

The Link



October Newsletter 2023

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EDITORS NOTE

Summer is over and the dark nights are drawing in. We should all make time for each other and remember those less fortunate, be kind and help one another. A little kindness goes a long way.

The season for goodwill is fast approaching us and we have a lovely opportunity for you to attend the traditional carol service in Barclays Northampton Campus (Barclaycard to you and me). See page 3 for details.

Please come to the Christmas Lunch this year, it will be a bumper day with a FREE RAFFLE and bottle of wine for all members. It's a chance to see old friends to catch up with, celebrate life and raise a glass to absent friends and colleagues.

Christine Graham

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

It's been an interesting summer with lots of rain but some extended periods of sun with very hot temperatures. Whatever the weather I hope you have been able to enjoy yourselves and maybe you have also participated in one of the Club Events such as a trip out, a lunch or a Coffee Morning. I am always interested in receiving comments on Events, as are my Committee colleagues, so please feel free to contact me through our web site (<https://www.barcpen.org.uk/>) and/or at one of our lunches or Coffee Mornings. We still have a number of Social Functions left this year culminating in our popular Christmas Lunch in December. Full details of these can be found later in this edition of The Link.

Your Committee continue to work hard on your behalf to provide an interesting and eclectic mix of social activities throughout the year. We are currently looking at our Programme for 2024 and would be keen to get ideas from you, our membership. If you have any thoughts on different activities or just some thoughts on our venues for trips, then please do get in touch. It would be great to receive some input which we will take on-board and do we what we can to respond positively.

As the leaves start to fall from the trees our thoughts turn to winter and short days with long dark nights. Keep warm, take care and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Christmas Lunch on December 14th - good company, good food and the legendary Raffle!

Roger Alexander





BARCLAYS NORTHAMPTON CAMPUS : CAROL SERVICE 2023

This year we have been given the opportunity to have lunch followed by the Carol Service at the Barclays Northampton Campus (formerly Barclaycard House) on Tuesday 12th December.

Arrival at reception for 11:30 to 11.45. We are invited to the Dining room where there will be a 2 course Carvery Lunch (with vegetarian option) served through the counters at 12 noon followed by the concert in the dining room.

There are limited numbers for this lovely event which must be strictly on a 'first come first served' basis.

Spaces need to be booked in advance, so I will need the names of all those wishing to attend and their Car registration details, please try to car share as spaces are limited.

If you wish to attend you can contact Christine Graham: By Post to 3 Appletree Gardens, Harborough Rd, Northampton NN28DN or email thelink@barcpn.org.uk

PLEASE REPLY TO ME BY NOVEMBER 10TH

NB: Club members only please and all names will be sent to Security for entrance on the day. PLEASE BE AWARE you now require Photo ID to enter the building, this can ONLY be your Bus Pass, Passport OR Drivers Licence.

We really hope you can join us!

Christine Graham

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LUNCHES

LUNCH THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2023

A lunch will be held at the Northampton Town Centre Hotel (previously Park Inn), Silver Street, Northampton NN1 2TA 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

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 16th November 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 - Northampton Town Centre Hotel (previously Park Inn), Thursday 14th December 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 Mornings

Coffee morning held on September 21st

The talk was presented by Kamran Irani who is the chairman of SERV OBN: Service by Emergency Rider Volunteers - Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Berkshire & Northamptonshire. It was extremely interesting and well received by the members present. Kamran wrote to me after the event, and I promised to share his message with all our members, as follows;

"It was a pleasure to meet everyone. Thank you for combined donation of £137.55 - Cheque for £50 from your Group and £87.55 in cash in our collection tin from the members present.

SERV OBN receives no direct Government or NHS funding, so is entirely dependent on generous donations such as this to be able to continue operating. To put this donation into some context. This amount will be sufficient for us to fuel one of our duty marked motorcycles approximately 7 times. In turn this will allow us to complete approximately 23 calls for our service to transport urgently needed Blood, Blood products, medical supplies, medical equipment, Human Donor Milk, out of hours and when urgently needed by patients within NHS establishments across the counties of Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Berkshire, and Northamptonshire."

Once again thank you.

Pat Smith

Future coffee mornings

Our next one will be on Wednesday Nov 15th with a presentation from Northants Search and Rescue.

Full details are on the following page.

The calendar for 2024

March 21 st	Dave Askew	Northants Walks
May 16 th	Mike Lister	History of Playing cards
July 18 th	Jane Clarke	Children's book writer
Sept 18 th		
Wednesday	Douglas Goddard	Life and work of post card artist Donald McGill
Nov 21 st	To be advised	



Coffee Morning at the Northampton Town Centre Hotel (formerly Park Inn)

Wednesday November 15th - Neil Balderson from
Northants Search and Rescue

Northamptonshire Search & Rescue is a Registered Charity that consists of a group of trained volunteers who are on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. They regularly assist the Police and other statutory emergency services in the search for vulnerable missing people across the county.

The room we will use is the Hertford Suite 1 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.

