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Reg Bower Honoured...

...for more than half a century's service

Mr Reginald Bower worked at the Wrexham works for 13 years and is also a former mayor of his hometown in Oswestry, Shropshire.

His remarkable service as Shropshire's longest serving councillor was recognised recently at a presentation ceremony.

Great grandfather Reg, 92, who has served as a councillor for Gobowen near Oswestry for an amazing 53 years said he was 'surprised'

when he was told about the tribute held to mark his "unbroken, dedicated and sustained service" to the community. As well as 53 years as a local politician, Reg has been a school governor of five schools.

Shropshire councillor for Gobwen, David Lloyd said: "Along with others, I have witnessed the energy and dedication that Reg has invested in the interests of the local community. We thank him and acknowledge his sustained, selfless devotion."

South Africa revisited

Unfortunately, due to the ill health of her husband, Marlene McAdam, our Co-ordinator in South Africa, was unable to travel with me for much of my trip.

I landed in Cape Town to be greeted by torrential rain that stopped the traffic on the motorway. One of our retirees kindly picked me up and so my journey began. I visited a retiree who will be 100 years old next year at home. I met with our other retirees in that area and we had lunch before I

departed for the airport and my flight to George. Again a local retiree provided me with transport to my hotel. The next morning we arranged breakfast for the people who live in and around that area; one lady drove 50 miles to join us. After breakfast, I was driven along the "garden route" to Plettenburg Bay to meet

with one of our ex-volunteers who was too unwell to make the trip to George. We had a pleasant lunch together (unfortunately since my trip the gentleman has passed away) and I then hired a car and drove the rest of the "garden route" to Port Elizabeth. I must say the scenery was stunning and the roads extremely well

maintained.

Upon arrival in PE, as it is known locally, I was greeted by our Volunteer Co-ordinator for that area.

The next day I met with our volunteers and we discussed the issues that our retirees are facing in South Africa. They were no different than the ones we



face here, rising fuel costs, rising energy costs, a poor health service with waiting lists, and loneliness. I visited many people in their own homes and I am always amazed at how

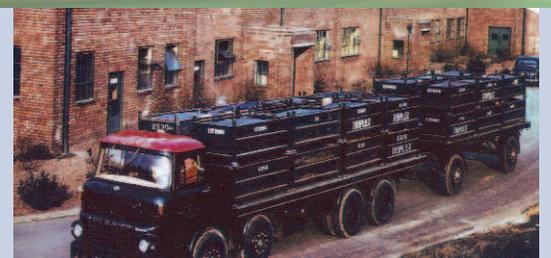
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Editor's Notes

Well that was some year wasn't it? The Queen's Silver Jubilee, the Olympics and Paralympics games and something very close to my heart – Bradley Wiggins winning the Tour de France! I don't know about you, but I never got tired of listening to the National Anthem being played all summer long.

Of course, we still had to have a few scandals on the way with Government Ministers, so-called 'celebrities' and sportsmen misbehaving once again. When will they ever learn and begin to appreciate just how lucky they are compared to the majority of folk?

By now you should have received your Trust Funds 2013 calendar – we do hope you like it. Pilkington/NSG has funded the calendar for many years – and we thank them for all their support in the past, but we are now in a position to produce the calendar under our own name. By the way, have you ever noticed that it never rains in Les Bott's paintings? Given the summer we've just had, he might just want to add a few dark clouds, raindrops and umbrellas in future!

As the year draws to a close, the good news is that we are now apparently officially 'out of recession'. I do hope that this manifests itself in some sort of practical way and we can all share in the day-to-day benefits. Here's hoping to even further progress in the situation in 2013.

As is customary at this time of year, on behalf of everyone here I'd like to wish you all a most enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

Very best wishes to you all

Mike

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SPECIAL

IRENE GOLDING
from Oldbury
celebrated her 104th
birthday on 8 August
2012.

Rene, as she likes to be called, is pictured here with her very good friend Denise; the two women worked together in the offices at Chance Smethwick for many years.

