



Members News & Memories

Chairman's Update

As many of you are aware, we are in the midst of a spell of significant changes impacting on the creation of our Newsletter. For a start we no longer have the benefit of the enormous contribution from John Bennett, which he had made for more than two-thirds of all the issues put together over the past 25 years. I have written elsewhere in tribute to John's efforts on our behalf, but it remains the case that words can only begin to adequately express our thanks to him.

Sadly, and as you also know, our Hon Secretary Steve Merry has also stepped down from his role, with effect from the AGM in April. Steve's contribution to the creation of the Newsletter, as well as to the wider activities of the club, is already being missed enormously. Steve brought great diligence and commitment to everything he contributed to the BIPC and his resignation has left us significantly poorer in terms of our capabilities in key areas of the Club's activities.

In compensation for this we have formed an editorial sub-committee comprising Paul Dennis, Andy Fair, Chrina Jarvis and myself and I would like to commend Paul, Andy and Chrina's immense efforts in ensuring that this issue, NL102, has been produced on time and to a standard that I hope all will agree is excellent.

As further recognition of recent changes, we have taken the decision to produce just two Newsletters a year in the future, but we will continue to welcome as many contributions as possible towards the news and memories segment, so please keep sending them to either Paul, Andy, Chrina or myself.

Simon Culliford (July 2025)

David Sunray writes:

It is said the human brain is the finest computer with a memory of infinite capacity. There are occasions however when we just cannot find that little something in the hard disk of ours! Would that we could Google it!

So one lazy, hazy Sunday afternoon I pondered: all Barclays people must have memories of good times, bad times, sad and jolly times and just plain funny times. So I started to ponder further and memories flowed.

The Italian banker who wrote to say he would present himself at our windows – not knowing we were located on the 5th floor in Gracechurch Street! There was a time when Barclaygirls were not allowed to wear sleeveless blouses or dresses by order of the Lady Superintendent in Head Office.

I recall when our departmental filing clerk, having fallen badly behind with her work, threw the lot off London Bridge into the Thames thus unwittingly creating the paperless society. Curiously, no one seemed to need to refer back to those lost papers!

Then there was the fellow who spent all Friday arranging and rearranging the bank's rugby teams for the Saturday matches, this being tolerated by our benevolent manager.

There were complaints about a fishy smell in the office. It transpired that kippers, then in short supply, had been sent to us by a kindly Tyneside O/C Mech (the lady in charge of the machine room) via Cages, the internal mail system.

I am sure I am not the only old timer with foggy memories and you may be certain that today's bankers will in years to come also have good and interesting memories of their own early days.

(Do any of our readers have any other interesting memories or reminiscences they might like to share? Please let us know!)

Our thanks to **Adrian Field** for sending photos of the recent Club lunch in Bournemouth which was very well attended.



John Mundy writes:

In the 1980's for marketing purposes, BBI people were often entertained at Barclaytrust International in Jersey. The manager of Barclays in Cairo, Gavin Green who was an ex-colonial district commissioner, was one such guest. In return I was invited to Cairo to meet potential new offshore clients.

As a weekend treat we went to Giza to ride horses around the Pyramids. The procedure was controlled by a dominant lady fanning herself in a wicker chair. 'Victims' were helped to mount big horses, told to control them by their heels and sent on their way by slaps on the horses' rumps. All well and good until a reckless rider charged by very close to me causing my horse to bolt. Gavin, who was fortunately riding close behind, was furious and charged ahead to give the miscreant a colonial mouthful there being the danger of my being unseated and injured. In fact I already knew a thing or two about riding which remained my secret!

Simon Culliford writes:

Gavin Green C.B.E.

John Mundy's delightful vignettes about his visits to Cairo during the 1980's prompts me to provide a few more anecdotes about Gavin Green. My own acquaintance with Gavin, whom I referred to only as "Sir" during my two and a half year spell in Egypt, began in his office on my first day with Banque du Caire Barclays International during the first week of September 1981.

After only the briefest of discussion about my experience in the bank until that date and the role I was due to play within the corporate team in Cairo, Gavin wasted no time before asking whether I "rode". Unlike John Mundy, who "knew a thing or two about riding", I had absolutely zero experience of being on horseback, as I explained to Gavin. "No matter", he said, "I'll have Magda (his P.A.) arrange for Hassan (our driver) to pick you up at 7.00 on Friday and bring you to the stables where we'll find you a couple of suitable horses." Of course it was no use pleading that Friday was to be our first weekend in our new home and, in the event, my wife Barbara and I grew to love our weekly visits to the stables where, for the first few months we were accompanied out into the desert by one of the owners who taught us the essentials of horsemanship before we felt competent to venture off on our own. The horses were absolutely magnificent Arab stallions, and we never lost the sense of awe as we rode them in the shadow of the pyramids.

