

# PRISM



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## Care Act 2014

The Care Act 2014 is a significant piece of legislation, which has brought about some fundamental changes as to how people access care for themselves and carers.

The Act creates a single, consistent route to establishing an entitlement to public care and support for all adults with needs for care and support. It also creates the first ever entitlement to support for carers, on a similar basis.

The Act is also clear about the steps that must be followed to work out this entitlement, to help people understand the process. It follows the person's 'journey' in the care and support system. It begins with an assessment of their needs and a decision about whether their needs are eligible, including a financial assessment where necessary. This will determine whether people need to pay for their own care, and in the future will include the new capped costs payment system. After this process of assessment is finished, the decision can then be made about whether the adult is entitled to care and support arranged by the local authority.

Under the Care Act, local authorities will take on new functions. This is to make sure that people who live in their areas receive services that prevent their care needs from becoming more serious, or delay the impact of their needs; can get the information and advice they need to make

good decisions about care and support and have a range of providers offering a choice of high quality, appropriate services.

The Care Act will help to improve people's independence and wellbeing. It makes clear that local authorities must provide or arrange services that help prevent people developing needs for care and support or delay people deteriorating such that they would need ongoing care and support.

Local authorities will need to provide comprehensive information and advice about care and support services in their local area. This will help people to understand how care and support services work locally, the care and funding options available, and how people can access care and support services.

**The Act clearly sets out that they must provide information on:**

- what types of care and support are available – e.g. specialised dementia care, befriending services, reablement, personal assistance, residential care etc...
- the range of care and support services available to local people, i.e. what local providers

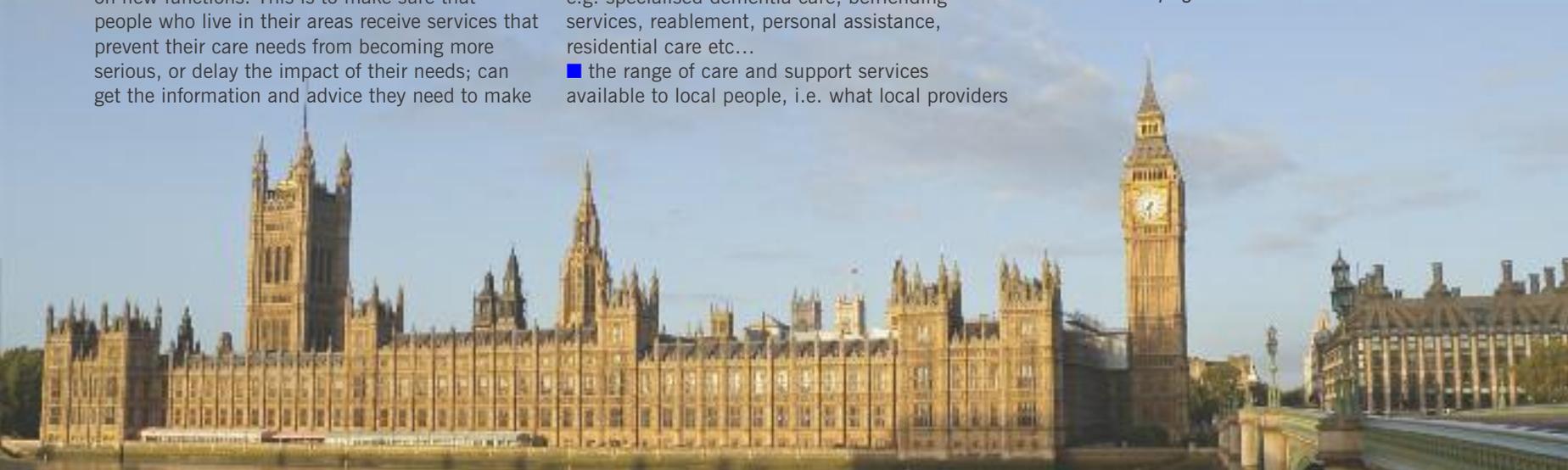
offer certain types of services

- what process local people need to use to get care and support that is available
- where local people can find independent financial advice about care and support and help them to access it
- how people can raise concerns about the safety or wellbeing of someone who has care and support needs.

Local authorities must also help people to benefit from independent financial advice, so that they can get support to plan and prepare for the future costs of care.

The Care Act requires local authorities to help develop a market that delivers a wide range of sustainable high-quality care and support services that will be available to their communities.

