

Keeping the Pacific Province strong

Throughout the fall, with the help of wonderful local volunteers, we managed to speak individually with some four hundred BC members whose CABP membership had lapsed. It was great to actually connect with so many people and we were very pleased with the success of the drive – most said that it was an oversight on their part, something that is familiar to lots of us as we get a little older!

In September, the Last Night of The Proms was simulcast live around the world including to a sold-out crowd at a cinema in Nanaimo, BC. For us, it was a wonderful afternoon of rousing music from the Royal Albert Hall and it was hard not to feel incredibly patriotic as we all joined in singing the traditional Last Night favourites, *Jerusalem*, *Land of Hope & Glory* and even Gerry and the Pacemakers' *You'll Never Walk Alone*. Of course, I took the opportunity to pass out CABP business cards to well over 200 people.

Besides at special events like that, most of us come across Brits of all ages simply in the course of our daily lives. It is astonishing how many are unaware of their pension rights, let alone of our campaign for pension parity, although most of them are likely to be affected at some point, whether today, tomorrow or sometime in the future. It's their right to know, and that's why we recommend carrying a few CABP business cards in your wallet or purse to hand out. I have mailed small packages of the cards to various people in BC who have offered to help spread the word and will gladly respond to further requests. I look forward to hearing from any resident of BC!