

Latest news

Welcome to the first *XPA Update* which is replacing the Spring issue of *XPA News*. The Autumn issue will be produced in the usual way. In addition, we are delighted to announce that we have made some improvements to the XPA section of the Xerox Pensions website. Please check our new Events Calendar, Useful links, Discounts and holidays, and the Fun and interesting sections, which will be updated each month: http://xeroxpensions.co.uk/xp_xpa.html. Many of our pensioners work hard to keep the events going and their input is much appreciated. If you wish to organise an event, such as a walk, get-together or sporting activity, and would like your former Xerox colleagues to be involved, please phone **Indre Numgaudyte** on 01494 615159 or e-mail her: indre.numgaudyte@xerox.com.

We are pleased that the team of XPA Visitors is increasing in number, but we still need more volunteers, especially in the East Region. Please contact one of the Xerox Pensions team or an XPA Regional Coordinator to find out more about becoming a Visitor - see *overleaf* for contact details.

Things to do

South Region Walk

Thursday 12th March 11am

Axel Dahl, our South Region Coordinator, is organising a walk to visit "Dickens and Shakespeare's London", discovering a much-forgotten part of the city with its alleys, riverside lanes and medieval ruins.

We will meet at Exit 1 at Blackfriars tube station on Thursday 12th March at 11am. The walk will take about 2 hours and will end with a pub lunch. The cost is £15 per person (excluding drinks).

If you would like to join the walk, please send a cheque payable to 'Xerox Pensions Limited' to Jean Ball, Xerox Pensions Limited, Compton Court, 20-24 Temple End, High Wycombe, Bucks, HP13 5DR - to arrive by 23rd February. For further information, contact Jean on 01494 615160 or email jean.ball@xerox.com.

FREE Bentley Factory tour

Friday 22nd May 10am

Bob Johnson, our newly appointed North Region Coordinator, has booked a tour of the Bentley car factory at Crewe for up to 20 people on 22nd May. The tour will take a little over two hours, after which we will have lunch in nearby Sandbach.

There is no charge for the tour, though they did mention that any donations will be passed on to their favoured local charity. The lunch will cost £15.

As this event is free and has limited spaces, please book your place as soon as possible - contact Bob Johnson on 01889 583363 or email oiltrail@hotmail.com by 1st April. Everyone is welcome.

North Region golf days

Golf Monthly magazine contributor and Xerox pensioner, **Eric Lee**, has offered to organise some golf days at interesting courses. If you would like to know more, please contact **Bob Johnson** (see *contact details above*).

'Rings around London' walks

Thursday 19th February

Ex-Xerooids and some partners walk regularly together. There are Thursday walks each month under the banner '*Rings around London*'; three Sunday walks each year, mainly in the Chilterns; and an annual walking holiday. The next walk will be on 19th February. For further information, please contact East Region Coordinator, **Allan Vickery**, on 01923 284286 or email allan.xpa@btinternet.com.

Tramp in the Chilterns

Thursday 2nd April 10.30am

Doug Nevell is inviting you to join him for a sturdy tramp in the Chilterns on Thursday 2nd April. It is approximately an 8 mile round trip, starting at the Bridgewater Monument (free) car park at Ashridge. The grid reference is SP 972131. O.S. sheet 165. The walk will start at 10.30 (there's a café available for a pre-walk snack) and will end at around 4.00pm, with a pub lunch in between. A moderate fitness level is required and you will need to be well-shod and weather-wise. If you are interested, call Doug on 01582 762120 or email: Nevels@hotmail.com.

Tour to the Frogmore Mill

one summer weekday

Nothing is fixed yet but **Doug Nevell** is willing to organise a tour, later in the year, of the fascinating and still working early 20th century Fourdrinier steam-driven paper mill at Frogmore (Apsley, nr. Hemel Hempstead). The tour will take place one summer weekday, from 10.30 am to 4.00 pm, and will cost £6. If you are interested, please contact Doug at Nevels@hotmail.com or on 01582 762120.

Intrepid Travellers' Club

The Intrepid Travellers' Club organises holidays for Xerox pensioners and their partners, and friends are welcome too. If you would like to receive details of the holidays, please send your name/address/phone number/email address (if you have one) to: **John Handscombe**, Town Farm House, 51 High Street, Henlow, Beds, SG16 6AA or call 01462 814009. See also www.intrepidtravellersclub.org.uk.

Xerox Hiking Club

The Xerox Hiking Club is made up of retired and working Xerox people, mainly from the Welwyn site. It organises weekends away in some of the most beautiful parts of the UK, and the dates for 2009 include:

Feb 20th - 22nd	-	Burnham Deepdale, Norfolk
April 17th - 19th	-	Leith Hill and the North Downs
May 8th - 10th	-	Yorkshire Dales
Oct 30th - Nov 1st	-	Craflwyn, Snowdonia

They will also be running two camping trips to the Lake District and the Peak District. If you are interested in joining them, just add your name to the mailing list via their website www.xhinfo.co.uk/default.aspx, or call **Peter Mathews** on 01707 321018 or email petermathews@f2s.com.

Xerox Golf Society

Anyone who would like more information about golf days or the Haggard Cup, please contact **Paul Donegan** on 01727 862004 or email him: padonegan@tiscali.co.uk.

Dates booked are:

Tuesday 12th May	-	Chartridge Park, Chesham
Wednesday 17th June	-	Three Locks, Great Brickhill
Tuesday 7th July	-	Hazlemere, High Wycombe
Thursday 17th September	-	Mill Green, Welwyn Garden City

For more information about the events, visit the Xerox Pensions website, where you will find our events calendar. Please go to: http://xeroxpensions.co.uk/xp_xpa.html Alternatively, call Indre on 01494 615159 to get your updates.