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## Editor's Notes

So what's happened since we last 'spoke'? Well to start with there was the General Election and what a fascinating one that turned out to be, with a result that very few people predicted. Of particular interest to our beneficiaries living north of the border would have been the incredible achievement of the SNP – it's going to be fascinating to watch the dynamics of that in Westminster. Not being very politically minded myself though, I wasn't all that bothered about who won so long as they 'get on with it' and address the issues that affect and concern us all on a day-to-day basis.

Sadly we've quite recently witnessed the dreadful event over in Tunisia, resulting in the death of so many innocent people. It's just so hard to imagine that you could be there on holiday having a wonderful time for it all to end so dramatically in those terrifying circumstances. It was quite moving to see the Queen and country offering their support and condolences by holding a Minutes Silence, showing once again that we maintain our dignity and decorum in the face of terrible provocation. This all coming at a time when we remember the victims and families of the London bombings some ten years ago.

Moving on to happier events, didn't the England ladies football team do well in the World Cup? Being an avid sports fan, I sat up into the wee small hours of the night to watch their games. Ultimately it ended with heartbreak in terms of losing so cruelly in the semi-final but at least they had the consolation of beating their nemesis Germany to claim 3rd place. Each time I watched them play, I couldn't help but think how they shamed their male counterparts who have consistently underperformed at virtually every major tournament since I was a lad. The girls played with so much energy, skill and enjoyment – qualities sadly lacking in the men's team I'm afraid.

And now for my summer sports prediction – Chris Froome to win the Tour de France. There you are, I've said it – by the time you read this I'll either be a great sports pundit or a biased fan letting his heart rules his head.

I would ask you to please take the time to read the article on the Care Act – this piece of legislation has far reaching implications for many of us as we get older and maybe requiring some form of support. I apologise for the article being 'wordy' but that is the very nature of legislation. If you need guidance on how this works in practice, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us at the Welfare Centre and we'll try our best to guide you through it.

At the moment, the Trustees are turning their attention as to how in the future we might meet the challenge of supporting beneficiaries with Dementia – this is undoubtedly going to be a major test for the Government and voluntary organisations in years to come.

For now, very best wishes to you all

Mike Horton  
Welfare Programme Manager

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contact us see page 6



MISS M NICHOLSON of St Helens celebrated her 100th birthday on 12 January 2015 by holding a party for family and friends. Due to her Scottish heritage, her family organised a piper to entertain her.

## Celebrations



MRS A WILBURN of St Helens and her family members, daughter and granddaughter are pictured celebrating her 101st birthday on the 23 March 2015. She held a small party at the nursing home she resides in.

### Anniversaries

Congratulations are sent to the following couples who have or are about to celebrate their special anniversaries.

#### SAPPHIRE WEDDING

Mr and Mrs W Holland, St Helens – 23/05/15  
Mr and Mrs H Pickett, St Helens – 11/03/15

#### DIAMOND WEDDING

Mr and Mrs T Abraham, Exeter – 27/12/14  
Mr and Mrs M Blunn, St Helens – 06/06/15  
Mr and Mrs I Cornes, Billinge – 18/06/15  
Mr and Mrs M Davis, Rainhill – 19/02/15  
Mr and Mrs J Glover, St Helens – 16/07/15  
Mr and Mrs J Griffiths, St Helens – 10/09/15  
Mr and Mrs E Keating, Rainhill – 23/04/15  
Mr and Mrs K Lamb, Prescot – 16/07/15  
Mr and Mrs W McCawley, Newcastle-Under-Lyme, – 15/06/2015  
Mr and Mrs G Mercier, Birmingham – 13/08/15  
Mr and Mrs H Patterson, Huyton – 26/03/15  
Mr and Mrs E Potter, St Helens – 12/03/15  
Mr and Mrs H Price, St Helens – 24/12/15  
Mr and Mrs G Smith, St Helens – 04/09/15  
Mr and Mrs G Smith, Bromsgrove – 12/03/15  
Mr and Mrs K Stevenson, Leven – 05/03/15  
Mr & Mrs C Harris, Exeter – 12.03.15  
Mr & Mrs R Dixon, Exeter – 02.07.15

#### GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr and Mrs D Appleton, Warrington – 23/03/15  
Mr and Mrs J Bloomfield, St Helens – 20/02/15  
Mr and Mrs B Bond, Alfreton – 06/03/15  
Mr and Mrs J Brown, Huyton – 18/09/15  
Mr and Mrs T Darbyshire, St Helens – 19/06/15  
Mr and Mrs J McCarrick, St Helens – 20/03/15  
Mr and Mrs D Price, Billinge – 20/03/15  
Mr and Mrs A Rowland, St Helens – 18/09/15  
Mr and Mrs I Titterington, St Helens – 30/03/14  
Mr and Mrs M Trigg, Burscough – 03/04/15

# Ruskin Lodge has talent!

The Ruskin Lodge Singers have been singing together for two years now. There are 14 in the group and they practice every Tuesday morning whilst at Day Centre.

