

# PRISM



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## Andrew's Mill at mission centre

*Andrew's Mill is a maize mill under construction in Ekwendeni Mission Station in Malawi, being formally named on completion, after Pilkington Family Trust beneficiary, Andrew Connell.*

Andrew worked for 12 years at Barr & Stroud, retiring in 1991 at age 62. Andrew always told Pat, it was the happiest place he had ever worked.

Sadly Andrew passed away in 2015, however his memory is being kept alive in Ekwendeni where, thanks to his wife's generosity, the Maize Mill is being constructed in his name in the grounds of the Mission Station.

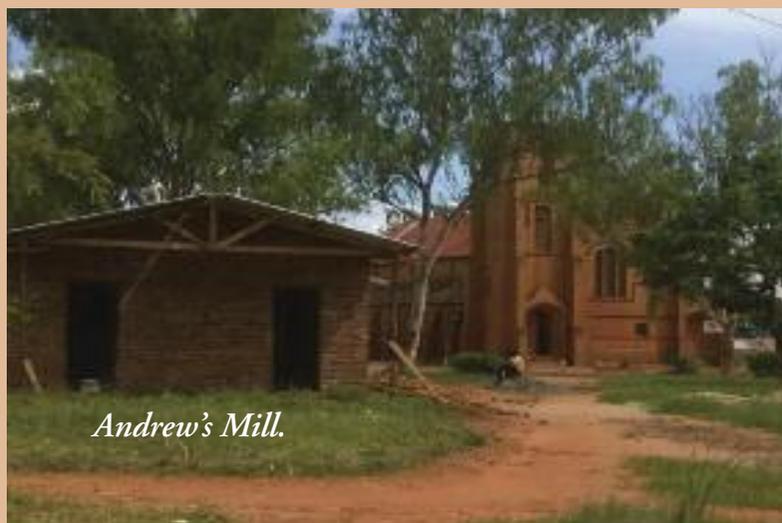
Maize is a staple food in Malawi, where currently the locals have a 10-mile round trip on foot to get their maize to the nearest mill for grinding.

The local community is looking

forward to making use of their new mill. Ekwendeni was originally started in 1889 by Walter Angus Elmslie a Scottish missionary. It has one of the oldest churches in Malawi, belonging to the Church of Central Africa, Presbyterian, which is the local equivalent of the Church of Scotland.

Andrew and Pat's interest in Ekwendeni started from their involvement in their local church, Giffnock South Parish Church, Glasgow. (By the time this magazine goes to press it is hoped that Andrew's Mill will be fully constructed and in use.)

*Right: Andrew Connell and wife Pat.*



*Andrew's Mill.*

## Glen Nightingale



**It is with a degree of sadness that we announce the retirement of Glen Nightingale as Chairman of the Trustee body of the Pilkington Family Trust.**

Glen will be familiar to many of you having served 37 years with Pilkington in a variety of roles. Glen joined Pilkington in 1962 as a Development Chemist on the relatively new float process. In 1966 Glen was seconded to Scarborough plant in Canada as Works Chemist for the start-up of the Group's first overseas float line SC2.

Glen returned to the UK in 1969 and undertook a variety of technical and production appointments, including Manager of the Rolled Plate factory. In 1979

Glen became Chief Glass Technologist followed by Production Director in 1986.

Glen then assumed the prestigious role of Chairman of Pilkington Glass Ltd, which led to being appointed to the Group main Board in 1987. Glen's final role was that of Group Technical Director, which he held from 1994 until his retirement in 1999. Throughout his career Glen was actively involved as Trustee on the PSS Pension Scheme.

Shortly after his retirement in 2002, Glen was invited to

join the Charity Trustee body and agreed. He succeeded Ken Appleton as Chair of Trustees in February 2006 and held this post until his recent retirement. In total that means that Glen has devoted an astounding 52 years to actively serving the company and its retirees, an achievement not many can match. His fellow Trustees and the Executive management team of PRSL would like to extend a huge vote of thanks for his wisdom and support over the years.

### Glen's successor

Glen is succeeded in the role as Chairman of Trustees by David Bricknell (pictured below) who was previously Pilkington Company Secretary - as you can see we like to keep things in the "family" and rightly so as we perpetuate the Pilkington name through our work.



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Can you believe we are already halfway through 2017! And so much has happened, in particular the terrible terrorist atrocities in London and Manchester, the heartbreaking London tower block fire as well as an unexpected General Election – events that have changed our country in so many ways.

