

# The Link



## *Spring Newsletter 2023*

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### EDITORS NOTE

Our newsletter will come to you five times throughout the seasons of year. Currently we are reviewing our database to ensure we hold the correct contact details for members. In the coming weeks you may be contacted by one of the Committee as we work through our member addresses and phone numbers checking we hold the latest information for you. We recognise that the Club is probably the last place you may think of to advise of a new phone number or a change of address.

When the newsletter goes out via email it is sometimes rejected for one reason or another, the main reason is reported as "unsubscribed". Please take care when opening the Link email and avoid clicking on the UNSUBSCRIBE link as this action can completely stop future emails coming to you. I can be contacted by email if you wish to update your information:

[thelink@barcpen.org.uk](mailto:thelink@barcpen.org.uk)

ITS TIME FOR THE AGM (FORMS ENCLOSED), PLEASE SEND IN YOUR VOTE!

Christine Graham

## CHAIRMANS MESSAGE

*It's been a cold start to 2023 and I hope you have all managed to keep warm in January. I was so pleased to see so many of you at the Christmas Lunch and hope that you enjoyed the occasion. The Committee is already planning some exciting events this year and you will find information on some of these later in this edition of The Link.*

*The Club exists to support you all. We receive a generous budget from Barclays to enable us to subsidise most of our events and we are now in the process of applying for our 2023 Grant. Essentially, the Grant depends on the number of active members ie those of you who participate in the various events. In 2022 less than 25% of our membership participated in 1 or more events which is concerning and I am keen to understand how we can increase this number to help ensure that we can continue to provide a wide and varied programme. I am well aware that as we all get older, and circumstances change, there may be very good reasons why an outing with the Pensioners' Club is perhaps not a priority. Also, of course, that COVID is still with us to an extent and certainly impacts the ability, or desire, for a number of our members to participate.*

*This is your club and we, the Committee, want to provide you with a variety of events throughout the year. We also need more active participation to ensure we can do you justice and maintain the type of activities that have been provided historically. If you have any ideas of other activities that might appeal, then please let me or any of the Committee know. We need to find ways of increasing the number of active members and your help would be much appreciated.*

*Take care and I look forward to seeing many of you at various events during 2023.'*

**Roger Alexander**

## **Lunches**

Up until now, any increase in the cost of the lunch at Park Inn has been absorbed by the club. However, as hospitality prices have risen further, we can no longer do this. Unfortunately, we have had to increase the cost of the lunch for 2023 from £10.00 to £12.00 per person. We think this is still very good value and really hope to see you at one of our lunches in 2023.

## LUNCHES

### LUNCH THURSDAY 20th APRIL 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

##### Main

Pan Seared Breast of Chicken

Roast potatoes, vischy carrots, braised leek, green beans finished with a red wine time reduction

##### Vegetarian Option

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

##### Dessert

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 23rd March 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

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#### **Lunch - Park Inn, Thursday 20th April 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



The January coffee morning was well attended, despite the freezing weather. As a change from the usual talk, members and their guests enjoyed a session from Teresa Osborn who runs Happy Days Fitness.



**The January coffee morning in full swing!**

**Our next Coffee Morning Thursday 16th March**  
**Vickie Bell - Teamworktrust Charity**

This is a Northamptonshire Day Service provider for adults with learning disabilities, autism and / or mild mental health issues. I have not heard this talk personally, but it has been recommended by one of our members.

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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.

Free Parking is available at the Park Inn, so if you come by car, please remember to key in your car registration number on the screen in reception to avoid receiving a fine.

I look forward to seeing you all.  
Pat Smith



The Bank Workers Charity (BWC) is the working name of The Bankers Benevolent Fund

Our own wellbeing is something we tend to ignore and hope it will all work out, yet there is so much out there to help us should our circumstances change; the Bank Workers Charity has funds which help provide so many areas of support just when its needed.

For those who are able to go online Well-being Webinars are being run across the coming months provided by The Bank Workers Charity. As times get tough with the cost of living rising some of us may find we need that little bit of help.

Help is available across so many aspects of life, both in emotional and financial support. It could be family needing you to help them and you not knowing where to turn for that support. You may find yourself in a life changing situation that you feel unequipped to deal with.

It could be young family with mental health issues, yours or other family members wellbeing both health and financial, menopausal, grief and bereavement.

There is no need to struggle or worry, there can be help and support out there if you just make that call or visit the website for more information and webinar links.

Please feel free to share the details of BWC with ex-colleagues who may not be in the Pensioners Club.

