



Autumn Newsletter 2026

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Editor's Note

I am increasingly hearing from members who have not received the latest newsletters or emails, the problem stems from email providers blocking possible spam or junk from entering your inbox. This can be frustrating as its not realised the email hasn't arrived until a trip booking has been missed. My advice is to always check your junk or spam folder and if you find valid emails move them to your inbox to validate them, this should prevent the problem next time around.

All past and current issues of The Link are on our website www.barcpen.org.uk/the-link-archive/

Always keep us up to date with change of address, phone numbers and especially emails.

Christine Graham

Editor



BARCLAYCARD IS 60 YEARS OLD - 29TH JUNE 1966!

Barclaycard lead the way back in 1966 as the first country to issue a credit card. There are many of us who worked at Barclaycard for a great number of years and we are immensely proud of all the hard work we contributed to the business over those years. Building the foundations of a world leading card industry, all with our own stories to tell but none more so than the members of our club who were there on the first days at Aquila House back when there were no computers, only paper files, microfiche etc. Technology has changed the card industry vastly but we hold our memories dear of the happy days and long lasting friendships so many of us made. If you would like to share a story of your early years at Barclaycard let me know and maybe, we can run a few of them in the next edition of the Link. - Christine Graham

MORE CELEBRATIONS



Leona presented Edna Dick with a beautiful bouquet of flowers as she celebrated her 90th birthday with us all at the members lunch in June.

Please return the form below together with your cheque to:
Leona Johnson, 3 Well Yard, Northampton, NN2 6QX **no later** than **Thursday 17th September 2026**

OCTOBER LUNCH – THURSDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2026

The lunch will be held at the Mercure Hotel, Silver Street, Northampton NN1 2TA. The bar will be open at 11.45 for lunch at 12.40pm. The cost will be **£16.00 for members in categories 1-3 and £28.50 for categories 4- 5 members** (see page 11 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, Gratin Potatoes, Roasted Root Vegetables, Red Wine & Thyme Sauce

Vegetarian Option

Ratatouille Tart, Gratin Potatoes, Roasted Root Vegetables, Red Wine & Thyme Sauce

Dessert

Sticky Toffee Pudding with Toffee Sauce & Custard

Coffee or Tea with Mints

Any special requests such as vegetarian, gluten free, allergies etc. can be catered for if ordered at the time of making the application.



Lunch – Mercure Hotel Northampton, Thursday 15th October 2026

Name of Member (please print)_____

Name of Guest (please print)_____

Categories 1-3 I enclose cheque for £_____ (£32 for myself/guest, £16.00 for myself only).

Category 4-5 I enclose cheque for £_____ (£57 for myself/guest, £28.50 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:_____

Any Allergies _____

Coffee morning at the Mercure Hotel Thursday July 16th



Jonathan Pittam - Wellness

Jonathan Pittam will talk to us about preventative wellbeing for longevity. I have not heard his talk, but Johnathan contacted me after the talk we'd had from Dave Askew about Northamptonshire Walks. I'm sure we all think about our health and well-being, so hopefully it will be a good talk for us all.

The room we 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

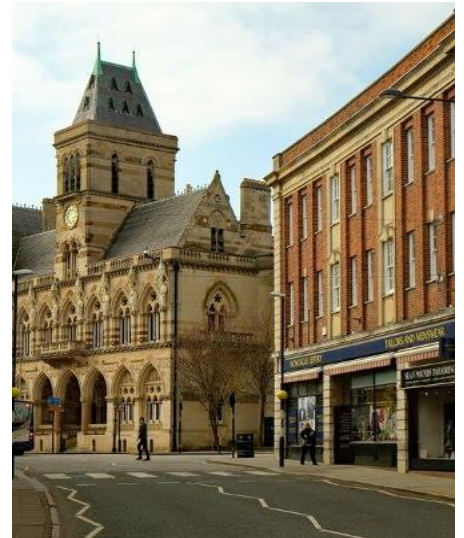
Winners of Theatre Tickets

The winners were

Carol Going, David Atkins, Pat Smith, Martin Bentley and Frances Anderson

Pat Warren, Pat Lancaster, Trish Harrop, Yvonne Njuko and Nemy Gomes

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



NORTHAMPTON TOWN FOOTBALL TICKETS 2026/2027

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 31st July 2026. If any match is oversubscribed, I will hold a draw to allocate the tickets.

