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Thank you Your Majesty

On the 8th September 2022, it was with great sadness that we learned that Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II had passed away.

It came as a shock, as only days before, the Queen had been pictured greeting the new Prime Minister. It was only a matter of weeks earlier that the country had been celebrating her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee.

Queen Elizabeth II was both the oldest and longest serving sovereign in this country's history. In 1947, around the time of her 21st birthday, when she was Princess Elizabeth, the future Queen said: "I declare before you that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service and to the great Imperial family to which we belong. I shall not have the strength to carry out this resolution unless you join in it with me, as I now invite you to do. I know that your support will be unfailingly given. God help me to make good my vow and God bless all of you who are willing to share it."

There is no doubt that Her Majesty kept her promise and she devoted her whole life to service, not only to Britain, but to the countries where she was Queen and Head of State.

During her reign the Queen saw many changes in technology, industry and many more developments. She was served by 15 Prime Ministers. During the war she served as a mechanic and truck driver as a Second Subaltern with the Women's Auxiliary Territorial Service (equivalent to a Second Lieutenant).

Following the news that the Queen had passed away, the outpouring of grief could be seen around the world. In Britain, people queued for hours to walk past the Queen's coffin. On the day of Her



His Majesty King Charles III

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Majestys funeral, the streets of London were packed with people wanting to pay their respects to a Queen who was loved and respected and who meant so much to so many people. We should also remember that Her Majesty was also a mother, grandmother and a great grandmother and a family have lost someone they love.

With the passing of the Queen, it is now time for us to welcome our new monarch, King Charles III.



Jean's 50 years' service award

Jean Wright, beneficiary from St. Helens, recently received a certificate and medal from St John Ambulance for her hard work, volunteering and fundraising spanning 50 years.

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You are now able to scan the QR code below for direct access to the Pilkington Family Trust website, where you will find news of the Trust Fund, details of Ruskin Lodge, job vacancies and much more.

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EDITOR'S NOTES

Happy New Year to everyone. I hope it is a good year for you. I wonder what this year will bring?

Reflecting on the last 12 months, as we tend to do at this time of year, we had some major events take place. We mourned the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, which came as a shock to most of us as it happened so soon after the celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

The front page is a tribute to our longest serving Monarch and to a lady who gave so much to her country. She will be missed. What an amazing lady she was. We now welcome King Charles III and we can look forward to his Coronation in May. What a special occasion it will be.

We also had three Prime Ministers last year - that has to be a record. I am sure we are all hoping for a more settled year and perhaps see the cost of living falling and fuel prices reducing. We can only hope.

For sports fans, England women's football team won the Euros. Sadly, our men's teams from England and Wales didn't fair as well in the recent World Cup.

I hope you received your calendar at the end of last year. We tried to put in photographs from around the country and reflecting the different seasons. Thinking ahead it would be great to have a special theme for next year's calendar.

If anyone has ideas for an interesting theme, please let us know. We have put in scenes from around the country for the last two years and it would be good to have a change.

All our services are now operating as they were before the pandemic. It has been a long time coming hasn't it, almost three years?

Please don't forget to e-mail, phone or speak to your local welfare officer or contact the St Helens office, if you have any stories which may be of interest for future editions of *PRISM*. Best wishes for the year ahead.

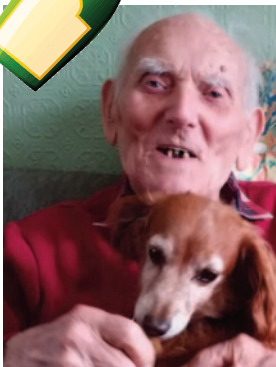
Diane Swift
Editor

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Freda Fox, Doncaster, 102 on 24th December 2022.

Special birthdays



Arthur Cook, Birmingham, 101 on 13th August 2022.



Dorothy Pierce, St Helens, 101 on 31st July 2022.



Elizabeth Fossett, Tewkesbury, 101 on 10th December 2022.



Arthur Gee, Wigan, 100 on 15th August 2022.



