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1. Branch meeting - OGM

Wednesday 20th June 2018,

Time: 12.00 noon

Venue: Church of Christ, 298, St Johns Lane, Bedminster, BS3 5AY

Travel expenses will be reimbursed and light refreshments will be provided.

Newsletter: A termly newsletter for retired UCU members is sent to all branch members for whom we have email addresses.

Email addresses: UCU encourages us to use our home email when we retire.

There are directions to the venue at the end of the newsletter.

2. General Data Protection Regulation

The GDPR regulations come into effect on 25th May 2018.

Mailings to the UCU membership list are covered by the 'Legitimate Activity' provisions. For this branch this includes:

Communicating with members about UCU events and activities. Sending members information about Trade Councils, National Pensioners Convention and other bodies to which we are affiliated. Communicating with members about their membership.

Jo Corke SW RMB Membership sec

3. A Letter to the Editor.

Below is the first letter about the branch newsletter that I have received; I hope it encourages other readers to write in too. Following the suggestions from Terence, the theme for this edition of the branch newsletter is, broadly speaking, "Educational Opportunities".

Dear UCU newsletter compiler,
I very much appreciate the presentation of the newsletter with the clear and informative language of complex data. My union link dates back to the days of the A.T.T.I when it was not only pay and conditions that were covered but advice and aids to teaching which seems much amiss in communications today, I assume as we are retired, but most articles are about pay (pension) and conditions with little on enjoying retirement.
Now 85, I was a child close to the centre of Plymouth and thus lacked education for 5 years, lack of teachers, 58 bombing raids, sirens sounded 400 times, shell shock and thus evacuated and sedated for 3 months. On return, aged 12, dictation

score 0 out of 50, but mental arithmetic 24/25 due to counting veg./rabbits etc. Junior Technical School, apprenticeship, University, engineering, teaching with the services and abroad and finally the Further Education section provided a pleasant life. When in F.E. I felt that associates who had spent their whole period in education had missed out on so much of worldly knowledge. Frustration with the narrow approach to equipping the students for life and lack of broad management I set about external activities and in 12 years nearly doubled my income. I have shed some activities due to age but have developed other new activities.

What I am getting at is that your newsletter has a large content of dissatisfaction with persons' present lot. There are paths out of one's position of discomfort; UCU could take the opportunity of aiding with advice, activity groups, links to U3A etc.

Keep up the good work,

Yours, Terence Bickford. SW RMB

4. FutureLearn.

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses>

There are hundreds of free Online courses where you can learn new skills & pursue your interests. Below is a course Nancy (retired, Unison) did earlier this year.

**Beyond the Ballot:
Women's Rights
and Suffrage from
1866 to Today**



6th February 2018 will mark the centenary of the Representation of the People Act, the change in the law that

gave (some) women the right to vote in Westminster elections for the first time. On this course you will travel back to the nineteenth century to explore the legal, social and economic frameworks that limited women's rights prior to the vote and discover the pioneering women campaigning for change. You will learn the story of how and why the vote was extended to women in 1918, the movements behind this change and how the struggle for equality continued throughout the twentieth century.

5. U3A.

Joining a local U3A is one of several opportunities to keep in touch with learning and teaching....

<https://www.u3a.org.uk/>

Over 600 British U3As are hosted at the public U3A Site Builder Home Page <https://u3asites.org.uk/code/index.php> and between them they provide a representative sample of U3A activities. The site is useful for anyone who wants to find out what is happening in your local U3As. There are scores of local U3As in our region. Here are some SW examples. There are monthly meetings of general interest: <https://u3asites.org.uk/honiton/events> Members of Bristol U3A offer a wide range of groups and activities of all types - there are usually somewhere between 120 and 130.

<https://u3asites.org.uk/code/u3asite.php?site=628&page=2>

Many local U3As have an events programme like those at Moor's Edge, Devon.

<https://u3asites.org.uk/moorsedge/events>

There are specific national groups, for example The U3A Science Network <https://u3asites.org.uk/u3asciencenetwork/home> exists to encourage science activities within the U3A which holds an annual meeting in August at various locations around the country.

<https://u3asites.org.uk/u3asciencenetwork/image/100983:1>

U3A Home page: <https://www.u3a.org.uk/>

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6. No Man's Land.

This is an exhibition at Bristol Cathedral until July 1st.

It showcases the photographic work of women who, working as nurses, ambulance drivers and official photographers, experienced the conflict first-hand, as well as work by modern day artists and soldiers directly inspired by WW1. <https://bristol-cathedral.co.uk/whats-on/no-mans-land>



[Verdun battlefield](#) (2005) public domain

7. From the Archives. Mrs Wrigley.

In 1840 Mrs Wrigley was speaking at a meeting outside the Stanley Arms Newbridge Lane Stockport. It was in connection with a resolution proposed by Charles Bowman that "It is the opinion of this meeting that the women do stand out by the men and they do not return to their work without the men.

At those mills where they do not shop men they do not return to their work unless the mills are willing to shop men."

She believed that the women would not be "nesh" in the matter and would resist the threatened abatement of their wages.

In 1829 (an earlier turnout) she stood by the turnout living upon nettles and other coarse food, "but God forbid that any other creature should slave as she had done and be bated (?abated) all the while and now the tyrants (mill owners) wanted to take away the last pittance."

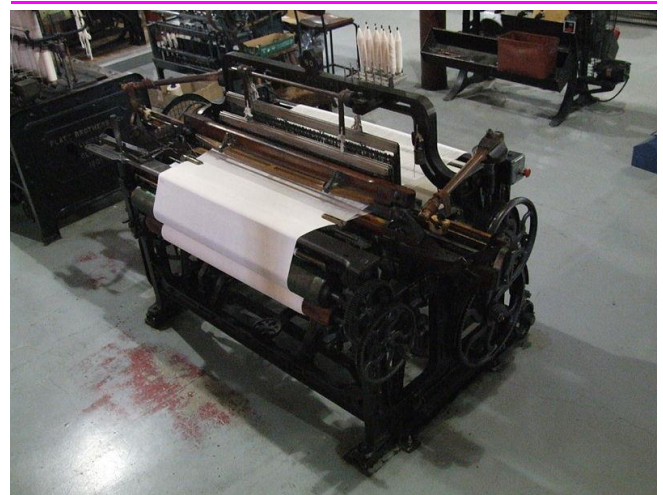
The women were in the majority of the weavers and if they would stick to their case they would succeed. She then addressed the meeting:

"Women will you stand by the rights of the man for your own benefit?" (*We will*).

"Men will you stand by and protect the women?" (*We will*).

She continued by saying to the women if they submitted to the reduction the bastille (I take that to be the workhouse) was all that there would be for their husbands or fathers.

I cannot be one hundred percent clear but I think she was Mary Wrigley, born 1801 who had a daughter aged 18, also a weaver.



https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Power_Loom_MOSI-11_Textile_gallery_5599.JPG

Power Loom at The Museum of Science and Industry, Manchester.

<https://www.msimanchester.org.uk/>

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8. Banners Bright & Beautiful

MayDay parade 2011



If you have been reading these newsletters for some time you will know that I do not pass up an opportunity to feature union banners.

[https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:May_Day,_Belfast,_April_2011_\(074\).JPG](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:May_Day,_Belfast,_April_2011_(074).JPG)

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John Gorman's "Banner Bright" * is an illustrated history of union banners through the ages. The most beautiful and striking banners illustrated in Banner bright are those executed by

George Tutill of 83 City Road, London. Tutill banners are of such rarity they are talked about in almost hushed tones and people come from around the world to see them at the Peoples History Museum in Manchester.

Tutill banners are exhibited as works of art in their own right and the odd Tutill banner still turns up from time to time; I read this story of the "Turn of the Century union banner saved".

<https://blogs.londonmet.ac.uk/tuc-library/2016/09/23/turn-of-the-century-union-banner-saved/>

Michael Walker, Unison regional Officer tells how he saved a rare turn of the Century union banner from being sold into private hands.

* Banner Bright.

<http://www.letterpressproject.co.uk/inspiring-older-readers/2016-08-21/banner-bright-an-illustrated-history-of-trade-union-banners>

9 TUC Congress marks start of 150th year

In 1968 the Royal Mail published this commemorative stamp. If want to send us a photo of a stamp with some trade union connection from your collection (or labelled for non-commercial reuse) with some interesting text we'll publish it.



10. UCU Conference Dates 2018

UCU Congress – Wednesday 30 May – Friday 1 June 2018

11. SOUTH WEST TUC meeting dates for 2018

Regional Council:

Croyde Bay, N Devon
30 June, Unite,
Bristol
13 October,
Guildhall, Plymouth



Pensioners' Annual

Conference: 18 October WSM tbc

Tolpuddle Festival & Radical History

Radical History - Thursday, 19- Saturday, 21 July
Tolpuddle Festival - Friday, 20 - Sunday, 22 July

Directions to St John's Church Hall.

The church building is 15 minutes walk along Cotswold Road starting immediately at the **Bedminster Station Entrance** and there are steps down to St Johns Lane at two places on the right - use the second set of steps to St Johns Lane - the venue is 50 m on the left.

Alternatively take the **No. 50** bus at the bottom of the incline to Temple Meads Station to **Redcatch Road** (where the bus turns off St Johns Lane) and continue walking along St Johns Lane to the venue on the right at the Littleton Road bus stop.

A third possibility is to walk (about 15 Minutes) from Temple Meads to St Mary Redcliff Church and on the same side of the road as the church on Recliff Hill take the No. 90 bus to the Littleton Road stop in St Johns Lane - which is adjacent to the venue.

If any member is in difficulty (and especially if it is a wet day) then ring 07599407145 - it will be easy to arrange collection from either of the 2 points Bedminster Station or Redcatch Road.

Branch members may ask a friend to accompany them.