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

Name _____ Membership No _____

Address _____

Tel no: _____ email: _____

Date		Against	Kick Off	Tickets Allocated
15 th August	Saturday	Swindon Town	3.00	
1 st September	Tuesday	Crawley Town	7.45	
5 th September	Saturday	Newport County	3.00	
19 th September	Saturday	Rotherham United	3.00	
3 rd October	Saturday	Oldham Athletic	3.00	
20 th October	Tuesday	Tranmere Rovers	7.45	
24 th October	Saturday	Colchester United	3.00	
21 st November	Saturday	Rochdale	3.00	
1 st December	Tuesday	Fleetwood Town	7.45	
19 th December	Saturday	Exeter City	3.00	
29 th December	Tuesday	Cheltenham Town	7.45	
1 st January 2027	Friday	Bristol Rovers	3.00	
16 th January	Saturday	Grimsby Town	3.00	
30 th January	Saturday	Accrington Stanley	3.00	
6 th February	Saturday	Gillingham	3.00	
20 th February	Saturday	Shrewsbury Town	3.00	
27 th February	Saturday	Salford City	3.00	
13 th March	Saturday	Crewe Alexandra	3.00	
29 th March	Monday	Chesterfield	3.00	
10 th April	Saturday	Barnet	3.00	
13 th April	Tuesday	York City	7.45	
24 th April	Saturday	Port Vale	3.00	
1 st May	Saturday	Walsall	3.00	

NORTHAMPTON SAINTS FOUNDATION VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Have you ever thought about volunteering or giving up some of your spare time to help others? The Saints Foundation is looking for such people. There are a couple of opportunities with very different requirements:

One option is the *Memory Café*, which takes place on the first Wednesday of every month. It's a welcoming and supportive environment for people experiencing loneliness, memory loss, Alzheimer's, or other forms of dementia, as well as their caregivers and loved ones. It could be a wonderful way to contribute to the community and make a real difference by just helping out, chatting or listening to those who use the *Café*.

Alternatively, if anyone is interested in history and has a keen eye for detail, the Heritage programme offers opportunities to volunteer by researching historical records, cataloguing, and archiving photos, articles, and memorabilia, and helping with exhibitions like the *Black, Green & Golden Age Project* and the *Lions Project*. This is a fantastic way to get involved in preserving our legacy and sharing it with others.

If you are interested or would like to know more, please contact Louise Scott in the first instance by e-mail and she will have all the necessary information. Louise's direct e-mail address is louise.scott@barclaycard.co.uk



TRIP INVITE: BATH

DATE: MONDAY 7TH SEPT

A picturesque city, famous for its Roman built baths and Royal Crescent. Located on the River Avon with beautiful independent shops, cafes and museums and Bath Abbey a Medieval building with a Gothic interior.

A really good way to see the City (and save your legs) is to use the Cities' Hop On Hop Off Bus service. (This can be purchased on line beforehand at a discount on a variety of sites.)

£20 for Members in categories 1 – 3 and £22 for categories 4 - 5 Associate Members.

Driver's tip included.

Please see page 10 for the membership catagories.

The coach will leave Christchurch Road (Abington Park end) at **8.30am** and Sixfields (road in front of Bella Italia car park) at **9.00am**. Returning at 16.30pm

Please indicate which pick up point you require.

For parking at Sixfields 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 **Thur 20th August** together with your cheque, made payable to: **Barclays Bank (Barclaycard) Pensioners' Club**.

