

CAMBRIDGE DISTRICT PENSIONERS' CLUB

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2022 NEWSLETTER

Another year of feeling our way and getting back to being out and about again. It has been good to resume our trips and hold coffee and lunch events. The major hurdle has been and continues to be getting venues to answer their phones or reply to emails. This has caused enormous delays in getting mailings out to you but we have managed to have a number of trips and are nearly back to monthly social events.

Our first event this year was in March when we met at the Cambridge Regional College for our Winter Lunch. This was enjoyed by all those who came along and the students catered for us very well. This was followed by the AGM and Social Lunch in April at the Holiday Inn.

Our summer events were:

May	Visit to Ingatestone Hall	July	Visit to Boughton House
June	Visit to Grimsthorpe Castle	August	Visit to Maldon Combined Military Services Museum and Barge River Cruise

These four coach trips had a mixed response and only the Barge River Cruise was fully booked. However, those who supported the first three coach trips found the days very interesting and informative. We were lucky and had sunshine on three out of the four trips, not quite so good for Ingatestone Hall as rain crept in during the afternoon.

October saw us head to the Norwich Theatre Royal to see "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel" show. Again bookings were down.

We headed to Waresley Park Garden Centre for a Coffee Morning in November. The catering staff were very attentive and provided an endless supply of coffee!

We end the year with the Christmas Lunch. As at the time of writing this the numbers are reasonable but down to what we achieved pre-Covid. I am confident all those joining this lunch will enjoy the occasion.

A provisional plan is in place for social events during 2023 and a mailing will be with you by the end of the year.

AGM: A formal AGM was held in April at the Holiday Inn; minutes of this meeting were sent out with the mailing in September for the social events. The following officers/committee members and welfare officers were elected/re-elected

Officers/Committee Members/Welfare Officers:

Officers: Chair Vice-Chair Hon Secretary Hon Treasurer	Robin Suckling Peter Chilvers Cynthia George Diane Cook	Committee Members: All Officers and Patrick Hall Yvonne James Maureen Kimberley	Cyril Lumley Peter Mitton Sue McEvoy	Welfare Officers: All the officers, committee members and Rosemary Watson
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We still need new club members to come forward to help run your club. Most of the committee members have served for many years and it is rather concerning no new “blood” comes on board. Without a fully operational and active committee, your club will struggle over the next few years to be as active. We need welfare officers as well as committee members – you don’t necessarily have to take on both roles.

In the hope there may be some volunteers willing to take on one or both roles please contact Robin Suckling or me. Volunteering in this way will mean the club can continue along its successful path and carry out a full twelve-month social programme.

Welfare: You have an allocated welfare officer as your first point of contact and please do refer to them if you need any guidance or advice. We are not professionally trained in this role but will be able to point you in the right direction to try to get help and support.

If you know of any member who you feel would benefit from our support then please do get in touch either with your own welfare officer or me. It is pleasing the “grapevine” works well within the club but there may be occasions when a direct approach is needed.

Communications: The usual reminder to keep me advised of any changes in contact details and the Barclays Team at Willis Tower Watson updated. Updates can be made by logging onto your account on the ePA website or by

Email: barclaysteam@willistowerswatson.com

By Phone: Helpline 01737 227567

By Post: Barclays Bank UK Retirement Fund

Willis Towers Watson, PO Box 709, Redhill, RH1 9EG

Please ensure you have to hand your date of birth, National Insurance number and your payroll/staff ID number as the Barclays Team will be unable to answer your communication without this information and this will delay their response to you.

You can see your personal details along with other relevant information on the ePA website, <https://epa.towerswatson.com>. Your User ID and password will be required to sign in. If you don’t log-in on a regular basis your password becomes inactive!

Club Website: www.bbcdpc.org Our Webmaster, Cyril Lumley does a great job in keeping the site current. If you see anything you think is not correct then please contact him direct cl.7289@btinternet.com.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR): The club’s Data Privacy Notice is available on the club’s website, www.bbcdpc.org. This is a regular agenda item at each committee meeting to ensure any necessary action is taken. Cyril Lumley keeps this under review on behalf of the club.

Photos: The usual reminder if photos are taken at any event it will be assumed you have given your permission for these to be used within the club, ie on the club website or in any branch communication etc, unless you let a committee member know at the time.

Keep safe and well and hope to see many of you during 2023 at our social events.



Very Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year

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