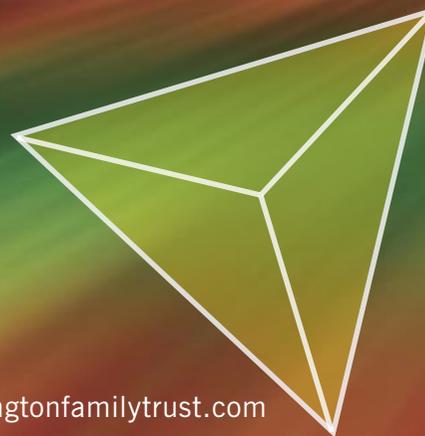


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Ready, Eddie, Go!



86 year-old Pilkington beneficiary Eddie Keating donned his walking shoes and army beret and completed the St Helens' 10 Kilometre race, on 10th March this year.

He wanted to raise money to say thank you to Whiston Hospital and Alder Hey Children's Hospital, both in Merseyside, after they saved his partner's grandson's life. 10 year-old Joey (or Joey the Legend as he is now affectionately known) had suffered a brain haemorrhage, but thankfully is now recuperating well at home. Eddie was the oldest competitor in the race and completed the course in 1 hour 28 minutes and 31 seconds, despite the appalling March weather. It's a credit to Eddie that he completed the course as many competitors failed to turn up due to the weather. Eddie was part of a 19-strong team and he personally raised £1,000.

Eddie started at Sheet Works in St Helens in 1954. He was a glass carrier for two years and worked as a 'cut off man' for a further eight. He left after the company stopped the 'flat drawn' process, but re-joined in 1964 at Triplex where he served 25 years as a fork lift truck driver/inspector, eventually retiring in 1989.

We are sure you will agree this is an achievement to inspire us all. Well done Eddie.

Photograph courtesy of www.mickhall-photos.com



Standing left to right: David Pilkington, Julie Halligan, John McKenna, Jonathon Money.

Sitting left to right: Peter Grunwell, Lady Kirsty Pilkington, David Bricknell, Jeremy Pilkington.

C & A Pilkington Trust Trustee Directors

As part of good governance the Directors of the Trustee Companies, chaired by David Bricknell, recently held their annual July meeting to discuss the general strategic aims of the C & A Pilkington Trust.

The Trustees bring a broad mix of skills and experience for the benefit of the Trust and the Trustee family members ensure that the name and the legacy of Pilkington lives on through the Trust Fund activities both in the UK and overseas.



2 SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS
Miss Mary Nicholson (Polly) - 104



4 RUSKIN LODGE
No shortage of things to do!



7 CALENDAR ARTIST
Thank you Les Bott



8 SUMMER IN THE SIXTIES
Were you there?

EDITOR'S NOTES

Hello and welcome to the summer edition of **PRISM**.

I wasn't sure whether to say summer edition because as I write the rain is pouring down and the forecast is for more in the days ahead. We really were spoiled last year with a beautiful summer. Maybe it's just a bit late arriving this year. I remain hopeful. Anyway the weather won't stop us from bringing you a great edition of your magazine.

I am delighted that in this issue we have some stories from around the country. A wonderful lady of 99 years who is still knitting items for charity, an ex-voluntary visitor who proudly keeps in his home the last piece of Chance glass produced, and an 86 year-old gentleman who completed a 10km race. I have to admit, hearing about Mr Keating's 10k race made me feel very lazy and I nearly had to get out my running shoes. I managed to resist though.

Since our last edition we have of course welcomed a new Royal baby. Congratulations to their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Sussex on the birth of their son Archie Harrison Mountbatten-Windsor. Best wishes to the whole family.

In this issue, I would draw your attention to the article about the national React to Red campaign that is trying to raise awareness of the potential risks of pressure ulcers, which can be very debilitating. For all of us, it is important we move around regularly, but for those people who are less mobile, the risk of developing pressure ulcers is higher. If you or someone you know, is unable to move around regularly, I suggest that you speak to your local practice nurse or GP for advice. Remember prevention is better than cure.

Can I give one last reminder to anyone who has not yet returned the General Data Protection Regulation consent form that was sent out to you last year, to return the forms to us as soon as possible. We require your consent to retain your records and continue to contact you, send the PRISM magazine, calendar and if needed, provide services to help you. If you are unsure whether you have already returned your form or if you need a new form, please contact me on 01744 742503.

It just remains for me to say have a good summer and best wishes to each and everyone one of you.

Keep those stories coming in.

Best Wishes,

Diane Swift,
Editor



For details of how to contact us, see page 6



Miss Mary Nicholson (Polly)



Lillie Ashton



Mrs Sophia Pape



Mrs Rose Hill



Olive Harrison, OBE

Miss Mary Nicholson (Polly) from St Helens celebrated her 104th birthday on 12th January.

Mrs Sophia Pape, Bramhall, celebrated her 102nd birthday on the 11th April.

Olive Harrison, OBE, celebrated her 102nd birthday in Broughton, Chester on 13th June.

Lord Kenneth Lewis celebrated his 101st birthday in Prestatyn on 3rd February (No photograph).

Lillie Ashton from St Helens celebrating her 101st birthday with her daughter on 22nd March.

Renee Birch from St Helens celebrated her 101st birthday on 22nd March (No photograph).

Mrs Rose Hill of Stourbridge, West Midlands, was 101 on 1st June.

Betty Norton, celebrated her 100th birthday on Saturday 15th June.

Special Birthdays

Congratulations to those who celebrated extra special birthdays in 2019:



Betty Norton



Mr & Mrs J Hand

Anniversaries

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

Diamond Wedding

Derek & Mary Martin, St Helens - 10/1/19
 Roy & Audrey Parr, St Helens - 5/3/19
 Richard & Barbara Leyland, St Helens - 7/3/19
 Frank & Brenda Smith, St Helens - 12/3/19
 John & Edna Hand, St Helens - 14/3/19
 Fred & Stella Vears, Birmingham - 7/3/19
 Terence & Patricia Dennis, Wigan - 21/3/19
 Chris & June Bedford, Leeds - 22/3/19
 James & Maureen Ainsworth, St Helens - 7/4/19

Alan & Doreen Anders, St Helens - 6/6/19
 Arthur & Eileen Potter, St Helens - 27/6/19
 Brenda & Frank Smith, St Helens - 25/7/19
 Donald & Vivienne Skinner, Eastbourne - 25/7/19
 George & Evelyn Pennington, Wigan - 27/7/19
 Dorothy & Bernard Moore, St Helens - 15/8/19
 Clifford & Rhoda Owen, St Helens - 22/8/19
 Kenneth & Jill Rendell, Devon - 5/9/19
 William & Eileen Stokes, St Helens - 27/9/19
 William & Ethel Parr, St Helens - 3/10/19

Golden Wedding

Mary & Brian Winstanley, Doncaster - 21/3/19
 Fred & Ann Sephton, St Helens - 29/3/19
 Harry & Janet Smith, Halesowen - 7/4/19

Eddie & Patricia Birchall, Ashton-in-Makerfield - 7/6/19
 Roger & Norma Bickley, Birmingham - 16/8/19
 Ian & Pamela Smith, St Helens - 22/8/19



Mr & Mrs B Winstanley

Kings Norton closure

It is common knowledge that the Kings Norton plant will close and activities will move to Redditch.

The closure will take place over a phased period up until March 2020. During the recent reunion meal held at Tally Ho, Conferencing and Banqueting Centre, a request was made to Trust Fund Managing Director Paul Morgan, to arrange access to the site for retirees before the doors are closed.

Paul has been in touch with NSG and it has been agreed that such access will be made available. In order to make sensible arrangements we are requesting that any interested individuals should contact our office and make themselves known by the end of August 2019.

Anybody missing this deadline will be unable to attend. We will then work out the logistics of the visit and contact you with dates and times.

If you are interested in a site visit please contact Diane Swift, Welfare Programme Manager on 01744 742503

Staff changes

A warm welcome to the following new members of the team:

Kaye Turner, Kitchen Assistant, Ruskin Lodge;
 Kay Greenhalgh, Company Accountant



Kaye Turner.



