

NEWS FROM CARDIFF AREA BRANCH 144

General Interest

Budget Day has arrived and despite the petition and all the protests regarding the withdrawal of the Winter Fuel Allowance the Chancellor has not changed her decision. However, it has been reported that there has been an increase in the number of people claiming Pension Credit, so hopefully many of those worst affected by the withdrawal of Winter Fuel Allowance will now be in a better financial situation. If you are one of those struggling but have not yet made a claim please do so at www.gov.uk/pension-credit or alternatively telephone 0800 99 1234 where you can make your claim or request an application form. If you are successful you may also qualify for other benefits, such as extra help if you are a carer or severely disabled and a free TV Licence if you are over 75. As many of us rely on our cars due to the absence or unreliability of public transport it is welcome news that the anticipated increase in fuel duty was not one of the Chancellors targets.

NFOP Welfare Fund

The NFOP Welfare Fund provides grants for assistance on a case-by-case basis, with the replacement or provision of items to help with changes to an individual's circumstances. An application form is available on the website at www.nfop.org.uk or by telephoning 01582 721652. They may also be able to advise you where they cannot assist directly.

Social Diary Dates:

All members are invited to attend our monthly coffee morning at the Heath Community Hall off King George V Drive East on the first Tuesday of each month from 10.30 – 12.30, any friends you may wish to bring will be most welcome. If you are interested in joining us on any forthcoming trip that may be arranged, please ring Sandra on the number below. It is often not possible to advise you at short notice by way of this newsletter of proposed trips so it is helpful if we have your phone number to enable us to contact you.

BRANCH CONTACTS

Mr Ed Connolly – Chairman/Secretary –07779 183784
Mrs Sandra Williams – Social Secretary 029 20215119
Mr David (DJ) Williams – Welfare Representative – 07894458225

Membership Number:

Joint Membership Number:

Issue: