

## Solent District Benevolent Society SUPERDRAW

### December

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£100.00	Mr R Nelson
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£50.00	Mr C Brooks
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£50.00	Mrs MI Legrave
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	£20.00	Mr HRJ Eynon
5 <sup>th</sup> Prize	£20.00	Mr DJ Mooney
6 <sup>th</sup> Prize	£20.00	Mr AE Dobson
7 <sup>th</sup> Prize	£20.00	Mr KL Smith
8 <sup>th</sup> Prize	£20.00	Mr MJ Parrott
9 <sup>th</sup> Prize	£20.00	Mr SN Trim
10 <sup>th</sup> Prize	£20.00	Mr LH Scrivener

More details on the society at: [www.bensoc.org](http://www.bensoc.org)



### CWU Black Workers' Conference 2010

This conference is on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February in Dundee.

### CWU Women's Conference 2010

This Conference is on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February in Coventry.

Any member interested in attending either conference please contact us, details on [www.cwusolent.org](http://www.cwusolent.org)

### CWU LGBT Conference 2009

The CWU'S Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Conference 2009 took place in Bristol on the 21st November. A full report is available on our branch website at [www.cwusolent.org](http://www.cwusolent.org)

You do not have to be from an ethnic minority or a woman, have a disability, or be lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, to attend equality conferences, they are for anyone interested in the issues and help every member understand the concerns of minority groups, in an environment that is friendly and supportive.

### BT Members with Disabilities/Restrictions

Members should make themselves aware of the help available; go to the health & safety page on our website [www.cwusolent.org](http://www.cwusolent.org)



# The Messenger

## BRANCH NOMINATIONS MEETING

7.30pm Thursday 28th January 2010 at the Elstead Hotel  
Knyveton Road, Bournemouth

### AGENDA

1. Apologies.
2. Consideration of Minutes of 26th November 2009
3. Matters Arising From Those Minutes
4. Officers Reports: Chairperson; Secretary; Financial Secretary; Equal Opportunities Officer; Political Officer
5. Health & Safety Report (all employers)
6. Postal / Romec & Telecoms Reports
7. Learning Centre's
8. Welfare
9. Branch Nominations & Amendments to Bye-Laws
10. Members Open Forum
11. Any Other Business
12. Date of Next Meeting
13. BenSoc Prize Draw

*Reasonable travel costs will be paid, car share where possible. If you require wheelchair access or have any difficulty in attending please let us know. A large print version of this newsletter is available on request.*

**Views expressed in The Messenger are not necessarily those of Solent Branch or the CWU.** Members can now receive an electronic version of this newsletter **instead** of a posted version. All we need is a personal email address. Email your details to [cwusolent@btinternet.com](mailto:cwusolent@btinternet.com) if you want to take up this offer.

### CWU Membership Rates

Some membership rates will increase as of 1st January 2010, please see next issue of The Voice or look on our branch website for details.

### Branch Contact Details

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**Branch Website: [www.cwusolent.org](http://www.cwusolent.org)**

## AGM Nominations 2010

### All Members, please take this as notice that

Solent Branch AGM will be held at the CWU's Elstead Hotel, Knyveton Road, Bournemouth on Thursday 25th February 2010 starting at 7.30pm. Special Guest will be General Secretary Billy Hayes, followed by a buffet. Nominations are sought at this month's branch meeting for the following posts:



Chairperson; Secretary; Financial Secretary; Equal Opportunities Officer; Political Officer; Asst Sec. Branch; Asst Sec. Clerical; Branch Health & Safety Coordinator; Asst Sec Engineering; Assistant Sec. Postal Technical Services; Asst Sec Admin & Organising; Assistant Secretary Legal & Medical; Asst Sec T&FSE; Deputy Chair; Romec Rep (West); Romec Rep (East); 1 Royal Mail Processing Rep per Mail Centre; Women's Officers; Youth Officer; Retired Member's Secretary; Committee (up to 50); Conference Delegates/Observers/ Reserve; Auditors; Welfare Visitors; Welfare Fund Trustee; Delegates to Constituency Labour Parties; Delegates to Trades Union Councils; Union Safety Reps, Union Learning Centre Coordinator; Union Learning Reps.

If you wish to nominate or second a member for any of these posts and are unable to attend the meeting, send your signed nomination and seconder's nomination in writing to the Financial Secretary, CWU Office, Winton ATE, Wycliffe Road, Bournemouth BH9 1JP. Forms are available from the branch office or as a download on our website, newsletters page. Only members can nominate or second a member for any position.

**All nominations must be received by 8th February 2010 at the latest.** Where **no** nominations have been received in advance of the meeting posts may be filled by nominations from the floor of the AGM.

### Amendments to Branch Bye-Laws

Members are advised that any change to the Branch Bye-Laws must be notified to members at least seven days prior to the meeting. If any member wishes to submit such a motion it must be sent to the Branch Secretary, CWU Office, Winton T.E., Wycliffe Road, Bournemouth BH9 1JP or emailed to [cwusolent@btinternet.com](mailto:cwusolent@btinternet.com) by **8th February 2010 at the latest.**

## Members off sick

The branch Welfare Officer, Steve Miller, can visit sick members and bring a gift from us. The employer does not tell us if someone is off ill or injured so it is important that if you know someone who has been off sick for two weeks or more please let us know so that we can arrange for Steve to call. All contact is confidential, 07791 956551.

## Accidents / Injuries at Work

Please report all accidents, incidents and near misses at work and make sure you inform us as well.



## History Corner

Assistant Secretary Engineering, Roger Brenton has sent us some interesting items found in the 1941 Journal of the POEU (Post Office Engineering Union):

- Allowance for "Sleeping Attendance" to pay members to sleep in the office to be raised from 2s (10p) to 8s (40p). *There was one drawback, you had to be there during an air-raid*
- The issuing of steel helmets, 1 per member
- For members taking examinations you could purchase for 6s (30p), "101 Electrical Examination Questions with model answers"
- A sum of £9-13s-4d was given to a member's war widow.
- Milk to be issued to lead cable jointers to offset the inhalation of lead fumes

Conference proposals:

(Bournemouth) "That this Conference instructs the incoming sectional council to endeavour to obtain primus stoves for jointers"

(Southampton) Stop lights to be fitted to vehicles

## BT Emails

Several members who have previously received our emails have reported to us that they are now going into the junk folder, it appears to be primarily Openreach email accounts! Please check your junk folder regularly and if our emails are being sent into this you should right click the message and then select Add Sender to Safe List.

## BT Management Style

For more information see our website, 'Telecoms' page.