



New Dates for the Annual Reception

We are pleased to announce that we have been offered the use of the Bank's offices and caterers for our Annual Reception and AGM. Furthermore, it has been agreed that we will hold the events separately this year and hold the Reception during the Summer on Friday 19 July from 12 until 5pm. Full details are displayed below and an Acceptance Slip enclosed for use if you wish to attend.

As a result of holding the Annual Reception earlier in the summer, it has been decided to hold the AGM on Friday 29 November at 1.30pm in the Bank's premises in Canary Wharf. Full details and associated papers will be published in the Summer Newsletter.

Peter Smith

PENSIONERS' ANNUAL RECEPTION

When

FRIDAY; JULY 19TH; 2019
12PM-5PM

Where

ANZ BANK CONFERENCE ROOMS
27TH FLOOR, BANK STREET,
CANARY WHARF, LONDON E14 5EJ



Featuring

COLD FORK BUFFET LUNCH
WINE; BEER; SOFT DRINKS; TEA & COFFEE
ADDRESS BY THE ANZ CEO; UK & EUROPE

Cost

£15 (FREE FOR RLOS)

To confirm your attendance please complete & return the slip enclosed with this newsletter which also includes directions to the venue

This edition

P1 New dates for the Annual Reception

P2 Message from the Chairman

P2-3 Editorial

P3 Social

-Minerva Club

P4-5 Letters, Articles etc

- Thanks Ron!

- Ottoman Bank - Cricket

- Daphne Smith (nee Sargeant)

- Last of the Summer Wine

- Biscuit with afternoon tea

P6 Forthcoming Social Events

- ANZ Bank West End branches reunion

P6 Events Diary for 2019

P6-7 Societies & Clubs

- ANZ & Grindlays Ex - Services Assoc

- Brackelsham Bay

P8 Retirements & Bereavements

Message from the Chairman



I hope you all had a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year and, if you made any, you are still keeping to those resolutions? I am afraid I was never very good at New Year resolutions mostly because I rarely made any and if I did, they were soon forgotten!

There are plenty of reasons to be positive in 2019. For the Pensioners' Association, it couldn't be as bad as last year when we were confronted with all the work and upheaval caused by the legal changes imposed on us. This year we can concentrate on our social events many of which are already being reorganised for this year and are listed in the Events Diary.

Most importantly, you will have noticed that following a kind offer from Diana Brightmore-Armour, the CEO, UK & Europe at ANZ, we are able to host this year's annual reception at the Bank's offices in Canary Wharf. Not only does this help us financially, but also the venue is an excellent facility with fabulous views across London and Diana has also promised that she will be able to address our guests with her update on the ANZ business and cultural environment. Based on her addresses at this event previously, I can guarantee it will be interesting and entertaining. As part of this reorganisation, we have also moved this event to July and decided to hold the AGM on a different date later in the year.

We hope to add a couple more events to our 2019 calendar in due course, including a golf day and will advertise these when details are known. These social events represent a core

activity for the Association and I am deeply grateful to those who help to organise them. However, in order that we can maintain and expand the number of events, we need volunteers to assist with their organisation. If you would like to assist in this way, please get in touch with me or one of the committee members.

In closing, there was a man who had worked all his life and saved all his money. He was a real miser when it came to his money. He loved money so much that just before he died, he said to his wife, "Now listen, when I die I want you to take all my money and place it in the casket with me because I want to take all my money to the afterlife." So he got his wife to promise that when he died she would put all the money in the casket with him. One day he died.

He was stretched out in the casket, his widow was sitting there in black next to their best friend. When they finished the ceremony, just before the undertakers got ready to close the casket, the wife said "Wait a minute!" She had a shoebox with her, she came over and placed the box in the casket which the undertakers then locked and rolled away.

Her friend said, "I hope you weren't crazy enough to put all that money in there with that stingy old man." She replied, "Yes, I promised. I am a good Christian, I can't lie. I promised him that I would put that money in the casket with him. I got all his money together put it into my account, and wrote him a cheque and put it in the shoebox!" Sorry, they never get any better...

