

The Link



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EDITOR'S WORD

The autumn is upon us and we can look forward to cosy nights in from now on. Please think about if you or anyone you know that is a Bank pensioner and may need that little bit extra help there is so much out there for us. Have a read of the Bank Workers Charity which can provide endless support in the enclosed leaflet and article in this edition.



Lots going on with this edition feels like old times!

So get together with friends and come along to our events planned later this year. Enjoy the Newsletter and get booking!

Stay safe and well

Christine Graham

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

It's now more than 10 weeks since we have been able to resume a more normal life although it's still clear that we have to do so carefully and accept that COVID is still rife in the UK. I hope that you and your families are well and also, perhaps, that you have managed to take a holiday during the summer or maybe you are anticipating doing so soon. Of course we also hope you'll find time to join friends and colleagues at one of our upcoming social events as well!

As you know your Committee has planned social activities for the remainder of this year and early in 2022. Full details of the Programme can be found later in the Newsletter. You will understand that we are still in a very fluid situation and events outside our control may continue to impact our schedule and if that is the case we will, of course, advise of any changes. Also please do visit our web site (<https://www.barcpen.org.uk/>) for an early indication of any material changes. Whilst I recognise that today's technology is not for everyone our web site is a key element in our communication strategy. If you have any ideas on what else you would like to see on the site, please let me know.

The Committee are excited about our imminent social events and particularly look forward to the Christmas Lunch which will again be held at the Park Inn. We hope this will be a memorable event and set us up for a New Year which sees us all being more relaxed than we have been for some time. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in December but in the meantime I am sure you are ready to get your flu jabs and COVID booster soon.

Take care

Roger

Roger Alexander

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LUNCHES

LUNCH THURSDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2021

A lunch will be held at the Park Inn, Silver Street, Northampton on the above date. The bar will be open at 11.45 for lunch at 12.45pm. The cost will be £15. Places will be allocated and members may nominate ONE person or couple they wish to sit near. It must be stressed that this cannot be guaranteed. Members' requests will be noted as far as possible and all seats will be allocated. A table seating plan will be available in the foyer before the lunch.

MENU

Winter Vegetable Soup with crunchy garlic and herb croutons

Traditional Roast Breast of Turkey, Sage and onion stuffing, pigs in blanket, roast potatoes, sprouts, carrots, parsnips and pan gravy

Vegetarian Option

Vegetable and Mixed Bean Wellington with a Fresh Tomato and Thyme Sauce

Traditional Christmas pudding accompanied by brandy Sauce

Coffee or Tea with Mints

Any special requests such as vegetarian, gluten free etc. can be catered for if ordered at the time of making the application.

Please return the form below together with your remittance to: L Johnson, 3 Well Yard, Northampton, NN2 6QX **no later** than **Thursday 18th November 2021**.

NB: No acknowledgements will be sent out. If you are unable to attend the lunch once booked, no refund will be available.

Leona Johnson Social Committee Tel 01604 718181 or Bob Hancox Social Committee 01604 752421

Lunch – Park Inn, Thursday 16th December 2021

Name of Member (please print) _____

Name of Guest (please print) _____

I enclose cheque for £ _____ (£30 for myself and guest or £15 for myself only).

Please make cheques payable to Barclays Bank (Barclaycard) Pensioners Club. NB Cheques will be presented at least 3 weeks before the lunch

If this is your first attendance at a club function, please tick _____

I wish to be seated next to _____

Special Request _____

COFFEE MORNINGS



Coffee morning held on July 15th

Our first coffee morning since the lockdown was excellent with a very interesting presentation from the Bank Workers' Charity (BWC). I'm sure everyone who attended benefitted from information they were not previously aware of.

The leaflets which were available are included in this edition of the Link, also an article recently provided by the Charity is on page 10.

The BWC did not charge a fee nor nominated a charity for a donation to be made to. At our last meeting, the committee agreed to make a donation to a local charity KIDSAID which supports children who have been through a trauma. We have received a most grateful thank you letter from them.

Future coffee mornings

Our next one will be on 18th November with a talk from ex detective David Sweeney. Full details are on the following page.