And there have been changes also at the Pilkington Family Trust with the recent retirement of PRISM's Editor, Mike Horton. Mike was the Trust's Welfare Programme Manager and, after 27 years service, we wish him well in his retirement. Also, there is a new Chair of Trustees with existing Trustee David Bricknell taking on the role following Glen Nightingale's recent retirement from the Chair and Trustee Board. For many years Glen has brought much experience and wise counsel which will be greatly missed.

Change is a theme in this issue – particularly in Pilkington history; changing from horses to power-driven vehicles, and a very old photograph illustrating what we believe to be a very early Pilkington laboratory. Where is it? We don't know yet but hope some reader will have the answer! And for new readers whose life has changed through retirement welcome to new beginnings. Other readers share their thoughts with us about helping you enjoy your retirement through activities such as the University of the Third Age as well as sharing their personal experiences on taking care of yourself in retirement.

Readers also share with us their special stories – some light-hearted and some very moving like the maize mill being built in memory and honour of a Pilkington pensioner. Please keep your stories coming – they are amazing.

There's no doubt by the time the next edition of PRISM drops through your letterbox there will have been even more change – as yet unknown. Change is inevitable and perhaps in difficult changing times this well known quote might help - "grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference"!

Jackie Mafi  
Interim Editor



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## 65th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Congratulations go to William and Beryl Rimmer who celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary on 29th March 2017.



The couple met at the old Co-op Dance Hall in St Helens. At the time Bill (as he likes to be known) worked for Burtonwood Engineering Company and Beryl worked for Pilkington at City Road in the offices.

Beryl later worked at the gas board for a while and then eventually returned to Pilkington working at Head Office and Fibreglass. Bill started his own engineering company, Wilber Engineering, (the name came from the first three letters of their names).

When they both eventually retired they enjoyed walking in the Lakes and Wales, and taking their dog for long walks. Beryl loved knitting and making tapestries and some of her beautiful embroidered pictures

adorn the walls of their home. Pilkington Family Trust sends their best wishes to the couple and look forward to reporting their next momentous anniversary in 2022.



Many happy returns to Mrs Wilburn who celebrated her momentous 103rd birthday in March 2017.

# Special Celebrations



Birthday wishes go to Miss Nicholson from St Helens who celebrated her 102nd Birthday on 12th January 2017.



Congratulations go to Olive Harrison MBE, who celebrated her 100th birthday at home in St Helens.

Congratulations go to Sophia Pape who celebrated her 100th birthday on 11th April 2017 at her home in Stockport. She received a beautiful birthday card from the Queen which she has had framed.

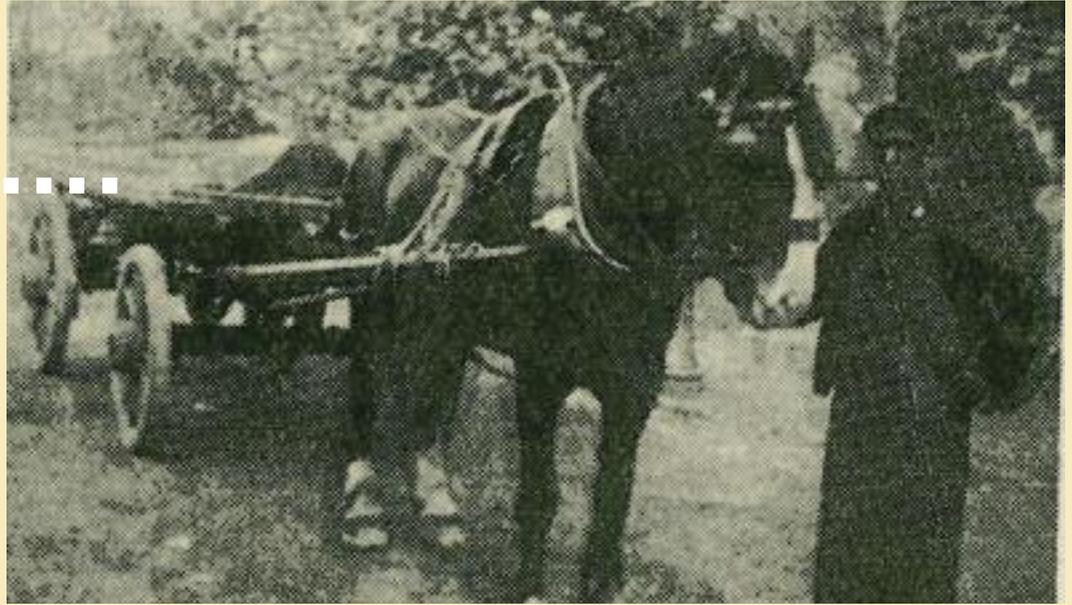
# AS IT WAS

In this edition we would like to share with you a fascinating glimpse of Pilkington history as extracted from old news journals - known as Cullet. In winter 1949 the Pilkington Brothers Cullet edition mourned the passing of the use of the horse by "the Firm".