Gavin was in his early 60's at this time. He had been an all-round sportsman, possibly an Oxford Blue at football, who still played tennis every day at the Gezira Club after leaving the office. He remained intensely competitive and this was fuelled by the fact that his two teenage sons by his second marriage, to Anna, would come to Cairo during their school holidays when the family would head off for weekends at the Hurghada Sheraton, a couple of hours from Cairo on the Red Sea coast. This was where Gavin, Anthony and Duncan all learned

to windsurf and, of course, Gavin would lay down challenges at which, inevitably, he would compete as keenly as he could, making no allowances for either his own age, or his sons’.

Some months after my own arrival in Cairo, in the early months of 1982, I was to witness an incident that exemplified all those competitive instincts, but this time it occurred in his office. His P.A. Magda summoned me to his office as Mr Green wanted me to meet an old friend from their Tanganyika days who was looking to establish an account with us. The “old friend” turned out to be **Robin Parr**, who had been on inspection for the Bank in East Africa in the 1960’s when Gavin himself had been a District Commissioner in the Colonial Service, and when he was effectively running a huge territory on behalf of her Majesty.

At the time of Robin’s visit to us in Cairo, Gavin and his family were just weeks away from their annual skiing trip to France during the boys’ Easter holidays. As part of his preparation Gavin would subject himself to a thigh strengthening exercise which involved taking up a chair-like stance with one’s back flat to a wall and, ideally, one’s knees bent at 90 degrees for as long as he could manage. On Robin’s arrival he was challenged by Gavin to a contest to see who could hold this posture the longest. I can’t say who would have been the winner because I happened to arrive in his office to find both of them with, literally, their backs against the wall, straining to outlast each other in this challenge and I dare say that both of them were grateful for my appearance as it meant that they could call time on their contest.

There are only a few individuals I’ve known in my life, whom I could describe as “larger than life” but Gavin was definitely one of them. An imposing man of well over six foot in his prime, and always immaculately dressed; he only wore suits, often three piece suits, to the office, even in Egypt’s warmer months. His hallmark, though it was not an affectation, was to smoke many enormous “Romeo and Julietta” Cuban cigars each day, so that his office was always filled with their aroma. When the senior managers of the Bank invited him to lead the reopening of a joint venture bank in Egypt in 1975, and notwithstanding that he only came to banking late in his life and career, they could not have chosen a better individual. He was, as a number of people observed, a “round peg in a round hole” for that task.

Gavin retired from Cairo, and the Bank, in 1985, having laid the foundations, with the help of others, of a successful retail bank. Most notable amongst those was **Alex Jablonowski** who had arrived at the start of the adventure as Gavin’s head of operations. Ten years later he was Gavin’s replacement as the best possible choice as General Manager, Banque du Caire Barclays International.

Gavin and Anna left Cairo for a spacious home that they had had built a mile or so back from the sea on the southern coast of Portugal. Not surprisingly there was a tennis court where Gavin played almost every day, with a group of new local friends. He also took up golf again, joining the Palmares club near Lagoa.

Sally Unwin writes:

As I reported in the November 2023 issue, just 3 years ago I was admitted to the Worshipful Company of World Traders as a Freeman. The Company is focused on promoting commerce

and aims to raise awareness of world trade. It supports the Lord Mayor and engages also in charitable and community work.

It was the start of what has become a highly satisfying and entertaining path, integral to my continuing to be active in retirement and giving something back to the City of London which, through BBI and BBPLC, provided me with a great career.

Little did I expect, after some 20 years of both Sian Rees and I leaving Barclays, that we would work together again at our Livery Company, the World Traders. Like me, Sian joined as a Freeman of the company at the same time as I did and we both progressed to become full Liverymen in January 2024.

Sian is now serving on two of the Company's Committees whilst I have just taken on the role as a Trustee of our Charitable Trust.

Our thanks to **Chrina Jarvis** for a photo taken at the Ladies Lunch held at the Union Jack Club, London in May.



Peter Hampton writes:

Reading about **Alex Wood** in Newsletter 99 triggered me to think about the last time I worked with him.

