

THE LINK

Barclays Bank (Barclaycard) Pensioners Club Summer Newsletter – 4 of Five 2020

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EDITOR'S WORD

I hope you have all enjoyed the last of the summer sun, we have had some lovely weather lately.

A reminder to you and your friends to keep us informed of a change of address, phone number or email, as we are finding so many details have not been kept up to date. This can cause those members to miss out on our newsletters, which I know many look forward to receiving.

Again if you receive The Link in a paper format please reconsider if it can be emailed out in the future? Stay safe and well.

Christine Graham (Editor)

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

I hope that you and your families are well and trust you are managing to keep up with the latest Government guidelines designed to help control the spread of COVID-19 as, it appears, we move towards a second wave of the Virus. The situation is exacerbated given we are now moving towards the Winter Flu season so it's even more important that we look after ourselves and act sensibly when interacting with others whilst socialising or shopping.

The response following the last edition of Link to the proposed visit to Birmingham Christmas Market was excellent and showed the Committee how important it is for us to keep trying to find social activities that are both of interest and can be undertaken in a COVID secure manner. Unfortunately, and probably unsurprisingly, the Christmas Market has been cancelled now so our intended outing will not be taking place. Perhaps we can review and aim to do this in 2021?

With the latest guidelines now in force, and likely to be for the next 6 months, we will not be able to run a Christmas Lunch in December. I am sure this will be a disappointment to many of you but equally certain that it won't come as a surprise. We will also not be holding any coffee mornings or lunches before April 2021 but will, of course, be reviewing the situation in the New Year.

*Our website (www.barcpen.org.uk) should always have up to date information on our activities so, if you have access to the Internet, please use this resource. We hope that you are in good or reasonable health especially during these unprecedented times. If this is not the case, and you feel that we can help or offer advice, please get in touch by using the **Welfare** option on the [Contact Us](#) form on this website.*

My best wishes to you all. I hope that it won't be too long before we are able to arrange some social functions and I look forward to meeting many of you as and when we are able to do so. Meantime I urge you to follow the Government's guidelines on face masks, social distancing and general hygiene. Most of all Stay Safe

Roger Alexander

PLANNED TRIP

Birmingham Christmas Market

There was a good response to the trip planned for 12th November. The provisional booking with Poynters was confirmed and deposit paid.

Two days later it came to Roger's attention that the Christmas Market had been cancelled by the organisers. Such disappointing news, but no choice but to cancel our booking with Poynters and notify all members who had booked.

BRANCH CLOSURE

Barclays Branch in Kingsthorpe

This branch will close on Wednesday 16th December.

LUNCHES

Following the current situation with Covid-19 I don't think anyone will be surprised to know our Christmas lunch has been cancelled.

Hopefully we may have some better news for our 2021 lunches but it will depend on government guidelines at the time and the position of Park Inn regarding large gatherings.

We will update you all in future Link editions

Leona and Bob



OBITUARIES

*We are very sorry to report the deaths of the following member
Our condolences go to their family and friends*

Sue Corner (Fitzgerald) passed away mid-September. Sue was Trevor Weston's secretary in Technical Services and in more recent years involved with the Royal British Legion, Women's Section

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Important information about the Financial Ombudsman Service

The Financial Ombudsman Service has a new contact address as shown below:

The Financial Ombudsman Service
Exchange Tower
London
E14 9SR

Need to talk to us?

If you have any questions for us, just give us a call on **0800 151 0900** or **0333 200 9090** (from a mobile) and we'll be happy to help.

THE LINK BY EMAIL

Are you reading a paper copy of this newsletter and you have an email account or a trusted friend / family member with an email account.

If so please consider letting us know your details. As well as **The LINK** we are also able to send out other **URGENT** information, including notification of members' deaths and funeral arrangements.

The newsletter will be sent in Portable Document File (PDF) format as this works on every type of computer. If you don't have a PDF reader you can download one FREE, the best known being Adobe Reader which you can get from www.adobe.com

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