"Towards the end of October the last horse left the Firm and went into honourable retirement. This was not a great event - indeed very few people would even have known of it - but it completes a long chapter in the history of the Firm. This chapter opened with the Firm and has taken until the present time to close. That a modern industry should only now, in the days of complete mechanisation, dispense with the horse is nothing short of amazing.

Talking to Mr "Bill" Howard of the Transport Department, I was taken back almost half a century to the time when St Helens was full of horses and when each Works had its stables. In the Sheet Works, 100 horses were stabled on the site of No. 6 Tank and Liverpool, Bradford, Newcastle, in fact all the Depots, had their quota, usually four, for local carting. Each Works employed a full-time Veterinary Surgeon.

In those days Mr. "Bill" Howard told me the St Helens/Liverpool trip took from two to two and a half-hours with a cart loaded with 30 cwt of glass. The carter was also responsible for looking after the horse, cleaning harness, cart and stable. The day started at 6 a.m. with giving the horse his breakfast of hay and oats. The first Monday of each month every horse was weighed to see



Picture taken from an old Cullet magazine - a time when St Helens was full of horses and when each Works had its own stables.

whether weight had been lost or gained - very few lost weight.

## The May Show

The May Show was the greatest event of the year and long hours were spent grooming horses and polishing harnesses. A cup and prizes went to the smartest and best turned out horse and cart. Mr Guy and Lee Pilkington as well as Mr Norman Pilkington bred horses for the Works.

Four years before the horses were replaced by power driven vehicles, Mr Howard had learned to drive a "steamer", but his heart was always with his first love, horses. As he says, a Diesel lorry cannot show any affection. The steamers and first petrol wagons were a little faster than horses, but with a trailer they could carry up to 12 tons of glass. The law prohibited a speed of greater than 10 m.p.h. so journeys took a long time; for example, a Leeds trip meant booking in at 1 or 2 o'clock in the morning.

The May Shows still continued when the horses had gone and Mr. Howard won the Silver Cup 20

years ago with his highly polished steamer.

Quite apart from the draught horses, the carriage horse also played his part in the history of the Firm. Two horses were kept at Head Office and their job was to convey the Directors to and from work. Horses had their strict period of duty; there was a morning and afternoon horse and in between periods of carriage duty they had to stand by in case of a fire when they were used to draw the engine.

Another team of horses was used by the Medical Officer to visit his patients who were not able to get to the Works Surgery. Two ponies were used to run a regular message service between Head Office, Plate Works and Ravenhead. Each Friday morning a trip was made to St Helens Colliery and at night to Rainford Sandwash.

And so the horse (as far as the Firm is concerned) passes, but many people will always remember them as faithful animals who did a job well before it could be done more quickly by machines. "He made way gracefully for progress".

## Anniversaries

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

### DIAMOND WEDDING (60TH)

Mr Glyn & Mrs Kath Owen, Rhyl - Dec 16  
Mr Peter & Mrs Ana Wood, Chippenham - 15/12/2016  
Mr Jack & Mrs Brenda Smart, Towyn - 22/12/16  
Mr Stanley & Mrs Joan Baker, Prestatyn - 22/12/16  
Mr Roy Herbert & Mrs Joan Martin, St Helens - 2/3/17  
Mr James & Mrs Sheila Lofthouse, St Helens - 16/3/17  
Mrs Freda & Mr Edward Rigby, Legal Dept, H/O, Prescot - 23/3/17  
Mr Lol & Mrs Muriel Amison, Doncaster - 30/3/17  
Mr Gratton & Mrs Ann Bottell, St Helens - 30/03/17  
Mr & Mrs Douglas Twist, Birmingham - 7/4/16  
Mr & Mrs H Deakes, Doncaster - 25/5/17  
Mr John & Mrs Ann Glover, Doncaster - 6/7/17  
Mr Kenneth & Mrs Doreen Griffiths, Nantwich - 8/6/17  
Mr & Mrs R Leese, Doncaster 15/6/17

Mr Thomas & Mrs Grace Lawson, Glasgow - 29/7/17  
Mr Hector & Mrs Helen Peters, St Helens - 3/8/17  
Mr Keith & Mrs Anne Thomas, St Helens - 12/8/17  
Mr Keith & Mrs Jean Hodson, St Helens 31/8/17  
Mr Robert & Kathleen Bride, Bath - 10/9/17  
Mr & Mrs T Blanchard, Doncaster 23/9/17  
Mr Bernard and Mrs Renee Cunningham, 5/10/17.

