

The Link



*April Newsletter
2024*

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EDITORS NOTE

As a club we constantly remind ourselves we are here for you; our very valued members! Membership is a vitally integral and important part of the club, without our members there would be NO CLUB! Now with hopeful changes coming soon to the Club Membership criteria we as a Committee feel very positive about our future.

If you know anyone who wants to join the Committee, anyone who wants to see new ideas and events influence the way the team currently do things, then send them our way! Could you join our team?

Are there any of the current members or someone new maybe who wants to join that would like to pick up on the Cricket ticket allocation? See Colin's message on page 3.

Christine Graham
Editor

CHAIRMANS MESSAGE

It's always good to see the clocks change and herald the arrival of Spring. As the days get longer we also look forward to spending more time outside and hope that the April showers don't stop us! We've had enough rain this year already! This is also the time of year when we look forward to seeing many of you enjoying a trip out with friends and colleagues in the Pensioners' Club and we hope that is the case with trips already planned to Sandringham Flower Show (see details later in this Link), Stamford and Salisbury later this year (to include an opportunity to visit Stonehenge).

You will be aware that we have a lunch on April 18th and this will be followed by our AGM. This is the most important AGM since I joined the Committee 4 years ago. We will be asking you to confirm some major changes to our Constitution allowing us to proceed to welcome more retirees from Barclaycard into our Club. The various changes in the Bank's pension strategy has had a detrimental effect on the ability for many, where the pension is taken out of the Bank, to qualify for membership of your club. We receive a lot of requests from these colleagues to join but our current Constitution, as well as the Bank's rules for Grant allocation to Pensioner Clubs, have prevented us from allowing them to join. Changes to our Constitution will enable us to create a new membership category and I would urge you to allow us to proceed and open our doors to more of our younger retirees. I will be happy to answer any questions at the AGM but if you have any that you would like discussed prior to the 18th April please contact me through email on chair@barcpen.org.uk and I will try and help.

If the new Constitution is accepted at the AGM we will continue to plan the implementation of the new category of membership and I would hope that we can sort that out within a couple of months. I know that many of you will have had questions from friends and ex colleagues who don't meet the current criteria for membership but will be able to join under the new membership category. We, as a Committee, would really appreciate it if you could spread the word that the Club will be open to newcomers very soon.

I look forward to seeing you at the AGM later this month.

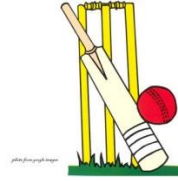
Roger Alexander

The New Constitution can be found on pages 11 and 12

**SAVE THE DATE Tuesday, 24th September TRIP TO SALISBURY,
Market Day - Visit Stonehenge Details and invite in the July LINK. Early
booking recommended**

Barclaycard Pensioner Cricket Tickets

Allocation for 2024



Hi all,

I have now completed the Allocation of tickets for this season 2024, the details of names & dates are shown on the chart on the next page.

As in previous years I will be sending out **4day plastic tickets & car park pass** shortly before each match, with a stamped addressed envelope for return to me, so I can pass onto the next person.

All T20 & 50 over matches will have a **paper** ticket, which I will be sending on by post during March for the whole season, so keep an eye on your letter box. There are NO Car Park passes for these games.

I have allocated each applicant with as many of your requests as possible including TWO for a match if requested, but as always, some matches are oversubscribed.

Don't forget this is my last season of organising the tickets (after 10years), so we are looking for someone to take over for 2025. I'm happy to show you what I do and have a proper handover.

Please contact Chris or myself if you are interested, if we can't find someone then sadly the club will no longer have Cricket tickets in the future.

In the meantime, let's hope for a good summer & some enjoyable Cricket.

