

The Link



Summer Newsletter 2022

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"Stop Press"

THURSFORD SPECTACULAR - Thursday 8th December - Trip invite in the next Link
Top price seats - Only 50 tickets available - book early to avoid disappointment

EDITORS NOTE

It looks like spring is here and we can all look forward to the summer months ahead with plenty going on with our club, please join us where you can! I for one am enjoying getting in the garden and look forward to sitting in the sunshine once more. I hope you enjoy reading this edition of our newsletter, have a great weekend.

Christine Graham

AGM CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

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 (our previous Chairman) wrote in her report '*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 re-planned 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 : Rosemary Horwood, Liz Talbot, Colin Rands (although he still helps out with sports tickets), Dave Folwell, Bob Maryan and Gwen Verden.

Roger Alexander

LUNCHES

LUNCH THURSDAY 9TH JUNE 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

Peppered Pork Steak with Fondant Potato, Sautéed Greens and a Pepper Sauce

Vegetarian Option

Sweet Potato, Butternut Squash and Spinach Lasagne with a Dressed Salad

Sticky Toffee Pudding with Vanilla Ice Cream

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 12th May 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 9th June 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 _____

Please note the lunch should have been the 16th June (the third Thursday of the month) however that date was not available for us on this occasion. We regret any inconvenience this may cause.

COFFEE MORNING MAY 19TH



Mike Alcock - RNLI

The Park Inn, Northampton

Mike will talk to us about the work of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, the charity which saves lives at sea.

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 Smith

Future coffee mornings are: July 14th, September 8th and November 17th

CRICKET TICKETS 2022



I have now collected the tickets for this season. Once again I was oversubscribed for most matches, so I have allocated places to ensure everyone can see as many games as possible.

Watch the post as I will be sending out tickets for the One Day games over next few days.

Let's hope sun shines and we see some good Cricket now we are finally back in Division One.

Regards, Colin Rands

We are pleased to announce Colin will be covering the RUGBY next season, Graham will continue with the Cobblers tickets.

RUGBY AND FOOTBALL UPDATES ON FIXTURES AND TICKETS WILL BE INCLUDED IN OUR NEXT ISSUE

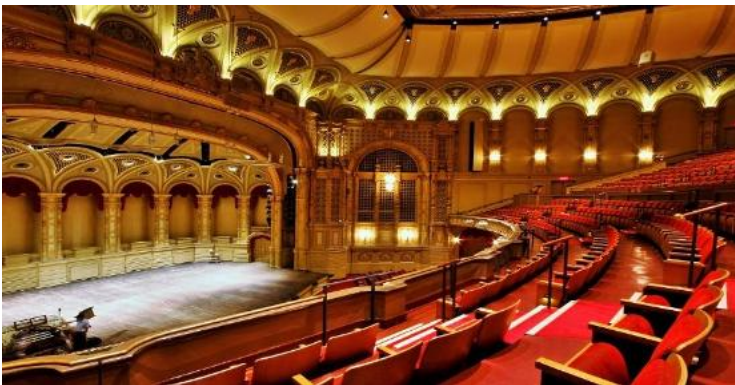
CHARITY DONATIONS

Over the years as a committee we have taken many opportunities to award money to local and national charities, these include:

Northampton General Hospital, Cynthia Spencer Hospice, Crisis, KidsAid, Stroke Association, Cancer Research, Northants Sport and Samaritans.

The money is mainly raised through the sale of raffle tickets at coffee mornings and lunches. When we have speakers at the coffee mornings we offer a contribution gift, from our funds, to their chosen charity as a way of thanking them for attending our meetings. Donations are also made through our funds as a tribute to members who have passed away, when the deceased members family will nominate a chosen charity.

We are very proud to advise that a total of approx. £800 has been donated during the last year.



Winners of Theatre Tickets

Four people won tickets in January - Frances Anderson, 1208, Graham Wheeler, 1016, Mrs. E. Phillips, 1064 and Roger Alexander, 819. Winners for the February draw were June Ling - 611, Barbara Whiting, 953, Janet Holt, 1287 and Yvonne Njoku, 1489.

The four winners for March were Barbara Mann, 838, Pat McGrath, 1361, Rosa Oppido, 1402 and Cathy Johnson 1494.

Congratulations to all the winners of this year, at last we can get back to the theatre so who knows your name may be next out of the hat! All new members can take part in the theatre draw at the time of joining if they wish. A voucher worth £50 is given to each winner for use at The Royal and Derngate, Northampton.

TRIP INVITE: **NEC BIRMINGHAM – 2 FOR THE PRICE OF 1**
BBC GOOD FOOD SHOW AND BBC GARDENERS WORLD LIVE

Thursday 16th June 2022

£18.00 per person

Ultimate foodie day out - 100s of artisan producers and your favourite big brands, top chefs and experts cooking live and much, much, more!! Plus the fantastic Gardeners World Live!

The coach will leave Christchurch Road at **9.15am**, Victoria Street at **9.30am** and Sixfields (road in front of Bella Italia car park) at **9.45am**.

Return - leaving Birmingham at **4.30 pm**.

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

Limited availability. If you are interested, please complete the attached response slip and return it to me by **20th May** together with your cheque, made payable to:

Barclays Bank (Barclaycard) Pensioners' Club.

Cindy Antell

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NEC BIRMINGHAM – THURSDAY 16TH JUNE 2022

Please reserveplaces at £18.00 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.....

Sixfields.....

NEW MEMBERS



We are very pleased to welcome several new members this time around!

Donald George, Felicity Slater- Holroyd, Melodi Palmer, Georgina Knightley, Janet Selling and Mandy Douglas, it's so great to have you join us!

Do you know someone who could become a member? PLEASE let 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 members

Our condolences go to their family and friends

Edna Kirk passed away 19th December 2021 at the age of 80 years old

Linda Webster died on the 13th January 2022 aged 78.

Phyllis New, 78, passed away February 2nd 2022 some of you may remember Phil from Auth.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

EMAIL OR PHONE NUMBERS



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).

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