### GOLDEN WEDDING (50TH)

Mr Ronnie & Mrs Joan Hull, Wigan - 3/2/17  
Mr David & Mrs Zandra Howard, St Helens - 18/3/17  
Mr & Mrs Kathleen Bailey, St Helens - 18/3/17  
Mr Thomas & Mrs Grace Lawson, Glasgow - 29/7/17  
Mr Tony & Mrs Carole Blanchard, Doncaster - 23/9/2017

## Pension queries

Please note that ALL pension queries should be sent to:  
**NSG European Technical Centre, Pensions Dept, 2nd Floor Small Scale, Hall Lane, Lathom . L40 5UF Telephone: 01695 54000**

# Saints cafe launched

**Saints Community Development Foundation has launched a Reminiscence Café at the Totally Wicked Stadium, St Helens for those living with dementia and their carers.**

The first event saw Eddie Cunningham, Saints' Mental Health Ambassador, introduce club legend and Foundation Ambassador Tommy Martyn to discuss his memories and thoughts on the 1999 Super League Grand Final win.

After lunch the attendees, including Trust beneficiaries, had a walk around the lower tier of the stadium taking in the changing rooms and pitch side.

Since the first session they have been holding bi-monthly events which have been growing week on week.

Each session sees a club legend visiting and having a quick chat with Eddie and answering a few questions from the Café's attendees.

Up to now they have been visited by Tommy Martyn, Eric Chisnall, Billy Benyon, Paul Wellens, Ade Gardner, Harry Pinner, Peter Harvey and Chris Arkwright.



*Opening of the Saints Community Development Reminiscence café. Eddie Cunningham is introducing the event.*

Also on the day they show footage of St Helens and the club throughout their history, and have a short quiz with a prize for the winner.

They have loads of old photographs to browse through and even have some time for a few chair exercises to work off lunch.

Foundation Manager Steve Leonard said: "This idea has been with me for quite a while, but it was the introduction of Eddie Cunningham as the Foundation's Mental Health ambassador that got the wheels in motion.

It is fantastic to see the people who come along have so much fun and also for their carers to have some respite. Friends of the Foundation donations help make programmes like this one possible. Also the Saints club themselves for providing such tremendous facilities for us to enjoy."

PFT Beneficiaries have been supporting the sessions every month from the start. Around 15 to 20 beneficiaries and their carers living with dementia attend the sessions and come back each month. They enjoy the history videos and the humour Eddie brings to the group, not forgetting the lovely sandwiches and cookies provided with tea and coffee at lunch.



## Love & marriage go together like a horse and quad bike!

**Getting round your garden by quad bike is not the normal method for most couples who have recently celebrated 63 years of marriage! But for Ina and Les Bullock, now living in Flyford Favell, Worcester, quad bike riding until very recently was a regular activity due to the isolated location of their previous home at Buckeridge, Kidderminster.**

The size of their grounds meant not only was a sit on lawn mower needed, but also a quad bike. Sadly, like many people in retirement, there comes a time when downsizing becomes necessary and Ina and Les have now moved from the cottage they called home for 40 years.

This isn't the first time that Ina and Les have featured in a Pilkington publication. As part of decluttering in preparation for their move to Flyford Favell, Ina and Les discovered an old Pilkington News. This featured an article about themselves entitled "A Fine Romance" detailing the story of how they met through working for Pilkington. The article was illustrating just how

many romances had blossomed in the Company.

Les worked for Chance Brothers, Smethwick, whilst Ina worked at Firhill, the Glasgow plant. Starting in 1944 as an apprentice engineer, Les eventually became Assistant Works Manager at the Rolled Plate factory in Firhill before taking over the toughening operation at Ecclestone Works. Several moves between Glasgow and Birmingham took place with a brief spell in Lancashire. Having married Ina in 1954, Les's job took him all over the world to India, Mexico, South Africa, America, Germany, Sweden, Finland, Italy and Belgium making many friends in the process with whom they still keep in touch.



### 1,387 years' collective service

**The article in our last edition 1387 YEARS COLLECTIVE SERVICE generated a response from some of our readers.**

Margaret Scott (nee Trantum) recognised her grandfather, Richard Trantum in the photograph on far left of front row. Mrs Scott's father, Harry Trantum, who was in his 20's when

this photograph was taken, also worked at Pilkington as a glasscutter. Some years later Mrs Scott's brother, also called Harry, was taken on by Pilkington as an apprentice beveller, and just to keep it in the family, Mrs Scott's husband Billy, worked as an apprentice beveller as well! Two of Mrs Scott's sons, Tony and Geoffrey both started as apprentice bevellers and Geoffrey is still employed at Alexander Works. So when people used to say that Pilkington was a family firm, it truly was. Mr Gwynne Roberts of Portmadog also wrote in to say that many ex-employees will remember Sammy Pickett (in middle row), a foreman in the Flat Drawn Department at Sheet Works. He believes Sammy was involved in the introduction of the vertical drawn PPG (Pittsburgh Plate Glass) Process from 1936.