Sally Lewis.

Fond farewell to Sally Lewis, Regional Welfare Officer, South Wales, who has been in post for 10 years.

If any beneficiaries in the South Wales area would like to get in touch please ring Community Care Team on 01744 742516.

Feedback from Prism, Jan 2019

Fine Body Of Men Good news!

Thanks go to Mrs Halsall, Mr McDermott and Bob Bell Jnr who identified Charlie and Eric Tierney and Bob Bell on the photograph of the Pilkington Recs rugby team.

Following our article on Graduated Retirement Benefit, we have received the good news that one of our beneficiaries has received a small pay-out from Aviva. Her late husband had worked for Pilkington from 1966 to 1998.



Loch Lomond Outing

Sixty Pensioners from Scotland had a wonderful day out at Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park, enjoying a delightful meal at the Cruin Restaurant on the banks of Loch Lomond in Scotland.

Stunning scenery and great weather and some retail therapy contributed to a special day.

React To Red



The NHS is raising awareness regarding the importance of ensuring we all remain as mobile as possible whilst at home.

The 'React to Red' campaign highlights the ways in which we can keep our skin healthy and avoid pressure ulcer damage from sitting or lying in one position too long. In order to prevent pressure ulcers forming, we are being encouraged to move regularly and change position, every 20 to 30 minutes if possible, especially if seated for long periods. This campaign also encourages you to report any skin changes you may notice, including reddened, damaged or painful areas of skin, to a Health Care Professional or your GP. Further information on this important campaign can be found at the following web site address: www.reactoreddskin.co.uk and remember prevention is better than cure!

What's in a Name?

West Midlands Welfare Officer Carol Priest received a phone call from the local hospital asking if she could visit a lady on one of their wards.

She didn't recognise the name, but was visiting a beneficiary on the same unit. Carol explained to the hospital that she didn't know the lady in question, but the nurse advised that she was very poorly, she was Church of England, and could Carol go and see her. It took a few moments for Carol to realise that they had confused her surname 'Priest' with the vocation! The nurse was very embarrassed when she realised her error.

Has anyone else had this problem with their surname?

Snooker members required!

The men's snooker group, which meets every Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 1pm and 4pm at The Pilkington Active Leisure Centre, Ruskin Drive, St Helens, is looking for some new members.

For further information, please contact Kath Shaw, Activity Co-ordinator on 01744 742509.



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A day at the Races.



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1 & 2: Do-Little Pet Therapy in action.



Creative talents on display.



A thank you bouquet for Kath Jones for 20 years' volunteering service.

Ruskin Lodge

There is no shortage of things to do and see whilst a guest at Ruskin Lodge, the Trust's respite care centre in St Helens.

Guests "loved" a special Valentine's day harpist's performance and their creative talents were on display with egg painting and flower arranging marking Easter celebrations.

Guests have "had a ball" with a Lodge performance of Cinderella by the Grand Dame Theatre Show whilst West Lancashire Railway "steamed ahead" with a talk and slideshow. And glad rags were on display when Day Centre guests recently dressed up for the "Lodge races".

The outdoors came indoors when the Do-Little Pet Therapy showcased a miniature pony, a bottle fed lamb and small rabbit for guests to cuddle.

Trips out have included a three-course meal and music for Day Centre guests at Briars Hall, Latham whilst Ruskin Lodge volunteers were thanked with a trip to Boundary Mill, Colne enjoying a meal at the Bannisters Restaurant.

100 Years of Pilkington



In 2018, developers began building an estate of 94 houses on the site of the old village of Kirk Sandall.

This was the village acquired by Pilkington Brothers in 1919 when they identified the surrounding area as the site for their new factory. In the beginning, many of the workforce were brought over from St Helens and early in 1920, after they had started work on the factory, they also began building houses for them and their families.