Peter Smith

Editorial



As I write my Editor's note for the Spring newsletter there is a feeling around that spring has arrived; the sun is shining, the temperature is hitting 20 degrees, the birds are singing and there is colour in the garden and, of course, there are the usual warnings that it won't last for long so it is time to enjoy it while we can. By the time you read this let's hope that spring has really set in.

Well, how silly was I in my last Editorial when I said "my only wish for the next newsletter is that Brexit will at last be sorted" but at least I then went on to qualify my statement with "but please don't hold your breath on this one??" How right I was but I wish it wasn't so!

I have been reading in the press about the celebrations that are taking place in 2019 for the 50th year of both the French and British maiden flights of Concorde. I can well remember being on the 15th floor of 23 Fenchurch Street and, I think it was about 5pm, if you looked out the window you could see Concorde coming down the Thames towards Heathrow on its way from New York – a fabulous sight - so elegant and so powerful at the same time. Probably some of you have flown on Concorde and are able to reminisce about that experience which is no more.

There are another few articles that are capturing my attention in the press at the moment one of which is on 'decluttering' and every time I read something I look around the house to see where I should start. Well, after all it is the Spring cleaning season. Whoever would have thought that you could make money advising on how to clear out your house although I have to admit that there are some really pretty and practical storage boxes for sale now.

cont'd P3

Editorial (cont'd from P2)

Hands up those of you who are keeping to your New Year's resolutions or to those who can even remember them. I hope you have made one to try and attend some, if not all, of the many social events that your Committee and RLOs organise throughout the year. They are always good fun and it is amazing how catching up with ex-colleagues can brighten your day.

Please don't forget to be in touch to let me know if there is anything else you would like to see included in your newsletter.

Kind regards

Mary

mary.lipscombe@btinternet.com

Social

Minerva Club

The next meetings will be held on Wednesday 19 June and Friday 29 November. The latter will follow the Annual General Meeting which is now scheduled to be held at Canary Wharf at 1.30pm.

The Minerva Club meetings will be held at the usual time and venue; i.e. 3pm at the Mug House in Tooley Street near London Bridge. Attendees of these events are assured of a warm welcome by fellow pensioners with plenty to talk about aided by some fine ale and wines. All members and friends are very welcome.

Our last meeting in 2018 was very well attended and enjoyed by all including some new faces. All photos from past meetings are available on the photo gallery page on our website.



Anna Twohey, Valerie & Ted Newton



Tony Fuller & Gordon Coulthard



Ted Newton, Sue Waters, John Birch,
Tony Twohey & Pat Letchford

Peter Smith

Letters, Articles etc

Thanks Ron!



After many years of service, Ron Button has finally decided to resign from the last of his many roles in the Pensioners' Association over more than 20 years. He joined the committee and was a member of the "boiler room" team back in the days when the record maintenance was a daily activity. He became the Chairman for several years until succeeded by David Edgar. He resigned from the committee in 2013.

Ron was also the Regional Liaison Officer for the Haywards Heath area for several years and organised a lunch every September. He handed over these responsibilities to Anne Chapman at the end of last year when his area was combined with the neighbouring West Sussex area.

On behalf of all our Members, I would like to record our sincerest thanks for his years of hard work and support for the Association and to wish him and his wife, Gwenda, well for the future.

Peter Smith

Ottoman Bank - Cricket

Om Obhrai who is a pensioner of ANZ, London sent in this photograph of the Ottoman Bank cricket team taken while he was with the bank in Nairobi. He mentions that "Though we were not victorious in winning the title in the Commercial League Cricket competition held in Nairobi, we were awarded a trophy for being the best "Sportsman Spirit Team" in and outside the field throughout the tournament." This photograph was taken just before a match at Sir Ali Muslim Club, Nairobi

Om Obhrai, Ottoman Bank, Nairobi, 1966



Standing left to right: Terry Fahey, Colin Barret, Gerry Murdoch, Praveen Malviya, Kuldip Chana and Om Obhrai

Sitting left to right: Fulchand Shah, Ramesh Patel, M.G. Brown (captain,) Suresh Solankee (wicketkeeper) and Chandarkant Amin.