Best wishes

Colin Rands, *Tel: 07804 443918*

Barclaycard Pensioners Ticket Allowcation season 2024 @ 11/3/2024

12/15th April	Middlesex	CC	Liz Miller	Liz Miller		
19th/22nd April	Glamorgan	CC	Marina Arthur	Peter Arthur		
10/13th May	Gloucestershire	CC	Glenys Billingham	John Higginbottom		
24/27th May	Yorkshire	CC	Susan Sargent	Glenys Billingham		
30th May	Derby Falcons	T20	Malc Ward	Aileen Breay	Pat Lancaster	Pat Lancaster
			Cindy Antell	Bryan Sharp	Marilyn Sharp	Maureen Clack
2nd June	Yorkshire Vikings	T20	Jill Moran	Jill Moran	Marina Arthur	Peter Arthur
			Barry Searle	Glenys Billingham	Mick Jacobs	Dipesh Ghglani
7th June	Worcester Rapids	T20	Malc Ward	Aileen Breay	Jennie Marriott	Pat Lancaster
			Pat Lancaster	Joyce Dennis	John Higginbottom	Sally Gamble
21st June	Leicester Foxes	T20	Denise Alderson	Richard Miller	Rosa Oppido	Chris Selling
			Janet Selling	Marina Arthur	Peter Arthur	Cindy Antell
30th June/3rd July	Sussex	CC	Roger Alexander	Roger Alexander		
5th July	Lancs Lightning	T20	Jennie Marriott	Chris Selling	Janet Selling	Mick Jacobs
			Bryan Sharp	Marilyn Sharp	Sally Gamble	Steve Bashford
7th July	Durham	T20	Malc Ward	Richard Miller	Rosa Oppido	Pat Lancaster
			Pat Lancaster	Marina Arthur	Peter Arthur	Maureen Clack
18th July	Bham Bears	T20	Aileen Breay	Jennie Marriott	Jay Shah	Jay Shah
			Mick Jacobs	Bryan Sharp	Marilyn Sharp	John Higginbottom
24th July	Derbyshire	MB50	Steve Bashford	Nuala Hutton		
4th Aug	Worcester Rapids	MB50	Malc Ward	Bob Maryan		
7th Aug	Somerset	MB50	Colin Rands	Glenys Billingham		
11th Aug	Lancashire	MB50	Graham Wheeler	Graham Wheeler		
9/12th Sept	Derbyshire	CC	Ken Knights	Maureen Kerr		
17/20th Sept	Leicestershire	CC	Liz Miller	Liz Miller		

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.

RL1D Are names which will have paper tickets supplied for me to post out.

Thanks Colin Rands 0780 444 3918

LUNCH THURSDAY 20th June 2024

A lunch will be held at the Northampton Town Centre Hotel (prev know as 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 £15. 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

Roast Chicken breast accompanied by baby button mushrooms, smoked bacon lardons and roast potatoes served with a rich red wine sauce

Veg option: Arancini di Riso - golden fried rice balls filled with tomato and mozzarella, served on a bed of Mediterranean vegetable ragu finished with fresh picked basil leaves

French Apple Tart Topped with cinnamon cream and strawberry with raspberry gel

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 May 2024.**

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 20th June 2024

Name of Member (please print) _____

Name of Guest (please print) _____

I enclose cheque for £_____ (£30 for myself and guest or £15 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 at the Northampton Town Centre Hotel
(formerly Park Inn)

Thursday May 16th Gina Blatt Clairvoyant

Unfortunately, Dave Askew had to cancel his booking with us for March 21st, and is now re-booked for November 21st. Mike Lister was originally booked for May 16th but was able to change to March and present his talk on the history of playing cards. This was an excellent and very interesting talk, well received by our members.

We now have a new booking for May 16th, Gina Batt, who is a clairvoyant, clairsentient therapist and artist. Gina has been a psychic since she was 3 years old. She started by doing readings for many friends and acquaintances. In 1996 Gina had major surgery and was told she would never walk again and suffer lifelong pain. She found cranial osteopathy which focussed on her bodily spirit and is now pain free and can walk normally. In 2000 she retrained as a therapist qualifying as a Master Practitioner in Neuro Linguistic Programming and Timeline Therapy.

Gina is who is kindly going to donate two prizes for our raffle.

