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Lady Kirsty Pilkington

Freedom of the Borough of St Helens

Lady Kirsty, front row and third from left, at the ceremony with other recipients and dignitaries.

Lady Kirsty Pilkington, Trustee of the Pilkington Family Trust, has recently been made an Honorary Freeman of the Borough of St. Helens in recognition of her work in the voluntary sector and support of the local arts.

The title of Honorary Freeman is the highest honour that a Council of a City or Borough can bestow and is one that is granted not too often. Since 1896, when Colonel David Gamble CB, JP was the earliest recipient, there have been just over 25 such honours granted.

The formal presentation of the honour of Freeman of the Borough took place at a special ceremony at St. Helens Parish Church, where a sealed and illuminated certificate, contained in a casket, was presented to Lady Kirsty.

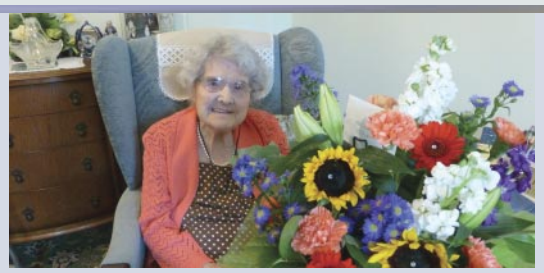
In many boroughs years ago, freemen enjoyed special rights, dependent on local customs, and one such common custom was the right to drive their sheep without charge through the town. However, it is unlikely that Lady Kirsty will be exercising this privilege!

We'll meet again!

Denis Powell from South Wales had a very emotional reunion with his long lost sister Doris on a recent visit to Ruskin Lodge. Denis lost contact with Doris when he was only a small child and was completely unaware of her existence until very recently. Upon the death of another sister, the family were determined to try and reunite Denis and Doris, who now lives in Bacup with her family.

As you can see from the wonderful expression on their faces they were absolutely overjoyed to meet up with each other after all these years. They certainly intend keeping in touch with each other from now on and will meet up when Denis comes up to stay at the Lodge.

Reunited at last - Denis and Doris at Ruskin Lodge.



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Editor's Notes

Well here we are, just a few days away from the biggest sporting occasion this country has ever seen – the 2012 Olympic Games. Personally I'm just so excited and really can't wait for that moment when the Olympic flame is finally lit in the stadium – let the games commence! I hope many of you managed to see 'the torch' at some stage in its journey – it came through St Helens the first week in June – exactly the same week that my good wife had booked for us to go on holiday! As she said, "you'll just have to wait until next time". If any of you have any good photos of the torch relay or the Olympics events, we would love to see them and maybe reproduce them in the next edition of PRISM. Of course I realise that some of you may not have the slightest interest in the Games, but I would still urge you to get behind the event and celebrate just being British.

Talking of which, it would be remiss of me not to mention somewhat belatedly the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. I hope you will join me in wishing the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh all the very best for their jubilee year. Thank you ma'am for everything you've done for the nation.

For me, these two wonderful events have helped take our minds off the endless talk of austerity measures, the euro-zone crisis and various disputes across the world.

One thing that certainly did take my mind off absolutely everything was an experience that my wife and I had whilst on holiday in Italy. You may have read about the earthquakes the country has suffered in recent months – just our luck to be about 30 miles from the epicentre of one. It is the strangest feeling you can imagine when you see trees, lamp-posts and buildings swaying and things falling to the ground all around you. In a brief moment like that, you can only stand there and pray as 'mother nature' displays her quite awesome power. Thankfully we came through the experience unscathed - sadly this was not the case for a number of folk who perished in those disastrous few seconds.

For now, all the very best to you all and come on Team GB

Best wishes

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SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS

Pictured above:
Mrs Mary Eccles celebrated her 101st birthday on the 21 June 2012. Mrs Eccles is pictured with flowers presented by Welfare Officer Christine Wright at her home in Reeve Court Retirement Village, St. Helens.

Pictured left:
Mrs Gladys Atherton, who lives in St. Helens, celebrated her 100th birthday on 5 October 2011 at a party organised by her family.

70th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Richard and Peggy Burke from St. Helens celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary at Ruskin Lodge surrounded by their family.

Rainford Sand Buckets

We received a letter from Fiona Henderson wondering if anyone could help:

'When I was a child in the 1950s I remember being driven by my grandfather, William Hughes, retired Pay Master at Pilkington, along the Rainford by-pass and seeing the Sand Buckets crossing the fields into Washway Lane, where lorries then transported the sand to the Glass Works.

