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UNISON RETIRED MEMBERS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2016/2017

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Message from the Chairman.

Christmas Lunch 2016
Wednesday 14th December
Conservative Club, Baker Street
Arrive 12.30 for 1.00pm

We are again having our Christmas Lunch this year in the Conservative Club at the top end of Baker Street.

It will be a three course lunch with lots of delicious starters and sweets and a hot Christmas Lunch.

The cost of £15.50p is really good value for this time of the year and includes entertainment.

Please send your booking form to Olive by the 7th November as we must confirm numbers as early as possible. Payment by Monday 5th December.

I really look forward to seeing you.
Best Wishes.

Janet

DIARY DATES 2016

Members Monthly Meetings

Tuesday 2.00 - 4.00 pm

08th November – Jeff Nichols –
Bygones – Hands-on quiz.

DIARY DATES 2017
10th January Council Chamber
14th February “ “
14th March “ “
FRI. 7th April SPRING BUFFET
9th May Conference Room
13th June “ “
11th July “ “
8th August “ “
12th September “ “
10th October “ “
14th November “ “

Committee Meetings 2016

8th November

Committee Meetings 2017

9th January
13th February
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:-

Spring 10/02/2017
Summer 16/06/2017
Autumn 15/09/2017

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

SPEAKERS WE HAVE ENJOYED

Tuesday 9th August
Sue Jessell – The Rotary Club

Rotary Club is a worldwide organisation. Members wear a little button in their lapel to show they are members. All clubs have the same ideals. They do not discuss religion, or politics and seek to develop friendships. They have high ethical standards in business. Apply service in personal, business and community life. Try to make a difference at home and around the world.

There are five clubs in Enfield and 62 clubs in London. London is one district and there are 33,000 clubs in countries and geographical areas around the world and a membership of 1.20 million people.

Rotary Club was started by Paul Harris in 1905 in Chicago. He was joined by professional people with diverse backgrounds who would exchange ideas and form friendships. They took on all kinds of projects in vocational, sport, education fields internationally as well as local.

Originally Rotary Club was for men only, but then a lady demanded it should also be for women and so started the women's section known as the Inner Wheel.

Rotarians spend their time fund raising, giving hands on practical help through the local community and the national rotary foundation.

Things they have been involved in include Enfield Town Fireworks, Christmas Charity Collections, Race Nights, Enfield Town Market, British Legion Poppy Day Appeal and a Children's Hospice.

They have many clubs involved in Rotary Youth Exchange when people come from all over the world. Many schools have groups of young Rotarians.

It is the largest private charity in the world and tries to alleviate poverty,

improve health and education. They have helped to almost eliminate polio in that only two countries world wide still have polio cases but in very small numbers. Membership is by invitation only and is subject to payment of a fee. It was a very interesting and worthwhile afternoon to learn of this organisations ethos and practice.

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

**Thursday 23rd June 2016
Anglesey Abbey and Lode Mill.**

Today's trip into Cambridgeshire took us to an elegant home from a golden age of opulent country life. Anglesey Abbey is a substantial country house, formerly a priory, in the village of Lode, 5.5 miles from Cambridge. The Priory was founded during the reign of Henry I and was home to an Augustinian order until its dissolution by Henry VIII. A house was later built on the site and two of the old Priory arches were incorporated into it. Over many years the house fell into disrepair and in 1926 it was finally purchased at an auction by Huttleston Broughton, later the 1st Baronet Fairhaven.

Lord Fairhaven was the son of a wealthy American oil family and proceeded to restore the house and grounds in the style of the gracious living of the 18th century. He purchased fine antiques, paintings and furniture for the interior and landscaped the 98 acres of grounds which he divided into a number of walks and gardens with Classical Statuary, topiary and flowerbeds. He did not marry but lived here and entertained lavishly until his death in 1966 having bequeathed the entire estate to the National Trust. There is an interesting Domestic Wing which shows how his staff ran his household

with supreme efficiency for he was a most meticulous man.

The 18th century Water Mill was restored to working condition in 1982, visitors are welcome to explore the Mill and can see the milling process in action, various types of flour are produced which can be purchased to take home.

The grounds have a great number of trees, some forming wooded areas whilst others line wide grass covered walks. One large tree has on two occasions been struck by lightning and its tall splintered trunk stands as awesome proof that lightning can strike twice, despite the popular saying to the contrary!

There is a very pleasant restaurant in the visitor centre and following afternoon tea we were nicely prepared for our homeward run in the coach. Despite some rather changeable weather this was a very successful day out.

**Wednesday 24th August 2016
Eltham Palace and River Cruise**

Eltham Palace was once the childhood home of Henry VIII, the mediaeval building fell into disrepair over the years and eventually only the Great Hall remained standing. Textile millionaires Stephen and Virginia Courtauld leased the site in 1933 and built a mansion which incorporated the Great Hall and which was an Art Deco masterpiece which to this day captures the glamour and allure of the period.

We had a guided tour of the house starting in its lovely circular entrance hall which is wood-panelled and inlaid with scenes from exotic places. The circular carpet and white furniture are faithful reproductions of the original items. Mrs Courtauld had a pet lemur which was much cosseted and had the run off the house, it had its own bedroom with painted scenes on the walls. The animal however was rather spiteful and given to biting house guests who were not allowed to complain about it for fear of not being

invited again!

Stephen had a rather menacing PA system with speakers in every room so that he could bark orders to the servants and even his wife. There was a central vacuum cleaning system and gas fired hot air heating, everything cutting edge for its time as money was no problem at all.

We now returned to our coach and drove to Greenwich where we alighted beside the Cutty Sark and dispersed to obtain lunch at the many places available. The Royal Naval College is here and has very nice grounds with trees to provide shade on what was a very hot and sunny day.

At 3.30pm we boarded a pleasure boat and cruised along the Thames looking at the sights supported by a very knowledgeable and amusing commentator on board. There were refreshment facilities provided and our one hour cruise passed most pleasantly. We arrived at Westminster Pier where we disembarked and made our way back to the coach which had been driven round to meet us. A lovely day out helped enormously by fine weather and much enjoyed by all of us.

MEMBERS NEWS.

NEW MEMBERS

We extend a warm welcome to:-

None to report

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:-

None to report

LOST CONTACT.

None to report

DEATHS:-

None to report

OBITUARY:-

None to report

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. Tea and biscuits will be available for a small charge.

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

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

This event has already taken place and a report may be printed with the next issue of Newsletter

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.

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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**Spring Buffet
Friday 7th April 2017
7.00 pm
Civic Centre Restaurant
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**Price £15.50p per person
including three course meal with
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**Price to be advised including
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soft drinks**

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To be reserved by 7th November**

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2017**

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Tel.No.....

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**Cheque for £.....to be
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paid by 24th March 2017**

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR OTHER DETAIL

Send this form by email to :- arjctw@blueyonder.co.uk

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: _____