



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Colleague

PENSION INCREASES FOR 2013

In the light of the September 2012 CPI figure, we can expect Civil Service pensions and the Second State Pension to rise by 2.2% from April 2013.

Under the Government's "triple lock" we can expect the basic state pension to rise by 2.5% from April 2013.

We will continue to campaign for a return to RPI from the earliest possible date.

RPI/CPI MALADMINISTRATION TOOLKIT

In Newsletter 89 (05 July 2012) I said: - You will recall that the other group of litigants raised the question of contractual rights and legitimate expectation in their original application for judicial review. On the advice of our own lawyers, our own group did not raise those issues. I regret to say that the judgement on those issues is likely to prejudice our claim for compensation for those who made investment or career decisions based upon their expectation of continued RPI indexation. However, the door is not fully closed and we will give you further advice in the next issue of our Pensioner magazine, which is scheduled to be with members on or about 01 September 2012.

The General Secretary's article on pages 30 and 31 of the Autumn edition of *the Pensioner* further emphasised the likely difficulty in pursuing claims but said that our legal advisors were helping us to draw up a *Tool-Kit* which would assist members in deciding whether they had a realistic chance of successfully pursuing claims.

Unfortunately, there has been some delay in finalising the terms of that *Tool-Kit*, but I am pleased to report that agreement has now been concluded and the *Tool-Kit* is now available to those members who wish to see it. It stretches to 20 pages. If you wish to see a copy, please e-mail a simple request to mike.duggan@cspa.co.uk

CSPA WEBSITE

We have been reviewing our website www.cspa.co.uk, to give it a more modern look and to make it easier to access the various sections. However, the content will remain much the same as at present and there will be no advertisements or other whizz-bang distractions. We hope that the revised website will be up and running by the beginning of December 2012.

POLICY FOR THIS NEWSLETTER

We explained our current communications policy on page 48 of the Summer 2012 edition of *the Pensioner*. As we said: - *We publish an electronic Newsletter which gives updates on Alliance campaigns. We do not issue them at regular intervals; rather, we issue them whenever we have something to report which might not appear in the Pensioner for some time. Essentially they are a précis of those items which we publish in Group Circulars, which might be of interest to members at large. As soon as we publish a Newsletter, we also post it on the "newsletter" page of our website you can find back-numbers there.*

FAREWELL

After ten years' employment with the Alliance, I will be retiring at the end of this month. I have enjoyed my time here but, having just moved to Hove, I have decided that now is the time to hang up my boots. So, this will be my last Newsletter. I now pass the baton to Ralph Groves, who will replace me as Deputy General Secretary.

I have no definite plans at present, other to enjoy myself, but I will remain a member of the Alliance and I expect to continue to be involved, albeit in a minor role.

I wish you all the very best. Thank you for all the feedback, which you have given unstintingly over the years.

Yours sincerely

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