Dorothy Faulkner, Kidderminster, 100 on 20th August 2022.

2022 birthdays not pictured

- Kathleen Harrison, Kirkby, 100 on 21st August
- Everil Paterson, Ormskirk, 102 on 23rd August
- Ronald Coakham, Pontnewydd, 100 on 12th December
- Elizabeth Sprogis, Rhyl, 101 on 20th December
- Edna Brewin, Chester, 100 on 27th December

Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following couples who have celebrated or who are about to celebrate their special anniversaries.



Platinum Wedding (70 years)

Robert and Sheila DaCosta, Manchester, 19th September 2021

Blue Sapphire Wedding (65 years)

Harold and Joy Deakes, Doncaster, 25th May 2022

Richard and Marjorie Dixon, St Helens 15th June 2022

Joseph and Glenys Hodgkinson, Wigan, 17th August 2022

Diamond Wedding (60 years)

Geoffrey and Margaret Copley, Chesterfield, 14th July 2022

Frank and Pat Forber, Wrexham, 24th September 2022

Philip and Catherine Gaskell, Cambridge, 3rd November 2022

Ralph and Carol Hadley, Birmingham, 23rd March 2023

Arthur and Joan Holland, St Helens, 24th January 2023

Denise and John Hooley, St Helens, 2nd March 2022

Gwynfryn and Maureen Jones, Abergele, 22nd September 2022

Leslie and Marjorie Kay, Warrington, 8th December 2022 (pictured below)

John and Maureen Lee, Morecambe, 13th October 2022

Roy and Sylvia Leese, Doncaster, 19th June 2022

Alan and Kathleen Lowry, St Helens, 13th October 2022

Dennis and Eileen McCarthy, Milton Keynes, 29th September 2022

Fred and Christine Miller, Spalding, 23rd March 2023

Lesley and Alan Platt, Wigan, 13th October 2022

Golden Wedding (50 years)

Michael and Susan Batsford, Birmingham, 16th September 2022

Richard and Yvonne Carr, Birmingham, 17th July 2022

Gordon and Ann Cochrane, Largs, 18th August 2022 (see article on p3)

Terry and Marguerite Ford, Plymouth, 11th November 2022

Stephan and Janet Jarvis, Royal Wootton Bassett, 16th September 2022



Leslie and Marjorie Kay.



Golden wedding celebrated in spectacular style

Gordon and Ann Cochrane beneficiaries from Largs, North Ayrshire, celebrated their Golden Wedding on 18th August 2022 in spectacular style, as you can see from the photographs above and below.

While on a two-week cruise from Vancouver to Alsaka, the couple took a ride through the Rockies. They also visited Gordon's cousin in Calgary where they were amazed to see an historic former Pilkington warehouse, still proudly showing its name in huge letters around the building.



A fond farewell to...

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

- ❖ Sue Birkett - Ruskin Lodge Kitchen Assistant
- ❖ Angela Shepherd – Welfare Officer, Yorkshire
- ❖ Ian Blackburn – Ruskin Lodge Coach Driver
- ❖ Sandra Hewitt – Weekend Meals Driver
- ❖ Rachel Greenall – Ruskin Lodge Care Assistant
- ❖ Vonnie Evans – Welfare Officer, South West

...and welcome to our new members of staff



*Lilian Mitchell
Ruskin Lodge
Kitchen Assistant*



*Jayne Harris
Ruskin Lodge Cook*



*Kerry Appleton
Ruskin Lodge
Care Assistant*



*Wayne Pickett
Welfare Officer
Yorkshire*



*Danielle
McQuiggan
General Admin
Assistant*



*Sam Desmond,
Ruskin Lodge
Manager,
who has been
in post
for 12 months.*

And baby makes 5!

We asked the question in the last issue of PRISM if anyone could beat the four generations of the Cox family ?

Jean Davies, beneficiary from St Helens kindly obliged with a picture of five generations of her family! Pictured left to right are: Granddaughter Vicky, Great Granddaughter Natasha, Jean herself holding new baby Louie and daughter Lorraine.