## Creative living in retirement

It is with regret that we announce that the above Ruskin Lodge Group has been disbanded due to a falling number of members and the unfortunate passing of the Creative Living Chairman, Ron Taylor.

The group was founded in 1994 by David Pilkington and started with 50 members. Their first big project was to obtain a folding screen and collect pictures and articles of notable events. These were glued to the screen and when finished it was varnished and is still now on display at Ruskin Lodge.

Their next project was to convert a piece of derelict land between the tennis courts and Ruskin Lodge into a Millennium Garden, suitable for disabled and wheelchair visitors. In 2000 it was also decided to place a time capsule in the garden to be opened in a 100 years' time. An acid free box was filled with various photographs and newspapers dating from the 1800's, the complete works of Shakespeare, a bible and various decimal coins. Many other projects were undertaken over the years, and the group made many items for Ruskin Lodge and for general sale including, large dominos, magazine racks, bird boxes, model aeroplanes, greetings cards, scrabble boards, the list is endless!

This has been a very happy, friendly, and talented group of individuals and the Family Trust wish all the remaining members well for their future and thank them for all their efforts over the years.



Margaret Pennington, Jim Cairns, Margaret Cairns and Rose Harrup.

## Westend ballroom

This photo taken at Dance in the 'Westend Ballroom' was featured in the last edition of Prism.

Thanks go to reader Doug Twist, who has identified the people pictured.

Standing left to right: Mrs Jean Cartwright; Mr Mike Jinman; Mr Doug Twist; Mr Bill Gorden.

Seated left to right: Mrs Chris Jinman; Mrs Wendy Twist; Mrs Gorden; Mr Arthur Smallwood; Mr John Powell.



## Picture blast from the past

This photograph was taken approx 1911 at Watson Street Laboratory we believe. Written on the back of the photograph are their names: C. Wood, F. White, J. Gee, J. Waring, W. Bate, J. Dunnett, A. Sherlock and Robinson.

Do you recognise any of your relatives? The employees look quite young, but in those days children left school at 11 or 12 years of age, depending on how many hours schooling they had completed.

When Jackie Mafi showed Austin Griffiths, Welfare Officer, the photograph of the laboratory, his immediate reaction was: "That takes me back a long time and before you ask, I did not wear those starch collars when I started at Pilkington.

I actually started work at Pilkington as a trainee lab technician and worked at Lathom, Ravenhead and Fibreglass, in the Works laboratory and Technical Development, before moving to the Family Trust some 20-odd years ago.

What is apparent, is that when this photograph was taken, laboratories in Pilkington would have carried out a range of work from analysis of raw materials used in glass making to water analysis of cooling water on the glass tanks and checking the atmosphere of the glass tanks.

In the right of the photograph is some

equipment relating to combustion. This could have been something called an ORSAT apparatus which measures levels of oxygen, carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide. The sample of atmosphere in the glass tank would have been taken using a silica tube and a set of bellows, which would then have been connected up to the ORSAT apparatus and the analysis carried out.

This analysis would then be used to check the optimum combustion settings for the glass tank.

Laboratories of today use more up-to-date technology to do the work and it is of a higher level of accuracy."

Looking through some old Cullet magazines the 'new' Research Laboratories (Central Analytical Laboratory) opened in St Helens in 1938. The same year Pilkington Brothers Ltd joined Chance Brothers Ltd forming Glass Fibres Ltd.

Eccleston Grange Analytical Laboratories opened on 8th March 1949 and 50 staff moved from Watson Street to the new Laboratories. The property consisted of a three-storey building with basements and large conservatory with outbuildings, set in three acres of gardens. Eccleston Grange was the former home of Mr Austin Pilkington. A new wing was added to the property in August 1958.



## Ruskin Lodge Day Centre's Strictly Come Dancing Show

The dining room was well decorated and the tables were dressed in black and white, which looked very elegant.

The guests had been sent invitations to the event so that they could get dressed up and on the day it was nice to see how many people had arrived very smartly dressed. The show performance was spectacular, costumes were dazzling and the show dancers invited guests to join in some of the dancing.

