

RETIRED SECTION MEETING

July 12, 2017

11.00

Preston Wetherspoons

Meeting called by:	<u>Doreen Watson</u>	Type of meeting:	<u>Retired Members Bi-Annual Meeting</u>
Facilitator:	<u>Ian Lorimer – Chair</u>	Note taker:	<u>Doreen Watson - Secretary</u>

Venue of Meeting: The Grey Friar (Wetherspoons) , Friargate, Preston.

Welcome Address (including introductions)

Doreen Watson (Hon Sec) opened the meeting by welcoming all those present and thanked them for their attendance, she then handed the meeting over to Ian Lorimer (Section Chair)

Ian Lorimer asked those present to be upstanding and called for a minutes silence in memory of Tom Heaney who had passed away since the last meeting. After the silence Ian toasted Tom Heaney and all present raised their glasses in his memory.

Attendance & Apologies for Absence

18 Members signed in using the register form and apologies were received from the following: John Hewitt, Martin Haynes, Mick King, Heather Parks and Richard Morgan who was attending Court.

Register those attending:

Those attending were asked to supply their contact details including telephone number both landline & mobile and also their current email address

Ian Lorimer issued hand-outs to those present which included his last 2 Retired Members Section Reports those of which he had presented at the last 2 Lancs & Cumbria Branch Meetings

Endorse Branch Meeting Dates

Ian Lorimer ensured every member present was issued with a list of the next 6 month's meeting dates and venues for the Lancs & Cumbria Branch.

Secretary's Report by Doreen Watson

Doreen reported to the members present about the 353 odd letters that he and Doreen had produced and posted to every retired member of the branch. He explained there were 2 different letters (1 for the members of the old branch and 1 for the new members from Cumbria area. Although not expecting any replies from the members we did in fact get 2 emails, 1 from a member in the Carlisle area and the other from a Bolton member.

Chairman's Report by Ian Lorimer

Ian explained that due to his wife's ongoing treatment for breast cancer he had only been able to attend Day 1 of the National Pensioners Parliament's annual meeting in Blackpool.

Tony Monks had attended the 2nd day and gave a brief summary to those present of the main topics of discussion. (Those being the Triple Lock on Pensions fiasco, Bus Passes for the elderly and also a report regarding Television Licenses. He also mentioned that these topics were becoming the main areas of discussion every year and that it seemed to be the "same old, same old" every year,

Ian Lorimer thanked Tony Monks for reporting back to the branch from the NPC.

Ian also reported he had invited 2 Branch Officers to attend today and report on the state of the Branch after the amalgamation of the Branches, however 1 was on annual leave and the other had a previous engagement in London and sent his apologies

Questions from the floor and open discussions of interest to the Retired Section:

Only one member raised the question about a day trip by coach for members and of course to open it up to the still working/serving members of the branch to increase numbers if needed, Doreen suggested a trip to Lancaster to include a meal and some refreshment and that she expected a cost of approx. £20 per member.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at approx. 12.15hrs.

Date of next meeting 06 December 2017 in this same venue at 11.00 to 11.00 approx