



80th celebration of VE Day

On the 7th May 1945 the formal act of military surrender was signed by Germany ending the war in Europe. In Britain, Winston Churchill declared the 8th May a public holiday and thousands of people held parties with singing and dancing in the streets.

To mark this historic occasion, the Day Centre & Ruskin Lodge in St Helens hosted their own communal street party.... but indoors!

Thirty-nine guests attended the event. Entertainment for

the event was provided by Paul Dunn who sang songs from the era with guests singing along.

The Ruskin Lodge kitchen staff did a wonderful job providing a buffet fit for a King.

The guests thoroughly enjoyed the food, especially the selection of desserts including VE Day cakes, trifle and homemade scones.

Some of the staff dressed up for the occasion which was much appreciated by the guests.

Pictured top right: Ruskin Lodge Day Centre Co-ordinator Debbie Hughes, Beneficiary Eric Briers and Day Centre Assistant Julie Rigby.



Helen Simpson and Sylvia Martland.



Mona Toole.



Vera Johnson and Sheila Leather.



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Chief Executive Update

I hope you are all looking forward to the summer months and the warmer weather (fingers crossed!).

Last October we invited some of you to take part in surveys and focus groups to share your thoughts on our current services and what you would like us to offer in the future. We had a great response, a big thank you to everyone who took part.

From your feedback we learned that you:

- Value the welfare service, and even if you don't need it now you appreciate knowing it's available for the future.
- When needed, you like to see a range of services to support you living at home
- Are very satisfied with our respite care facility, Ruskin Lodge, if you use it.
- Would like us to make more use of email contact if you have internet access.
- Want clearer communication about the range of services available to all beneficiaries regardless of location.

This valuable information is now guiding us in developing a strategy for the Trust and what it will deliver for beneficiaries and local communities over the coming years.

Viv Simon



Gerald Anders, St Helens, 103 on 1 June 2025



Eva Lewis, St Helens, 100 on 7 September 2024



Kenneth Kilgour, Thornliebank, Glasgow, 100 on 15 May 2025 – Pictured with his daughter and welfare officer Reg Menzies.

Special Birthdays



Double celebration

Betty Glover, widow of Pilkington beneficiary Harold Glover, and her twin brother William Delaney were born on 3 April, 1930, and have recently celebrated their joint 95th birthday! Betty and William grew up in Thatto Heath, St Helens.

Sincere congratulations go to both Betty and William on this momentous birthday.



Rose Gordon, Edlington, Doncaster, 100 on 26 October 2024 – pictured with welfare officer Wayne Pikett.

Birthday wishes also go to ...

Freda Fox, Doncaster, 104 on 24 December 2024

Kathleen Harrison, Kirkby, 102 on 21 August 2024

Olive Amos, Oldbury, West Midlands, 102 on 7 April 2025

Sheila Michael, Glasgow, 101 on 14 April 2025

Isabel McKay, Glasgow, 101 on 26 May 2025

Daphne Youdale, Tamworth, Staffs, 101 on 26 October 2024

Jeanne Eaves, Malvern, 100 on 14 February 2025

Anniversaries 2024 / 2025

Platinum 70th

Thomas and Josephine Cornes, Billinge, Wigan, 18/06/25

Kenneth and Brenda Lamb, Eccleston Park, Prescot, 16/07/25

65th

Donald and Vivienne Skinner, Eastbourne, 25/07/24

Keith and Joan Winstanley, Kirk Sandall, Doncaster, 10/10/24 (pictured)

60th – Diamond

Colin and Lorina Bennett, Alvechurch, Birmingham, 21/08/25

Peter and Patricia A Berry, Blackbrook, St Helens, 03/04/25

James and Brenda Brown, Huyton, Liverpool, 18/09/25

Vernon and Eirwen Davies, Llanfair Talhaiarn, Abergele, 20/03/25 (pictured)

Alan and Joyce Holcroft, Dyserth, Denbighshire, 17/10/24 (pictured)

Christopher and Maureen Jackson, Myddleton Park, Denbigh, 6/3/25 (pictured)

John and Joyce Jukes, Solihull, Birmingham, 03/10/24

John and Doreen McCarrick, Windlehurst, St Helens, 20/3/25

David and Evelyn Murphy, Dorridge, Solihull, Birmingham, 16/01/25



Keith and Joan Winstanley, Kirk Sandall, Doncaster.



