

**NEWSLETTER 85: MARCH 2018 –  
JUNE 2018**

Retiree Enfield  
**UNISON**  
Association members

**UNISON RETIRED MEMBERS  
ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE  
MEMBERS 2018/2019**

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UNISON OFFICE: 020 8379 4084

**DIARY DATES 2018**

**Members Monthly Meetings  
Tuesday 2.30 - 4.00 pm**

11<sup>th</sup> September Conference Room  
9<sup>th</sup> October “ “  
13<sup>th</sup> November Conference Room  
12<sup>th</sup> December CHRISTMAS  
LUNCH

**Committee Meetings 2018**

10<sup>th</sup> September  
12<sup>th</sup> November

Speakers 11 September Stephen  
Jennings – “The 1970’s”

9<sup>th</sup> October – John Wallington –  
Nepal Landscapes and Cultures

11<sup>th</sup> November Graham Cracker –  
“Royal Family”

**SPEAKERS WE HAVE ENJOYED  
AND OUTINGS SEE REPORTS  
ON SEPARATE SHEETS**

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**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August  
**SOUTHEND OUTING**  
Coach leaves Civic Centre at  
10.00 am. Coach leaves  
Southend at 4.00 pm. Cost  
£13.50. We hope to arrive in  
Southend at around 11.15  
am and having left the coach  
you will be free to find your  
own amusements and  
refreshments before  
boarding the coach for a  
4.00pm departure. Let's  
hope the sun continues to  
shine.

**OBITUARY:-**

Joyce Crawley

Joyce sadly passed away after a short,  
sudden illness in the middle of 2017. She  
worked for the Adoption section at the  
Civic Centre for a number of years and  
really enjoyed her time there. Both Joyce  
and her husband Fred were staunch  
supporters of the Retired members  
Association and Fred was our Treasurer  
until he retired some years ago.  
Joyce is sadly missed by all who knew her

**FUTURE EVENTS**

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October

Symphonic Pop

Royal Albert Hall and also at  
the Royal Albert Hall

John Rutter Christmas  
Celebration Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>

December DETAILS  
ATTACHED

The Christmas Lunch will be  
on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December  
at the Conservative Club  
Baker Street Enfield

**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 has been changed to:

**07718285635**

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.**

### **NEW MEMBERS**

We extend a warm welcome to:-

**Laurel Jones  
Teresa Anne Window  
Kim Brett  
Gary Williams  
Paul Redcliffe  
Diana Butler  
Margaret Green  
Jacqueline Pakenham  
Eileen Mackenzie  
Naci Natji  
Pauline Lorimer**

## SPRING BUFFET 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

This evening gets better and better. It was well attended with about 50 of us in attendance. The Mayor Christine Hamilton joined us and circulated well with all the members where she felt very at home having once worked for Unison. The buffet was excellent as usual and Stan provided us with some old favourites on his Keyboard. There was a good variety of drinks and most people agreed it was a most enjoyable evening, some seemed very reluctant to go home!!!

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### SPEAKERS WE HAVE ENJOYED

13<sup>th</sup> March – Norman Factor – Black Cab Driver

When Norman was 40 he left his family firm and decided to do the Knowledge and become a black cab driver because he could only do it part time it took him two years to qualify but then he never looked back. He had many interesting and varied experiences, some humorous some serious but all interesting. He did a lot of work for the BBC picking up all kinds of things to take to various stage doors for famous people and often famous people themselves. He also became a London Guide and then a guide to Hampton Court and Windsor Castle. It was a most enjoyable afternoon.

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17<sup>th</sup> May – Mr Wallington – Scicily

Sicily has been occupied by many countries due to its position in the Mediterranean. Palermo has been settled since the 4<sup>th</sup> Century. The Greeks invaded in 750 BC. You get a lovely view of Mount Etna which is the biggest Volcano in Europe. Grapes are grown all along the lower slopes and there are many beautiful wild flowers including orchids and the Sicilian violet very pretty and only grows in Sicily. It was illustrated with many slides and was a lovely afternoon.

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12<sup>th</sup> June – Maggie Radcliffe – Women and their destiny 150 years ago.

Maggie's talks are always very informative and well researched. She told us about the fact that in those days women had no rights and once they married everything they had belonged to their husband. All their money, property, if there was any, they owned nothing and had to do what their husbands told them. Some of the people she talked about were Nurse Cavell, Florence Nightingale, 1820 – 1910. Mrs Beeton, Queen Victoria, Anne Taylor who went over Niagra Falls in a barrel. She was the first person to do this and thought it would make her rich but it did not. 1906 . In 1906 women were paid only half what men were paid and still today women have not caught up with their male counterparts. Maggie went on to talk about many other famous women and the largely poor conditions endured by the working classes. Most interesting and of course very relevant to most of us.

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## **HELP URGENTLY NEEDED**

Is there anyone out there who would be willing and interested in helping us prepare our newsletter for members. We only do 3 per year so there is no pressure. All contents are written by someone else so no writing to do simply just to do IT and put it on computer email to Unison Office who arrange for Printing at the Civic Centre ready to send out to members. Suitable for any age who just wants to help out. If you are interested please contact Barbara Bowery 02088052667 when we will arrange a meeting.

**THIS BOOKING FORM FOR THE ACTIVITY SHOWN BELOW IS TO BE SENT TO THE TREASURER WITH CHEQUE PAYABLE TO ENFIELD UNISON RMA. THANK YOU.**

**BOOKING FORM**

**SOUTHEND OUTING**  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August

Coach leaves Civic Centre  
10am  
Coach leaves Southend  
4.00pm

Cost per person £13.50  
Parking £2.00

Reserve your place now with  
our Treasurer Olive Parsons  
Telephone 8366 5840

Place required.....

Name.....

Telephone No.....

Cheque for £.....  
Payable to Enfield Unison  
RMA

**BOOKING FORM**

**ROYAL ALBERT HALL**  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October

**SYMPHONIC POP**  
Coach leaves Civic Centre  
5.00pm

Cost £42.50 pp

Contact Olive Parsons  
Telephone 8366 5840

Places required.....

Name.....

Telephone No.....

Cheque for £.....  
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**BOOKING FORM**

**ROYAL ALBERT HALL**  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December

**JOHN RUTTER CHRISTMAS  
CELEBRATION**  
Coach leaves Civic Centre  
5.00 pm

Cost £45.00 pp

Contact Olive Parsons  
Telephone 8366 5840

Places required.....

Name.....

Telephone No.....

Cheque for £.....  
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