

The Link



Winter Newsletter 2022

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

This year seems to have flown by with many of us trying hard to catch up on holidays and time with the family that we missed during the previous 2 years. We will never get those 2 years back so it's important that we make the most of our time now as I am sure you'll agree.

This edition of The Link is a credit to the hard work of your Committee. You will find invitations to upcoming trips, a new initiative with the Royal and Derngate as well as our Christmas Lunch which is excellent value for money. You will also see details of the allocation of both Cobblers and Saints tickets throughout the current season and I hope those of you using the tickets thoroughly enjoy the matches.

I look forward to meeting many of you at the Christmas Lunch in December but in the meantime, stay warm and stay safe.

Roger

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EDITOR'S WORD

Yet again the sun is shining bringing us another beautiful autumn day. This newsletter has so much going on with so many opportunities for our members. As I write this sitting quietly at home I wonder about the many members who may be on their own and possibly feeling lonely. I would urge you to come along to a coffee morning which doesn't cost you anything but it could be a great way in to the club and a chance to meet old colleagues or make new friends.



Have a look there is bound to be something for you, we would love to see more members at our functions.

Christine Graham

LUNCHES

It has been a difficult year for lunches but we are pleased to see the number of members attending the October lunch was almost back to pre-Covid days.



In 2022 several new members joined the pensioners' club so we hope it won't be long before we can welcome them when attending their first lunch. It's an opportunity to catch up with colleagues over lunch in a happy and friendly atmosphere. Also, a chance to win a wonderful raffle prize!

Please note the cost of the Christmas lunch is £10.00 instead of the usual £15.00. (It's not often these days, costs have

gone down instead of up!)

Don't forget to send in your Christmas lunch application.

Looking forward to seeing everyone again for a bumper lunch: **Leona and Bob**

LUNCHES

LUNCH THURSDAY 15TH DECEMBER 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

Winter Vegetable Soup with crunchy garlic and herb croutons

Traditional Roast Breast of Turkey, Sage and onion stuffing, pigs in blanket, roast potatoes, sprouts, carrots, parsnips and pan gravy

Vegetarian Option

Vegetable and Mixed Bean Wellington with a Fresh Tomato and Thyme Sauce

Traditional Christmas pudding accompanied by brandy Sauce or Fresh Fruit Salad

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 17th November 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 15th December 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 _____



CRICKET, RUGBY AND FOOTBALL

Message from Colin Rands, who now organises both Cricket and Rugby ticket allocation:

My Emails.

A couple of people have reported they have received emails, which appear to have come from me with pictures attached. These are not from me and should be deleted without you opening them. Now that I no longer send out the LINK, you will not receive an email from me about Cricket or Rugby. If I need to make contact with you it will either be by sending tickets and a letter in the post or a phone call.

In the meantime, I have cleaned up the email account as advised by Google, so hopefully the problem will go away.

Cricket

We have now finished a successful season, which as always I managed to spread the tickets around to as many members as possible, hope you enjoyed a match.

Rugby

I have managed to allocate tickets as shown in the spreadsheet below. I will be printing the tickets for each game as soon as the TV people have decided the actual dates and post them out to you.

Many thanks

Colin

Mobile 07804 443918

RUGBY



RUGBY TICKET ALLOCATION FOR 2022 ALL APPLICATION BY DUE DATE @ 11/7/2022

Date	Match	Comp	k/o		
Thur 8th Sept	Saracens	Cup	7.45	Pam Lines	1
Fri 16th Sept	London Irish	League	7.45	Maureen Clack	2
Sat 24th Sept	Leciester Tigers	League	3.00	Malc Ward	3
Tues 11th Oct	Harlequins	Cup	7.45	Janet Holt	4
Sat 15th Oct	Newcastle Falcons	League	3.00	Graham Wheeler	5
Sat 29th Oct	Bristol Bears	League	3.00	Glenys Billingham	6
Fri 4th Nov	Exeter Chiefs	League	7.45	Sally Gamble	7
wend 26th Nov	Worcester Warriors	League	tbc	Jean Salem	8
wend 17th Dec	Munster	Euro	tbc	Colin Rands	9
wend 31st Dec	Harlequins	League	tbc	Janet Haynes	10
wend 21st Jan	Stade Rochelle	Euro	tbc	Chris Selling	11
wend 4th Feb	Bath Rugby	League	tbc	Dave Folwell	12
wend 11th Feb	Gloucester Rugby	League	tbc	Janet Selling	13
wend 11th Mar	Wasps	League	tbc	Mick Jacobs	14
wend 15th Apr	Sale Sharks	League	tbc	Nuala Hutton	15
wend 6th May	Saracens	League	tbc	Sue Howkins	16
*Key to comp codes:	League = Gallagher Premiership				
	Euro = Heineken Champions Cup				
	Cup = Premiership Rugby Cup				



NORTHAMPTON TOWN FOOTBALL TICKETS **2022/2023**

All of the football tickets for the coming season have now been allocated as detailed below. I will be contacting members prior to their game to confirm they still require the tickets before posting out.

