

Winter 2015

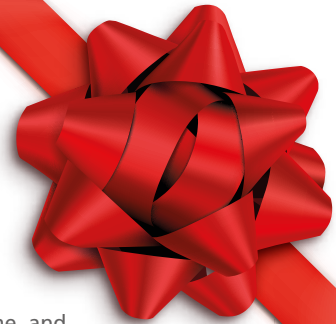


# PENSION news

Pearl Group Staff Pension Scheme

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# Hello... and welcome to my second edition of Pension News.



I can't believe that summer has been and gone so quickly and is just a distant memory now with plans for the festive season well under way.

It has been great to hear from you and I must thank everyone for their comments and support following my initial publication; I hope you all enjoy reading this edition. Please keep your stories, memories, celebrations and articles coming in, they are all very welcome.

Whilst pondering what to include here as you've already heard a little about me, I felt it would be nice to give you all an update on the articles that we publish for you. I can report that, following recent articles, I've been able to put a couple of people in touch again, and Ray Williams at X-Division informed me that they had six

new contacts, all of whom would like to attend their luncheons. I was also in contact with Robin Read, who hasn't been able to make a decision on a name for his Rolls Royce, but he was grateful that the article put him in touch with some old colleagues whom he probably wouldn't have heard from otherwise. So, a very pleasing result, and well worth the effort of putting pen to paper or fingers to the keyboard if you fancy dropping me a letter or an email.

You can reach me through the Scheme Administrators in Peterborough, which also reminds me to tell you that we have had a change of telephone number; **our new number is 01733 447620.** Please do remember to keep the Scheme Administrators informed of any changes in your personal circumstances or your address.

Fax, email and postal address remain the same, and can be found on the back page.

Here's to a safe and happy winter with Season's Greetings and my best wishes to everyone.

**Wendy Ludman**  
Editor

## Pension pay dates

22 December 2015	25 July 2016
25 January 2016	25 August 2016
25 February 2016	23 September 2016
24 March 2016	25 October 2016
25 April 2016	25 November 2016
25 May 2016	22 December 2016
24 June 2016	



## A helping hand

In 1963, a Pearl man who was active in the Pearl Federation donated his retirement collection to create a trust fund which he hoped could be used to help Pearl field staff who found themselves in financial difficulties. He was George Harding, a District Manager. This was founded The Harding Fund, a registered charity.

In following years further donations were made and small grants started to be made. This fund has grown, is still active and grants can still be made today. The current Trustees are former field men Gordon Smith in Scotland, Stewart Littlefair in Yorkshire, John Landers in Devon, and me, former Chief Office and Pearl Unions, in London.

After 52 years, The Harding Fund is still healthy, and in the past six months we have made grants to two retired Pearl employees who have encountered financial problems.

Although most current Pearl pensions are at a reasonable level, there may be some members of the Pearl family, reading this, whose finances are strained but do not know that such help is available. There will also be people who are reluctant to ask for help. This may apply in particular to the more elderly pensioners. So, if this does not apply to you, but you are aware of ex-colleagues who may be experiencing difficulties, please put them in touch with me or one of the trustees.

We can then involve The Insurance Charities if savings are low and longer term budgeted help seems to be the answer, or we can request The Harding Fund to consider a grant where needs are more immediate.

All former Pearl Assurance employees, whether District Office, field, or Chief Office/Regional Office, are eligible for consideration, and the whole process is conducted in complete confidence.

If you think we can help, please write to me at 212 Lynmouth Avenue, Morden, Surrey SM4 4RP or email [kenmcaleer@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:kenmcaleer@blueyonder.co.uk)

**Ken McAleer**



## PCOPA gets the gold!

What a marvellous and memorable occasion our 50th Anniversary lunch turned out to be! Colin Jeffryes, Ken McAleer and the rest of the Committee must have been delighted that it was such a success, clearly enjoyed by all present, and that all their hard work had finally paid off. Those who were able but did not make it should think themselves accursed they were not there – to paraphrase the Bard.

I think most of us find it hard to believe that the PCOPA has been going for 50 years, so it was fitting and just that our celebratory lunch was held in the Grand Ballroom of the Rosewood Hotel, High Holborn, London – formerly our fondly remembered '252'. Even old stalwarts such as myself, who spent more than 25 years striding its marbled halls (others spent far more), found it hard to believe this was once the basement and sub-basement of our renowned Chief Office, where thousands of files, collecting books

and leather-bound policy registers once dwelt, crumbling with time and symbols nowadays of a bygone era.

