

NEWSLETTER 82 : NOVEMBER 2016 -
FEBRUARY 2017.



UNISON RETIRED MEMBERS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2017/2018

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Message from the Chairman.

Christmas Lunch 2016.

This year we were very pleased to once again hold our Christmas Lunch at the Enfield Conservative Club. Forty six members and friends attended and experienced the very high standard of food we have become used to from the catering staff at this excellent venue.

Peter James entertained us with well known songs and we also had our usual large raffle.

It was a very pleasant afternoon, and lovely to see so many happy faces. I hope we can do it again in 2017

**Spring Buffet 2017
Friday 7th April @ 7.00pm**

Come and join us in the Restaurant at the Civic Centre, Silver Street for our Spring Buffet 2017.

Take the chance to meet friends, old

and new, at this lovely social evening; with plenty of food for all with red or white wine, an ale or two, and soft drinks to suit all tastes plus live music. Come and meet your Mayor and participate in our renowned Large Raffle.

Tickets priced at £3.00p each so you can afford to bring a friend or two.

Please complete the booking form at the end of this newsletter and send to our Treasurer, Olive Parsons.

Look forward to seeing you.

Janet

DIARY DATES 2017

**Members Monthly Meetings
Tuesday 2.00 - 4.00 pm**

FRI. 7th April	SPRING BUFFET		
9th May	Conference Room		
13th June	“	“	
11th July	“	“	
8th August	“	“	
12th September	“	“	
10th October	“	“	
14th November	“	“	

Committee Meetings 2017

13th March
8th May
10th July
11th September
13th November

Newsletter Publication Dates

Any article you wish to appear in the Newsletter must be received by the Editor not later than the following Dates:-

Summer	16/06/2017
Autumn	15/09/2017
Spring	09/02/2018

Publication is at the sole discretion of the Editor and may be modified for space or editorial reasons.

SPEAKERS WE HAVE ENJOYED

**Tuesday 13th September
Christine and Peter Padwick
School Days**

The Padwicks entertained us in their usual informative and amusing style. They talked about how things used to be at school in years gone by and sang about it too. They reminded us of corporal punishment, morning milk drinks, slate tablets for ‘riting and ‘rithmetic’ and, terror of terrors, doing the sums in your head.

Exams every year and the dreaded eleven plus determining your future with a good pass leading to Grammar School and the slight possibility of University if your father had a good job or for most the road to a Secondary Modern School with domestic science for the girls and woodwork for the boys.

It was a great afternoon and stirred up memories for all of us.

**Tuesday 11th October
Maggie Radcliff
A Year of Discovery**

Maggie showed us many slides of her journeys during the year. We started at Windsor Castle, Charlotte Street and the Crooked House. Then a riverboat trip down the Thames, passing Clifton House where the scandal of Profumo, Christine Keeler and Mandy Rice-Davies started.

Then it was on to Burton-on-Water in the Cotswolds, Well dressing in Bakewell Derbyshire all done with flowers, back down to Dorset to the house of Lawrence of Arabia. He died

aged 46 as the result of a motorcycle accident and the practice then of not wearing a protective helmet.

Next we went to the Cheddar Gorge, Sheffield Abbey in Sussex near the Bluebell Railway then visited a series of castles, Beauvoir Castle, Leicester, Heaver, Leeds (in Kent not Yorkshire), and Colchester. All steeped in their own history of good things and bad things. We then visited Cambridge, Turville Bucks and Southend.

Time to go foreign, so we visited France via Calais Town Hall where the Nazis shot freedom fighters, spies and anyone they wanted to get rid of. Belgium to meet the lace makers in Bruges and back across the Channel to England with a short stop on the Isle of Wight before a trip down the Thames (again) on the Waverley to Southend and back. Next we visited Covent Garden where the first punch and Judy show was seen, followed by a quick tour of the BBC, St Paul's Cathedral, the Tower of London then Teapot Island in Kent, Southwold, Stratford – on-Avon, the secret bunker at Ongar in Essex and finished at Paradise Wild Life Park to have a rest and recuperate from a very busy year of interesting trips with lovely illustrations.

Very enjoyable.

We have many good speakers and anyone wishing to join us on these afternoons would be most welcome. They are the second Tuesday in the month at 2.30 pm at the Civic Centre.

OUTINGS AND OTHER REPORTS

**Tuesday 26th July 2016
Sussex Seaside Matinee Explorer**

Our initial port of call today was Polegate to pick up our guide and then on to Pevensey where we stopped for lunch at the old oak-beamed and reputedly haunted Smugglers Inn. Following a very good meal our guide took us on a short stroll in the village

where we passed the ancient Court House and Gaol, a lovely flint faced building now no longer used for its original purposes. Almost opposite is the old Mint House where local currency was once made. A little further and the ruined remains of the old Norman castle can be visited, this is very near to where William the Conqueror landed with his army on September 28th 1066 to prepare for what became known as the Battle of Hastings fought on 10th October 1066 and lasting from dawn to dusk, it was classed as particularly bloody even by medieval standards.