AMY JOHNSON, who lives in Wychbold at the Rashwood Care Home, also celebrated her 100th birthday on 29 October 2012.

Amy, originally from Bristol worked at Chance in Smethwick for many years.



VAL HARRIS has been an absolute stalwart of the Kings Norton pensioners' club for many years, going back to the good old days of 'the wooden hut'.

The club members think the world of her, so when it came to Val celebrating her 70th birthday they took her out for a meal to say 'thanks'. You can tell by the numbers that turned up and their smiling faces just how much they love and appreciate her. Many thanks Val for all your help over the years.

Looking at the photo, Val is fifth from the left in the darker blue blouse and white trousers.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF IRENE ARMSON

21 February 1934 - 25 September 2012

So many people will remember Irene from her time at Head Office, but we'll always remember her for her voluntary work at Ruskin Lodge. 'Little Irene', as she was so fondly known, worked on the reception desk for many years, always ensuring that guests were greeted with a cheery smile and a welcoming chat. She was just that sort of person – always thinking about others before herself. We will miss her so much.



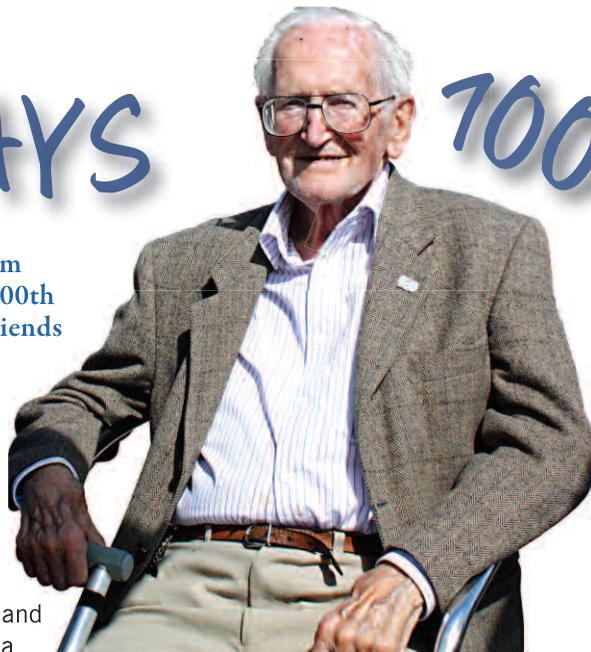
BIRTHDAYS 100th

NORMAN DUNCAN from Colchester celebrated his 100th birthday with family and friends on 11 October.

Norman retired from Pilkington in 1975 after 47 years in the company. He had spent most of his time in the company in sales and retired as East Anglia Sales Representative.

Norman, who has one son and five grandchildren, has been a lifelong Arsenal supporter.

Welfare Officer Austin Griffiths, who recently visited Norman with a gift from the Family Trust on his 100th birthday, said: "I always enjoy visiting Norman. He always wants to know of the changes in the company and of course his favourite team, Arsenal."



Watch your 08 numbers....

0800 and 0808 Freephone

A number of businesses and organisations use Freephone numbers, including some helplines and charities such as RNID or Age UK, as well as Government services such as Jobseeker's Allowance.

How much do calls cost? Calls are normally free of charge from landlines, but charges may apply from mobile phones. However, the operator must make an announcement before the call is connected telling the caller that they will be charged (the announcement does not state the exact charge). Calls from mobiles typically cost up to 31p per minute.

0500 numbers cost similar amounts as 0800 and 0808 numbers from a mobile.

Chargeable 08 Business Rate numbers

These are used by large and small businesses for sales, enquiry and customer service lines and for some pay-as-you go internet access services.

0843 and 0844

How much do calls cost? Calls are charged between 1p and 13p per minute for landline customers. Calls from mobile phones are typically charged between 15p and 41p per minute, depending on the provider and the number called.

0845

How much do calls cost? Calls are typically charged at between 1p and 10.5p per minute depending on the time of day for landline customers, and often include a call set-up fee. Calls from mobile phones generally cost between 12p and 41p per minute.