How many of the familiar faces now surrounding me, and tucking into a hearty lunch of corn-fed chicken or quinoa risotto, washed down by a non-stop flow of fine wines, had ever ventured down there, I wondered? Memory tells me we were never encouraged to do so, but had to fill in little slips that were collected by office juniors and passed to waist-coated 'supplementary' staff whose working lives were spent in this subterranean world, searching for files or storing them carefully away.



It was another world then, and it's another world now. But instead of musty files and towering racks of shelving, we now have glittering chandeliers and subtle wall-lights, enhancing a ballroom of which any dance troupe would be proud. And the perfect spot for our Anniversary lunch!

True, with 265 diners it was something of a squeeze – as were our lunches in the old Pearl Dining Club – but a lively atmosphere prevailed throughout, and judging by the babble of conversation, the clink of glasses and the endless smiles, handshakes and

hugs, a great time was being had by all – helped by the attentiveness and efficiency of the Rosewood staff.

And it was a nostalgic time! Once I'd satisfied myself that Wally Kent and his team were not going to spray DDT over us to keep down the dust and fleas, I was to enjoy the company of many folk who once held sway here and made this great building tick, and appreciate the stories that issued forth. Tales of characters blessed with prodigious personalities who once occupied large parts of our lives, and are still remembered fondly.



Fine and amusing speeches were made by Eamon Quinn, the ex-Divisional Manager of the L and BB, and by our Chairman, Colin; but for the majority the best part was networking with old colleagues. I was glad to meet up with the likes of Pete Battams, Brian Bushell, Graham Ward, and Jimmy Browning, to name a mere few; and heartened to see Arthur Henney's widow and daughter present, and also Colin Adams, albeit confined to a wheelchair after a major stroke 12 months ago, but still connecting with us all.



It was also a treat to see such luminaries as Eric Voller and Keith Nicholls, and Ken Pearce who, in his nineties, was the oldest person in the room. Flowers were rightly presented to the deserving wives of Ken and Colin, and Dave Withers won a free meal in a 'lucky dip' draw. Some also met the hotel's dog, a Labrador they have named Pearl.

This was a memorable 50th Anniversary lunch, surely never to be forgotten by those present, and it now behoves me to raise a glass to our Diamond celebration in 10 years' time. So here's to Colin, Ken, and the Committee, and to 2025! Salut!

**John Garrod – October 2015**



## Memories of 252

During the lunch, a number of conversations sparked these reminiscences, which I have jotted down before I forget them once again!

### Holborn Area

There were eleven pubs within a short walk of the building, but as the lunch break was only 45 minutes, drinking time was normally limited. However, these pubs were packed to the ceiling during fire drill evacuations and on Xmas Eve (much groping in pre PC days!)

Fire drills were always on a Thursday morning before lunch started to be prepared in the kitchens. Exit was via the main stairs, and only if it was dry. Heaven help us all if a real fire was on the main stairs at noon on a Friday and it was tipping down!



Until the late fifties there was the world's largest mail order magic shop next door (Ellisdon's) and a theatre – the Holborn Empire. Two greasy spoon cafés provided breakfast on the way in – Ben's and Quicksilvers. Cake shops thrived because of the obligation to treat everyone on birthdays, engagements, promotions, weddings, pools wins and retirements. There were few days in the year when you did not have a sticky cake in the afternoon.

A giant barber shop opposite (Herman's) catered for keeping the men's regulation haircut in trim. It had at least 15 chairs fully staffed but still a queue. Around the back, Lincoln's Inn Fields allowed just enough time for a short lunchtime walk and an ogle at the netball girls.

Once a year we would all troop over to Conway Hall to hear the outcome of the Pearl Office Guild pay negotiations. The Union had a 97% membership. Maurice Reynolds or Henry Levitt would come along from Union HQ to explain why our expectations had been dashed.



### Inside the building

Most staff entered by one of the revolving doors under the archway – now lovingly restored by the Rosewood. Before Flexitime, one had to get from there to your department before a red line was drawn in the signing-in book on the stroke of nine.

Turn left and you encountered Sargeant Osborne (The Sarge) and his team of uniformed Commissionaires. If you wanted to know anything that was going on in the building he was your man. No scandal passed his attention. He got more cakes than anyone else.

Next was the main lift, personned by Vera, who wanted to know all the scandal by quizzing you about your personal life, even though the lift was full. Did not like you pressing the up button outside if you wanted to go down!

On this side of the ground floor was the Cash department and the public counter. The only place where you might meet a policyholder and thus a place to avoid.

