

Lancashire UNISON

Retired Members Section

Newsletter

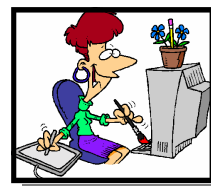
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Diary Dates

Walks

Wednesday 19th July
A walk over Arnside Knott.

Wednesday 26th July
Roy's long walk of approximately
13 miles. Note a 10am start.

Wednesday 16th August
An undulating walk
of approximately 6 miles.

Northern Sub Group

Tea Dance - Headway Hotel
Tuesday 26th September 2 - 4pm
Come and join us.
live music - light refreshments

Talk - Headway Hotel
Tuesday 10th October at 2pm
a presentation by *Edward Lawson*,
called the "Oboe & I".

Vienna Christmas Market
3rd - 6th December
A trip to a continental Christmas Market.
with a tour of Vienna and a Strauss concert.

TRIPS OUT

Arranged by Preston Health Branch
Ring Irene Cottam 01772 492936

Wednesday August 16th
Bodleyddan Castle & Colwyn Bay
Lunch at Bodewr Hotel, St Asaph N. Wales

Thursday September 21st
Frodsham Market & Tour of Cheshire Castles
Lunch at Carriages Hotel, Frodsham

Car Sharing

By the time you read this the *Northern* sub-group luncheon/talk will have taken place with 39 members attending. (There will be no August Newsletter to report it.) While it is accepted that the views in *Morcambe* are better than Preston town centre, some people find driving up there somewhat off-putting. Therefore, on this occasion, there has been an element of car sharing. So far this year members making their own way to events has proved very successful and it would seem that arranging some car sharing for events could be very helpful. We would be happy to hear your views.



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Car sharing instead of coaches means members outside the **Preston** area can attend, the coach does not have to tour the extremities of Preston and the substantially rising costs of coaches are saved. The limitation appears to be that the event needs to be either in **Lancashire** or not far from the border. Obviously, you may have a favourite place to visit, if so let us know.

Constitution

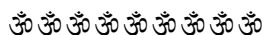
Following discussion at the **AGM** thoughts are being given to changing the constitution. You will have noticed our relatively new emphasis on members outside the **Preston** area, therefore, one suggestion to be considered is for the **Executive Committee** meetings to start at 10.30 a.m. instead of 10.00 a.m. to allow more time for committee members outside Preston, particularly **East Lancs** to arrive. Any more from East Lancs want to get involved?

Vienna Christmas Market

Some members have had to give backward to **Stella Talbot** about the trip to Vienna so there are still some vacancies. If you are interested ring **Stella** on 01254 853687.

Dave Sergeant

Chairman



News from the Executive Committee



Our meeting on 7 July was the last before we have a short break for the summer holidays. I would

like to remind those who suggested that we run some workshops that we would appreciate you letting us have your suggestions so that we can give serious consideration to this idea.

Although we will not publish a **Newsletter** in **August** your **Committee Members** will be giving consideration to the review of our **Constitution and Rules** so that we will be ready to have a full discussion at our September meeting.

Just a little reminder that as we all get a pension paid by the **County Council**, we are eligible to join the **Lancashire County Council Credit Union**. This is a 'savings and loan' scheme which is run by its members for the benefit of its members. If anyone is interested give me a ring or e-mail me.

I shall shortly be going on holiday to **Unison's own Holiday Village at Croyde in North Devon**. I hope that there is still some sunny weather left. I hope that you all have a good holiday

Maureen Vass

Secretary

Local Government News Update

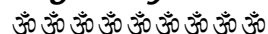
So we have yet another Local Government Minister. **Ruth Kelly** has replaced **David Milliband** and has immediately called for a postponement of the promised **Government White Paper** on the future role and functions of **Local Government**. She says that this is to allow her time to get to grips with her new role. It remains to be seen whether she will be as keen as her predecessor claimed to be about devolving power and functions from **Central Government to Local Authorities** and from **Local Authorities to "Local Communities"**. The **White Paper** is now promised for the autumn which will still be in

advance of the **Michael Lyons** report on the role of local authorities and how local government expenditure should be financed in the future. This is now promised for the end of the year although it seems strange for it to come after the **White Paper**. Hopefully someone somewhere knows what they are doing!

