



Summer Newsletter 2025

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to Data Protection Rules, we must make sure we do not hold details for members which are no longer correct.

We recently made telephone calls to some of our longer standing members who are not on email to check the address and phone number details. From this exercise we discovered many of the telephone numbers no longer exist.

If you are a long-standing member (or know a long-standing member) and believe the information we hold is out of date, please let us know.

Failure to gain update from members we were unable to make contact with will lead to closure of their membership.

Please contact Graham Wheeler on 07487 416316 or Christine Graham on 07753 118005 for updates

N.B. This may seem a harsh approach to some members, however as we are funded by the Bank we must ensure our records are correct.

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

The good news, as I write this piece, is that Spring is here and there are some wonderful displays of flowers in gardens, woods and hedge rows. Long may that last.

When you read this we will have had our AGM and Simon Taylor will be our new President. Our thanks to Marc Pettican for his support over the past few years and a formal welcome to Simon who is the Managing Director, Head of Credit Cards at Barclays based in London but a regular visitor to Northampton. He is keen to support our Club and I, and my colleagues, look forward to working with him.

The committee have developed an interesting and varied programme for this year and, indeed, we have already had a number of successful events. I was at the first Coffee Morning of the year when we were privileged to hear about Guide Dogs for the Blind and to meet some wonderful working dogs. I hope you will find something that appeals to you through the year and look forward to meeting many of you as the year progresses.

Take care.

Roger Alexander

EDITORS NOTE

Did you read the front page message regarding up to date information for our members?

Today we all live with the rules of General Data Protection Regulations, some will recall how this affected us in the work place back in 2018 when these laws were brought into place. For us as a Membership Club we hold information on our database for all our members. We appreciate we may be the last point of call, if at all, when someone passes away or moves house. Our team have called many members over the last few years to ascertain correct details and all too frequently the phone number we hold is unavailable.

We post out over 300 paper copies of the Link 5 times a year. With nearly 1000 members currently the remainder receive the Link by email.

If you receive the Link in the post could you change to email delivery and help us keep our costs down?

On another note do you know a member who isn't able to attend one of our events but doesn't want to come alone? Could you bring them along so they do not feel isolated?

Thank you for reading this important message

See you at an event soon

Christine Graham

COFFEE MORNINGS AT THE MERCURE HOTEL 2025



July 17th	Alaric Neville	Phipps Brewery
Sept 11th	Doug Goddard	Northampton Through Time
Nov 20 th	Scott Hirons	Northants Fire & Rescue Service

May 15th Rennie Mackintosh

Rob Kendall will give us a presentation on 78 Derngate which was restored by Scottish architect, Charles Rennie Mackintosh, for local model-maker Wenman Bassett-Lowke in anticipation of his marriage to Jane Jones (of the Crocket & Jones shoe family) in March 1917. It is the only house in England by Mackintosh and was restored to its former glory in 2003 by the 78 Derngate Trust after Northampton High School vacated the site in 1994. It is a unique modernist transformation of an earlier Georgian property. Rob has been involved with the Trust since its inception and is a Trustee and Chair of the Friends of 78 Derngate.

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

February - Isabelle Orme and Janet Selling

March - Ann Reynolds, Jennie Marriott
and Judith Boyes

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



Please return the form below together with your cheque to: Leona Johnson, 3 Well Yard, Northampton, NN2 6QX **no later** than
Thursday 22nd May 2025

JUNE LUNCH – THURSDAY 19TH JUNE 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 1-3 and £26.50 for category 4-5 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

Grilled Chicken Breast, Roasted Summer Squash & Beetroot, Lyonnaise Potatoes,
Red Wine & Thyme Jus

Vegetarian Option

Creamed Mushroom & Asparagus in Crisp Puff Pastry, Roasted Summer Squash & Beetroot,
Lyonnaise Potatoes, Tarragon Sauce

Dessert

Lemon & Vanilla Tart with Raspberry Sorbet & Fruit Coulis

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

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5. Former Barclays colleagues and their spouses or partners, who are not Pensioner Members.