Through the right hand revolving doors was the Mechanisation Department, now the main bar of the Rosewood – somehow appropriate.

Going home time was 4.45pm, also on the dot. By 4.46pm the building was empty and there were some fatalities amongst the public trying to enter 252 against the tide. The safest entrance/exit was the Clerks Door at the far side of the courtyard. Only staff and postmen went in there.

The first floor was where you found the Board, the General Manager and the other top officials. You crept around here and it was a dismissal offence to encroach on the carpeted Boardroom corridor without permission. The only persons these gentlemen feared were the Sarge and Vera (not same one) the head tea lady.

The second floor was the home of the nurse and the Doctor's Room. The nurse was always busy on a Monday morning with football injuries. On the fourth floor was the Coffee Room, the main and chiefs' dining rooms and the shop. Also, there was a telephone box – the only place that 1200 staff could officially make a private call. Receiving a personal call in the department was a crime punishable by all around you stopping work and listening in.

The shop sold cigarettes, although smoking was only allowed in the Coffee Room. The main dining room had three sittings and there was a waitress service, three-course meal. Ella was the best-loved waitress as long as you could stand the bad language and you didn't want her to get you soup.

Later, when waitresses were replaced by self-service, it was reported that the number of portions served per day had increased! One or two staff had suits made with extra deep pockets and carried the salad bowl on to their evening meal.

The chiefs' dining room had the same menu as the clerks but you could have ice cream with your sweet. The officials' dining room had optional alcohol available and this often showed in the afternoon. The Board dining room had a more upmarket menu and butlers. In one period of terms/conditions negotiations, the cooks suggested to the Guild that suitable industrial action may be to poison the Board!

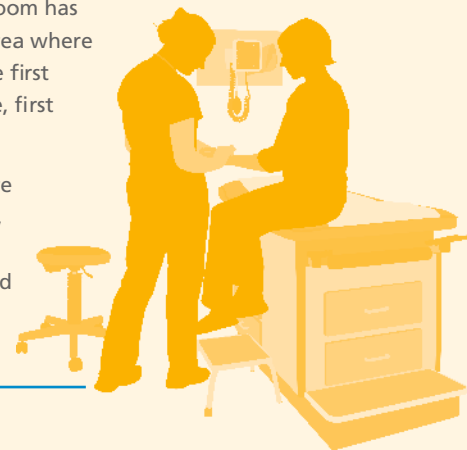
Above the fourth floor was the no man's land of the Motor, and Fire and Accident departments. The Pearl was a LIFE company and these Cinderellas were hidden away from the rest.

However, on the top floor was the telephone exchange where many a jumper was knitted to order. This productivity reduced dramatically when the exchange moved into the Cash department.

Tucked away at the back of the building was the Registry Department, the only all-female department (except for the manager of course). No young male went in there and lived to tell the tale. Dotted around the building were a number of Typing Pools, or marriage bureaux as they were better known.

In the basement there was a print works, a book binder, a carpentry shop, an audio visual room, a post room, an engineering depot and miles of filing racks. The ballroom has replaced a major filing rack area where many at the lunch would have first kissed their wives (or for some, first kissed other people's wives).

Also in the building there were Solicitors, investment analysts, and property surveyors. A self-contained city that could have survived a nuclear war?





## General

Promotion was recognised by moving nearer to the window. Section Heads had the seat that controlled whether the window was open or closed and not all agreed so there were warm and cold areas. Section Heads also had a duster, as well as the towel that was given to all and changed once a week. Section Heads shoes were cleaner. The senior lady clerk also had a duster and sat next to the Section Head, hence second from the window. Every Friday the departmental junior would change towels and dusters and it mattered not whether these had not been used, you always got a clean one. The towel did have one special use; smokers would hide their cigarettes in it mid-afternoon and head for the toilets.

The Section Head, or ADM, would decide if you could have a new biro or pencil. Anything more than 1/8th inch left on your pencil and you were told to come back another day. All were of equal status when it came to the risk of being covered in tea or coffee as the trolley roared around the department – no brakes on those things, Ella rode shotgun.

Fridays were always busy with eight/nine football teams and four cricket teams to be put together and the number of last minute dropouts. The seventh eleven captain very often had to find eleven replacements at two o'clock on a Friday, having been promoted to the sixth himself.



The key to it all was to keep your nose clean and your head down for 40 years, enjoy the free food, refreshments, sports club, and pensions alongside the cheap mortgages and the pay, which was less than the Pru but better than the Liv Vic.

If you were in the IB you hated the OB and no one at all cared about the General branch.