Serious discussion has started on the future shape of the **Local Government Pension Scheme**. A major proposal is that pensions based on final salary should be replaced by pensions based on career average salary. This change would only affect future **pensioners** from some date in the future. Your pension will not be reduced!

PS Advisers are to be appointed to help parents choose a school for their children. Parents must be overwhelmed by all the help which is available at every stage. I leave you with a question – will future generations be better as a result of it?

Roger Rymer



Northern Sub-Group

Tea Dance 26 September 2006

Headway Hotel 2 pm - 4 pm

Following the success of the first **Tea Dance** held on **Valentines Day** this year, the **Sub Group's Autumn/Winter programme** commences with another at the same venue on Tuesday 26th September.

Ray Rudge will provide live music on his keyboard with general modern-old time ball room dancing (not specifically sequence dancing). The charge will be **£5 per person** including an excellent selection of scones,

cakes, tea & coffee.

An application form is included at the end of this newsletter to be returned to **Ray** at the address shown (tel **01253 855784**).

As there will be *no August newsletter* please complete this form now rather than wait until later. Members & friends from all the County are welcome, there is ample car parking on the *East Promenade, Morecambe*, adjacent to the Hotel.

Talk 10th October 2006 Headway Hotel 2pm

The second event of the **2006-07** programme is a presentation by **Edward Lawson**, called "*The Oboe & I*". He is a local professional musician who presents a programme of popular classical and other well known music and has some stories to tell. Please come along together with your friends to enjoy this first monthly talk organised by **Ileane Parr** (to whom we express our many thanks).

Ray Rudge"

Treasurer

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Walks

Diary Dates are:-

19th July, 26th July - (For Roy's long walk please note a 10.00am start), 16th August, 13th September, 11th October & in 2007 the 10th January .

Programme meeting will be 2.00pm on the 1st November.

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The next walk is Wednesday 19th July 2006 start at

11.00am. Walk Leader is **Joan Booth**, contact her on 01772 732177.

Meet at the west end of *Arnside Promenade* the end of the B5282, for a walk of approximately 7 miles.



Landranger Sheet 97 - Grid Reference 454 786.

There are toilets in the Arnside centre by the pier, call in before you park or allow 25 minutes to visit later.

A walk over Arnside Knott to Arnside Tower, Waterslack, Leighton House, Hazelslack back to Arnside (along the coffin road!).

The second walk in July will be **Roy's Long walk on Wednesday 26th.**

It will be from Abbeystead and is 13 miles - Grid ref SD 563543. The car park is on the right as you enter the village.

You can contact Roy on 01772 454601.

The following months walk is on **August 16th** start at 11.00am. Walk Leader is **Peter Kilgour** contact him on 01257 279650.

Meet at the Scout Scar carpark, Underbarrow Road. Nr Kendal.

Take the A6 northbound into Kendal. Turn left into Gillingate (signed Brigsteer and Underbarrow). Continue into Underbarrow Rd. The car park is on the right at the top of the hill after 2 miles.

Landranger Sheet 97 Kendal Morecambe - Grid Reference 488 924. Explorer OL7 English Lakes S.E. Area

An undulating walk of approximately 6 miles, there are a number of short but steep ascents and descents.

Flo & Don Windle"

Walk Coordinators

June Walk

The weather in **Preston** was gloriously sunny when we set off to drive to **Grassington**, but after passing through **Clitheroe** the sky became overcast and by the time we passed **Skipton** there were spots of rain on



the windscreen. When we arrived at **Grassington** I thought we were in for a repeat of the walk I led last year, when we all got decidedly wet! Thankfully that wasn't to be the case.