This was in 1991 – the International Systems project, based at Barclays House, Poole, had sent a team to Taipei to install the IBS system for Barclays in Taiwan – under Operations Manager Alex Wood. After a successful implementation, Alex generously took the IBS team (Steve Garvey and myself), and branch staff to an excellent restaurant just out of town which also offered post-prandial Karaoke.

Karaoke was, and is, a very popular pastime with the Taiwanese, and the event was well-attended. So, after a good meal, and a few bottles of Taiwan Beer (state-brewed), we ex-pats

settled down with a(nother) beer to indulgently observe the locals enjoying the opportunity to make fools of themselves singing in public. However, unbeknownst to us, Alex's feisty and efficient P.A., **Fang Fei**, had secretly arranged for the venue to include some English-language tracks, which of course we were expected to sing along to, despite our previously avowed reluctance.

Unfortunately, I don't recall what song Alex was assigned, but I do remember that Steve G. and I did a sterling version of the Animals' "House of the Rising Sun", and my wife Fran & I (she was visiting – she was also based at Barclays House, in the Bias/Brains project team) undertook our version of Rod Stewart's "Sailing", to general merriment and acclaim! So we didn't get away with "sitting it out". A thoroughly enjoyable time was had by all – and in my mind, remains a testament to the power and influence of top-notch P.A.'s with a sense of humour!

Charlie Middleton writes:

Barclays India 1987 - 1991

I recently came across a file of letters that I had written to my mother when I was living and working in Mumbai in the late 1980s. It was a wonderful reminder of the fascinating time we had there both professionally and personally.

In 1987 I was working in the Merchant Bank at the time of Big Bang. A couple of years earlier in 1985 I had been fortunate in being able to take a month off work and had a wonderful time travelling in India. I took a train from Delhi to Varanasi via Lucknow before heading up to the hills of Simla. I then spent two weeks travelling round Rajasthan. It was an unforgettable experience.

I therefore showed my surprise when **Christopher Haviland** who had moved from the Merchant Bank to take over the Asia business was visiting his old team and mentioned how difficult it was to find someone to take on the Representative role in India. At the time Barclays had a very small Representative office in Mumbai located in Colaba, the not so fashionable part of the business centre in the city. Perhaps I should not have been surprised a couple of weeks later to be called in to see **Charles Keen** my then Director and offered this "interesting opportunity" to take on the role in Mumbai. Despite his kind words I knew that I was at the end of a long list of people who had not been so excited by the offer!

Interesting it certainly was. Exchange controls were still firmly in place, there was relatively little foreign investment and just a handful of expatriates based in Mumbai. This provided a wonderful chance to get fully immersed in the life that this remarkable city offered with the help of some very generous and kind Indian friends who invited us into their lives with no hesitation.

I was lucky to have a special colleague, **Raman Sidhu**, and the two of us did our best to represent the interests of the bank which often meant looking after visitors from the UK. Raman was well connected in both the business and Government worlds so he was extremely

helpful in organising meetings with key people. This was especially useful when the Chairman visited India to speak at a conference in Delhi and decided to add on a week to spend with us partly to promote our banking licence application which had been pending for several years. It was a great visit despite leaving the Chairman's luggage outside the hotel in Delhi when we were travelling on to Nepal and I am sure it was very instrumental in finally being granted our banking license six years after it had been applied for. This enabled us to open a full-scale branch in Mumbai and move the Representative office to Delhi.

I have a great passion for photography and Mumbai was the most perfect place to indulge that. Rachel, my wife, and I also worked with some street children projects and encouraged by Rachel, I used some of my photos to raise money for those projects when we returned to the UK. It was a small way to repay some of the enormous kindness and generosity that we had experienced during the four years we had been privileged to live in such an amazing city.

Roger Wright sent in the following:

During our recent tour around the coast of Barbados we came across this sign. It is in a lovely area of parkland that Barclays donated to the people of Barbados and is used by locals for weekend family picnics and walks!! At least the name of Barclays will continue to live on here on this beautiful island.



Do any members have memories of other plaques, monuments or buildings donated in Barclays name? Send in your contributions to Chrina Jarvis (chrinaj1@gmail.com)

Jeremy Clements writes:

In March 1971, an inspection team comprising **Ross Johnston, Mike Ritchie, Herman Marchak** [seconded from Trinidad], **Neil Fisher, Roger White** and the lackey assembled in Georgetown, Guyana to “do” the main branch. This was housed in an impressive establishment which, with characteristic Johnstonian flourish, was described in the premises section of the inspection report as a “domed pseudo-Doric money-lender’s temple”.