Years later, when I was at college, I wrote a thesis on Pilkington and my father Charles Galletly who worked in the then Personnel Department, now Human Resources, helped me by obtaining photographs of Pilkington and the glass making process.

Young ladies, in those days '1960s' were not allowed into the works as the men working there were bare-chested!

The one photograph I have not found was one of the Sand Buckets in Rainford.

I would be delighted if anyone could let me have a copy.'

If you can help, please contact Carole Lowe on 01744 457904.

Mobile view

One of our pensioners has mentioned a particular mobile phone that she uses – the Doro phone.The phone has large buttons and font which are ideal for people with let's say less than perfect eyesight. It also has a very useful emergency button which can be activated with one push to a number of your choice.

We're not endorsing this product, simply bringing it to your attention.

DONALD MacPHERSON B.E.M.

5 Sept 1922 - 21 Apr 2012

Scotland has lost one the world's finest pipers and ambassadors to piping.

Donald MacPherson was a gifted piper, and one of, if not the best piper in the world, having won mostly every trophy, too many to mention. Many young and talented musicians of the bagpipes have a great deal to thank this amazing man for – particularly his guidance.

Legend

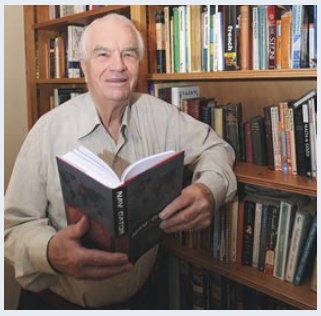
What he attributed to piping music will live on, and he will be remembered as a legend in his own right. He was awarded the B.E.M. for services to piping and was inducted into Scotland Traditional Music Hall of Fame.

Donald was an engineer to trade and worked in Barr & Strouds and Pilkington until his retirement. He thereafter continued to write and play music until his death.

Geoffrey's thrilling 'Navegator' novel

Geoffrey Iley is a qualified Engineer who held directorships in Pilkington in the UK and Australia. He lives in Towcester, Northamptonshire, where he has served as town councillor and Mayor. Geoffrey has put pen to paper and come up with a thriller for the internet age.

The story unfolds in 1993 on the beautiful, historic island of Mallorca when a chain of events begins, threatening Vasco Valseca and his family. Vasco is a gifted computer scientist and mathematician — and his ancestors include a legendary navigator. The intuitive skill inherited from his forebear inspires him to create Navegator, a unique software programme that can pinpoint the exact geographical location of any internet activity - email, virus or hacking. Navegator is hot property and only one copy exists.



In this fast-moving thriller, where the work of a brilliant inventor puts his entire family at risk, the action switches between Washington, Mallorca, Monaco, St Petersburg and London as a series of ruthless plans, mix-ups and misunderstandings threaten to turn Navegator into cyber-terrorism's ultimate tool.

- The book is available from a bookshop near you or alternatively you can buy it on www.amazon.co.uk

E-MAILS

With the cost of postage having gone up once again, it's important that we make good use of e-mails to reduce our considerable costs in contacting people.

If you happen to have an e-mail facility and you are happy for us to contact you in this way, could you please let us know your 'address'. Similarly if you change your e-mail address at any time, could you please notify us of the change.

You can contact us at enquiries@pilkingtonfamilytrust.com

Many thanks

Dementia Support Group

The Trust Funds have set up a Dementia Support Group, which will meet at the Pensioners Activity Centre at Ruskin Drive, St Helens.

The purpose of the group is to help people affected by the condition (and their Carers) by offering information, sharing experiences and participating in social activities.

If you would be interested in attending the group, we would be absolutely delighted to hear from you.
Please call: Kath Shaw, Welfare Programme Manager: 01744 457909

Healthcare Travel Costs Scheme

You may be able to get financial help from the Healthcare Travel Costs Scheme if you're on a low income, need NHS treatment at a hospital, other NHS centre or private clinic and have been referred by an NHS hospital consultant, doctor or dentist.

Who can claim?

You're automatically entitled to claim Healthcare Travel Costs Scheme if you (or those you depend on) get at least one of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Guaranteed Pension Credit

How much do you get?

If you're on entitled benefits or allowances you get back the full travel costs by using the cheapest form of public transport available, including any concessions or promotions.

If you use a private car you can claim for petrol instead (and car parking charges where unavoidable); the hospital should tell you the mileage rate for petrol costs for private transport.

If public transport is unavailable or impractical (perhaps you can't get to your appointment on time or your mobility is restricted), you'll need to contact the hospital well before your appointment. They will need to check your new travel arrangements are allowed.

