



**SOUTH AFRICAN EXPAT BRITISH PENSIONERS**  
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Hello, I have finally moved into my garden cottage, and have had problems trying to set up my desktop computers. Eventually after much trial and error I finally got one of the desktops to work with my emails, the other one with windows 8.1 just will not let me set up the email program, so I started up my website server email program, and lo and behold there was everyone's reply to the last 4 newsletters going back to January, along with other emails there was a total of over 7000 email addresses. Problem was that some members have an email address that did not have their name but either a pet / nickname, some no name that was recognizable. Eventually I had to turn to my data files and start reloading everyone's email address into my sites email server, correcting where I could from my files, linking up names and email addresses. My grand-daughter kept working on the other computer, and eventually managed to find what was going on. I have got everyone back with their email addresses, but I am taking no chances this time as I am still going to reload the addresses and names on the web email server. My hobby/craft hut is nearing completion, only the floor tiles, painting and electric to go in, I am also going to connect a sink, so that hand-washing before and after working in there. Anyway that's enough about me.

On another matter that needs you all to be updated on LIFE CERTIFICATES.

I received my certificate that was posted on the 6<sup>th</sup> of September; I only received it on 14<sup>th</sup> October weeks later. I thought if it took that long to get here then the post may not get back to the UK in time.

So I phoned the IPC at 0044 191 218 7777, I got through right away and spoke to a very nice lady, who asked me some security questions. She informed me that they know that SA has a problem with the mail and that not to worry as she would verify and that there was no need to post the certificate back. I have received my pension since that phone call which cost me R3.77 on my Telkom land-line. 14 Oct 15 16:48:48 07:54 +441912187777 P United Kingdom R3.770

Some members phone me on a query, if you have an app on your phone called WhatsApp one can contact me for free there is no charge, and in fact my family in the UK also use this App and we send photos and video's as well as voice messages to each other all for free, **0027(0) 82 348 2414** is my number .

Dear Norma

My husband and I have just returned from a month's holiday in the UK. whilst we were there I had to go to the Doctors, I was amazed to find out that I had to pay as a private patient the sum of 50pounds I told them I was a British Citizen and was over 65yrs old she asked me where I was living and when I said South Africa I was told they did not cover South Africa although we were British Citizens. I did pay the 50 pounds and saw a Dr. but they would not help me as they had no previous information on me and a blood test would take two to three days to do which I did not have as we were due to fly home in two days.

On returning to S.A, I was admitted to hospital the day I returned and blood tests were done and results took one hour only. I was hospitalised for a week.

I would like you just to warn other English pensioners to be aware of the charges we have to pay; we were under the impression that we were covered whilst in the UK. That is not so living in South Africa.

On other matters,

**RENEWAL OF PASSPORTS**

I have been contacted by a few people about the renewal of their British Passports.

Some people have no internet connection, so cannot renew their passports on-line.

If you have renewed your passport without an internet connection would you kindly let me and the other members how you went about this?

Also if you did renew it online what courier service did you use, giving me and the other members the step by step involved?

**MOVING TO THE UK**

Some members who have right of abode in Britain but as they are married to a South African, their partner has no right to enter the UK without a visa.

We all know that to get a spousal visa to stay in the UK, one must have at least £25,000 a year under their control in the UK as well as accommodation.

One cannot get a retirement visa now, even if one has the bank balance to satisfy the authorities.  
 If one has family living overseas in the UK, then there is what they call family Visa's, I have added the link to the Government site as new rules apply.

<https://www.gov.uk/join-family-in-uk>

If there is anyone reading this who has a spouse that is South African that has returned or is thinking of returning and has went through this process, please let me and the other members know how it went.

This is where you will find how to contact the MP's. <http://www.parliament.uk/mps-lords-and-offices/mps/>

This is where one can contact the Lords and Ladies. <http://www.parliament.uk/mps-lords-and-offices/lords/>

Or if you want then open a twitter account, as myself and others have found a great way to get our message across to those that are on twitter.

TIME FOR SOME HUMOUR



Answers to Puzzle in Newsletter 14

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Please members, if you are thinking or are returning to the UK, please let me know the reason why, and remember you can still receive our newsletters.

Also would you be willing to carry on with the campaign for parity? By keeping your finger on the pulse and writing to newspapers, MP's & Lords on the fight for parity and perhaps going face to face with your local MP in his surgery.

Also would you be interested in allowing the ICBP to know your reason for returning?

Another place to leave your mark.

[https://secure.avaaz.org/en/petition/Prime\\_Minister\\_David\\_Cameron\\_UK\\_Government\\_Pension\\_parity\\_to\\_all\\_British\\_pensioners/?tqtgFjb](https://secure.avaaz.org/en/petition/Prime_Minister_David_Cameron_UK_Government_Pension_parity_to_all_British_pensioners/?tqtgFjb)

Please everyone we have to support Brian in his endeavours. He is fighting for us all.

If you want to find out what MP is now the local MP for your last constituency one can look them up here.

One can also start bugging any MP to let them know all about the frozen pension policy, as I am sure with so many new faces they will have to be brought up to date on our fight for parity.

<http://www.parliament.uk/mps-lords-and-offices/mps/>

Don't forget to check on <https://www.facebook.com/pensionjustice?fref=ts>

Please take a moment to remember those who have passed on before we WILL WIN THIS FIGHT....

REMEMBER ALL NEWSLETTERS WILL BE PUBLISHED ON MY WEBSITE

<http://www.bestbirds.co.za/news.php>

STAY POSITIVE

It may not happen in our life time.

WE WILL WIN IN THE END

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