Throughout the year they enjoy visiting several residential homes in the St Helens area to sing for the residents. This year however they decided to go one step further and take part in the Choir Festival held at St Helens Church in aid of Willowbrook Hospice.

So on 8 April at 7.00pm they found themselves performing first in front of a packed church. They were very nervous waiting to go on stage, but after being told by Anne their choirmaster to just go out and enjoy themselves that's just what they did.

They were overwhelmed by the reaction of the audience at the end.

One member said: "At first I was so nervous, but once we started singing I thoroughly enjoyed it and was so pleased I'd taken part. I didn't think I could ever do anything like this."

Not only were they happy to sing, but they also helped to raise more than £1,200 for Willowbrook, which was amazing.

They are now looking forward to taking part in a concert held by the U3A at the Citadel in June. Ruskin Lodge has certainly got talent.



# VE Day Celebrations



Ruskin Lodge Day Centre held their celebrations of the 70th anniversary of V.E. Day in traditional style with a party.

The room was adorned with bunting, flags and pictures of original V.E. Day street parties held in St Helens. Everyone enjoyed singing the old songs and reminiscing shared memories of what the guests did themselves on the day.

Of course all the cakes and cups of tea were enjoyed just as much as on that day 70 years ago!

## Flying the home-made flags

A few guests recently tried their hand at a novel and colourful piece of artwork.

Just with the use of coloured crepe paper and some glue, they created a wonderful depiction of the Union Flag – followed by an even more intricate Welsh Dragon. Work has already commenced on the Saltire, which hopefully will be ready by the time our guests from Scotland next come to stay.

*Pictured: Bill Pountney, Joyce Woods and Elsie Quigley. Irene Jones from North Wales also worked on the project.*



## Investment Matters

One of the most important areas for the Trustees is ensuring that income is generated from the investments, which is then used to provide the services the Trust offers. Therefore one of the main areas of governance deals with a review of potential investment managers who manage these investments and this was carried out between October 2014 and January 2015.

This search and selection process is quite extensive and on this occasion an external organisation was recruited to assist in reviewing the potential of a number of investment managers.

Fourteen possible investment managers were initially identified, these were then whittled down to seven for detailed analysis and finally a shortlist of five including the existing managers was agreed.

The next stage involved presentations, questions and discussions on their performance, management style and how they would meet the needs of the Trust. This involved a number of Trustees, Finance Committee Members and independent external individuals spending a substantial amount of time listening, considering and evaluating all the information to reach a decision.

After considerable debate the mandate of the existing managers was confirmed. The monitoring of their performance would continue and the governance of this important area of the Trust would continue.



## Dementia action alliance

**The Dementia Action Alliance is a movement with one single aim: to bring about a society-wide response to dementia. It encourages and supports communities and organisations across England to take practical actions to enable people to live well with dementia and reduce the risk of costly crisis intervention.**

Alliances are now forming all over the country, resulting in more 'dementia friendly' places to live. Locally, the DAA project team, hosted by Alzheimer's Society, are supporting the growth of Alliances throughout the North West and we are delighted that the Pilkington Trust has joined us to boost the work of the St Helens Dementia Action Alliance.

For generations Pilkington has been at the heart of the St Helens community and we know that the values of the Pilkington Family Trust will be a powerful force in our bid to help people affected by dementia to live better lives in their own communities. We look forward to making real progress with Pilkington on board – thank you for joining the fight!

Steve Holdsworth  
Dementia Action Alliance

If you are affected in any way by Dementia and you feel that we might be able to help, please give us a call at the Welfare Centre on 01744 457929.

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When buying and arranging services, local authorities must consider how they might affect an individual's wellbeing. This makes it clear that local authorities should think about whether their approaches to buying and arranging services support and promote the wellbeing of people receiving those services.

