



Autumn Newsletter 2025

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Editors Note

We are in the middle of summer but have already planned what we can do for our members in the coming months. See inside for coffee mornings, the lunch, football and more trips.

As a Committee we constantly strive to keep our Member Database up to date. So please don't forget us when you move or change your contact details. It has always been a problem when our information is no longer valid, sadly perhaps, due to a member passing away or going into a care home. We understand we are not high on the list of 'people to advise' so now and then we try making calls to our longer standing members to check all is well. During these calls we realise that sometimes life gets difficult however we want to let you know we are here to help and provide support and guidance if its needed. Never forget the Bank Workers Charity (see page 10), this great team are funded by all the Banks, and are there to support ex banking staff and families.

Keep smiling and enjoy the sunshine

Christine Graham

Editor

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Well, in a typical British way, I'm not really looking forward to the next 7-10 days! As I write this we are forecast to see temperatures in the high 20s and low 30s for at least the next 7 days. That's a range from 80 to 90+ in the good old Fahrenheit system which is much more dramatic. For those of you who do like these really hot days I hope you'll be able to enjoy them and relax.

This year seems to be passing by very quickly and it's already 2 months since we had our AGM. Thanks to those of you who attended the lunch which preceded the AGM formalities. It was a successful meeting and the highlight was the appointment of Simon Taylor as our new President. Simon has already been involved in helping out with the relationship with the Brackmills complex. It is really important that we retain and maintain those ties as the bank transitions and I'm pleased we have Simon to help.

I guess the other event of note is the formal announcement that a Canadian Asset Management Company, Brookfield, has agreed a Transaction with Barclays to take a stake in the Payments business with a view to adding a further stake in 4 years which will see them having a majority shareholding. I have mixed feelings about this initiative especially as a good friend of mine, and an old adversary, is overseeing the deal in his role as Vice Chair and Head of Financial Infrastructure for Brookfield. As the saying goes the only constant is change!

My best wishes to you all and I hope you have plenty of opportunities to enjoy the summer and the various events on offer to you through our Club.

Take care.

Roger Alexander

SAVE THESE DATES

LONDON CHRISTMAS TRIP

A chance to see the sites or go to a matinee, you can book now if you save the date! Or free to do some shopping.

ON THURSDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

CAMBRIDGE TRIP

Visit this beautiful city and walk around the CHRISTMAS MARKET enjoy lunch at the lovely restaurants

ON WEDNESDAY 10th DECEMBER

FUTURE EVENTS

Is there anything you would like to see change or take place as an event? Why don't you let us know and we can consider your ideas and maybe introduce other social events going forward?

OCTOBER LUNCH – THURSDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2025

The lunch will be held at the Mercure Northampton, Silver Street, Northampton NN1 2TA. The bar will be open at 11.45 for lunch at 12.40pm. The cost will be **£15 for members in categories 1-4 and £26.50 for category 5 members** (see below for categories). Members may nominate ONE person or couple they wish to sit near to. 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. A member can take ONE guest. **NB:** No acknowledgements will be sent out. If you are unable to attend the lunch once booked, no refund will be available.

Menu

Main

Slow Roasted Feather of Beef, Mushrooms & Shallots, Buttered Greens, Dauphinoise Potatoes, Port Jus
Vegetarian Option
Carrot & Red onion Tarte Tatin, Grilled Halloumi, Herb Mash. Buttered Greens, Herb Sauce

Dessert

Sticky Toffee Pudding with Toffee Sauce & 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.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

PENSIONER MEMBERS

1. Those in receipt of a Barclays UKRF pension, which was taken either at retirement from active service with Barclays; on Flexible Retirement; or on the grounds of ill health.
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ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

4. A spouse or partner of a Pensioner Member.
5. Former Barclays colleagues and their spouses or partners, who are not Pensioner Members.



Lunch – Mecure Hotel, Northampton on Thursday 16th October 2025

Name of Member (please print) _____

Name of Guest (please print) _____

Categories 1-4 - I enclose cheque for £_____ (£30 for myself/guest, £15 for myself only).

Category 5 - I enclose cheque for £_____ (£53 for myself/guest, £26.50 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: _____

Any Dietary Requirements: _____

BARCLAYCARD RETIREMENT CLUB

MINUTES OF THE FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of members of Barclays Bank (Barclaycard) Retirement Club held at the Northampton Town Centre Hotel, Silver Street, Northampton on the afternoon of Thursday, 17th April 2025 immediately following the lunch at which 131 people attended.

Roger Alexander (Chairman) Chaired the AGM.

APOLOGIES: Richard Miller (Treasurer) and Carol Mayhook, Committee Member

MINUTES OF THE FORTIETH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS HELD ON 18TH APRIL 2024: Approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Approved. No questions.

AMENDMENT FOR THE CONSTITUTION (TO ELECT 16 MEMBERS INSTEAD OF 12 FOR THE COMMITTEE): Unanimously approved.

ADOPTION OF THE ACCOUNTS: The Accounts were unanimously adopted. No questions.

