

NEWSLETTER 87: OCTOBER 2018 –
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DIARY DATES 2019

Members Monthly Meetings
Every second Tuesday 2.30 - 4.00
pm

12 March St. Andrews Church
12 April – Spring Buffet
14 May – Conference Room
11 June – Council Chamber

SPEAKERS

12th March – Joe Studman
World War Two – St. Andrews
Church Hall
12th April – Spring Buffet
14th May – Maggie Radcliffe
Austria, Bavaria and Sound of
Music
11th June – Joe Studman –
Bowles and Parker Bowles
Family
9th July – Bernard Ecker
Picture Quiz

**REPORTS ON AGM AND
CONFERENCE ON SEPARATE
SHEETS**

OBITUARY:-

It is with much sadness to report of the loss of Roger Cully who sadly passed away after a short illness shortly after Christmas. Roger was not a full member but supported Julie his wife on all the outings and at the monthly meetings. He will be sadly missed and our condolences go out to Julie in her sad loss.

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.

SPRING BUFFET – Friday 12th

April – Civic Centre Restaurant
from 7.00 pm
Tickets £4.00 per person
Reserve your place now with
Olive Parsons 8366 5840
(Booking Form attached)

**NEW MEMBERS
WELCOME**

Monica Powell
Robert Ayling



FUTURE EVENTS

CLACTON –ON SEA

Wednesday 7th August Coach leaves Civic Centre at 9.30 am Coach leaves Clacton at 4.30pm –Cost £26.50. We should arrive at Clacton about 11.30am where you will have free time to enjoy as you choose. The coach will depart for home at 4.30pm and we hope that the weather will be fine for the day. 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). 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.

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.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2018

About 40 of us made our way to the Conservative Club for a delicious Christmas Lunch. There was a large raffle and entertainment during the afternoon and a good time was had by all of us. Put us all in the right mood for the festivities to come.

SPEAKERS WE HAVE ENJOYED

SEPTEMBER – The 70's The decade style forgot. After peace & love in the 60's the 70's wasn't really good. It was marked by football hooligans and social unrest like strikes etc. Outside the British Isles the world was engulfed in crisis Vietnam, Watergate etc. decimalisation was not welcomed. We had Bob Marley the Sex Pistols newsheadlines. TV and Films were full of new stars. Clothes like tank tops were in bad taste. Simon & Garfunkel, Some Mothers do have them and David Cassidy rocketed to fame. The Beatles, Jimmy Hendricks Janice Joplin and several others died very

young. Henry Cooper fought Mohammed Ali. Dockworkers strike caused the price of apples and meat to rise. O'Calcutt opened and despite bad reviews. It was more or less sold out. Benny Hill 1971 was the naff No.1 Slade, Hot pants came in and were so popular that the dress code had to be changed to allow hot pants in and platform shoes for men and women. Toys were quite dangerous like space hoppers. London Bridge was moved to Arizona where it was reconstructed. 1972 Open University – 900 students passed their exams. Sir Francis Chichester sailed the Atlantic single handed. Rolls Royce was nationalised but was privatised later by Margaret Thatcher. Terrorists broke in to Olympic Village in Israel. Olga Corbutt & Mark Spitz. Miners Strike for 7 weeks we had to use candles. 12 million workers were laid off. Trouble in Ireland came to a head with bloody Sunday. Elvis died & Mark Bowlam. It was Queens Silver Jubilee. Dallas became largest Soap Opera. Margaret Thatcher became first Woman Prime Minister and changed the face of Britain. That was the 70's.

NOVEMBER – Graham Crocker – The Royal Family Bodyguard to William & Harry from age of 4 to 19. He was invited to Prince Harry's wedding. William and Harry

were brought up as close to ordinary people as possible. The white roses around the door of the church were from Kenya where William & Harry have stayed. He had also been to Williams wedding at Westminster Abbey. Many people attended Harry's wedding who had been involved in his upbringing. It was a very interesting afternoon. And Graham told us lots of stories about their childhood.

JANUARY – Geoff Bowden – Agatha Christie

Agatha was born in 1890. She was very prolific and wrote over 100 novels and plays in 103 languages only superseded by the Bible and Shakespeare. She had a sister Margaret & a brother Monty her father died when she was 11 years old. She taught herself to read & write and started by writing poetry which she loved. Went to finishing school in Paris she then went off to Egypt with her mother for 3 months. In 1914 she married Archie Christie and they lived with her mother in Torquay she was then transferred to the Society of Apothecaries where she learnt all about poisons. Later she thought she would try a detective novel and use her Hercule Poirot character. The first one was the Mysterious Affair at Styles. In 1970 did a film series of her disappearance. She was

divorced 3 years later but kept her surname for publication purposes. Over the years many people tackled Poirot, Peter Ustinov, Albert Finney but the only one who embodied Poirot was David Suchet. He also did 13 for Dinner. In 1939 Agatha decided to take a holiday alone. She went on the Orient Express. Eventually Agatha married Max. In 1940 she introduced Miss Jane Marple. Murder at the Vicarage. Miss Marple was played by Helen Hayes, Barbara Mullen, Geraldine McEwan, Margaret Rutherford. Joan Hickson. In the 40's and 50's she wrote the Hoard of Death and Murder on the Orient Express, And Then There Were None, where 10 people all die. The Mousetrap starring Richard Attenborough opened Tuesday 25 November 1952 and is still running today. They thought it would run for 7 months. She gave the rights to her grandson for his 9th birthday which made him a millionaire. The mousetrap has had its 50th anniversary. At one time she had 3 plays running at the same time. When they all died

**FRIDAY 12TH APRIL
ANNUAL SPRING BUFFET**

**Enfield Civic Centre
Restaurant – 7.00 pm
Tickets £4.00 per person**

**Reserve your place now with
Olive Parsons
Tel. 020 8366 5840**

Places required.....

Name.....

Tel No.....

Cheque for £.....

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**WEDNESDAY 7th August
CLACTON-ON-SEA Tickets
£26.50 pp (plus £2 if you wish
to use the Civic Centre Car
Park)**

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