The question now is, of course, do we have a photograph of six generations?

If you are sending any photographs into us please email them as a JPEG.

Thank you.



**Thomas Smith:
AWARD-
WINNING
pigeon
breeder and
racer.**



Thomas, who is from Haydock, St Helens, retired from Pilkington in 1989 after 30 years' service working in Transport at Ravenhead and Sheet Works. He has been breeding and racing pigeons for over 35 years and has won many awards.



The furthest he has raced his pigeons is from Iceland! He has an average of 50-60 pigeons at any one time. Thomas is pictured, as are his current young stock of pigeons (they are marked with a dye so that they can be identified if they accidentally end up in another breeders loft!).

Also pictured are two of his award winning birds. One of his award winning pigeons was named Super Dick after his brother Richard!



Before, during and after!



David Roberts, known as Ray, beneficiary from St Helens, has kindly forwarded photographs of his wife's old Mini Cooper which had been recently lovingly restored.



The car had been in the family since 2001 and was in regular use until 2009 when, at the ripe old age of 19, the Mini Cooper was retired, under cover, in Ray's garden.

In 2018, Ray decided to clean it up and put it back on the road. In 2020, with everything stripped off the vehicle, the bare shell was put on a trailer and sent to The Mini Restoration Company in Sutton. As Ray simply put it: "The nice man cut off all the rusty bits and welded on some new bits!"

As lockdown continued, and the bodyshell was

away at the restorers, Ray had a lot of time on his hands and was able to work on the remaining parts of the car in his garage, the front and rear subframes, brakes, suspension etc. Luckily, during lockdown he was still able to order new parts from the Internet.

When the body shell returned, he started to put it back together, windows, wiring loom, seats etc and overhauled the engine.

As you can see from the photographs the outcome of all the hard work is absolutely amazing.



Ray can be seen stood next to the finished car, proudly showing it off at a Classic Car Show in St Helens town centre.

Ray advises that the Mini Cooper is now 32 years-old and is better than it ever was.

Ann O'Donnell, wife of Pilkington beneficiary David O'Donnell of St Helens, loves taking photographs.

A member of the 'Photographic Minds', camera club who meet in the Millenium Centre, St Helens once a week, Ann's favourite topic is Nature. She has had photographs published in the local newspaper and also enters them into photographic competitions.

Ann tries to post a new photograph every day on her Facebook page. I am sure you will agree the photographs are stunning.



Photographer Ann O'Donnell.



PRISM Summer 2022 Feedback

Thanks once again to Alan Carlton, St Helens, (Back in the Day article), who has donated some DVDs, this time of Pilkington's Inter Works Rugby Knockout Tournament, July 1990.

We are currently trying to obtain some stills from the DVDs and, if successful, we will show them in future issues.



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Pictures show a very proud Jean with her certificate and medal.

Service award



Jean was in her early 30's when she decided to complete a first aid course as she had young children in her family.

During the course Jean was asked if she would like to join St John Ambulance and she agreed.

After completing three years' training she was then out 'on duty' as a first aid responder at various events in the St Helens area.

Often seen at the Sherdley Show, Haydock Park Racecourse and at the old Knowsley Road rugby ground, Jean did duty volunteering until she was 60 and then joined St John Ambulance Fellowship.

The Fellowship is part of the division that fundraise by manning stalls selling bric a brac, jewellery, clothing etc at local markets and church events.

Unfortunately, as with many outdoor events, Covid put a halt to her fundraising help. However, during the pandemic, the Fellowship did continue to raise money and Jean hopes to return to fundraising in St Helens shortly.

Deaths

Below is a list of deaths since the last issue. If place of work was not known, the death will be included under the Pilkington Group Limited heading.