From here our coach took us on a tour through Eastbourne and up over the Downs to Beachy Head where we passed a short while to enjoy an extremely windy stroll with a lovely view over Eastbourne and round the bay to Bexhill and Hastings. We passed the Belle Tour Lighthouse built in 1832 and decommissioned in 1902. Due to coastal erosion it had to be moved in one piece in 1999 to a position some 60 feet back from the edge. Time will tell if this has proved sufficient, in the meantime the ex-lighthouse is a B&B and you can stay there for about £200.00p a night should you feel courageous.

We drove past Birling Gap with good views towards the Seven Sisters cliffs, through the village of East Dean then back into Eastbourne where we left the coach near the pier. The carpet gardens are a very attractive feature, beautifully planted with patterns of geraniums, begonias and petunias, the geometric shapes of the bedding technique were the invention of Victorian gardeners. The town itself is Victorian and most of the buildings and layout are the work of local landowner William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire and his architect Henry Currey

Once we had all done our sightseeing and perhaps had a trudge along the pebble beach it was time for a cup of tea and back onto the coach for the return journey home. The weather was good all day and we had a very interesting and enjoyable trip without

the need to walk too far.

MEMBERS NEWS.

NEW MEMBERS

We extend a warm welcome to:-

Mrs Lynette Heath-Brown
Enfield Careers Service 22 years

Miss Margaret Inns
Southgate School 14 years

John Hockley
Housing 29 years

Alan Hudson

M. Inns

Ms Pauline Kettless

Abdul Raheem Khan

Mrs Valerie Manser
Clavering

Mrs Flora Ripley
Raynham Primary School 30 years

Roy Ripley

J. Robinson

A Sethbridge

Alan Stocker

Mrs Linda Undrell
Education

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:-

Paul Tabor has moved to Bishops
Stortford

LOST CONTACT.

None to report

DEATHS:-

Pat Pile

Bharti Majmudar 14th August 2016

OBITUARY:-

On 10th November Ketan Majmudar wrote:-

I am sad to say that my mother, Bharti Majmudar passed away on August 14th this year.

She was in regular receipt of the unison newsletter and I have been meaning to inform you of her passing for a while.

It would be nice if you could mention it in the newsletter and potentially pass my contact details on if any colleagues she worked with see it and would like to know more. She has suffered with Parkinson's for the last 15 years.

Please do let me know if you need any information from me. I am in the process of getting a memorial Wall tablet placed at Golders Green Crematorium as well as a planted rose bush in her memory.

We have a digital remembrance setup for her here:

<http://bharti.majmudar.muchloved.com/>

Kind Regards.

Ketan Majmudar

Any member who wishes to contact Ketan can do so through the Newsletter Editor.

IMPORTANT CHANGE

In future our monthly meetings will start at 2.00pm with an informal half hour session to give you a chance to catch up with each others latest news and information.

Our speakers will still give their talks starting at 2.30pm and finishing at 3.30pm as usual.

We also hope to have hand-made greetings cards for sale with all proceeds going to charity. We may even have the occasional raffle to help our own funds along.

The reason for the change is to make the meetings more of a social occasion and to help new members become known and feel welcomed.

Your committee hope that you will like these new arrangements.

FUTURE EVENTS

**Wednesday 21st June 2017
Downton Abbey Country
Matinee Explorer.**

**Coach Leaves Civic Centre at
9.30am**

**Cost £48.50p including 2 course
lunch with tea or coffee**

This is not Highclere Castle – it is a day in the Oxfordshire Cotswolds where the outdoor scenes are filmed. We meet the guide at midday at a restaurant close to Burford where we can enjoy a two course carvery lunch or vegetarian option plus tea or coffee included in the price.

After lunch we enjoy a coach tour of the Downton Abbey villages finishing with a visit to Yew Tree Farm where Lady Edith's daughter was looked after and watch a short film about Downton Abbey on location, explore the old farmhouse kitchen that appears in the series and buy refreshments in the café before heading home at 4.30pm. The most you will walk throughout the day is a total of about 440 yards.

Choose from Carvery with vegetables or Vegetarian Risotto when booking.

On the day choose from a selection of desserts included in the price.

**Monday 21st August 2017
Bletchley Park.**

**Coach Leaves Civic Centre at
9.30am**

Cost £30.00p.

Bletchley Park, once the top secret home of the World War II Code breakers, is now a heritage attraction. A place of exceptional historical importance, Bletchley Park is also the birthplace of modern computing and has helped shape life as we know it

today. Highlights include the restored code breakers huts, plus a new visitor centre with an introductory exhibition and hands on display. Explore the beautiful grounds and historic buildings, galleries and exhibitions.