Soon after that task was completed, the team split up with Ross, Herman plus lackey departing by way of a weekend at Miami Beach for Belize City, British Honduras. Once again, the [now depleted] team kicked off with the main office and after a couple of weeks two-thirds of the complement departed up-country while Ross stayed in the capital. First port of call was Orange Walk Town in the north. The lackey, blessed with a fertile imagination stoked by embedded timidity, has always disliked flying and fears had been accentuated by a flight earlier in a de Havilland Twin Otter to the magnificent Kaieteur Falls in Guyana.

The trip to OWT by grandiose Mayan Airways was even more unsettling. In Guyana, the “twin” of Twin Otter meant two engines which promised a 50% fighting chance in event of breakdown. Now staring ahead invoked the constant prayer that the single propeller of the Cessna would keep rotating above a landscape of dense forest broken only occasionally by a winding, murky river.

OWT’s airport comprised a strip of concrete laid in a well-stocked cattle paddock. The pilot tried to clear the runway by low passes to frighten off the local inhabitants, without success. He then flew up and down OWT’s main drag at similar low altitude, and then cheerfully advised that he was short of time as he had another job to do but he knew of another “airport” a few [actually quite a few] miles away. In due course the hapless duo were deposited on a mud strip in the middle of a field of cut sugar cane, with no sign of human habitation in any direction. Squatting in the dust under the baking sun, the lackey mused that things were definitely looking up.

Having departed school at 16, four years’ stultifying and impecunious boredom banking on the UK High Street had been followed by 15 months’ toil in Benin City, Nigeria. Enjoying the baking sunshine in enforced idleness waiting for rescue certainly added a further dimension to life.

In due course a Land Rover appeared over the horizon, driven by none other than the cheerful manager of OWT sub-branch. In retrospect, this was no great deductive feat given the chain of events:- abrupt absence of 66% of the inspection team from the main office/ high alert warnings to the entire network [three up-country sub-branches and one in the capital]/ low altitude “buzzing” of OWT/ cattle-infested airstrip.

The office was modestly staffed including a messenger whose sole job apparently was occasionally to answer the telephone. On being queried, the manager patiently advised the lackey that the entire metropolis was on a single party line [12 subscribers]. Further, bell codes identified subscribers [e.g. two rings for Royal Bank of Canada, three for DCO etc], and there was a gentlemen’s agreement with RBC to respect each other’s privacy.

The end of an unusual day was accompanied by adjournment to the finest local hostelry – one of those establishments where turning on the bedroom light was a signal to the resident flotilla of cockroaches to dive for the trenches. The proprietor of course knew exactly who the inspectors were and what they were about. It was slowly dawning on the lackey that British Honduras was a colony where nothing much remained confidential for long.

Task completion was followed by an overnight in Belize City then south to Stann Creek, then reputed by some to be the most remote Barclays outpost where naturally enough, arrival was fully anticipated...

Justin Cliffe writes about the 2025 Spring Meeting of BIGS

23 BIGS Members and 7 guests gathered at West Byfleet Golf Club on Monday 28th April, returning there after a successful meeting last year. We were very fortunate that it was a lovely early summer's day, perfect for 2 rounds of golf.

The morning, Singles, round was won, convincingly, by **Philip Buckingham**, with a score of 41 points; he collected the Willingdon Bowl and the Captain's Prize, a bottle of 'Navy Strength' (a fiery 57%!) Plymouth Gin. This was presented by **Chris Scoble**, who was born and raised in the city, as was our Immediate Past Captain, Graeme Skinner.

The winners of the other main awards were:

- Methuselah Cup (Aged over 70+) – **Robert Munro**
- Ray Hawthorn trophy (Handicap 19+) - **Richard Pelly**
- the Guest prize was awarded to Nick Willis, the brother of our wonderful Secretary, **Mark Willis**, with a score of 32 points.
- The afternoon Greensomes competition was won by **Andy Carr** and **Paul Wilmshurst**, scoring 38 points.

Everyone enjoyed the day – but, as always, it was as much about getting together with old friends as playing two rounds of golf in perfect conditions.



In the NL 101 Members' Competition we asked who could identify the greatest number of colleagues from the photograph of Staff of the Head Office of Ghana taken on 25th January 1963. We are delighted to say that **Peter Rock** was the winner!



