

The Link



Summer Newsletter 2023

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EDITORS NOTE

Summer is just around the corner! The trip coming up for the Garden Show should be great. Last year it was well received so we are doing it again! We are waiting for the Derngate to run another West End show, the last two Cher and Jersey Boys were a great success.

As a club we are always trying to come up with events that appeal to a variety of members. Do you feel we need to be more creative? Should we come up with something more appealing? Please let any one of us know your thoughts, we want to see more members attending!

We have recently done an exercise of calling our members who are sent the Link by post. The aim was to update our database. A few people wanted to change to email, some made the decision to resign. Quite a few of our members could not be contacted. Whilst we accept the club membership is not a high priority when moving, it does help us to be more effective if we can keep our records up to date, so please try to think of us when circumstances change it will be greatly appreciated.

Enjoy the read

Christine Graham

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Whilst we didn't have a bad winter it seems to have been going on for too long and it's good to see the start of Spring with lighter evenings, daffodils in fine fettle and trees beginning to show signs of responding to the seasonal change. Unfortunately, as I write this, the rain continues to pour down filling the plethora of pot holes in the Northamptonshire Roads and causing all sorts of problems. However, I have no doubt that all will be much better soon and I hope this is the case by the time you read this edition of The Link.

April 20th sees our next lunch which also incorporates the AGM. Currently we have over 120 members attending and I look forward to seeing you at the Park Inn. The AGM gives you all a chance to see and hear more from our Committee. We are privileged to have a great team who work hard and diligently throughout the year on your behalf. Please feel free to chat to any of them if you have any questions and, of course, thank them for their work during another challenging year.

From my perspective I would be happy to try and answer questions during the AGM and to listen to any ideas you may have for other social activities that might be of interest.

I hope you enjoy this edition of The Link and look forward to welcoming you to the lunch and AGM on April 20th.

Roger Alexander

CHARITY DONATIONS

Over the last year as a committee we have taken many opportunities to award money to local and national charities, these include: Northampton General Hospital Palliative Care Fund, Cynthia Spencer Hospice, Teamwork Trust, Prostrate Cancer UK and British Heart Foundation among others. The money is mainly raised through the sale of raffle tickets at coffee mornings and lunches. Coffee morning speakers from a charity usually accept a donation to their charity instead of charging a fee. 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. £1400 was donated in 2022.

LUNCHES

LUNCH THURSDAY 15TH JUNE 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 Pressed Belly of Pork, garlic and sage roasted baby potatoes,

Honey roast carrots, Braised red cabbage and Cider jus

Vegetarian Option

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

Brioche Bread and Butter Pudding with thick creamy custard

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 18th May 2023.**

NB: No acknowledgements will be sent out. If you are unable to attend the lunch once booked, no refund will be available.

Social Committee : Leona Johnson Tel 01604 718181 or Bob Hancox 01604 752421

Lunch - Park Inn, Thursday 15th June 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 MAY 18TH

Janice Moulds

The Park Inn, Northampton



Janice is a volunteer speaker for the National Trust Gardens. She will illustrate her talk with many beautiful slides of not only gardens, but of the many and varied activities the National Trust Gardens undertake, including topiary, hedge laying, bee keeping, greenhouse conservation and water features.

As Janice will be presenting with slides, we will be in Hertford Three, where there is a fixed screen. The room will be 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

Dates for your diaries:

Future coffee mornings are: July 20th Mike Newbold; Work as Film and TV Extra

September 21st Alison Morgan; From Nurse to Crime Writer

November 16th to be arranged



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

Pete Arthur, Janet Boyce, Diane Barker, Linda Nock, Caroline Allison, Ruth Fowler, Kathy Ireland, Pat Warren and Margaret Smith 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)

CRICKET TICKETS 2023



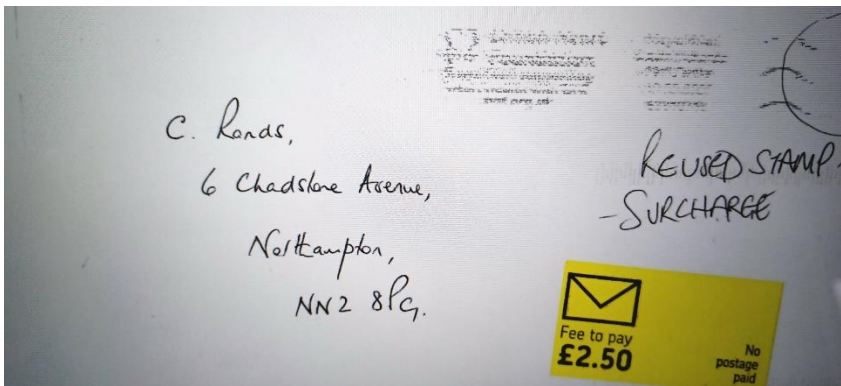
CRICKET 2023/4

I have received over 30 Applications for tickets this year, which is good but will of course mean many games being oversubscribed despite the fact I planned ahead and brought extra tickets compared to last season.