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

AGR REDDITCH

Perrins, John

ARCHITECTURAL

Lloyd, Bernard
Moxham, Gerard
Whalley, George

AUTOMOTIVE ECCLESTON

Gallimore, Derek
Reilly, Francis

AUTOMOTIVE KINGS NORTON

Taylor, Terence

BIRCH STIGMAT

Haffenden, Hilda
Prior, David
Weaving, Jean

CHANCE

Cartwright, Jean
Deaves, David

CHANCE BROTHERS

Barraclough, Peter
Husein, Abubaker
Rigby, Elsie

CHANCE PILKINGTON

Davies, Heddwyn
Owen, Kathleen

CITY ROAD

Norton, Eric

COWLEY HILL

Burrows, Albert
Chester, Anthony
Chorlton, Alan
Davies, Brian
Davock, Robert
Eccleston, Ronald
Gater, Bernadette
Holmes, John
Hooley, Joseph
Jones, Raymond
Moore, Brian
Rigby, John
Roberts, John
Smith, Geoffrey
Topping, Malcolm

DONCASTER

Bowling, George
Sabin, Jeffrey

FIBREGLASS

Pennington, John

FIBREGLASS RAVENHEAD

Brooke, Arthur
McFarlane, Thomas
Samuel, Ronald
Smith, Margarita

FLAT GLASS

Blakesley, Clarence
Brereton, Robert

GREENGATE

Burgess, Dennis
Illidge, Frank
McIlroy, Ian
McWalters, James
Quirk, Frank
Wilson, Neil

GROUP FUNCTIONS

Lygo, John

HEAD OFFICE

Brindle, Arnold
Broadbent, Frank
Brooks, Alan
Burgoyne, Ian
Fairbrother, John
Foster, Marjorie
Hutchin, Joan
Milnes, Harold Barry
Taylor, Ian
Wilcock, David

LATHOM

Alderson, John
Byrne, Anita
Finch, John
Finney, Douglas
Jenkins, Michael
Knowles, Peter
Proctor, Basil
Vose, Donald
Ward, Paul
Whitfield, Peter
Whittingham, Thomas
Wylie, John

P.O.P. LIMITED

Carrington, Ian

PIL PONTYFELIN

Carr, Peter
Smith, Clifford

PILKINGTON AEROSPACE

Belfield, Alan
Bevan, Ronald
Blackburn, Mark
Ehlers, Robert
Hutchings, David
Jones, Francis
Price, Steven

PILKINGTON GROUP LIMITED

Beardmore, Dorothy
Boyes, Alan
Burke, James
Butler, Peter
Clancy, Michael
Cook, Sydney
Cunningham, David
Garforth, Daniel
Guest, Joseph

Hodson, John
Johnson, Kenneth
Jones, Barbara
Keen, Brian
Kelly, Kathleen
Lancaster, David
Lawrenson, Anne
Livesey, Albert
Lowe, Graham
Molyneux, Peter
Moran, John
Osborne, Derek
Pritchard, Royce
Ratcliffe, Phyllis
Rigby, Gerald
Rowland, Brian
Russell, John
Ryan, John
Savage, Keith
Sherrington, Robert
Smith, Moira
Tabern, Beryl

PILKINGTON INSULATION LIMITED

McCleave, John
Pimblett, Alan

PILKINGTON REINFORCEMENTS

Jones, Thomas

PILKINGTON RETIREMENT SERVICES

Brooks, Marilyn

PONTYPOOL

Williams, Charles

PPE ST ASAPH

Lyne, Cecil
McNamee, Dennis
Pritchard, Richard

PRL

Delaney, Terence
Williams, Eric

PRL STIRLING

Tripney, John

PRL WREXHAM

Harrington, Frank
Jones, Philip

PUKL

Dangerfield, Clifford
Farrell, James
Humphrey, Harvey
Kleu, Geoffrey
Romain, Michael
Swift, Robert

PUKL DRONFIELD

Rawson, Joan

PUKL LEEDS

Boardman, John

PUKL P&M DOWNSTREAM SITES

Day, David
Powell, Michael
Sparkes, Christopher

QUEENBOROUGH

Brown, Martyn

QUEENSFERRY

Jones, Beryl

RAVENHEAD

Ashurst, George
Bannerman, Norman
Highcock, Alfred
Hurst, Denis
Nicholson, Mary
Pennington, Bernard
Roberts, Veronica
Smith, Ronald