Pauline Hodgson
5 Aviemore Gardens
West Hunsbury
Northampton NN4 9XJ

Mobile 07854 531592

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BATH MONDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER

Please reserveplaces as listed below:

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

PLEASE PRINT IN CAPITALS NAME OF MEMBER OR GUEST

Cat 1-3 £20 PENSIONER MEMBER NAME:

£20 GUEST NAME:

Cat 4-5 £23 ASSOCIATE MEMBER NAME:

£23 GUEST NAME:

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

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IMPORTANT : PICK UP POINT: (Please tick)

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

Here is something pet lovers may be interested in!

Become a homesitter and enjoy paid adventures and pet companionship.

Are you responsible, dependable, and attentive to others needs? Do you possess pet-care skills and have a genuine affection for animals? If so, Homesitters Ltd is eager to hear from individuals and couples who possess these qualities.

Since 1980, Homesitters Ltd have been providing UK home and pet owners a live-in service to care for their home and pets while they're away on holiday or business.



They do this through their homesitter employees, who are for the most part of retirement age, with a few having joined after retiring from Barclays, having learned about them from a retirement group/event associated with the bank.

Being a homesitter offers a retiree the opportunity to top up their pension, travel the UK with free accommodation, the companionship of pets without the expense of ownership, and the opportunity to make savings on their home energy bills while they're away from home.

Homesitters receive a modest remuneration and get a daily food allowance and mileage, both tax-free. It's a great way to boost pension income whilst doing something that feels for many like going on a mini holiday.

Homesitters Ltd directly employs all its homesitters. They also provide comprehensive insurance and round-the-clock support during assignments, providing a level of security that is reassuring for those exploring this career.

To find out more and complete an online application, please see the Homesitters website <https://www.homesitters.co.uk/become-a-sitter/>.

TRIP INVITE: LONDON SHOPPING & SIGHTSEEING
DATE: THURSDAY 29th OCTOBER

£20 for Members in categories 1 – 3 and £23 for categories 4 - 5 Associate Members.
Driver's tip included.

Please see page 10 for the membership categories.

The coach will leave Christchurch Road (Abington Park end) at **8.30am** and Sixfields (road in front of Bella Italia car park) at **8.45am** The coach will drop off at Haymarket. Return 16.30pm

Please indicate at which pick up point you require.

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 12th October** together with your cheque, made payable to: **Barclays Bank (Barclaycard) Pensioners' Club.**

Cindy Antell
95 Yelvertoft Road
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NN2 7TQ

Mobile: 07759 909823

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PICK UP POINT: (Please tick)

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

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

PENSIONER MEMBERS

- 1 Those in receipt of a Barclays UKRF pension, which was taken either at retirement from active service with Barclays; or Flexible Retirement; or on the grounds of ill health.
- 2 Former Barclays staff aged 50 or over, with a minimum of 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 1 or 2 above.

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.



OBITUARIES

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

Our sincere condolences to their families and friends

Ruth Delooze passed away June 17th she was 79yrs old

Daphne Ellen Smart died 2nd of May she was 88yrs old

Diane M Banks sadly passed away 29th April aged 82

At this time may we give time and thought to those who have lost a loved one recently.

Bank Workers Charity is funded by all banks including Barclays and is for the benefit of current and ex staff, if you need help or advice regarding personal or family problems contact them for discreet and reliable help and advice. Visit their website for lots of information about what they have available on a regular basis offering so much help should you need it.

Helpline – 0800 0234 834

Website www.bwcharity.org.uk

Willis Towers Watson deal with all Barclays pension enquiries visit their website or call them:

Email barclaysteam@wtwco.com Phone 01737 227 567

Post: The Barclays Bank UK Retirement Fund, Sunderland, SR43 4JU

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CHANGE OF DETAILS - HAVE YOU MOVED?

Please remember to advise us when you move to ensure that you receive the Club newsletter and other information, in particular we would need your email address and phone number so we can be sure you receive speedy updates.

Many thanks, Christine Graham, 07753118005

MEMBERSHIP



DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO JOIN OUR CLUB?

THE MEMBERSHIP FORM IS ON OUR WEBSITE www.barcpen.org.uk