0870

How much do calls cost? Calls from some fixed networks cost no more than a geographic rate call (01 or 02, between 2p and 10p plus a call set-up fee in some cases) and may count towards any inclusive minutes in the same way. Calls from other fixed networks typically cost up to 10p per minute. From some mobile networks calls typically cost between 12p and 41p per minute.

Recently, some other providers have also included calls to 0845 and 0870 numbers in call packages, making them free at certain times of the day.

0871/2/3

How much do calls cost? Calls typically cost between 5p and 12.5p per minute for landline customers, plus a call set-up fee. From a mobile phone, calls may cost between 25p and 41p per minute. Services provided on these numbers are regulated by PhonepayPlus* to provide additional protection for callers. You can find out more information at: www.phonepayplus.org.uk.

Prices correct as at 18/07/2012



ETHEL MAY (Effie) Rosser celebrated her 100th birthday on 10 August 2012.

Effie, pictured left, with her birthday card from the Queen, lives in Mount Tryon Nursing Home in Torquay, near her daughter.

South Africa revisited

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people rise above the adversity they face in their everyday life.

We had an excellent gathering the next day with more than 250 people in attendance. That evening I flew to Durban and the next day met with our retirees and enjoyed lunch.

Immediately after, I took a taxi and flew to Johannesburg.

The following day Saturday I met up with Marlene. I recharged my batteries over the weekend and went to visit her husband in hospital.

We met with our local volunteers and discussed the same issues we had spoken about in PE; the conclusions were unsurprisingly the same. Once again I visited many people in their homes and was humbled at how the vast majority overcome the living situations that are peculiar to our retirees in South Africa. The next day, we had a marvellous meal that was attended by 150 people. I flew home



Left and below: Retirees enjoying lunch at The Admiral's Club in Port Elizabeth



to the UK the following day.

My final comments are these: since my last visit, the football World Cup "came to town" and the infrastructure of this beautiful country has improved vastly. However, a good percentage of our retirees still face a daily struggle to survive. The one thing I do know is that in some small way we do make a difference in their lives and we will be "there to care when care is needed".

Paul Morgan, Managing Director

How you get Blind Person's Allowance

If you think you may be able to claim Blind Person's Allowance contact HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) on the priority telephone number 0845 366 7887. Lines are open from 8.00 am to 8.00 pm, Monday to Friday and 8.00 am to 4.00 pm, Saturday. The level of Blind Person's Allowance for the tax year 2012-13 is £2,100 - there are no age or income restrictions.

So if, for example, you're 58, registered blind with your local authority and have:

- an annual salary of £12,000
- a Personal Allowance of £8,105
- Blind Person's Allowance of £2,100 you only need to pay tax on £1,795 (£12,000 less the sum of £8,105 and £2,100).

If both you and your spouse or civil partner qualify for Blind Person's Allowance you can each get an allowance.

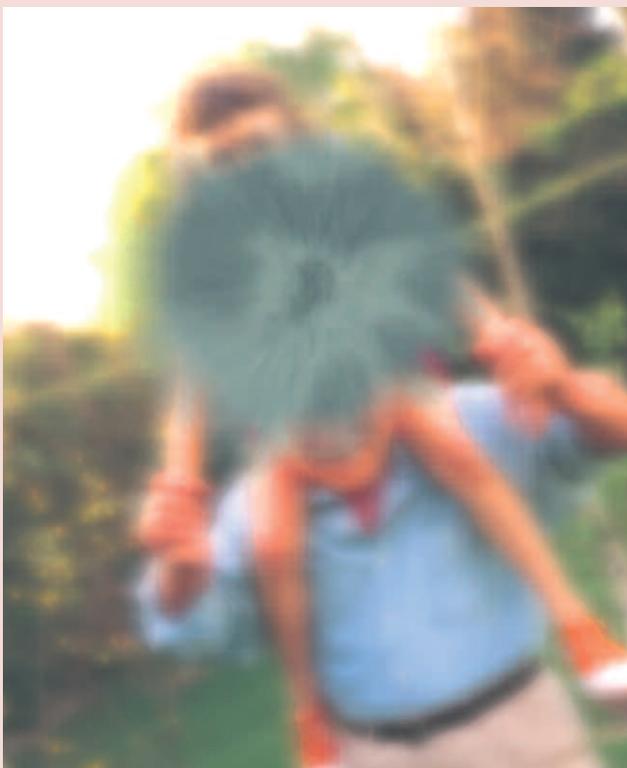
For more information click:

www.hmrc.gov.uk/incometax/blind-person-allow

Protect yourself from fraud

Although fraud comes in many forms, there are some simple steps you can take to protect yourself from the crime.

1. Do not give any personal information (name, address, bank details, email or phone number) to organisations or people before verifying their credentials.
2. Many frauds start with a phishing email. Remember that banks and financial institutions will not send you an email asking you to click on a link and confirm your bank details. Do not trust such emails, even if they look genuine. You can always call your bank using the phone number on a genuine piece of correspondence, website (typed directly into the address bar) or the phone book to check if you're not sure.
3. Destroy and preferably shred receipts with your card details on and post with your name and address on. Identity fraudsters don't need much information in order to be able to clone your identity.
4. Make sure your computer has up-to-date anti-virus software and a firewall installed. Ensure your browser is set to the highest level of security notification and monitoring to prevent malware issues and computer crimes.
5. Sign-up to Verified by Visa or MasterCard Secure Code whenever you are given the option while shopping online. This involves you registering a password with your card company and adds an additional layer of security to online transactions with signed-up retailers.
6. If you receive bills, invoices or receipts for things you haven't bought, or financial institutions you don't normally deal with contact you about outstanding debts, take action. Your identity may have been stolen.
7. Be extremely wary of post, phone calls or emails offering you business deals out of the blue. If an offer seems too good to be true, it probably is. Always question it.
8. If you have been a victim of fraud, be aware of fraud recovery fraud. This is when fraudsters pretend to be a lawyer or a law enforcement officer and tell you they can help you recover the money you've already lost.



Understanding...

Age-related macular degeneration

There are many different forms of macular disease. Age-related macular degeneration, or AMD, is just one of them.

This form occurs later in life, from around the age of 55-60 onwards. Macular disease affects different people in different ways and you may not notice any change in your vision during the early stages of the disease.

Macular disease does not cause any pain so if you have eye pain you should seek urgent medical advice.

Macular degeneration

Macular degeneration is the most common form of macular disease and mainly affects people over the age of 60.

As the cells in the macula deteriorate, your ability to see will change.

Objects directly in front of you may change shape, size or colour and may seem to move or disappear. The central area of your vision may become blurry, lines may become distorted. Dark spots may appear in the centre of your field of vision.

Macular degeneration may cause an area of blindness which, at normal reading distance, may block out several words. You may also develop problems seeing in bright sunlight or find it harder to adapt from dark to light conditions.

However, some people with macular disease do become sensitive to light so glare can cause discomfort. Anti-glare glasses can help with this.

The optometrist at your optician's practice is qualified to test sight, prescribe spectacles and to carry out examinations for eye disease. Some optometrists carry out extra screening tests for early signs of macular disease.

CHECK, SWITCH, SAVE AND CUT FUEL COSTS

Why switch?

Energy suppliers compete against one another on price, service and types of deals. That is why it's important to have a look at what is available and find a deal that's perfectly suited to you.

It is also possible to stay with your existing energy supplier and simply switch tariffs. They will be able to discuss the different tariff options available to you and if you decide to switch, they will explain the process to you.

Over 100,000 people change energy tariffs or suppliers every week and the process is easier now than ever before.

If you're thinking about switching, have your existing supplier's details handy and as much information as you have about how much energy you have used over the past 12 months. This can all be found on your gas or electricity bill. You can then contact other suppliers or comparison websites by phone or on the internet to find out what the best deal is for you.

