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PHILIPS ELECTRONICS PENSIONERS ASSOCIATION

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Ray Headon, PEPA Chairman writes:

Dear Members

A very warm welcome to all of you for the Summer edition of the PEPA Newsletter. Sadly, this is our penultimate Newsletter as we will be finally closing all PEPA activities at the end of 2025.

Since late February, high pressure has extended over the UK from either the Azores or Europe, aided by a jet stream that has been looping further north of the UK than usual. This combination of factors has created an effective block on the sort of passing weather fronts that typically define the UK's changeable Spring. It has been the driest start to Spring in England for 69 years and long-range forecasts point to weeks of balmy sunshine and a greater than normal chance of early summer heatwaves.

The PEPA Committee has decided that it would be a fitting end to 62 years of PEPA to host a farewell party to allow members to meet one last time in familiar surroundings. So, we have organised a farewell at Denbies Wine Estate in Dorking, where we have held many reunions. This will be on Wednesday **October 8th** 2025, from 2pm to 4pm in the Denbies Suite. There will be a glass of sparkling wine or soft drink on arrival, followed by a selection of sandwiches and cakes with tea or coffee. In order to know how many people would like to come we are requesting that you contact one of the three people below and you will be given a ticket number. There will be no charge for the event but numbers may have to be limited if we have a large response.

Please email or phone from **July 17th** when tickets will be available:

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Ray Headon ray.headon@btinternet.com 01444 246016

We look forward to seeing many of you to say farewell.

Our benevolent fund PEPBA is now closing and the funds will be transferred to PBF, the benevolent fund for Philips UK Pensioners.

Philips News

Sales in the first quarter 2025 amounted to EUR 4.1 billion. This represented a 2% decrease when compared to the same quarter in 2024, partly reflecting declines across all market segments in China. Income from operations increased to EUR 154 million.

Celebration of 100 years of Philips in UK

On the 22nd January 2025, Philips had been operating in the UK for 100 years. To mark this occasion a small celebration was organised in the Philips Head office in Farnborough. A report on this event and photos showing some of the many Philips products over the years is on page 7. A full report and slide shows are on the Philips News page of the PEPA website.

Finally, I hope you all keep safe and well this summer and if you have time to read our website you will find more information about the closure of PEPA.

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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to those listed below. We hope you have enjoyed or will be enjoying your milestone anniversaries.

Blue Sapphire Wedding (65th)

PRCS

Mr & Mrs C M Prouse

18.04.25

Diamond Wedding (60th)

PRL

Mr B & Mrs S Martin

03.07.25

Diamond Wedding (60th)

Semiconductors

Mr & Mrs G K Hewett

20.03.25

Golden Wedding (50th)

DAP

Mr & Mrs V B Hobbs

27.03.25

Golden Wedding (50th)

Domestic Appliances

Mr I & Mrs E Mayes

22.06.24 late entry

If you wish to have your Milestone Wedding Anniversary mentioned in the Newsletter and if you wish to receive a card for your 50th, 60th, 65th or 70th Wedding Anniversary then please let Margaret Brantom know by writing to her or sending her an email. Her details are on the Contact List at the end of this newsletter

BIRTHDAYS

Many congratulations and best wishes to members who have celebrated milestone birthdays. On this page and the next are birthdays celebrated from **November** to **April**. If your birthday is in **May** your card has already been sent. Your card for **June** and onwards will be posted to you and should reach you before your birthday.

100th Birthdays

Croydon

Mrs J Cantwell
Mrs L E Phillip

Mitcham

Mrs W V Thompson

Philips Service

Mrs V A Stimson

Pye Unicam

Mrs M Marshall

Philips Electronics

Miss J Wilson

Pye TVT

Mr W L Rycarte

Widow

Mrs L E Hollands

90th Birthdays

Business Systems

Mr A W Blackiston

MEL

Mrs J L Dimmick
Mr P D Gateland
Mr A F Ward
Mr L W B Worrall

Philips Telecom

Mrs E Bell
Mr D B Blackburn
Mr L F Davis
Mrs R Gooding

PRL

Miss A M Cole
Mr I J Stemp

Car Systems

Mr D N Williams

Centronics

Mrs B A Hanlon

Mullard Ltd

Mr P Ingham
Mr C B Oliver

Polygram

Mrs R K Bharaj
Mr L V Burdge
Mr G G Grant
Mr M J Pateman

Pye Ether

Mr K G Knox

Hastings

Mrs M A Boulton

Philips Communications

Mrs M Potheary

PRCS

Mr M Bland
Mrs M Butcher
Mr R V Rao
Mrs H E Woollard

Pye TVT

Mrs J M Ruggles

Infrared

Mr R A Wright

Lighting

Mrs S Kearns

London Carriers

Mr G M Desmond
Miss V Patel

Philips Scientific

Mr J A Heywood
Mr K A Hurford
Mr J M Sharp

Southampton

Mr B W E Avient
Mr A W Channer
Mrs T M H Kerbyson
Mrs P Maskell
Mr C Westwood
Mr R J Whiteside

