

The Link



Autumn Newsletter

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EDITOR'S WORD

I know it's still summer but it's time to plan for the autumn months. The committee have worked tirelessly to come up with so many ideas, I am so pleased to say there are lots to do for you all!



We would love to see more attending our events and would welcome any suggestions you may wish to be considered, also to get fellow ex colleagues to join our club. The criteria are very straightforward. You don't need to be an actual pensioner! Barclays give a subsidy for all attending members so you all benefit from reduced prices across our events. The standard rules to join are the same across the board for all Barclays staff:

- ✚ Pension needs to be UKRF active or deferred.
- ✚ Retired from active service or on flexible retirement.
- ✚ Be aged 50 or over and completed a minimum of 15yrs service.
- ✚ Eligibility applies to widows or widowers of eligible pensioners

So have a good read, sign up to a couple outings and pop along for lunch or coffee sometime soon, thanks everybody, Christine Graham, Editor

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Here we are in July having experienced some lovely weather and, of course, the odd downpour. Halfway through the year and beginning to embrace the freedom that we now have post the pandemic. It's encouraging to see so many of you back attending our social events and I hope that continues through the rest of the year when we have some exciting trips planned as well as further coffee mornings and lunches.

It's clear that many of us are also catching up on holidays and more frequent visits to family members both home and abroad. I think the events in 2020 and 2021 proved just how important it is to make the effort to enjoy ourselves with friends and family. Let's continue to do so and enjoy our retirement.

My best wishes to you all

Roger Alexander

Stop Press!

Exciting news... we have been offered a great deal from the Northampton Derngate Theatre with generous discount on block bookings, which could increase or decrease dependent on the numbers of tickets we purchase. Our first show will be The Jersey Boys matinee, March 29th 2023 may be as low as £30!

Further details will be in the October issue of The Link so make sure you look out for that!



The raffle prizes at the last coffee morning, more exciting prizes next coffee morning and lunches



Happy travellers on the coach to Birmingham NEC to visit the BBC Good Food show and Gardeners World

Lunch Note

The number of members and guests at the lunch in June was not as well attended as previous lunches, maybe as Covid restrictions were easing holidays had started again, and it was the week before the Jubilee weekend. There were some comments regarding the main course not being up to the usual standard, which we passed to Park Inn management. Park Inn management thanked us for the feedback and send apologies to anyone at the lunch who was disappointed with their meal.

We look forward to seeing everyone again at the lunch in October.

The lunch is an opportunity for us to meet up with old friends and colleagues in a happy atmosphere. We would love to see more of our retired colleagues and friends so if you haven't come along before now please give it a try. Each member can invite a guest. We think you will enjoy a good lunch and camaraderie and could win one of the many raffle prizes!

Leona and Bob

LUNCHES

LUNCH THURSDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2022

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

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 22nd September 2022**.

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 20th October 2022

Name of Member (please print) _____

Name of Guest (please print) _____

I enclose cheque for £_____ (£20 for myself and guest or £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 _____

Coffee Mornings at the Park Inn



July 14th Glennys Grimshaw - Russians Dolls

Glennys will talk to us about Russian Dolls. I haven't heard the talk personally but it has been recommended as being very interesting.

Sept 8th David Shrewsbury - Abington Park

David will present a talk on the Creation of Abington Park.

The Industrial Revolution of the 19th Century had many benefits but also some extreme Public Health issues as people moved from the countryside and into the towns. Public Parks was part of the solution.

Who were the Wantage's, did they really make any sort of gift and what remains of the Northampton's Industrial Heritage in creating the park?

David will show computer generated slides. The whole presentation takes just under an hour.

As usual, for all coffee mornings, the room we use is the restaurant which is open to us from 9.45am with tea, coffee and biscuits. Please help yourselves to refills. The talks will commence at 10.30am 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.

A further date for the diary is November 17th - Alison Morgan - From Nurse to Crime writer

I look forward to seeing you.

If anyone has suggestions on a possible speaker for a future coffee morning please let me know.
Patricia_smith@talktalk.net 07712098646 or 843821

Patricia Smith

TRIP INVITE: BOURNEMOUTH - SEASIDE

Tuesday 30th August 2022

£10.00 per person

South coast resort. Golden sands, gardens, and much more.

Coach only - City sightseeing Hop on/Hop off bus tours available. You choose how to spend the day.!