BUT, the common enemy was the Field Staff who were overpaid and a pain in the neck. They wanted you to do things urgently. One of the earliest lessons was not to give them your name as they will always be on the phone if you encourage them and make sure you are not around if one of your Districts is visiting!

Happy Days!

**Ken McAleer**

## Peterborough strike a pose!

There is still a trickle of new members joining as the club welcomed Dave Gaskell and Dave Ashby to its meetings.

At the same time the club now has 250 members, including six nonagenarians, with the oldest being Ted Edmonds as a young 93 year-old member.

The summer months saw the club at its most active, with outings to Wicksteed Park for a musical entertainment and a trip to M & S. That's not just any M & S, but the first market stall set up and the archive museum both located in Leeds! On a beautiful sunny day, the trip also included a guided walk around the centre of Leeds and an opportunity to carry out a little retail therapy. Overall impressions left many who travelled checking the railway timetables for a return trip.



The 'Brief Encounter' clock still ticks away at Carnforth as the Pearl party checks the time.

The residential trip based itself in the centre of Lancaster with access to many places of interest. Carnforth Railway station, the Lake District Motor museum, a boat ride the length of Windermere and a tour of Lancaster Castle, until recently a prison, were all on the itinerary. The tour of the castle was greatly enhanced by the guide (an actor by profession) whose style and presentation kept his audience enthralled.

Regrettably, the planned trip to Kenwood House and Hampstead Heath had to be cancelled, so the only remaining visit will be to the Stamford Arts Centre for a meal and to watch 'See how they run'.

Plans for the 2016 season are now being prepared by the committee and these will include the September residential trip to Normandy.

On the celebration scene, the club made presentations to David and Diana Turner and Roger and Ruth Jeffryes on their respective Golden Wedding anniversaries and our president Tom Dougall and his



Carnforth railway station.

wife Pat were also recipients of a club presentation on the celebration of their 60th Wedding anniversary.

Now that the winter months are here again, the speaking season has started and will continue through to April next year. The club will also hold its Christmas Party on 10 December and its AGM on 14 January. The Annual Luncheon will be on Friday 4 March 2016, again at Greetham Valley.

Within the club the Music Society continues to be very active during the winter with monthly programs on a Friday evening through to May, and the walkers continue to

roam the local countryside each month with the exception of December, when the boots and waterproofs take a rest. It is noted that there are now as many diners as there are walkers when it comes to the eating time!

The snooker section is now happily relocated to its Bretton home and Mondays at 10.00am is the regular meeting time.

Finally, the London 50th Anniversary luncheon was enjoyed by a large party of 60 Peterborough members, who travelled by coach and rail to '252' to join in the celebrations.

**Tony King**



Lancaster Castle.

## 'A' Division luncheon

On Wednesday 2 September 2015 the 'A' Division pensioners' association luncheon took place at the 'beautiful Ugley Chequers', Ugley, in Essex. 28 people attended, all enjoying the excellent lunch and meeting up with colleagues.

Our next meeting, which is to be held at the same venue, will be the Christmas luncheon on Wednesday 2 December 2015.

Brian Perlow



## Alan and Winn's sparkling celebration

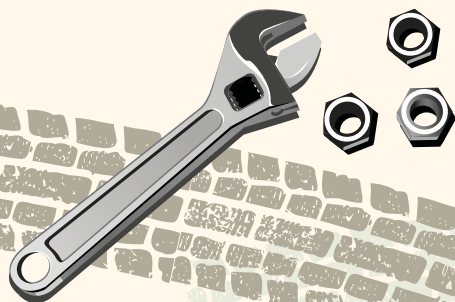


Alan and Winn Jones celebrated their Diamond Wedding anniversary on 13 August this year with a trip on board P&O Oriana.

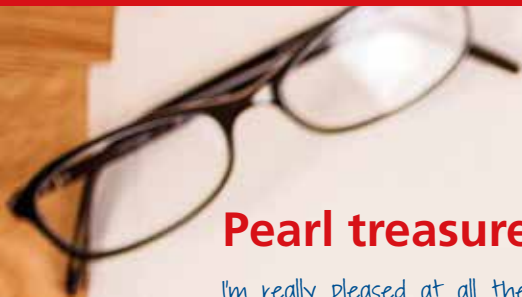
Alan retired in December 1990, after 33 years of service. He was District Manager of Newbury and Basingstoke.