Vernon and Eirwen Davies, Llanfair Talhaiarn, Abergele.



Christopher and Maureen Jackson, Myddleton Park, Denbigh.

Alan and Joyce Holcroft, Dyserth, Denbighshire.



Staff changes



Sarah Johnson



George Colville



Lynne Murphy



Stephen Meadows



Tony Boustead



Catherine Chapman



Ged Finnan

New starters/ New positions

Sarah Johnson

Business Support Officer, St Helens

Stephen Meadows

Coach Driver / Day Care Assistant, St Helens

Anthony Boustead

Coach Driver / Day Care Assistant, St Helens

Lynne Murphy

Welfare Officer, St Helens

Catherine Chapman

Community Services Administrator, St Helens

George Colville

Head of Accountancy and Governance, St Helens

Ged Finnan

Meals Driver, St Helens

Leavers

Austin Griffiths – Welfare Officer, St Helens

Kay Greenhalgh – Accounts Manager, St Helens

Pat Milligan – HR Manager, St Helens

Brian Swift – Meals Driver, St Helens

Tommy Reeves – Coach Driver / Day Care Assistant, St Helens

Cal Smith – Hairdresser, St Helens

Sue Makin - sad news

It is with great sadness that we report the death in September last year, of our colleague Sue Makin.

Sue had worked originally for Pilkington, and then for the Pilkington Family Trust, totalling over 50 years.

She will be known to many of you, not only from when she worked in Head Office in St Helens, but the work she did for the Trust in organising the home meals service, the gardening service, the hairdressers and the

many reunion lunches that took place across the country.

Sue was the life and soul of the office and would be the first one to organise and donate to any charitable event that crossed her path.

Sue will be sadly missed by all her colleagues, and our heartfelt sympathy goes out to her family.



Hanging up his hotbox gloves!

Brian Swift retired in February this year after almost 12 years delivering hot meals in the St Helens area.

We would like to wish Brian all the best in his retirement.

In 2024, along with our other brilliant meals drivers Brian helped to deliver, 18774 hot

meals and 8343 frozen meals in the St Helens area.

A massive thank you go to all the meals drivers for making this service so popular.



Thankfully the meals vans are better now than they used to be!

Virtual Village Hall - a free hub for wellness and community

North Wales Welfare Officer, Lynsey Woodhouse has let us know of a free on-line activity hub and community, designed by the Royal Voluntary Service to help people stay mentally and physically active, socially connected, and having fun.

It's called the Virtual Village Hall. It helps people that face challenges getting out and about, experience social isolation or loneliness, or need support to better manage their health, including long-term health conditions.

There are more than 2,500 sessions to try, from exercise and dance, yoga and meditation, to crafts, cooking, gardening, singing, creative

writing, plus many more. Some sessions take place live on weekdays on Facebook and YouTube and are led by expert tutors and some well-known faces. New sessions are added regularly and a timetable is shared every week. The Virtual Village Hall is free to all, thanks to the support they receive from the Peoples Postcode Lottery.

You can access via their

website, virtualvillagehall.royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk or via the QR code below.



Why not take a look, its free !

Godfrey Irving: A life in harmony

Godfrey Irving has contacted us following the publication of his book, LIFE DIVINE. Godfrey is a beneficiary from St Helens, he worked for Triplex in Eccleston for 40 years before retiring in 2007. After serving his time as an apprentice electrician, he became a technician and finally an area engineer.

He moved to Waterside Training when Eccleston closed, where he worked as an Apprentice Training Manager for a further 12 years, during which time 167 apprentices completed their apprenticeship.



Godfrey is currently the chairman and trombone player in the Haydock Brass Band. He has been playing trombone for over 60 years (as the photos above and top right clearly show).

Since 2010 he has been tracing the history of the Haydock Band from 1861 to 2023 and has now finally been able to publish his book, which



contains a great deal of the history of Haydock and events that have taken place over the years as well as the story of the Haydock Band. It is available in all St Helens libraries and the St Helens archive.