## Deaths

Below are lists of retirements and deaths for the period December 2016 to June 2017 inclusive

It is with regret that we report the death of the following employees

**GREENGATE**  
Mark Kelly

**PUKL SALFORD**  
Bernard Heywood

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

**ANDREWARTHA**  
William Smale

**AUTOMOTIVE KINGS NORTON**  
Michael Rossborough  
Horace Bonehill

**BP ENGINEERING**  
Anthony Bebe

**BUILDING PRODUCTS UK**  
Anthony Houghton

**CHANCE BROTHERS**  
Stanley Jones  
Frank Leslie Gould  
Betty Nock  
James Peakman  
Jean Morgan  
Clifford McIntosh

**CHANCE PILKINGTON**  
David Weeks  
Edwin Green  
William Richards  
Jean Barnes  
George Glover

**CHANCE PROPPER**  
Patrick Flood  
Eric Smallwood  
Henry Palmer

**CITY ROAD**  
Thomas Smith  
Agnes Twist  
Henry Johnson

**COWLEY HILL**  
Bessie Brownbill  
Harry Grimes  
Eric Finney  
Jean Dixon  
Terence McLoughlin  
William Lawrenson  
William Anders  
Allen Cathcart  
Denis Ruane  
James Clayton  
William Dean  
Peter Dolan  
Daniel Johnstone  
Brian Weldon  
John Archer  
Sheila Deville

**CP ST ASAPH**  
Gwyneth Williams  
Norman Royles

**DIRECTOR**  
Derek Cook

**DONCASTER**  
Patricia Thorley  
David Turner  
Brenda Peace  
Michael Turner  
Alan John Hepworth

**FIBREGLASS**  
Charles Abrahams  
John Glover  
Derrick Pimblett  
Mary Hoskins

**FIBREGLASS RAVENHEAD**  
Johanna Mather  
Richard Williams  
Horace Ruddick

**FIBREGLASS WREXHAM**  
Dennis Hughes

**GREENGATE**  
Thomas King  
Francis Smith

Lawrence Furlong  
Edward Glover  
John Parr

**HEAD OFFICE**  
Alan Oldham  
Christopher France  
John Pickard  
Leonard Cook  
Patricia Littler  
Margaret Kay  
Betty Brooker  
Ben Harling  
Ronald Humphreys  
Joseph Eden  
Harry Taylor  
Christine Brown  
Annie Kinsella  
Jean Rigby

**KINGS NORTON**  
Clive Tompkins

**LATHOM**  
Kenneth Litherland  
Jamie Snowdon  
Peter Mulligan  
James Bradshaw  
Robert Wilson  
Robert Sephton

**OPTRONICS**  
John Speakman

**PIL RAVENHEAD**  
Joseph Dullard  
Gerald Shaw  
Keith Polding

**PILKINGTON (AGR)**  
Anthony Edwards

**PILKINGTON GROUP LIMITED**  
Leslie Stretch  
Malcolm Taberner  
Archie Cooledge  
Joan Biggs  
Lucy Grice

Arthur Fearnley  
John Addy  
Gordon Elliott  
Charles Parrott  
James Dean  
David Roberts  
Saleh Hussain  
Alfred O'Sullivan  
Hugh Taylor  
Francis E Devine

**PILKINGTON PLYGLASS**  
John Brudenell

**PILKINGTON SPECIAL GLASS**  
David Hughes  
Richard Roberts

**PILKINGTON TECHNICAL MIRRORS**  
Michael Wilson

**PPE ST ASAPH**  
Dennis Griffiths  
John Bishop  
John Kirby

**PRL**  
Albert Platt

**PRL STIRLING**  
David Morrison

**PUKL**  
Rita Price  
Joan Steele  
June Dyson

**QUEENSFERRY**  
Thomas Cross

**RAVENHEAD**  
Brenda Macdona  
Robert Ashcroft  
David Fallon  
Frederick Smith

**SHEETWORKS**  
Robert Lathom

**ST ASAPH**  
Berwyn Williams

**TRIPLEX ECCLESTON**  
George Campbell  
Christopher Pagandam  
Keith Goodier  
Jack Marsh  
Paul Poulton  
Wilfred Kelly  
John Dorning  
Agnes Mercer  
James Fisher  
Samuel Wilson  
Peter Gleave

**TRIPLEX KINGS NORTON**  
Charles Williams  
Audrey Surtees  
John Griffiths  
Ronald Reading  
Doreen Cox

**TRIPLEX LARKHALL**  
Robert MacDonald  
Thomas Riddell

**WATSON STREET**  
Michael Casey  
Peter Frodsham  
Kenneth Dixon  
Geoffrey Tatlock  
Robert Bannerman  
Keith Johnson  
Harold Phillips

**WELDALL**  
Reginald Butler  
Arthur Smith

Apologies for an error in the Winter edition for Mr Alan Todd who had been incorrectly printed as Todd Alan.

## Retirements

List of retirements since last issue. The number of years' service are as shown.