TO ELECT A PRESIDENT: The Chair said that Marc Pettican had now left the bank.

Simon Taylor has agreed to be our new President and is a big name on the issuing side of the business. He has also played for the Saints. Unanimously approved.

TO ELECT THE FOLLOWING OFFICIALS: Chairman. Pat Smith proposed Roger Alexander as our Chairman. Unanimously approved

Secretary – Sandra Russell – Unanimously approved

Treasurer – Richard Miller – Unanimously approved

Auditor – Pete Capon – Unanimously approved

TO ELECT THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEMBERS EN BLOC – Cindy Antel, Carol Bell, Aileen Breay, Chris Graham, Bob Hancox, Pauline Hodgson, Janet Holt, Leona Johnson, Carol Mayhook, Pat Smith, Derek Vance and Graham Wheeler. The Chair thanked everyone on the Committee for all their hard work and support.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: None

Our new President then spoke to everyone about his varied career. He works in London but is often in Northampton. He has worked for Barclays for nearly thirteen years and is Head of Credit Cards. We are number one in the card business. Simon hopes to support us as much as he can and thanked everyone present for the part they had played.

The Chair closed the meeting at 2.00 pm.

PLEASE NOTE

We are very pleased to welcome our recently joined committee members Pauline Hodgson, Aileen Breay and Carol Mayhook who are settling in nicely and providing the extra help our team needs.

TRIP INVITE: Northampton Chronicles

Tuesday 12th August 2025 or Monday 18th August 2025

£50 for Members in categories 1 - 3 and **£55** for category 4-5 Associate Members

Discover Northampton's hidden history on an exclusive small group tour. Travel in vintage transport, uncovering secrets of iconic streets. Enjoy a cream tea finale and entry to either 78 Derngate's Mackintosh House or Delapre Abbey. Limited to 16 either day.

Departs from Victoria Street at **9.15am** Full day tour finishing approximately 4 - 4.30pm.

Please indicate if you are interested by returning the attached response slip **ASAP** or by **Wednesday 30th July at the latest** - I will then purchase tickets and confirm your place.

Janet Holt

01604 756093

Mobile (for use on the day) 07762 701 985

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

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NORTHAMPTON CHRONICLES

Please reserveplaces on Tuesday 12th August orplaces on Monday 18th August

PLEASE PRINT IN CAPITALS NAME OF MEMBER OR GUEST
Cat 1-3 £50 PENSIONER MEMBER NAME:
£50 GUEST NAME:
Cat 4-5 £55 ASSOCIATE MEMBER NAME:
£55 GUEST NAME:

MOBILE TELEPHONE NUMBER: (to contact to confirm booking)

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COFFEE MORNINGS AT THE MERCURE HOTEL

Sept 11th Doug Goddard - Northampton Through Time

Nov 20th Scott Hirons - Northants Fire & Rescue Service

July 17th Phipps Brewery

Mr Alaric Neville is currently the Managing Director of Phipps Brewery, and he is due to retire soon.

He will give us a presentation on the history of Phipps Brewery. I have not heard this talk personally but Mr Neville has been highly recommended by one of our members, who said it's excellent and not to be missed.

The room we will use is the Hertford Suite 1 which 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.

Pat Smith

Winners of Theatre Tickets

April : Wayne Henry, Liz Baker and Maureen Clack

May : Stephen Bashford, Vareen Foster and Joy Dunkley

June : Nuala Hutton, Marie Simpson and Margaret Gorrington

Each month names are drawn for a voucher worth £50 to use towards tickets for the Royal & Derngate and Northampton Filmhouse



TRIP INVITE: COVENTRY

TUESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2025

£18 for Members in categories 1 – 3 and £20 for categories 4 - 5 Associate Members. Driver's tip included.

Please see the following page for the membership categories.

Coventry is a city known for the Medieval Cathedral, which was left in ruins after a WW11 bombing and the 20th century replacement, with abstract stained glass, that stands beside it. I have booked a Blue Badge guide to give an interesting tour of 3 Cathedrals and the town square, where there is a statue of Lady Godiva on her horse. **The Blue Badge guide tour is optional but I need to know if you wish to do it so please indicate that on the form below.**

The Herbert Art Gallery and Museum is also interesting and has a good café. There are plenty of shops and places to eat if you just want to do your own thing.

The coach will leave Christchurch Road (Abington Park end) at **9.00am** and Sixfields (road in front of Bella Italia car park) at **9.15am** Please indicate at which pick up point you will be waiting. Return – leaving Coventry at **4.30pm**.

For parking at Sixfields please visit www.yourparkingspace.co.uk

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 response slip below and return it to me by **Monday 1st September**, together with your cheque, made payable to: **Barclays Bank (Barclaycard) Pensioners' Club**.

Janet Holt

Mobile (for use on the day) 07762 701 985

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

PLEASE KEEP THIS PART FOR YOUR REFERENCE

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COVENTRY – Tuesday 30th September 2025

Please reserveplaces as listed below: **£18 or £20 dependent on the category of each person attending.**

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

Please advise if you wish to have the optional Blue Badge Guide: No thanks.....Yes please.....