Godfrey has also composed several poems and these are published within the book.

The Haydock Band has recorded some brilliant music to accompany these poems, narrated by Godfrey himself, and you can view the videos of the music and poems on the bands website, TheHaydockBand.com.

The band can frequently be seen playing on race days at Haydock Park Racecourse. They also enter, and have previously been successful, in many brass band competitions all over the country.

If you are interested in joining the band, please contact the office on 01744 742520 and we will pass your name and details onto Godfrey. All band members are volunteers.

Godfrey also responded to our recent request in PRISM 2023 asking for



Left and above: Pictures of Godfrey as a young man and more recently looking resplendent in his Haydock Band uniform.

photographs of anyone who had used the Rolls Royce. As you can see from the picture below, the elegant vehicle was used at his daughter's wedding.

He has written a poem called 'Ode to Triplex Eccleston and the Silver Ghost' which has also been recorded, to the music, 'Meditation -Lathom Park Chapel',



which is one of the movements composed by Gordon Langford in his 'Facets of Glass'. The beautiful window in the Lathom Park Chapel is shown above.

Our congratulations go to Godfrey on having this beautiful book published.

Have you thought about volunteering?

Retirement can bring an opportunity to explore new interests, rediscover passions, and give back to the community. One of the most fulfilling ways to enrich this phase is through volunteering. Here's why:

1. Rediscovering Purpose and Fulfilment

For many, work provided a sense of purpose and routine. In retirement, volunteering offers a way to regain that sense of purpose by contributing to meaningful causes. Whether mentoring young professionals, supporting local charities, or helping to maintain community spaces, retirees can experience the joy of making a difference.

2. Staying Physically and Mentally Active

Volunteering keeps both the mind and body engaged. From hands-on activities like gardening or organising events to tasks that require creative problem-solving, volunteering supports overall well-being. Studies even suggest that retirees who volunteer tend to enjoy better mental health and a reduced risk of cognitive decline.

3. Building Lasting Connections

Retirement can sometimes lead to feelings of isolation, especially as social circles change. Volunteering fosters camaraderie, connecting individuals with like-minded people who share their passions. It's an opportunity to meet new friends, strengthen bonds, and cultivate a sense of belonging.

4. Sharing Wisdom and Gaining New Skills

A lifetime of experience is a treasure trove for organisations and communities. Retirees can mentor, coach, or teach others while also learning fresh skills themselves. From digital literacy workshops to environmental conservation projects, volunteering offers chances to grow and adapt in a rapidly changing world.

5. Making a Tangible Impact

Every act of volunteering contributes to a better society. Retirees play a crucial role in addressing societal challenges, offering time, expertise, and compassion. Whether it's feeding the hungry, raising awareness about critical issues, or supporting the arts, the positive ripple effects are immeasurable.

6. Flexibility to Match Your Lifestyle

Unlike full-time work, volunteering allows retirees to control their schedule. With opportunities ranging from a few hours a week to occasional

events, it's easy to strike a balance between giving back and enjoying personal pursuits.

The Takeaway

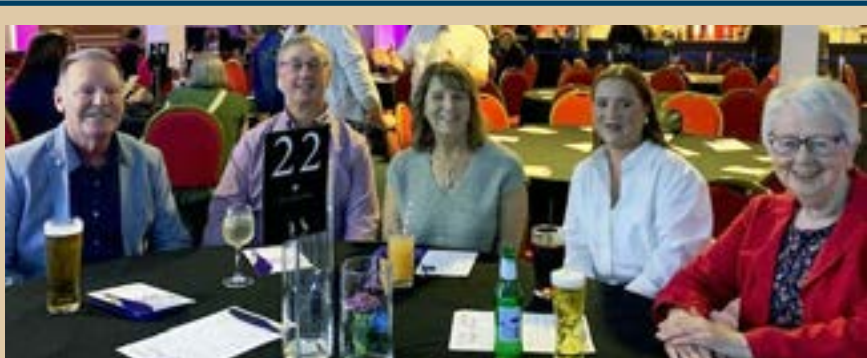
Volunteering in retirement is more than an activity—it's a way of life that can bring purpose, joy, and fulfilment. By giving your time to causes you care about, you'll not only enrich your own life but also create a lasting legacy in your community.

