



CWU Leeds No.1 Amal Branch Newsletter

Welcome colleagues to our Newsletter Edition 5

Retired Members Christmas Dinner



The Griffin, Boar Lane, Leeds 12.30 14th December 2023.

We have five members who have returned their menu but have not told us their names, which leaves five unknowns.

If you have requested a place but your name is missing from the list below, you are one of the Unknown.

Please contact the Branch on 0113 234 1312 so we can add your name to our list for Christmas Dinner.

<i>Colleagues Who Have Returned the Menu as of 13th November 2023</i>		
<i>Adrian Bruce</i>	<i>Jack Kirk</i>	<i>Steve Sykes</i>
<i>Angela Booth</i>	<i>John Beldon</i>	<i>Terry Hallas</i>
<i>Bernard Nation</i>	<i>John Patterson</i>	<i>Unknown</i>
<i>Chris Moyles</i>	<i>Malcolm Wilkinson</i>	<i>Unknown</i>
<i>Christopher Scott</i>	<i>Margret Hunnebell</i>	<i>Unknown</i>
<i>Danny McGougan</i>	<i>Michael Farnhill</i>	<i>Unknown</i>
<i>David Wigglesworth</i>	<i>Paul Calvert</i>	<i>Unknown</i>
<i>Edwin Hunnebell</i>	<i>Peter Britton</i>	
<i>Gerry Pryke</i>	<i>Raymond McKay</i>	
<i>Harvey Wagenheim</i>	<i>Richard Hirtsch</i>	
<i>Ian Burton</i>	<i>Rosie Watson</i>	

Please contact the Branch on 0113 234 1312 if you have any questions or queries.



Retired Members Conference 2023

The Retired Members Conference took place on 26th October 2023 at CWU HQ. Below is a summary of the motions carried by the Conference.

Motion 1 Carried the pursuance of policy on Pensions.

- 1. Through the trade union movement & TUC to ensure we have a say in the Pensions Review headed by Alister Darling and campaign to protect and improve pensions.*
- 2. This Motion was selected to go forward to the General Conference.*

Motion 2 Carried the policy to retain and protect the Triple Lock on pensions.

Motion 3 Carried the instruction to the RMC to work with the NEC to campaign with the TUC to urge the Labour Party to commit to the Triple Lock ahead of the next General Election.

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Motion 4 Carried a campaign to reverse the decline in Pharmacies.

Motion 5 Carried a campaign to increase the terms of NHS Dentists to stop the decline in NHS Dentists.

Motion 6 Carried a campaign to expose the attacks on the NHS by the American company Palantir.

Motion 7 Carried the proposal to campaign to ensure cash is accepted at all retail outlets.

Motion 8 Carried a campaign to ensure all Customer Service providers are legally required to provide equal access by person, phone or post and ensure transactions are not restricted to IT methods only.

Motion 9 Carried a campaign to introduce additional assistance with energy costs.

Motion 10 Carried a campaign to raise awareness of the problems for those without the internet and the need for free or reduced cost access for the retired.

Motion 11 Carried the proposal to campaign to ensure Ticket Offices remain open.

Motion 12 Carried the proposal to campaign for the next Labour Government to reduce and hopefully remove the need for Food Banks through increased living standards.

Motion 13 Carried the rule change increasing to 2 delegates per Branch to the Regional Retired Committee.

Motion 14 Carried the instruction that Branch's with a retired Members Section comply with the Branch Model Constitution. In other words, retired members must benefit from the Retired Members Rebate.

Motion 15 was Lost based on the wording.

Motion 16 Carried the proposal to publish the National Retired Members Committee minutes.

Motion 17 Carried the instruction that the Retired Members Conference will continue to be held annually.

Motion 18 was Lost, this was the Northeast Regions Composite Motion to move the Conference as far as practical to earlier in the year, each week gives around 15 minutes of extra daylight. The second part sought to move the location to somewhere between the North & South of the UK.

The opposition was based on the belief that the motion passed last year was a better motion and moving from CWU HQ would incur additional costs. The location needs addressing as the CWU stated intention is to sell the current site. Norman Candy took on board the points made about the crossing of London if you arrive from the North was deterring people attending especially if they had visual impairment or mobility issues.

The Northeast Region was represented by York, Bradford & Leeds Branch's, about 80 people in total attended from 47 Branche's. It is the Retired Members voice nationally to engage with the Unions National Executive Council and it was a good conference covering issues which affect you directly.

Retired Members Committee Activity

Norman Candy is once again attending the Northeast Retired Members Committee meeting on the 16th November 2023, and I will provide an update in the New Year.

A Diary and Pen was sent to your home address.

We are looking at how best to inform members when colleagues pass away following requests from members to be informed.

We will draw up the 2024 itinerary in January, colleagues have suggested trips to Whitby, Skipton, and Chester, let us know what you think.

Finally, Scott Haslam was elected to the vacant Branch Secretary position following Andy Lee stepping down due to personal reasons, the Presidents position has been advertised.

Regards

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