Widows

Mrs M M Willis
Mrs P M Woodbine

80th Birthdays

Applied Technologies

Mr V Piper

Broadcast TV Systems

Mr R M Pugh

Chappell

Mr I R White

Consumer Electronics

Mr G M Williams
Mr P Wyatt
Mr R M Yorkshire

Hastings

Mr R Hammond

Information Systems

Mr J A Barnes

IP&S

Mrs J K Jacobs

ISA

Mrs S P C Jones
Mr J Figueiredo
Mrs S Page

London Carriers

Mr D B Brogden

Lowestoft

Mr R Cooper

Medical Systems

Mr M C Broome
Mr J W Brown
Mr M M Elliott

MEL

Mrs V R Farmer

Mitcham

Mr P Burchett
Mr J C Pruce

PCB

Mr K P Oram
Mr J R Teasdale

Philips Components

Mr J Gardner
Mr C Slack

Philips Electronics

Mrs J V Anderson
Mr J Barnes
Mr G A Blanks
Miss S R Edwards
Mr L S Gorasia
Mr J O'Donnell
Mrs C A Smith

Philips Electronics Redhill

Mr M J Christmas

Philips Service

Mr W S Dacosta

Philips Telecom

Mr C D Burns
Mr J J Gentle

Polygram

Mrs M E Murphy
Mrs C M Siggery
Mr D J Tweed

PRCS

Mr I M Guthrie
Mr B S Herd
Mrs D C Johnson

Pye Ltd

Mrs D Black

Pye Telecom

Mr R Pinter
Mr J Swann
Mr P Whitehead

Pye TVT

Mr M Procter

Pye Unicam

Mrs H N Delamare

Radiotherapy

Mr N S Armstrong

Semiconductors

Mr R A Fletcher
Mr R Pett

Southampton

Mrs M S Rogers

TMC, Cray

Mr M G Dixon

Unicam

Mr R Osland

PEPA WEBSITE

www.pepa-online.org.uk

A special event of particular note took place in January this year – a celebration of the fact that Philips had been operating in the UK for 100 years. To mark this, staff gathered at the Philips Head Office in Farnborough, where there was a display of a large number of old Philips products. PEPA chairman Ray Headon, and membership secretary Richard Stow, attended. You'll find a fully-illustrated report on the Philips News page of the website, featuring two slideshows with images of over 70 Philips products from past years. How many will **you** recognise?!

Meanwhile, regular items on the website continue to be updated as soon as information becomes available. This includes such items as the latest financial accounts for both PEPA and PEPBA, and a summary of the most recent financial reporting of the Philips company. And any news pertaining to the closure of PEPA at the end of 2025 will, of course, be kept up to date.

A reunion of Philips Research Laboratories, Redhill, staff was held in May. Around 60 people attended, and an illustrated report is planned, so please check the website if interested.

The website's password (PE1963PA) is the same for all members and provides unlimited access to all pages of the website. *If you haven't already, please make a secure note of this password for future reference. It'll save you the inconvenience of having to email us for assistance later.* There's a reminder of the password in this section of each Newsletter.

Your comments and feedback on any aspect of the website are always welcome – simply email PEPA Webmaster Phil Lloyd at pepawebmaster@googlemail.com.

OBITUARY

To the families and friends of those members listed below we send our condolences on their loss:

AT & T

Mr E Holmes

Cabinet Industries

Mr R E Smith

**Communications,
Security, Imaging**

Mr G Sims

Consumer Electronics

Mr R W Baulch
Mrs M Peck

Croydon

Mr T E Noton
Mrs E E Watson

DAP

Mr R C Vale

Decca

Mr H J Reeve

Duphar

Mr A K Woollett

Flexicon

Mr J S Clark

Infrared

Mr F J Matthews

London Carriers

Mr D M Ingram
Mr D G Scragg

Lowestoft

Mrs R Thompson

Medical Systems

Mr O J Skinner

MEL

Mr T V Bennetts
Mr E D Lodge
Mrs C K Rumble
Dr A J Page

Mitcham

Mr D N Daniels
Mrs R Deal
Mr A J Simons

Mullard House

Mr D G Spring

Mullard Ltd

Mr W A Everden
Mr A Stelling
Mr F Vainker

OTIB

Mr M H Shorthouse

Philips Components

Mr M B Fletcher

Philips Electronics

Mr D P Bannerjee
Mrs P M Meewella
Mr N E Rigler
Mr F G Whiteley

Philips Scientific

Mr W C Dobson
Mr A Onyett

Philips Telecom

Mr M J Claridge
Mr P F O'Grady
Mr T J Poole
Mr M F T Sprague

Polydor

Mr J G Reed

Polygram

Mr W G Gilbert
Mr M A Mirza
Mr A J Morris

PRL

Mr F Grainger
Mr B K Herbert
Mr D J Jutson
Mr D G Simmons

**Pye Business
Communications**

Mr S E S Bartlett

Pye Ltd

Mr P Lomax

Semiconductors

Mr J R Cordell

Service

Mrs B J Clinton

Southampton

Mrs D D Browne
Mrs J D Carty

Unicam

Mr M F Knight

Widows

Mrs I Astbury
Mrs L J Becket
Mrs A J S Bennett
Mrs C M J Cant
Mrs A Draude
Mrs M Hyde
Mrs M L Kennett
Mrs P N Miller
Mrs B Ratcliffe
Mrs E West

Widower

Mr N N Kara

LOST CONTACT

Consumer Electronics

Mr J M Coupe

Croydon

Mrs V G Seymour

MEL

Mrs I Hurden

Mullard Ltd

Mrs D A Lewis

Philips Analytical

Mr R T Aird

Philips Electronics

Mr G Steward

PRL

Mr B M Goddard
Mr D E Lacklison

Pye of Cambridge

Mrs J E Pain

Pye Telecom

Mr G V Axtell

Widow

Mrs K Hobson

FINANCIAL HELP

If you wish to obtain a grant from PBF you can get the Grant Application Form by writing to:
**The Benevolent Fund for Philips UK Pensioners –
The PBF, c/o 9 Wedgwood Drive, Hughenden Valley, Bucks HP14 4PA** or from
<https://thepbf.org/forms-and-downloads/>

If you need to chase up your application, please do so either in writing to the above address,
or by email to pbf014@gmail.com

Philips Electronics Pensioners Association

Income and Expenditure for the year ended 30th April 2025

<u>General Fund Income</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Donations		
Fred Olsen - Commission	482.00	
Total Income	<u>482.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
 <u>Expenditure from General Fund</u>		
Newsletter (Printing and Distribution)	4321.43	4251.04
Postage and Telephone	361.78	54.48
Travelling		47.50
Website	47.99	170.38
Other Expenses	102.8	90.75
Donations in Memoriam	55.00	0.00
Total Expenditure	<u>4889.00</u>	<u>4614.15</u>
Excess/(Deficit) of Income over Expenditure	<u>(4,407.00)</u>	<u>(4,614.15)</u>

Balance Sheet as at 30th April 2025 (2024 for Comparison)

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Balance Brought Forward	14512.75	10105.75
Excess/(Deficit) for year	(4,407.00)	(4,614.15)
	<u>10105.75</u>	<u>5491.60</u>
 FUNDS HELD AS FOLLOWS		
Lloyds TSB Bank Treasurer's Account	10105.75	5491.60
	<u>10105.75</u>	<u>5491.60</u>

PEPBA ACCOUNTS

Income and Expenditure for the year ended 5th April 2025

	2024	2025
Income		
Interest on COIF Deposit Account	53.26	54.95
Interest on COIF Current Account	6.21	3.70
Distributions from CAF Income Fund		
Interest on Buckinghamshire BS Fixed Rate Bond	634.35	253.21
CAF Income Fund - Change in Market Value	(32.22)	
Gift Aid Donations	200.00	200.00
Non-Gift Aid Donations	100.00	
Tax Refund on Gift Aid Donations	50.00	50.00
Total Income	<u>1011.60</u>	<u>561.86</u>
Expenditure		
Authorised Payments	565.00	
AGM Expenses		
Bank Charges	60.75	60.00
Excess/(Deficit) of Income over Expenditure	<u>385.85</u>	<u>501.86</u>

Balance Sheet as at 5th April 2025 (2024 for Comparison)

	2024	2025
General Fund		
Balance Brought Forward	25152.88	25538.73
Excess/(Deficit) for year	385.85	501.86
	<u>25538.73</u>	<u>26040.59</u>
FUNDS HELD AS FOLLOWS		
COIF Charities Deposit Fund	1149.00	
CAF Fixed Interest Fund B Income		
CafCash Cheque Account	3260.07	25840.59
Buckinghamshire Building Society Fixed Rate Bond		
Buckinghamshire Building Society Deposit Account	20979.66	
Sundry Debtors (Tax Reclaim)	150.00	200.00
	<u>25538.73</u>	<u>26040.59</u>

TREASURER'S REPORT MAY 2025

On pages 5 and 6 you will see the accounts for both PEPA and PEPBA up to April 2025 which have been produced but not yet examined by our examiner.