Back row: Mr B.D. Powell, Mr G.C. Selormey, Mr W. Kwano, Mr M.F.B. Peart, Mrs J.E. Cowlshaw, Mr R.B. Hill, Mr S.G. Osafo, Mrs B.C. Broughton, Mr R.H. Howard, Mrs T.J. Handscomb, Mr F.J.C. Bacon, Mrs J.G. Ford

Centre row: Miss G.I. Lusztig, Miss S.S. Sannie, Miss B. Abbey, Miss C.K. Owoo, Miss E. Ankrah, Mrs M. MacAlister, Miss G. Akuamoah, Mrs P.M. Webber, Mrs D.D. Ayettey, Miss G. Tetley, Mrs P.B. Knight

Front row: Mr K.O. Bray, Mr K.R. Tattersall D.F.C., Mr F.R. Dolling, Sir Edward Asafa-Adjaye, Mr J.A. Scott, Mr J.P.G. Wathen, Mr G.F. Lowes, Mr J. C. Mellors, Mr J.D. Lobb

Please keep your stories, memories and anecdotes coming into us. They are very welcome and keep us all connected with the friends and colleagues we knew in our time with the Bank. Please send in your stories to Chrina Jarvis @ chrinaj1@gmail.com

CLUB NEWS SUMMER 2025

On behalf of the Committee welcome to the latest edition of Club News.

MEMBERSHIP

The Club had **1,185** members (1,025 Full, 155 Associate and 5 Affiliate) at 31 July 2025.

NEW FULL MEMBERS:

Joy Turrell
Andrea Kelly
Christine McShee
Mary McGill
Sonia Robinson
Christine Calliafas

Martin King
Jackie Wood
Susan Birch
Christine Graham
David Roberts

NEW ASSOCIATE/AFFILIATE MEMBERS:

None in this period

IN MEMORIAM:

Mrs	Joan E	AKERS	Braintree, Essex
Mrs	J D	BARNES	Saffron Walden, Essex
Mrs	June E	BRADSELL	Leigh-on-Sea, Essex
Miss	Marcia I	BURN	Beckenham, Kent
Mr	Bharat B	CHAWLA	Ruislip, Middx
Mrs	Molly EE	CHENEY	Thundersley, Essex
Mr	Tony R	DAY	Braintree, Essex
Ms	Isabella F	DEARSON	Paphos, Cyprus
Mr	Alex C	FARIA	Ilford, Essex
Mr	Keith F	GAUBERT	Bristol, Avon
Mr	Michael F	GRIFFITHS	Sandbach, Cheshire
Mrs	Margaret E	HADDOCK	Shipley, Yorks
Mr	Peter	KENYON	Ashburton, Devon
Mr	John	KIDD	Fishbourne, West Sussex
Mr	Jay D	NEHRU	Wolverhampton, W. Midlands
Mr	Chris B	NICOL	London SW19
Mr	Rodney	PARKER	Bournemouth, Dorset
Mr	John R	PETTLEY	Crowborough, E. Sussex
Mr	Ronald J	ROBINSON	Dagenham, Essex
Mr	Ned D	SEABROOK	Wimborne, Dorset
Mrs	Anne	STRICKLAND	London W14
Mrs	Elfreda E	TAYLOR	Clayhall, Essex

NON-MEMBERS

Mrs	Margaret	ARCHDEACON	Sidmouth, Devon (wife of Tony)
Mr	Edgar	RICHES	Poole, Dorset

We extend our sincere condolences to all their families in their bereavement.

Members are often the first port of call for families wishing to let us know when a member has sadly died. Willis Towers Watson has a very useful guide under the "Reporting a Death" on their website homepage: <https://epa.towerswatson.com/accounts/barclays/>

WTW explain the documentation required which can sometimes go beyond just providing a copy of the death certificate especially if a surviving spouse pension becomes payable.

Deaths can now also be reported online via WTW's website above.

SOCIAL

SOCIAL EVENTS CALENDAR 2025 / 2026

The social calendar for the remainder of 2025 and for 2026 is attached. We think this will better enable you to plan your attendance well in advance.

Huge thanks go to our event organisers who work hard to provide these excellent opportunities for us all to catch up with our friends and colleagues.

The calendar is also available in the "Documents" section on the Club's website at <http://www.pen-club.co.uk/>

Please do check the Club website's Social Events Calendar for updates in case details change.