If anyone has any queries, please contact me on 07487 416316.

Graham Wheeler

Date	Against	Kick Off	Allocated to
25 th October	Sutton United	7.45	M Ward
29 th October	Newport County	3.00	C Selling
3 rd December	Tranmere Rovers	3.00	J Salem
17 th December	Carlisle United	3.00	M Clack
29 th December	Swindon Town	7.45	M Kerr
1 st January	Leyton Orient	3.00	A Alland
21st January	Mansfield Town	3.00	R Bashford
4 th February	Walsall	3.00	N Hutton
14 th February	AFC Wimbledon	7.45	S Bashford
18 th February	Grimsby Town	3.00	G Wheeler
4 th March	Crawley Town	3.00	M Arthur
18 th March	Crewe Alexandra	3.00	P Lines
1 st April	Stevenage Borough	3.00	J Selling
10 th April	Gillingham	3.00	G Billingham
22nd April	Harrogate Town	3.00	M Jacobs
29 th April	Bradford City	3.00	TBA



Coffee Morning at the Park Inn

November 17th - Alison Morgan

Alison's talk is entitled "From Nurse to Crime Writer" which sounds absolutely fascinating and has been highly recommended for our coffee morning.

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.

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

THEATRE TICKET VOUCHER MONTHLY DRAW WINNERS

Winners – July – Roberta Wardell – Lynn Powell, Elizabeth Miller, Lynn Bashford

Winners – August - Christine Dickerson, Valerie Cannell, Wayne Henry, Jenny Thorpe.

Winners – September – Carol Bell, Carol Muddiman, Ann Reynolds, Christine Graham

Please note these vouchers can only be used when booking directly with the Derngate

TRIP INVITE: NOTTINGHAM CHRISTMAS MARKET

Wednesday 30th November 2022

£8.00 per person

Due to demand a second coach has been booked and there are 20 more seats available.

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.**

Janet Holt

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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**

PLEASE PRINT IN CAPITAL - CLEARLY INDICATE 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.....

Sixfields.....

TRIP INVITE: THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

Thursday 8TH December 2022

£55.00 per person

20 Seats available so now opened up to family and friends at the same price.

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

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

Sixfields.....

NORTHERN LUNCHES

As a committee we have discussed the future of our lunch dates in the North. Unfortunately, our membership in this area has gradually reduced to around 100 and these numbers give us concern as they are unlikely to grow that much going forward.

Historically the lunches were organised around May and were usually held in October at Castle Grove, Leeds. One of our committee members, Liz Talbot, (now retired) would send out the invites and Barry Taylor stepped in to help organise the lunches from 2016 to 2019. Regrettably Barry has recently advised that he can no longer continue in this role.

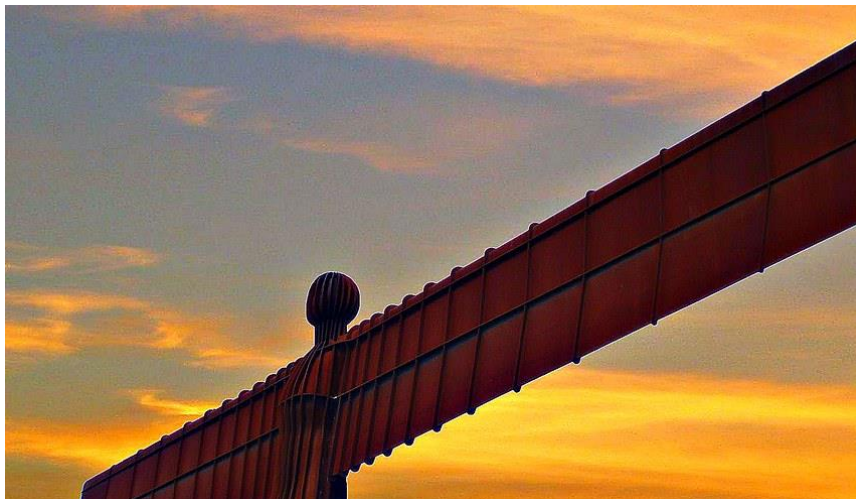
Collectively in the past an average of 20 people attended the lunch.