## Back to the Future!

Following on from his images that were published in the last issue, Scheme member John Clifford has sent us another blast from the past. John kindly took the time to send us a picture of this model bus, complete with the banner 'Face the Future with Pearl Assurance', from the advertising campaign which appeared on many London buses for several years. The model in question was purchased by John's son at a car boot sale some years ago.







## Pearl treasures

I'm really pleased at all the contributions that come in for publication - after all it's your magazine, and they're your memories!

I recently received some lovely memorabilia from David Jones, a former District Agent at Wembdon and Bridgwater who was promoted to ADM and latterly Section Manager at Taunton before his retirement in 1994.

Having joined The Pearl in 1964, David developed an interest in collecting Pearl memorabilia during his thirty years with the Company, and he enclosed a few original printed items from his early career, which we have reproduced opposite for your interest.

David would be keen to find out if any fellow Pearl pensioners hold the same fascination for Pearl memorabilia - if you have any items you'd like to share in the magazine, please feel free to email or write to me at the address on the back page. Please do bear in mind that items must be of a high enough quality to reproduce in print, otherwise we aren't able to include them, unfortunately.

Editor







## An award for time well spent

Y Division member Edward Peek (better known to his former colleagues as Eddie) had his valuable contribution to his town's brass band formally recognised earlier this year.

The Mayor of Farnham presented Eddie with a 'Services to Farnham' Award, alongside twelve other individuals who have volunteered extensively in the town, each in their own way. Local newspaper The Farnham Herald covered the event, and kindly sent us a copy of their article to share with Pearl members, reproduced opposite.



Edward Peek (bottom row, third from the right) is shown at the Award presentation.

# DAILY NEWS

**T**hirteen remarkable people who have given thousands of volunteering hours to Farnham have been celebrated in the second of this year's Services to Farnham Awards.

The award recipients were nominated for the honour as a way to say 'thank you' for all they do to make Farnham a better place. Speaking after the presentation, the mayor, Mr Jeremy Ricketts, said: "I am proud to have been able to present Services to Farnham Awards to just some of the people who donate their time, talent, knowledge and expertise.

"It is thanks to them that musical talents have been encouraged, the environment has been improved and thousands of pounds have been raised. These people serve as fantastic community role models and have been a positive influence on the lives of so many people."

Herald proprietor Sir Ray Tindle sponsored the medals.

Edward Peek joined the Farnham Brass Band soon after it was formed in 1975 and was a committed member from its inception. He served on the committee for over 15 years, as

treasurer for five years and chairman for six years. For over 30 years, Ted played principal euphonium while at the same time running the training band, encouraging young and old alike. Ted has always been there with hard work and dedication no matter what challenges faced the band. The fact that Farnham has an enthusiastic, financially stable and thriving brass band celebrating its 40th anniversary is thanks to Ted, and people like him, and he deserves recognition for the part he has played in this success.

## Then and now

After service with the RAF in India, I arrived back in England on 16 December 1946. Almost immediately I met Joyce, whom I would later marry. She worked as a DOC in the P6 Bath Office.

I was de-mobbed in August 1947 and returned to the printing works to complete my apprenticeship. We married on 28 October 1950, and so this year celebrate our 65th anniversary.

One day in 1951, Joyce came home from work and said her manager had told her there was a vacancy for a District Agent and wondered if I was interested. By this time, because of social events, I knew most of the P6 staff quite well. To change jobs was a big decision because we lived in a flat and were now expecting our first child. While I was reasonably happy in my work I did get bored after the freedom of RAF life, so I decided to apply, was accepted

and became a DA in November 1951. At once I enjoyed the work. Early in 1952, the people who lived in a small semi-detached house at which I called said they were leaving. I was able to buy the house and we lived there happily for the fourteen years I was a DA.

In 1966 the District Manager moved away and the ADM, Ken Somers, was promoted in his place. Having worked together for all those years, Ken suggested I apply for the vacant ADM position and assured me he would back me up. I had never really seriously considered promotion, being happy as I was, however I decided to take the position if offered. Of course, in fourteen years the agency staff had changed considerably and now consisted of young men. I hoped my experience would come in useful and I thought what connections these young men might have.



1966 was a hectic year - we moved to a bigger house as the family had now grown to four children. I became an ADM and then, in 1969, DM Somers moved elsewhere. I must have been reasonably successful because the Divisional Manager called me in and said he was recommending me for the now-vacant DM position. This was confirmed on a visit to Chief Office. I think, like my predecessor, we were a bit unusual in being DA, ADM and DM in the same district.

I was DM at Bath until 1983, when I applied for early retirement under the Company scheme and retired in May of that year.