As we have missed so many coffee mornings during the pandemic, we are doing an extra one in January, which promises to be very interesting.

The calendar for 2022

January 20 th	Mark Pettican,	President Barclays Payments
March 17 th	Duncan McAlpine	Samaritans
May 19 th	Mike Alcock	RNLI
July 14 th	Glennys Grimshaw	Russian Dolls
September 8 th	David Shrewsbury	The Creation of Abington Park
November 17 th	Alison Morgan	From Nurse to Crime writer

Patricia Smith

Coffee Morning Nov 18th 2021 Park Inn Northampton

David Sweeney - Vice Squad

David is an ex detective who has previously talked to us about "everybody" tells a story. His talk was so well received we wanted more! David is finally returning to us after several re-arranged dates.

His talk this time will be about when he worked on the vice squad.
I'll quote David's explanation of how this came about;

"Even without applying myself I find myself a member of the Vice Squad, a prized appointment that was a back door into the CID. It appears the asset the force was looking for was a very young looking officer to work undercover and infiltrate drugs rings. This back fired to a certain extent - but now this still young lad is in the murky world of drugs, pornography, prostitution, gaming and licensing. Many a story in a dangerous seedy world! Leaving after 2 years, it's a limited appointment due to the risk of corruption."

This promises to be a truly fascinating talk.

The room we use is the restaurant which is open to us from 9.45 with tea, coffee and biscuits. Please help yourselves to refills. The talk will commence at 10.30 followed by the raffle.

There is no charge, and members are welcome to bring a guest with them. If you come by car, please remember to key in your car registration number to avoid receiving a fine.

I look forward to seeing you. *Patricia Smith*

Coffee Morning January 20th 2022 Park Inn Northampton

Marc Pettican - President Barclays Payments

Marc is based at Brackmills, Barclays Payments is now the name for Barclaycard. He has kindly offered to talk to us about how the business operates today and how things may have changed since we were all involved.

I'd like to quote what Marc said in his reply when he was invited to talk to us; *"It's great to be able to speak to the colleagues who helped to make Barclaycard what it is today. I wouldn't have a job if it wasn't for the hard work, innovation and tenacity of those who have now retired."*

What a wonderful kind tribute, and very much appreciated by us all, I'm sure.

I look forward to seeing you all

Patricia Smith

TRIP INVITE 1: BIRMINGHAM CHRISTMAS MARKET

Thursday 2nd December 2021

£4.00 per person

As well as the traditional German Market, new this year (according to Google) will be a special Christmas Market in Cathedral Square which will focus on Artizans from the Birmingham area including local food and drink vendors.

The coach will leave Christchurch Road at 9.45am and Victoria Street at 10.00am. Return - leaving Birmingham at 4.00pm.

Please indicate at which pick up point you will be waiting: .

If you are interested, please complete the attached response slip and return it to me by **31st October** together with your cheque, made payable to:

Barclays Bank (Barclaycard) Pensioners' Club.

Janet Holt

01604 756093

Mobile for use on the day 07762 701985

janholt2010@hotmail.com

To: Janet Holt, 3 Hall Close, Duston, Northampton, NN5 6EU

BIRMINGHAM CHRISTMAS MARKET - THURSDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2021

Please reserveplaces at £4.00 per person

Please make cheques payable to **Barclays Bank (Barclaycard) Pensioners' Club**

PLEASE PRINT IN CAPITALS - CLEARLY INDICATE NAME OF MEMBER OR GUEST
MEMBER NAME :
GUEST NAME :
MEMBER NAME:
GUEST NAME :

TELEPHONE NUMBER: (Mobile if Possible)

PICK UP POINT: Please tick) Christchurch Road.....

Victoria Street.....

TRIP INVITE 2 BRICK LANE MUSIC HALL

LUNCH & SHOW: ROBIN HOOD AND HIS CAMP FOLLOWERS

THURSDAY 17TH FEBRUARY £45 per person

We will arrive at Brick Lane around 12.30 ready for a three course lunch to be served at 1pm. There will be choices within the menu, including vegetarian, which can be selected on the day. Anyone with food allergies or requiring gluten free needs to indicate on the booking form below please, as Brick Lane requests advance notice. The show, which promises to be hilarious, will commence at 2.30pm.

The coach will leave from Christchurch Road at 10.15 am and Victoria Street at 10.30 am. We will leave Brick Lane at 5.15pm. If the trip is cancelled by the club, all money will be refunded.

If you are interested, please complete the attached response slip and return it to me by 15th October, together with your cheque, made payable to Barclaycard Pensioners' Club. This is likely to book up quickly as the ticket price is £45. The club is paying for the coach, a bargain!

Pat Smith 01604 843821 07712 098646

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To: Miss P M Smith, Hollyberry Cottage, 40 Humfrey Lane, Boughton, Northampton, NN2 8RQ

BRICK LANE 17TH FEBRUARY 2022

Please reserveplaces at £45 per person, cheques payable to Barclaycard Pensioners' Club

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MEMBER NAME :
GUEST NAME :
MEMBER NAME:
GUEST NAME :

PHONE NUMBER - Mobile if possible

PICK UP POINT: (Please tick)

Christchurch Road:.....

Victoria Street:.....

Brick Lane must be notified in advance of any allergies of if gluten free diet is required.

Name.....

Gluten free.....Allergy.....

NORTHAMPTON TOWN FOOTBALL TICKETS 2021/2022

All of the football tickets for the coming season have now been allocated as detailed below. I will be contacting members prior to their game to confirm they still require the tickets before posting out. If anyone has any queries, please contact me on 07487 416316.

Graham Wheeler,

Date	Against	Kick Off	Allocated to
7 th August	Port Vale	3.00	A Alland
21 st August	Rochdale	3.00	D Usmar
4 th September	Scunthorpe United	3.00	G Billingham
18 th September	Swindon Town	3.00	R Maryann
2 nd October	Sutton United	3.00	B Stobart
16 th October	Mansfield Town	3.00	R Bashford
19 th October	Stevenage	7.45	A Pancoust
30 th October	Carlisle United	3.00	P McGrath
23 rd November	Oldham Athletic	7.45	B Searle
27 th November	Leyton Orient	3.00	M Packer
18 th December	Barrow	3.00	M Gould
26 th December	Walsall	3.00	S Bashford
8 th January	Crawley Town	3.00	C Johnson
15 th January	Forest Green Rovers	3.00	J Green
29 th January	Salford City	3.00	J Dennis
8 th February	Newport County	7.45	J Murphy
19 th February	Colchester United	3.00	M Clack
5 th March	Tranmere Rovers	3.00	J Morin
19 th March	Bristol Rovers	3.00	G Wheeler
26 th March	Hartlepool United	3.00	A Filby
9 th April	Bradford City	3.00	C Selling
18 th April	Harrogate Town	3.00	D Avil
30 th April	Exeter City	3.00	P Lines



1st Reserve E Miller

RUGBY

Dave has renewed our membership for a pair of tickets for the 2021\22 season.

If you wish to be considered for a pair of tickets for any home match during the new season, please place a tick by your choices and **return to Dave by 15th October 2021**. If any match is oversubscribed, Dave will hold a draw to allocate tickets.

David Folwell, 241 Acre Lane, Northampton, NN2 78DY

Tel: 01604 454386 Email: david.43folwell@gmail.com

Date	Against	Kick Off	Competition	TICK
22 nd October	Worcester Warriors	7.45pm	Gallagher Premiership	
30 th October 21	Leicester Tigers	3pm	Gallagher Premiership	
13 th November	London Irish	3.30pm	Premiership Cup	
4 th December	Bath	3pm	Gallagher Premiership	
11 th December	Racing 92	TBC	European Champions Cup	
1 st January 22	Saracens	TBC	Gallagher Premiership	
15 th January	Ulster	TBC	European Champions Cup	
19 th February	Sale Sharks	TBC	Gallagher Premiership	
26 th February	Exeter Chiefs	TBC	Gallagher Premiership	
12 th March	Wasps	TBC	Gallagher Premiership	
2 nd April	Newcastle Falcons	TBC	Premiership Cup	
fixture to be agreed				
2 nd April	Bristol Bears	TBC	Gallagher Premiership	
fixture to be agreed				
30 th April	Harlequins	TBC	Gallagher Premiership	
4 th June	Newcastle Falcons	TBC	Gallagher Premiership	

Where TBC "to be confirmed" is quoted this could be Friday evening, Saturday or Sunday, may be as early as 1pm or as late as 5.30pm. Saints currently request face masks are worn and a lateral flow test may be required. This is not a government guideline.