My plan is as before to allocate at least one game to all Applicants and then hold a draw to allocate the rest based on the remaining requests and availability.

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

Finally, PLEASE do not try to re-use STAMPS! With bar codes now on stamps the Post Office notice and we have to pay a fine see attached below!



Winners of Theatre Tickets

Four people won tickets in February and March

Feb winners: Richard Miller, Carol Mayhock

March winners: Joan King, Carol Flunder

April will be drawn at the AGM lunch

A voucher worth £50 is given to each winner to spend on tickets at The Royal and Derngate, Northampton.

SAVE THE DATE

Friday 1st September 2023 - Trip to Cambridge - Coach only

TRIP INVITE:

NEC BIRMINGHAM - 2 FOR THE PRICE OF 1

BBC GOOD FOOD SHOW AND BBC GARDENERS WORLD LIVE

Friday 16th June 2023

£25.00 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!! Flowers and plants too.

The coach will leave Christchurch Road at **9.00am**, and Sixfields (road in front of Bella Italia car park) at **9.15am**.
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 **26th May** together with your cheque, made payable to: **Barclays Bank (Barclaycard) Pensioners' Club**.

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

Janet Holt

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NEC BIRMINGHAM - FRIDAY 16TH JUNE 2023

Please reserveplaces at £25.00 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 Preferable).....
(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



Seymour Fortescue – Chief Executive & Director passed away on the 14th March , he was 80 years old.

Seymour Fortescue went to Eton then on to Trinity College Cambridge where he read economics. He joined Barclays in 1964 and spent 26 years working for the Bank. Becoming Head of Marketing before becoming Chief Executive at Barclaycard from 1982 to 1985. After which he was a Director in UK Personal

Sector. Since leaving Barclays in 1991 he worked in the voluntary sector as Director of Finance and Fundraising, Imperial Cancer Research Fund and in the public sector as Chief Executive, Health Education Authority.

Seymour was highly regarded by many leaving an impression with all he met and worked with during his time at Barclaycard. He would always take time to speak to the office staff, particularly at Christmas to wish them well, sometimes handing out boxes of chocolates as a personal thank you! Often he would sit with people just to have a chat, find out what they did and hear their views. Seymour was said to have been one of the best CEOs.



Jean Swallow died after a long illness on 14th February. She was 80 years old. Now reunited with her husband Ernie.

Jean worked in Authorisation and CS Tels for many years. A very popular lady who was always smiling and happy go lucky. She leaves two loving daughters Ande and Julie, a granddaughter Chloe and son in law Clive

Maureen Wallis passed away 27th March leaving her loving husband Chris, daughter Michelle and son Lee and four grandchildren. Son in law Mark Dilley also works at Barclaycard.

Many knew Maureen as a happy smiling lady who was full of fun and loved by so many, she worked in Customer Relations, AMS, Contact Ctr and Complaints where her sense of humour kept many of the team smiling.

Maureens funeral: 20th April 11am at Wellingborough Nene Valley Crem. Wear something bright. The wake will be at Kingsthorpe Bowling club.



Joan Ford, aged 98 died on 22nd January 2023

Dinah Cooch passed away 6th March

Ian Denford passed away 21st March, suddenly in hospital after a short illness. Ian was well known by many who worked with him in Triumph and Man. Info. in Northampton

Edward Eric Stovell aged 84 who died on 26th January

Mike Fairey died peacefully on Sunday, 20th November in hospital with his family around him.

Mike was born in Louth, Lincolnshire in 1948.

On leaving school, he joined Barclays Bank, and whilst working in the branch network in Louth, he married Pat Dolby in April 1973. Mike's natural ability with numbers marked him out and he was soon recognised by the bank for an ability to quickly analyse balance sheets and lending risk. His career progressed with Barclays including moves to York and then Luton before joining Barclaycard in 1988 as Head of Operations. He remained an integral part of Barclaycard's Executive Team until 1991 when he left to join TSB, reuniting with Peter Ellwood.

Mike continued to rise within TSB and subsequently LloydsTSB, where he became Deputy Group Chief Executive in 1998, a role which he held until his retirement in 2008.

After retiring from Lloyds, Mike held a number of non-executive roles for various organisations including Northern Rock and Hastings Insurance where he was Chairman.

Words supplied by Alan Atkinson

HAVE YOU MOVED? DON'T FORGET TO
TELL US! NEW EMAIL OR PHONE
NUMBER PLEASE TELL US



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