The last lunch was held in the Masonic Hall Leeds in 2019, 20 to 25 people attended.

It was understood by Barry that several members are also members of the Darlington Pensioners' Club and possibly attend local functions and/or events through that club.

If anyone wishes to become involved with the Northern Lunches we would love to hear from you, sadly if we cannot find another member to help with the setting up of these lunches we may be forced to stop them altogether.

If you are interested or know someone who could take this over, please let us know via our secretary Sandra Russell - secy@barcpn.org.uk



NORTHAMPTON DERNGATE TICKET OFFERS

As announced in the Autumn issue of The Link we have been given the opportunity to purchase block bookings for coming shows. Average ticket price will be around £30 which can be a considerable reduction against normal ticket price, dependant on the show.

We had decided to run with the Jersey Boys as our first offer however that is not until March 2023, its planned to send out invites for these tickets in our new years newsletter.

NOW! We are very excited to be able to offer "THE CHER SHOW"

The Cher Show, A New Musical, on 11Th January 2023 , matinee starting at 2.30pm is a great offer with tickets available at £28. Tickets will be given out on the afternoon of the performance, we will have a table in the foyer where you can pick up your tickets.

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.

Cindy Antell

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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**

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MEMBER NAME:
GUEST NAME:
MEMBER NAME:
GUEST NAME:

WELCOME

We have some new members joining us and wish to give them all a very warm welcome.

Martin Rice, Aileen Breay, Julia Turtle and Karen Briggs

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 members

Our condolences go to their family and friends

Phil Kempton – see next page

Mary Murtagh aged 90, one of our many long standing members sadly passed away 4th September

Kathleen Thompson passed away 14th July she was 95 years old

Margaret O'Keef passed away 29th June aged 90

Mrs. Freda Rhodes, who died on 28th May at the age of 87.

Mrs. Mavis W York, who died on 12th July at the age of 75.

Mrs. Brenda P Blanchard, passed away on 15th July aged 78.



Phil Kempton 1935 – 2022

Phil joined Barclaycard in 1966 as Chief Clerk in customer service relations, moving on to become assistant manager in collections. After that he became the manager in Management by Objectives, and then his favourite job: Personnel, where he recruited staff for the regional centers at Liverpool, Stockton and Middlesbrough. He then worked in Operations, looking after those regional centers.

Phil was very involved in the children's Christmas parties...where taking the microphone away from him proved difficult at times!

He was involved with the Barclaycard 6 a side football team, also the cricket team and most of all golf. Phil was offered early retirement at 52, it is believed he bit their hands off!

Phil was a founder of the Pensioners club and was involved in all aspects of the club for 26 years. He became a friend to many and before the days of internet he was there to offer all kinds of help and support to members.

In 2001 he did an Oral history interview for Barclays Group Archives, which family and friends have always enjoyed reading. He represented the club for many years at the annual Barclaycard Pensioner forum at Canary Wharf. You could be sure Phil was the first representative out of his seat, asking pertinent questions on behalf of the club members.

Phil was known for his happy and cheerful character, and he enjoyed participation in many of the clubs' activities. He never missed a lunch, accompanied by his wife Rory.

These lovely words were provided by Phil's wife Rory.

Unfortunately, due to ill health, Phil stepped down from his role as club Chairman some time ago but he is remembered by many of us with great fondness for all the years spent with the committee and at work.

Leslie Priestley passed away in his sleep August 20th aged 88.

Although not a member we felt it fitting a mention is given due to the history of Leslie's time with Barclaycard and many would have known him. From the obituary in *The Times*, they gave the account of how Leslie Priestley was a forerunner of the Sales team as we eventually knew them, Leslie was appointed as a marketing manager and diligently he went trudging around the shops trying to persuade them to accept plastic card payment, in 1966 this was a challenge!

John Dalton, who put together the Barclaycard Book, sent us a personal message after reading the obituary in *The Times*, John wrote: "Leslie Priestley who, it says, died on 20th August aged 88. The piece includes quite a lot about his part as one of Barclaycard's 'originals' in 1966. After Barclaycard, he went onto many greater things. It was Leslie who recruited me as his Assistant Manager in 1970 so I owe much to him for the opportunity he gave me – and more recently, he was very helpful in recording his recollections for my Barclaycard book. He was a lovely man."



Leslie Priestley in 1984 at a netball tournament for the under 21s sponsored by Barclays.

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).

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