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| Contacts      | <h2>INSIGHT</h2> <p>The November 2006 issue of Insight was packed with facts but new tax allowances along with the other Rule Changes, however careful reading. If only we had been able to afford 'input' at an those sums into our pensions. Reading between the lines of the clear that Hugh McNair and his team are carrying on from the l with the Trustees established by Richard Rigby.</p> <p>A pat on the back for the Trustees and PPC are in order don't y</p> <p><a href="#">(Back to the top)</a></p> |       |             |
| Members only  | <h2>PLINTH at Southampton.</h2> <p>In answer to the question regarding the plinth at Southampton Jeffs sent in a copy of the Echo which featured several War He</p> <p>'Flight Lieutenant James Nicolson was Fighter Commands only VC when flying with No 249 Squadron over Southampton on August Citation reads "During an engagement with the enemy near Sou Nicolson's aircraft was hit by 4 cannon shells, two of which wo another set fire to the gravity tank. When about to abandon his</p>                 |       |             |

the flames in his cockpit he sighted another enemy fighter. The shot down although as a result of staying in his burning aircraft burns to his hands, face, neck and legs. "After recovering, he r in April 1941, but tragically went missing while flying as a pass Liberator over the Bay of Bengal on May 2 1945.'

Thank you Derek.

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### **GUARDIAN Newspaper, recent articles (November 2006**

- More than seven millions British adults- 20% of adult pop fallen victim to credit or debit card fraud,
- NHS £94m predicted shortfall in a report published earlier compared with a predicted £18m surplus just three mont
- More than 1,500 immigrants arrived in Britain every day Office for National Statistics data revealed 565,000 people here for at least a year during the course of 2005.
- Olympic costs rise from £2.4bn - which won the bid against latest estimate by Tessa Jowell (21 November) of £3.3bn purchase, regeneration and management. Wise forecaste final overall cost of £12bn. Brown is set to increase his sl Lottery from the present 17%, and goodness knows what tax will do!
- Whitehall cabinet pensions will average £75k pa, based up calculated pension 'pot' of £1.7m. But there is no 'pot', p each year from that year's taxes.
- Abandoned Home Information Packs cost us £2.7bn.
- Iraq war has costs us 125 UK lives and £7bn so far.  
<http://icasualties.org/oif/>
- Personal UK debit grows at £1m every 4 minutes. Brown's on 'borrowed money'.
- Some £940 million in benefits were overpaid last year, ac official figures. £400 million was due to civil servant error accounted for £310 million. Overpayments were equivalent benefit expenditure in the 12 months to September 2005

overpayments totalled £500 million, while jobseeker's at £120 million, and pension credit £320 million.

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### AREA Contacts

Some of you may have seen the bottom lines of the epepnet.cc page since it has been updated. The link takes you to the Philip site where there are names and addresses for PPC members in

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### BROADBAND

More and more of you are now connected to the internet by broadband means you no longer have to take care about how long you spend online, or receiving pictures attached to emails.

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If you are into jazz, try

[www.radiojazz.co.uk](http://www.radiojazz.co.uk)

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### DIGITAL RADIO

This email was sent by a friend. Please read and forward to anyone who cares about saving AM - FM - LW radio broadcasts after 2012!!

"I am very worried about the imminent demise of broadcasts from radios in the UK, currently scheduled for 2012. Digital radio uses 15 times as much energy as the transistor, and the simplicity of the transistor makes it egalitarian, affordable and environmentally friendly. These developments are necessarily progress, and I think DAB is a case in point. We need to lobby for the retainment of MW, LW and FM radio in the UK. The BBC are trying to keep quiet about the amount of energy used by DAB radios, a minutes wind on a clockwork transistor radio for up to half an hour, on DAB equivalents, power lasts about ten minutes. That's 15 times as much energy consumed by DAB than conventional. Aren't we all supposed to be trying to save energy in any way possible? What sort of strain is this going to put on the national grid??? I suggest a good way to start saying something like;

"We, the undersigned believe the proposed ending of transm terrestrial radio in 2012 is ill conceived, and poses a threat to t due to the large volume of energy consumed by DAB radio, up of the transistor, and also to national security due to the oppo demise will afford to illicit pirate broadcasters."

Please go to:

<http://www.PetitionOnline.com/wireless/>

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### **THE BENEVOLENT FUND for Philips UK Pensioners**

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The working procedure with the EEIBA continues to assist us in needy pensioners and we are now making donations up to £250 so generously supported by our Pensioners for our Pensioners. We do see that the number of requests for those essential item We are certain that the need is still there so please, if you do for something to make life that bit more comfortable - and you yourself, don't hesitate to apply. Remember, your application between the 3 Trustees and in the strictest confidence.

<http://www.pensions.philips.co.uk/html/pensioners/benevolen>

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PBF,

c/o The Philips Pension Fund,

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