

The Link



Summer Newsletter

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EDITOR'S WORD

Summer is here and we can finally start to relax and maybe have a little holiday.

We have started our day trips up again and have another one for you to come along to in October. Coffee morning and lunches are starting again too. **The recent trip to Stratford went very well, everyone kept good time and the day was a great success, the sun shone too! Thank you to all those that were able to join us.**

Don't forget the speaker at our next coffee morning will be talking about help for anyone who needs support or advice on any difficulty they may be trying to get through. We don't need to feel alone. There is help if you need it.

Enjoy the summer sunshine, let's hope it shines on us all.

The committee look forward to meeting up with you at our events in the coming months.

Stay safe and well

Christine Graham



CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

I have to admit that it's good to be writing these notes with a more optimistic view of the future.

Looking back that was how I started my notes for the last edition of The Link. I don't think that optimism was misplaced though and see the current delay as a prudent step which will enable the Government to proceed with 'Freedom Day' on July 19th. I hope that is the case! Of course we are still living with COVID and, regrettably, I suspect that will be the case for some time yet as further variants materialise. However, the vaccination programme has been very successful and will provide most of us with the confidence to enjoy social interaction again. We hope that you will do so by attending some of our events.

Your Committee has now put together a plan for social activities for the remainder of this year and full details of the Programme can be found later in the Newsletter.

The plan is predicated on a return to 'normality' on July 19th but we are only too well aware that there may be further bumps in the road over the next few months which lead us to make changes to the current schedule. We will, of course, advise of any changes but it's always worth looking at 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 to be able to provide social activities once again and look forward to seeing you at some of these over the next 6 months.

Enjoy reading this newsletter and stay safe.

Roger Alexander

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LUNCHES



LUNCH THURSDAY 21ST OCTOBER 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 £10. 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

Pan Seared Breast of Chicken

Garlic and thyme fondant potato, honey glazed carrots and green beans
with a roasted shallot jus

Vegetarian Option

Mushroom, Garlic and Spinach Arancini
rested on a bed of rich smoky mushroom and leek stroganoff

Orchard Fruit Crumble Tart with thick creamy custard

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 23rd September 2021**.

A travel allowance of 15p per mile is payable where the total distance travelled is in excess of 50 miles, the first 20 miles of which will be discounted.

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

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

Lunch – Park Inn, Thursday 21st October 2021

Name of Member (please print) _____

Name of Guest (please print) _____

I enclose cheque for _____

£20 for myself and guest

£10 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

Join us for lunch again.
It will be so good to see you!

COFFEE MORNING 22ND JULY 2021



The Park Inn, Northampton

Following the government announcement to delay easing the lockdown, we are not able to hold the coffee morning on July 15th as previously advised.

It will now be held on 22nd July with the speaker Samantha Wright from the Bank Workers' Charity, accompanied by her colleague Paul from Services and Grants.

Please note that if the restrictions are not lifted on 19th July, the coffee morning cannot be held. There will not be enough time to notify members of this, so please be advised now to watch the government news for 19th July updates.

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.

The room we use is the restaurant which is open to us from 9.45 with tea, coffee and biscuits. Please don't arrive before 9.45 as the restaurant is used by hotel guests for breakfast. 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 on arrival in reception to avoid receiving a fine.

I look forward to seeing you.

Patricia Smith

FOOTBALL NORTHAMPTON TOWN FOOTBALL TICKETS 2021/2022

If you wish to be considered for a pair of tickets for any home match during the current season, please place a tick by your choices and **return by 31st July 2021**. If any match is oversubscribed, I will hold a draw to allocate the tickets.



Graham Wheeler, 40 Equestrian Way, Weedon, Northampton, NN7 4NZ
Mobile 07487 416316

Name _____ Membership No _____

Address _____

Tel no: _____ email: _____

Date	Against	Kick Off	Tick
7 th August	Port Vale	3.00	
21 st August	Rochdale	3.00	
4 th September	Scunthorpe United	3.00	
18 th September	Swindon Town	3.00	
2 nd October	Sutton United	3.00	
16 th October	Mansfield Town	3.00	
19 th October	Stevenage	7.45	
30 th October	Carlisle United	3.00	
23 rd November	Oldham Athletic	7.45	
27 th November	Leyton Orient	3.00	
18 th December	Barrow	3.00	
26 th December	Walsall	3.00	
8 th January	Crawley Town	3.00	
15 th January	Forest Green Rovers	3.00	
29 th January	Salford City	3.00	
8 th February	Newport County	7.45	
19 th February	Colchester United	3.00	
5 th March	Tranmere Rovers	3.00	
19 th March	Bristol Rovers	3.00	
26 th March	Hartlepool United	3.00	
9 th April	Bradford City	3.00	
18 th April	Harrogate Town	3.00	
30 th April	Exeter City	3.00	

CRICKET

Cricket update

Hi all,

I have had a few challenges this year with collecting and sending out tickets, but hopefully by now you will have will have seen some live T20 blast action.

I will be collecting paper tickets soon for the Royal London 50 over games, so watch the post over the next few days if you have applied for these.

Finally, not sure what Covid regulations will be in place for the remaining 4 day games, but again watch the post if you have applied.

Let's hope we are all back to normal for next season.

Cheers

Colin Rands



RUGBY



No fixtures list for the Saints has been yet been agreed.

Therefore, we cannot advise of dates, though due to the current climate there may still be limit to the attending numbers and our ticket allocation.

We will update you in the next newsletter.

Many thanks

Dave Folwell

TRIP INVITE TO BOURTON ON THE WATER

TUESDAY 5TH OCTOBER £5 PER PERSON

En route to Bourton, a stop will be made at Moreton-in Marsh where a street market is held on Tuesdays. The time spent there will depend on our arrival time and agreed on the coach. We will then move on to Bourton from where the return time will be 5.00pm

The coach will leave from Christchurch Road at 8.45am and Victoria Street at 9.00am. There will be no organised seating.

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 6th September, together with your cheque, made payable to Barclays Bank (Barclaycard) Pensioners' Club.

Cindy Antell 01604 376118

cindytorrox@yahoo.co.uk

07759 909823

To: Mrs Cindy Antell, 95 Yelvertoft Rd, Northampton, NN2 7TQ

Bourton on the Water 5th Oct 2021

Please reserveplaces at £5 per person

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

NAME (BLOCK CAPITALS)

TEL. NUMBER - Mobile if possible

PICK UP POINT: (Please tick)

Christchurch Road:.....

Victoria Street:.....

NEW MEMBERS



We welcome two new members **Anthony Mooney** and **Denise Alderson**, 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@barcpen.org.uk)



OBITUARIES

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

Our condolences go to their family and friends

Brian Crockford passed away on 15th June 2021 at Northampton General Hospital aged 83 years. Some of you may remember him from his many years in Collections Dept , Remittances and Voucher Input in Marefair. Brian leaves his beloved wife Joan, he was a devoted dad and grandad.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS



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.

Please note that due to Data Protection regulations we will NO LONGER be able to share member's addresses in this publication, but details can be supplied by the club with permission of each individual member, if you do require a member's address please ask. (Ed).

CONTACT INFORMATION

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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

CLUB WEBSITE

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

www.barclayspensioners.co.uk

Data Protection Act 1998

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.