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PEPA AGM

The PEPA AGM was held at Denbies on 25 June with a good turnout of pensioners. If you are not already a member of PEPA, please visit the web site and check if you can join.

www.pepa-online.org.uk

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PHILIPS PENSIONERS COMMITTEE

As is customary the PPC also held the southern area AGM on the same day at Denbies. The fund news is very good standing at 101% following more sales of NXP shares, as explained by Aubrey Dunsford and John Mansell, the southern area representatives. They also reported on the Pension Administrators, Tower Watson.

Aubrey and John were re elected unanimously!

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PENSION ADMINISTRATOR

Please see LINKS for ways to contact the new Pension Administrators. There you will find monthly pay slips and historic P60 information. They are certainly clearing the backlog of your queries and responding much quicker than AON Hewitt. Why not check out your records?

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CHANGE OF NAME

You may have read that the Dutch company name been changed to Koninklijke Philips N.V. (Royal Philips, commonly known as Philips) and moved its HQ to Amsterdam.

This marks the end of involvement with consumer electronics, what was for many of us the major part of our working life.

Interesting that the old name is still retained at the Guildford UK HQ.

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WIND TURBINES

Cruising to Norway from Harwich recently revealed the extent of off shore wind farms in the North Sea. Are you troubled by them nearby?

More information may be found at: <http://www.windbyte.co.uk/index.html>

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BROADSTONE LIVES

In the spring this year we made a nostalgic trip to Hazel Grove, Broadstone Reddish and Macclesfield.

The Broadstone Mill occupied by GEC Semiconductors in 1960 still exists as a multi business building. The 'car park' and first floor house an excellent furniture, bedding, clothing etc. store with the higher floors sub divided into office accommodation.

The old canal is no longer but serves as a massive car park.

See

www.broadstone.co.uk

and

WWW.britainfromabove.org.uk/cy/image/EPW019181

I was able to visit the top floor from where the GEC Order Desk and Stores operated next to Accounts.



There is little written about this time which ended in the merger with Mullard's semiconductor activities in 1962 and the formation of Associated Semiconductor Manufacturers.

The semiconductor activities at Hazel Grove was part of the sale by Philips to NXP. The NXP shares have been the path to keeping our pension fully funded.

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CALLING ALL PENSIONERS IN CANADA

A recent email from widow Rena Lawlan in Vancouver BC Canada has asked for a list of other pensioners nearby or in Canada whom she may contact. Rena says 'My husband worked for Polygram'.

Similar requests from Pye pensioners has resulted in a pepnet list of all Pye Pensioners.

If would like to join such a list of Pensioners in Canada please let me know. Or if you'd like to email Rena please send me an email.

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LOOK OUT for E10 at the PUMPS

While reminding you that ethanol doped vehicle fuels are due at petrol and diesel pumps this autumn, a reminder as to what is available for you to read on our web pages.

In the 'Members Only' are personal memories of pensioners, obituaries and a video section. Tony M has recently added two more 'memories';

'GEC Osram Technical 1951 - 1955' and 'Hazel Grove memories 1957 - 1964'.

The latter article links with the Broadstone Lives item above.

It was very surprising that nobody responded to the item 'Factory relations Department' in the December 2012 News.

Someone out there must have memories to share.

Why not add your memories to be shared with other pensioners? Simply email them to

Tonymetcalf@ntlworld.com.

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