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EDITOR'S NOTE

Christmas is upon us again, with so much going on in many of our lives please take time to help those less fortunate and share the kindness. Many of our members are in care homes, if you know someone that is, perhaps you could find a couple hours and visit them, it will make the world of difference for them.

We have a good couple of trips and other events coming up so book up if you can. The Derngate ticket offer has proven to be a success, see page 7 for the latest update.

It's not too late to offer a lending hand to get the Northern lunches back up and running as we mentioned in the last Link, please let us know if you would like to help?

The committee wish a very Happy Christmas and a healthy New Year to you all.

Kind wishes - Christine Graham

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

At the time of sending this message it's difficult to believe that Christmas is less than a month away and the shops are already full of tempting offers for gifts you didn't know you needed!

On December 15th around 200 members of the Pensioners' Club will attend the Christmas Lunch at the Park Inn, an incredible number of you, and I hope all 200 enjoy the festive occasion.

I would like to pass on my best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to you all. As always I hope to see many of you at one of our many events in 2023.

Stay safe, Stay warm

Roger Alexander

Christmas lunch 2022



Good news, we are back to the pre-covid number of members and guests at the lunch this year.

Park Inn has advised there is another function taking place on December 15th.

This means car park spaces may be limited however there are spaces in the nearby council car park.

If you do park at the Park Inn don't forget to register your car in reception!

We are really looking forward to seeing many ex colleagues and friends again for a bumper Christmas lunch followed by a wonderful raffle with many great prizes to end the day!

The Committee

Lunch Dates for Next Year



APRIL 20th

JUNE 15th

OCTOBER 19th

DECEMBER 14th

Leona and Bob

Coffee Mornings

Coffee morning held on November 17th

Unfortunately the speaker booked, Alison Morgan, was unable to attend due to covid. Despite several attempts at swopping a speaker, it was too short notice for them. The alternative was to use my emergency story about becoming a refugee with the UN whilst on holiday in Cyprus in July 1974.

I had never spoken publicly about my experience as thousands were killed, including the person I was with. It's a very sad and emotional story, but it was well received.

As there was no speaker fee payable, the committee agreed that I could make a donation to RAFBF (Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund) I have family connections with the RAF, currently and in the past, hence my support.

Future coffee mornings

Our next one will be on January 18th with a presentation from Teresa Osborn. Full details are on the following page.

The calendar for 2023



January 18th	Teresa Osborn	Happy Days Fitness
March 16th	Vickie Bell	Teamwork Trust charity
May 18 th	Janice Moulds	Gardens of the National Trust
July 20 th	Mike Newbold	Work as Film and TV extra
September 21 st	Alison Morgan	From Nurse to Crime Writer
November 16 th	To be advised	

Coffee Morning Wednesday January 18th 2023

Teresa Osborn -Happy Days Fitness

The Park Inn, Northampton

I have experienced Teresa's fitness exercises, mainly sitting down, but some standing, and it was fun. She became interested in movement as a leisure activity when she joined Peggy Spencer's School of Dance. Some members may remember Peggy Spencer from the original "Come Dancing." Rather different from Strictly!

Thursday 16th March

Vickie Bell - Teamworktrust charity

This is a Northamptonshire Day Service provider for adults with learning disabilities, autism and / or mild mental health issues. I have not heard this talk personally, but it has been recommended by one of our members.

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

There is no charge, and members are welcome to bring a guest with them.

Free Parking is available at the Park Inn, so if you come by car, please remember to key in your car registration number on the screen in reception to avoid receiving a fine.

I look forward to seeing you all.

Patricia Smith

Theatre Draw Winners

October - Angela Liversedge, Gillian Barnes, Dot Ellis, Patricia Frost

November - Pat Smith, Jean Graham-Clare, J Patel, Denise Alderson

December winners will be drawn at the Christmas Lunch

TRIPS FOR 2023

"SAVE THE DATE"

Trip to Highclere Castle - home of Downton Abbey

Wednesday, April 12th 2023

Limited availability - Details in the next Link

RUGBY

I have an amendment in the Rugby tickets for the matches after Christmas due to Worcester & Wasps going bust they have rejigged some of the fixtures and dates.

Actual Allocation @2022		Tkt Nos	Kick Off	Names	Match no
Sat 26th Nov	Barbarians	League	3pm	3) Jean Salem	8
Sun 18th Dec	Munster	Euro	1pm	7) Chris Selling	9
Sat 1st Jan	Harlequins	League	3pm	6) Janet Haynes	10
Sat 21st Jan	Stade Rochelle	Euro	1pm	8) Colin Rands	11
wend 18th Feb	Sale Sharks	League	tbc	9) Nuala Hutton	12
wend 25th Feb	Gloucester Rugby	League	tbc	5) Janet Selling	13
wend 11th Mar	Bath Rugby	League	tbc	15) Dave Folwell	14
wend 15th Apr	Saracens	League	tbc	13) Sue Howkins	15
Cancelled	Wasps	League		12) Mick Jacobs	16
*Key to comp codes:					
League = Gallagher Premiership					
Euro = European Champions Cup					
Cup = Domestic Cup					
Thanks Colin Rands 0780 444 3918					

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NORTHAMPTON DERNGATE TICKET OFFER

We still have a few tickets left for The Cher Show, a new Musical, on 11th January 2023

£28.00 a ticket for the Matinee starting at 2.30

Tickets will be given out on the day of the performance - **we will have a table where you can pick your tickets up.**

If you are interested please fill in the form below and return to me by **19th December** together with your cheque made payable to:
Barclays Bank (Barclaycard) Pensioners' Club.

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THE CHER SHOW AT THE DERNGATE 11TH JANUARY 2023

Please reserveplaces at £28.00 per person

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

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

TELEPHONE NUMBER: (**Mobile if Possible**).....



Obituaries

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

Julia Mansel Bennett - aged 89 passed away 17th October

Hazel Humphries - passed away September 9th Hazel lived in Hall Green, Birmingham

Sheila Fitchett - We have received a notification from Robert Fitchett advising us of that his mother, Mrs Sheila Mary Fitchett sadly died on the 30th of October 2022. Sheila started work at Aquila House, Northampton and eventually went to Marefair and worked in Authorisation/Customer Services. Sheila came to lunches occasionally. She was a dedicated walker being a member of the Ramblers for many years

Yvonne Edwards was 88, she sadly passed away in July, we thank Pam Heavyside for letting us know

We apologise for any delay in reporting the names of our colleagues and that there is limited information, however, often our only way of obtaining this information is from the Wills Towers Watson announcement pages.



We welcome our new members:

Barbara Bishop, Agnese Ruocco, Edward Hall joined us in July sorry for the late announcement.

Paul Tover, Pramodini Kotak, Sonia Bostrom, Stewart Robinson, Dawn Hillery, Melanie Farenden, Kay Parkinson and Rachael Scutchings 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)