Ready to get involved? Research local organisations, charities, or initiatives that spark your interest, and take the first step into this rewarding journey.

You can find volunteering opportunities on the following websites:

- National Association for Voluntary and Community Action
- National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO)
- NHS Volunteering
- Reach Volunteering website for volunteers with specific skills – like accountancy, marketing, law, management, mentoring or IT
- Volunteering Matters website for young, older and disabled volunteers
- Volunteering Wales
- Volunteer Scotland

Have you got a volunteering story you would like to share? E-mail enquiries@pilkingtonfamilytrust.com and we may feature your story in a future edition of PRISM.



Hard work recognised with an award nomination...

Our wonderful volunteers attended Halton & St Helens Volunteer Awards Ceremony held at the Totally Wicked Stadium in St Helens on the 6th June, after being nominated for the Team Volunteer Award. A wonderful night was had by all and it was inspirational to see so many volunteers brought together in recognition of their dedication and generosity.

... and a thank you lunch



Pictured left: Volunteers Tony Fairclough, Lucy Beard (in front of Tony), Sue Turton, Carolyn Lea, Collin Dixon and Ken Cross. Pictured right, Tony and Jayne.

Volunteers' Week began on the 2nd of June, and Pilkington Family Trust are proud to recognise the outstanding contributions of its volunteers.

The week started with a thank you lunch held at The Abbey for the volunteers with a small presentation of a certificate and token gift. The meal was also attended by Debbie Hughes, Day Centre Co-ordinator and Jayne Boote, Head of Welfare and Communities.

Collin Dixon – a VOLUNTEER Story: The POWER of giving back



Collin with beneficiary Pamela Dawson (right) and her friend Marion Saunders (centre) at a recent Reflections afternoon at West Park Rugby Club, St Helens.

Collin Dixon, a Pilkington Beneficiary, knows first-hand the value of support in difficult times. For several years, he and his partner were kindly supported by the St Helens Welfare team – a connection that made a real difference in their lives.

Collin was a full-time carer for his partner, dedicating his time and energy to their well-being. When his partner eventually moved into care, Collin found himself with an unexpected emptiness. After years of constant responsibility, he suddenly had time – but no clear direction. That's when he made a heartfelt decision: to give back to the Trust that had supported them for so long.

Looking for a meaningful way to contribute, Collin began volunteering at the Dementia Tea Afternoons and at Ruskin Lodge Day Centre. It was a perfect fit. He soon found that giving his time not only helped others – it helped him too.

Now, Collin says he feels a renewed sense of purpose. Volunteering has brought him new friendships, fresh

experiences, and a chance to be part of a warm, supportive community. Whether chatting over tea or lending a helping hand, Collin's presence makes a difference.

Thank you, Collin, for your compassion, your time, and your generous spirit. You remind us all of the power of giving back.

Deaths

It is with regret that we report the deaths of the following pensioners. If place of work is not known, please check under Pilkington Group Limited.