If you're on NHS low income scheme you may get back all or some of your travel costs depending on which certificate you've been given.

How to claim

You can claim at the NHS hospital or clinic at the time of your appointment. You'll be paid back immediately in cash, when you show any of the following:

- proof of a qualifying benefit (like an award notice)
- a tax credit exemption certificate (you'll get this automatically if you qualify)
- a certificate showing you qualify for the NHS Low Income Scheme

The NHS Low Income Scheme

To apply for the NHS Low Income Scheme, you'll need to fill in form HC1.

You can order form HC1 online, by phone; call the NHS Patient Services helpline 0845 850 1166 (8.00am to 6.00pm Monday to Friday - calls are charged at the local rate) or get it from:

- NHS hospitals
- Jobcentre Plus offices
- Some GP surgeries, dentists and opticians

Your form will be assessed and if you're entitled you'll get a certificate that confirms whether you receive full or partial help with your hospital travel costs.

HOSPITAL DISCHA

Hospital discharge can be a challenging and traumatic time for carers. The lack of carer involvement at the point of discharge combined with limited choice about the level of care they provide, can leave many carers unexpectedly providing heavy end care.

The NHS owes all patients a duty of care. When patients are ready to be discharged the duty of care is extended to social services departments. The discharge process must not put the patient or their carers at risk, therefore 'safe discharge' and 'interagency co-operation' are key concepts for NHS and social care professionals.

The Department of Health guidance states that patients and their carers should be fully engaged in all stages of the discharge process. It also states that patients and carers are provided with written and verbal information in a range of formats appropriate to them. The 2010 guidance emphasises that 'carers should be involved in decision making from the beginning' and that those involved in co-ordinating a discharge should 'not assume that a carer will necessarily be able or willing to continue in a caring role'.

The Community Care (Delayed Discharge etc) Act 2003 encourages social services to speed up the discharge of patients who no longer require acute care in hospital. The Act states that:

- Hospital serves a 'section 2' or 'assessment notice' on social services for relevant patients, who then have three days to undertake a community care assessment (and carer assessment).
- Hospital serves a 'section 5' or 'discharge notice' to social services, notifying of proposed day of discharge, with a minimum of 24-hour

CARE HO

1. Do you actually need to move into a care home?

It may have been suggested, because of an accident or some other event, but it's not always the right decision. Is the move because you want it to happen, or because other people are forcing you into it? Getting advice is important but you or the person you're caring for have to make the final decision.
Don't forget, there are other options available.

Budget Summary – March 22nd 2012

Specific measures that may affect persons over the age of 65

The Office of Tax Simplification (OTS) identified age-related allowances (ARAs) as a source of complexity. To support the goal of a single personal allowance for taxpayers regardless of age, from April 2013 existing ARAs will be frozen until they align with the personal allowance.
Proposed revisions: Legislation will be introduced to provide that from the 2013-14 tax year:

- people born after 5 April 1948 will be entitled to a personal allowance of £9,205 for 2013-14;
- people born after 5 April 1938 but before 6 April 1948 will be entitled to a personal allowance of £10,500;
- people born before 6 April 1938 will be entitled to a personal allowance of £10,660.

These additional allowances are currently for people aged 65 and over but are reduced on incomes earned over £24,000 per year.
These personal allowances will not change but will gradually be merged at the same level as personal allowances for all.

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notice.

■ If social services do not make arrangements following service of the notice, they may be liable to pay the NHS for a delayed discharge if the delay is attributable to a social services failure.

This guidance and the 2003 Act both stress the need for patients and carers to be involved in each stage of the discharge process.

It is important that the hospital and social services do not pressurise the patient and carer to make a premature decision about future care placements. The guidance advises an interim care package be offered, allowing the carer and patient time to postpone the decision.

Carers often express dissatisfaction about the way that hospital discharge takes place and how they are treated in the process, especially with regards to information, time of discharge and safety of discharge.

Carers must be involved in different aspects of the discharge process and the aftercare - ensuring that there is patient and carer involvement in development of care plans and that community care and carer assessment are offered.

Carers must get the opportunity to make a choice about the level and type of care they provide during the hospital discharge. Health and social care staff should receive training to identify carers who are not coping or at risk of breaking down.

If you are experiencing any difficulties with a hospital discharge, please ask to speak to the hospital Discharge Team.

OMES - 6 things to think about

2. What type of care home do you want?

Not all care homes are the same. Some offer accommodation and help with personal care, such as washing and dressing. Other care homes offer nursing care, as well as the basic help. Although they're no longer classed as such, this is the difference between residential homes and nursing homes. There are also other care homes that offer extra care and support, often due to dementia. Care homes can be run by private companies, local authorities or voluntary organisations.

