

# PRISM



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## Gordon Mercier, 97, of Alvechurch in Birmingham, was Guest of Honour at the Picnic in the Park celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in Alvechurch.

The event was attended by 3,000 people and was opened by Gordon himself. He had a wonderful time and particularly enjoyed the flypast of the Lancaster Bomber.

He was chosen to open the celebrations as he was a member of the Veterans Association and was in the RAF in WW11. Having joined the RAF Bomber Command at 17, his first mission was on June 9th 1944. He was involved in 37 missions over Germany as a Mid Upper Gunner in a Halifax Bomber.

Congratulations go to Gordon for being chosen to open the Picnic in the Park and a big thank you to him for his bravery in the skies during WW11.

(Gordon used to work in Triplex, Kings Norton. He retired in 1990).

## Platinum Jubilee Celebrations opened by Gordon



## Lovely to celebrate with you Ma'am



## The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations took place the week commencing Monday 30th May.

Guests from the Day Centre, Ruskin Lodge guests and the Dementia Group from St Helens celebrated this very special occasion.



guests and staff alike, we even had a visit from the Queen herself (albeit not in the flesh!).

A good time was had by all. Entertainment was provided, along with a Jubilee Quiz and buffet lunch / afternoon tea.



**2 SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS**  
From 100 to 107!



**4/5 BUG, BEAR & BABY BETSY**  
Plus 76077 back on track



**7 MEET-UPS AFTER LOCKDOWNS**  
Cheers to happier days!



**8 DAVID RICKARDS**  
Blacksmith to woodworker

## EDITOR'S NOTES

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Welcome to the summer edition of *PRISM*. Life seems to be settling into a more normal routine for most of us now after a difficult and challenging two years due to the coronavirus pandemic. I do think many of us are still quite wary about mixing in crowds and maybe it will take time before we feel totally safe.

Ruskin Lodge has had its share of difficulties during the pandemic with strict rules on testing for both staff and guests, admissions and visiting restrictions. Hopefully we have come through the worst times and the Lodge is fully open again with measures in place to ensure guest and staff safety.

Welfare officers around the country have been asked about reunions this year and many are now in the planning stage. How wonderful will it be to meet up with old friends and colleagues once again?

In this edition we have some great stories, from the gentleman who bought his dream car, (mine would be a Bentley) to the Rupert Bear enthusiast.

In June, the country celebrated Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. What an amazing achievement. I wonder if this will ever be repeated? I know many street parties and events were organised around the country. If you had a street party or celebrated with friends and family, please send us your story and pictures if possible, and we will try to include some in the next edition.

Guests at the daycentre in St Helens and Ruskin Lodge enjoyed celebrating this special event. You can see their celebrations on the front page.

As always, we have said goodbye to staff and welcomed new staff over the last few months, but a special farewell should be said to the Trust's Business Administration Manager, Jackie Mafi who leaves us after 49 years. Jackie has spent all her working life in the welfare team. We wish her a well-deserved and happy retirement.

It just remains for me to say have a great summer. Let's hope the great British weather is kind to us. The warm sunny weather makes us all feel so much better.

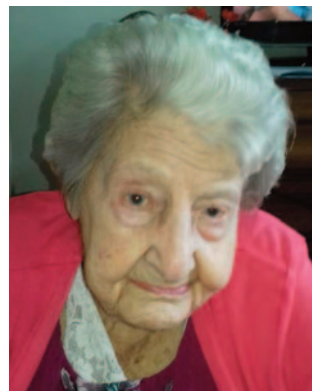
Take care and best wishes to you all.

Diane Swift

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Mary (Polly) Nicholson, St Helens, **107** on 12th January 2022.



Olive Kenny, St Helens, **102** on 23rd April 2022.



Gerald Anders, St Helens, **100** on 1st June 2022.

### Aviva Pension

Were you a member of a Pilkington pension scheme between September 1972 and April 1975?

If so, you may also have had an individual contractual pension with Aviva. If you have not already been contacted by Aviva, but think you should have been, you can contact them on 0800 156 3883.

