

# St Dunstan's Review

April 1997

**PENSIONS  
SUPPLEMENT**

## REVIEW OF WAR DISABLEMENT PENSIONS AND ALLOWANCES AND SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS

War Pensions have been uprated fully in line with the retail price index. The special Ministry of Defence ex-Gratia Payments, now called "Supplementary Pensions", to pre-April 1973 War Widows will also be raised from £51.71 to £52.80 per week. These rises will take effect in April 1997. The new rates come into effect on 7th April 1997.

### DETAILS OF INCREASED WAR PENSION RATES

#### DISABLEMENT BENEFITS

	Existing Weekly Rate £	New Weekly Rate £
<b>Disablement Pension for a Private at 100%</b>	105.00	107.20
<b>Over 65 Age Allowance with assessments of:</b>		
40 to 50 per cent	7.00	7.15
Over 50 and not exceeding 70 per cent	10.80	11.05
Over 70 and not exceeding 90 per cent	15.45	15.75
Over 90 per cent	21.60	22.10
<b>Unemployability Allowance</b>		
Personal allowance	64.90	66.25
Increase for wife or other adult dependant	36.60	37.35
Increase for child	9.90	9.90
Second and subsequent child	11.15	11.20
<b>Invalidity Allowance</b>		
Age on qualifying date:	£	£
Under 40	12.90	13.15
Under 50 but over 40	8.10	8.30
Under 60 (55 for women) but over 50	4.05	4.15
<b>Constant Attendance Allowance</b>		
Special maximum	79.40	81.00
Special intermediate	59.55	60.75
Normal maximum	39.70	40.50
Half and quarter day	19.85	20.25
<b>Comforts Allowance</b>		
Higher rate	17.00	17.40
Lower rate	8.50	8.70
<b>Mobility Supplement</b>	37.75	38.55
<b>Allowance for Lowered Standard of Occupation (Maximum)</b>	39.60	40.44
<b>Exceptionally Severe Disablement Allowance</b>	39.70	40.50
<b>Severe Disablement Allowance</b>	19.85	20.25

## DISABLEMENT BENEFITS (continued)

	Existing Annual Rate £	New Annual Rate £
<b>Clothing Allowance</b>		
Higher rate	134.00	137.00
Lower rate	85.00	
Lower rate will be abolished on April 7th 1997.		
<b>Unemployability Supplement permitted Therapeutic earnings limit (annual)</b>	2366.00	2418.00

#### DEATH BENEFITS

	Existing Weekly Rate £	New Weekly Rate £
Standard rate	79.35	81.00
Childless widow under 40	18.35	18.74
Rent Allowance (Maximum) for war widow with children	30.00	30.65
<b>Age Allowance for Elderly Widows</b>		
Age 65-69	9.05	9.25
Age 70-79	17.40	17.75
Age 80 and over	25.90	26.45
<b>Supplementary Pensions for Widows whose husbands were discharged before April 1973</b>	51.71	52.80

#### INCREASES IN SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS

##### RETIREMENT PENSIONS

	£	£
Basic rate	61.15	62.45
Married couple	97.75	99.80
All pensioners receive an extra 25p per week from their 80th birthday.		
Blind Persons Tax Allowance	1250.00	1280.00

#### ALLOWANCES

<b>Mobility Allowance</b>	33.90	34.60
<b>Adult Attendance Allowance</b>		
Highest	48.50	49.50
Middle	32.40	33.10
Lowest	12.90	13.15

## EXAMPLES OF INCREASES IN PENSIONS AND ALLOWANCES

It is emphasised that the following are examples only and do not cover every St Dunstaner.

<b>Totally Blind</b>	Employable		Unemployable	
	Present £	New £	Present £	New £
Basic Pension	105.00	107.20	105.00	107.20
Constant Attendance Allowance	39.70	40.50	39.70	40.50
Comforts Allowance	17.00	17.40	17.00	17.40
Unemployability Supplement	-	-	64.90	66.25
Invalidity Allowance (over 50 but under 60 on qualifying)	-	-	4.05	4.15
Additional Allowance for Wife	-	-	<u>36.60</u>	<u>37.35</u>
<b>Total per week</b>	<u>161.70</u>	<u>165.10</u>	<u>267.25</u>	<u>272.85</u>

<b>Guiding Vision</b>	Employable		Unemployable	
	Present £	New £	Present £	New £
Basic Pension	105.00	107.20	105.00	107.20
Constant Attendance Allowance	19.85	20.25	19.85	20.25
Comforts Allowance	8.50	8.70	17.00	17.40
Unemployability Supplement	-	-	64.90	66.25
Invalidity Allowance (over 50 but under 60 on qualifying)	-	-	4.05	4.15
Additional Allowance for Wife	-	-	<u>36.60</u>	<u>37.35</u>
<b>Total per week</b>	<u>133.35</u>	<u>136.15</u>	<u>247.40</u>	<u>252.60</u>

<b>A War Widow (Private's Wife)</b>		Existing £	New £
Aged 65-70	Basic Pension	79.35	81.00
	Age Allowance	9.05	9.25
	Supplementary Pension	<u>51.71</u>	<u>52.80</u>
<b>Total per week</b>		<u>140.11</u>	<u>143.05</u>
Aged 70-80	Basic Pension	79.35	81.00
	Age Allowance	17.40	17.75
	Supplementary Pension	<u>51.71</u>	<u>52.80</u>
<b>Total per week</b>		<u>148.46</u>	<u>151.55</u>
Aged 80 and over	Basic Pension	79.35	81.00
	Age Allowance	25.90	26.45
	Supplementary Pension	<u>51.71</u>	<u>52.80</u>
<b>Total per week</b>		<u>156.96</u>	<u>160.25</u>