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Pensioners' Club



Note from the editor

For this Christmas edition of the Link I have tried a bit of a revamp, I hope you like it?

This has been the most difficult year for us all however we will keep on trying to deliver the days of the past to you once again in the not too distant future.

We have planned a trip for next year see page 4/5.

At the back of the newsletter, page 7, are details of The Bank Workers Charity which offers support for those that may need it, please share with any ex colleagues if you think it may be helpful.

May I wish you all on behalf of the Committee a good Christmas and a new year of promise for better days ahead.

Christine Graham

planned coffee mornings

dates booked with the Park Inn for 2021, speakers to be advised

March 18th Coffee Morning

April 15th Lunch

May 20th Coffee Morning

June 17th Lunch

July 15th Coffee Morning

Sept 16th Coffee Morning

October 21st Lunch

Nov 18th Coffee Morning

December 16th Lunch

The Christmas carol concert will unfortunately not be taking place this year but we are hopeful we can all meet next year

Colin Rands

Chairman's Christmas message

I do hope you and your families are well and, hopefully, looking forward to Christmas although it's difficult to see how that will be anything like normal. However, it has been heartening to hear the various recent announcements regarding Vaccines which do give us a glimpse of light at the end of the tunnel. Clearly not the time to 'count our chickens' but certainly a step in the right direction.

Your Committee are actively planning activities for 2021 including our usual Lunches and Coffee Mornings at the Park Inn. More details of the proposed dates can be found later in this Link although I am sure you will understand that these are all subject to change or cancellation.

I would like to welcome Cindy Antell and Janet Holt who have joined the Committee and will take on the responsibility of running trips after Gwen Verden decided that it was time to leave. I am sure you will agree with me that Gwen has done an incredible job during her many years on the Committee in providing a variety of different trips which have been enjoyed by so many. Our thanks to Gwen and best wishes for the future.

We should now be looking forward to our Christmas Lunch at the Park Inn but this is not possible. Let's enjoy a safe Christmas with our families and hope for more good news regarding Vaccines which may see some semblance of normality return during the first few months of 2021.

Take care and I look forward to seeing many of you at our social activities next year.

Roger

TRIP INVITE STRATFORD – UPON – AVON

Thurs 11th MARCH 2021 £6.50 PER PERSON

The Club has made a booking with Poynters Coaches. At the time of booking, November 2020, the following Covid safety measures are in place which we are asked to follow. By next March it is quite possible that these restrictions may have changed or even no longer necessary, which will be advised to all members who have booked the trip.

- When standing at your pick up point or at your destination waiting to return please ensure that you are stood a minimum of 1m away from other people
- Please sanitize your hands before you board the coach
- All passengers must supply and wear a mask or face covering whilst on board the coach (exceptions are children under 3 years old or people with a medical condition that prevents this)
- When entering the coach please fill seats from the back first and when exiting the coach please empty from the front first
- The double seat behind the driver will not be available for use
- Eating and drinking is not allowed on the coach, and if there is a toilet on the coach this is only available for extreme emergency use
- Do not travel if you are experiencing symptoms of Covid-19 including high temperature, a new continuous cough, loss of smell or taste.

Coach will leave from Christchurch Road at 9.0am. and Victoria Street at 9.15am. Return time from Stratford will be 4.00pm.

There is no organised seating, other than the empty seat behind the driver. Couples and friends can sit together, but please tick against your name if you do not wish to share a seat.

If the trip has to be cancelled by the Club, all money will of course be refunded.

Please use the form on the next page to book your place

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By 15th January, please send to

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Stratford – upon - Avon 11th March. 2021

Please reserve places at £6.50 p.p.

Please make cheques payable to Barclaycard Pensioners Club.

**please tick against name if you do not wish to share a seat

NAME (Block Capitals) **

Tel No, mobile please if you have one.

PICK UP POINT (Please tick)

9.00 Christchurch Road.....

9.15 Victoria Street.....

we have been asked if online payment could be made available, unfortunately this method of payment is not currently possible, however we may look into this in the future

announcements

Congratulations to **Joan and Roy King** who celebrated 70 years of marriage on October 7th 2020.

Joan and Roy met on the bus from Northampton to Heyford, Joan was on her way home after spending the day at Northampton Technical college.

Roy got on the bus with his mates, saw Joan sitting by herself, he went to sit with her and that was the start of their life together. They got married at Northampton Guildhall on October 7th 1950.

Due to coronavirus Joan and Roy were not able to have the party they planned, which was also going to celebrate Roy's 90th birthday on October 31st.

Their family were visiting them (in shifts) on Roy's birthday so on behalf of the Pensioner's Club an afternoon tea was delivered to their home where they could share the tea with their family.

Joan and Roy would like to say thank you to the club for such a lovely surprise for their wedding anniversary and to have the tea on Roy's birthday made it even more special.

friends who have passed

Mrs Angela Bamford member number 00500, Angela passed away 03/10/2020 aged 81, of 32 Kingsway, Kingsthorpe, Northampton

Lorraine Jennings passed away suddenly at home on 27th Oct. Many of you will have known Lorraine from her days in Fraud, she was fun loving and liked by so many. The family have set up a JustGiving page in memorial of Lorraine.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/steve-jennings>

John Bell passed away after a long illness on 12th Nov. John was well known by many from his time working in Merchant services where he covered the north as area sales manager. Many of his ex-colleagues commented on how much John had supported them in their early days in sales.

Brian Gregg passed away suddenly at Barnstaple on the 8th November whilst on holiday in Devon with his daughter, Diana. He was 87 and a loving husband to his late wife, Elaine.

He was a true gentleman. Some will remember Brian and Elaine selling garden plants and Christmas turkeys from their smallholding in Harlestone.

Diana, Brian's daughter has said they plan to have a Celebration of his life in Harlestone in May/June next year to give people the opportunity to pay their respects.



How can the Bank Workers Charity (BWC) support you as a pensioner?

BWC exist to support the health and wellbeing of the retired community – this includes you, your partner and dependents too. All of their services and support are free, confidential and independent of the bank.

What can BWC help with?

BWC work with some of the UK's leading organisations to provide you with specialist support, information and advice, including help with:

- **Caring responsibilities:** offering access to financial, legal and practical support for the carer and the person being cared for.
- **Disability, illness and health conditions:** giving advice and support to help manage a disability, illness or health condition to help improve quality of life.
- **Maximising income:** identifying benefits and schemes you may be eligible for or liaising with organisations on your behalf.
- **Financial grants:** including short-term general living expenses and long-term costs such as disability aids or home adaptations.
- **Mental health:** providing access to specialist services such as counselling or other therapies to look after your mental wellbeing.

How can you get in touch with BWC?

Call their **free and confidential Helpline on 0800 0234 834**. They're open Monday to Friday from 9.00am to 5.00pm (except bank holidays).

Alternatively, you can find out more by visiting www.bwcharity.org.uk

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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.

We currently post out to over 400 members, sometimes an address may change or the Link is no longer required. Without your updates we cannot know of any changes but if you are on email this usually stays the same even after a house move.

Please consider **CHANGING TO EMAIL** to help us 😊 thank you

Club website

Links to useful contacts for Barclays Bank Pensioners, including addresses and phone numbers, can be found on the club website
www.barcpen.org.uk

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A record is maintained of members' personal details. These details are not divulged to anyone other than committee members. However, with your permission, we will pass your name and addresses to other members and changes of address for existing ones, if a request is received and permission given by that individual member. If you wish to verify or correct the information held please contact the club secretary.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy Christmas and 2021