

**AXA PROVINCIAL PENSIONERS' ASSOCIATION – REGION 6N.
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Dear Fellow Pensioners,

As I write this, the unseasonal weather continues.

The past few days have been very wet and what the BBC calls “a fresh breeze” has felt like a northerly gale more typical of February or March!

Our Annual General Meeting took place on 5th September in Kendal and the Minutes are being sent out with this Newsletter. Further details can be found on the APPA website - address at the end.

If anyone has any comments, please get in touch with me initially - if I cannot assist, I will pass them on to the relevant person.

Many of you will be aware that TREVOR DAVIS had an above-the-knee amputation of one of his legs about a year ago. He has (typically) refused to regard himself as an “invalid” and has made great progress towards living as normal a life as possible. Parts of his house have been adapted so that he can move around more freely; he has a motorised wheelchair and, recently, mastered his adapted car with its manual controls.

Very well done, Trevor, and congratulations on reaching your 80th year.

I am sure that you will all remember my list of suggested pensioner outings - the response wasn't quite as enthusiastic as I'd hoped.

A guided tour of the Tyne Theatre and Opera House in Newcastle was arranged; KAREN REVELL and I were the only APPA pensioners there but the visit was very interesting and worthwhile.



The theatre opened in 1867 and has gone through many management changes and several reincarnations in the years since. For a long time, it was a cinema (which is how I first came to know it) before being converted back into a theatre in 1974. The auditorium is reputed to be one of the best in the country for views of the stage and sound projection.



The tour included the under-stage area where timber machinery dating back to the theatre's Victorian early days remains and has been restored to working order. It is still possible, therefore, for the Demon King to suddenly appear on stage in a puff of smoke. (Spoiler alert – a lift propels him up through a trapdoor).



I am still struggling to organise a tour of St. James' Park; the available dates at the stadium and for the people coming are just not falling into place at the moment. The proposed date in October has had to be abandoned so we're looking at November now.

While on the subject of football, I was going through my old papers recently and I came upon this photograph of a 7-a-side football team:



On the reverse is written:

NEWCASTLE'S UNLUCKY SQUAD.

KENDAL - JUNE 1974.

Back row (L-R) Tom Walton, Steve Jobling, Paul Muse, Ken Elcock.

Front row (L-R) John Lyons, John Armstrong, Colin Meads, David Skuse.

Memories, memories!

This year's Pensioners' Christmas Lunch will be held on Wednesday 11th December at the usual venue, The Royal Station Hotel, in Newcastle. I will be sending out formal invitations shortly but, in the meantime, mark up your calendars.

As ever, if anyone needs any assistance, has any queries or just fancies a chat, do get in touch.



With all good wishes,

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