The coach will leave Christchurch Road at **8.00am** and Sixfields (main road in front of Bella Italia) at **08.15am**. Return - leaving Bournemouth 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 **8th August** together with your cheque, made payable to: **Barclays Bank (Barclaycard) Pensioners' Club**.

NB: No acknowledgments will be sent out. Once booked, if you are unable to make the trip, no refund will be given.

Cindy Antell

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BOURNEMOUTH - TUESDAY 30TH AUGUST 2022

Please reserveplaces at £10.00 per person

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

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Sixfields.....

BARCLAYCARD PENSIONERS' CLUB

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY 21ST APRIL 2022 AT THE PARK INN, NORTHAMPTON AT 1.55 PM

PRESENT: Roger Alexander in the Chair, plus 101 members and 33 guests.

MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THE 18TH APRIL 2019:

These were unanimously agreed as a true record and subsequently signed by the Chair.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: (next pages)

ADOPTION OF THE ACCOUNTS: (copy of the summary next pages):

These were unanimously agreed.

TO ELECT MARC PETTICAN, PRESIDENT OF BARCLAYS PAYMENTS, AS PRESIDENT:

The Chair said that Marc had attended our Coffee Morning and gave a very spectacular report on Barclays payments and that Barclaycard still exists. The Chair thanked Marc for agreeing to be our President. Everyone unanimously agreed and Marc was elected. Marc was then presented with a copy of the book 'Fifty Years of Barclaycard' personally signed by John Dalton.

TO ELECT THE CHAIRMAN, ROGER ALEXANDER: Unanimously agreed and elected.

TO ELECT THE SECRETARY, SANDRA RUSSELL: Unanimously agreed and elected.

TO ELECT THE TREASURER, RICHARD MILLER: Unanimously agreed and elected.

TO ELECT THE AUDITOR, PETE CAPON: Unanimously agreed and elected.

TO ELECT THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Cindy Antel, Carol Bell, Shirley Emery, Chris Graham, Bob Hancox, Janet Holt, Leona Johnson, Pat Smith and Derek Vance.

ALL VOTED EN BLOC: UNANIMOUSLY AGREED AND ELECTED.

The Chair thanked the Officers and Committee for all their hard work throughout the year.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending the lunch and AGM. The occasion had been well supported.

The AGM closed at 2.03

BARCLAYS BANK (BARCLAYCARD) PENSIONERS' CLUB
SUMMARY OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR
YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2021

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>£</u>
Balance b/fwd 01/01/2021	28,356.44	Capital Expenditure	429.00
General expenses		General Expenses	698.76
Bank Grant	17,153.50	Membership refund	5.00
Capital account interest	0.05	Members' Mileage Claims	92.75
Members' Joining Fees	55.68	Welfare Costs (including donations)	523.44
		Coffee mornings	700.00
Lunches (Members' contributions)	2,715.00	Lunches	5,611.76
Raffle Ticket Sales	435.00	Raffle Costs	341.48
Theatre trips & Outings	3,320.00	Theatre trips & Outings	7,451.50
(Members' contributions)		Speakers (coffee mornings)	50.00
		Committee meetings	33.65
		Newsletter (Printing)	596.00
		Cricket season tickets	2,120.00
		Football season tickets	560.00
		Rugby season tickets	775.00
		Theatre Tickets (Monthly Draw)	150.00
		Club Website	239.58
	52,035.67		20,377.92
		Balance c/fwd 31/12/2021	
	52,035.67		31,657.75
			52,035.67

R L MILLER
(HON TREASURER)

RL Miller

P CAPON
(AUDITOR)

P Capon

26/1/2022

Our last AGM took place in April 2019 and little did we know that we would not be able to convene another one until April 2022. Rosemary Horwood in her report wrote '*We are hoping that 2019 will be more normal year*'. Well that proved to be the case with the Committee providing an excellent array of events which were enjoyed by many of you. Unfortunately, that didn't last and 2020 provided us all with one of the biggest challenges faced in our lifetime resulting in very little activity as we all struggled to come to terms with Lockdowns, Face Masks and being good judges of remaining 2 metres from others. Having taken over the Chairman's role from Rosemary early in 2020 the situation with COVID made a challenging job even more difficult and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Committee Members for helping and supporting me as I developed a better understanding of how our club operates and, more significantly, what we should be doing for you all but couldn't!

