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## YOUR PENSION

By now you should have received formal documents regarding your pension from your insurance company, PIC, Rothsay or Prudential. Additionally you will have been advised of the increase to your pension based upon the July RPI of 1.9%. If like me you had questions regarding the GMP or other parts of your pension increase then queries are sent to People Services, Philips Electronics UK Guildford Business Park Guildford, GU22 8XG. Future queries regarding your monthly payment should then be addressed to your pension insurance company.

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## AXA PPP

Some of us had AXA PPP benefits arrangements with Philips. Apart from the pension fund making the agreed monthly deductions from pension payments, the Pension Fund and Trustees had no involvement with the AXA PPP agreement. Once again any questions regarding AXA PPP or the letter you may have received from Philips, these matters are being handled by People Service, at the above address. Please quote all necessary reference and membership numbers in your letters. The situation, apparently, is more complex because the arrangement between Philips and PPP was not like an insurance payment but an arrangement whereby Philips reimbursed PPP for treatment claims. I trust that members will receive the Membership Handbook

setting out the various Health Plans and their costs and benefits for May 2017  
- missed by many members for May 2016.

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## HAMILTON LAMP FACTORY

Lighting was the foundation of Philips, so it is very surprising that little is written about Hamilton Factory. Was there a House Magazine? Was there a social club? Apparently, the foundation stone of the Hamilton site was laid in 1947, although technically there was work ongoing in the preceding two years. Philips officially celebrated 60 years on-site with a Civic reception with the First Minister of Scotland in June 2007. The only other mention is in the Philips Group Magazine no. 60 Oct/Nov 1952 'Sports Day at Hamilton' (see Philips Publication in Archives). John Otten's 'Death of a Light bulb' does not list it. However the Internet has more information about lighting at <http://www.lamptech.co.uk/> under the heading 'Factories'. But if you know different, please let us know.

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## TV, AUDIO, MONITORS are BACK

Much to my surprise and satisfaction, a range of products once found in Staff Shops are back in UK. See: <http://www.philips.co.uk/c-m/consumer-products> It seems they are only available from supermarkets or the High Street, but at least we can be patriotic once again and seek out Philips Products for our homes.

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## WHITECHAPEL BELL FOUNDRY

You may have read that this long established and famous foundry is about to close. The Mullard Pensioners had a visit to the foundry in 2009 when we saw the bell for the Queen's Royal Barge.

<http://www.whitechapelbellfoundry.co.uk/index.htm>

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## PEPA ANNUAL REUNION

No longer supported by Philips the Annual Reunion took place - as usual at Denbies on Wednesday 21 September. Without the long standing tradition of Philips paying for pensioners, this year those attending had to pay for themselves. It is hoped that future Reunions will follow along those lines. Please keep up to date with PEPA at <http://pepa-online.org.uk/>

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## INTERNET and EMAIL

The Internet is coming into its own as the (only) way to keep in touch with our pensioner colleagues. Do make sure that if you change your email address please let the following know Richard Stow for PEPA at pepamembersec 'at' googlemail.com Tony M for PEPNET at tonymetcalf 'at' ntlworld.com (n.b. the 'at' should be replaced by @ This is done to avoid scams etc.)

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## PHOTOGRAPHS

Two photographs are included in this News. The first is the only picture I could find of the Hamilton Lamp Factory. ([Available Here](#)) The second is of a Teletype typewriter I spotted at RAF Henlow Radar museum this year. ([Available here](#)) These typewriter were used as the means to gather production data onto paper tape from the shop floor for Southampton's computer system - Integrated Information System 1967 - 1975.

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## ARCHIVES

Our Archives have been extended to include documents relating to MITCHAM under a new heading, But we have been promised more documents from the past. At present our oldest document is dated 1952 Watch this space. Also visit the PEPA web pages and catch up on 'Company History', a great collection of documents and references. Please share these (click [here](#)) Archives with your Philips, Mullard, Pye pensioner friends.

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