Now you've found the best deal for you – it's time to get going. Once you have agreed your new contract, you will receive a letter from your new supplier within 7 working days confirming all the details. During the next couple of weeks, your new supplier will also contact your old supplier to let them know the switch is taking place.

Your new supplier will ask you for a meter reading – it's really important that you provide a meter reading to your new supplier when they ask – which will make sure you are billed for the correct amount and from the right start date. Your new supplier will make sure your old supplier has this meter reading so that the process runs smoothly. They will also let you know the date at which your supply will be switched so you can make sure your payments to your old supplier stop at the right time.

The whole process should take no more than 6 to 8 weeks to complete. You should check your final payments to your old energy supplier and make sure they have billed you up until your opening meter reading. If you have any worries during the process, speak to your new or old supplier and they will work together to resolve any problem quickly. At no point during the process will your supply be interrupted.

Frequently asked questions

What questions should I ask so I get the best deal?

You should ask what tariffs, product and services the new supplier has available, the savings you could make and the terms and conditions of any new deal, e.g. is it a fixed price product?

What can I expect from my new energy supplier once I've signed up?

You can expect your new supplier to explain the switching process to you, including how long the process should take, and that any unpaid bills or debts owed to your current supplier may affect your ability to switch.

What happens if I change my mind or I'm unhappy about something?

You can cancel your new contract if you change your mind during the cooling off period. This is 7 working days after you have received your confirmation letter from your new company, or 7 days after you signed a contract with a sales agent face to face.

What happens if I have a problem?

If you have any problems or concerns during the process, contact your new supplier who will work with your old supplier to make sure any issues are resolved quickly. If you believe you have been switched without your consent, contact either your old or new supplier and they will work together to put things right.

What happens if my problem is not resolved?

Your new supplier will make you aware of its complaints handling process which you can refer to at any stage of the switching process should you have a problem. Your supplier will work with you to sort the problem out.



Any questions, a good number to call is the Home Heat Helpline on 0800 336699

MACULAR DISEASE

Genetics

Many people develop age-related MD and other forms of MD partly because of faulty genes they have inherited from one or both parents. Therefore, people with a family history of MD can have an increased chance of developing the condition themselves. When MD occurs in a younger person there is usually a genetic link.

Age

As we get older, cell regeneration decreases, increasing the risk of developing age-related macular degeneration (AMD).

Gender

More women than men develop MD, but that may be because they live longer on average.

Diet and Nutrition

Though oxygen is essential for the human body, it can also produce unstable molecules including "free radicals" that can damage cells or prevent cell repair taking place.

Antioxidants are naturally occurring nutrients, mainly in fruit and vegetables, which help the body fight the effects of free radicals. People with low levels of antioxidants in their diet may be at increased risk of developing MD.

Excessive alcohol may deplete the body's level of antioxidants. A diet high in hydrogenated or saturated fats increases the risk of developing MD. Individuals who are clinically obese may also be at higher risk of developing MD.

Smoking

Smoking reduces the protective effects of antioxidants in the eye and damages the structure of the eye. Smokers are three times more likely to develop MD than non-smokers.

Ex-smokers were found to have only a slightly increased risk of developing MD than people who have never smoked.

Sunlight

The cells of the macula are highly sensitive to blue light which occurs naturally in sunlight. Cell damage from blue light can lead to deterioration of the macula. People with light coloured eyes may be more prone to damage from sunlight. Filters which block blue and UV light help protect the eye and can reduce glare.

For more information visit: www.maculardisease.org

High-5 for Ruskin Lodge

Ruskin Lodge undergoes a number of inspections on a regular basis to ensure that the highest possible standard of care is delivered to our guests.

All aspects of the service are covered, including training of staff, quality and variety of meals, the comfort and dignity of guests, the safety and security of the building, equipment maintenance and the general management of the Care Home.

Whilst all the inspections are important in their own way, the one carried out by the Care Quality Commission is the arguably most significant, as that is the body that issues the registration certificate – without that we could not operate.