It did not end there, however, because if there was a vacancy or illness I was called upon to 'collect'. In one case, because of severe illness I collected a book for nearly two years. Despite being a collector I did the admin, the accounts and once re-wrote a collecting book, but they paid me for that.

During these years Joyce also worked many times as a temporary collector and as temporary DOC. This year I enjoy my 32nd year of retirement - which is the same number of years I worked for the Company. Did I regret leaving the factory for the 'Pearl'? Not for a moment.

By the way, a few of us ex-colleagues meet once a month for a pub lunch and a chat.

My best wishes to all Pearl and ex-Pearl colleagues.

**Frank Gibbons**



Our wedding day in October 1950.





# RETIREMENTS

Best wishes to those members who have recently retired from the Pearl Group Staff Pension Scheme.

<b>PEARL</b>			
Mrs AM Berber	Nottingham	Mrs M Hardy	Sheffield
Mrs M Chambers	Linton-On-Ouse, York	Mr HA Hodgkins	Peterborough
Mr DR Chance	Stourbridge, West Midlands	Mr JG Hogarth	Edinburgh
Mrs H Conte	Peterborough	Mr D Holman	Sheffield
Mr TA Davies	Dumbarton	Mrs JA Hunt	Surrey
Mr GC Dawkes	Peterborough, Cambs	Mr B Jooma	Middlesex
Mrs SM Day	Chilwell, Nottingham	Mrs DEC Leishman	Falkirk Central Region
Mr PG Dibben	Milton Keynes	Mr MF Lodge	London
Mr WS Dick	Kirriemuir, Angus	Mr C McFadden	Liverpool, Merseyside
Mr P Edwards	Wakefield	Miss B Nicholls	London
Mr HW Fairless	Cramlington, Northumberland	Mr RJ Paites	Hornchurch, Essex
Mr KE Giles	Havant, Hants	Mr MJC Perkins	Wick, Bristol
Mrs LJ Hale	Halstead, Essex	Mrs M Pilkington	Aldermaston, Reading
Mr MAJ Harding	Hythe, Kent	Mr AM Robb	Barnstaple, Devon
		Mr EJ Robertson	Gullane, East Lothian

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Mrs LJ Rollinson	Stevenage, Herts	Mrs L Massey	Walsall
Mrs S Ross	Whitley Bay, Tyne & Wear	Mrs EM Monk	Haywards Heath, West Sussex
Mrs J Sellars	Snainton, Scarborough	Ms JA Prosser	Bristol
Mr DP Slaughter	North Shoeburyness, Essex	Mr AL Walby	Ross-On-Wye
Mr GC Soames	Brentwood, Essex	Mr RA Walker	Reigate, Surrey
Mrs D Steed	Shrewsbury, Shropshire	Mrs PM Watts	London
Mrs L Tate	Sleaford	Mrs DK Wilkes	Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan
Mr HE Thompson	Tywyn, Gwynedd		
Mrs BA Tucker	Sidcup, Kent	<b>NPI</b>	
Mrs SJ Turner	Rochester, Kent	Mrs MM Armitage	Rugby, Warwickshire
Mrs RM Turner	Huntingdon, Cambs	Mr JCH Booth	Cheddar, Somerset
Mr PR Valters	Swindon, Wiltshire	Mrs PJ Cornford	Barnstaple, Devon
Mrs GE White	Bradford	Mrs BM Goodchild	Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk
Miss VA Winterton	Peterborough	Mrs GA Harris	Tunbridge Wells, Kent
Mrs GC Woodward	Little Dunmow, Essex	Mr P Simons	County Clare, Ireland
		Mrs D Varley	Dunstable, Bedfordshire
		Mrs SJ Wilson	Tunbridge Wells, Kent
<b>LONDON LIFE</b>			
Mr JA Compton	Holmfirth, West Yorkshire		
Mrs PR Dewar	Beaminster, Dorset		
Mr TJ Dewhurst	Brentwood, Essex		
Mrs NHM Elliott	Caterham, Surrey		
Mr J Hamilton	Headley Down, Hampshire		

**In addition to those listed above, there have been 40 early retirements from Pearl, two from London Life and one from NPI.**



# OBITUARIES

We regret to announce the death of the following Pearl Group pensioners.