### Local providers

Local authorities should also engage with local providers, to help each other understand what services are likely to be needed in the future, and what new types of support should be developed. To do this, authorities should engage with local people about their needs and aspirations

A wider range of high quality services will give people more control and help them to make more effective and personalised choices over their care. They should therefore get better care that works for them.

### "Eligible needs"

The Act sets out a new legal duty for an adult's "eligible needs" to be met by the local authority, subject to their financial circumstances. Their eligible needs are those that are determined after the assessment.

The local authority must help the person to make decisions about how they want their needs to be met, and prepare a care and support plan.

Under the Act, there is more flexibility to focus on what the person needs and what they want to achieve, and to design a package of care and support that suits them. "Meeting needs" allows for different approaches, so that they can get the right level and type of care and support when they need it.

A person will still be able to receive the same types of care and support as now. If their needs can be best met in a care home that is what should be arranged.

Some types of care and support are provided free of charge, but often the local authority will charge a cost. Depending on a person's finances, a local authority may ask an individual to contribute towards the costs of their care (up to and including the full amount).

In cases where the costs of care would reduce a person's income below a set level, a local authority will pay some of the costs to make sure that the person is left with this minimum level of income.

This ensures people will still receive the care they need in cases where they have only modest resources.

In any other cases, the adult can still ask the local authority, regardless of their finances, to arrange their care and support for them. It ensures that people who are uncertain about the system or lack confidence to arrange their care do not go without. However, they will still need to pay for their care and support if they have adequate financial resources.

### "Deferred payment agreement"

If people are due to pay charges for their care and support, they may be entitled to a "deferred payment agreement", through which they delay charges, and repay the local authority at a later date.

There are a couple of very useful web-sites available to help people understand the Care Act [www.carersuk.org](http://www.carersuk.org) and [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) Alternatively you could speak directly to the adult care team at your Local Authority or give us a call here at the Welfare Centre on 01744 457925.

Does this picture jog any memories?



FIFTY YEARS' SERVICE MEN.



Does anyone remember payslips like the one above?



Above and below: Leaving Sheet Works



## Who remembers the Fibreglass Dance?



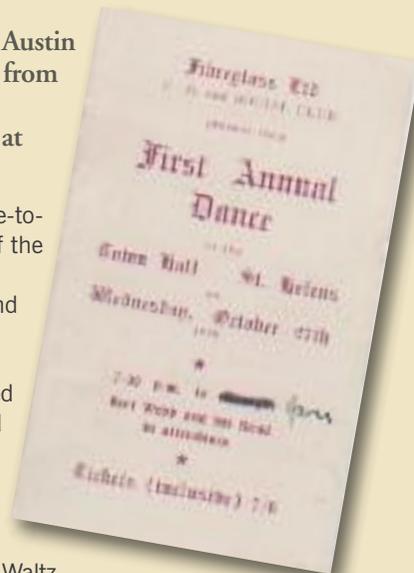
The photograph above was supplied to Welfare Officer Austin Griffiths by Mr Jim Wilkes from Huyton. It was taken in St Helens Town Hall in 1948 at the Fibreglass Dance.

Mr Wilkes and his then wife-to-be, Cecilia, are on the right of the photograph. The other gentleman was a Jim Price and his wife – the two worked together at Fibreglass.

Jim and his wife were married three years later and celebrated 60 years together before his wife died four years ago.

Amongst the dances were: The Excuse Me Fox Trot, The Veleta and The St Bernard Waltz.

Austin Griffiths comments: "Jim and I had a real good laugh when he tried to explain these dances to me."



Programme of Dances

1 QUICK STEP ... ..	9 EXCUSE-ME QUICK STEP ... ..
2 WALTZ ... ..	10 WALTZ (Spot) ... ..
3 EXCUSE-ME FOX TROT ... ..	11 TANGO, RHUMBA, SAMBA ..
4 SLOW FOX TROT ... ..	12 PAUL JONES ... ..
5 PAUL JONES HEDLEY ... ..	13 ROYAL COTILLIONS ... ..
6 VELETA & ST BERNARD WALTZ ... ..	14 SLOW FOX TROT ... ..
7 QUICK STEP (Ladies' Choice) ... ..	15 EXCUSE-ME QUICK-STEP ... ..
8 INTERVAL WALTZ ... ..	16 LAST WALTZ ... ..

## Glass fibre curtains

An article appeared in a Southport newspaper in May 1961 reporting on the opening of the new Pilkington Research and Development laboratories in Lathom.