## Congratulations to those who celebrated extra special birthdays in 2021/2022.



Mrs E Hill (known as Rose), Stourbridge, **104** on 1st June 2022.



Gwendoline Bate, Bury St Edmunds, **102** on 15th March 2022.



Elizabeth Sprogis, Rhyl, **100** on 20th December 2021.



Mary Holmes, St Helens, was **100** on 23rd April 2022 (sadly, Mary passed away in May 2022).



Catherine Barnes, Nantwich, **103** on 2nd December 2021.



Freda C Fox, Doncaster, **101** on 24th December 2021.



George D Bowling, Doncaster, **100** on 12th November 2021.



Elizabeth Fossett, Tewkesbury, **100** on 10th December 2021.



60 years: Allan and Maureen Jones, St Helens, 17/02/22.

## Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following couples who have celebrated or who are about to celebrate their anniversaries. We have received requests to include some anniversaries in 2020 and 2021 which had not been previously included due to the pandemic.

### Platinum Anniversary (70 years)

Harry (sadly passed away 19/7/20) and Jean Pickett, St Helens, 11/03/2020

### Blue Sapphire Wedding (65 years)

Stan and Joan Baker, Prestatyn, 22/12/2021  
Eric and Sheila Corns, St Helens, 14/08/2022  
Charles John (Jack) and Brenda Smart, Towyn, 22/12/2021

### Diamond Wedding (60 years)

Colin and Valerie Baker, Halesowen, 31/03/2022  
David and Patricia Bridge, St Helens, 26/03/2020  
William and Mary Davies, Rhyl, 04/06/2020  
John G and Doreen Evans, Wrexham, 08/09/2022

Anthony (Joe) and Margaret Jackson, St Helens, 05/03/2020  
Allan and Maureen Jones, St Helens, 17/02/2022  
William Richard and Inez King, Plymouth, 02/06/2022  
Charles K and Pauline Kitching, Goole, 17/12/2020  
Francis and Rosemary Kilgannon, St Helens, 21/01/2021  
Terry James and Patricia McAnerney, Birmingham, 31/03/2022

### Golden Wedding (50 years)

Norman and Judith Martindale, St Helens, 24/06/2022  
Terry and Doreen McGinity, St Helens, 18/07/2020  
Robert and Julia Smith, Worcester, 20/03/2021  
John B and Jean Waldron, Rainford, 15/08/2020  
Phil and Jan Wass, Wrexham, 28/08/2021



## We are looking for committed and compassionate volunteers to help make a difference at Pilkington Family Trust Day Centre in St Helens.

There are a variety of volunteering opportunities currently available at the day centre. If you have some spare time during the week, we can work together to find something both suitable and flexible for you and the needs of the day centre.

Our aim is to enable Pilkington retirees to live as fulfilled life as they can by helping individuals to keep active and mentally fit and to continue to live independently in their own homes for as long as possible.

Pilkington Family Trust Day Centre offers a variety of exciting and fulfilling social activities for our guests, from themed events to bingo, quizzes, flower arranging, exercise classes and much more – there is something to suit all guests.

Guests have the opportunity to get together to meet old friends and make new ones in a warm, friendly setting over a hot meal, have some fun and enjoy the activities.

Volunteers are also required to carry out the role of Chaperone on our specially adapted buses, either supporting guests to / from the day centre or on day trips to a variety of settings including garden centres, shopping outlets, a meal out or the seaside.

### Benefits to you if you choose to volunteer with us:

- Becoming part of a dedicated team.
- Allows you to share your skills, knowledge and experience with others.
- Feeling valued for your contributions to the community.
- Making a difference to our Guests.
- Enhancing your own personal profile on your CV.
- Connecting with other people in the community.
- Build new friendships.
- Complete Induction Training / other relevant training.
- Have Fun.

Want to know more or apply to become a volunteer? Please email [Debbie.hughes@pilkingtonfamilytrust.com](mailto:Debbie.hughes@pilkingtonfamilytrust.com) or telephone Debbie Hughes on: 01744 20010

## Fond farewell to...

Since the last issues, we have said a fond farewell to the following members of staff.