3. How to find a care home

Get hold of a list of local homes and visit a few to get an idea of what they're like. Think of it as like buying a house - you need to get a feel for what's out there before making a decision. Personal recommendations are also important, so talk to friends or relatives as they may be able to point you towards a home with a good reputation. To get hold of a list, try the following:

■ Contact your nearest Age UK/Age Concern
■ The CQC
■ Counsel and Care

4. What to look for in a care home

Make sure you take a friend or relative with you when you're visiting - second opinions can be vital. Before you visit, make a list of all the questions you want to ask and all the things you want to look out for - it's easy to forget things and doing as much research as you can is important. Also, try to get to talk to current residents. They're a good barometer of what the life is really like in the home.

5. How much will it cost?

There's a lot of difference in care home fees. If the local council is paying, it will set a maximum cost that it's willing to contribute. This means that if you find a care home that charges above that level, you may need to find a relative or friend to top up the amount. You aren't normally able to pay the top-up yourself. If you have no choice about which home to choose, because the council's price limit was too low, then the council should pay the extra costs. If you're funding the care home costs yourself, it's important to make sure you can afford the fees.

6. Who pays?

There are a lot of variables that determine who pays for your care home. If you have been assessed and definitely need a place in a care home, the local council carries out a financial assessment to work out how the fees will be paid. This assessment is based on two things:

■ Your savings and assets, including your home
■ Your income.

SLEEP IN LATER YEARS

Typical sleep patterns vary throughout life but they also vary from person to person so it can be difficult to say what's 'normal' for an older person.

Some sleep problems, especially insomnia, also become more common as we get older. At the same time we're more likely to be suffering from chronic health problems which can interfere with sleep. As a result many older people follow a much more broken pattern of sleep. People who are retired may be tempted to nap in the afternoon to make up for disturbed nights.

While napping can be the answer for some, it leads to problems for others. Some people just spend increasing amounts of time dozing in their armchair during the evening (and sometimes even sleeping in it right through the night) which isn't the best way to get the rest that the body needs.

Many people struggle on for years with poor sleep but it can contribute significantly to deteriorating health with age and increase the risk of problems from falls to depression. There are many things you can do yourself to improve your night's sleep.

These include:

■ Making sure the bedroom environment is peaceful, not too hot or cold and has a comfortable bed.
■ Following a regular routine: babies aren't the only ones to thrive on routine - try to get to sleep and get up at regular times.
■ Avoiding stimulants such as coffee or tea, heavy food, cigarettes, intense exercise or alcohol (which induces an unhealthy artificial sleep) close to bed time.
■ Getting some exercise for at least 30 minutes earlier in the day.
■ Try simple remedies such as herb pillows or herbal teas, or a very light snack such as a mug of warm milk before bed. Yoga and relaxation techniques also help.

Many older people turn to sleeping tablets to help them sleep. These should be a last resort and ideally not used long term but to tide someone through a period of disturbed sleep. Modern sleeping tablets are generally safer but still not without problems and tend to cause a somewhat artificial sleep pattern. As does alcohol - even though many older people swear by a nip of sherry or whisky at night, alcohol can help you get off to sleep but may wake you up again later.

If problems persist, talk to your doctor. They should help you to identify any underlying health problems interfering with sleep, and look at what treatments or strategies might help.

Below are lists of retirements, deaths and anniversaries for the months of November 2011 to June 2012 inclusive.

Retirements

List of retirements for the months of November 2011 to June 2012 inclusive. The number of years' service are as shown.

AFTERMARKET
JRobert Windley 39

BP BRANCHES
Tony Wilks 18
Peter Ward 18
Steven Peter Simms 40

BP WW
Derek Kearsley 29
Ronald Hamilton 42

CORPORATE
Charles Mason 33

COWLEY HILL
John Dixon 45

CUMBERNAULD
Ian Robb 27

EDC REDDITCH
Robin King 9

GREENGATE
Robert Lloyd 15
William R Henshall 39

GROUP FUNCTIONS
Janice Beech 40

GROUP HQ
Allen Norris 14
Julian Barnes 44

GROUP IS
Stan Petty 12

KINGS NORTON
Cyril Hocking 6

LATHOM
Michael Webster 42
Ernest Paul Smart 18
Barbara Harrison 40
Alan Blakeman 41
Robert Alan Williams 35
Melvyn Russell 34
Ian Williams 43
Ann Roberts 21

LEEDS
Alan Hawkins 33

PILKINGTON RETIREMENT SERVICES
Maureen Goodman 21

PLYGLASS
David Webster 27
Ernest Wright 25
Keith Brown 15

REDDITCH
Robin King 9

WATERSIDE TRAINING
Mary Clarke 8
Melvyn Moran 4

WATSON STREET
Bernard Hannon 38

Deaths

It is with regret that we report the death of the following employees. The number of years' service is as shown.