ADMINISTRATION

Have you moved house or changed your email address?

Please remember to advise us of any change of home or email address at memsecbipc@gmail.com or Tel: 07887 240024. The Club has no other way of knowing if you have moved or changed email so it's important that members keep us updated so we can maintain contact.

Annual General Meeting 2025

The 2025 AGM was held on Tuesday, 29th April 2025 at our usual venue, the Union Jack Club, London. As always, the AGM provided an important opportunity for attendees to have their say about the running of the Club and bring issues to the attention of the Committee.

The Minutes of the 2024 AGM were tabled for adoption by members and duly approved. Copies of those Minutes and both the Club's and the Benevolent Fund's Accounts @ 31.12.2024 are available on the Club's website. A copy of the draft Minutes of the 2025 AGM are also available on the Club's website and will be tabled for adoption at the 2026 AGM.

Committee Membership

Control of the Club is vested in a Committee consisting of no more than 15 members. The Committee normally meet three times a year and have met in January, May 2025 and plan to meet in September 2025 as well as attending the AGM. Following the approval by Members attending the 2025 AGM the following are the members who agreed to serve on the BIPC Committee until the 2026 AGM:

Club Chairman	Simon Culliford	07960 166927
Hon. Secretary (Acting) & Membership Secretary	Paul Dennis	07887 240024
Hon. Treasurer	Lesley Mittins	01277 225780
Hon. Auditor	Keith White	07783 859131
Benevolent Fund	Andy Fair	01483 576945
Committee Minutes Secretary	Chrina Jarvis	07783 727078
MSN Coordinator	Hilary Turner	020 8393 9215
MSN Regional Rep	Adrian Field	01202 892508
Social Secretary	Roger Wright	07870 357022
Welfare Rep	Margot Sutton	01628 629265
Website Manager (ex-officio)	Steve Kitson steve.kitson@btinternet.com	

Please let either Simon or me know if you might be interested in joining the Committee. We welcome members interested in joining to sit in on a couple of Committee meetings to see what it is we "really do!" Meetings are always relaxed affairs and good humoured so we'd love to hear from you.

In Memoriam – Funeral arrangements

Where Members' families wish other members to be aware of a passing and possibly wish to pass on funeral details, Hilary Turner will happily pass these on via email. Hilary can be contacted on Tel: 020 8393 9215 and email: Hilaryturner16@aol.com

Club Membership recruitment

If you know of anyone who might be interested in joining the Club please get in touch with Paul Dennis, BIPC Membership Secretary (memsecbipc@gmail.com).

The minimum criteria are:

- an employee of BBI (or DCO) at some stage
- at least 10 years' service in Barclays
- drawn a Barclays pension (or taken a 'transfer out' to a personal pension)

Barclays International Benevolent Fund

The Club's Benevolent Fund was set up in 1968 to assist "all pensioners, widows and widowers of pensioners of Barclays Bank International Limited or its predecessors, and to Bank officials and spouses who were at any time in the service of Barclays Bank International or its predecessors." (Taken from the Fund's recently updated rules)

In these continuing difficult economic times your Committee would like to remind Club members of the existence of the Benevolent Fund, which was established to help with the pressure of day to day living, including one off purchases. The Fund does not ask for any documentation to prove need, relying instead on the knowledge and recommendation of Club members. Grants can also be made to non-Club members as the Fund's Rules permit grants to all pensioners, including widows and widowers of pensioners of Barclays Bank International or its predecessors. Please contact Committee member Andy Fair for further information. Andy's contact details are email ah.fair@ntlworld.com, telephone no. 01483 576945.

Barclays Safe Custody service - Wills & House Title Deeds

The following guidance might be useful relating to locating estate Wills and/or House Title Deeds placed with Barclays in the past for safe custody.

For Wills, members should please no longer contact Barclays Willsafe, Stratford Upon Avon but instead contact Zedra, Booths Hall, Booths Park 3, Chelford Road, Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 9GS, telephone 01565 748799 who continue to hold existing Wills without charge although there is likely a charge should Zedra be requested to administer a deceased's estate (website [Probate & Estates | ZEDRA](#))

For House Title Deeds, the contact number for BarclaySafe Access Line is 03457 345345. You can still arrange for your documents to be sent directly to you by Special Delivery or for you to collect from a branch with a counter service during normal opening hours.