The photograph shows Pilkington employees (from left to right), Mr R Rimmer, Miss Marjorie Entwistle and Mr L C Cook admiring curtain material made from glass fibre.

By all accounts Lathom was a very popular place to work with "Emphasis on comfort for staff".



Below are lists of retirements and deaths for the period December 2014 to June 2015 inclusive; anniversaries are on Page 2.

**Deaths**

We have been notified of the following deaths since the last issue of Prism. The number of years' service are as shown.

It is with regret that we report the death of the following employee.

**PUKL**  
Daniel Lippett 13

It is with regret that we report the deaths of the following pensioners.

**ANDREWARTHA**

Maurice Sims 20  
Derek Mouldsdale 39

**BIRCH STIGMAT**

William Payne 21  
Lionel Saxty 14  
Edith Woodcock 19  
William James Parker 29  
Mary Stoner 6  
Pamela Morris 8  
Gladys Bailey 2

**CAPS MICROFILM**

Leslie Strode 10  
Dennis Sutton 20

**CHANCE**

Concetta Palermo 4  
John Edward Jones 19  
Joan Hamblett 4  
Abdulla Muflahi 10

**CHANCE BROTHERS**

Herbert Palmer 39  
Beryl Carpenter 12

**CHANCE PILKINGTON**

Joyce Jones 13  
Sylvia Davies 17  
Nefydd Williams 20

**CHANCE PROPPER**

Sylvia Griffiths 16  
Cyril George Jones 19

**CITY ROAD**

William Cavanagh 20  
Eric Tatlock 30  
Francis William Wolfe 27  
John A Wright 15  
William A Saxon 15  
Mavis Wright 11

**COWLEY HILL**

Edward Burrows 11  
Alan Thomas Moore 28  
Andrew Griffin 13  
John Lawrenson 24  
Thomas N Cook 12  
Norman Halsall 19  
James Cotham 29  
Peter Harrison 28  
Helen Preston 11

Kenneth Scarisbrick 26  
Dorothy Turner 12  
Ada Hutton 48  
Richard J Bradshaw 21  
Albert Garner 45  
Albert Hatton 35  
Derek Hewson 10  
Gilbert Greenall 13  
Terence J Jackson 30  
Joseph Twist 31  
Gerald Prescott 12  
Robert Howard 30  
Kenneth Cunliffe 32  
John Higgins 27  
Norman Haggerty 34  
Michael Blake 15  
George Turner 9  
Arthur Webster 12  
George Hale 28  
Joseph Lingard 25  
Kenneth Jones 30  
Norman Longworth 27  
Frank Collings 34

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Lawrence Millsom 43  
Dorothy Barber 9  
George Howe 14

**FG PONTYFELIN**

James A Stockham 34  
Enid Fry 2

**FG RAVENHEAD**

Lily Hilton 12  
Terence Quinn 10

**FG WREXHAM**

Gordon K Evans 9

**FIBREGLASS RAVENHEAD**

Eric Davies 9  
James Biggs 45  
Elizabeth McGovern 31  
Ivy Brownbill 1  
Jack Dutton 27  
Winifred Twist 10

**FIBREGLASS WREXHAM**

John Bowyer 13

**FLAT GLASS**

Andrew Tyre 8

**GREENGATE**

Roy Griffiths 24  
Leslie Charnock 19  
Norman John Dyer 44  
George Alan Colquitt 29  
Michael Sibert 33

**HEAD OFFICE**

Stanley Helm 23  
David Lord 31  
Hilda Higginson 29  
Dennis Wilde 26  
Mary Naylor 11  
Raymond Bullough 40  
Stanley Tweddle 29  
Keith Webster 22  
Noel Davies 19  
William Peck 25  
Barbara Yates 42  
Maurice Hilton 41

**LATHOM**

George Moar 20  
Edgar Philip Atkinson 18  
Kenneth Atherton 42  
David Brogden 41  
John Derek Moore 16  
Hubert W Clayton 33  
Joe Marsh 32  
Roy Sanders 16  
Harold Charnock 42  
Stanley Sharrock 26

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William Heath 33  
Sneh Kundra 3  
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**PPE ST ASAPH**

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John Davies 14  
David Teague 22  
Roy Kelsall 11  
George Cox 26  
Leslie Aitken 13  
Roy Alan Brown 29