At first the workers were housed in 'temporary' wooden huts – although some of them were still in use for a variety of purposes almost 30 years later! They wanted their new village to be built on modern lines and used a nationally known planner, Patrick Abercrombie, and a local architect, T.H. Johnson, to design a 'Garden Village' with houses, green spaces and allotments. So, the new village, some half-a-mile away from the old one on the other side of the road to Doncaster, was begun. As well as houses, they provided many amenities including a school, an assembly hall, a boys' club, shops and sporting facilities, including football and cricket pitches, tennis courts, a crown green bowling club and a public house - the Kirk Sandall Hotel. Until the 1950s, when the local council administration began to get involved in planning for the post-war boom, the firm provided many of the things we take for granted such as maintained roads and street lighting.

The old village was demolished in the 1970s with the exception of the listed



Volunteers' meal at Bannisters Restaurant, Colne.



Beneficiaries at Briars Hall, Lathom.



A Lodge performance of Cinderella by the Grand Dame Theatre Show.

Needles & pins

Mrs Peggy Lappage is now 99, but still 'clicking' the pins for charity.

Since a schoolgirl Peggy has been addicted to needlework and knitting, and was always top of the class in that art. She has made dozens of beautiful embroidered tablecloths, and given most away. One sits on the Easter table of a small church each year. Her stitching was so neat; it was difficult to tell which was the wrong or right side. She hardly ever put the needle down, whether the 'sewing' or the 'knitting' needle. She says she is ashamed to say she never mastered the art of crochet, and feels a bit of a failure because of that. Her tapestry pictures were perfect, and look more like a painting brush was used rather than a needle.

When Peggy's sight began to fail, and she could no longer see well enough to do the intricate stitching she was noted for, she didn't give up, but instead got out the knitting needles again, and began knitting beautiful children's clothing, not just plain ones, but patterned as well, giving them all to various charity organisations. She even has her gardener searching the shops for bargain price wool! Now at 99, Peggy's sight is almost nil, but she still keeps the needles clicking. She can't see the patterns at all, but says she knits by the 'inner' sight she retains, and instead of following a pattern, she counts the stitches with her fingers, not her eyes, and just carries on. She says she doesn't ever intend to stop using her needles and her time for others.



Peggy's late husband Harry, who worked for Weldall Engineering in Stourbridge, was a volunteer when the Trust's Voluntary Visitors scheme was in being, and Peggy says she did needlework all the time he was out, that is when she wasn't baking cakes for her family, friends, and son's workmates. She said it was nothing for her to knock out dozens of mince pies at a time, this time using another kind of pin, the 'rolling pin'. But all of Peggy's handiwork she has given away, never accepting anything in exchange, except for the pleasure of knowing they did someone some good. 'Pins and needles' have been a large part of Peggy's life, and needles still are.

Garden Village

buildings of St. Oswald's Church and a threshing barn on the site of Grove Farm. Pilkington donated land in the neighbouring village of Edenthorpe for the building of a new modern parish church and St. Oswald's was closed in 1978.

When the land was designated a brownfield site for redevelopment in the early 2000s many people had forgotten, or had never known, what had been there before. The Friends of St. Oswald's Church was established in 2007 to help to protect and promote the church and they were able to find old photographs to display some of the past history that today's residents never knew.

Knowing that 2019 marked the 100th anniversary of the arrival of Pilkington Brothers The Friends have set about highlighting their contribution and intend marking this at their Open Days over the

next 18 months.

The first demonstration of this is a self-guided walking trail starting at the church and making its way into the 'Garden Village' pointing out buildings from the past that are still standing and reminding people of those that no longer exist. This publication was to be launched at the first 2019 Open Day on 19th May.

The glassworks closed in 2009 and the factory site is now used by Trackwork, a construction company, but the modern day developers, Albemarle Homes, have chosen to reference the contribution Pilkington Brothers made to the history of the community by the street names. So the new residents, who have already started to move in, now find themselves living on Pilkington Road or Silica Close.