I have heard her talk and found it utterly fascinating.

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 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.

Pat Smith

TRIP INVITE: Sandringham Flower Show Wednesday 31st July £30

This will be the 141st flower show at Sandringham and is more than a flower show, there will be around 200 stall in the grounds also Specialist exhibiting their flowers and plants. There will be old farm steam engines to see and you can also visit the church that is in the grounds of Sandringham house which is used by the Royal family.

There will be plenty of places to eat around the show.

The coach will leave Christchurch Road at **8.00am** and **Sixfields** at **8.15am** by the Bella Pasta car park please be aware of the parking restrictions at Sixfields. We will be returning 4.30pm

Please indicate at what pick up point you will be getting on.

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 the **19th July** 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

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

SANDRINGHAM FLOWER SHOW WEDS 31ST JULY

Please reserveplaces at £30.00 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 if Possible**).....

(in case contact is needed on the day)

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

Sixfields.....



See the Chairman's message regarding our committee needing more volunteers! Are you interested in joining us and giving us a hand in taking us through another year? Assisting with events and social meetings, we could all benefit from a bit of extra help with the various tasks our team deal with. Do you think you would like to join us and give us the benefit of your skills, knowledge and experience?

Talk to us, we are waiting for you! It is only a few hours once a month at the very most! Just to help out or step in for one of us when needed will be great. Please contact us and find out more!

[Contact any one of the team if you have their details or](#)

[See the last page for contact details of the Chairman, Secretary and Editor](#)



OBITUARIES

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

Our condolences go to their family and friends

Ivan William Foster, aged 87 who died on 23.2.2024

Mrs Nancy Alice Waller died on 6th January 2024 at the age of 94

Mary Wright passed away we were advised on the 29th February

Mary Howcroft died we were advised on the 29th February

Nancy Waller passed away 6th January 2024

Roy Winterburn passed away in Janaury 2024, his son Graeme advised, although his father had moved to Hartlepool. A memorial service was to be held in Northampton 20th Feb for those who remembered Roy.



Lynette Judd suddenly passed away 1st January 2024, her daughter Lexy and son Matt and her family were deeply saddened.

Lynette was a kind and caring lady loved by all the colleagues she worked with over the many years, some of the depts. where she worked included Authorisation and Chargebacks. She was 72 years old.

Marian Reidy passed away on 8th February after a short illness, aged 67, she leaves her husband Richard and two sons John-Paul and Michael. So many knew Marian for her great personality, she was a generous and very likable character. Marian worked in Authorisation, Card Fraud and International Mkting



David Robinson passed away peacefully at home after a short illness on Saturday 2nd March 2024. He was head messenger at Northampton until his retirement in 1994. David leaves his wife Marina and daughter Frances both who worked in Northampton in the past.

Winners of Theatre Tickets

February: Isabel Cosford, Pam Reynolds, Maureen Kerr, Dorothy Good, Jill Morin, Edna Dick

March: Trish Harrop, Angela Alland, Miriam Husbands, Pam Lawson, Margaret Partridge

A voucher worth £50 is given to each winner for use at The Royal and Derngate, Northampton.

THEATRE DRAW

The current list for the theatre draw will end this month. If you wish to be included in the new list for the chance to win, in the monthly draw, a £50 voucher for use at the Royal/Derngate theatres or the Northampton Filmhouse, please fill out the form below **unless you have already done so** and send to:-

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

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Please include me in the monthly draw for a theatre/cinema voucher

PLEASE PRINT IN CAPITALS
MEMBER NAME:
MEMBERSHIP NUMBER:
TELEPHONE NUMBER:
E-MAIL ADDRESS:

NEW MEMBERS



We are very pleased to welcome: **Helen Souster, Sharon Mutch and Yvonne McKEE** – it's so great to have you join us!

The new Constitution (see next page) will change membership criteria soon! So please let us know if you have a friend who wants to join but did not qualify previously. Contact our secretary for a Membership Application Form, Sandra Russell at secy@barcpen.org.uk or phone as detailed in the contacts on last page.