**PRL**

Kenneth Last 16

**PRL STIRLING**

James Dunlop 12

**PRL WREXHAM**

Eric Wynn 15  
Thomas John Wykes 13

**PUKL**

Colin Gordon Hill 9

**PUKL LIVERPOOL**

Norma McGlynn 22

**PUKL SHEFFIELD**

Mary Staniforth 3

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Guiseppa Crupi 24

**RAVENHEAD**

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Frederick Barr 41

**ST ASAPH**

Albert Jones 22  
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**TRIPLEX ECCLESTON**

Margaret Drinkwater 14  
John Pye 27  
Stanley Jacobs 19  
Jack Norris 25  
Cyril Duffy 30  
Ena Howard 36  
John B Mellan 17  
Ernest Matthews 30  
Lewis Jones 22  
Joseph Alan Jones 27  
Henry Abbott 10  
Albert Balmer 31  
Francis Powell 15  
Edna Worthington 30  
John Westhead 20

**TRIPLEX KINGS NORTON**

Ronald Maddocks 11

Gordon Mayer 29  
Alan Canning 17  
Daniel J Omeara 5  
Derek A Calloway 7  
Roy Inson 19  
William E Butler 20  
Paul Richard Boden 26  
Iris Porteous 13  
Ronald W Hinds 28  
Leonard Carter 15  
Anthony L Knight 34  
Philip Abrahams 22

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Roy W Drake 9

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Ronald J Robynson 18  
Eric Houghton 12  
Joan Griffiths 24  
Harry Walter Richardson 25  
Harold J Molyneux 21  
Harry Swift 29  
Robert Wharton 12  
Edward McEvoy 28  
Samuel Lester 35  
Ditchburn Bonney 42  
Edwin Ridyard 31  
Herbert Thomas 36  
Thomas Keating 43  
James Appleton 20  
George Eden 37  
Eric Foster 41  
Peter Johnson 36  
Alan Kenyon 40  
James A Campbell 22  
Brian Dootson 35

**WREXHAM**

Hubert Jones 9  
Kenneth Jones 7

**Retirements**

List of retirements for the months of December 2014 to June 2015 inclusive. The number of years' service are as shown.

**COWLEY HILL**

Les Archer 38

**GREENGATE**

Karl Birkett 34

**GROUP IS**

Allan Forrest 15  
Karen Speakman 38

**KINGS NORTON**

Anthony Headley 6

**LATHOM**

Graham Randle 19

Michael Wareing 46

Robert G Hales 14

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Name, address and telephone number of sender: .....

Nature of enquiry: .....

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# Gill's nifty fifty 10k run for charity



Baby Isaac, who was diagnosed earlier this year with leukaemia.

Well done to meals driver Gill Drillingcourt who took part in the St Helens 10k run in March, raising £2,481 in sponsorship for Alder Hey's research into Acute Infant Lymphoblastic Leukaemia.

Gill told us that her husband ran the 10k last year and Gill was determined to do it this year. With a 50th birthday under her belt she wanted to be "Not fat and 50 but fit and 50".

At Christmas one of Gill's friend's grandsons, Isaac who is one this year, was diagnosed with leukaemia. This spurred Gill on to train hard for the run and to raise money through sponsorship for Alder Hey Hospital.



## Anyone for a free "Wiffy"?

At one of the lunches arranged in the West Midlands, Carol Priest, our Welfare Officer for the region told this amusing little story:

A lady at our lunch told us that she recently went out to a rather nice restaurant for a Ladies' Lunch.

After the meal, when they went outside, one of the ladies was quite disgruntled. She said that on all the tables they advertised free WiFi (she pronounced it 'wiffy'), but they didn't serve it. She said she thought wiffy was some special kind of coffee, and that she would think twice about going to that place again because they don't keep their promises!!

Oh well, I'll just go and have a shot of 'wiffy' before I go out on the patch!!



### What's on

Please ring 01744 457909 for further details

#### DONCASTER

**Silver Leaf Club:** 2.00pm-4.00pm. 2nd Thursday in the month at Pilkington Recreation Club, Kirk Sandall. All Pensioners and Non-Pilkington Friends. Membership fee applies.

**Day Club:** 11.00am-3.30pm fortnightly (Wednesdays) at Pilkington Recreation Club, Kirk Sandall. Housebound and elderly only. Fee applies.

