# A brief history in pensions...



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### **1670s**

First organised pension scheme for **Royal Navy Officers** - the life expectancy was just 48 years old.

National Insurance Act introduced

contributory State pension for all.

National Insurance Act

introduced a top-up state

Pensions scheme based

on earnings – known as

the graduated pension.

1959

**1946** 

Pensions paid

per week..

f 1899 The National Pensions Committee formed. This was linked to National Committee of Organised Labour.

#### 1925

**Contributory Pensions Act** set up a contributory State scheme for manual workers and others earning up to £250 a year. The pension was 50p a week from age 65.

1975

State Earnings related Pension Scheme (Serps) launched to replacie graduated Pensions. Rules for contracting out also introduced.

#### 1995

In response to the Maxwell scandal, the Pensions Act set up regulatory and compensation schemes.

## **2002**

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SERPS

Switch made from Serps to the State Second Pension scheme.

From April, the state pension would go up in line with average earnings, or with prices, or by 2.5% - whichever is highest.

#### 1909 Pensions Day!

MAXWELL

SCANDAL

The Act provided for a non-contributory

old age pension for the over 70s.

**OLD AGE** 

PENSION ACT.

1908

Over half a million individuals collected their first National Pensions.

Link between State pension increases and average earnings broken by Margaret 1980 Conservative government.

Mirror newspaper proprietor

Robert Maxwell used about

#### £460m from his group's pension funds to finance business dealings. 2004

Pensions Act introduced the Pensions Protection Fund, stronger regulation of funds and increased participation by Member Nominated Trustees.

1991

### 2010

The AMNT was launched with the support of Pitmans Trustees Limited to support Member Nominated Trustees and Directors.



Association of Member **Nominated Trustees** 

1997

Gordon Brown as Chancellor removed tax credits for pension funds on company dividends. His decision wiped out up to £75 billion of assets.

### 2001



Stakeholder Pensions introduced. Aimed at low to average earnings and helping women save for old age.

# 2012

The birth of auto enrolment which will see all UK employers assess and enrol eligible employees automatically into a workplace pension scheme.

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