BARCLAYCARD RETIREMENT CLUB

CONSTITUTION

1. Name: The name of the Club shall be “Barclaycard Retirement Club”, hereinafter called “The Club”.

It is understood that any reference to “the Bank” in this constitution shall be construed as applying equally to Barclays and all banks, companies and/or other organisations amalgamated with, subsidiary to, or associated with Barclays and known collectively as the Barclays Group.

2. Objectives: The primary objective of the Club shall be to promote the social, recreational and general welfare of retired members of the staff of the Bank, who receive a pension by virtue of their own services to the Bank, and to keep them informed as to changes between the Bank and its pensioners and all other matters that might be of interest.

It shall be a further objective of the Club to promote the welfare of widow and widowers of retired or active staff of the Bank.

3. Membership: The Committee may admit as members of the Club:

1. Those in receipt of a Barclays UKRF pension, which was taken either at retirement from active service with the Bank, on flexible retirement or on the grounds of ill health
2. Former staff of the Bank aged fifty (50) or over, with a minimum of fifteen (15) years' service, who are in receipt of a Barclays UKRF deferred pension
3. Those in receipt of a widow's, widower's or partner's pension from the UKRF in respect of a pensioner who qualified for Club Membership under either of the above criteria
4. A spouse or partner of a Pensioner Member
5. Former Bank colleagues, aged fifty (50) or over, and their spouses or partners who do not qualify for membership under the above criteria

If there is any doubt as to the eligibility for membership of any individual or group of individuals the Committee's decision in the matter shall be final.

4. Annual General Meeting: An Annual General Meeting of the members of the Club shall be held within four months of the end of each financial year for the purposes of receiving the annual report of the Committee, of considering the audited Accounts and of electing Honorary Officers, Auditor(s) and members of the Committee.

5. Extraordinary General Meetings: The Chairman of the Committee may, at their discretion, call an Extraordinary Meeting. The Secretary shall call an ordinary general meeting within twenty eight (28) days of receiving a written request to do so, signed by 10% of the members. A notice and statement of business will be sent to members at least fourteen (14) days before the date of the Extraordinary General Meeting.

6. Honorary Officers: At the Annual General Meeting, the members of the Club may appoint a President and Vice President(s) who may or may not be retired members of the staff of the Bank and shall appoint a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and other officers as they may decide.

7. The Committee: The Club shall be managed by a Committee consisting of the Honorary Officers (excluding the President and Vice President(s)) and up to twelve (12) members elected at the Annual General Meeting. The Committee may co-opt not more than three (3) persons with special

knowledge or experience of the needs of the members. Co-opted members shall serve such a time as the Committee shall decide, within the period up to the next Annual General Meeting.

8. Procedure at Meetings:

- i. The Chairman or person presiding at any meeting shall have a second or casting vote
- ii. A quorum at any general meeting of the Club shall be fifty (50) members. A minimum of 10% of members are required to vote either in person or by proxy on any resolution placed before any general meeting of the Club. Any members not attending may register his/her vote by appointing the Chairman of the meeting as proxy to vote on his/her behalf. At any Committee meeting a quorum shall be four (4)
- iii. The Secretary shall keep Minutes of meetings of the Club and Committee

9. Finance:

- i. The financial year shall run from 1st January to 31st December
- ii. The Treasurer shall keep proper accounts of the finances of the Club
- iii. The income and property of the Club shall be solely applied towards the promotion of the objectives of the Club, as set out in Clause 2, and no payment shall be made to any member or Honorary Officer, except the repayment of out-of-pocket expenses, unless such payment is for a purpose approved by the Committee
- iv. At the end of the financial year, the accounts shall be audited by one or more Auditors as appointed at the preceding Annual General Meeting

10. Dissolution: If the Committee decides that, on the grounds of expense or otherwise, it is desirable that the Club shall be dissolved, it shall call a Special Meeting of the Club by giving twenty eight (28) days' notice in writing to each Club member, stating the terms of any resolution to be proposed thereat. If it is decided at the Special General Meeting by a simple majority of those present and voting that the Club shall be dissolved, the Committee shall wind up the Club's affairs. Any assets remaining after satisfaction of any liabilities shall not be distributed amongst members but shall be utilised for the benefit of pensioners of the Bank generally in such a way as the Committee shall, in consultation with the Bank, decide.