ALEXANDRA WORKS Toohey, Laurence	HEAD OFFICE Ball, William Bott, Leslie Brooks, Pamela Cairns, James Crump, Ivor Fraser-Andrew, John Harris, John Lough, Iain Lympany, John Nicholson, Robin Parr, James Roy Pilkington, Enid Rush, Kevin Williams, Gerald	Cooke, Percy Cooper, Terence Cox, Andrew Fairley Cox, Raymond Cross, Brian Croston, George Cunliffe, John Dalziel, David Keith Davies, William Delane, Bernard James Diamond, Harry Dixon, John Donnellan, Bernard Donnelly, Thomas Eccles, Norman Joseph Evans, Marian Evans, Raymond Fairhurst, Dorothy Fairhurst, Frank Falconer, Boyd Fenn, Cyril Percy Finch, Melvyn Fisher, Harry Fisher, Thomas Flaherty, Kenneth Forings, Irene Forsyth, Kenneth Gardner, Joyce Garner, Geoffrey Gaskell, Colin Germinrio, Mary Gerrard, John Paul Goodwin, Lesley Patricia Graves, William Henry Griffiths, Linda Ashcroft, Bernard Grundy, Jean Hall, Malcom Hallsworth, Norman Headley, David Hearn, Harry Hesketh, Jeffrey Hogan, Thomas Holden, Keith Holland, John Holloway, Robert Holmes, Eric Homes, Patrick C Hooley, John Ernest Houltram, Monica Howard, John Hughes, Edward Hughes, Gwilym Hunter, Ronald George Innes, David Jackson, Dennis Jaundrill, Ronald Jones, Ronald Jones, Royston Henry Jones, Thomas Jukes, George
ARMSTRONG GLASS Cain, Peter Gardner, Sheila Margaret	LATHOM Gardner, James Stuart Kirkbride, Bernard	Kearns, Joseph Kelly, John Knowles, David Lewis, John Henry Carl Lunt, Joseph Lynch, Alice Maskery, Ronald Mather, Derek Mather, Kathleen Mcdonnell, Roderick Meakin, Graham Mines, Geoffrey Moore, Dorothy Morgan, Eric Newman, John Orme, John Stephen O'Sullivan, Christopher J Otto, Iris Packer, John Palmer, William George Panter, Edward Parker, Rose Parr, Richard Paterson, Alistair Patton, Francis Pearson, Kenneth Pennginton, George Pennington, Alan Pennington, Jacqueline Peters, John Pilling, Roy Pimblett, Melvyn Barrie Platt, Lesley Porter, John Prescott, Alan Thomas Preston, Terence Price, Lilian Raines, Robert William Ramsbottom, Elsie Reeves, William Roberts, John Rumford, Eileen Mary Salisbury, Kenneth Sarbutts, Leslie Schleising, William Senior, Ronald Silvester, Derrick Smart, George Smith, Alexander Smith, Joan Smith, Peter Smith, Peter Stevens, Lilian
AUTOMOTIVE ECCLESTON Hughes, Ian Ratcliffe, Leonard Reid, Christine Ann Richards, Lawrence Roberts,Thomas Jeffrey Robinson, Alan Christopher	PILKINGTON AEROSPACE Beardsmore,William Harry Fleetwood, Derek John	Stewart, Robert Stockley, Colin Sumner, Roy Taberner, John Tamlin, Hilary Tate, Kenneth Thomas, Geoffrey Frank Thompson, Harold Thomson, Hilary Ann Tittensor, Raymond Tomkins, Margaret Toughig, Ann Towey, Vincent Tranter, Eileen Traylor, Alfred Tunstall, Wendy Wadsworth, Joseph Wall, Henry Wallace, Ian Wareing, Barbara Waring, Eric Watts, Michael White, John Whitefield, Isaac Whitefield-Jones, Hilda Erratt, Charles D Jackson, Margaret Lewis, Mary Elizabeth
AUTOMOTIVE KINGS NORTON Headley, Anthony Jones, Philip Edward Lewis, John Barry McAnerney,Tony Mcguillan, Brendan Obszynski, Marian Franciszek Potter, Brian Wagstaff, Stephen Walton, Brian	PILKINGTON GLASS TECHNOLOGY Taylor, Alan	PUKL HEAD OFFICE Appleton, William Geraghty, Christopher Hodgkinson, Joseph Maj, John McKay, John Mills, Richard Seddon, Thomas Peter Thomson, Robert
BP ENGINEERING Pearce, Roy	PILKINGTON GROUP LIMITED Abraham, Alan Aldred, Maureen Allcock, William Anders, Alan Appleton, Harold Ashcroft, Bernard Asher, Aileen Ashton, Arthur Aspinall, Gordon Ault, Raymond Ayling, John Baker, Brian Barber, Brian Beck, Frederick Benson, Roy Bradshaw, Frederick Brennan, Peter Bristow, Gerald Brooks, William Brown, Edward Brownbill, Valerie Bryden, David Roger Burgoyne, Sheila Burns, John Robert Burrows, Richard Carney, Joseph Cash, John Alfred Castle, Keith Francis Christian,Charles Clisham, Charles Collins, Kenneth Colquhoun, Victor	PUKL LEEDS Race, John PUKL LIVERPOOL Regan, William PUKL SWINDON Turner, Roy QUEENBOROUGH Charlesworth, Robert James Keohane, Alexandra R&D Collins, Terence RAVENHEAD Atherton, Keith Wilson, John ST ASAPH Griffith, David Allen Higgins, John Kay, Christopher Shuttle, Elsie Williams, David
BP R&D Green, David		TRIPLEX ECCLESTON Kay, George TRIPLEX KINGS NORTON Edwards, John WATSON STREET Bacon, John Bailey, Michael Benyon, John Glover, John Jones, Gareth Mather, Alan Murphy, Matthew Stockley, Kenneth Thompson, Allen Wiltshire, Herbert
BUILDING PRODUCTS UK Rouse, Graham		WREXHAM Evans, John Pennington, Barbara
CHANCE BROTHERS Downer, Celeste		
COWLEY HILL Bacon, Steven Bains, Anthony Marsh, Henry Peebles, Norman Prescott, Fred Taylor, George		
DONCASTER Deakes, Harold Leese, Roy Letton, Kathleen Russell, Ronald		
FIBREGLASS RAVENHEAD Heskett, Ronald		
GREENGATE Adams, Leonard Atherton, Robert Brown, Gerald Carr, Stephen Carsley, Gary Cave, James Thomas Dowd, William Edward Ellison, Stephen Edward Lloyd, Robert Marshall, Derek		