Lunch – Northampton Mecure Hotel, Silver Street, Northampton Thursday 19th June 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: _____

Trip invite to Malvern Spring Festival Monday 9th May 2025

£40 for Members in categories 1 - 3 and £43 for categories 4 - 5 Associate Members. Driver's tip included

Malvern Spring Festival a nice day out, lots to see including the Plant Village, Pavilions to fill your garden with spring flowers, Shopping Hall and Food and Drink. The Pavilion is filled with Homemade local Specialty Products such as Brownies, Cakes and Sausage rolls and much more.

The coach will leave Christchurch Rd at 8.30am and Sixfields 8.45am Return at 4pm

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

Please indicate at which point you want to be picked up.

No acknowledgements will be sent. Once booked, if you are unable to make the trip, there is no refund. If you are interested, please complete the attached response slip and return to me by 2nd of May. Together with a cheque made Payable to Barclays Bank (Barclaycard) Pensioners club.

Cindy Antell. Mobile 07759909823
95 Yelvertoft rd.
Kingsthorpe
Northampton
NN2 7TQ

Malvern Spring Festival May 9th

Please reserveplaces as listed below: **£40 or £43 dependent on the category of each person attending.**

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

PLEASE PRINT IN CAPITALS NAME OF MEMBER OR GUEST
Cat 1-3 £40 PENSIONER MEMBER NAME:
£40 GUEST NAME:
Cat 4-5 £43 ASSOCIATE MEMBER NAME:
£43 GUEST NAME:

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

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

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NEW MEMBERS



We are so pleased to have gained the following new members:

Nita Cooke, Hazel Barrett, Raymond Good, Celia and Christopher Dashfield, Barbara Wilkins and Sally Boyne

If you know someone who would like to join our retirement club please contact our Secretary Sandra Russell (secy@barcpen.org.uk) or anyone of the committee!

See our website for the application form or on the last page of this newsletter

Barclaycard Pensioner Cricket Ticket Allocations 2025 Matches

Hi all,

The allocation of tickets for this season is now complete, the details of names & dates are shown on the chart on the next page. This year NCCC provided individual paper tickets for all the CC, T20 and 50over matches which I posted to the applicants during March for the whole season, you should have all received these by the time you are reading this newsletter.

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

Since the last newsletter I have been advised by Ella in the office at NCCC that the women's matches are **FREE ENTRY**, therefore you will not require a ticket to enter if you wish to attend any of those matches (hence why there are no tickets allocated on the chart below). Please check the fixture list for dates and venues though for the women's matches as some of these have changed since I prepared the list for the previous Link newsletters.

So now let us just hope for a good summer & some enjoyable Cricket.

