

The Link



July 2023 Newsletter

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EDITOR'S WORD

Welcome to the latest Link newsletter!

As several of you may be aware we have worked tirelessly to update our records for addresses, phone numbers and email addresses, but unfortunately many times we were unable to make contact. An invalid email address means we cannot deliver this newsletter to you. So please bear us in mind if you change your email address or home address.



We have a trip to Cambridge planned for later in the year along with our usual lunches, coffee mornings and of course the football season starts again soon!

With our continued rally for increased membership the current criteria is very straightforward. You don't need to be an actual pensioner but you do need to be with a Barclays Pension to join. As a committee we want to widen our membership and are continually working out the best way for those without a Barclays Pension to join. However, Barclays provide a subsidy for all attending members who then benefit from reduced prices across our events. See back page for our membership application to share with your ex colleagues and friends.

Enjoy the read, Christine Graham

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Time certainly does fly the older we get and its summer already which means we are half way through the year! A few weeks back we had the AGM following lunch at the Park Inn and I was pleased to see so many of you there. Shirley Emery decided that it was time for her to leave the Committee and she will be missed. My thanks to her for all her hard work over the last 30+ years and best wishes for the future. Shirley has kindly volunteered to carry on with the Theatre Draw though and will, I am sure, be attending many of our social functions in this and future years. The Minutes of the AGM are provided on the next page in this newsletter.

We continue to discuss ways of increasing the membership of our Club and are making some progress. We'll be discussing some new ideas of how we might be able to recruit more members at our next meeting later in July. However, we are keen to get as much input as possible and if you have any thoughts on the subject please let one of us on the Committee know. As per recent messages we have a declining membership which equates to a smaller Grant from the Bank. That in turn impacts our budget and the ability to run our various social functions.

As usual you can find details of upcoming activities later in this edition of The Link. You can also find details on our website (www.barcpen.org.uk) of these and other information which we hope you find useful. Unfortunately, we have not given the website much tender loving care recently but that will change. We'll be doing our best to keep it up to date and would appreciate your feedback on anything else you believe we could add to help you in your retirement from Barclaycard.

My best wishes to you for the Summer.

Stay safe

Roger Alexander



BARCLAYCARD PENSIONERS' CLUB

MINUTES OF THE 39TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY 20TH APRIL 2023 AT THE PARK INN, NORTHAMPTON AT 1.50 PM

PRESENT: Roger Alexander in the Chair plus 123 Members.

APOLOGIES: Richard Miller and Christine Graham.

MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THE 21ST APRIL 2022:

These were taken as read, unanimously agreed and signed by the Chairman.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

The Chair said that we had had a very good year after recovering from Covid. We had held Coffee Mornings, Lunches and Trips. The Chair thanked the Committee for all their hard work. The Chair introduced Shirley Emery who was not standing for re-election. Shirley had just done over thirty years of service. A lovely large bunch of flowers was presented to Shirley. Shirley thanked everyone. The Chair said that we shall miss Shirley.

ADOPTION OF THE ACCOUNTS:

The Accounts had been audited. We get a grant from the Bank and for every Member who supports our activities an extra £10.00 is received. We will probably lose about 10% of our Members and we need more Members. We would like you to join and keep this Club going at a difficult time.

TO ELECT MARC PETTICAN, PRESIDENT: Marc was President of Barclays Payments but has now received further promotion. He sent his apologies. Marc was duly elected unanimously.

TO ELECT ROGER ALEXANDER AS CHAIRMAN: Pat Smith took over this procedure and Roger was elected unanimously.

TO ELECT THE SECRETARY, SANDRA RUSSELL: Sandra was elected unanimously.

TO ELECT THE TREASURER, RICHARD MILLER: Richard was elected unanimously.

TO ELECT THE AUDITOR, PETE CAPON: Pete is happy to continue. Elected unanimously

TO ELECT THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEMBERS EN BLOC: Cindy Antel, Carol Bell, Chris Graham, Bob Hancox, Janet Holt, Leona Johnson, Pat Smith, Graham Wheeler and Derek Vance. Unanimously elected. Colin Rands is not a Committee Member but will be co-opted to do the Cricket tickets.

ANY QUESTIONS: A Member asked if a copy of The Link is sent out to both the wife and husband at the same address. It was confirmed that this is so.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending the lunch and AGM. He hoped everyone had enjoyed themselves.

The AGM closed at 2.05 pm.