Helpline: 0800 0234 834  
Website: [bwcharity.org.uk](http://bwcharity.org.uk)



## **CRICKET TICKET APPLICATION 2023**

*I have ordered the same mix of One day and 4 day tickets for the new season, which starts on the 13<sup>th</sup> April. After a good season last year, we can look forward to Division One Cricket again this year. (Colin Rands)*

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

**Address:-** .....

**Return to : Mr C.Rands, 6 Chadstone Avenue, Northampton NN2 8PG (tel 07804443918)**

| Date                                     | Visitors         | Comp | Tick |
|------------------------------------------|------------------|------|------|
| 13 <sup>th</sup> /16 <sup>th</sup> April | Middlesex        | CC   |      |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> /23 <sup>rd</sup> April | Hampshire        | CC   |      |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> /14 <sup>th</sup> May   | Nottinghamshire  | CC   |      |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> May                     | Worcester Rapids | T20  |      |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> May                     | Durham           | T20  |      |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> May                     | Birmingham Bears | T20  |      |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> June                     | Leicester Foxes  | T20  |      |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> June                    | Lancashire       | T20  |      |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> June                    | Notts Outlaws    | T20  |      |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> June                    | Derby Falcons    | T20  |      |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> /28 <sup>th</sup> June  | Kent             | CC   |      |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> /22 <sup>nd</sup> July  | Somerset         | CC   |      |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> August                   | Sussex Sharks    | RL1  |      |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> August                   | Somerset         | RL1  |      |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> August                  | Worcestershire   | RL1  |      |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> August                  | Derbyshire       | RL1  |      |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> Sept    | Lancashire       | CC   |      |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> /29 <sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> MARCH 2023**

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

# 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.

**NOW! We are very excited to be able to offer tickets for the**

**JERSEY BOYS A MATINEE ON 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH STARTS AT 2.30pm**

**TICKETS COST £31 EACH**

Tickets will be given out on the afternoon of the performance.

I will be there around 2pm to pass the tickets to you, so please avoid getting there too early.

If you are interested please fill in the form below and return to me by **17<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

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](mailto:cindytorrox@yahoo.co.uk)

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

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## THE JERSEY BOYS AT THE DERNGATE 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023

Please reserve .....places at £31.00 per person

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

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>PLEASE PRINT IN CAPITAL - CLEARLY INICATE NAME OF MEMBER OR GUEST</b> |
| MEMBER NAME:                                                             |
| GUEST NAME:                                                              |
| MEMBER NAME:                                                             |
| GUEST NAME:                                                              |

TELEPHONE NUMBER: (Mobile Preferably).....



## Winners of Theatre Tickets

December : Susan Sargent, Martin Bentley. Carole Going and Kim Stott

January : Pam Lines and Chris Selling

A voucher worth £50 is given to each winner for use at The Royal and Derngate, Northampton.  
TWO WINNERS EACH MONTH WILL BE DRAWN IN 2023

## NEW MEMBERS



We are very pleased to welcome several new members:

**Rachael Scutchings, Ann-Marie Elliott, Pamela Pow, Diane Barker and Linda Nock**  
– 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 or pass on this newsletter so they have our details and can make contact direct. See the last page for a Member Application**

Requests for membership of Barclays Bank (Barclaycard) Pensioners' Club, including details of the name and address, date of retirement, length of service please contact Sandra Russell the Secretary at [secy@barcpn.org.uk](mailto:secy@barcpn.org.uk) or anyone as detailed in the contact section.

## TRIP INVITE: HIGHCLERE CASTLE AND GARDENS

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2023

£27.00 per person

First a lunch stop in **Newbury** then onto Highclere for a **1.30pm** entry into the Castle. Set amidst 1,000 acres of spectacular parkland designed by Capability' Brown for the 1<sup>st</sup> Earl of Carnarvon. Explore the gardens and tour the Castle rooms - home to TV's **Downton Abbey**. (150 yard walk from the car park to front door of the castle)

The coach will leave Christchurch Road at 9.00am and Sixfields at 9.15am. **Please indicate at which pick up point you will be waiting.** Highclere closes at 4pm so the coach will leave at **4.30pm**.

If you are interested, please complete the attached response slip and return it to me by **28<sup>th</sup> February** together with your cheque, made payable to: **Barclays Bank (Barclaycard) Pensioners' Club**. Apologies for the short time to respond but Highclere need to know final numbers by early March.

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

*Cindy Antell*

01604 376118

Mobile (for use on the day) 07759 909 823

cindytorroxx@yahoo.co.uk

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

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### HIGHCLERE CASTLE AND GARDENS - WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2023

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| MEMBER NAME:                                                             |
| GUEST NAME:                                                              |
| MEMBER NAME:.                                                            |
| GUEST NAME:                                                              |

TELEPHONE NUMBER: (Mobile Preferably).....