Best wishes

Aileen Breay, Tel: 07702 996546

See ticket allocation below

Date	Visitors	Comp	Ticket Allocation 2025 Season			
4 th /7 th Apr	Kent	CC	Elizabeth Miller		Elizabeth Miller	
9 th /12 th May	Lancashire	CC	Marina Arthur		John Higginbottom	
23 rd /26 th May	Gloucestershire	CC	John Higginbottom		Glenys Billingham	
1 st Jun	Leicestershire Foxes	T20 (DH)	Denise Alderson	Michael Lambert	Adrienne Nixon	Jill Moran
			Jill Moran	Adrienne Nixon	John Higginbottom	Martin Rice
11 th Jun	Birmingham Bears	T20	Malcolm Ward	Jenny Marriott	Glenys Billingham	Joyce Dennis
			Marina Arthur	Peter Arthur	Martin Rice	Tanya Lambert
13 th Jun	Durham	T20	Michael Lambert	Michael Jacobs	Bryan Sharp	Marilyn Sharp
			Pat Lancaster	Pat Lancaster	Marina Arthur	Maureen Clack
20 th Jun	Notts Outlaws	T20	Maureen Clack	Peter Arthur	Pam Lines	Fred Watson
			Bryan Sharp	Marilyn Sharp	Chris Selling	Janet Selling
22 nd / 25 th Jun	Middlesex	CC	Naula Hutton		Glenys Billingham	
4 th Jul	Lancashire Lightning	T20	Rosa Oppido	Richard Miller	Tanya Lambert	Peter Arthur
			Michael Jacobs	Maureen Clack	Bryan Sharp	Marilyn Sharp
6 th Jul	Worcester Rapids	T20 (DH)	Malcolm Ward	Aileen Breay	Rosa Oppido	Richard Miller
			Susan Sargent	Jennifer Marriott	Dipesh Gehlani	Martin Rice
11 th Jul	Derbyshire Falcons	T20	Rosa Oppido	Richard Miller	Chris Selling	Janet Selling
			Pam Lines	Pat Lancaster	Pat Lancaster	Michael Jacobs
29 th Jul/ 1 st Aug	Derbyshire	CC	Elizabeth Miller		Elizabeth Miller	
8 th Aug	Yorkshire	MB50	Stephen Bashford		Dipesh Gehlani	
17 th Aug	Sussex	MB50	Michael Lambert		Roger Alexander	
21 st Aug	Kent	MB50	Aileen Breay		Jennifer Marriott	
24 th Aug	Middlesex	MB50	Malcolm Ward		Tanya Lambert	
8 th /11 th Sep	Glamorgan	CC	Elizabeth Miller		Elizabeth Miller	
24 th /27 th Sep	Leicestershire	CC	Glenys Billingham		Glenys Billingham	

*Key to codes:

CC = Rothesay County Championship 4 Day matches.

MB50 = Metro Bank 50 overs ONE day match,

T20 Blast = 20 overs ONE day match, (DH) Double Header = Men's & Women's

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

Visit the ancient royal town of Windsor, a beautiful town with a rich history situated on the River Thames. Options include: 40min river cruise (£11.50 for seniors) Windsor Castle, Eton College, river walks, shops, restaurants and cafes.

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 Windsor 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 23rd June**, 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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WINDSOR – Wednesday 9th July 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**

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OBITUARIES

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

Our condolences go to their family and friends

June Ling passed away suddenly after a short illness on the 14th March, she was 89 years old and regularly attended the lunches with her sister Maureen Bland. Remembered by many fondly as a lovely lady to work with.

Lesley Jane Lilly died 9th February, aged 85

Eric Blacknell passed away 13th February he had reached 100

Christine Benny aged 90 died on 10.01.2025

Phyllis Bingham aged 76 died on 29.11.2024.

Christine Benny passed away 10th January 2025

Also members Wendy Vincent, Phyllis Bingham and Robin Hobbs who passed away in 2024, we have found through Towers Watson

CONTACT INFORMATION

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MEMBERSHIP

Information regarding joining the Club re our application form

The Retirement Club is funded by The Bank. The Club can only apply for funding per member and per member attendance at any event for those members in category 1-3.

All applicants need to be aged 50 and over. A Barclays Pension is part of the Barclays Bank Retirement Fund (UKRF).

"Pensioner (Full) Member": Categories 1-3: You need to be in receipt of Barclays Pension, OR your pension is deferred and you worked for the Bank for at least 15yrs OR you are the widow or widower of a pension member and in receipt of a partners UKRF pension.

"Associate Member" You have transferred your pension out OR a partner to a member OR didn't complete the qualifying length of service, you can apply under category 4-5.

Barclays Bank do not fund the Club for these members. For that reasons we have introduced a two tier charging for events.

SEE THE APPLICATION FORM ON NEXT PAGE FOR JOINING CATERGORIES

LET YOUR FRIENDS KNOW IF THEY ARE ELIGIBLE

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE OUR MEMBERSHIP CONTINUE TO GROW

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?

HELPING OTHERS

Remember if you know someone who cannot get to the lunches or coffee mornings see if you can help them, perhaps offer a lift or suggest they sit with you rather than be alone. Being kind goes a long way when someone may feel isolated or lonely.

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).