

Dates for Your Diary

- September 10th** - Trip to tewkesbury then by Waterbus to Upton on Severn.
- September 16th** - Branch meeting and SGM.Council House Coventry 11.00am.- 1.00pm.
- September 23rd** - Recruitment Concert St John Divine, Willenhall.
- September 26th** - **Meeting with the Mike O'Brien QC MP 10.30am at The Starley Suite , Coventry. Transport Museum Members Only.**
- September 27th** - Womens Day Rally, London.
- September 30th** - NPC Transport Conference, London.
- October 9th** - Committee Meeting. Harp Place.
- October 21st** - Branch Meeting. Talk by Fire Service. 'Safety in the Home. Room 02 Council House, Coventry 10.30am - 12.30pm.
- October 22nd** - Pensions Rally, London.
- November 11th** - Committee Meeting. Harp Place 10.30am - 12.30pm.
- November 18th** - Branch Meeting. Talk on ' Infection Control' and ' Superbugs'. Room 02 Council House 10.30am - 12.30am.

Join a Friend/Husband/ Wife/Partner

Name.....

Address

Post Code Tel.....

Coventry Pensioners Convention

Affiliated to West Midlands Pensioners Convention and National Pensioners Convention



**Meet every 3rd Tuesday of the Month.
Room 02, The Council House, Coventry**

Chairman: John Parks

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All New Members Welcome

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Using Bus Pass To Hospital

We have been in consultation with Paul Crofton of University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire regarding early hospital appointments. He has instructed the Booking Office to give all Older People who are travelling to the hospital by Public Transport appointments after 11.00am in order for them to use thier Bus Pass. This is for an intial appointment and all future appointments. All people have to do when they phone the Booking Centre or make another appointment is to say that they are a Senior Citizen and wish to travel by Public Transport.

PLEASE KEEP US INFORMED AS TO HOW THIS IS WORKING.

Post Office Giro's

We have received a letter from the National Pensioners Convention advising everyone who still wishes to draw their Pension at the Post Office not to be brow beaten by the Department for Works and Pensions into handing over their Bank details. This was put forward as a motion at our Branch Meeting on 15th July and passed. This Branch therefore recommends that if you still wish to draw your Pension at the Post Office you should not hand over any Bank details to the DWP.

Free Loft Insulation for Over 70's without Means Testing

The National Insulation Association is a not for profit organisation which will help you to locate your local approved installer and access free expert advice on the correct insulation measures for your property, and get advice on your entitlements in terms of grants and subsidies. To contact NIA, Tel. 0845 1636363

100 Years of The State Pension Centenary Celebrations 2nd and 3rd August 2008



On the 2nd August we supported a NPC initiative to celebrate 100 Years of the State Pension. Hundreds of people signed our petition to raise the State Pension. We also recruited many new members.

During the first hour 'Mr. Potato' a juggler /stiltwalker helped us to illustrate how Pensioners have to juggle whether to eat or heat. Juggle their money to make ends meet. How Post Office closures are in the balance. Payments by Giro Cheque are also in the balance. We also supported a Help the Aged Falls Campaign and encouraged people to report faulty pavements.

The second part of our celebrations involved a singalong with some of our members providing the entertainment. Members of the public reported to CVOne how much they had enjoyed the music.



Introducing the Band



On Sunday 3rd August we joined the Jaguar Brass Band in Allesley Hall grounds. We had people again sign our petition and gained some new members.

Introduction of Bill to Stop Age Discrimination

On June 26th 2008 a n Equalities Bill in which the Government promises to ban age discrimination in goods and services became law. The Government requires all public authorities to promote age equality as part of a wider equality duty. We urge you to report any instances of age discrimination with the people concerned, your MP, and let us know also. There are important questions to be asked such as how will it be monitored, what rights to redress are there and how will it be

Faulty Pavements

Protect yourself and others. Report faulty pavements to Councillor Hazel Noonan on 024 7683 2621 or write to her at the Council House, Earl Street, Coventry.

PENSION RALLY LONDON 22ND OCTOBER

There will be coaches leaving Coventry to go to London. Anyone interested in going should contact the Secretary.

HAVE YOUR SAY

- Tell us about things that concern you.
- Come to meetings and contribute.
- Write to your MP and Local Press.
- Want to be Active. Let us Know.
- What would you like to know more about?
- How are we doing?
- What could we do better?

Pension Minister to Speak to

Coventry Pensioners Convention

On Friday 26th September 2008 at 10.30am Mike O'Brien QC MP the Pensions Minister is to visit Coventry to speak to Coventry Pensioners Convention members at the **Starley Suite, Coventry Motor Museum**. This meeting is open to members only. As we now have over 200 members we hope that you will come along and make the voice of Coventry Pensioners heard at the highest level. Make the Minister accountable and ask questions which are of concern to you. Mr. Jim Cunningham MP will also be present at this meeting. The Minister will talk for some time then take questions and then spend some time talking to individual members.

**HAVE YOUR QUESTIONS
READY!**

Social Isolation

Social isolation is an increasing problem the older we get. We as a Branch are very aware of this and to this end try to include some social events along with our campaigning. This month we are running two social activities 1) a day trip to Tewkesbury and then by waterbus to Upton on Severn on the 10th September and 2) entertainment and buffet at St John Divine Church Hall on the 23rd September. Places at the concert are very limited as this is a small venue. We will of course still be running our New Year Party early in January and look forward to seeing you there. Further details of this event will be published at the end of November.