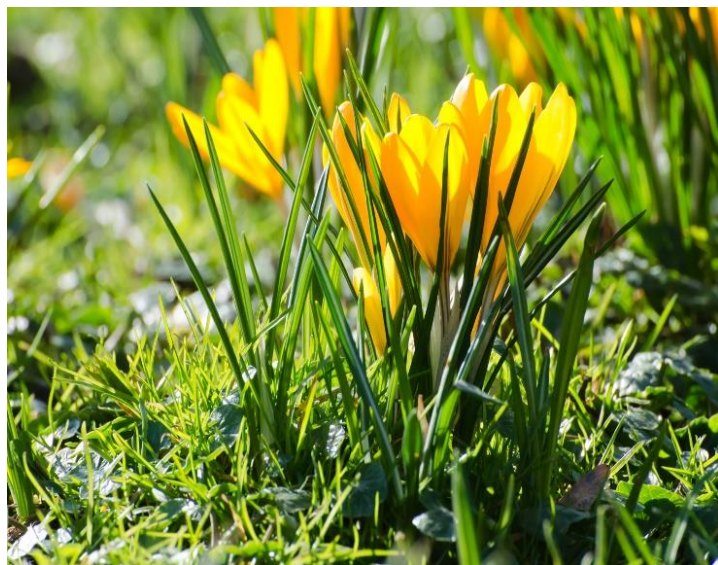


The Link



Spring Newsletter
2022

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NEWSFLASH - THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

THURSDAY 8th DECEMBER 2022 - SAVE THE DATE!

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

I hope you are all keeping well and looking forward to a more normal year as the Government have recently announced the removal of restrictions associated with COVID. Of course the pandemic is not necessarily over but the signs are good in terms of our ability to live with the virus much like we do with the Flu and Common Cold. Only time will tell but I think we can be more positive now than, perhaps, at any time in the past 2 years.

Since the last issue of The Link we have enjoyed a very successful Christmas Lunch and the first Coffee Morning of the year when our speaker was Marc Pettican, the President of Barclays Payments. Both these events were extremely well attended and I hope all who did so thoroughly enjoyed themselves. It was also good to see some new faces at the Coffee Morning and I hope that trend will continue during the year. Full details of our first lunch of 2022 as well as the scheduled Coffee Mornings will be found later in this Newsletter.

The Committee has been working hard to put together a range of Coach trips this year and indeed our first trip, to Brick Lane, is now sold out. Further details later in the Newsletter.

I would like to advise you that we will be having our 2022 AGM to coincide with the Lunch at the Park Inn on April 21st. We missed the AGMs in 2020 and 2021 so this is an important meeting for us which I hope you will support. Over the past 2 years the Committee has changed but all are happy to continue for the next year as you will see from the documentation. In addition to the core Committee we also co-opt others where we need specialist support. The key areas where we do this are to manage the sports tickets which we have for the local professional teams i.e. the County Cricket Club, Saints and Cobblers.

***We are now looking for a volunteer to take over the management of the ticket allocation for the Saints and if you would be interested in finding out more about the role please contact any of the Committee Members.** If we can't find someone to take on this role we may not be able to continue to provide tickets for the Saints next season.*

I look forward to seeing many of you at the lunch in April and at other functions during the year.

Stay safe

Roger Alexander

EDITOR'S WORD

Spring seems to be arriving earlier this year, as I write this the sun is shining, the sky is blue and the bulbs are pushing out for new growth to add colour to our lives.

There's lots to read this time around with the AGM and planned get togethers over the next couple months.

We have a message from the Bank Workers Charity on page 7, please take time to read and consider if you or anyone may need help or support, particularly now we all face a steep rise in the cost of living. Don't be afraid to ask. All banks have contributed to the funding of the charity to provide our current and ex colleagues with a helping hand if they need it.

Enjoy and see you soon!

Stay safe and well

Christine Graham

LUNCHES

Christmas lunch 2021

Understandably some members cancelled their Christmas lunch booking but despite the numbers being down this year everyone who attended said how much they enjoyed being back together.

The lunch took place the week before the Omicron virus became widespread so we were lucky the lunch took place. The Park Inn did us proud, tables were distanced and there were hand sanitation facilities. The lunch was excellent and the speed of service meant we all had a delicious hot Christmas dinner.