- ❖ Karen Daley – Carer
- ❖ Wanda Gildhart – Cook
- ❖ Roy McGinn – Carer
- ❖ Joanne Knowles – Ruskin Lodge Manager
- ❖ Jackie Mafi – Business Administration Manager



Andrew Paul Marsh  
Ruskin Lodge Driver

And welcome to our new staff members



Katie Howard  
Care Assistant



Sophie Mitchell  
Care Assistant



Phil Toole  
Welfare Officer



Rachel Greenall  
Care Assistant

## PRISM Winter 2021 Feedback

### Christine Pilkington

In the last issue of *PRISM* we asked if anyone remembered Christine Pilkington.

Elsie Berrey, beneficiary from St Helens, remembers Christine well, as she was a Girl Guide when Christine was the Guide Commissioner. The Guides used to be able to camp in the grounds of The Hazels, Christine's home.

Elsie also recognised a few of the girls, Gwen Coalville and Edith Harrison, in the group photograph taken on the beach at Penmaenmawr, North Wales. Elsie saw Christine a few years later in Grange over Sands (where Christine had moved to) and remembered that she kindly invited her home for lemonade and biscuits. Fond memories.





Les Gore at the wheel of his much-loved Bond Bug.



The Grand Tour team making preparations.

## Les Gore, beneficiary from Crawley has told us an interesting story of the fate of his beloved car - a Bond Bug.

Les, pictured at the wheel, had driven three-wheeled cars for years and, when the Bond Bug was launched in 1971, he would have loved one, but at £700, they were too expensive at the time.

Sometime later, whilst working in the engineering dept. at Greengate, he decided he would turn his life around completely by giving up smoking, paying off his debts and saving some money. Within 12 months, he had saved enough money to buy a Bond Bug. He found out about the Bug Club and joined to find any Bugs near him. After a few months of looking, one came up for sale near Lytham St Annes and he bought it for £650 - not far off the original 1971 price.

The first day he drove it to Greengate he was greeted with the question: "What on earth made you buy that?" His reply was: "It's part of our motoring heritage, the same as the Rolls Royce and the Ford Cortina." In the following years he went to rallies all over the country and apart from a circle around a rally site, he had never met another Bond Bug coming the other way, so they were pretty rare.

After attending the Club's A.G.M in 1996, he was voted in as the new Membership Secretary/Treasurer

and he really enjoyed helping people with their Bug problems as well as putting them in touch with other club members.

After writing articles for 15 years, he decided to give up the position to a younger man. When the next treasurer was voted in, he was elected to the Club position of joint Vice-President, which meant he didn't have to do anything but receive a free magazine every two months!

A couple of years ago, he decided he'd had enough of lying under his car to repair it and he put it up for sale on eBay. His hope was that someone young and enthusiastic would buy it and cherish it like he did. He was very pleased that it sold for £6,000. It was bought by Jeremy Clarkson and his team for his television programme the Grand Tour. Mr Clarkson and his team had it converted into an amphibious vehicle and at that time (2017) he successfully raced it and beat the water speed record in the 'Experimental Amphibious Unlimited Class'!

Mr Gore is still hoping that someday the car will be found at the back of a TV warehouse somewhere, and that someone will take it and restore it to its former glory.

## Bitten by the BOND BUG!



Jeremy Clarkson setting the record in 2017 in the converted car.

For those of our readers who like facts and figures.

- A small two-seater, three-wheeled car, the Bond Bug was in production from 1970 to 1974.
- It was designed by Tom Karen of Ogle Design for the Reliant Motor company.
- It had a fibreglass body with a steel chassis.
- In all, 2,268 Bugs were produced.
- The Bug Club estimates that there are 150-200 worldwide on the road, with a further 700-900 stuck in garages, barns, gardens or fields waiting to be rescued and restored.
- A little known fact is that the Bond Bug was used as the chassis on Luke Skywalker's Landspeeder in the Star Wars film.

Les sends his regards to all his ex-workmates.

## Bookworm with a passion for a bear

Harry's pride and joy - a 4' high Rupert Bear figure he purchased from an antiques shop in Bridgnorth.