LUNCHES

LUNCH THURSDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2023

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 £12. 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

Slow Cooked Feather Blade of Beef, topped with Herb Dumpling,
Duchess Potatoes, Roast Carrots, Leeks and Green Beans

Vegetarian

Mushroom, Spinach and Broccoli Lasagne with House Salad and toasted Garlic Bread

Rhubarb, Apple and Ginger Crumble Tart

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 21st September 2023.**

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 19th October 2023

Name of Member (please print) _____

Name of Guest (please print) _____

I enclose cheque for £_____ (£24 for myself and guest or £12 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 JULY 20TH



Mike Newbold

The Park Inn, Northampton and will be in the Hertford Suite Room 3

Mike's talk is entitled "My Extra Life" working as a Film and TV Extra. The following is Mike's description of his experience;

"I first started with amateur dramatics over 20 years ago with Carlton Operatic Society and Nottingham Operatic Society, performing both at the Nottingham Playhouse and the Theatre Royal.

I have been a television extra for 27 years and encountered some strange and interesting people.

I talk about the rules and regulations, the pitfalls, the jargon, pay and my experiences."

COFFEE MORNING SEPT 21ST

The original booking for this date was Alison Morgan "From Nurse to Crime writer."

Unfortunately, Alison has cancelled due to ill health.

We now have a booking as follows;

Service by Emergency Rider Volunteers

This is a registered charity entitled SERV OBN which serves Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Berkshire and Northamptonshire. It provides a volunteer rapid response medical transport service delivering blood, platelets, plasma, samples, vaccines, pharmaceuticals, x-rays, scans, donor breast milk and any other urgently needed medical items.

This event we will be in the restaurant. Both events 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.

Future coffee morning;

November 15th Northants Search and Rescue. * Please note date changed from Nov 16th.

I look forward to seeing you.

Pat Smith

TRIP INVITE: CAMBRIDGE

Friday 1st September 2023

£6.00 per person

A vibrant modern city that attracts visitors from around the world.

Coach only - Hop on/Hop off bus tours, (City Sightseeing @ £13.50 pp for seniors), or enjoy the day doing your own thing, Shopping, Botanic Gardens, The Fitzwilliam Museum, Punting on the Cam? Plenty of places to eat and drink.

The coach will leave Christchurch Road at **9.15am** and Sixfields 9.30am - Road in front of Bella Italia car park - **please see information regarding parking at Sixfields on next page**

Return - leaving Cambridge at **4.00pm**.

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

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

If you are interested, please complete the attached response slip and return it to me by:

18th August together with your cheque, made payable to: **Barclays Bank (Barclaycard) Pensioners' Club**.

Janet Holt

01604 756093

Mobile (for use on the day) 07762 701 985 janholt2010@hotmail.com

To: Janet Holt, 3 Hall Close, Duston, Northampton, NN5 6EU

CAMBRIDGE - FRIDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2023

Please reserveplaces at £6.00 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).....
(in case contact needed on the day)

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

Sixfields.....

DAY TRIPS - Pick up at Sixfields

The parking on the Sixfields Retail area is now restricted to 4 hours, maximum so if you used to park there you will need to find an alternative.

1. Get someone to drop and collect you.
2. Pickup at Christchurch Road.
3. Book a parking space on
<https://www.yourparkingspace.co.uk>

It asks you where you would like to park - you type in Sixfields and it will give you the options, including Wickes and Sainsburys.

I tried it and found you can park for 12 hours at Sainsburys for £4. You would then need to walk through the underpass and cross over to the pickup by the road near Hungry Horse/Bella Italia.



Bank Workers Charity, supporting you as a Barclays pensioner

The charity is here to help you and a partner with many different areas of your wellbeing. They do this by providing advice, information, expert support and in some cases, financial help.

They're completely independent of the bank and all services are provided in confidence.

Alongside their services and support, **the Bank Workers Charity are offering Barclays pensioners a Christmas grant of £500 (£250 if you live in residential care or a nursing home).** It's a tax-free, one-off grant that's means-tested in line with their grants criteria. To qualify, you should have no more than £16,000 in capital or savings (excluding the home you live in). If you applied last year, you'll automatically be contacted in August inviting you to apply again.

How to apply

To get an application form sent to you, **email winter@bwcharity.org.uk** with the subject line: Christmas Grant. Please include your full name, address, contact telephone number and whether you would prefer a digital or paper application form.

Alternatively, call the team on **020 3873 8510**. They're open Monday to Friday from 9.00am – 5.00pm (except bank holidays). Please get in touch for an application form by **Wednesday 27th September 2023 (deadline for applications is Friday 27th October 2023)**. To find out more visit: bwcharity.org.uk/how-to-access-the-barclays-christmas-grant

Theatre Draw

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

April - Brenda Stobart and Val Hillyer

May - David Atkins and Judith Boyes

June - Christina Clarke and Eileen Phillips

A voucher for £50 is given to each winner for use at the Derngate, Northampton



WELCOME

We welcome our new members: **Dorothy Geidmintis, Dilesh Vaghela, Rose Robinson, Julie Newman, Dawn Carrier, Marcia Randle, Sandra Fowkes, Lesley Jensen and Sheila Douglas**