Deaths

Below is a list of deaths for the period December 2018 to July 2019 inclusive

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

ANDREWARTHA

Thomas Hunter
Roy Mather
Eric Thomas
Barry Overton
Dennis Crehan

AUTOMOTIVE KINGS NORTON

Edward Goral
Anthony Hynes

BIRCH STIGMAT

Edwin Mercer

BP R&D

David Martlew

CAPS MICROFILM

Brian Lees
May Clark

CHANCE

Arthur White
Ahmed Mohammed
John Augustin
Albert Bryant
Ray Lowk
John McMahon

CHANCE PROPPER

Doris Capewell

CITY ROAD

Sydney Langley
William Ashcroft
Roberts Hanks
Albert Hitchen
James Parr
David Cantrill

COWLEY HILL

Robert Hine
Frank Taylor
John Lane
Frank Orme
Roy Atkinson

Harry Foster
Thomas Kennedy
Francis Burke
Auston Rhodes
Robert Hargreaves
Cecilia Benyon
Elizabeth Marsh
Patrick Young
Matthew Keen
David J Brunt
Raymond Varnham
John MacDougall
Thomas Darbyshire
Eric Roberts
Anne Kennedy
William Parkinson
Norman Foster
Leslie Hankinson
Ronald Critchley
Ronald Smith

CP ST ASAPH

William Bevins

DISTRIBUTION

Alfred Travis

DONCASTER

John Manning
Charles Fox

FIBREGLASS RAVENHEAD

Audrey Hill
Eveline Thompson
William Erlam

FLAT GLASS

Majorie Eden

GREENGATE

Alan Crosby
John Rose

HEAD OFFICE

William H Darlington

Anthony Harrison
Freda Jones
Karen Brown
Derek Savage
Kathleen Broderick
William Hazeldine
Colin T Gildea

IS GROUP SERVICES

Alan Taylor

LATHOM

Ernesto Coen
James Taylor
Peter Brooke
Edward Buckley
David Haworth
Edward Morrison

PIL PONTYFELIN

Muriel Lloyd
Terence Sullivan

PILKINGTON AEROSPACE

Alan Hollingsworth
Robert Price
Ronald Sargent
Allen Smith

PILKINGTON COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS

Helen Leigh

PILKINGTON GROUP LIMITED

Joseph Norton
Kathleen Skingle
Keith King
Robert Cardall
John Edwards
Peter Reynolds
James Stewart
John Redmond
Salvatore Navarra
Alan Walker
Dorothy Smith
Peter McNamee
Henry Wilcock
Edward Telfer

William Iley
Ann Hughes
Thomas Bradshaw
Sheila Benson
Michael Boyd
Josephine Hampson
Margaret Monod
William Jones
Brendan McManus
Marjorie Christy
Annie Clarke
Roger Deeks
Alan Benyon
Howard Beech

PILKINGTON SPECIAL GLASS

Thomas Mckinlay

PONTYFELIN

Geoffrey Barnie
Pamela Harrison

PPE ST ASAPH

Cyril Bulman
Arthur White
Edwin Swarman

PRL STIRLING

Archibald Edmonstone

PUKL

Tom Howcroft
Terrance Renshaw
Gordon Ormerod
Richard Fairhurst
David Cooper
Dennis Seddon
Anthony Groves
Robert Foster

QUEENBOROUGH

John Donald

RAVENHEAD

Dennis Cresser
Marie Kay

RICKMANSWORTH

Stephen Kingman

SHEETWORKS

Harold Bragg
Frank Cope
Joyce Woods

STIRLING

Michael Collins

TRIPLEX ECCLESTON

John Oates
Harold Asson
John Gornall
Gerald Lowe
James Howard
David Fearnley
Graham Standish
Reginald Brian
Ephraim Martlew
Peter Platt
Joseph Edwards
Joseph Woods
John Hand
James Glynn

TRIPLEX KINGS NORTON

Margaret French
John Hughes
Geoffrey Witherington-Perkins

TRIPLEX LARKHALL

Agnes Wilson

WATSON STREET

Liam Gilsenan
David Markey
George Gilbert
Gary Bond
William Mills
Kenneth Jackson
David Oakes
John Greenhalgh

Amendment to previous issue

WATSON STREET

J Griffiths should have read Joe Griffiths

Retirements

Below is a list of retirements for the period December 2018 to July 2019 inclusive