AINTREE
Peter Quinn 11

GREENGATE
Kevin Harris 33

ANDREWARTHA
Maureen Louth 24
Frederick James Warren 14

ARCHITECTURAL
Stanley Woods 31

AUTOMOTIVE ECCLESTON
Albert Edward Norman 14

BIRCH STIGMAT
Robert Percy Field 10
Lilian Burren 20
Annie Mary Akehurst 15
Teresa Gritten 3

BP R&D
John Evason 36

CHANCE
Barbara Powell 7
Helen Walton 15
George Keys 43
Kathleen Salvage 11
Karol Szczybrocha 11
William Kenny 33
Ernest Carter 46
Ernest Tyler 17

CHANCE BROTHERS
John Omara 20
Cardinal Downer 15
Kenneth Westwood 1
Brian Edge 7

CHANCE PILKINGTON
David Owen Rowlands 17
Donald Warner 18
Olive Fernihough 5

CHANCE PROPPER
John Cheetham 37
Idris W Jones 18

CITY ROAD
Annie Williams 28
Brian Symes 24
Joan Alice Rawson 11
Cyril J Reid 27
Henry Winstanley 18
Kenneth Banks 25
William Noctor 24
Herbert Guest 34
George Morley 33
Kenneth Fletcher 27
Frank Bibby 30
Clifford Fletcher 38
Peter Pennington 25
Frederick Walker 33

COWLEY HILL
Henry Huyton 16
Joseph Smith 35
John Wilson 12
W J Johnson 30
Arthur Mather 13
Ronald Jones 30
John Mounsey 44
Gordon Wright 20
James Atkinson 26
Marion Graham 12
Henry Wilson 17
William Harrison 43
Alice Bradley 7
Joseph Thomas 22
Elsie Rafferty 6
Frederick Clark 20
Thomas Garland 45
William Appleton 25
Frank W Fairhurst 39
James Kavanagh 37
William Coleman 28
Thomas Brown 21
Arthur Case 40
Leslie Tither 19
Mary Florence Barker 20
Henry J Fenney 21

CP ST ASAPH
George Griffiths 27

DONCASTER
Roy Brian Ratcliffe 37
Cyril Needham 43
Kathleen Allen 41

FIBREGLASS
Eric Pape 18
John Kennedy 34
Thomas Meade Kane 22

FIBREGLASS RAVENHEAD
Austin Roscoe 39
Peter Ellett 3
William Parker 15
Thelma Tomkinson 4
Roy Traverse 7
Frederick Glover 9
Charles Halsall 25
Raymond Sylvester Gill 17
Bernard Sorbey 11
Margaret Thompson 15
Lambert Martland 32
Brian Keefe 10
Henrietta Glennane 9

FIBREGLASS WREXHAM
Leslie Anderton 38
Leslie Dingsdale 28
Winsome Parry 8
Glyn Corfield 14

GREENGATE
William Brennan 20
Joseph Finney 31
David Cutts 27
Raymond Peters 40
Walter Logan 15

GROVE STREET
Elise Cutler 36
Edwin A Scott 34

HEAD OFFICE
James G Swift 36
Christina Goalen 14
Doris Bell 24
Elizabeth Ellaby 8
Teresa Dorothy Vose 9
David Hicklin 20
Anthony D Jenks 32
Phillip Nixon 31
Eric Atherton 48
Dorothy Dickson 15
Ramakant Anaokar 16
Marie Kinsella 42
Annie Jackson 40
Albert Brisco 23
Anthony Bennett 23
William Maguire 35
Thomas Singleton 27

KINGS NORTON
Alfred Grant 18
William Kinchin 28

LATHOM
Charles Carter 8
James Roy McLaggan 24
Arthur Norris 11
Eric Turner 21
David Ward 19

PIL PONTYFELIN
Arthur R B Bently 9
Maria Larcombe 42
Marcia Larcombe 9
Henry Paul 20
Edward Caddick 27
Clarence Spreadborough 44