**ARCHITECTURAL**  
Karen Marsh 21

**CUMBERNAULD**  
Archibald Pearson 19  
Graham Grimshaw 20

Alfred Johansen 30  
Kathleen Cannon 36

**GREENGATE**  
William Arnold 45

**LATHOM**  
Reza Ghaemi 14  
Steven Hunt 37  
Brian Pilling 17

**WATSON STREET**  
John W A Worrall 46  
John Nodwell 37

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In March 2017, the volunteers from Ruskin Lodge had a lovely day out to the Paddock Cafe in Derby House, Wrightington, Wigan, for coffees and a look around the farmer's market. Later they went to the Corner House, Wrightington, for a delicious three-course lunch: the food and service were excellent and everybody really enjoyed it.

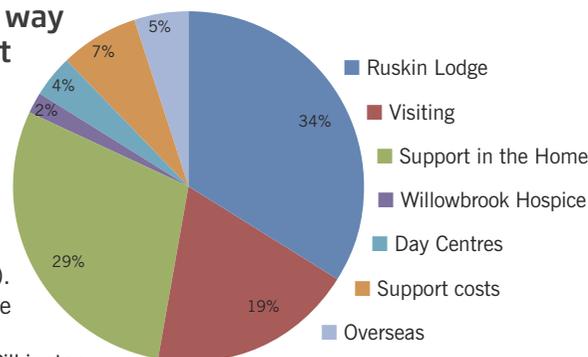
## The financial year to 31st March 2017

Throughout the financial year to 31st March 2017 The Trustees, Board Members, Management and Staff have continued to work together to use the resources of the Trust in the most effective way to provide care and support to the beneficiaries where it is needed.

A snapshot of how the income in the financial year to 31st March 2017 was spent is shown in the chart.

The income continues to be generated largely by investments (97%). Donations from the Pilkington Charitable Fund to support some services and donations are also received from NSG Pilkington to assist the Dementia Service and the Rainford Trust to support the funding of food parcels in South Africa.

The total amount spent in the year to 31st March 2017, on services to beneficiaries, was £3,245,000



## Beneficiaries tell us.....

Often beneficiaries write in to ask if they can share information with readers they think will be of interest to them and would like others to benefit. Sometimes this is due to personal experience.

■ **Jack Brettle of Ormskirk, Lancashire** would like to tell everyone about the benefits of the University of the Third Age – especially if you are lonely and are looking for some social or “educational” activities. Jack says “don’t be put off by the University of the Third Age title. It is for everyone and no exams! It is an organisation for people who have retired and want to keep their mind active. There are U3A groups around the country.” Jack recently gave a talk to a meeting of the “Science is for Everyone Group” at the St Helens U3A. To find out if there is a U3A near you go to [www.u3a.org.uk](http://www.u3a.org.uk), or contact the National U3A Office on 0208 466 6139.

■ **An Anonymous** beneficiary believes that taking part in the NHS Bowel Cancer Screening Programme over the last few years has been invaluable. The Programme provides a testing kit for people of a certain age to be used regularly at home to help pick up early signs of bowel cancer. The kit, in this case, was able to pick up a potential problem, which was quickly followed up by further tests showing the cancer to be fairly localised with no evidence of it having spread. Having benefited from the Programme the beneficiary wanted to make others aware of the help that is available. To find out more go to [www.nhs.uk/Conditions/bowel-cancer-screening](http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/bowel-cancer-screening) or ask your GP.

### What's on

Please ring 01744 457 909 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, £10 per annum.  
Friday theatre once every two months

*Day Club:* 10.00am-3.00pm, Wednesdays every week at Pilkington Recreation Club, Kirk Sandall. Housebound only fee applies - £5.50 with lunch served.

#### NORTH WALES

*St Asaph Self-Help Group:* Meets 1st Tuesday every month at Rhuddlan Community Centre at 2.00pm. More information: Mr G Jones on 01745 332 517.

*Monday Club:* 11.00am-2.00pm. First and third Monday each month. Community Hall, Rhuddlan. Contact: Peter Greulich 01745 814 341

#### SOUTH WALES

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

*Day Club:* Meets monthly on a Friday 11.00am-3.00pm at 'Widdershins' East Avenue, off Greenhill Road, Sebastopol. Contact: Sally Lewis on 07788 956 439.

#### WEST MIDLANDS

Sourbridge/Weldall Group meet for coffee mornings on Fridays every 3 months at Age Concern.

#### ST HELENS WELFARE LEISURE CENTRE

##### Monday

*Sewing Group:* 9.30am - 12.30pm (Patchwork quilting etc).

*Ladies dominoes,* 6.00pm-9pm

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

##### Tuesday

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

*50+ Ladies Keep Fit:* 2.00pm-3.00pm

*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.