GREENGATE

James McDermott
Graham Saunders
Michelle Davis
Margaret Everett

LATHOM

Ann Goulbourne
Simon Hackett

RETIREMENT SERVICES

Barbara Northover

PLYGLASS

Paul Brailsford
Martyn Cain
Philip Parnell
Ivan Bargh
David Hughes

WATSON STREET

Paul Cunliffe

Omission

Queenborough

Peter Swann from Isle of Sheppey retired 2016

New Business Reply envelopes

As a result of the move from Chalon Way offices to The Enterprise Centre, Salisbury Street, we have a new Business Reply licence for our prepaid envelopes (pictured).



Could everyone please dispose of the old licence envelopes RTKK-YTBL-EBBX and in future only use the new licence RTZZ-AGCB-HEAB.

Contact us...

By telephone: 01744 742 516

In writing: Pilkington Family Trust
The Enterprise Centre
Salisbury Street
ST HELENS, WA10 1FY

e-mail: enquiries@pilkingtonfamilytrust.com

If you prefer you may wish to complete the slip and return it to the above address, and we will get back to you as soon as possible.



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Nature of enquiry:

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Every effort is made to ensure that details and information in the magazine are correct at the time of going to press.



Anne Frank anniversary

Beneficiary Renee Reisler of Newton le Willows, was kindly invited to celebrate the anniversary of the birth of Anne Frank at Parr Library, Parr, St Helens. Renee was born in the same year as Anne in 1929.

Anne Frank went into hiding in Amsterdam with seven members of her family during World War II. After more than two years of hiding, they were discovered and sent to concentration camps where sadly only Otto Frank, Anne's father survived. He later published the diary Anne had kept during her time in hiding.

Parr Library marked the occasion in partnership with the Anne Frank Trust UK, an education charity that empowers young people with the knowledge, skills and confidence to challenge all forms of prejudice and discrimination, using Anne Frank's powerful life story and diary as a starting point.

Renee is known to Library staff through their home delivery service and as she had also recently celebrated her 90th birthday was very honoured to be invited as a special guest to the event. She was presented with flowers and is seen pictured with Jonathan McKee, North West Project Officer for the Anne Frank Trust.

Les Bott, calendar artist extraordinaire

Les Bott celebrated his 90th birthday on the 10th July 2019 and Pilkington Family Trust would like to take this opportunity to thank Les for all his hard work in producing the lovely pictures for the Trust calendar every year.

Les first gave his pictures to the Trust for the calendar in about 1995. He has a room in his house he uses specifically as his art room and advises he first started painting when he was six or seven years old. His favourite medium is watercolour.

Les joined Pilkington Glass in 1958 and eventually retired from Lathom in 1985. He was a qualified Chartered Engineer and has travelled the world with Pilkington, visiting such far flung places as Argentina and Mexico. Les has previously run art classes both at Ruskin Lodge for the day centre guests and at the Leisure Centre in Ruskin Drive for beneficiaries.

So thank-you again Les for all your pictures and the very best of wishes on your 90th birthday.



What's on

Please ring 01744 742509 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.

Day Club: 10.00am-3.00pm, Wednesdays every week at Pilkington Recreation Club, Kirk Sandall. Fee applies- £6.00.

Contact Angela Shepherd 01302 891212.

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 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.

WEST MIDLANDS

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

Contact: Carol Priest 01384 637604

Evesham Self Help group meet approx 3 times a year.

Chance people are welcome to come along to this too.

Contact: Carol Priest on 01384 637604 or mobile:07967 899857.

ST HELENS WELFARE LEISURE CENTRE

Monday

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

Men's snooker group: 1.00pm-4.00pm

Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons

Tuesday

Art Group: 9.30-1.00pm

50+ Ladies Keep Fit: 2.00pm-3.30pm

Pilkington Choir: 7.45pm - 9.00pm

Wednesday

Ramblers' Coffee Morning: 9.30am-12.30pm (1st Wednesday in every month).

Thursday

Ladies Crown Green Bowling 1.30pm-5.00pm.

Indoor Bowling – November to March:

1.00pm - 5.00pm.