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 email The Secretary at (secy@barcpen.org.uk) or see the last page for membership application form

NORTHAMPTON TOWN FOOTBALL TICKETS 2023/2024

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 28th July 2023. 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

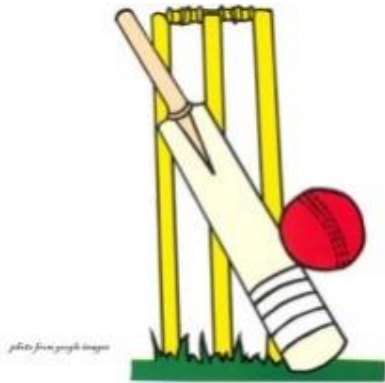
Name_____ Membership No_____

Address_____

Tel no: _____ email:_____

Date		Against	Kick Off	Tickets Allocated
5 th August	Saturday	Stevenage	3.00	
15 th August	Tuesday	Lincoln City	7.45	
19 th August	Saturday	Peterborough	3.00	
2 nd September	Saturday	Wycombe Wanderers	3.00	
23 rd September	Saturday	Barnsley	3.00	
3 rd October	Tuesday	Reading	7.45	
14 th October	Saturday	Portsmouth	3.00	
24 th October	Tuesday	Leyton Orient	7.45	
11 th November	Saturday	Burton Albion	3.00	
25 th November	Saturday	Cambridge United	3.00	
9 th December	Saturday	Fleetwood Town	3.00	
23 rd December	Saturday	Oxford United	3.00	
1 st January 2024	Monday	Cheltenham Town	3.00	
13 th January	Saturday	Wigan Athletic	3.00	
27 th January	Saturday	Shrewsbury Town	3.00	
10 th February	Saturday	Bolton Wanderers	3.00	
17 th February	Saturday	Bristol Rovers	3.00	
2 nd March	Saturday	Charlton Athletic	3.00	
12 th March	Tuesday	Blackpool	7.45	
23 rd March	Saturday	Derby County	3.00	
1 st April	Monday	Port Vale	3.00	
6 th April	Saturday	Carlisle United	3.00	
20 th April	Saturday	Exeter City	3.00	

Barclaycard Pensioner Cricket Tickets 2023



As previously mentioned in the last LINK, I had over 30 Applications for tickets this year, which was good but of course meant many games were oversubscribed despite the fact I planned ahead and brought extra tickets compared to last season.

I have now completed the allocation for this year which is shown below, everyone has at least one game if that was all you requested and then I have filled in the gaps based on the remaining requests and availability.

Remember if you only get ONE ticket, and you asked for TWO, you can buy one and still sit together as no tickets are issued with seat numbers unlike the Rugby.

On that subject I'm sorry but the Pensioners website is incorrect as it quotes TWO tickets per game, this is not always possible, but I have done this when I can. I will be correcting the website in due course.

In the meantime lets hope for a good summer and some good Cricket so we can enjoy the days at the County Ground I will be posting out paper tickets in the next couple of weeks for the 1 day games (both T20 & 50 over) and prior to the start of each match a plastic ticket for the 4 day games.

Barclaycard Pensioners Rugby Tickets 2023/24

Please be advised that after a discussion at a recent committee meeting we have decided not to renew our season tickets for next season.

Whilst the price has continued to rise our number of Applications has been falling, so it was considered no longer good value for money.

So no Application will appear in the LINK and the Pensioners website will be amended accordingly.

Best wishes

Colin Rands

Barclaycard Pensioners Ticket Allowcation season 2023 @ 5/4/23

Actual Allocation@2023						
13th /16th April	Middlesex	CC	Margaret Packer	Glenys Billingham		
20th /23rd April	Hampshire	CC	Liz Miller	Liz Miller		
11th/14th May	Notting'shire	CC	Fred Watson	Nuala Hutton		
24th May	Worcs Rapids	T20	Pat Lancaster	Pat Lancaster	Maureen Clack	Anthony Barber
			Cindy Antell	Marina Arthur	Jean Murphy	Graham Wheeler
26th May	Durham	T20	Glenys Billingham	Pat McGrath	Malc Ward	Mick Jacobs
			Sally Gamble	Bryan Sharp	Adrienne Nixon	Marilyn Sharp
31st May	B'ham Bears	T20	Malc Ward	Anthony Barber	Richard Miller	Rosa Oppido
			Barry Searle	Maureen Clack	Aileen Breay	Nuala Hutton
2nd June	Leicester Foxes	T20	Jill Moran	Jill Moran	Sally Gamble	Pat McGrath
			Joyce Dennis	Bryan Sharp	Mick Jacobs	Marilyn Sharp
16th June	Lancashire	T20	Pat Lancaster	Pat Lancaster	Malc Ward	Glenys Billingham
			Chris Selling	Amanda Douglas	Barry Searle	Bob Maryan
18th June	Notts Outlaws	T20	Fred Watson	Fred Watson	Richard Miller	Rosa Oppido
			Mick Jacobs	Nuala Hutton	Denise Alderson	Pam Lines
21st June	Derby Falcons	T20	Jay Shah	Jay Shah	Pam Lines	Aileen Breay
			Peter Arthur	Maureen Clack	Graham Wheeler	Bob Maryan
25th/28th June	Kent	CC	Liz Miller	Liz Miller		
19th/22nd July	Somerset	CC	Cindy Antell	Marina Arthur		
6th Aug	Sussex Sharks	RL1	Malc Ward	Nuala Hutton		
9th Aug	Somerset	RL1	Amanda Douglas	Steve Bashford		
16th Aug	Worc'shire	RL1	Glenys Billingham	Barry Searle		
20th Aug	Derbyshire	RL1	Pat McGrath	Colin Rands		
3rd/6th Sept	Lancashire	CC	Glenys Billingham	Peter Arthur		
26th/29th Sept	Essex	CC	Ken Knights	Ken Knights		