PILKINGTON AEROSPACE
Stella Farmer 3
Harold Hubbard 27

PILKINGTON CANADA
James Buchanan 21

PILKINGTON GROUP LTD
Anthony Troilett 10
Austin Cotter 43
Peter Edholm 16
Harry Blackman 21
Iorwerth Glyn Jones 12
Joseph Milner 27

PILKINGTON OPTHALMIC
L Crane 29

PILKINGTON PLYMOUTH
Alan Holmes 30

PONTYFELIN
William Townsend 24

PONTYPOOL
William Coles 26

PPE ST ASAPH
Frank Shaw 25
Trevor Dowson 18
Kenneth Mellor 11
David Swift 22
Malcolm V Williams 16

PRL STIRLING
Robert Bonnar 15
Leslie Mitchell 22

PUKL
Michael Johnson 31
Alan K Elliott 16

PUKL CUMBERNAULD
William Ward 3
Kenneth Sharpe 21

PUKL LIVERPOOL
Kenneth Kerr 3

RAVENHEAD
Keith Dye 28
William R Houghton 36
Kenneth Finney 21
Emelda Jean Reid 11
Frederick Pye 17

REDDITCH
Robin Leonard King 9

SHEETWORKS
Lily Griffiths 28
Veronica Bennion 26
Dorothy Mary Hand 24
John Winstanley 33
Jean Webster 15

SOUTH WALES
Maureen Jones 28

ST ASAPH
David Porter 31
Peter French 16
Edward George Bateman 26

TRANSPORT
Ronald Bleasdale 23

TRIPLEX ECCLESTON
James Lee 31
Ernest Corrigan 33
William Martland 40
Leslie Albert Abram 38
Robert Walker 17
Arthur Fenney 14
Colin Burton 11
John Whittaker 36
Denis Sheridan 20
Harold Lyon 20
Anthony Michael Cuffe 31
George Newton 20
Kevin Wilson 39
Harold Riley 16
Harry Talty 12

TRIPLEX KINGS NORTON
Hilda Handy 19
Victor Parrish 20
Donald Bond 15
Donald Smith 23
Richard A J Danks 25
Thomas Vincet Ralph 7
Leslie Brookes 30
Ivor Conrad Williams 32
Gordon Sheppard 15
Ernest J Houghton 24
Frederick Oakley 19
Kenneth Hobbis 19
Walter Warren 24

TUNNEL
Jose Campos-Morales 18
Bejko Bazyli 9
Terence Mullins 38

WATSON STREET
Peter Michael J Platt 35
Edith Hand 39
Derek Green 29
Frederick Littler 25
Maurice Proudfoot 45
Leslie Wright 32
Kenneth Johnson 28
Kelvin Jones 14
Dorothy Leyland 19
Eric L Rhoden 17
Ronald G Stringfellow 42
George Mooney 47
John Wakefield 32

WELDALL
R G Webster 32

Anniversaries

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

65TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
Mr & Mrs G Edwards, Birmingham - 03.05.12

DIAMOND WEDDING
Mr & Mrs C Blakesley, Doncaster - 24.06.10
Mr & Mrs H Caunce, St Helens - 21.06.12
Mr & Mrs S Coste, St Helens - 20.03.12
Mr & Mrs G Dunn, Wem, Shropshire - 06.09.12
Mr & Mrs J Heaney, St Helens - 01.11.12
Mr & Mrs W Kenyon, St Helens - 02.08.12
Mr & Mrs J Kirby, Abergele - 04.10.12
Mr & Mrs R Maddocks, Birmingham - 29.03.12
Mr & Mrs C Parr, St Helens - 26.07.12
Mr & Mrs J Tabernacle, Prescot - 16.02.12
Mr & Mrs F Thomas, Nottingham - 07.06.12
Mr & Mrs B Thompson, Edenthorpe - 29.03.12
Mr & Mrs A Tibbs, Rhyl - 30.08.12
Mr & Mrs G Turbutt, Rhyl - 22.03.12

GOLDEN WEDDING
Mr & Mrs D Dearden, St Helens - 24.03.12
Mr & Mrs R Friar, St Helens - 28.06.12
Mr & Mrs J Gaskell, Billinge - 28.07.12
Mr & Mrs B Kelly, Wigan - 10.02.12
Mr & Mrs H Ody, St Helens - 03.02.12
Mr & Mrs W Pennington, St Helens - 03.03.12
Mr & Mrs B Poole, St Helens - 02.06.12
Mr & Mrs J Rylance, Parbold - 23.06.12
Mr & Mrs D Smyth, Old Kilpatrick - 07.04.12
Mr & Mrs T Truesdale, Rhuddlan - 20.02.12
Mr & Mrs R Turney, Rhyl - 30.03.12