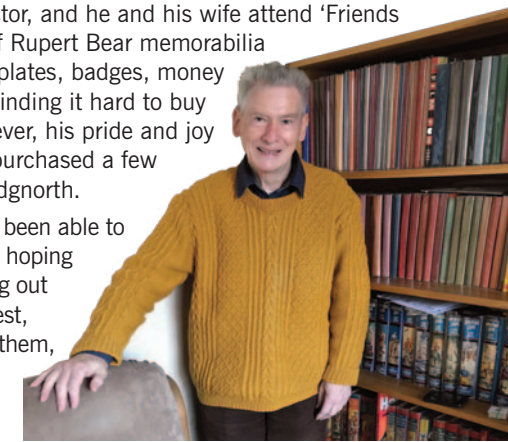
Harry Smith, Halesowen, ex-employee of Chance Brothers, Smethwick, has a passion for collecting - not only books, but also Rupert Bear memorabilia.

He has always loved reading, not being a fan of the television (indeed he doesn't even own one!). He started seriously collecting books in 1985, and used to scour second-hand book shops, book fayres and antique fayres.

His collection currently stands at 1,250 books, which comprises reference books, miscellaneous books, novels, annuals (including Rover, Every Boys, Dandy, Adventure Land, Cowboy Comic and Dr Who!), American books, Batman, Superman, Buffalo Bill books etc. They are housed in every room of the house.

He is also an avid Rupert Bear collector, and he and his wife attend 'Friends of Rupert Bear' AGMs. His collection of Rupert Bear memorabilia currently consists of 47 figurines, plus plates, badges, money boxes, jelly tins etc, though he is now finding it hard to buy things that he hasn't already got. However, his pride and joy is a four ft high Rupert Bear figure he purchased a few years ago from an antiques shop in Bridgnorth.

Unfortunately, due to Covid, he hasn't been able to go out much in the last two years, but is hoping this year he will be able to start venturing out again. His wife Janet also takes an interest, because in her words, "if you can't beat them, join them", and she now goes out with him on his searches.



## And baby makes FOUR!

Pictured left is a beautiful picture of four generations of the Cox family.

David Cox worked for Pilkington at the Leeds City Centre Office in the Accounts/ Finance Dept. Sadly David passed away in 1971, when he was 33 and his daughter Catherine was only nine years old.

Catherine has asked if we could print the photograph as it would "make her mums day". Happy to oblige.

From left to right on the photograph: Catherine, her mum Josephine holding new baby Elizabeth Catherine (going to be known as Betsy) and Betsy's mum Clare.

The question is... can anyone beat four generations in one photograph? We are sure you will let us know if you can.



## Back on Track



We have been contacted by Bob Southwell of Taddington Standard Locomotive Limited. He is one of a group of enthusiasts working hard to restore a steam engine, a standard 4, number 76077, which they believe used to transport coal into the Pilkington works at Greengate.

He would be grateful to hear from anyone who remembers seeing this engine at work, or better still any photographs, so they can build a full history of this locomotive.

The 76077 was built in Horwich in December 1956, and was sent new, to the Sutton Oak Depot in St Helens. It only survived 11 years of service, due to the railway introduction of diesel and electric trains, before ending up in Barry Scrapyard in South Wales. In 1987 it was

rescued and taken to Taddington on the Gloucester Warwickshire railway.

As you can see, the volunteers are doing a brilliant job of restoring this engine, which is still undergoing its transformation. Details can be found on their website, standard76077.com

If anyone does have any information or photographs, please call the office on 01744 742520 and we will put you in contact with Bob.

Below is a list of deaths since the last issue. Due to Pensions department having worked mainly from home during the pandemic it has not been possible for this edition to categorise those deceased (since the last issue) according to employment sites.

## Deaths

It is with regret that we report the deaths of the following pensioners.