ST ASAPH

Haycock, Kenneth
Jones, John
Mortimer, Dewi
Redpath, David
Rutherford, John
Simpson, Peter

TRIPLEX ECCLESTON

Atherton, Douglas
Carey, John
Dawson, Raymond
Dignam, Joseph
Dysart, William
Eden, Emily
Jaundrill, James
McCaughey, Alan
McCrorey, Martha
McDonald, John
Mulligan, James
Murphy, Norah
Simms, Thomas
Smith, Alan
Statter, William
Taylor, Stephen

TRIPLEX KINGS NORTON

Cauldwell, Leslie
Evans, Laurence
Moore, Ronald
Shortall, Joseph
Willoughby, John
Wolbold, Nettie

WATSON STREET

Bacon, Robert
Cartwright, William
Clarke, John
Fletcher, Thomas
Friar, John
Greenall, David
Hardman, Dennis
Kenny, William
McNulty, Edward
Mellor, Ernest

Retirements

Below is a list of retirements since the last issue

AGR

Luck, Gary

GROUP FUNCTIONS

Fletcher, Michael
Ward, Robert

PILKINGTON RETIREMENT SERVICES

Shepherd, Angela

R & D

Mackley, Ian
Rickards, Anthony

NOTICE FROM SUMMER 2022 EDITION

Please note that the Alan Anthony Barr noted under the deaths section in the last issue, is not Alan Barr from Rainhill who is quite well!

Living well with dementia

The Trust Fund has a dedicated Dementia Support Team in St Helens consisting of an Admiral Nurse, Gill Connor, and Support Worker, Maralyn Devlin. They are both available to offer advice and support on a wide variety of issues affecting individuals living with Dementia and their carers.



The focus of their work is with the carer to prevent carer breakdown, support independence and improve their sense of well-being and enhance their quality of life. This can be simply by signposting to the appropriate statutory services or working closely with the family to identify coping mechanisms.

Gill is a Dementia Specialist. She provides home visits or phone consultations in the St Helens area, to identify needs, and helps carers to develop skills in care giving, support in accessing appropriate services, and provides up to date information.

Gill recently took part in the 'Walk 30 miles in September' fundraiser for Dementia UK. She walked at least a mile every day in September and raised £238. Dementia UK supervise and train Gill in her role as an Admiral Nurse.

Maralyn, provides social opportunities for the carer and the person living with dementia, providing a friendly and supportive service. This includes lunch trips to various venues with pick up and drop off within the local area, afternoon teas/hot pots with a quiz and bingo and an entertainment afternoon (Reflections) with a light buffet, raffle and singer.



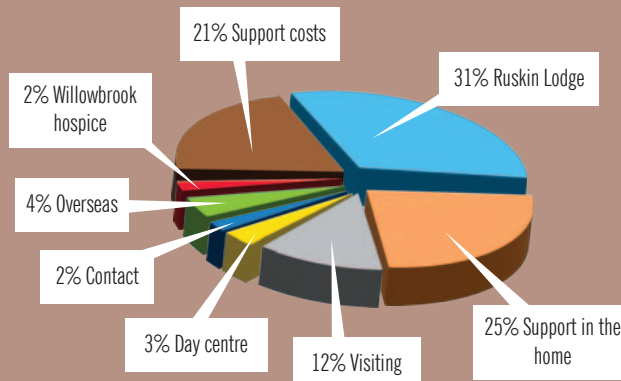
For further details on the service please contact: Gill on 01744 742538 or Maralyn on 01744 742522.

Caption Competition



Please send in your most humorous captions for this poor Triplex lorry, for the chance to win a £20 M&S voucher.

Financial year 2021/22



The C&A Pilkington Trust has continued to provide care and support to beneficiaries.

The total amount spent on services and support was £3,203,939 in the financial year to 31st March 2022.

A snapshot of how the money was spent is shown above.

The income to fund expenditure is mainly generated by investments.