Ruskin monthly draw prize winners

NOVEMBER 2011

£1,500
Margaret Halton
St. Helens

£500
Robert Latham
Warehouse, Watson St Works

£250
Gladys Leigh
Blackbrook, St Helens

£150
Mrs VE Sandford
St Helens

£100
Hilary Coombs
Business Support, Greengate

DECEMBER 2011

£1,500
Donald Skinner
Southborough, Kent

£500
Frank Horrocks
Bickerstaffe, Ormskirk

£250
Marion Bowe
Dentons Green, St Helens

£150
Mr L Lockett
Rainhill, St. Helens

£100
Kathleen Boyle
Thatto Heath, St Helens

JANUARY 2012

£1,500
Mrs AW Cartwright
St Helens

£500
Brian Seary
Production, Watson St Works

£250
Sylvia Woods
Windle, St Helens

£150
John R Hilton
Toll Bar, St Helens

£100
Jack O Rowlands
Southgate, Swansea

FEBRUARY 2012

£1,500
Jacqueline Knight
Kings Norton, Birmingham

£500
Paul Marsden
Liverpool 14

£250
James Picken
Larkhall, Lanarkshire

£150
Mrs JE Rigby
Clinkham Wood, St Helens

£100
MR JK Hennessey
St Helens

MARCH 2012

£1,500
William D Jones
Prestatyn, Clwyd

£500
Carl Hargreaves
Pilkington Leeds

£250
Kenneth Stringer
St Helens

£150
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Stan's impressive array of staffs

Mr Stan Barritt of Flintshire with an impressive array of some of his staffs and walking sticks.

Stan has been making staffs and walking sticks for many years, a craft he began whilst working with dogs when he was younger. Over the years he reckons he must have made hundreds of them. This cottage industry is something Stan has promoted and worked to keep alive in his local community and he is a truly gifted craftsman. Now he mainly makes and donates them to Clwyd Retriever Club for them to raffle and raise funds.

Stan uses mainly holly, blackthorn, hazel and ash, but all native woods can be used. The wood is cut between November and January and has to dry. It takes 12 months in all for the wood to be dry enough to be worked. The top of the staffs are mainly either carved wood, rams horns which he obtains locally, or antlers which he carves and which originate in Scotland.

Out and about with Wheelie Walkers

My name is Joan Rostron and I am a virtual newcomer to the mobility scooter only having used one for about 18 months.

I was a very active walker with the Ramblers Association for many years, holding offices such as Chairman, Treasurer, Social Secretary as well as a very active Leader of walks, until my health deteriorated quite rapidly over the past few years. This was hard for me to take after being so active. I still wanted to be part of the R.A. so I continued going out on the coaches every two weeks, using my scooter to get around when we got to the start of the walk. From that I conceived the idea that other people might like to enjoy what I was doing and from that the Wheelie Walkers was born.

The Group started in March of this year and we have had three very successful walks up until now. The next walk is scheduled for Friday 20th July to Bakewell.The coach leaves Shopmobility forecourt in St Helens Town Centre at 9.30 a.m.

Users of Powered Wheelchairs and Mobility Scooters are welcome, also able-bodied volunteers are welcome too. For more information please contact Joan Rostron on tel: 01744 813801 or e-mail: joan_rostron@yahoo.co.uk

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, 2.00pm – 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.

NEWCASTLE
Self Help Group at Newcastle Central Library:
19th January: 1.00pm-4.00pm
20th April: 1.00pm-4.00pm
20th July: 1.00pm-4.00 pm
19th October: 1.00pm-4.00pm.

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 Netherton Centre, Netherton 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).
Chi Kung: 2pm – 3pm 1.00pm.

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.
Bingo Sessions: 2.00pm
Ladies Crown Green Bowling Practice Night: 6.30pm.

Thursday
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.