PEPA.

As we are no longer charging subscriptions for new members and we are no longer receiving commission payments from Fred Olsen Cruises, our income in this year has been zero.

Our main expenditure is on the Newsletters. Each edition costs us about £2100. We now only produce two editions, so the cost was a total of £4251. Although the cost of postage continues to rise the number we are posting out is decreasing so the cost of the newsletters has remained about the same.

Last year we bought forward a number of stamps for sending the Birthday and Anniversary cards and so we were able to reduce the amount spent on postage this year. However we also ensured that all costs relating to our website were covered so that the web address will remain our property for some time after PEPA is closed.

Our deficit on the general fund for the year was £4614 in 2024/25 compared to £4407 in the previous year. Overall, the PEPA reserves now stand at £5491 and so we will be able to continue our activities as planned for the remainder of this year.

PEPBA.

In preparation for the closure of PEPBA, during the course of 2024 we transferred all of the investments into cash and so at the end of the year we had all the charity assets in one account. The total income for the year was £561 of which £250 came from donations (including Gift Aid) and the balance from interest of investments. We are grateful to those who have contributed to the PEPBA fund over the years.

We made no grant payments, and the only expenditure was on bank charges of £60. Thus, we had an excess of income over expenditure of £501. The fund therefore now has a balance of £26,040. We are awaiting a Gift Aid payment of £200 and as soon as this is received, we will proceed to formally close the PEPBA fund. The majority of the assets will be transferred to the PBF and so members will still be able to apply for assistance from that fund.

A. Dunford

CELEBRATION OF PHILIPS 100 YEARS IN THE UK

On the 22nd January 2025, Philips had been operating in the UK for 100 years. To mark this occasion a small celebration was organised in the Philips Head Office in Farnborough, and the atrium area (known as the "Town Hall") was filled with a large number of old Philips products and pictures from the last 100 years. In order to recognise the day, there was an all-employee call for 30 minutes with presentations from a few people being streamed around the UK from the atrium.



Those involved in the presentations and question-and-answer session were: Neil Mesher, Peter Maskell, Ray Headon, David Newcomb and Brian McInnes, hosted by Mark Leftwich (Managing Director, UK&I) and Jonathan Coles (People Business Partner & Director, UK&I). It was a very successful celebration, enjoyed by hundreds of current employees, many of whom had not seen the range of old Philips products before.

Below are a few photos taken at the celebration.



To see many more go to the Philips News page of the PEPA website via www.pepa-online.org.uk

Many thanks to PEPA Membership Secretary Richard Stow for providing some antique Philips radios, TVs and product literature. This was possible as Richard is also Museum Committee Chairman of the British Vintage Wireless & Television Museum.

Philips 683U TV from 1949



Next to it is Mullard MTS 684
The sets use the same chassis
Picture tube is 9"
The 683U has been restored

Philips 830A from 1932



TRF without regeneration
SUPER INDUCTANCE
Medium & Long Wave
Made in England

Philips 838HU from 1934



A superinductance TRF set
for AC/DC mains

Philips Hi-Fi Cassette Deck
from 1977



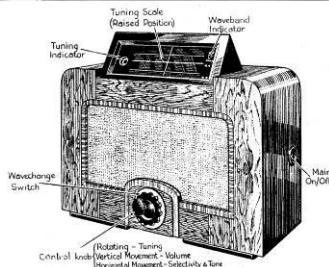
popular model in Staff Shop
It worked very well

Philips 587U from 1935



Superhet with MW & LW

Mullard MAS 8 from 1937



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PENSION COMMUNICATION

Any matters concerning your pension (e.g. change of address, bank, or beneficiary) must be notified to the administrator of your pension.

PIC	PRUDENTIAL	ROTHESAY
Pension Insurance Corporation plc PO Box 556 DARLINGTON DL1 9YX HELPLINE 0800 652 7000 from abroad +44 1325 271860 Enquiries@picadmin.co.uk	Prudential Customer Services LANCING BN15 8GB HELPLINE 0345 640 0000 from abroad +44 118 964 5024 www.pru.co.uk/prumail	Rothesay SUNDERLAND Tyne & Wear SR43 4JZ HELPLINE 0800 916 8090 from abroad +44 1737 227590 pensions.helpline@rothesaypolicy.com

THE PHILIPS BENEVOLENT FUND (PBF)

As UK Philips retirees, all PEPA members are eligible to apply to the PBF in time of financial need.

Website: www.thepbf.org Email: pbf014@gmail.com

(Please note: PEPA Treasurer Aubrey Dunford is also Treasurer of the PBF.)

Your current PEPA CONTACT LIST Overleaf

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