

CONTRACTORS AND MECHANICAL PLANT ENGINEERS NORTH WEST BRANCH FEBRUARY 2010

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REMEMBER THE JUBILEE TRUST IS FOR THE MEMBERS BENEFIT PLEASE

CONTACT ANY OF THE ABOVE IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM.

An early newsletter this month, because the Ladies night will soon be with us and I need to get as many members and wives to attend, and also for members requiring accommodation the Hotel needs numbers.

Now for the details, the Branch once again will subsidize the members, the members and there partners only pay for one ticket £28.50, the Widows go free, if they bring a companion it will cost £28.50. The accommodation charges are £80.00 for a double and £60.00 for a single.

The function is once again at the Scarisbrick Hotel on Saturday the 27th of February 2010, 6/30P.M. for 7 P.M. The Preston Branch who are the main organizers this time has come up with a disco called Classic Sound, who have been highly recommended. The meal which they have chosen is again up to the standard of last year, which was well received.

All I require now is a telephone call to confirm that you are attending and if you are bringing guests. My number 01695 722067.

Do your best to attend this is the highlight of the year well subsidized by the Branch, you will have a really good evening amongst good friends.

Now let's talk about Rene Surrey. She was 100 years old on the 21st of January 2010, and for those who could not attend her party on the following Sunday the 24th you missed a good afternoon out. There were plenty of Rene's friends, and neighbours in attendance 50 in total. The Branch presented her with an inscribed Lancashire Chrystal vase, and a large bouquet of flowers. We also had a special cake made with 10 candles each candle representing a decade. We must also thank the staff of Park Hall Restaurant who worked hard to make this a special day. National also sent a bouquet which Rene appreciated.

She also had lots of cards, and presents given to her by her many friends. Her family could not be with her because of the weather but they are taking her back to

Leeds on Sunday the 31st of January 2010 for another party with the rest of her family.

She really enjoyed herself and for her age she is in very good health, may it continue.

I have enclosed a photograph taken of Rene at the function, this is a photo copy of the original, and it just shows how well Rene looked for her age.

The January Branch meeting for a way of a change from the DVD's was a talk by Cliff Leach on his working life in the Construction industry. Cliff did not want to give a lecture, he just wanted feed back from the members and it seemed to work well. Cliff had many tales to tell, including his time in the R.A.F. during the Second World War. A good meeting and the winner of the litre of Scotch was Peter Redman.

Another article from Cliff Leach has just arrived; this tells the story of Mrs. Joan Bulman a 41 year old Plant Hire Manager from Cheshire. She was expelled from the C.M.P.E. by National. She had originally joined via the North Wales Branch, who had accepted her without any problems. According to Mrs. Bulman she said that since the story of her expulsion had broken she was of the opinion that the only reason they expelled her was because she was a female.

I vaguely remember a lady member in the Branch, and I thought she had just left, perhaps someone could enlighten me, and if there are any ladies out there I am

sure the C.M.P.E. would welcome them with open arms.

We have a meeting in February the 22nd a Monday and as the talk by Cliff went so well, Ted Forshaw has agreed to do a talk on Legionnaire's disease, a subject that he has first class knowledge of, because of the length of time he spent in hospital with this complaint. Now because of the number of members who will be away in March, the committee has decided not to have a meeting, so the next time we will meet will be in April for the A.G.M. This will be on Monday the 26th. Also because I will be away on holiday in March, there will be no newsletter.

As far as the members who have been under the weather [Haven't we all] are concerned, good news on Jean Hitchmough, she is a little better but it is early days yet. Jack Whitby is still in hospital, as is Norman Leatherbarrows wife. Fred Meredith is looking a lot better; he is now doing the shopping for Marion who is still housebound. Joyce's foot has now completely healed, and the only problem now is the cost of new shoes, to go with her new foot.

Finally Preston Branch who are organizing this years Ladies night, have put in a lot of hard work to try and make it a success. So without the support of our members, the outcome for the future of these functions looks bleak. Do your best to attend.

