

## RETIRED MEMBERS

JUNE 2011

### UNITE CLARIFY RETIRED MEMBERSHIP

Unite has confirmed that when a member retires the membership service is calculated at that date. Members with less than 20 years membership at the time of retirement are unable to pay the balance of months/years to meet the 20 year eligibility for free membership. Members with less than 20 years service must pay £12.96 a year by direct debit to maintain retired member status.

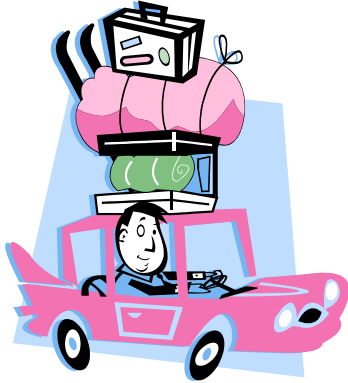


### NEW ACTS/UNITE PENSION TRUSTEES

Following a ballot two new trustees were elected at the Branch Committee on 30<sup>th</sup> June. There were 12 candidates and after a paper ballot Ravinder Gill (Exec & PPA Constituency) and Margaret Lynch (Eastern Region) were elected.

### HOLIDAYS

I hope you are still enjoying your holidays. I had two great weeks in Northumberland. Unbeatable scenery. Visited Edinburgh and Jedburgh, having never really visited those places before, and they were interesting places.



My car was like that!!

### **MORE REVIEWS**

The new AGS for Regions, Cliff Williams is reviewing the operation of ranges ranging from car usage to use of non organising staff in regions. Unite/ACTS are being involved with consultation and negotiation.

### **PENSIONS**

Various developments are occurring. There is slow progress in merging the COSHE scheme with Unison's scheme.

The Pensions Working Group is to reconvene to discuss the Unite/ACTS proposals relating to the default retirement age; flexible retirement and the triennial value of the scheme is underway.

### **BRANCH EMPLOYED STAFF**

The Branch Committee set up a sub committee for these staffs who have a number of serious problems. They are fighting to get some branches to apply the Unison Pension Scheme; redundancies; worse pay and conditions; changing contracts of employment and creating organising posts on lower pay than that paid by Unison.

### **RETIRED MEMBERS**

I realise some of you may already know about colleagues who have retired. I don't always know who has; as I only monitor the members of UNITE/ACTS. However below are those who are either full members (active) or non active members.

Marina Turner	Bromley LG Branch
Sharon Mee	North West
John Rhodes	North West
Greg Grant	Eastern
Peter Croxford	South East
Kathryn Goodman	West Midlands

Bob Blundell	North West
John Barratt	Eastern
Mrs F Betts	South East
Ms H Berry	South West
Mrs S Britton	South West
Mrs L Buckham	Northern
Andy Campbell	South East
Mrs B Cocking	Yorkshire
B C Cooper	South East
K Oasgood	South West
Ian Pointon	Eastern
Rod Robertson	National Office
Tom Snow	Greater London
Ann Vinden	Eastern

### **DEATHS**

Again, the list is not exhaustive, but below are those I am aware of:

Gerry McCullough	Northern Ireland
Ted Ellins	South West
Margaret Morey	Nalgo HQ
Ann Skinner	Oxfordshire Branch
Mrs V Glogg	
Geoff Greenald	Yorkshire
Jimmy James	Nalgo HQ
Geoff Lister	Nalgo HQ
Mrs O McKay	
Mrs G M Middleton	
Ivor Walker	
Doreen Lancaster	
Anne Greaves	
Isabel Mackenzie-Thomas	

### **KEEP IN TOUCH!!**

Don't forget let me know of any change of address and if you haven't already done it let me have your email address as this does improve communications.



**BE HAPPY.....join a protest!!**

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