Absent Friends

Our sincere sympathy goes to the families of members who have died since our last publication. Their names and ages appear below.

Edinburgh	Phyllis Holmes	85	Dennis Manton	76	
Leslie Christie	55	Margaret Howells	79	Stephen Moore	54
	Neil Jackson	57	Agnes O'Brien	89	
Fryland	Handel James	77	Hans Puls	89	
Donald Neal	77	William Jenkins	91	Jean Reynolds	75
	Thomas Johnson	92	Harry Robertson	88	
Leeds	Ada Jones	86	Anthony Russell	81	
Ronald Priestley	65	Eva Jones	89	Ellen Stafford	70
	Marc Lee	37	Ada Thomas	89	
Marlow	Phyllis Lewis	87	Alan Thomas	67	
William Bradford	64	Anthony Marshall	69	Mabel Urlwin	97
Anthony Fleury	70	Alma McCormack	82	David Wakefield	76
Alf Granger	88	William Nicholls	85	Francis Walsh	79
Olive Heaver	90	Konrad Orłowski	100		
Glynn Howes	74	Anthony Palmer	64	Welwyn	
Barbara Keech	73	Tom Passey	82	Vera Back	87
William Markham	90	Ivy Pearce	87	Peter Billings	71
Barbara Schmitz	88	Tom Phillips	82	Frederick Bradley	67
Elizabeth Webster	60	Raymond Pickthall	82	William Caselaw	69
Eric White	82	Annette Price	66	James Chapman	90
	James Price	64	Jeff Crouchley	70	
Mitcheldean	John Price	89	Terence Danaher	67	
Nynette Andrews	64	Mary Price	85	Phyllis Denny	87
William Austin	86	Harold Stephens	83	Pamela Dyer	80
Guy Bedford	84	Vera Tyler	82	Bettie Mann	83
William Beech	90	Terence Ward	80	Joseph Moorcroft	70
Ken Boyd	90	William Warren	89	Elizabeth Moore	84
John Brain	78	Thelma Williams	75	James Owen	80
Gordon Caddel	81			James Read	79
Frank Edwards	86	UK		James Romain	78
Margaret Elias	76	Edward Aldridge	79	Rose Stubberfield	98
Joyce Ellis	79	David Banks	69	Denis Sutton	80
Rudolph Engel	82	Bryan Cook	62	William Tait	63
Kathleen Evans	97	Joyce Foster	84	Arthur Tann	87
Gladys Fordham	96	Eric Goodwin	78	Peter Willy	79
Adrian Grimster	64	John Jackman	79		
Des Hanman	84	Winifred Jezeph	87	Woking	
Gwyneth Hatfield	77	Frank Lawrence	79	Anthony Wilkes	58
Doris Hill	97	James Logan	71		

XPA welcomes

We are always looking for new Visitors to help support our older pensioners but, since the last newsletter, we have some new faces.

Bob Johnson, long-time Visitor in the North Region, has recently taken over the role of North Region Coordinator. **Malcolm Moodie** has joined the North Region as a Visitor and he will be helping in the area around Banbury. **Gloria Gibbons** has joined us as a Visitor, covering the Drybrook area in the West Region.

We welcome them all and hope that they will enjoy the experience of working for the Xerox Pensioners' Association.



Bob Johnson - North Region Coordinator

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In memory of...

Sheila Webb

Pensioners and Xerox Pensions staff alike were saddened to learn of the death of Sheila Webb in September last year. Sheila, who had been the North Region Coordinator since 1995, fought cancer courageously for many years. In spite of her illness, she fulfilled her Coordinator's role with great energy, being dedicated to assist those in need. She helped us on many occasions with sensitive situations where pensioners needed to be visited.

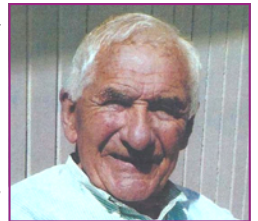


Sheila joined Rank Xerox in 1964 and worked with the Company for twenty-five years. She began her Xerox life as a customer relations officer, covering the North of England. She pursued a career in customer care and customer training in Leeds, becoming the National Manager for customer training. Sheila took early retirement in 1989 and soon became active in her local community. As well as being involved with the XPA, she was chairman of the local Neighbourhood Watch Association. Sheila leaves a husband, Mike.

Harry Robertson

We were very sad to learn of the death of Harry Robertson in November last year.

For 18 years Harry was our XPA Area Coordinator for the Isle of Wight, working closely with Anne Cain who was at that time the South Region Coordinator. Harry was very popular, being a warm and friendly person. He was enthusiastic in his XPA role, organising events including Christmas lunches. Harry's son, Douglas, recalls happy times searching in French and Spanish supermarkets for wine bargains for raffle prizes.



Before joining Rank Xerox in 1965, Harry served in the Royal Marines for 25 years and, in 1964, he was awarded the B.E.M. for outstanding zeal and devotion to duty. Harry worked for Xerox for 11 years as Service Manager in the Exeter office.

Pension dates 2009

Your Xerox pension will be paid into your account on the following dates:

February	Friday 30 th January
March	Friday 27 th February
April	Wednesday 1 st April
May	Friday 1 st May
June	Monday 1 st June
July	Wednesday 1 st July
August	Friday 31 st July
September	Tuesday 1 st September

Competition Winner

The correct answer to the 'Who's the odd one out?' competition is Gordon Brown, as he was not elected by the people. Congratulations to the lucky winner, Mr William Robertson from Milton Keynes, who receives a cheque for £25.