<b>PEARL</b>			
<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Age</b>	
Mr WN Air	Carlisle, Cumbria	94	Mr E Charlton Newcastle Upon Tyne 89
Mr A Amour	Great Brickhill, Buckinghamshire	74	Mr PA Cook Torquay, Devon 72
Mr J Baker	Portsmouth, Hants	97	Mr JM Corlett Onchan, Isle Of Man 70
Miss KF Baldwin	Twickenham	92	Mr JI Coupar Laurencekirk, Kincardineshire 79
Mr A Beath	Glenrothes, Fife	61	Mrs IM Cousin Solihull, West Midlands 90
Mr RA Beeching	Leytonstone, London	80	Mrs P Creasey Sutton-on-sea, Mablethorpe 66
Mrs B Bell	Northallerton, North Yorkshire	83	Mr M Crooks Barnsley 81
Mr MNE Bennett	Plymouth	85	Mr P Crosskill Bury, Huntingdon 90
Mrs D Bishop	Leamington Spa, Warwickshire	92	Mrs SM Dalton Shipley, West Yorkshire 83
Mr RD Bowman	Buckhurst Hill, Essex	67	Mrs ME Daly London 88
Mr JH Brett	Halstead, Essex	92	Mr SFT Daniels Swindon, Wilts 95
Mrs SPJ Burlton	Penzance, Cornwall	90	Mr EG Davis Putnoe, Bedford 84
Mrs MP Butler	Southampton, Hampshire	80	Mr BJ Dellar Peterborough, Cambs 56
Mr TMA Carney	Malone Road, Belfast	77	Mr MN Drakefield Guernsey 84
			Mr C Dudley Sutton-In-Ashfield, Notts 80
			Mr C Duncan Portsoy, Aberdeenshire 76

Miss GS Durno	Newcastle Upon Tyne	96	Mr CA Hughes	Irvine, Ayrshire	84
Mrs LE Farrow	Fife	93	Mr GE Hughes	Prescot, Merseyside	78
Mr RH Flack	St Ives, Huntingdon	85	Miss AT Hunter	Edinburgh	70
Mr G Francis	Ledbury, Herefordshire	86	Mrs MK Hunter	Glasgow	77
Mr RG Frankland	Ryton, Tyne & Wear	89	Mrs SA Jamieson	Sandbank, by Dunoon Argyll	93
Mr PG Gill	Garforth, Leeds	81	Mrs KM Jones	Aberystwyth, Dyfed	94
Mrs I Graham	Hastings, Sussex	88	Mr AJ Kirkman	Peterborough	64
Mrs FK Green	Bridgwater, Somerset	89	Mrs N Knight	Goring-By-Sea, West Sussex	90
Mr PC Green	Bridgwater, Somerset	92	Mrs JM Lamb	Beeston, Nottinghamshire	85
Mrs IMS Hack	Cove, Farnborough, Hants	94	Mrs DM Laramy	Dorset	89
Mr KH Hancock	Boughton, Chester	90	Mrs RM Latter	Winchester, Hants	62
Mrs VA Hands	Walthamstow, London	68	Mr G Lavin	Prudhoe, Northumberland	81
Mr GJ Hanmer	Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs	66	Mrs MK Lee	Worthing, Sussex	96
Mrs YV Hanmore	Eastbourne, East Sussex	93	Mr P Lee	Tyne & Wear	71
Mrs MNL Harkness	Blackcraig, Newton Stewart	87	Mr DK Lee-Amies	Rochester, Kent	79
Mrs BA Harris	Oxfordshire	63	Mrs J Lees	Lochgelly, Fife	87
Mr J Hastings	Brentford	96	Mr JM Leno	Dorset	85
Mr K Haston	Lincolnshire	65	Mrs VB Lewis	Belvidere, Shrewsbury	91
Mrs J Haughton	High Peak	81	Mrs B Locke	Burbage, Hinckley	74
Mr BE Hayden	Ilford, Essex	74	Mrs JM Lomas	Mastin Moor, Chesterfield	77
Mrs BE Haygarth	Guildford, Surrey	92	Mrs GM Mann	Saffron Walden, Essex	84
Mr DO Hitchcock	Edinburgh	67	Mr EL Mardell	Alford, Lincs	84
Mrs WM Hodges	St Albans, Herts	100	Mr RJ Martin	West Wimbledon, London	68
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Mrs A Randall	Beccles, Suffolk	90	Mrs G Wise	Hook, Hampshire	84
Mrs MB Roberts	Wotton-under-edge, Gloucs	95	Mr BS Wood	Ripon, North Yorkshire	79
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## DIARY OF EVENTS

### **A – BISHOPS STORTFORD**

Brian Perlow – 0208 501 4376

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### **B – KENT AND SOUTH EAST**

