



Christmas Greetings from The Owen Owen Trust

December 2022

Dear All,

2022 was certainly a year of highs and lows - none higher than the fabulous Platinum Jubilee celebrations in June that brought the nation together - who can forget the Queen and Paddington enjoying a marmalade sandwich together - to be followed just three months later by the national grief for her passing in September.

Three Prime Ministers in seven weeks summed up a tumultuous year in UK politics, and the war in Ukraine and its effect on our daily lives cannot be ignored. As oil prices soared, so have our bills, and I know we are all concerned about the cost of living. Help is available both from the government and the power companies themselves. Please make sure that you are claiming all the help that is available to you. Some people seem to be receiving their government heating grant directly into their bank account (rather than as a credit from their heating provider). If that is you, do remember to transfer it to your heating provider to make sure you use the money to keep warm over the winter. For more information please call the office.

Sport delivered much needed enjoyment with the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham and the Lionesses showing how to win the football Euros. As we go to press we are gearing up for a somewhat controversial World Cup in Qatar but, for those of you who follow football, let's hope for a similar victory !

On the brighter side we do seem to have turned a corner with Covid (fingers crossed) and we are returning to more normal social activities. It was not easy to start socialising again after being hidden away for so long but it was wonderful to see our events re-start this year and it was obvious that you were all happy to see them return. There are several events scheduled for the festive season and most areas will also hold an event next summer, so look out for the dates in the New Year. We do hope you will be able to join us. In the meantime please keep in touch with us and let us know what you have been doing.

If you receive a quarterly or half yearly grant from the Trust, you may be able to apply for extra help for repairs and renewals, decorating, white goods, a new television or replacement furniture. If you call the office and tell them your plans they can let you know if it is something we can help with. Please remember, we need 2 quotes before we can consider your application - this is for your benefit, as it is always wise to make sure that you are getting good value. If the Trust can help, it will usually be a contribution to the overall cost - not the full amount. Please bear this in mind before undertaking costly purchases.

Our website continues to be popular. If you have memories you would like to share, do send them into the office - by email or post - and they will be added to the archive. The

regular postings of Scene magazine on the Facebook page are a huge hit and they will be added to the website in the new year to become part of our online archive. Given the popularity of the company magazine, I am sure you will all enjoy this image from the Christmas edition in 1975 - which Personnel Managers can you spot? (Answers at the bottom of the page).

A Christmas Carol



Last but not least Owen Owen's grandson David Owen has shared some words in a letter which Owen Owen wrote when he first arrived in Liverpool in 1868, which I am sure will be of interest to you and shows how little priorities have changed in 150 years !

On that happy note and on behalf of the Trustees, Karen and Paula, may I wish you, and those close to you, a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Best Wishes

Kay Eggleton
Chairman of the Trustees

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