Mick Moore Looks Back

Mick Moore, who retired as Health, Safety and Environmental Manager at Kings Norton, has kindly shared some heartfelt reflections on his retirement – now over 20 years ago.

During his career, Mick was part of the renowned ‘European Team’, which meant frequent travel to Pilkington factories across the continent. His work took him to Germany, Italy, Spain, Poland, and Finland – along with a memorable trip

spend more time together, travelling and enjoying life on their own terms. It was agreed he would step away on his 54th birthday in 2003, allowing him time to ensure a smooth transition.

As retirement neared, time flew by. Then came a call from his European manager, Peter Kairies in Germany, inviting him to one final meeting – this time in Finland. Mick accepted, expecting a routine work visit. However, what awaited him was far more than business.

Peter, along with their Finnish colleague, had arranged a farewell dinner. To Mick's surprise, colleagues from across Europe were there too, each offering a few words of thanks and farewell in their native language. These messages were translated into English for Mick – and hearing such kind, thoughtful reflections from those he had worked alongside proved a deeply emotional moment.

Back in the UK, Mick's last day at Kings Norton brought another surprise – an official send-off with even more tributes and kind words. It was the perfect way to close the chapter on a long and



to Canada. While he has fond memories of all the sites, Finland and Canada hold a special place in his heart.

The European Team focused on identifying and sharing Health, Safety and Environmental best practices across the company. It was demanding work and often meant long stretches away from home. Eventually, Mick decided it was time to redress the balance.

He approached his UK manager, Terry Rowlands, to request early retirement so that he and his wife Ann could



Mick and his late wife Ann meaningful career.

Looking back, Mick often reflects on his early days at Triplex in the furnace room and the many wonderful people he worked with over the years. Although he embraced the new chapter ahead with Ann, leaving behind such valued colleagues wasn't easy.

Mick and his late wife Ann retired to North Wales, where they truly made the most of their time together – just as they had planned.

Thank you, Mick, for sharing your story. We wish you continued happiness in retirement.

Do you have a story to tell of being sent around the world with Pilkington? If you do, please let us know.

Reunion Lunches

It's been a while since some reunion lunches have been held.

This year we have started to plan reunions and send out invites to see if the demand is still there for our big reunion lunches.

Our first event was the St Helens Head Office reunion lunch at the Mercure Hotel. We sent out over 300

invitations and we were delighted to welcome just under 80 beneficiaries.

While the numbers haven't quite matched our invitations, we're grateful for those who attended, and it was a lovely event.

We're committed to continuing these lunches and look forward to seeing more of you in the future. Your presence makes these events special, and we hope to see the numbers grow. To help us reduce postage costs, if you would like us to notify you about reunions via email, please send your email address to enquiries@pilkingtonfamilytrust.com.