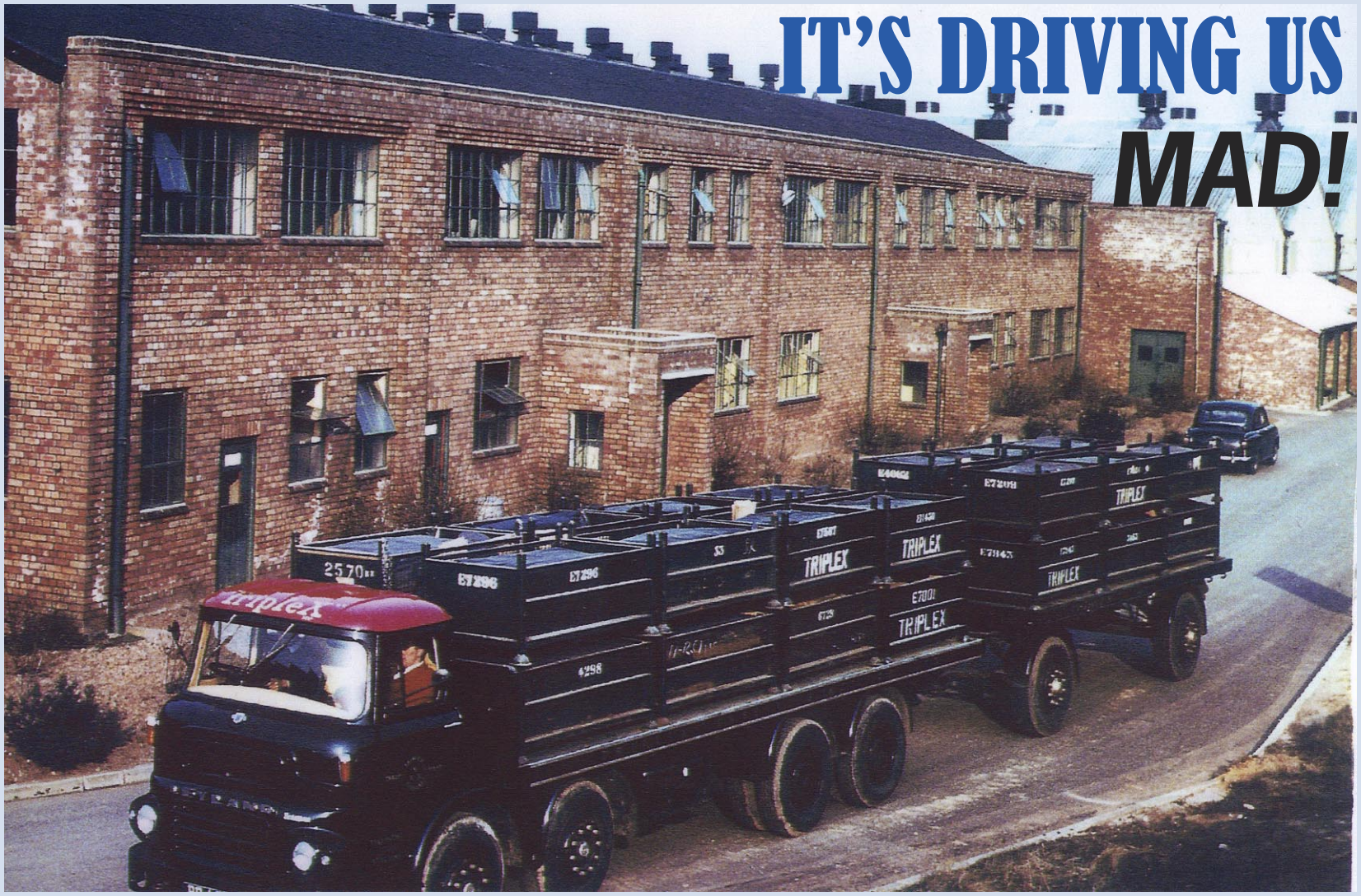
Bold Miners
Bold Miners Neighbourhood Centre, Fleet Lane, Parr, The Sports Bar. Last Friday of each month 10.30am-noon.

Creative Living in Retirement
Ruskin Lodge, Swinburne Road, Dentons Green. Meeting Date: 3rd Wednesday of each month 10.00am-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 10.30am-noon.

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



Where did the loco go?

In the Winter 2011 edition of *Prism*, we included a plea from Les Boardman for information on the whereabouts of the locomotive (pictured). It would be fair to say that we received a great response. Many thanks to all the people who kindly sent information, which has now been passed on to Les.

Thank you to Norman Matthews who provided us with the following information: 'The locomotive pictured is a 200 hp diesel electric built by the Yorkshire Engine Company in 1960 for Cowley Hill works, the last of six of these supplied to replace steam locomotives. Named" Queenborough" it worked at Cowley Hill until the 1980's; by 1984 most of the works railway system had been closed and by mid 1985 "Queenborough" had moved to the Llangollen Railway where Les saw it'

The picture above was given to Austin Griffiths, Welfare Officer, St Helens, by Mr Alan Poulton, who is a keen lorry enthusiast.

Can anyone help Mr Poulton in his quest to find more information on the lorry's history?

He is keen to find out why the lorry is painted black when the Triplex livery was usually blue and where and when the photograph was taken.