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*

**Ray Crilley** passed away 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov 2022 he leaves his wife Jane who is also a member. Ray was a messenger for many years before retiring.

**Alan Phillips** from Northampton died on 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 2022

**Jenny Seabrook** who lived in Harpenden, passed away 26<sup>th</sup> Nov 2022

We were informed of the sad passing of **Teresa Long** by Teresa's two daughters Lisa Aldridge and Elaine Brooks. Teresa, who was 83 years old, passed away on the 10<sup>th</sup> of December 2022. Teresa had worked in Marefair earlier and then moved to Brackmills until she retired.

Anthony Barber advised us of the sad passing of his beloved wife **Daphne Barber** aged 88, both long-standing members of the Club. Daphne, who passed away Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> after a long illness, worked in Aquila House before moving to Central File in Marefair. Daphne and Anthony were married for 66 years and lived in Harpole, their daughter Gail Hunter, who passed away a while ago, also worked in Marefair, Anthony had been a messenger for many years.

**Jean Redmore** passed away suddenly on 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2023 she was 84 years old. Jean's daughter Beverley called to advise of the sad passing of her mother. Jean worked in Record Research and Operations in Northampton, retiring in 1998, she leaves her husband Mike and siblings of Beverley; Debbie and Alan.

**Brenda Winterburn** wife of Roy Winterburn sadly passes away at Northampton General Hospital on 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2022 in NGH. Roy and Brenda frequently attended the lunches.

**Michael Philpott** passed away 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 2022 he was aged 79

**Valerie Dixon** passed away 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023, Valerie lived in Flore and was 83. Her funeral is on the 16<sup>th</sup> February at Milton Crem. at 12.30 pm followed by the Wake at the Crossroads hotel, Flore.

**Hannah Turner** passed away 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2023 she was 93. We have no further details.

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023

## AGM AGENDA

### BARCLAYS BANK (BARCLAYCARD) PENSIONERS' CLUB NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the THIRTY-NINTH 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 20th April 2023 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 21st April 2022. (Copies available at the meeting or by request)
2. Chairman's report (copy attached)
3. Adoption of the Accounts (copy of the Summary attached)
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  
Chris Graham  
Bob Hancox  
Janet Holt  
Leona Johnson  
Colin Rands  
Pat Smith  
Derek Vance  
Graham Wheeler

Nominations duly proposed and seconded, to appoint a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor and twelve Committee Members ARE REQUIRED TO REACH THE SECRETARY BY 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 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 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

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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SECONDER NAME IN BLOCK CAPITALS: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF SECONDER: \_\_\_\_\_

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 20th April 2023, 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 | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. To elect Marc Pettican as President                                              | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. To elect the following Officers:                                                 |                       |                       |
| Mr Roger Alexander – Chairman                                                       | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Mrs Sandra Russell - Secretary                                                      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Mr Richard Miller - Treasurer                                                       | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Mr Pete Capon - Auditor                                                             | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 4. To elect up to nine Committee members                                            |                       |                       |
| Mrs Cindy Antel                                                                     | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| M/s Carol Bell                                                                      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Mrs Chris Graham                                                                    | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Mr. Bob Hancox                                                                      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Mrs. Janet Holt                                                                     | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Miss Leona Johnson                                                                  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Mr. Colin Rands                                                                     | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Miss Pat Smith                                                                      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Mr. Derek Vance                                                                     | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Mr. Graham Wheeler                                                                  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

### THIS FORM MUST BE IN THE HANDS OF THE SECRETARY BY 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2023

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). Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_

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

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

## EMAIL OR PHONE NUMBERS



**See Editors message** - Please remember to advise us when you move to ensure that you receive the Club newsletter and other information, in particular your email address or phone number, so we can ensure you receive speedy updates.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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| <b>Roger K Alexander</b><br>Chairman<br><a href="mailto:chair@barcpn.org.uk">chair@barcpn.org.uk</a> | <b>Sandra Russell</b><br>Secretary<br>Phone 01327-843295<br><a href="mailto:secy@barcpn.org.uk">secy@barcpn.org.uk</a> | <b>Christine Graham</b><br>Editor of 'The Link'<br><a href="mailto:thelink@barcpn.org.uk">thelink@barcpn.org.uk</a><br>07753118005 |
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Please see on last page the application form for membership, should you know of anyone wishing to join and they fit the criteria they can use this form to apply.

## 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](mailto: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).

☐

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

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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: \_\_\_\_\_