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Nature of enquiry:

If you prefer you may wish to complete the slip and return it to the above address, and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

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Paul Morgan's visit to Australia and New Zealand



The trip to Australia and New Zealand was my first overseas since the pandemic.

As you may remember from the news both of these countries closed their borders very quickly to stop the spread of Covid, this worked very well in New Zealand but was not as successful in Australia. This led to many extended lockdowns in a variety of states, in particular Victoria.

These happenings were still a topic of debate and news when I arrived, thus proving things are still the same the world over. This feeling of déjà vu was reinforced with the rises in interest rates and general worries about inflation in both locations being announced daily on the news channels. Although interestingly, energy prices are relatively low in New Zealand as they draw energy from geo thermal and hydro supplies.

The weather when I landed in Melbourne was

colder than the UK and continued that way until I left. I seem to take rain with me wherever I travel. There have been floods in both New South Wales and Queensland for the last two years. Yet on my previous visit the country had been ravaged by wild fires, there is definitely a change in weather patterns that I have witnessed over the last 20 years.

On a lighter note, Australians were euphoric at their results in the football World Cup, progressing unexpectedly to the last 16 (as it happened they were knocked out of the tournament just as I arrived home).

Although I was able to trump their bragging by pointing out that the England cricket team had just won the World T20 final just after I arrived.

The trip itself was as enjoyable as ever with myself being able to renew old acquaintances with people I have grown to think of as friends over the years. Sadly some of my dearest friends had passed away since my last trip.

The sheet glass plant at Whangarei (New Zealand) was actually closed 30 years ago this year and the beneficiaries were reliving the nostalgia of its heydays. They cannot believe that all these years later we are still supporting them in some small way as required.

We provide the support through a national coordinator and a team of dedicated volunteers who are all ex-employees of the company. They are still very much part of the Pilkington 'family' and to a man (and woman) said it was the best company they had ever worked for. This is the same feeling expressed by everyone I talked to during my visit.

This reinforces my belief that the Pilkington Family Trust attempts to be "THERE TO CARE WHEN CARE IS NEEDED" no matter where you are in the world.

Paul Morgan, MD



Unfortunately it's scamming season again!

Scammers are using rocketing energy bills to con customers out of hard earned cash when they need it most. The average household still faces having to pay £2,500+ a year for energy despite the governments cap on unit prices. Please look out for the following texts

■ You get a text or email offering a discount .

The text or email will appear to be from the energy regulator Ofgem or the Government 'offering' an energy bill rebate for £400. If you click on the link you'll be directed to a fake application form. Remember, your £400 energy rebate will be paid automatically – you don't need to do anything.

■ You get a text or email claiming you are due a refund.

Fraudsters are sending texts / emails claiming to be from your energy supplier. It will say you are due a refund as you have paid too much. The link will take you to a form to complete asking for personal information and bank details . Remember your energy firm will never ask for information in this way.

■ You're offered a cheap prepayment meter token.

Criminals are cloning pre-payment meter tokens with credit and selling them at a reduced price. You will end up paying for the same amount of energy twice as your supplier never receives the payment and the tokens are fake.

■ Tempting you with cheaper deals.

Many of us are worrying about sky-rocketing energy bills. You are usually able to fix your tariff to provide security and reduce costs. But there are currently no fixes on the open market that are worth switching to. Scammers are calling people claiming they are from a price comparison site that is offering a special offer for a limited number of customers. They will urge you to switch now to secure the deal and ask for your bank details. Avoid at all costs .

■ You see an energy saving device advertised online.

Fraudsters are trying to sell a scam device that goes by several names, including Motex, Voltex and Voltbox. They are saying it could slash a £151 monthly bill to just £15.

The device costs £59 on line and looks like a plug you put into your power socket . The gadget will not only leave you out of pocket but may also put your life in danger. None of them passed the WHICH basic safety test and were at risk of causing fire or electric shocks and there was no evidence they would save you anything on your energy bills .

Remember if you think the offer sounds too good to be true, it probably is!