11. Amendments to the Constitution: This Constitution may be amended by a Resolution passed by a simple majority of those voting at any general meeting of the Club, provided that notice of the meeting in writing, stating the terms of the Resolution to be proposed, shall have been sent to all members of the Club not less than fourteen (14) days before the meeting. The Constitution may not, however, be amended in any way which would materially affect the aims and objects of the Club as defined in Clause 2.

This Constitution was adopted at a meeting of members held on _____ at _____

(Signed).....

Chairman

(Signed).....

Secretary

Barclaycard Pensioners' Club Chairman's Report

Welcome to the 2024 AGM of the Pensioners' Club. As you are already aware this is an extremely important meeting for us, as a committee, but more importantly to you all and future colleagues retiring from Barclaycard as most of us still like to refer to the business in which we spent many happy years.

But what of 2023?

I am pleased to say that we were able to provide a full array of different events during 2023 including lunches, coffee mornings and various trips which were all successful and enjoyed by members. Highlight of the year in many ways was the turn out for our Christmas lunch which was very successful on all counts.

Importantly though we have a responsibility for the Welfare of our members and like to ensure we maintain contact with you all through various communications to try and provide advice or support where appropriate. Sadly, we are often the conduit of bad news and during the last year have made donations to a number of local and national charities in memory of our members who passed away.

We are also active in looking after members who have issues either at home or perhaps in hospital. We like to call members occasionally to check on their health but really target those members who may be living alone and are lonely. Those calls are particularly rewarding.

We are here to help and can often provide information on where specialist advice is available through the Bank. This could relate to a variety of areas such as health, finance, mental health, legal and pension enquiries. We continue to work closely with the Bank Workers Charity (www.bwcharity.org.uk) who provide several services to pensioners.

We have a large club with over 950 current members. However, that number is declining which is why we are asking you all to support a change to our Constitution to add a new membership category which, we hope, will lead to a reversal of the current trends and increase our membership.

Unfortunately, though the number of active members (i.e. those attending at least 1 event per year) is less than 300. Last year was a good one with more active members than previous years but is still a constant source of frustration to the committee. What do we need to do to increase that number to 40-50% over the next few years! Any thoughts would be much appreciated – just send an email to one of us (as per details in The Link) or hunt down any member of the committee for a chat.

The committee did a brilliant job again in 2023 but we need fresh blood. Whilst all are prepared to stand again for re-election we need to plan for the future now. Essentially, we need additional members to come forward to ensure we have seamless handovers as and when current members decide to move on. Please feel free to get in touch with any of us should you want any more information of what we do and how we do it. We're all pretty nice folk 😊.

My best wishes to you all.

Roger

HAVE YOUR DETAILS CHANGED!

DON'T FORGET TO TELL US IF YOU
CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS, EMAIL OR
PHONE NUMBER!



USEFUL NUMBERS AND DETAILS FOR YOUR REFERENCE

Our website www.barcpen.org.uk

If you have any queries about your pension you can contact either by phone or email Towers Watson who have a dedicated helpline 01737 227567, email barclaysteam@willistowerswatson.com. You will need your NI number and either your payroll number, Employee ID or home address.

You can also access the "connections" magazine online at this website.

Bank Workers Charity 0800 0234 834

Selling Barclays shares call Equiniti on 0345 603 7037

BEWARE OF SCAMS! If it sounds too good to be true, then it usually is!

Never speak to anyone attempting to gain personal information from you.

Report online fraud to www.actionfraud.police.uk or call 0300 123 2040

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