

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, also a licensed snack bar. The resort organises numerous events during the day with water sports. The complex has a very nice restaurant and on occasions evening entertainment.

The apartment has a large balcony that gets most of the afternoon sun, with relaxing sun loungers, table & chairs and a large sun canopy.

The bars, restaurants and night spots of the town are all within easy reach.

Taxi's, an excellent supermarket, gift shop and a few restaurants and snack bars are situated just across the road.

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

Telephone after 6pm 01772 742459

Health Branch Trip

Contact Irene Cottam on 01772 492936
Croyde Bay in Devon, Unison Holiday Village
Excellent Facilities. - 26th June to 2nd July.
Coach to Devon and return £315.00, Dinner, Bed and Breakfast.

Includes 3 day trips out **Entertainment and Dancing nightly.** Many activities during the day.

Lancashire County UNISON Retired Members' Section

Annual Reunion / Social Evening / Dinner

Our major event of the year will be held at

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

Telephone 01995 600100

On Friday 16th April 2010 Reception 6:00 for Dinner at 6:30p.m

The price per person will be £20.00 per person for the following menu (excluding wines)

STARTERS

- a. **VEGETABLE SOUP** - Freshly prepared, served with a bread roll and butter
- b. **MELON** - Half a galia melon topped with a trio of fruit jellies
- c. **PATE** - Chicken liver pate complimented with grape chutney
- d. **VEGETARIAN** - Chargrilled croute topped with rocket and sautéed garlic mushrooms

MAIN COURSES

- 1. **ROAST BEEF** - Traditionally served with pan gravy
- 2. **SAUTEED CHICKEN FILLET** - Masked with a Julienne of leek, white wine & cream chicken veloute
- 3. **SALMON** - With provencal of vegetables and watercress puree
- 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 with your friends; also welcome our new members during the course of the evening. This year we are having a change of entertainment, we are pleased to welcome Mr. Malcolm Pilling who is giving us an after dinner speech.. Malcolm has a super sense of humour and comes highly recommended by our Northern Branch Members where he has given talks in the past.

Lancashire County Council Annual Reunion Dinner

Friday 16th April 2010

*I/We wish to attend the above I enclose **my/our** meal selections & cheque for £.....(at £20.00 per meal)*

*Please make cheques payable to:- **'Lancashire Unison Retired Members Section'**.*

Enter your Name & Address:

Name

Address

.....

Tel No.

Signature

Starter letter

Main Meal number

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

*Please return bottom part of this sheet with meal (or any special dietary requirements to:-
Fran Francis, 38 Shaftesbury Avenue, Penwortham, Preston, Lancs. PR1 0EL. Tel: 01772 742459
Make cheques payable to:-Lancashire Unison Retired Members Section*