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# Newsletter

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## The Battle of the Five Armies

The third and last of the Trilogy

## Christmas in Surrey Quays

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF 'THE LORD OF THE RINGS' TRILOGY

**CALL OUR OFFICE  
FOR YOUR TICKETS**

**THE HOBBIT**  
AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY

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# The Battle of the Five Armies

We're going to the cinema again for our annual Christmas outing to see the latest episode of the Hobbit. It proved to be good fun last year and we hope you'll all come again! There 's a slight change to arrangements as it's impossible to pre-book or preempt when the film is showing. This is because the cinemas now choose to announce their film showings only a week before they're on, making it hard to invite people 4 weeks ahead. But not to worry, to date it's never been sold out on the dates we chose and I expect it will be the same this year. So, no panic to pre-buy tickets, just a call to Barrie to say how many of you want to come.

**1 Call the Office if you want to go and tell Barrie, details will follow later.**

**2 The provisional date is Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Dec Provisional time is late afternoon.**

**3 Tickets will be purchased on your arrival at the cinema up to half an hour before the film's due to start.**

**Look out for me in my Santa's Hat.**

**Happy Christmas - Jos - Editor**

This year's AGM was a famously good night of food, wine and cheer. The service was excellent and our menu very exotic yet quite reasonable, a big thank you to the Orchard for treating us so well. Put a note in your diary for next year because success like this will be hard to beat so why not do it all again. Our new meeting room at the office was just big enough to accommodate us, but with room for a few more so do come if you can.!? The annual accounts all seemed in order, *our heads are above water* and were approved by all. Committee signed up for more along with one new soul and we'll all serve for a further year. I'd like to welcome our newcomer Richard, a relatively new resident who's already proved a *Lion Heart*, glad to have you aboard.

If I don't see you all at the cinema for our Christmas outing '*have yourselves a very merry*', or I'll see you then. Jos Editor



THE ORCHARD



# Office News

## Universal Credit national roll out to start in February 2015

The national roll out of Universal Credit to all job centres across the country will start in February next year. At present, there are no details as to how long the roll out will take, more announcements will be made in the spring.

The roll out will be limited to new claims from single job seekers. New claims to existing legacy benefits will start to close in 2016 and migration of existing claims will start after that.

*Universal Credit means that your benefits will be paid monthly and if you're in receipt of housing benefit it will be paid directly to you. In order for this method to function you will require a regular bank account, the idea being this will bring the unemployed into the same system as the employed who are usually paid monthly. Should you be affected by these changes you'll need to arrange to pay your own rent, this will be simple enough if you're allowed a current account. Set up a Direct Debit to pay your rent, make sure that the money is paid out in the week after your benefits are due to be paid in, it's that easy.*

*If you are affected by the spare room deduction from your housing benefit, or bed-room tax, your rent will also be paid direct only less any deduction. There fore when setting up your direct debit be sure the extra monies are in your account before the rent is due.*

*Direct Debits are a very convenient way to pay your bills and Barrie can set them up for you which will ensure no mistakes, so ask him to do it.*

*I'll relate any updates in our next News Letter.*

*Jos Editor*