LVCC Names relate to members who will be presenting the 4 day plastic ticket

T20 Are names which will have paper tickets supplied for me to post out.

RL1 Are names which will have paper tickets supplied for me to post out.

Thanks Colin Rands

0780 444 3918



OBITUARIES

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

Our sincere condolences go to their family and friends



Neil Pritchard sadly passed away after a long illness on 19th April. Many remember Neil from his days as Technical Manager :BT/ Barclaycard. Neil loved being a DJ in his younger years. He leaves his devoted wife Diane and his loving family, daughter Jane and son Marc.



Pat Warren who was lovingly care for by her husband Roger for the past 5yrs died on the 22 April. Pat worked as Secretary to Geoff Shepherd until he retired, then she filled the remaining years in Lost and Stolen until she retired from the bank. Pat went on the work as a Carer at Prince Marina Hospital before finally retiring. She was loved by many for her humour and endearing ways.



Sheila Page who sadly suffered from dementia for many years died May 9th. Sheila had been looked after and greatly cared for by her husband Steve. Sheila leaves 3 daughters Susan, Rachel and Angela. Many have fond memories of Sheila from the time she worked in CS Tels and would make wonderful cakes to bring in for the teams she worked with.

Joe Green of Northampton passed away 21st April 23

Hannah Turner passed away in February of this year

CONTACT INFORMATION

Roger K Alexander <i>Chairman</i> chair@barcpen.org.uk	Sandra Russell <i>Secretary</i> Phone 01327-843295 secy@barcpen.org.uk	Christine Graham <i>Editor of 'The Link'</i> thelink@barcpen.org.uk 07753118005
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CHANGE OF DETAILS - HAVE YOU MOVED?



We have recently made contact many of our members who are not on email to ensure we have the correct details on our records. From this exercise we have established there are many of our members who we do not hold up to date information on, consequently we could not update our records.

So if you know of someone who has moved and they are not getting the newsletter now please tell them to contact us, we can amend our records and get the newsletter out to them.

We know it is not high on the priority list of jobs to do when you move or change email address but if you do remember to advise of changes we can ensure you receive the Club newsletter and other information.

Contact the secretary Sandra Russell on 01327 843295 email secy@barcpn.org.uk

Spread the word so you all get to see our Newsletter!

BARCLAYS BANK (BARCLAYCARD) PENSIONERS' CLUB

Mrs. S. Russell, Secretary
7 Ashmore, Long Buckby,
Northampton, NN6 7RT
Tel.01327 843295
e-mail: secy@barcpn.org.uk

NAME:

Mr/Mrs/Miss

ADDRESS:

I would like to join the Club and enclose a cheque for £5.00
made payable to Barclays Bank (Barclaycard) Pensioners' Club.

If you would like to pay by bank transfer, the details are:
Barclays Bank, sort code 20-61-51, a/c no. 00076414.
Please insert your name in the reference field.

As required under the Data Protection Act, I hereby consent to the Club holding personal Information for the express purpose of furthering the social and welfare aims of the Club.

An **eligible** member must:

- Have retired from active Barclays service with an immediate pension or taken flexible retirement; or
- Have taken a deferred pension, be aged 50 or over and have completed a minimum of 15 years' service with Barclays; or
- Be a Widow or Widower of an eligible member who has passed away.

Please tick one of the following:

I can confirm that I am in receipt of a Barclays Pension as per the Bank rules governing Pensioners' club's membership (please tick whichever statement is applicable).

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I am a former member of Barclaycard Staff, now retiring on a Barclays Pension

☐

I resigned from Barclaycard after 15 or more years' service and am now being in receipt (immediate or deferred) of a Barclays pension

☐

Signature _____ Phone No: _____

If you wish to receive information via e-mail,
please confirm or insert your e-mail address
here: _____