Fridays

Alternate Fridays

Companions: 2.00pm.Bingo

SELF-HELP GROUPS

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

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.

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.

3rd Thursday of the month, 1.30pm-3.00pm.

The end... but not quite

A poignant reminder and of special interest to all former Chance Brothers employees; this small unformed piece of Amber Glass pictured here with Ray Drury, who was Chief Engineer at Chance Brothers in Smethwick, looks small and insignificant, unless you're aware of its history.



This small piece of amber glass poignantly represents the end of production for Chance Brothers Smethwick after 152 years of continuous glass production, 1824 to 1976 (Ray hastens to add that he wasn't with the company for that period of time!!).

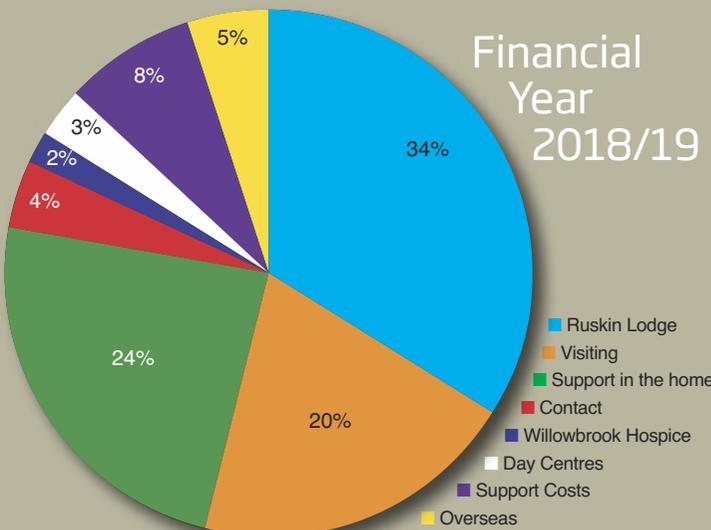
Carefully preserved and stored by Ray for all of the years since 1976, he says it is quite delicate, mainly because at this stage it was not annealed, and therefore mainly susceptible to shock. It was the very last piece of glass out of the roll plate furnaces ever produced by Chance Brothers. It is one of Ray's most precious treasures, and he guards it carefully. He fetched it out of hiding only for the short time it took to photograph.

Many of the leaving work force were eager to take and keep a piece of 'patterned glass' as a souvenir, but Ray preferred to have this seemingly insignificant piece of Amber Glass, because it spoke of the very end of production for Chance Brothers. Amber glass was apparently used for domestic glazing. It had a 'sunshine' appearance, and Ray has windows in his bungalow to remind him of this.

Ray has other mementos in his possession, but none more precious or poignant, and these he has willed to the Smethwick Heritage. There is a permanent exhibition of all things 'Chance', in a building inside of Victoria Park, Smethwick, and Ray is often approached for advice and history for the production of a monthly magazine.

Along with Tony Cartwright, also a beneficiary, he supplied author David Encill with extensive details to enable David to produce two very concise books covering the history of Chance Brothers.

It was interesting to learn that when the telephone number 1824 became available, this was taken up by Chance Brothers as their own number. That way, no one ever forgot when it all began.



Finances

The C & A Pilkington Trust has continued to provide care and support to beneficiaries throughout the financial year to 31st March 2019. A snapshot of how the income generated was spent is shown above. The income continues to be generated largely by investments.

The total amount spent in the year to 31st March 2019, on services and support to beneficiaries, was £3,463,291.

Summer in the Sixties

Thanks go to Denis Fogarty and his wife for the picture below. Alicia Fogarty (nee Martin) is on the front row, 4th from the left, enjoying a day out from the Home Sales Calculating Dept in Pilkington Head Office in St Helens.

We are sure you will all agree that the ladies look splendid in their summery dresses and gloves. The picture was taken in 1960 at Trentham Gardens. Can you spot the odd one out? Yes, the gentleman with the flat cap and the arms folded wasn't with the group he just decided to join in! Were you in this group or if you recognise any of your colleagues? Please let us know.

