

We are delighted to welcome our speaker today who is **Ray Waldron** with a talk entitled '**The History of Computing and its effect on peoples lives**'. Ray was employed in the steel plant at Llanwern for several years as a senior automation technician. On leaving the steel industry, due to plant closure, he took a position as senior lecturer in computing at the Allt-yr-yn (Newport) campus and retired from there in 2005. Since then he has been lecturing (part time) at a university in Heidenheim in Germany and spends approximately 14 days each year lecturing there.

A few reminders to members

- Please could we ensure that our phones are turned off and that we refrain from chatting during our meetings. This is out of respect to our speakers and also not to disturb our fellow members. Also we would ask members not to get their tea or coffee until the meeting has closed and and raffle has finished. There is plenty of time to socialise before and after the meeting.
- We would like to remind any members who have not renewed their membership subscription for this year to please do so as soon as possible as these need to be forwarded to Head Office.
- Our committee member, Jen Martin kindly runs the raffle for us at each meeting and would welcome donations of raffle prizes as these are running a bit low. A big thank you all members who regularly donate. Your contributions are much appreciated.
- Lots of information and Branch newsletters etc are now being sent out direct to members via email. This is particularly useful if the Branch has any urgent messages to send. Please could you let us know if your current email address has changed so that our records are kept up to date.

Eileen Bartlett

Many of you will remember Eileen Bartlett who was a founder member of our Branch and who moved to Bath several years ago to be near her family. We were very sad to hear the news that she passed away in January age 91. Our condolences have been sent to her family.

Conference and AGM - Bristol 2025

Bookings are now open for the national conference and AGM 2025 which will be held at the **Holiday Inn, Bristol, Filton** from **Friday, 17th October - Sunday, 19th October**.

You may have already received details of this as these were sent out to members via email from Mark Bailey, Chair and Mike Seaton, Chief Executive, NHS Retirement Fellowship. The conference brochure and the online booking form are available on the new NHSRF website and of course you can phone to make your bookings on 01983 405 116.

The cost of attending the full residential package including Conference and Gala Dinner (2 nights/ 3 days) is £299 per person. There are also other options to do one night etc.

For those who would like to attend but do not want to do the whole package, it was suggested at the Committee meeting that members might be interested in doing a one day Conference ticket on **Saturday, 18th October 2025** which includes lunch at a cost of £65 per person. . If enough people are interested then coach transport could be arranged the cost of which would be funded by the Branch.

If you are interested in attending the one day conference a list for names is available today.

Copies of the Conference information are available today or can be emailed if you have not already received this otherwise if you have any queries about conference, please contact Isle of Wight Tours at info@iowtours.com or the Head of Communications, Lucia Hiden on comms@nhsrf.org.uk

TRAVEL UPDATE FOR JUNE/JULY 2025

ADULT FAMILY AND FRIENDS WELCOME

SUDELEY CASTLE AND GARDENS

DUE TO LACK OF SUPPORT THIS EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELLED

REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN OR USED TO PAY FOR AUTUMN FLOWER SHOW TRIP IF ATTENDING.

AUTUMN FLOWER SHOW MALVERN - SUNDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER

COST £43 WHICH INCLUDES ENTRY AND COACH

DEPOSIT OF £15 REQUIRED AT JUNE MEETING WITH BALANCE AT JULY MEETING PLEASE

NUMBERS / PAYMENT NEEDED BY JULY MEETING AFTER WHICH TIME IF YOU WISH TO GO TO THE SHOW YOU CAN STILL PAY TO USE THE COACH BUT WILL NEED TO BUY YOUR ENTRY TICKET YOURSELF.

PICK-UP PLACES AND TIMES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT SEPTEMBER MEETING

PLEASE REMEMBER A MINIMUM OF 20 TO BOOK FOR TRIP TO GO AHEAD

EXCEPT FOR OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MARKET TRIP I WILL NOT BE ARRANGING FURTHER TRIPS

Forthcoming meetings

2pm, Monday, 21st July 2025 - Our speaker will be **John Venn** with his talk entitled **“William Brace, The Miner’s Oracle”**

There will be no meeting in August

2pm, Monday, 15th September 2025 will be our **Annual Quiz** with **Quizmaster, Pam Cocchiara**. This will be followed by tea and scones

YOUR COMMITTEE

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