With so much global activity scientists were able to develop vaccinations against COVID in amazing timescales and we were able to get our first jabs early in 2021 which marked a new beginning for your Committee. For much of 2020 the Committee had not been able to meet in person with activities being planned, cancelled and replanned through volumes of emails. In 2021 though we managed to get together again although with the closure of the Barclays premises at Brackmills we had to find other places to do so and eventually settled into bi-monthly meetings in the bar at the Park Inn. We were able to plan and execute a number of events during the latter half of 2021 including a well-attended Christmas Lunch. We were so pleased to see so many of you at that lunch and hope you enjoyed the event.

Your committee are determined to provide you with a full programme in 2022 and we are already underway having had 2 excellent Coffee Mornings and trips to Brick Lane and Oxford. Full details of other events will, of course, be communicated to you through The Link and online through the Club's web site at www.barcpen.org.uk. Our first Coffee Morning featured Marc Pettican who is the most senior Executive in Northampton associated with Barclaycard with most of his peers operating from Canary Wharf. I am delighted that Marc has accepted our invitation to be the new President of our Club.

The local sports teams are all doing reasonably well and I can confirm that we will be able to provide tickets for the Saints, Cobblers and the County Cricket team for the coming year. A word of thanks to Colin Rands for taking over from Dave Folwell to ensure we are able to continue to provide you with opportunities to watch the Saints.

Following the success of our raffle at the Christmas Lunch we decided to increase our activities with local charities starting with those associated with the NHS. The recent issue of The Link provided some more details on this worthy cause and I hope we are able to support both local and national charities in the coming year. Every penny counts.

Finally, I need to pay tribute to your Committee. They have all worked so hard in difficult circumstances to provide you with various social events during incredibly difficult circumstances. It's been tough with plans having to be destroyed as we had different Lockdowns and government constraints. But they persevered and delivered. We often hear talk of Plan B – we are currently on Plan G! It is also appropriate for me to thank those Committee Members who have resigned since the last AGM such as Rosemary Horwood, Liz Talbot, Colin Rands (although he still helps out with sports tickets), Dave Folwell, Bob Maryan and Gwen Verden.'

Chairman

Roger Alexander

NB please note the chairman's message was previously included in the summer issue

TRIP INVITE: NOTTINGHAM CHRISTMAS MARKET

Wednesday 30th November 2022

£8.00 per person

Traditional Christmas Market with stalls in and around the Old Market Square and other shopping opportunities in the centre of the city. There are plenty of places for a coffee break or lunch.

The coach will leave Christchurch Road at **9.00am** and Sixfields (main road in front of Bella Italia) at **9.15am**. Returning 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 **9th November** together with your cheque, made payable to: **Barclays Bank (Barclaycard) Pensioners' Club**.

NB: No acknowledgments will be sent out. Once booked, if you are unable to attend the trip, no refund will be available.

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NOTTINGHAM CHRISTMAS MARKET - WEDNESDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2022

Please reserveplaces at £8.00 per person

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

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

Sixfields.....



We welcome our new members **Hilary Fairweather** and **Janet Jones** 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!

Criteria to join:

- ✚ Pension needs to be UKRF active or deferred.
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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)

Theatre Draw

We are delighted to announce the winners for the last 3 months draw as follows;

April - Malcolm Ward, Maureen Clack, Colin Rands and Karen Briggs

May - Beryl Garside, Bob Hancox, Jerry Leahy and Leona Johnson.

June - Pat Leahy, Jane Brown, Steve Gedny and Sally Gamble.

CHANGE OF DETAILS - HAVE YOU MOVED?

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

TRIP INVITE: THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

Thursday 8TH December 2022

£55.00 per person

Top price tickets purchased, only fifty available so book early to avoid disappointment. Tickets do not include entry to Santa's Magical Journey or The Enchanted Journey of Light - please read the booking information at www.thursford.com Shops and refreshment areas are open from 12 noon (credit/debit cards preferred method of payment). The show starts promptly at 2 pm and is approximately 3 hours long (25 minute interval)

The coach will leave Christchurch Road at **9.00am** and Sixfields (main road in front of Bella Italia) at **9.15am**.
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**.

NB: No acknowledgement will be sent out. Once booked, if you are unable to attend the trip, no refund will be available. **Tickets will be given out on the day, on the coach.**

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THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR - THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2022

Please reserveplaces at £55.00 per person

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RUGBY TICKETS APPLICATION SEASON 2022/23

*We have purchased two tickets for the Cinch Stand (The Pond end), which will be issued as a pair for each of the games. The fixtures dates will not be issued until **19th JULY**, so can't be included in this Newsletter. At this stage I am trying to gauge numbers. Once I know the actual dates I will be sending out an email to those who have shown an interest and firm up on allocation for each match If you don't have an email I need your phone number.*

*Thanks
(Colin Rands.)*

NAME (Block Capitals) Tel No.