Quite recently, an inspection was carried out by St Helens Council's Environmental Health team to ensure that the kitchen is up to standard. We're delighted to report that the kitchen not only complied with all necessary legislation, but it achieved the Food Hygiene Rating 5, which is the highest standard that can be awarded by the Food Standards Agency.

Putting the inspections to one side, it's actually the day-to-day practices and procedures, the commitment of the management and staff and the resourcing by the Trustees that allows the Lodge to deliver a first-class service to our guests.



Joanne Noone, Environmental Health Graduate (with specialism in food safety, training and infectious disease control) is pictured with Margaret Coy, Cook at Ruskin Lodge.

Below are lists of retirements, deaths and anniversaries for the months of June to November 2012 inclusive.

Retirements

List of retirements for the months of June to November 2012 inclusive. The number of years' service are as shown.

BP UK Calum Campbell 32 Ian Barton 18 Paul McDonough 38 Paul Tuck 17 Stephen Davey 42 BP WW	Kim Swift 39 COWLEY HILL J/Ronald Hampton 47 John McKeegan 42 John Hanley 43 CUMBERNAULD John Harley 32	EDC REDDITCH Michael Anthony Handley 10 Martin Clements 15 Paul Egan 10 GREENGATE Leslie Lee 36 James Foy 16	John Benson 39 Norman J Dyer 44 David Price 47 William Allcock 50 Denis Glover 43 KINGS NORTON Tina Found 21	Barrington Doak 4 LATHOM Ann Unsworth 12 Keith Critchley 41 LEEDS Alan Hawkins 33	PILKINGTON RETIREMENT SERVICES Stephanie Green 34 John Hughes 41 PLYGLASS Alan Eyre 33	WATSON STREET John Trevor Edgerton 44 Robert Lyon 35 Peter Travis 45 Graham Chisnall 39 John Case 34 Thomas George Newton 40	Peter Fildes 45 Derek Archer 35 Michael McDonagh 39 Peter Colin Hudson 36 Wilfred Atherton 42 Thomas Potter 39
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Deaths

List of deaths for the months of June to November 2012 inclusive. The number of years' service are as shown.

It is with regret that we report the death of the following employees. The number of years' service is as shown.	CITY ROAD Frank Watkin 17 Brian Horton 15 Stanley Reginald Bates 8 John Knowles 33	Wilfred Terence Smith 28 Frederick Owen 29 Alan Smallshaw 18 John White 28 Walter Hardiman 22 Ronald Phillips 28	John Stanford 11 GLASGOW Celia Ross 35 GROUP HQ Irene Armonson 25 HEAD OFFICE Edna Platt 27 Albert Edward Gleave 32 William W Swift 30 Lilian Terry 30 Frederick J Leyland 11 Alfred Harold Harris 33 Lynn McDonnell 8 Charles Russell 1	Dorothy Blenda Rimmer 42 Colin Fleming 23 Frank Carthy 39 Malcolm Stewart 27 P.O.P. LIMITED William Ness 2 PB FLAT MICRO James L Hines 20 PIL RAVENHEAD Michael Gilman 22 PILKINGTON AEROSPACE Bernard John Farmer 12 PILKINGTON CANADA Thomas O'Riordan 40 PILKINGTON GROUP LIMITED Glynnis Anne Appleton 5 Paula Kilgallon 7 Anthony Francis Byrne 9	Margaret Mountney 0 Kenneth J Davies 43 PPE ST ASAPH Leslie M Mitchell 3 Peter Copeman 35 Gerald Francis Corbishley 37 PUKL LEEDS Charles Ryan 21 RAVENHEAD Cyril Mooney 23 Alfred Bellis 14 Malcolm Farrer 26 Thelma Gee 40 REGINA FIBREGLOSS Arthur Martlew 16 SHEETWORKS Eric Tench 28 Jane Bonney 21	Albert Clarke 31 Ellen Finney 24 Joseph J Parr 38 ST ASAPH Thomas Cunnah 30 TRANSPORT Francis Gavin Chaplin 18 TRIPLEX ECCLESTON June Campbell 20 John Ellenthorpe 35 Cyril Brookes 19 Olive Southward 10 Winifred Ethel Johnson 29 TRIPLEX KINGS NORTON Derek Hand 16 Reginald Robbins 27 Sidney Leslie Jones 30 John Bevis 18 Irene May Giles 12	Lynne Carol Biddle 14 TUNNEL David Dalton 10 WATSON STREET Matthew Deluce 17 Marion Doherty 14 Kenneth Twist 19 Robert Houlst 39 Gerald Fairclough 33 Joseph Dolan 43 Peter Lunt 15 Dennis Brighthouse 28 Charles Parr 39 John Brown 43 John Halsall 46 James Langley 38 Edward Whitfield 22
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Anniversaries