Pat Smith

Lunch Dates for 2024

April 18th

June 20th

October 17th

December 19th

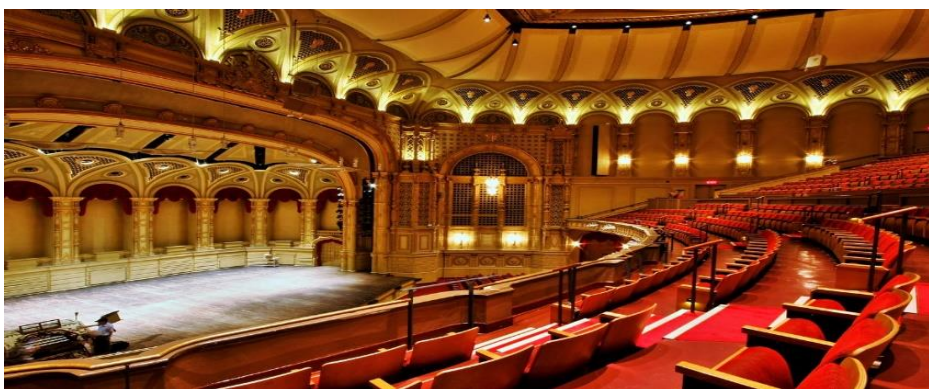
NORTHAMPTON TOWN FOOTBALL TICKETS 2023/2024

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
14 th October	Portsmouth	3.00	V Galvin
24 th October	Leyton Orient	7.45	S Bashford
11 th November	Burton Albion	3.00	J Green
25 th November	Cambridge United	3.00	G Wheeler
9 th December	Fleetwood Town	3.00	P Lines
23 rd December	Oxford United	3.00	P Arthur
1 st January 2024	Cheltenham Town	3.00	G Billingham
13 th January	Wigan Athletic	3.00	M Ward
27 th January	Shrewsbury Town	3.00	N Hutton
10 th February	Bolton Wanderers	3.00	M Arthur
17 th February	Bristol Rovers	3.00	R Bashford
2 nd March	Charlton Athletic	3.00	M Jacobs
12 th March	Blackpool	7.45	B Searle
23 rd March	Derby County	3.00	M Kerr
1 st April	Port Vale	3.00	B Maryan
6 th April	Carlisle United	3.00	J Morin
20 th April	Exeter City	3.00	J Selling



Winners of Theatre Tickets

July - Fred Watson, Pam Lee, Pat Lancaster and Janet Moore

August - Gwen Verden, Susan Smith, Sue Howkins and Stephen Bashford

September - Val Boddington, Nuala Hutton, Marie Simpson and Bob Maryan

Congratulations to you all, more names will be drawn out till the end of the year allowing us to start a new draw in 2024, further details to follow!

NEW MEMBERS



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

Sue Johnson, Teresa Broom, Anthony Fielding, Sally Travill, Elizabeth Tuson, Sarah Eborall, and Nigel Howlett, 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@barcpn.org.uk)

TRIP INVITE:

STRATFORD ON AVON VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS MARKET Thursday Dec 7th December 2023 £10.00 per person

Be prepared to be swept back in time with Timeless Treasures and delightful gifts, the trades people will be dressed in Victorian clothing. There will be over 300 stalls and also shops and historical places to see.

The coach will leave Christchurch Road at 9.00am and Sixfields 9.15am - Road in front of Bella Italia car park - **please see information regarding parking at Sixfields on next page**

Return - leaving Stratford 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: **30th November 2023** together with your cheque, made payable to: **Barclays Bank (Barclaycard) Pensioners' Club.**

Cindy Antell

01604 376118

Mobile (for use on the day) 07759 909823 cindy.torrox@yahoo.co.uk

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

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STRATFORD ON AVON THURSDAY DECEMBER 7TH 2023

Please reserveplaces at £10.00 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)..... (in case contact needed on the day)

PICK UP POINT: (Please tick)

Christchurch Road.....

Sixfields.....



OBITUARIES

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

Our condolences go to their family and friends



David Garner very sadly passed away suddenly after a short illness on 29th August, he was 66yrs of age. Dave left his loving wife Jane and many friends and close family.

During his time working in Fraud and Marketing Dave was very popular with everyone he came into contact with, he had a great sense of humour and was caring and kind to his colleagues. Many have said he was the nicest bloke they ever knew in Barclaycard

Goodbye Gadge you will be missed by many.



Kitty Robinson passed away 26th September she was 89 years old. Kitty was a lovely lady, liked by so many.

Helen Wilson, Kitty's daughter also worked in Barclaycard. Kitty started at Aquila House on evenings in Punchcard. Moving to Marefair and then Greyfriars working in Trustcard and the Post Room.

Kitty loved watching her grandchildren and great grand children take part in football and basketball on a regular basis. Kitty was very involved with the Guides for many years.

Elizabeth Mountford passed away peacefully at home 29th September. Elizabeth was a dearly beloved wife to Clive and Mother to Jayne, Sally and Elizabeth. A second Mum to Phil and a good friend to many including Fran and Lisa. You may remember Elizabeth from Voucher Input.

DEATHS Cont'd

Marian Yarlett passed away peacefully with her family on 20th September. Marian worked in Voucher Input and Fraud Prevention and was well known for her humour and good nature.

John Wilson sadly passed away 28th July 2023

Margaret Ruff died on 11th July 2023

Ron Curtis passed away August 4TH 2023

Liz Willis passed away 7th July 2023

Jennifer Weston passed away 14th June 2023

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 update your email address so we can ensure you receive emails from us.

Thank you to all the members who have made contact with us of late to advise up to date details of phone numbers or email address.

These updates are important to us as they allow us to continue contact with you. Don't forget us if details change!



The Bank Workers Charity is here to help those in need of support at a time when you may feel there is nowhere to turn. Supporting the banking community past and present. They are there to support you and your family's wellbeing by providing you with information, guidance and financial assistance

The BWC is only a phone call away, make that call they will do their utmost to help you.

The charity is funded by all Banks including Barclays.

Helpline - 0800 0234 834

Website bwcharity.org.uk

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