Dave Folwell

The Bank Workers Charity (BWC) – supporting you, your partner and dependents

The Bank Workers Charity (BWC) exists to help current and former bank employees and their families across the UK. They do this by providing information, advice, expert support and, in some cases, financial help.

BWC is independent of banks and their services are free and confidential

What can BWC help with?

BWC work with some of the UK's leading organisations to provide you with specialist support around:

- **Disability, illness and health conditions:** giving advice on getting the support you need to manage a disability, illness or health condition to help improve your quality of life, independence and financial situation.
- **Caring responsibilities:** offering access to financial, legal and practical support for the carer and the person being cared for, such as, arranging a carer's assessment, counselling, alternative therapies or respite care.
- **Mental health:** providing access to specialist services such as counselling or other therapies as well as advice about local and national services to help you look after your mental wellbeing.
- **Financial support/Grants:** providing a one-off grant (if eligible), to help with a wide range of costs, such as general living expenses, disability and mobility aids, or home adaptations.
- **Bereavement:** helping you deal with the emotional and practical aspects of losing someone close to you, we may be able to provide you with financial support for help with funeral expenses.
- **Loneliness and isolation:** connecting you with local organisations who offer befriending schemes and other activities. We may be able to provide financial support towards specialist equipment to assist you in getting around or help towards transport costs.
- **Income maximisation:** helping you to budget and identify benefits and schemes you may be eligible for, such as Attendance Allowance. We'll assist you in completing application forms and can also liaise with other organisations on your behalf.
- **Legal advice:** offering access to a specialist team of legal experts who can advise on areas such as power of attorney and wills and probate.

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 email hello@bwcharity.org.uk or get in touch via their website. To find out more about BWC visit www.bwcharity.org.uk



We welcome our new members **Gillian Barnes, Alan Marcus and Marcia Randall** great to have you join us!

Do you know someone who could join us, PLEASE let the us know and we can get in touch with them!

Requests for membership of Barclays Bank (Barclaycard) Pensioners' Club, including details of the name and address, date of retirement, length of service and department where you last worked, should be sent in writing or email The Secretary at (secy@barcpn.org.uk)

Theatre Draw

As many of you will be aware we run a free monthly draw for a voucher worth £50 to exchange for 2 tickets which can be used for the theatre or the cinema at the Derngate, Northampton.

Each month the winners are drawn out of the hat at the Committee Meeting and the vouchers are posted out to the winners. All winning names are published in The Link.

Due to restrictions there has been an obvious delay but we plan to get this great draw off the ground again with this publication.

If you would like to be included, please fill in the attached form and **return by Oct 31st 2021.**

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ROYAL AND DERNATE THEATRE VOUCHERS

Please return to Mrs Shirley Emery, 11 Wantage Close, Hackleton, Northampton, NN7 2AG

Name Member No.....

Address

Phone Number



OBITUARIES

We are very sorry to report the deaths of the following members

Our sincere condolences go to their family and friends

June Whitford June's son Aaron contacted us to advise of the passing of his Mother June, she was 91. June retired some 30 years ago, joining the Club in 1995. June had been a PA for many years to Ray Rawlins among others. Joyce Rose shared a memory of Aaron as a very young son coming to work with his Mother and asking Ray "what you doing man?". A happy moment June would never have forgotten!

Maureen Frankham Maureen passed away in August shortly before her 86th birthday. Nicki Mould, Maureen's daughter, let us know of the funeral date which was well attended. Many will remember Maureen from CS tells and Auth days, she was always smiling.

From Towers Watson we are aware of the passing of the following ladies

Sheila Horwood ,Sheila Whittaker, Diana George and Mary Butcher

We have no further details on the ladies listed above unfortunately

Please remember to advise us when you move to ensure that you receive the Club newsletter and other information, in particular your email address so we can ensure you receive speedy updates

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