Anderson, Peter Graham  
 Anderton, Keith  
 Appleton, Roy  
 Bain, Magnus  
 Baldry, John  
 Bamford, Charles  
 Barber, Anne Stephanie Trafford  
 Barr, Alan Anthony  
 Barron, Roderick William  
 Bateman, Desmond Philip  
 Beardsmore, David John  
 Beetle, William  
 Bickerstaffe, Joseph  
 Birchall, Jean  
 Birkett, Ann  
 Bleau, Joseph Emilien Gerard  
 Bloom, George  
 Boyle, Gerard Joseph  
 Briers, Arthur  
 Briers, Wilfred  
 Brookes, Benjamin  
 Brown, Clara E  
 Brown, Dorothy  
 Brown, Thomas  
 Burke, Robert James  
 Cain, Brian Ewen  
 Callaghan, Bryan Peter  
 Callaghan, Vincent Ronald  
 Charlton, Trevor  
 Cheetham, Frank Bowen  
 Chesworth, Joseph Edward  
 Chesworth, Peter J  
 Clark, Dennis  
 Clarke, Melfryn

Clayton, James Joseph  
 Coles, Enid Elizabeth  
 Connor, Arthur  
 Cookson, Evelyn  
 Coombs, Frederick James  
 Crank, John  
 Critchley, Peter  
 Crossland, Dacre  
 Curran, Denis  
 Cutts, William Eric  
 Dancer, John  
 Davies, Brinley  
 Barron, Roderick William  
 Bateman, Desmond Philip  
 Beardsmore, David John  
 Beetle, William  
 Bickerstaffe, Joseph  
 Birchall, Jean  
 Birkett, Ann  
 Bleau, Joseph Emilien Gerard  
 Bloom, George  
 Boyle, Gerard Joseph  
 Briers, Arthur  
 Briers, Wilfred  
 Brookes, Benjamin  
 Brown, Clara E  
 Brown, Dorothy  
 Brown, Thomas  
 Burke, Robert James  
 Cain, Brian Ewen  
 Callaghan, Bryan Peter  
 Callaghan, Vincent Ronald  
 Charlton, Trevor  
 Cheetham, Frank Bowen  
 Chesworth, Joseph Edward  
 Chesworth, Peter J  
 Clark, Dennis  
 Clarke, Melfryn

Hand, James  
 Hand, John  
 Hankinson, Ernest  
 Harris, George  
 Harrison, Daniel Clement  
 Harrison, Dennis  
 Haury, John  
 Hayes, Russell David  
 Hengler, Thomas  
 Hill, Joseph  
 Hodgetts, Brian William  
 Hudson, Arthur  
 Hughes, Merfyn Lloyd  
 Hurd, Anthony Edward  
 Ingram, Raymond G  
 Jackson, James  
 Jackson, Joan  
 Johnson, Edwin  
 Jones, Frank  
 Jones, Ronald D  
 Jones, Sidney George  
 Jotham, Terence  
 Katz, Helena  
 Kay, Kenneth  
 Knowles, Anthony Charles  
 Lamb, Phillip John  
 Lambert, David  
 Langley, Harold  
 Lawrence, Robert  
 Laycock, John  
 Lea, James Reginald  
 Leach, Christopher John  
 Leach, Philip  
 Leask, David  
 Lee, Albert  
 Leyland, Michael  
 Lightfoot, Joseph

Littler, William Desmond  
 Llewellyn, Mary Madeline  
 Lyon, John  
 Marriott, Richard Colin  
 Mars, Eric  
 Marsh, Kenneth  
 Marsh, Leslie W  
 Matravers, John Kelland  
 McCallum, George Thomson  
 McDowell, James  
 Mclean, Olga Mary  
 Meikle, John  
 Milner, David Allan  
 Mitchell, Henry  
 Molloy, Peter  
 Moran, Gerrard Kevin  
 Moran, Kevin Bernard  
 Moran, Pamela Ellen  
 Morrell, Dorothy Elizabeth  
 Morris, Emily Trefor  
 Morrison, Shirley Margaret  
 Moss, Edward  
 Narayanan, Tavakad  
 Oakes, James  
 Oliver, Dennis Ernest  
 Owen, Clifford  
 Pardoe, Raymond  
 Parkinson, Roy  
 Parr, Sydney  
 Patterson, Harold  
 Peachey, John Frederick  
 Peck, Alan James  
 Pendleton, Anthony David  
 Pennington, Maureen Brenda  
 Perry, Richard  
 Pimblett, Deryck

