

## **Chairman's Newsletter #4, March 2013**

### **Latest Update from CABP Chairman Sheila Telford**

By now you should all have received your copy of "Justice". Feedback on articles is always welcomed by our skillful editor, Rosalind:  
justice@britishpensions.com

Thank you to all who sent a submission to the Work and Pensions Select Committee which is now convened in order to consider submissions. The Committee has been quite rigid in only admitting submissions made in the correct format and I am pleased that the submission made by me, on behalf of CABP, has been accepted and is now part of the parliamentary archives. More important is that the Committee actually has taken account of our arguments in favour of unfreezing pensions.

Although I covered this in the last newsletter, there is a second kick at the can if you have not yet submitted a letter to the Pensions Bill Team. Please take the time to indicate to them how important it is to include the issue of frozen pensions in their deliberations on the White Paper.

### **The deadline is 22nd March 2013.**

Please send your submission to the Pensions Bill Team by email and/or by mail to:

Pensions Bill Team, Department for Work and Pensions, 1st Floor Caxton House, Tothill Street, London SW1H 9NA.

pensions.bill@dwp.gsi.gov.uk

Please also copy your emails to your ex-British MP and also your Canadian MP.

### **Recent ICBP activities**

Thank you to all to members who responded to the email requesting you to ask family and friends in the area to support the unveiling of an ICBP billboard in the marginal Eastleigh constituency. Sadly, we didn't get a great turn-out at the unveiling but the good news is that the billboard and subsequent press advertisement in the local media garnered a great deal of attention and press coverage in the UK. The Liberal Democrats certainly took notice and were rattled by it! This was an opportunity for ICBP to show that we are prepared to take an aggressive political stance and show the British public that we have a message that they must heed. This is something we will build on for the future.

### **How Can We Trust March 2013?**

Did you march in any of the Queen's June 1953 Coronation parades? If so, John Markham would like to hear from you. Please send your email to John at [info@britishpensions.com](mailto:info@britishpensions.com) with the header Coronation Parade and it will be forwarded.

### **Recent CABP Activities**

BC branch members came out to support directors Bernard Jackson and Ian Andexser at the Zoomer show in Vancouver on 23rd and 24th February. The CABP booth was most successful and a number of new members were recruited. Thank you to all who helped to make this a success.

Planning is in place for meetings on 16th March in Etobicoke and on May 5th in Oshawa in Ontario . There is a great deal of work going into updating the presentation that will be available at these meetings due to the constant flux of information coming in about the new single tier British pension from 2017. It is more important than ever that future British pensioners listen to what we have to offer. If you know of any one in this situation, living in the area, please encourage them to come with you to the meeting.

Our Marketing team tells us that the visits to the CABP website: [www.britishpensions.com](http://www.britishpensions.com) spiked after our TV advertisements in BC. We have yet to see how this has translated into new members. The advertisement will air in Ontario on Sportsnet on Saturday 9th March and Saturday 16th March.

CABP member, Tony Mort, is interested in hearing from anyone who was employed in the UK by British Steel, particularly with service before 1988 and consequently has part of their occupational pension Guaranteed Minimum Payment (GMP) frozen. Please contact him directly at [tonymortCABP@gmail.com](mailto:tonymortCABP@gmail.com)

The issue of frozen pre-1988 GMP applies to all occupational pension schemes, but Tony is determined to first tackle British Steel on the freezing of pre-1988 contracted out GMP and hopes to create a precedent for other occupational pension schemes.

CABP member, and ex- British Member of Parliament, Gordon Prentice writes a regular blog about political matters: you may be interested to see what he has to say about the ICBP Eastleigh by-election poster and the need to keep the pressure on marginal constituencies in the UK

<http://gordonprentice.com/index.php/component/content/article/1-blog/453-frozen-pensioners-campaign-in-eastleigh>

Meanwhile, once again, may I thank everyone who has responded to requests for help, volunteered, spread the word about CABP, and renewed their membership. If you have not renewed, (and you will see the membership expiry date at the top of this newsletter), please go to the website and renew online – it is quite simple to do. We need membership income, and welcome Action Fund donations, to be able to finance all the initiatives we are undertaking, including information meetings, TV ads in Canada and most importantly those in the UK, like the Eastleigh billboard, and subsequent newspaper advertisement. Memberships and donations are our life-blood and we cannot operate without them.