We arrive at 11.00am and at midday there is a possibility we could have a free one hour guided outdoor tour but only if a guide is available on the day. Unfortunately this cannot be booked in advance. There is a café where you can buy both hot and cold food. Manual wheelchairs only are available but must be booked in advance. If you require a wheelchair please tick the booking form where indicated.

BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS.

It is important that if you are interested in joining a trip or other event you let Olive know as soon as possible. No money is required until a month before the trip but we must be sure that the outing is going to attract sufficient people to cover its cost or we must cancel.

Coach outings can be booked in advance by completing the forms provided and sending them to the Treasurer Mrs. O. Parsons, 38 Halifax Road, Enfield EN2 0PP.

Please make cheques for all events payable to Enfield Unison RMA. You need not send all of the money immediately as long as you pay for each outing at least four weeks in advance. Please be aware no refunds will be given for unused tickets.

Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope with your enquiry to enable us to confirm your booking. Members will be contacted by the Treasurer if the coach is full and they have been put on the waiting list.

If you are unable to attend after paying for tickets, please contact our Treasurer - Olive Parsons on 020-8366-5840 as soon as possible. We maintain a waiting list for over subscribed events and a member on the waiting list may then buy your ticket(s). If there is not a waiting list,

you may then sell your tickets to relatives or friends.
All coaches pick up in Churchbury Lane (at the side of Civic Centre). Tickets for events are given to members at the time of boarding the coach.

Help Us On The Day One!

Please keep a note of our mobile phone number which will be used exclusively for outing in your diary and phone. On the day, if you are unable to come or are stuck in traffic you can phone in. This will help us leave on time, particularly important when there is a guide to meet on the way. The number is:

07956580823.

Please keep this number with you on the day in case of difficulties. Thank you all very much for your co-operation and support. We look forward to seeing you on the outings.

Help Us On The Day Two! Trips with Lunch included.

Once you have made your choice from the menu provided on the booking form it cannot be altered. When it is a long time between booking and the actual day it is easy to forget so write your choice down on the copy booking form provided and bring it with you on the day.

COACH TRAVEL REGS. We have been asked by the coach operator to make all passengers aware that they must remain in their seats and not move about in the coach whilst it is moving, and that seat belts must be worn at all times. These are requirements by law and could carry a substantial fine for the coach operator if broken.

SEATING - If because of a medical condition you have difficulty when walking and would like a seat at the front of the coach, please ask for this at the time of booking.

EVENING & WEEKEND PARKING FOR COACH OUTINGS/MEETINGS

It is now possible to park at the Civic

Centre for evening and weekend coach outings or meetings free of charge. It might be an idea, if you so wish, just to put a note on the dashboard - UNISON RMA so that security are aware. For daytime outings the £2 fee is still applicable, and should be paid for at the time of booking your outing.

THEATRE TICKETS. Please note a £10.00 per ticket holding fee will now be required when you book theatre tickets, this is because we have to pay for all tickets in full at the time of our making the booking.

DISCLAIMER

Enfield Unison Retired Members Association its officers and members are not liable to any member person guest or company whomsoever for any loss accident injury or damage which may occur during or arising from any activity, meeting or outing arranged by for or on behalf of them at any time.

A BRIEF SUMMARY OF MINUTES TAKEN AT A.G.M. 14TH FEBRUARY 2017

1. Apologise for absence were received from members.
2. Minutes of the A.G.M. on 9th February 2016 were agreed and signed
3. Matters arising: None
4. Chair's Report: Thanked Committee and reported that outings were a success especially Theatre trips. Tea and Biscuits will no longer be available before meetings.
5. Secretary's Report: The Spring Buffet will be on 7th April this is good value at only £3 for Buffet, Wine and Soft Drinks.
6. Treasurer's Report: Financial Report submitted Election of Chair:
Janet Norton
7. Election of Vice Chair:
Carole Rhodes
8. Election of Hon. Secretary:
Barbara Bowery
9. Election of Hon. Treasurer:
Olive Parsons
10. Election of Committee:
All Committee members were re-elected
11. Appointment of Auditor:
Chris McClean appointed
12. Nomination of candidates for election to Metropolitan District Retired Members –
Mary Stone
13. A.O.B - If members have any ideas for speakers or outings please let one of the Committee know.

THIS BOOKING FORM FOR THE OUTINGS SHOWN BELOW IS FOR YOU TO KEEP AS A RECORD OF THE ORDER YOU HAVE PLACED. PLEASE BRING THIS WITH YOU.

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Friday 7th April 2017 @ 7.00 pm
Civic Centre Restaurant
Silver Street**

**Price £3.00p each including
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To be reserved by 24th March**

Name.....

Tel.No.....

**Cheque for £.....to be
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Vegetarian Risotto.....

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR OTHER DETAIL

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 Or by post to:- **The Newsletter Editor, 124 Birkbeck Road, Enfield EN2 0EB.**

My email address is: _____

My name is: _____

My membership no. is (found on your address label): _____

My postal address is: _____

My telephone number is: _____