Powell, Michael John  
 Pritchard, William  
 Quinn, Patrick  
 Randles, Marguerita Winifred  
 Ratcliffe, Jean  
 Ratcliffe, Raymond  
 Reddington, Alan  
 Rigby, Glenn Lewis  
 Roberts, John  
 Rowlands, George Leslie  
 Ryder, Elsie Elizabeth  
 Sadd, George Ronald  
 Safhill, Ronald  
 Scurrah, Martin Alan  
 Seagreaves, Henry  
 Seaton, Ronald  
 Shannon, James Frederick  
 Shea, Alan  
 Sheldon, Leslie Raymond  
 Sheppard, James  
 Sherrington, Kenneth  
 Singleton, Roy  
 Skelding, Kenneth George  
 Smith, Neville  
 Smith, Patricia  
 Smith, Raymond  
 Smith, Raymond  
 Sproston, John  
 Squire, John Stephen  
 Stokes, Edward Stephen  
 Stonestreet, Mary  
 Sutcliffe, Frederick Paul  
 Taylor, David Anthony  
 Taylor, Philip  
 Thomson, Duncan  
 Thorp, Victor F  
 Toland, Eileen

Tomlinson, Brian  
 Topping, Raymond Lancelot  
 Travers, Roy  
 Trinder, Thomas Malcolm  
 Turner, Keith Wilfred  
 Virgoe, John Malcolm  
 Vose, Thomas  
 Walkden, Neil  
 Walker, Jeffrey William  
 Walsh, Joseph Brian  
 Webber, John W  
 Webster, Winifred  
 Welch, Christine  
 Welsby, Thomas  
 Westhead, Brian Francis  
 Whitehead, Kenneth  
 Whitehorn, Maud  
 Whittle, John  
 Wilkins, Keith  
 Williams, Richard  
 Williams, Wilfred Howard  
 Wilson, Bernard  
 Wilson, James  
 Wilson, John Joseph  
 Winter, William  
 Wisdom, Anthony  
 Withington, John  
 Woods, Barbara  
 Woods, Barbara Janet  
 Woodward, Leslie  
 Wright, Colin  
 Wright, Thomas  
 Wynne, John  
 Yates, John Allen

## TREVOR CHARLTON

It is with great sadness we report the death of Pilkington Retirement Services Limited's former Board member, Trevor Charlton.

Trevor joined Pilkington in 1952 following in his father George's footsteps into the Company as an apprentice Mechanical Fitter at Cowley Hill Works.

As Trevor neared the end of his apprenticeship, the requirement to complete National Service was coming to an end and he opted to join the Merchant Navy as a ship's engineer so he could get back to Pilkington as quickly as possible and continue his career. He signed up for the MV Salaverry of the Pacific Steam Navigation Company and travelled largely along the Pacific coast of South America.

When Trevor returned to Pilkington, he progressed to the Drawing Office and then became an Area Engineer at Cowley Hill before moving to Ravenhead CCTV

Works, eventually taking over as the Works Engineer. Following the closure of Ravenhead, Trevor moved to Triplex Safety Glass where he was appointed as Chief Engineer. Several years later, he was promoted to Divisional Chief Engineer in the Fibreglass Division based at Fibreglass Ravenhead (now Knauf) where he finished his career.

After his official retirement, at 58 years old, Trevor continued working part-time on a mainly voluntary basis until he was nearly 80 in the Pilkington Recreation Club and St Helens Housing Association.

Retirement from Pilkington also saw Trevor joining the PRSL Board in April 2000 before retiring from that role in April 2017. During his tenure his counsel



and support helped guide the welfare programme and the services that are provided to nearly 7,000 retirees of Pilkington NSG. Trevor died in March 2022, leaving behind a wife Enid and two children, Gary and Jan.

## MARILYN BROOKS

It is also with great sadness that we report the recent death of Marilyn Brooks, former Managing Director of Pilkington Retirement Services Ltd.