Thanks to Carol the raffle was very successful, raising £355.00.

The proceeds were divided between 3 charities, NHS charities, Cynthia Spencer and Crisis. Thank you for your support. As things look more optimistic regarding socializing, we look forward to seeing you at April's AGM lunch.

If you are unable to attend a booked lunch, please let us know so we can give an accurate figure to the chef. Thank you.

Leona and Bob

Dates for your diary for the rest of the year lunches are:

June 9th 2022

October 20th 2022

December 15th 2022

LUNCH THURSDAY 21ST APRIL 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

Pot Roast Chicken Breast with a Fondant Potato, Roast Roots and Chasseur Sauce

Vegetarian Option

Caramelised Red Onion and Goats Cheese Pithier with a Tomato and Basil Sauce

Vanilla Cheesecake with a Berry Compote

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 24th March 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 21st April 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 MORNING



March 17th at The Park Inn, Northampton

Duncan McAlpine - Samaritans

Duncan will talk to us about the work of the Samaritans.

As usual, 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

Dates for the next coffee mornings for your diaries:

May 19th, July 14th September 8th and November 17th



CRICKET TICKET APPLICATION 2022

I have ordered the same mix of One day and 4 day tickets for the new season, which starts on the 7th April. Hopefully we have seen the back of any COVID regulations and things will be back to normal for the return of Division One Cricket. (Colin Rands.)

NAME (Block Capitals) **Tel No.**

Address:-

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

Date	Visitors	Comp	Tick
7th/10th April	Gloucestershire	CC	
21st/24th April	Yorkshire	CC	
19th/21st May	Kent	CC	
27th May	Durham	T20	
1st June	Leicestershire Foxes	T20	
7th June	Derbyshire Falcons	T20	
9th June	Worcestershire Rapids	T20	
17th June	Lancashire	T20	
22nd June	Birmingham Bears	T20	
24th June	Yorkshire Vikings	T20	
26th/29th June	Warwickshire	CC	
19th/22nd July	Lancashire	CC	
7th August	Essex	RL1	
12th August	Glamorgan	RL1	
17th August	Worcestershire	RL1	
23rd August	Derbyshire	RL1	
12th/15th Sept	Surrey	CC	
26th/29th Sept	Essex	CC	

*Key to comp codes: **CC = FOUR day County championship match.**

RL1Day = Royal London 50 overs ONE day match.

T20 Blast = 20overs ONE day match

To be considered for a ticket, please place a tick against the match you would like to attend & return form to me **by the 4th MARCH 2022**

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



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
- Caring responsibilities
- Mental health
- Financial support/Grants
- Bereavement
- Loneliness and isolation
- Income maximisation
- Legal advice

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

NEW MEMBERS



We welcome new members Isabel Lawson and Sandi Joshi, 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! They need to be in receipt of or have a deferred Barclays Pension and hold at least 15 years' service to enable them to join.

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)

TRIP INVITE: OXFORD

Wednesday 6th April 2022

£6.00 per person

The City of Dreaming Spires - home to the oldest University in Britain, Oxford is an architectural marvel.

Coach only - Guided walking tours, approximately 2 hours @ £20 pp or Hop on/Hop off bus tours, City Sightseeing @ £14 pp for seniors are available to book on-line should you wish to do so, or enjoy the day doing your own thing, beautiful buildings to see and of course there are shops!

The coach will leave Christchurch Road at **9.30am** and Victoria Street at **9.45am**. Return - leaving Oxford 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 **18th March** together with your cheque, made payable to:

Barclays Bank (Barclaycard) Pensioners' Club.

Cindy Antell

01604 376118

Mobile (for use on the day) 07759 909 823

cindytorrox@yahoo.co.uk

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

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OXFORD - WEDNESDAY 6TH APRIL 2022

Please reserveplaces at £6.00 per person

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

PLEASE PRINT IN CAPITAL - CLEARLY INICATE 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.....

