

**NEWSLETTER 86: JULY 2018 –**  
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**DIARY DATES 2018**

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

**13<sup>th</sup> November Conference Room**  
**12<sup>th</sup> December CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

Speakers ”

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

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

8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – Geoff Bowden  
on Agatha Christie

12<sup>th</sup> February AGM – Bernard  
Ecker (Quiz)

12<sup>th</sup> March – Joe Studman World  
War Two (Venue to be confirmed)

**SPEAKERS WE HAVE ENJOYED  
REPORTS ALSO AGM AGENDA  
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.**

**OUTING**

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

Our coach left the Civic Centre at 10 o'clock and we enjoyed the short run to Southend, arriving about 11.20 am. The driver took us close to the pier entrance, which is convenient for both seafront and shops and from here we dispersed to spend the day as we chose.

The sun was tremendously hot and certainly along the seafront there was little shade nor let up from the heat. The amusement park by the pier was very busy and the hair-raising rides were all doing excellent business. No one from our group chanced a ride cannot think why!!!

**OBITUARY:-**

**VIOLET INGRAM**

It is with much sadness that we have to report the sad loss of Vi Ingram. Vi had been a member of Unison for many years and will be greatly missed by all who knew her. She passed away recently after a short breathing problem. Her funeral will be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 3pm at Enfield Crematorium

There are plenty of nice shops in the town for those in the mood to shop and many did just that. You don't have to look far to find somewhere attractive to eat and this is another good feature of Southend.

The upper promenade on the Westcliff side of the pier is edged by gardens and cliffs and is tree-lined for shade with plenty of seats beneath. The Regency period terraced houses are nice to see and in fact most of the hotels and houses along that area are very pleasant too.

Our group re-assembled by the seafront tired and happy and the coach met us in time for 4 o'clock departure. We'd all had a good day and enjoyed ourselves immensely, would be nice to do it again

Tickets for events are given to members at the time of boarding the coach.

## FUTURE EVENTS

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

## 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).

## 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.**

## MEMBER MEETINGS 2019

8<sup>th</sup> January Council Chamber

12<sup>th</sup> February AGM Council Chamber

12 March TO BE CONFIRMED

14<sup>th</sup> May Conference Room

11<sup>th</sup> June Council Chamber

9<sup>th</sup> July Conference Room

13<sup>th</sup> August Conference Room

10<sup>th</sup> September Conference Room

8<sup>th</sup> October Conference Room

12<sup>th</sup> November Conference Room

**PLEASE MAKE A NOTE FOR  
OUR ANNUAL SPRING BUFFET  
WHICH WILL BE ON FRIDAY  
12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019**

## **SPEAKERS WE HAVE ENJOYED**

August – Joe Studman  
A Spoonful of Sugar – Hospitals

In Medieval Times if you were ill you went to the Church or prayed to the 4 elements earth, wind, water and fire. 7<sup>th</sup> son of the 7<sup>th</sup> son heal by laying on of hands. They also believed in magical healing. Kings thought they could cure by laying on hands also. Deaths were not registered until 1550's. Chase Green was used to bury people who died of the plague. St. Michael's Hospital started as a workhouse in 1602 but later was the hospital for the elderly. The first workhouse was 1717. By 1881 the workhouse was overcrowded and they built Chase Farm. They gave respite care and people did not want to leave. Circa 1900 Chase Farm had 5 dormitories for girls and boys. They were woken for School at 5.30 am. Children stayed with their parents until they were 3 months and then transferred to the nursery block. They had a reasonable diet and as a lot of the Children were abandoned they were shipped off to Canada. It was a very interesting and entertaining afternoon.

September  
The 70's the decade style forgot

After peace and love in the 60's the 70's wasn't really good. It was marked by football hooliganism and social unrest – strikes etc. Decimalization was not welcomed. The world was engulfed in crisis, Vietnam, Watergate etc. We had Sex Pistols, Bob Marley, News and TV and Films where new stars shot to fame. Clothes like tank tops were considered bad taste. Simon & Garfunkel, Some Mothers do have Them, The Beatles, Jimi Hendrick and Janice Joplin both died early. Henry Cooper layed out Muhamad Ali. Dock workers strikes caused price of apples and meat to rise. O'Calcutta appeared and despite bad reviews was sold out. Hotpants came in and were so popular the dress code had to be changed. Toys were dangerous like Space Hoppers. London Bridge was sold and moved to Arizona where it was reconstructed. There was a lot more information on the 70's which had been forgotten. This was a very interesting talk with lots of slides to remind us of our past and objects to look at.

## **NEW MEMBERS Welcome to:-**

**Sandra Kirby  
Pauline Lorimer**

## **CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

**Sheila Dawson  
Stuart Mayson has moved to  
North Yorkshire**

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2018**

**WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup>  
DECEMBER**

**Enfield Conservative Club  
Baker Street, Enfield**

**Tickets £17 per person**

**Reserve your place now with  
our Treasurer Olive Parsons  
Telephone 020 8366 5840**

**Places required.....**

**Name .....**

**Telephone  
Number.....**

**Cheque for £.....  
To be made payable to  
Enfield Unison RMA**