Marilyn took up her position as Managing Director in 1991 having previously been in a management role within the Company.

She retired from the Company in 2000 after 33 years' service.

## Retirements Below is a list of retirements since the last issue

### BP BRANCHES

Gill, Christopher  
 Hilton, John  
 Moore, Robert  
 Webster, Stephen Joseph  
 Welsby, Paul  
 Wilson, John

### GREENGATE

Foreman, Geoffrey Howard  
 Griffiths, Bryan Kenneth  
**GROUP FUNCTIONS**  
 Lyons, Mark Joseph

### IS GROUP SERVICES

Lea, Martin John  
**KINGS NORTON**  
 Ayres, Julia Ann  
 Bhachu, Sukvinder

### LATHOM

Fletcher, Anne  
 Howard, Jeanette  
 Malone, Janet

### PUKL

Dooley, Paul Ronald  
**R & D**  
 Wain, Peter  
 Woods, James T



On Monday 21st March 2022, 17 beneficiaries and their guests attended the Robin Hood Pub in Tunbridge Wells for a meal and social gathering.

Everyone had a good time and agreed that it was great to be able to meet up again after the

lockdown restrictions.

On Tuesday 29th March 2022, 12 beneficiaries and their guests attended the Harps Inn in Minster. The event was attended by Diane Swift, the Pilkington Family Trust Programme Manager and

Lin Walsh, Welfare Officer for the South East. Again, everyone had a lovely time and said they thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon. The photographs show some of the beneficiaries at both gatherings, enjoying their lunch.

## Dementia Support Racing Afternoon



St Helens Dementia Group and the Ruskin Lodge Day Centre joined together and attended a race afternoon at the Willowbrook Living Well Centre in St Helens.



They thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon with a buffet of sandwiches, strawberries and cream, tea, coffee and non-alcoholic wine. Some dressed for the occasion with hair fascinators and caps and there was a lot of competitive race-betting taking place, which brought fun to the occasion.

## Contact us...

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# From blacksmithing to woodworking

**David Rickards, St Helens, was a trained Blacksmith, retiring from Triplex in 1998.**



He built himself a workshop from old wood and packaging that the furnaces used to arrive in and taught himself woodwork.

As you can see from the photographs, David now keeps himself busy by making walking sticks, bowls, pots, bird-houses etc.

Mainly, the wood he uses is reclaimed from old window sills and offcuts from felled trees. He attends Wigan Woodcraft group every two weeks and will often teach there.

David used to sell his work at local Craft Fairs, but obviously that has been on hold in recent years due to the pandemic. However, he is hoping to resume again in July this year.

## Back in the Day

*Thanks go to beneficiary Alan Carlton, who visited our office in St Helens in November 2021 and donated several DVDs.*

He had managed to download old cine footage of Pilkington works' processions over the years and it's a fascinating insight into the buildings and people of 'old' St Helens. We will probably show some of these photographs in future issues of *PRISM*.

He had also taken photographs of the Triplex Works before, after, and during demolition between 2007 and 2008. Two of which are pictured above.

For those who may have moved away, the old Triplex Works site is now a housing estate.

## Reminder: £20 and £50-note change-over



### Out with the old...

*Paper £20 and £50 notes are being withdrawn on 30th September.*

The paper £20 features Adam Smith.

The paper £50 features Matthew Boulton and James Watt.

The last day you can spend these notes is 30 September 2022

### ...in with the new

*They have been replaced by new polymer £20 and £50 notes.*

The new £20 features JMW Turner. It entered circulation on 20 February 2020.

The new £50 features Alan Turing. It entered circulation on 23 June 2021.



*Pictured: Cath Fenney, Diane Swift, Welfare Programme Manager, and Kath Woods.*

## Thank you ladies!

*An afternoon tea and presentation was held on the 5th May 2022, to express our gratitude for the years of service and commitment that Cath Fenney and Kath Woods have given to us at The Pilkington Family Trust. Between these wonderful ladies they have volunteered their service for over 30 years, a great achievement.*