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022

AGM AGENDA

BARCLAYS BANK (BARCLAYCARD) PENSIONERS' CLUB NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of members of Barclays Bank (Barclaycard) Pensioners' Club will be held at the Park Inn, Silver Street, Northampton on the afternoon of Thursday 21st April 2022 immediately following the lunch notified separately. The time of the start of the meeting should be approximately 2.30 pm.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the thirty-seventh Annual General Meeting of Members held on 18th April 2019. (Copies available at the meeting or by request)
2. Chairman's report
3. Adoption of the Accounts
4. To elect Marc Pettican, President of Barclays Payments, as President
5. To elect the following Officials

Chairman	Roger Alexander
Secretary	Sandra Russell
Treasurer	Richard Miller
Auditor	Pete Capon

And to elect the following Committee Members

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

Nominations duly proposed and seconded, to appoint a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor and twelve Committee Members ARE REQUIRED TO REACH THE SECRETARY BY 31st March 2022 to allow for proxy voting.

Sandra Russell
Honorary Secretary

BARCLAYS BANK (BARCLAYCARD) PENSIONERS' CLUB
ELECTION OF OFFICERS – NOMINATION FORM

To reach the Secretary at the address given below by 31st March 2022

NOMINEE NAME IN BLOCK CAPITALS _____

I am willing to offer myself for election to the position of: _____

SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE: _____

PROPOSER NAME IN BLOCK CAPITALS: _____

SIGNATURE OF PROPOSER: _____

SECONDER NAME IN BLOCK CAPITALS: _____

SIGNATURE OF SECONDER: _____

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MRS S. K. RUSSELL, SECRETARY, BARCLAYS BANK (BARCLAYCARD) PENSIONERS' CLUB, 7 ASHMORE, LONG BUCKBY, NORTHAMPTON, NN6 7RT.

BARCLAYS BANK (BARCLAYCARD PENSIONERS' CLUB

PROXY VOTING FORM

I being a member of the Barclays Bank (Barclaycard) Pensioners' Club, hereby appoint the Chairman of the Annual General Meeting of the Club held on Thursday 21st April 2022, and at any adjournment thereof, as my proxy to vote for me and on my behalf in respect of the Resolutions referred to in the Notice of Meeting. I wish my proxy to vote as indicated.

RESOLUTION

	For	Against
1. To receive the minutes of the 2019 AGM, Chairman's report and adopt the Accounts	☐	☐
2. To elect as President Mr Marc Pettican	☐	☐
3. To elect the following Officers: Mr Roger Alexander – Chairman	☐	☐
Mrs Sandra Russell - Secretary	☐	☐
Mr Richard Miller - Treasurer	☐	☐
Mr Pete Capon - Auditor	☐	☐
4. To elect up to nine Committee members Mrs Cindy Antel	☐	☐
M/s Carol Bell	☐	☐
Mrs Shirley Emery	☐	☐
Mrs Christine Graham	☐	☐
Mr Bob Hancox	☐	☐
Mrs Janet Holt	☐	☐
Miss Leona Johnson	☐	☐
Miss Pat Smith	☐	☐
Mr Derek Vance	☐	☐

THIS FORM MUST BE IN THE HANDS OF THE SECRETARY BY 31st MARCH 2022

Members are reminded that the Constitution as it stands at present requires a quorum of 25 members at the AGM and 10% of the members are required to vote either in person or by proxy on any resolution. Please attend if you possibly can but, if you cannot, PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO MRS S.K. RUSSELL, SECRETARY, BARCLAYS BANK (BARCLAYCARD) PENSIONERS' CLUB, 7 ASHMORE, LONG BUCKBY, NORTHAMPTON, NN6 7RT.

SIGNATURE: _____

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: (quoted on your membership card and on the envelope in which these documents were sent to you).

PLEASE DO NOT SEND BACK THIS FORM IF YOU ARE GOING TO THE AGM.



OBITUARIES

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

Our condolences go to their family and friends

Gerald Arthur Stinson, aged 90, died 8/12/2021

Jean Clews, aged 89, died 31/12/2021

Linda Knibb passed away 14th November 2021 she was aged 76

Jean Varsverry passed away 1st December 2021

Shirley Crick sadly passed away 19th April 2019 but we have only just been advised

Often this information has been taken from Towers Watson. Unfortunately, we have no further details.

Have you moved?

Please remember to update your details with us if you have moved or changed phone numbers or email address to ensure that you receive the Club newsletter and other information.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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