#### NORTH WALES

**Wrexham Self-Help Group:** Meets the last Wednesday each month at the Railway Club Wrexham at 2.00pm. For further information contact Mr J Binnington on 01978 359289.

**St Asaph Self-Help Group:** Meets 1st Tuesday every month at Rhuddlan Community Centre at 2.00pm. More information: Mr G Jones on 01745 332517.

**Monday Club:** 11.00am-2.00pm. First and third Monday each month. Community Hall, Rhuddlan. Contact: Peter Greulich 01745 814341

#### SOUTH WALES

**Self-Help Group:** Fortnightly (Wednesdays) between 2.00pm-4.00pm PILCS Social Club, New Road, New Inn, Pontypool. More information:

**Day Club:** Meets monthly on a Friday 11.00am-3.00pm at 'Widdershins' East Avenue, off Greenhill Road, Sebastopol. Contact: Sally Lewis on 07788 956439.

#### KINGS NORTON TRIPLEX SOCIAL CLUB

**Bingo:** Every Monday 1.15pm

**Kings Norton Pensioners' Friendship Club:** First Thursday of every month

**Bowling:** Each weekday from 13.30

One Coach Trip per month from May to September

#### ST HELENS WELFARE LEISURE CENTRE

**Monday Sewing Group:** 9.30am (Patchwork quilting etc).

**Ladies dominoes, 6.00pm-9pm**

**Tuesday Art Group:** 1st & 3rd Tuesday of every month.

**50+ Ladies Keep Fit:** 2.00pm-4.00pm  
**Pilkington Choir:** 7.45pm

#### Wednesday

**Rambler's Coffee Morning:** 10.30am (1st Wednesday in every month).

**Water Colour Painting:** (2nd & 4th Wednesday in every month) 9.30am inc. Beginners Section.

**Ladies Crown Green Bowling Practice Night:** 6.30pm

#### Thursday

**Chi Kung:** 10.30 am-11.30 pm. Tai Chi: 11.45am-12.45pm.

**Indoor Bowling - winter months:** 1.00pm.

#### Fridays

**Women's Indoor Bowling - winter months:** 6.00pm-9.00pm.

#### Alternative Fridays

**Companions:** 2.00pm. TV Lounge and Games Room for darts, dominoes and cards (always available).

**Women's Bowling 6:00pm-9:00pm.** Indoor bowling - winter

#### RUSKIN LODGE

**Creative Living in Retirement:** 10.00am-12.00pm. Swinburne Road, Dentons Green Meeting date: 3rd Wednesday of each month

**Men's snooker group,** Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons

#### SELF-HELP GROUPS

There are ten geographically dedicated groups in and around St Helens. Each group meets once a month and participates in a varied programme of events.

#### Sutton

The Blue Room, Shining Light, Sutton Manor Primary School, Forest Road, Sutton. 1st Wednesday of each month 10.30am-12 noon.

#### Eccleston

St Luke's Church, Knowsley Road, Eccleston. 1st Thursday of each month 10.30am-12 noon.

#### Haydock

St James Church, Church Road, Haydock. 2nd Wednesday of each month 10.30am-12 noon.

#### Billinge

Rainford Road Sheltered Housing Complex, Billinge. 3rd Monday of each month 10.30am- 12 noon.

#### Creative Living in Retirement

Ruskin Lodge, Swinburne Road, Dentons Green. Meeting Date: 3rd Wednesday of each month 10.00-noon

#### Burscough Ormskirk Social Group

Older People's Club, Lord Street. 3rd Tuesday of the month 2.00pm-4.00pm

#### St Ann's Social Group

St Ann's Millennium Centre View Road, Rainhill. 2nd Monday of the month 10.30 am-12 noon

#### Clinkham Wood Social Group

Moss Bank Mission, Moss Bank Road, St Helens. Last Tuesday of the month 10.30 am-12 noon

#### Thatto Heath

St John's Church, Crossley Road, Thatto Heath. Third Thursday of the month, 1.30pm-3.00pm

#### Reflections Group

Leisure Centre, Ruskin Drive, St Helens. Meets approximately every six weeks, 1.30pm-3.30pm

# History in the making

It was the end of an era when all UK-based NSG Group global functions recently moved from the former Pilkington Head Office in St Helens to be housed under one roof at Lathom.



Above and right: cuttings from a 1964 edition of Culet News.

six inter-related buildings and each designed to form a piece of architectural sculpture, was the result of 11 years of planning.