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

DIAMOND WEDDING Mr & Mrs J Dorward, Tyne and Wear 06.09.12	GOLDEN WEDDING Mr & Mrs C Clisham, St Helens 15.12.12	Mr & Mrs L Kay, Collins Green 08.12.12
Mr & Mrs J Guest, St Helens 29.12.12	Mr & Mrs T Dean, St Helens 11.08.12	Mr & Mrs D McCarthy, Milton Keynes 29.09.12
Mr & Mrs E Henshaw, St Helens 20.09.12	Mr & Mrs K Forsyth, St Helens 18.08.12	Mr & Mrs A Platt, Wigan 13.10.12
Mr & Mrs H Phillips, Billinge 20.09.12	Mr & Mrs H Gardner, Birmingham 02.02.13	Mr & Mrs J Weigh, St Helens 28.03.12
Mr & Mrs D Reece, Birmingham 06.09.12	Mr & Mrs G Houghton, Shipston-on-Stour, Warwickshire 16.06.12	
Mr & Mrs K Proudfoot, St Helens 30.01.13		

A couple of websites you might find useful...

www.dropby.co.uk

The web site is designed to be a supportive online community for the over 60s to keep in touch.

Its focus is on interaction - with family, friends, each other and through interest groups.

www.scie.org.uk

This is a useful website giving good information about 'looking for care'.

Reflections Social Group

The Pilkington Family Trust has introduced a new group called 'Reflections Social Group' (formerly the 'Dementia Café').

The group meets approximately every six weeks – usually Fridays between 1.30pm & 3.30pm at the Pilkington Leisure Centre in Ruskin Drive, St Helens. Its aim is to support and encourage beneficiaries and their carers, to come along and enjoy a range of activities in an afternoon of fun with music therapy, reminiscences, relaxation therapy, memory stimulation and interactive quizzes. Please note there is a small charge for this group of £3.00.



Why not come along, relax and enjoy some good company with tea and cakes for you to indulge in.

If you would like further details please contact Christine Barrow (01744 457915)

Pilkington Family Trust 2013 Calendar

Just to let you know...

This year, in an effort to reduce costs, we have made the decision to limit the calendar to one per household. Previously if both people living in the house were Pilkington pensioners they received a copy each.

We'll have extra calendars available if you call in to the Welfare Centre in St Helens.

Pilkington Social/Self-Help Groups New Members Welcome

We are looking for **NEW MEMBERS** to join **ALL** our local social and self-help groups within the St Helens / Burscough / Ormskirk Areas (details of all the groups can be found below and in all issues of *Prism* magazine).

- We meet at various times / days and venues around the borough once a month.
- We go on Outings, have guest speakers / demonstrations, quizzes, Bring and Buy raffles, but essentially we liaise with each individual group and organise what they would like to do
- In particular our Ladies Keep Fit Group urgently requires new members. This group meets every Tuesday – 2.00 to 3.30 pm. Why not come along and enjoy good company and get fitter at the same time.

Interested? Contact Kath Shaw – Telephone 01744 457909

Les Bott's Art Group

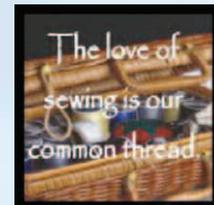


A reminder that Les Bott's Art Group still meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at Ruskin Lodge.