If you prefer not to attend future reunion lunches, kindly let us know.

Thank you for your support.



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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.

Name, address and telephone number of sender:

Nature of enquiry

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Retirements

Retirements since last issue

BP ENGINEERING Watling, Ian	Preston, Paul Smith, Simon	R&D Marsden, Sean
GREENGATE Hardy, Paul Holland, Steven	IS GROUP SERVICES Hawley, Catherine	WATSON STREET Hunt, Stephen

New Armed Forces veterans card

Our Scotland welfare officer Reg Menzies has advised us about the Armed Forces Veterans card.

The new official card, which can be applied for online, is being delivered by the Ministry of Defence and Office for Veterans' Affairs as part of ongoing improvements to veteran support.

VETERAN ID CARD BENEFITS

- Provides a memento of service and signifies your belonging to the Armed Forces community.
- Allows you to easily verify your service to the NHS, your local authority and military charities.
- Can be used to get a Defence Discount Service Card. The Defence Discount Service card is recognised online and on the high street, giving Armed Forces discounts on items such as holidays, cars, insurance, days out, fashion and phones in over 12,000 shops and restaurants.
- Is an easy way to verify your service to get a Veterans' railcard, entitling you to up to a third off most rail travel in England, Scotland and Wales.
- Allows access to specific offers during special events. For example, free travel on public transport to and from remembrance events on the weekend of Remembrance Sunday.

For further information and details of how to apply please contact any of the following:



www.helpforheroes.org.uk
www.gov.uk/veteran-card

Or contact the Veterans UK Helpline 0808 191 4218

Our North Wales Welfare Officer, Lynsey Woodhouse has kindly advised that one of our beneficiaries has made her aware of a Veterans Badge that you can apply for if you have served in the forces.

If you think you may be eligible please apply via the following website

www.gov.uk/apply-medal-or-veterans-badge



...more than just woodwork!

Have you heard of Men's Sheds? They're community spaces where men can come together to chat, create, and connect – often over a shared love of practical hobbies like woodworking, metalworking etc, or simply enjoying a cuppa and a good laugh. Many also welcome women, and all are welcome for the company and conversation.

Much like the traditional garden shed, these spaces are for making, mending, and tinkering – but the big difference is you're not doing it alone. Whether it's working on a project, learning new skills, or just enjoying the camaraderie, it's about connection, friendship, and fun.

Don't worry if you're imagining a dusty shed at the bottom of a garden – Men's Sheds can be anywhere. Some start in portable cabins, garages, unused office spaces, or even meet socially in community halls before finding a permanent base. It's not the space that matters – it's the spirit.

The Shed activities vary widely. You might find woodworking, metalworking, electronics, model building, or even car repairs taking place. Just as important as the tools are the chats, the laughter, and yes – the tea and biscuits!

Started in the UK in 2013, the UK Men's Sheds Association

now supports over 1,100 Sheds across the country. Their research shows that a remarkable 97% of members have made new friends through their local Shed. For many, it's been a real lifeline – helping to reduce loneliness and giving members a renewed sense of purpose.

Want to find a Shed near you? Just visit:
<https://menssheds.org.uk> and pop in your postcode.



And if you're already a Shedder, we'd love to hear your story! Let us know how your Shed has made a difference in your life.

Help us choose a new name

We're considering a fresh new look for our newsletter – and that includes the name!

For years, **PRISM** has kept you informed about the work of the Pilkington Family Trust, shared inspiring stories and celebrated the community we're so proud of.

As we grow and evolve, we want to ensure the magazine reflects you – our valued beneficiaries – and the Trust's vision for the future.

So, we would love your input: What do you think about the current name, **PRISM**, which stands for: **P**ilkington **R**etirement **I**nformation and **S**upport **M**agazine?

Does it still feel relevant and meaningful to you?

Do you have any ideas for a new name that could better capture the spirit of the Trust or any suggestions for articles you would like to see included?



If so, please send your thoughts and suggestions to our address on page 7 or send an email to enquiries@pilkingtonfamilytrust.com by 31/08/25.