



# ENFIELD BOROUGH OVER 50s FORUM

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## **Minutes of the Meeting Held on Tuesday April 24th 2007**

**Present: 76 members**

- 1.0** MM welcomed the guest speaker Pat Healy who is the vice president of the National Pensioners Convention.
- 2.0** PH spoke of AGE-an umbrella organisation who met in Brussels last week.  
She gave three examples of personal experience of age discrimination, where assumptions are made on the basis of age and not one's clinical condition. The Equality act was passed last year and age discrimination is one of the areas covered by it, except it doesn't cover goods, services and facilities. She spoke of JET which is the justice for equal treatment project and this should feed into the new act. Packs were available for members to take away, which contained information on this act. Media attitudes towards older people must change to progress things and all issues need campaigning.  
The talk was followed by a selection of questions covering such topics as: Discrimination with travel insurance, employment problems, the freedom pass and positive discrimination.  
There was concern that the retirement age is rising without anything being done to enhance older people's employment opportunities.
- 3.0** MM thanked Pat for her talk and announced that the May forum meeting will be on the 29<sup>th</sup> with Dr Suzanne Wait, Director of research, from the International Longevity Centre UK, who will be speaking on ageing and health in Europe and how Britain compares. The June meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> will be the 2012 Olympics-can Enfield Gain? The July meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> will be Youth and Community in Enfield-bridging the generation gap with Enfield's 25,000 teenagers.
- 4.0** The raffle was drawn with proceeds to be donated to Macmillan cancer relief.

The date of the next Forum meeting in the Conference Room is on **Tuesday May 29th at 10.30am**

### **AGM Agenda**

- 1.** Apologies
- 2.** Minutes of the April meeting
- 3.** Chair report
- 4.** Secretary report
- 5.** Treasurer report
- 6.** Development Officer report
- 7.** Social secretary report
- 8.** AOB
- 9.** Guest speaker
- 10.** Raffle