Nineteen of us started the walk from the car park in the centre of **Grassington**. Our route followed the stone paved lane, known locally as "*snake walk*", from the car park down to the river **Wharfe**, there we continued on in a north easterly direction. Along the way, as well as the usual Mallard Ducks, a pair of Goosanders were seen and there was even a brief glimpse of a Kingfisher for a few of the group. The river itself was crystal clear and very placid. However, there was a sad reminder at **Ghastrills Force** of its ferocity. Here there was a memorial seat dedicated to a student in his twenties who tragically died in 1991, two days before Christmas, in a canoeing accident.

Our path continued below the ancient Grass Wood to the picturesque village of **Conistone**. Here we enjoyed lunch sat around the village maypole.

The second half of the walk was a total contrast to the first half that had followed the tranquil river. Leaving **Conistone** we climbed through **Gurling Trough** with limestone screes on either side heading for the disused farm of **Bare House**. The climb gave us great views of the limestone landscape that the **Yorkshire Dales** are famous for. Here we were watched over by circling Curlews who were obviously nesting in the area.

On the way to **Bare House** we passed one of the old limekilns that dot the area. From **Bare House** the path descended gradually back towards **Grassington**.

Back in **Grassington** a varied

selection of refreshments were on offer, from tearooms, ice cream parlours, even a sweet shop with a list of 19 different liquorice confections.

Back at the car park the circular bus shelter was quite interesting. Built in the shape of a stone walled sheepfold it has etched glass window panels giving a brief insight into the history of the village.

Thankfully the weather had been kind, remaining dull but warm and I'd avoided being type cast as the "Rain Man"!

Trevor Draycott

Walk Leader

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Membership Secretary's Report

Since our last meeting we have had 3 new members. We offer them a warm welcome.

They are:

- Mrs B Bulcock (LDS (East zone) Hapton, Burnley;
- Mr RB Holden (Environment) Nateby, Garstang;
- Mr AH Ingram (Environment) Longridge, Preston.

Deaths of Members

Sadly 5 of our members have died, we offer condolences to their families and friends.

- Mrs SR Baxter (Ed & Cultural Services) Accrington;
- Mrs E Caldwell (Ed & Cultural Services) Standish;
- Mr H Galloway (Police) Lower Darwen;
- Mrs NS Safkin (Ed & Cultural Services) Harrogate;
- Mrs J Walker (Ed & Cultural Services) Preston.

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Our membership is 1823 (including 29 associate members) NB. these are corrected figures.

and once again last but not least - from your Editor... Q & A's on - National Lottery Jet Set

Eamonn Holmes: What's the name of the playwright commonly known by the initials G.B.S.?

Contestant: William Shakespeare

Steve Wright Show - Radio 2

Wright: On which continent would you find the River Danube?

Contestant: India.

Wright: What is the Italian word

for motorway?

Contestant: Espresso.

Wright: What is the capital of Australia? And it's not Sydney.

Contestant: Sydney.

Daryl's Drivetime - Virgin Radio

Daryl Denham: In which country would you spend shekels?

Contestant: Holland?

Daryl Denham: Try the next letter of the alphabet.

Contestant: Iceland? Ireland?

Daryl Denham (helpfully): It's a bad line. Did you say Israel?

Contestant: No.

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For Sale

A 'Smith Nephew' hydraulic bath chair, in all care shops at £630, used once, recently serviced, can be seen working, will accept £240 ono. Mrs Creaney 01772 611892.

Holiday Accomodation to rent

La Carihuela, Costa del Sol.

2 bedroom apartment with sea view (sleeps 4/6) available weeks beginning, 9th Sept and 16th Sept 2006. Set in extensive gardens, 2 swimming pools, bar, restaurant, supermarket on site, the beach & promenade are a few minutes walk away.

For more Information tel 01772 727812 after 6 pm or log onto

<http://carihuela.mysite.orange.co.uk/>

Northern Sub Group

Tuesday 26th September - Tea Dance 2pm - 4pm

Headway Hotel, Morecambe.

I/We will attend the above tea dance for which I enclose a cheque for £.....'s
(Number of persons at **£5 per person**)

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

Enter your Name & Address:

Signature

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Please send to:-
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