

Lancashire UNISON Retired Members Section

Newsletter

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Executive Committee

Diary Dates - 2006/07

County Hall

Christmas Carol Service

Tuesday 19th December 12 noon

Talks - 2pm

Friday 26th January

Paul Kelly. On N.W. Ambulance
Rescue incidents.

Friday 23rd February

Daren & Carol of Aphrodite Penwortham
talk of Alternative Medicines.

Annual Social Reunion

Monday 12th February

Northern Sub-Group

Talks - Headway Hotel - 2pm

Tuesday 12th December

Pat Ashcroft presents a charity adventure.

Tuesday 9th January

Liz O'Neil - she's "Making a Splash"

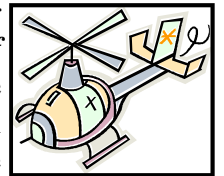
Walks

Wednesday 10th January

A flat easy walk of approximately 4 miles

N. W. Air Ambulance

The first *County Hall* talk of 2007 is on 26th January when *Paul Kelly* will be telling us about some of the many life saving rescues of the *North West Air Ambulance*. Some may remember we had a talk from the *Chief Executive* some years ago; this time *Paul* will give us some of the human stories of people who needed the helicopter.



Annual Social Reunion 12th February 2007

A reminder, everybody, that our annual social evening is 12th February next year instead of the usual time of early January. We thought that, since early January still has a Christmas hangover about it, by mid February everybody could do with a bit of cheering up. *An application form is enclosed*. Real grotty month February; the warmth of Christmas has long gone, the wind seems at its sharpest and winter seems always have been going on forever.



County Hall Talk on Gilbert & Sullivan
Ken Dagger, gave us a comprehensive talk on 24th November about *Gilbert and Sullivan*. Ken is Chairman of the *Marston* Operatic Society and knows

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G & S inside out. Ken had no difficulty in holding our interest in his passion, with musical extracts and some vocals he outlined the history of G & S, their varied musicals, songs, operas and plays. Thirty Six members attended a lively and all too brief afternoon. Time ran out



as we could have listened to Ken much longer. He also outlined his connection with G & S in the Wyre Area and

Preston areas which spans many operas he has managed and indeed, performed. Feet were tapping in Committee room A!

Dave Sergeant
Chairman

News from the Executive Committee



Alas no news from Maureen this month as she is incapacitated after a tumble - but is now on the mend.

Northern Sub-Group

Talk 12th December 2006
Headway Hotel - 2pm

There will be a most welcome return of Pat Ashcroft who will



give a presentation on one of her charity adventures. Please come along enjoy a social afternoon bring your friends

and enjoy a free cup of tea/coffee and biscuits.

Talk 9th January 2007

Headway Hotel - 2pm

“Making a Splash” will be a

Talk with a lot of local interest to be given by Liz O’Neil, one of the “Lovelies” in the Morecambe Aqua Show.



Talk 20th February 2007

Headway Hotel - 2pm

Normally we associate guide dogs with blind persons but Mary and John Broster are coming to tell us about the role played by them in helping deaf people. This should be a fascinating talk

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF TUESDAY

Tea Dance 13th March 2007

Headway Hotel - 2pm

On Valentines Day this year we held a very successful tea dance enjoyed by 40 members and friends. Disappointingly a second one arranged for last September had to be cancelled because of lack of support.

However, undaunted, another tea dance has been arranged in March instead of our monthly talk. There will be a small charge of £5 to cover the cost of tea coffee cakes etc; and even if you are not very active, the music played by Ray Rudge on his key board will be those popular tunes we all enjoyed in our younger days!. Please put this date in your diaries, a form will be included with the January newsletter

Ray Rudge
Treasurer

Retired Members Walking Group

The last walk of the 2006 programme is on Wednesday

10th January 2007. Start at 11am, Walk Leader is Peter Kilgour. Contact him on 01257 279650. Meet at Worthington Lakes Car Park (United Utilities Car Park) Chorley Rd (A5106) Standish Wigan.

Take the A5106 off the A6 south of Chorley (Chorley Wigan Rd). The car park is after 3 miles. 100 yards past the Lakeside Care Home on the left (easily missed!!) Landranger Sheet 108 Grid Reference 581 105.

Explorer 19 West Pennine Moors (SW corner)

A flat easy walk of approximately 4 miles, taking in lakeside, woodland and canal.

Diary Dates for the 2007 programme are:- 14th March,

18th April, 16th May, 13th June (4th July Roy's long walk please note 10.00am start). 11th July, 15th August, 19th September, 17th October, and in 2008 the 9th January.

The full programme will be published in the New Year.

Flo & Don Windle
Walk Coordinators



May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy & Healthy New Year
Chris Shaw - your editor

MERRY
Our membership is 1846 (including 28 associate members)