Mike Howlin – 01843 867531

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### **C – SOUTHERN AREA**

Frank Lewry – 02380 695461

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### **CC – CUMBRIA**

Allan Hodgson – 01900 603171  
David Green – 01900 824289

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### **D – DEVON, CORNWALL, SOMERSET**

Mike Wall – 01395 274084

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### **E – SOUTH WALES**

John Jones – 01267 221113

10th December 2015 – Christmas Luncheon, Gower Golf Club, 3 Crosses, Swansea

April 2016 – AGM – Gower Golf Club, 3 Crosses, Swansea - times to be confirmed

Summer outing – TBA at the AGM

**Non-members also welcome. Please contact John direct.**

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### **F – NORFOLK, SUFFOLK, CAMBRIDGESHIRE**

Ray Fradley – 01787 280043

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### **G – WEST MIDLANDS**

Geoff Barlow – 01922 477018

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### **L – NORTHERN IRELAND**

Ross Hussey – 02882 244368

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### **M & CC**

Brian Mann – 01772 495257

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### **N – NOTTINGHAM**

Peter Norris – 0115 981 4347

20th April 2016 – Luncheon – contact Peter for further detail.

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### **P – BRISTOL**

Gerald Horseman – 01179 865922

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### **S – DURHAM**

Rodney Booth – 01325 789030

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### **T – YORKSHIRE, DERBYSHIRE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE**

Keith Smith – 0113 2812 250

7 January 2016 – ‘Showboat’ at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield

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### **V – NORTH & MID WALES, SHROPSHIRE, CHESTER**

Wilf Beaumont – 01352 710848

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**X – NORTHAMPTON**

Ray Williams – 01604 754139

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**NPI**

Paul Marsh – 01892 655230

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**CROYDON**

Robert Rose – 01778 394389

25 April 2016 – AMP annual reunion lunch,  
Croydon Bowls Club, South Croydon

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**LONDON LIFE**

Chris Essex 01225 873878

Tuesday 15 December 2015 – Christmas lunch at the  
Ostrich in Bristol.

(Please contact Chris Essex if you are not already in touch  
and would like to come along)

Monday 9 May 2016 – London Life Annual Pensioners  
Reunion Lunch, Steak & Co at 70 St Martin's Lane, London,  
WC2N 4AA

If anyone is not already in touch with me and would like  
an invite or information on future reunions please email  
me or phone – [essexes@aol.com](mailto:essexes@aol.com)

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**PEARL PENSIONERS CLUB – PETERBOROUGH**

Tony King – 01733 265589

Further information of all trips can be obtained  
from Terry Moon on 01733 262382  
or email [terry.moon19@hotmail.com](mailto:terry.moon19@hotmail.com)

Every Monday at 2pm – Snooker at Orton Southgate Club

Monthly Walk

Music Society

Second Thursday in each month at 2.30pm – Meeting at  
Alwalton Village Hall.

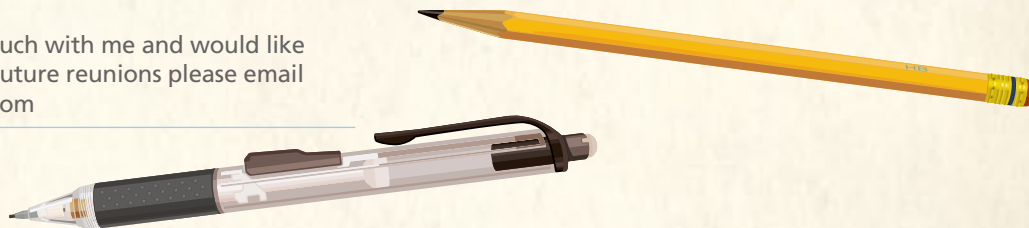
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**PEARL CHIEF OFFICE**

Ken McAleer, 212 Lynmouth Avenue, Morden, Surrey, SM4 4RP

10 May 2016 – AGM Victory Services Club, Marble Arch, London

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# YOUR CONTACTS

If you have a general query about your pension then you should contact the Scheme Administrators in Peterborough:

First Actuarial LLP  
First House  
Minerva Business Park  
Lynch Wood  
Peterborough  
PE2 6FT

Telephone: 01733 447620 Fax: 01733 393049

Email: [pearl@firstactuarial.co.uk](mailto:pearl@firstactuarial.co.uk)

[www.pearlstaffpensionscheme.co.uk](http://www.pearlstaffpensionscheme.co.uk)

For payslip queries contact the Payroll Department: Telephone: 01733 447620

For policy queries, contact the Helpline: Telephone: 0845 882 8121

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