Address:-
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Email address

Return to : Mr C.Rands, 6 Chadstone Avenue, Northampton NN2 8PG

Date	Visitors	Comp	Tick
?	Leicester Tigers		
?	Saracens		
?	Harlequins		
?	Gloucester Rugby		
?	Sale Sharks		
?	Exeter Chiefs		
?	London Irish		
?	Wasps		
?	Bristol Bears		
?	Worcester Warriors		
?	Newcastle Falcons		
?	Bath Rugby		
?	La Rochelle		
?	Munster		

To be considered for a pair of tickets, please place a tick against the match you would like to attend & return form to me **by the 12th AUGUST 2022**

If any match is oversubscribed, I will hold a draw to allocate tickets.

May I remind you these tickets are to be used for **Pensioners ONLY** as we have paid the discounted rate, which is clearly indicated on the tickets and may be challenged at the entrance.

CRICKET 2022 SEASON

The cricket season is well underway now with the weather allowing games to go ahead the majority of the time.

See the list of names who applied for and either have or will be allocated Cricket tickets for this season. It could be you next season.

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|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1) Colin Rands | 2) Simon Mitchell |
| 3) Ray Bradstreet | 4) Bryan & M Sharp |
| 5) Glenys Billingham | 6) Chris Selling |
| 7) Steve Bashford | 8) Malc Ward |
| 9) Graham Wheeler | 10) Trev Martin |
| 11) Marina Arthur | 12) Cindy Antell |
| 13) Kitty Robinson | 14) Maureen Clack |
| 15) John Osborne | 16) Susan Sargent |
| 17) Jill Moran | 18) Jean Murphy |
| 19) Rosa Oppido | 20) Richard Miller |
| 21) Liz Miller | 22) Janet Selling |
| 23) Jay Shah | 24) Pat Lancaster |
| 25) Pam Lines | 26) Bob Maryan |
| 27) Mick Jacobs | 28) Joyce Dennis |



NORTHAMPTON TOWN FOOTBALL TICKETS 2022/2023

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 23rd July 2022. 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
30 th July 2022	Saturday	Colchester United	3.00	
13 th August	Saturday	Hartlepool	3.00	
27 th August	Saturday	Doncaster Rovers	3.00	
3 rd September	Saturday	Barrow	3.00	
17 th September	Saturday	Rochdale	3.00	
24 th September	Saturday	Stockport County	3.00	
8 th October	Saturday	Salford City	3.00	
25 th October	Tuesday	Sutton United	7.45	
29 th October	Saturday	Newport County	3.00	
3 rd December	Saturday	Tranmere Rovers	3.00	
17 th December	Saturday	Carlisle United	3.00	
29 th December	Thursday	Swindon Town	7.45	
1 st January 2023	Sunday	Leyton Orient	3.00	
21 st January	Saturday	Mansfield Town	3.00	
4 th February	Saturday	Walsall	3.00	
14 th February	Tuesday	AFC Wimbledon	7.45	
18 th February	Saturday	Grimsby Town	3.00	
4 th March	Saturday	Crawley Town	3.00	
18 th March	Saturday	Crewe Alexandra	3.00	
1 st April	Saturday	Stevenage Borough	3.00	
10 th April	Monday	Gillingham	3.00	
22 nd April	Saturday	Harrogate Town	3.00	
29 th April	Saturday	Bradford City	3.00	



OBITUARIES

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

Our sincere condolences go to their family and friends

Dick Gimber passed away 19th May.

Dick had been a club member for many years. He organised the lunches for a long time before Leona and Bob. He was a lovely, kind gentleman known by many as a true gent. He enjoyed a game of golf. Dick joined Fraud Investigations in Barclaycard coming from the police force. The committee made a donation to Blind Veterans UK formerly St Dunstan's.

From Towers Watson we are aware of the passing of the following members unfortunately we do not have any further details:

Brian Williams passed away May 17th

Mrs Margaret Emily Vicars aged 85 who died on 4.4.2022

Mr Roderick Lewis Mole aged 89 who died on 3.4.2022

Mrs Janet Barnes passed away 8th Feb 2022

Mrs Eileen Cook died 12 March 2022

Mrs Lesley Kilby passed away 23 March 2022

CONTACT INFORMATION

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