It boasted 3,000 windows and four tonnes of blues, which were developed outside the normal colour range to provide particular shades and contrasts.

A team of 18 artists worked in the offices and canteen on all forms of decorative glass – murals, mirrors and windows and it was believed that this was the first time since the Victorian era that so much interesting and varied work had been carried out on glass.

Britain's first glass museum, which moved off site in 2000, was included as a showpiece that demonstrated the complete process of glass manufacture in the simplest way.

Many readers will remember work starting on Alexandra Park in the early 1960s with its progress being closely followed and reported in the Culet News – Pilkington Glass's very own two-penny-priced newsletter.

It described the new head office, opened in 1964 and now a listed building, as setting new standards for industrial architecture aimed at reaching towards another dimension – the human factor.

The £2,000,000 scheme, consisting of

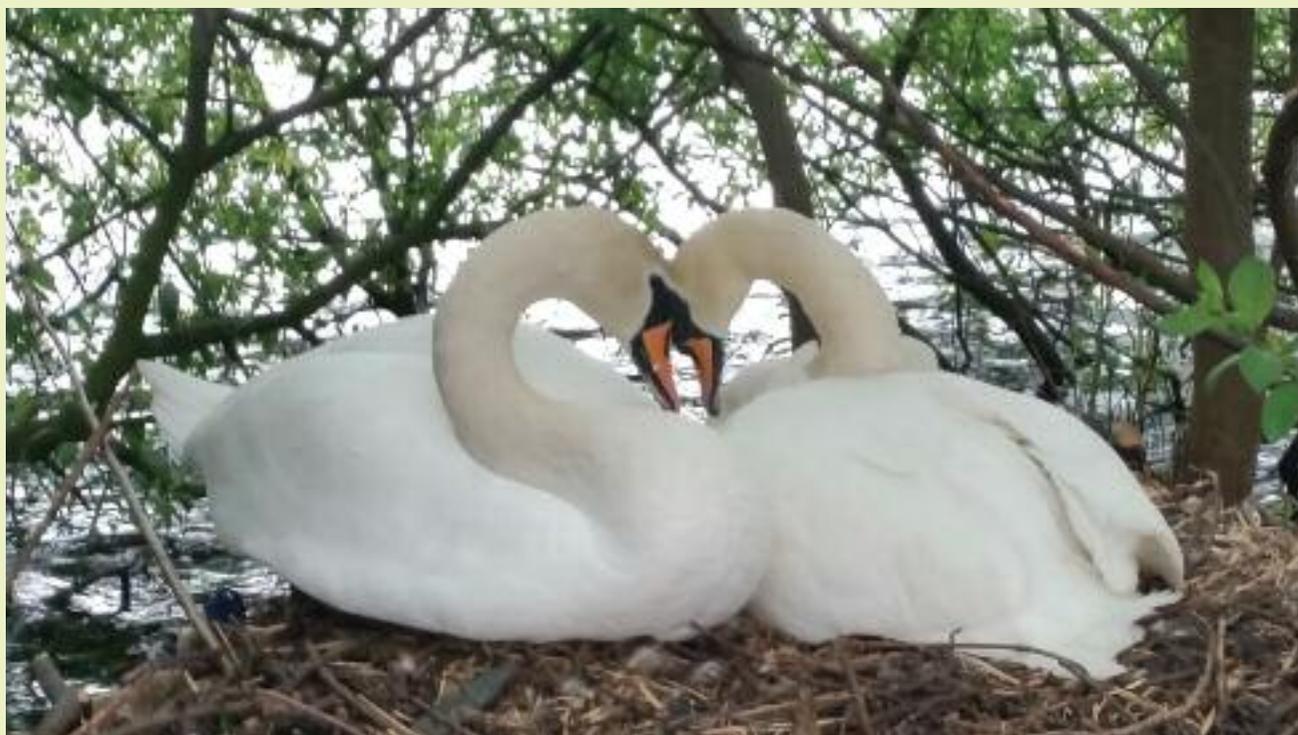


## Just to let you know:

Pensions Department was included in the move from the Head Office location at Alexandra Park to Lathom, so if you need to contact them in writing, the address is:

Pilkington Group Pensions  
Hall Lane  
Lathom  
Nr Ormskirk  
L40 5UF

The telephone number is still the same:  
01744 692965



## Birds of a feather

Can anyone come up with a witty caption to go along with this photo?

The winner will receive a £10 Marks and Spencer voucher.

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