

yourpension

Deferred Pensioners - Spring 2005

LPFA's next Forum for Fund members will take place on Tuesday, 6th September 2005 at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, Westminster.

Issues of current relevance and topical interest will be presented and delegates given an opportunity to question staff and Board Members.

This year 25 organisations (shown on Page 2) have already indicated that they wish to be part of our information centre.

We are also pleased to inform you that we have booked an extra room which will allow far more seating than in previous years.

If you have any suggestions for the Forum, especially with regard to organisations that you would like to see at the Information Centre, please contact Paul Pennant on 020 7369 6005



Delegates enjoying Forum 2004



LPFA Customer Services stand

The format of the Forum will be similar to that of previous years and will include:

- Information Centre open at 10 am
- Formal presentations begin at 11 am
- Chairman's Introduction
- Chief Executive's Review of the Year
- Current concerns to pensioners
- Open Forum - Question time
- Information Centre - light refreshments available - 1 pm

If you would like to attend the Forum on the 6th September 2005, please complete and return the enclosed application form, or call 020 7369 6005, or e-mail forum@lpfa.org.uk

If you, or your guest/s, have any personal requirements on the day, such as disabled parking, a signer or wheelchair access, please indicate this on the form and we will do our best to accommodate your needs.

Tickets will be limited to the first 800 applicants.

Fund Members' Forum 2005

Organisations for Forum 2005

Age Concern - www.ageconcern.org.uk/

CASH-Consensus Action on Salt & Health
www.actionsalt.org.uk/

Citizens' Advice Bureaux
www.citizensadvice.org.uk/

Counsel and Care
www.counselandcare.org.uk/

Dart – Transport for All
www.transportforall.com/

English Heritage www.english-heritage.org.uk

Greater London Forum
www.seniorsworld.co.uk/glf/

HOPE - www.hope-for-children.org/

Inland Revenue www.inlandrevenue.gov.uk/

IR Capital Taxes – Inheritance Tax
www.inlandrevenue.gov.uk/cto/

London Cycle Network - www.lcc.org.uk/

Metropolitan Police - www.met.police.uk/

Older People's Resource Facility
www.london.gov.uk/

OPAS The Pensions Advisory Service
www.opas.org.uk/

The Pension Service
www.thepensionservice.gov.uk

Open House - www.openhouselondon.org

Postwatch - www.postwatch.co.uk

The Prince's Trust - www.princes-trust.org.uk

REACH - www.reach-online.org.uk

Retired and Senior Volunteer Programme
www.csv-rsvp.org.uk

Ricability - www.ricability.org.uk

RNIB - www.rnib.org.uk

RNID - www.rnid.org.uk

Westminster Firefighters
www.london-fire.gov.uk

Dates for your diary

Thursday, 16th June 2005

RNID England Conference contact Louise French

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Sunday, 21st August 2005

Capital Age Festival 2005

Organised by the London Older People's Strategies Group (LOPSG) Bernie Spain Gardens, Upper Ground, SE1. For more information please contact Charlotte Smith on

020 7369 2689

Tuesday, 6th September 2005

Fund Members Forum

Queen Elizabeth Conference Centre

Contact Paul Pennant

Tel: **020 7369 6005**

Saturday 17th/Sunday 18th September 2005

Open House London will again be holding its popular London Open House weekend this year, on 17/18 September, when over 500 buildings in the Capital will be open, free, to the public. More information on obtaining advance information is available on

www.londonopenhouse.org

Friday, 25th November 2005

For the past 9 years some retired members of the Non-Tidal Rivers Division of the Department of Public Health Engineering in the former GLC, have been meeting every year at 11:30am on the last Friday of November at the Institution of Civil Engineers. After chatting till about 12 noon we repair to the bar and have a cafeteria lunch. We break up about 3pm. Members who had been attending so far are Messrs Butter, Bukkivant, Allan Wright, V Moorthy, T Moorthy, Watts, John de Souza and Miss de Souza and Miss Shirley Count. We would be pleased to welcome many more, including wives, and also former members of the Tidal Division as well. If you are interested please contact Lt Col DD John De Souza, 86 Holmbury Grove, Featherbed Lane, Croydon

Surrey CR0 9AQ Tel: **020 8651 3489**

Pensions increase 2004/2005

The Government has approved the rate of increase for all public service pensions, including deferred pensions, and state scheme benefits. The increase is effective from 11th April 2005 and is 3.1%. Previous years pension increases are:

DATE	% RATE
01 Sept 1971	18.00
01 Dec 1972	9.90
01 Dec 1973	9.30
01 Dec 1974	16.50
01 Dec 1975	26.10
01 Dec 1976	13.80
01 Dec 1977	17.70
01 Dec 1978	7.40
12 Nov 1979	16.00
24 Nov 1980	16.50
23 Nov 1981	9.06
22 Nov 1982	11.00
21 Nov 1983	3.70
26 Nov 1984	5.10
25 Nov 1985	7.00
28 July 1986	1.10
06 April 1987	2.10

DATE	% RATE
11 April 1988	4.20
10 April 1989	5.90
09 April 1990	7.60
08 April 1991	10.90
06 April 1992	4.10
12 April 1993	3.60
11 April 1994	1.80
10 April 1995	2.20
08 April 1996	3.90
07 April 1997	2.10
06 April 1998	3.60
12 April 1999	3.20
10 April 2000	1.10
09 April 2001	3.30
08 April 2002	1.70
07 April 2003	1.70
12 April 2004	2.80

Local Government Pension Scheme

The amendments to the LGPS mentioned in the Winter newsletter come into force on 1st April 2005. These amendments affect members currently contributing to the scheme and are as follows:

- The earliest retirement age is increasing from 50 to 55, except for those retiring on ill-health and those of you who are protected from the change.
- Those who retire before age 65 will have their benefits reduced to take account of early payment unless the employer waives the reduction on compassionate grounds or they are protected from the change.

These changes to the LGPS form the second phase of the current review of the Scheme, known as the Stocktake. The third and final phase is being consulted on right now. It aims to modernise the scheme so that it meets the needs of the current local government workforce. Partners' pensions, flexible retirement options and improved death benefits together with increased contributions

for employees are just some of the things being considered.

Government Ministers have expressed their commitment to retaining a defined benefit final salary arrangement which is relevant to the local government workforce provided that it remains both affordable and sustainable to scheme members, scheme employers and tax payers.

More information on the next phase of the review is available at www.xoq83.dial.pipex.com/gpfvb.

Further information about your pension rights is available from LPFA at Dexter House.

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Arabic

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Bengali

আপনি যদি আপনার ভাষায় এই দলিলের প্রতিলিপি (কপি) চান, তা হলে নীচের ফোন নম্বরে বা ঠিকানায় অনুগ্রহ করে যোগাযোগ করুন।

Chinese

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Greek

Αν θέλετε να αποκτήσετε αντίγραφο του παρόντος εγγράφου στη δική σας γλώσσα, παρακαλείστε να επικοινωνήσετε τηλεφωνικά στον αριθμό αυτό ή ταχυδρομικά στην παρακάτω διεύθυνση.

Gujarati

જો તમને આ દસ્તાવેજની નકલ તમારી ભાષામાં જોઈતી હોય તો, કૃપા કરી આપેલ નંબર ઉપર ફોન કરો અથવા નીચેના સરનામે સંપર્ક સાધો.

Hindi

यदि आप इस दस्तावेज की प्रति अपनी भाषा में चाहते हैं, तो कृपया निम्नलिखित नंबर पर फोन करें अथवा नीचे दिये गये पते पर संपर्क करें

Punjabi

ਜੇ ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਇਸ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ਼ ਦੀ ਕਾਪੀ ਤੁਹਾਡੀ ਆਪਣੀ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਵਿਚ ਚਾਹੀਦੀ ਹੈ, ਤਾਂ ਹੇਠ ਲਿਖੇ ਨੰਬਰ 'ਤੇ ਫੋਨ ਕਰੋ ਜਾਂ ਹੇਠ ਲਿਖੇ ਪਤੇ 'ਤੇ ਰਾਬਤਾ ਕਰੋ:

Turkish

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Urdu

اگر آپ اس دستاویز کی نقل اپنی زبان میں چاہتے ہیں، تو براہ کرم نیچے دئے گئے نمبر پر فون کریں یا دیئے گئے پتے پر رابطہ کریں

Vietnamese

Nếu bạn muốn có văn bản tài liệu này bằng ngôn ngữ của mình, hãy liên hệ theo số điện thoại hoặc địa chỉ dưới đây.

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