Ken Morgan.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE
AT THE PACKET STEAMER HOTEL ON
MONDAY THE 22ND OF FEBRUARY 2010
AT 8 O'CLOCK P.M. A TALK BY TED
FORSHAW ON LEGIONNAIRE'S
DISEASE.**

**NORTHWEST AND PRESTON LADIES
NIGHT WILL BE HELD AT THE
SCARISBRICK HOTEL SOUTHPORT ON
SATURDAY THE 27TH OF FEBRUARY
2010 TICKETS ARE £28.50 PER PERSON
£80.00 PER COUPLE BED AND
BREAKFAST**

**THE DINNER DANCE WILL COMMENCE
AT 6.30 P.M. FOR 7 P.M.**

**THE USUAL SUBSIDY FOR MEMBERS
AND WIDOWS.PLEASE CONTACT KEN
MORGAN ON 01695 722067 FOR
TICKETS AND ACCOMMODATION**

**PETERBOROUGH BRANCH WILL BE
HOLDING A DINNER DANCE ON
SATURDAY THE 13TH OF MARCH 2010**

**MANCHESTER BRANCH WILL BE
HAVING A BUFFET STYLE LADIES
NIGHT AT THE GREYHOUND HOTEL ON
SATURDAY THE 24TH OF APRIL 2010**

**48TH NATIONAL ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE
18TH- 20TH OF JUNE 2010 AT THE
COPTHORNE HOTEL GATWICK THE
WEEKEND WILL COST £275.00 PER
COUPLE GALA DINNER DANCE TICKETS
ARE £40.00 PER PERSON.**

HUMOUR

DRING DRING DRING

**HELLO? THIS IS DADDY DARLING IS MUMMY NEAR
THE PHONE?**

**NO DADDY SHE IS UPSTAIRS WITH UNCLE PAUL.
BUT DARLING WE HAVE NOT GOT AN UNCLE PAUL.
OH YES I DO AND HE IS UPSTAIRS WITH MUMMY.
OH OKAY, NOW PUT THE PHONE DOWN, KNOCK ON
THE DOOR, AND SHOUT TO MUMMY THAT DADDYS
CAR JUST PULLED INTO THE DRIVEWAY.**

**I DID IT DADDY, AND WHAT HAPPENED DARLING?
WELL MUMMY JUMPED OUT OF BED RAN AROUND
SCREAMING, SHE THEN TRIPPED ON THE RUG HIT
HER HEAD, AND NOW SHE IS BLEEDING, AND NOT
MOVING.**

**OH MY GOD!, WHAT ABOUT UNCLE PAUL,HE JUMPED
OUT OF BED,AND JUMPED OUT OF THE BACK
WINDOW, AND INTO THE SWIMMING POOL,AND I
GUESS HE DID NOT KNOW THAT YOU TOOK THE
WATER OUT. HE HIT THE BOTTOM OF THE POOL, AND
I THINK HE IS DEAD.**

**THEN DADDY SAYS, SWIMMING POOL? IS THIS
01786 561895**

NO, I THINK YOU HAVE THE WRONG NUMBER.

KEITH WIGNALL

TERRORIST THREAT.

THE ENGLISH ARE FEELING THE PINCH IN RELATION TO THE LATEST THREAT; THEY HAVE RAISED THE LEVEL TO PEEVED, FROM MIFFED.

SOON WE WILL EXPECT IT TO BE RAISED TO IRRITATED, OR EVEN A BIT CROSS, THE ENGLISH HAVE NOT BEEN A BIT CROSS, SINCE THE BLITZ IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR, WHEN TEA SUPPLIES RAN OUT. TERRORISTS HAVE BEEN CATEGORIZED FROM TIRESOME, TO A BLOODY NUISANCE, THE LAST WARNING LEVEL WAS IN 1588 WHEN WE WERE THREATENED BY THE SPANISH ARMADA.

THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT RAISED THERE LEVEL THREAT FROM, RUN, TO HIDE, THE ONLY HIGHER THREAT IS COLLABORATE, AND SURRENDER. THIS WAS RAISED BECAUSE OF A FIRE WHICH BURNT OUT ALL THERE WHITE FLAGS. THE BELGIANS ON THE OTHER HAND, WERE ALL ON HOLIDAY AS USUAL, AND THE ONLY THREAT THEY WERE WORRIED ABOUT WAS THAT NATO DID NOT PULL OUT OF BRUSSELS. THE SPANISH WANTED TO SHOW OFF THERE NEW SUBMARINES, WHICH HAVE GLASS BOTTOMS SO THAT THE NEW SPANISH NAVY, CAN HAVE A REALLY GOOD LOOK AT THE OLD SPANISH NAVY, THE AMERICANS AS USUAL ARE CARRYING OUT PRE-EMTIVE STRIKES ON ALL OF THERE ALLIES, JUST IN CASE.

GORDON GEDLING