Les is there to lend a guiding hand but insists that it doesn't matter if you can paint or not, just join in and enjoy, he'll be delighted to see you.

St Helens Quilters Group Exhibition 2013

Saturday 25 May 2013 to
Sunday 12 July at the
World of Glass
Museum, Chalons
Way East, St
Helens
0174422766.



The FREE exhibition will be showcased on the ground floor Gallery1.

Please contact The World of Glass for opening times as these may vary from summer to winter periods.

What's on

Please ring 01744 457909 for further details

DONCASTER

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

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

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.

SOUTH WALES

Self Help Group: Fortnightly (Wednesdays) between 2.00pm-4.00pm at the Owens Corning Social Club, New Road, New Inn, Pontypool.

Day Club: Meets monthly on a Friday 11.00am-3.30pm at 'Widdershins' East Avenue, off Greenhill Road, Sebastopol. More information: Sally Lewis, Welfare Officer on 07788 956439.

SCOTLAND Glasgow

Self Help Group: Meet 1st Thursday every month from 1.30pm onwards at The Nethererton Centre, Nethererton Road, Glasgow.

KINGS NORTON TRIPLEX PENSIONERS' CLUB

Bingo: Every Monday

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.

WELFARE LEISURE CENTRE

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

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: 10.30am – 11.30am
Tai Chi: 11.45 am-12.45 pm. **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 and mobile library service (always available).
Women's Indoor Bowling – winter months: 6:00pm-4.00pm.

SELF HELP GROUPS

Did you know that 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. Following are details of when and where:

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

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

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

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

Bold Miners

Bold Miners Neighbourhood Centre, Fleet Lane, Parr, The Sports Bar. Last Friday of each month 10:3am-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.

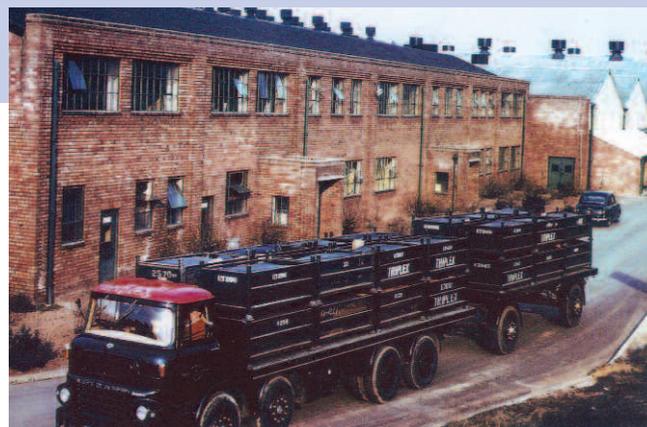
Clinkham Wood Social Group
Moss Bank Mission, Moss Bank Road., St Helens. Last Tuesday of the month 10.30 am-noon.

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

Triplex lorry - it's driving us mad!

In the Summer edition of *Prism* Mr Alan Poulton asked if anyone had any information on the Triplex lorry shown in the picture.

We had a great response to his request, and we have to say, with some difference of opinion! It would appear that the livery of black, red and gold was changed to blue in 1970, much to the disgust of the workforce, who thought the lorries looked like milk floats (according to Mr Ron Davey, who worked in R & D at Kings Norton, thank you for your input, Ron).



Thanks also to Mr Antony Cleminson who was Triplex Sales Director from 1961 – 1975 and also remembers the livery being changed in 1970 in a modernisation of the whole company and he says “against some opposition, I remember from the transport department (traditionalists)”.

It would appear that the lorry shown was located at the back of the Ecclestone Works.

Thanks to everyone who contacted us.



And more lorries...

We would like to thank reader David Pendlebury for coming into the office at Chalon Way with the pictures featured here. They certainly took many of us back to a bygone era.



And now for your next challenge...

Could anyone give us any information on how this picture came about? If so please contact Carole Lowe at:

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