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### PEPA

On Tuesday 15th June, I accompanied John Perry to the Copthorne Hotel near Gatwick, for the PEPA annual gathering, where some 50 pensioners were in attendance and chaired by Ray Headon.

This event has 3 parts; The Philips Pensioners Committee AGM, the Philips Electronics Pensioners Benevolent Association AGM and finally the Philips Electronics Pensioners Association AGM.

The PPC is made up of representatives from 4 areas, South (PEPA), Cambridge and East Anglia, Northern England, Scotland - who's individual AGM's are notified on your pension pay slip.

Their role is to meet with our Pension Fund Trustee representatives to be updated on the fund and to put forward questions and requests on our behalf.

PEPA's Dr. John Mansell and Aubrey Dunford (both re-elected) reported that despite the current financial gloom, our fund has been well managed so that recent valuations (to the best of my memory) were:

| Year         | £M   |
|--------------|------|
| 2009         | 1972 |
| 2010 (March) | 2061 |

which has been achieved by weekly exchanges with the fund managers and making the necessary changes.

The number of fund members (as best I remembered) in payment, contributing and deferred are:

| Year | 1000's |
|------|--------|
| 2008 | 37     |
| 2009 | 36     |
| 2010 | 35     |

Despite these good looking figures, the problem of increasing longevity gives the fund a deficit - how much has yet to be determined after discussions between the Trustees, Eindhoven and the UK Pensions Regulator. Eindhoven continues to be 'covenanted' to support the fund, but the details of the

recovery plan have yet to be agreed. Consequently the Fund Valuation due this year is deferred.

The PEPBA is a fund for PEPA members who apply for help with one off payments. This last year one payment was made.

The PEPBA also works with UK wide Philips Benevolent Fund, which cover all Philips UK pensioners. PBF works in turn with the Electronic Engineers Industries Benevolent Association, both are open to all UK Philips pensioners who need help where ever they live.

Some 300 or so PEPA members now receive the 3 times a year Newsletter from the web. This is a step in the right direction to reduce the task of printing, stuffing in envelopes and posting to the 4500 or so members.

The PEPA annual lunch, previously held at Lakeside Frimley, will this year be at Denbies Wine Estate on Tuesday 5 October.

More information may be found on the PEPA web site

<http://pepa-online.org.uk>

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## OUR WEB SITE

As mentioned in my 'round robin', the lack of updates to our web pages has been due to my inability to master web editing. Updates have been in the capable hands of Tony Bland.

Unfortunately Tony has been unavailable over the past months due to family illness.

I have always been dependent upon the goodwill of Pepnet members who have the necessary skills and time, and I am indebt to Barry Baguley for helping out at this time.

As well as web skills, Barry is a keen photographer and has put up a collection of pictures taken at the Philips (Mullard) House Pensioners Association gatherings at Frosts

<http://www.epepnet.co.uk/yourpictures.html>

Barry also has his own web site, see LINKS. [\(back to the top\)](#)

## HISTORY

Those who have explored PEPNET will have found 'More on Southampton'.

I encourage all of you to consider contributing articles about your work places and life.

To this end I am hoping that, with the help of George Ollerenshaw and others from Hazel Grove, a history of School Street can be put together with as many contributors and pictures as can be found.

The original School Street site is now occupied by a number of small businesses as I believe is Broadstone Mill. The newer Hazel Grove is one of the sites transferred to NXP, along with a small part of the Southampton site.

## PYE

Earlier this year PEPNET member Peter Hawes asked for a list of other Pye pensioners.

With their help and also by word of mouth, the Pye list now has 29 members. This has enabled members on the list to contact old colleagues.

With my local and historic memories I have also put together a GEC list. If you think you'd like to join - or would like to know who else is there, please drop me an email.

Are there any other groups?

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## NEWS OF MEMBERS

As you know, if you let me have news of members - good or sad - I do my best to circulate ASAP.

### Sad News

Reg Humby, who sadly lost his wife in April;  
John Tomkies and David Heard who as you know from emails both died earlier this year;

David Dewdney who's funeral was on Friday 21 May following a long fight with cancer.

He worked for the Concern for 36 years starting his career at Salfords. He transferred to Mullard House following a successful world wide tour with the then Director of Research who was giving the Faraday lectures.

During prolonged activity in promotion he provided support for various marketing groups including Professional Component Distributors and later Integrated Circuits.

David devoted much time in retirement firstly as a Borough Councillor and finally a County Councillor in Chichester.

Pupils from the local school at which he was a governor lead the congregation into the 23rd psalm during the funeral service.

Many thanks to Len Battyll.

On a brighter note, I am most grateful for the emails sent me, some are shared other are not suitable!

Roy Goodfellow in Oz is recovering well;

Frank McAreavey in the north sends many pictures; John Wright, Norman Holland and Don Tombs always make comments; as do

John Johnson, Keith Oxley and Richard Howells plus many more of you.

We have recently return from a Cyprus holiday where we met Colin and Pauline Johnson, both looking very well in their beautiful home with a view to the sea.

Plus many more of you. Many thanks to all whom have emailed me.

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