

Christmas Greetings from The Owen Owen Trust

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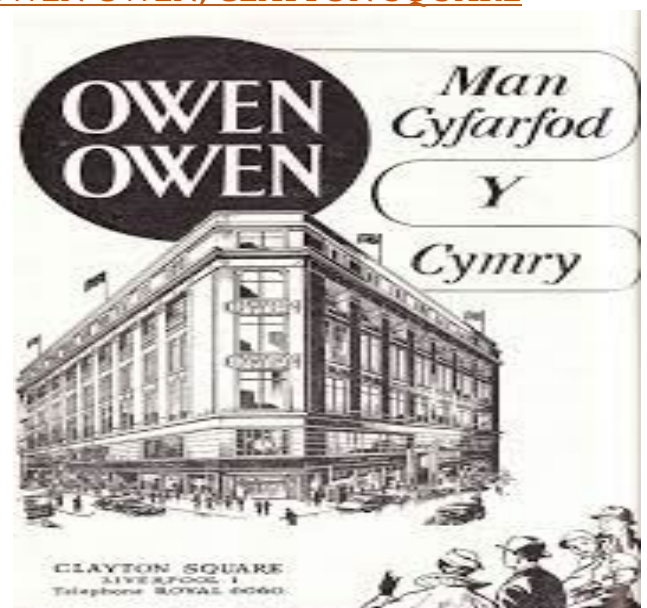
Dear All

“Nothing is as constant as change” and 2024 has been no exception. Besides the endless, worldwide political changes there have also been changes at the Trust with the office relocating to new premises in the Autumn. The move was relatively seamless thanks to Karen and Paula’s hard work and the new address and telephone number are at the bottom of this letter. Please make a note, should you wish to get in touch.

We are very saddened to tell you of the loss of our Trustee, colleague and friend Sue Mitchell, who died in early October after a long fight with cancer. Many of you will remember Sue as Miss Healey. She worked in various personnel roles during her long career with Owen Owen. My abiding memories of her were working closely with Betty Rigby and Stella Adams – a formidable team - and also her passion and hard work with regard to the Owen Owen Pension Scheme and Trust. She was always there to help all of us with any personnel issues and she will be much missed by everyone who knew her. Our love goes to her husband Mark and all her family.

HAPPY CENTENARY BIRTHDAY TO OWEN OWEN, CLAYTON SQUARE

In November 2025, Clayton Square will be 100 years old, and whilst no longer Owen Owen, it is still a busy retail department store as part of the Flannels group. To celebrate the centenary the Trust is organising a display in the Liverpool Central Library, with photos and items commemorating the man, the store and his legacy. The exhibition will open in September 2025 and will run until the end of the year.



The Trust itself has now been in existence for an amazing one hundred and twenty three years and is still working to help former staff and their families who are in financial need. This year, with the removal of the Winter Fuel Payment from pensioners who do not receive pension credit, it is now more important than ever to make sure you are receiving all the benefits that you are entitled to. It is not too late to apply for pension credit, and if you are successful, the Winter Fuel Payment will be paid retrospectively. Even a small amount of pension credit will allow you to claim - not just the winter fuel payment - but also to get help with things like glasses and dentistry. The Government website has a lot of information about benefits (www.gov.uk/pension-credit) and Age Concern offers advice on how to claim pension credit, online and in person. So if you think you might be entitled to more help, please call your local office for help and advice.

If you already receive a grant from the Trust do remember that you can apply for extra help with repairs and renewals, replacement white goods, electricals or furniture. Please call the Trust office before you go ahead, to check whether it is something we can help with.

For further information about the Trust have a look at our Facebook page and our Website www.owenowentrust.org.uk. We have some fabulous memorabilia on there, and we are always keen to add more, so do send any photos or memories to the Trust office.

On behalf of the Trustees, Karen and Paula, may I wish you and those close to you, a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and peaceful 2025.

Best Wishes

Kay Eggleton

Chairman of the Trustees

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