The DCO Story, Nine Lives of a Bush Banker

Andy Fair has free copies of the DCO Story, Nine Lives of a Bush Banker and a DCO flag available to any members who were interested. Please contact Andy on 01483 576945

On behalf of the Committee, we look forward to seeing many of you at any of the Club's remaining 2025 and 2026 organised events.

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BARCLAYS INTERNATIONAL PENSIONERS CLUB

SOCIAL CALENDAR 2025 / 2026

19th September 2025	LPL/MAN REUNION	Noon onwards
Organisers: Mike Cummins	01234 402249	mikecummins707@gmail.com
Barry Streets	01778 570928	barry.streets@outlook.com
Venue: The Mug House - under London Bridge		
13th October 2025	SIDMOUTH LUNCH	12.30 for 13.30
Organiser: David Cawdery	01202 603299	dlfc2022@outlook.com
Venue: The Victoria Hotel, The Esplanade, Sidmouth		
11th November 2025	AUTUMN LUNCH	11.30 for 1300
Organiser: Roger Wright	07870357022	rogerwright321@gmail.com
Venue: Union Jack Club, Sandell St, London		
28 April 2026	SPRING LUNCH & AGM	11.30am for 12.45pm
Organiser: Roger Wright	07870357022	rogerwright321@gmail.com
Venue: Union Jack Club, Sandell St, London		
15 April 2026	29GSO REUNION	Noon for 13.00
Organiser: Yvonne Eliston	07778380051	yvonne541@live.co.uk
Venue: The Astronomer, 125-129 Middlesex Street		
06 May 2026	LADIES LUNCH	Noon for 13.00
Organiser: Margot Sutton	01628 629265	margot.sutton@hotmail.co.uk
Venue: Union Jack Club, Sandell St, London		

13 May 2026	BOURNEMOUTH LUNCH	Noon for 13.00
Organiser: Adrian Field	01202 892508	adrian.j.field@outlook.com
Venue: The Miramar Hotel, Bournemouth		

12 October 2026	SIDMOUTH LUNCH	12.30 for 13.30
Organiser: David Cawdery	01202 603299	davidcawdery@yahoo.co.uk
Venue: The Victoria Hotel, The Esplanade, Sidmouth		

10 November 2026	AUTUMN LUNCH	11.45 for 1300
Organiser: Roger Wright	07870357022	rogerwright321@gmail.com
Venue: Union Jack Club, Sandell St, London		

The cost of lunches for BIPC members, their Spouses & Partners during 2025 will be £15.00 per person. We hope this will remain the same for 2026. The charge for Guests & Affiliate Members is £30.00

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Dear Member

August 2025

Autumn Lunch– Tuesday 11th November 2025.

We are very pleased to advise that the Autumn Lunch will be held on **Tuesday 11th November 2025 @ The Union Jack Club, Sandell Street, London SE1 8UJ.**

Members, their partners, guests & carers are all welcome at this lunch. There will again be a special toast (with bubbly) before the meal to celebrate the centenary of Barclays Bank DCO. The Committee has agreed that the cost will remain at £15 for members, their spouses/partners and member's helpers. The cost for Affiliate Members & Guests is £30.00.

Pre-lunch drinks from 11.45am will be in the Gascoigne Room and the Main Club Bar on the ground floor. Lunch will be served at 1pm in the Gascoigne Room. The number of places that can be comfortably set up in the Gascoigne Room is 100 and these will be allocated on a "first come, first served" basis. When booking please advise the names of any other guests you may wish to sit with. If no preference is shown, you will be allocated a place **prior** to the lunch.

The set menu for this lunch is as follows:

Starter: Prawn Cocktail. Mains: Supreme of Chicken and Dessert: Raspberry tartlet with chocolate sauce.

The UJC requires confirmation of the numbers attending 10 days prior to the event so please ensure that applications are with me by **Saturday 01 November** at the very latest. Refunds for cancellations cannot be made after this date.

Please note that the required dress code for this event is "Smart Casual"

Yours sincerely,

Roger Wright
Social Secretary. BIPC

Please find enclosed my cheque for £15/£30 payable to Barclays International Pensioners Club for the Autumn Lunch.

Please advise of any specific dietary requirements or if you prefer a vegetarian or vegan option

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I would like to sit at a table with:please continue overleaf if necessary) / I have no particular preference (delete as applicable). Seating requests if possible!!

Name Email address.....

Address.....

Please note it is likely that your cheques will not be cashed until after the event!!