PLEASE PRINT IN CAPITALS NAME OF MEMBER OR GUEST
Cat 1-3 £18 PENSIONER MEMBER NAME:
£18 GUEST NAME:
Cat 4-5 £20 ASSOCIATE MEMBER NAME:
£20 GUEST NAME:

MOBILE TELEPHONE NUMBER: (in case contact needed on the day).....

PICK UP POINT: (Please tick)

Christchurch Road.....Sixfields.....

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We are pleased to welcome two new members:
Lucia Owen and Jeanette Caspall, great to have
you join us!

On the last page is the Membership application
if you know anyone else who wants to join

OBITUARIES

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

Our condolences go to their family and friends



Michael Philip Boulton, died on the 10th October 2024. He worked as a Fraud Liaison Officer in Barclaycard Northampton

Joan Saez passed away 26th April her daughter Mrs V Weller advised, some may remember Joan who worked at Northampton Barclaycard for several decades. Joan was 87.

Paul Turver passed away 4th April, Paul was 65 years old

Barbara Masters died 31st March she was 90yrs old

Marjorie Rice passed away in February this year. **Jean Hale** died 11th April and **Colin Wells** passed away Dec 24, **Vimla Sopat**, aged 74 who died on 3rd June 2025,

James Stewart Benny aged 92, who died on 12th June 2025. All found through Towers Watson

NORTHAMPTON TOWN FOOTBALL TICKETS 2025/2026

If you wish to be considered for a pair of tickets for any home match during the current season, please place your choices and return by 31 July. If any match is oversubscribed, I will hold a draw to allocate the tickets.

Graham Wheeler, 40 Ecton Way, Weedon, Northampton, NN7 4NZ
Mobile 07487 416316

Name _____ Membership No _____

Address _____

Tel no: _____ email: _____

Date	Day	Against	Kick Off	Tickets Allocated
9 th August	Saturday	Bradford City	15:00	
19 th August	Tuesday	Lincoln City	19:45	
23 rd August	Saturday	Exeter City	15:00	
13 th September	Saturday	Blackpool	15:00	
27 th September	Saturday	Bolton Wanderers	15:00	
11 th October	Saturday	Rotherham United	15:00	
25 th October	Saturday	Luton Town	15:00	
8 th November	Saturday	Mansfield Town	15:00	
27 th November	Saturday	Cardiff City	15:00	
9 th December	Tuesday	Huddersfield Town	19:45	
20 th December	Saturday	AFC Wimbledon	15:00	
1 st January 2026	Thursday	Stockport County	15:00	
10 th January	Saturday	Port Vale	15:00	
17 th January	Saturday	Wycombe Wanderers	15:00	
31 st January	Saturday	Reading	15:00	
7 th February	Saturday	Stevenage	15:00	
21 st February	Saturday	Leyton Orient	15:00	
28 th February	Saturday	Peterborough United	15:00	
14 th March	Saturday	Burton Albion	15:00	
28 th March	Saturday	Barnsley	15:00	
6 th April	Monday	Wigan Athletic	15:00	
18 th April	Saturday	Doncaster Rovers	15:00	
2 nd May	Saturday	Plymouth Argyle	15:00	



Should you or someone in your family need support or help with

- Advice and support on your mental health
- Disability guidance across benefits, housing, careers, mentoring and equipment
- Support for your dependants
- Domestic Abuse
- Managing disability and illness
- Caring
- Friendship Telephone Service (Age UK)

All this and more is available to us all as ex Bank Employees so either visit online www.bwcharity.org.uk or call 0800 0234 834 for one of their friendly and helpful team to assist and advise you. Never be alone.

Willis Towers Watson - Pension Helpline - call 01737 227567 - you will need your NI number and your staff pension ID number to identify yourself before they will discuss the reason for your call. If you need to reset your password to access the pensions website. The website is currently undergoing a revamp to make it simpler and easier to use going forward. Hopefully avoiding getting locked out in the future!

CONTACT INFORMATION

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BARCLAYCARD RETIREMENT CLUB APPLICATION

Mrs. S. Russell, Secretary
7 Ashmore, Long Buckby, Northampton, NN6 7RT
Tel. 01327 843295. E mail: s.russell338@btinternet.com

NAME:

Mr/Mrs/Miss (Please Print) _____

Full Post address (Please print) _____

_____ Post Code _____

E Mail Address _____ Home Tel. No. _____

Mobile Tel. No. _____

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 – **please tick one of the following**

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 OR
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 OR
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. **Associate Member** can be the spouse or partner of an existing Pensioner Member OR
5. **Associate Member** - Former Bank Colleagues, aged fifty (50) or over, and their spouses or partners who do not qualify for membership under the above criteria. (Associate Members are not entitled to any subsidies for some Club events).

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.

Signature _____

Please return this form to the address at the top of the letter with your cheque for your Membership Fee of £10.00. payable to Barclays Bank (Barclaycard) Pensioners' Club **OR** alternatively you can pay £10. 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).