



# The-Pensions-Net-Work

*"Leading Thought in Long Term Savings"*

**30th April & 1st May 2026**

Woodlands Park Hotel, Woodlands Lane, Stoke D'Abernon, Cobham, Surrey KT11 3QB

## AGENDA

Tea/Coffee 17:00		Meeting Starts 17.30
 <p><b>John Moret</b> Chairman The-Pensions-Net-Work</p>	<p>Hi all and welcome to our programme for our second meeting of 2026. Our February meeting had a great attendance and we got some fantastically positive feedback. I am confident our latest meeting will be just as good with a diverse array of topics and some very well informed speakers. We have a great talk to kick off the meeting looking back at the world of pensions simplifications twenty years after A-Day. We have what promises to be an enthralling after dinner talk. On Friday we have research findings from two recent reports and two talks looking at some of the impacts of technology on the pensions industry. To conclude the meeting we have what should be another terrific panel discussion on pension trusteeship. It would be great to have another bumper turn out in Cobham and I hope to see you and your colleagues there.</p>	
<b>17.40 - 19.00</b>		
 <p><b>Peter Hopkins</b> Executive Technical Resources Consultant AJ Bell</p>	<p><b>"A-Day: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly"</b></p> <p>It may have escaped your notice but 6th April 2026 saw the 20th anniversary of A-Day and the introduction of a new simplified pensions tax regime. It seemed very appropriate to reflect on just what has happened since A-Day and what has worked and what hasn't. I can think of no-one better to do this than Peter Hopkins who led the HMRC team responsible for the A-day reforms. Peter is currently an Executive Technical Resources Consultant at AJ Bell. Prior to joining AJ Bell in 2017 he'd spent 18 years on policy work at HMRC and DWP. In the 1990s he worked for the Inland Revenue and security agencies and helped negotiate double taxation agreements with the former soviet states! Definitely a talk not to be missed so make sure to arrive early.</p>	
<b>Drinks at the Bar 19:00</b>		<b>Dinner 19:30</b>
<b>After dinner</b>		
 <p><b>Daniela Silcock</b> Director Daniela Silcock Pensions Research</p>	<p><b>"Pensions Goth: how a goth Marxist ended up in the nation's least gothic industry"</b></p> <p>Our after dinner speaker needs no introduction. Daniela is a regular attendee at TPNW and is on our advisory board. For almost 20 years, Daniela has been a trusted source of pensions research, working alongside industry, government and consumer representatives to ensure their decisions are informed by robust evidence and analysis. She worked at the PPI for over 15 years and in November 2024 set up her own pensions research business. Daniela has described her talk as a humorous and reflective talk on the unexpected road into pensions, blending personal story, gentle satire and big picture thinking about how we talk about retirement in the UK today. She says to expect storytelling, a few visual surprises, and a thoughtful close!</p>	
<b>Tea/Coffee 08:15</b>		
<b>FRIDAY</b>		
<b>Meeting Starts 08:35</b>		
<b>"Two research reports"</b>		
<p>To start Friday's sessions we have two separate presentations on some recent research reports which should make for a great start to the day.</p>		
<b>08:35 – 09:10</b>		
 <p><b>Joe Dalton</b> Head of Research, Europe CoreData</p>	 <p><b>Aymon Blundell</b> Senior Research Consultant CoreData</p>	<p><b>"DC digital engagement"</b></p> <p>Joe Dalton and Aymon Blundell from CoreData will be taking us through the findings from their recent research which gathered the views of 3,000 UK DC members on current levels of member engagement, with a focus on digital engagement and looked at triggers and engagement strategies that help drive better understanding and action</p>

09:10– 09:45



**Anna Brain**  
Research Lead, Housing & Pensions  
Nest Insight

***“Using pension savings to support home ownership”***

Anna Brain who needs no introduction to TPNW members will be presenting the findings of Nest Insight’s year long research into this very topical issue which addressed three key questions:

- Would people be better off if they use their pension savings to buy a home?
- How many people might be able to use their pension to buy a home?
- How do people feel about a pension access scheme, and would they use it?

09:45– 10:45



**Nick Fraser**  
Chief Product Officer  
Bravura

***“AI: Solve the Obvious Problems First”***

I am delighted to welcome Nick Fraser from our current sponsors Bravura to talk to us on the all-important subject of AI and its potential implications for the pensions and savings industry. It’s a subject that many of the members have suggested would be of interest. Nick is well qualified to talk on this subject having 25 years’ experience in business change and transformation with a particular focus on the wealth management platform space. He joined Bravura earlier this year having previously been Head of Technology and Engineering at SS&C Hubwise.

We’ll share more details on Nick’s talk in an updated programme.

**Tea/Coffee Break**

11:15 – 12:15



**Chris Jones**  
Director  
Dynamic Planner

***“Projections -striking a balance”***

The FCA’s recent paper in CP25/39 made a number of proposals that could have a big impact on the way that modelling tools are used in financial projections in the future. Dynamic Planner have been doing some work on some of the implications for stochastic forecasting, how results can be displayed with modern technology taking into account behavioural psychology. Chris is responsible for Dynamic Planner’s investment process proposition and for clients ensuring investment suitability through Dynamic Planner’s investment process. He leads Dynamic Planner’s 14-strong team of analysts and qualified investment professionals. He also chairs their Investment Committee. He has more than 35 years’ industry experience and is both a Chartered and Certified Financial Planner.

12:15– 13.25

**PANEL SESSION**



**Robin Ellison**  
Chairman  
Cambridge Colleges



**Maggie Rodger**  
Co-Chair  
AMNT



**Rosanne Corbett**  
Director  
Muse Advisory



**Harus Rai**  
Managing Director  
Capital Cranfield

***“The future world of Professional Trusteeship and the implications for pension scheme governance”***

To end our meeting we have a panel discussion on the changing world of pension trusteeship and the implications for pension schemes – large and small. I can guarantee a lively discussion on a key area affecting all pension schemes.

**Meeting Ends 13:30**

**Lunch 13:35**

**Depart**



**John Moret**  
Chair  
The-Pensions-Net-Work

For registration information, please contact [enquiries@nwml.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@nwml.co.uk)

We look forward to seeing you at the Woodlands Park Hotel.



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