Snooker and dominoes, 1.00pm

*Ladies Crown Green Bowling Practice Night:* 6.30pm

#### Thursday

*Chi Kung:* 10.30am-11.30am.

*Tai Chi:* 11.45am-12.45pm.

*Indoor Bowling – winter months:* 1.00pm - 6.30pm.

#### Fridays

##### Alternate Fridays

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

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

Indoor bowling - winter months

#### SELF-HELP GROUPS

There are eight 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.

#### 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 10.30am-12 noon

#### Moss Bank Social Group

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

#### Thatto Heath

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

# 50 years of float in Canada

Managing Director Paul Morgan, on a recent overseas visit to Pilkington Family Trust beneficiaries, arrived in Canada just in time to be told that Lewis Hamilton had won the Canadian Grand Prix - so that was a good start for an Englishman landing on foreign soil!

Paul says: "The thing is though there are so many expats resident in Canada you never feel far away from home. In fact Christine Clinton, who is the Trust's Scheme Coordinator, was born in Scotland. Just as in the UK a magazine is produced in Canada - it is called Reflections. In the most recent edition there is an article by



*Tor luncheon Canada.*

Brian Oxley. Brian is originally from St Helens and went out to Scarborough to start up the "new" float line 50 years ago. He was accompanied by many other Brits who are still resident. Brian recalled the many challenges presented in the early years whilst refining the process. Now, 50 years later, they are distant

memories, but everyone I encountered on my journey enjoyed recalling the many happy long hours they spent fighting to produce perfect glass and the minor glitches along the way.

My journey started with a flight to Toronto and then a connection to Montreal where we met our group for lunch. Most of our beneficiaries started work for Charlebois who were then bought by Glavebel and then Pilkington and then by a succession of other glass makers. All agreed the happiest days of their career were spent with Pilkington.

The difficulty in Montreal is that the first language is a form of French and whilst a lot of people do speak English it can be a challenge joining in conversations over lunch.

From Montreal we flew back to Toronto to meet with our largest group from the old Scarborough plant. The group show the very diverse cultural makeup of Canada with beneficiaries from all over the globe. In fact Canada is celebrating its 150th birthday this year; that was the time the various provinces confederated to form Canada as we know it today. The room was decorated and themed to reflect the landmark and 135 people enjoyed a very pleasant lunch.



*Winnipeg Retirees with Paul Morgan and Christine Clinton.*

We flew directly from the meal to Winnipeg to meet the people that worked at the fabrication plant and enjoyed their company whilst reminiscing with the former plant manager Gordon Heard who recalled his days in the Royal Canadian Airforce and the 47½ years he spent with Pilkington.

After the meal we flew directly to Vancouver where we met with a small group, which should have contained our ex-voluntary visitor Bill Youdes, who celebrated his 100th birthday in February. Bill was originally from Liverpool and I was looking forward to reminiscing about my home town and bringing Bill up to date on the many changes. Sadly Bill was unwell on the day and unable to attend.

I very much enjoyed my hectic visit and, as ever, I was greeted with the famous Pilkington hospitality that exists around the world."

**Paul Morgan**

## Mike Horton

Following his recent retirement, former Pilkington Family Trust's Welfare Programme Manager, Mike Horton says:



"I absolutely loved working for the Pilkington Family Trust for what was the majority of my working life – where on earth did the years go? During that time I had the privilege to meet and work with so many wonderful people, which made going to work such a pleasure. I really did have some fantastic times at the Pilkington Family Trust, filled with generous amounts of laughter and enjoyment. I wonder how many people are fortunate enough to say that at the end of their working life?

Thank you so much for all your support over the years and for making my time at the Family Trust so rewarding and pleasurable. I will miss you all."

## Designed to thrill

Designed to thrill the senses, the new Aston Martin DB 11 is already set to achieve an iconic status - and a dedicated manufacturing team from Kings Norton has been instrumental in its success.

As well as the vehicle glass being manufactured at NSG Group plants in Germany and Poland, all its VA (Value Added) items are applied in Kings Norton and the team has faced and overcome many challenges integral to the car's fearless design philosophy. The 5.2ltr, V12 engine, 447KW horse powered DB11, is the most powerful DB production model in Aston Martin's history and with acceleration from zero to 62 mph in 3.95 seconds it is clearly no slouch.



*From left to right: Kings Norton's Stuart Clarke, Darren Gilchrist, Phil Baxter and Sarah Chamberlain.*

The vehicle, which starts at just under £155,000, includes a striking new grille clamshell bonnet and an innovative Aston Martin airflow management system that flows air through the DB11's bodywork.