Daphne Smith (nee Sargeant)



Events have a way of bringing us back to reality. I joined the Bank in Lusaka on 23 February 1959 when Daphne and her team were the machine operators in the accounts department. I was sad to learn of her death in the last Pensioners' Newsletter. I was straight out of school and wet behind the ears and the girls took pleasure in teasing me. They were a good crowd to work with at Main Branch, Lusaka.

Gordon Clarke

Letters, Articles etc

Last of the Summer Wine



After a week spent in the Lake District last summer where I had stumbled across the great town of Workington and where I remembered David Kemp (DK) had spent many holidays, most of the time in the many working men's clubs. Being my first boss in cables dept when I joined the bank in August 1963 I got him to ring me, by kind courtesy of The ANZ Pensioners' Association and eventually after some detective work we managed to collect this 'last of the summer wine' group.

There is a combined ANZ working life of nearly 200 years between us all and it seemed from the conversations that there was nearly 200 years of stories.

We met in the Old Jamaica Inn (The Jampot to the connoisseurs) at 12.30pm, remarkably empty at that time of the day, not like the old days! The other remarkable thing was that after all this time we recognised each other as we arrived.

A quick livener, the Snake (Colin Coleman) didn't understand quick and was dragged out at 1pm still supping his lager, we were due in Simpson's in Cornhill at 1pm for our lunch.

Stories were endless and memories flowed with stories from 71 Cornhill, Gracechurch Street and 20 Grafton Street.

I regret I cannot repeat some of the episodes involving certain personnel but areas such as Cable Dept, Ledgers, Securities, and the West End were top of the list.

A great day out and it will be repeated.

Chris Allen is organising a 'Wild Westenders' get together (see P6 "ANZ Bank West End Branches Reunion")

From left to right in the picture :

David Kemp(DK), Pete Brenchley, Chris Allen , Roger Brinsford, Roger Taylor, Colin Coleman(Snake)

Happy days

Roger Taylor (Bassett)

Biscuit with afternoon tea

Austerity is all around us but I recall a misplaced example from ANZ at 71 Cornhill.

Those who laboured there will recall that when you reached the dizzy heights of SCO (Senior Clerical Officer) you were allowed a biscuit with your afternoon tea.

However, skulduggery was in the air as biscuit stocks were diminishing at an alarming rate.

This was duly noted by the management in the Premises Department who requested Rose Appleton and her tea ladies to devise some form of audit in an attempt to flush out the Rich Tea snafflers.

At that time ANZ were actively recruiting staff from UK banks to work in Australia.

I was interviewing a candidate from Yorkshire when the Tea Lady appeared and provided him with tea and a custard cream.

To my horror she produced a clipboard, shoved it under the candidate's nose and uttered the immortal words "ere, sign for your biscuit".

What he thought of his possible next employee remains a mystery to this day.

David Kemp

Forthcoming Social Events

ANZ BANK WEST END BRANCHES REUNION

We organised a couple of successful Strand branch reunions some time ago and thought it would be a good idea to have a further get-together for anyone who spent time at any of the ANZ branches in the West End, namely Strand (including Maltravers Street), Grafton Street, Marble Arch and Brook Street. The details are as follows:

Date: Wednesday May 22nd , Time: from 4 p.m. Venue: The Sheaf (formerly the Hop Cellars), 24 Southwark Street SE1 1TY (very close to London Bridge Station, just off Borough High Street). Please note it is not the nearby Wheatsheaf in Borough Market.

We have lost contact with many of our former friends and colleagues who worked in the West End so if you are in touch with any of them do please pass the word and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on what we hope will be a very enjoyable occasion.

Chris Allen cfallen23@tiscali.co.uk

Peter Davis peterandcaroledavis@hotmail.com

Regards
Chris Allen

Events Diary for 2019

Please note the changes to the dates and venue for the Annual Reception and AGM which, as advised elsewhere in this Newsletter will now both be held separately at the ANZ Bank premises in Canary Wharf on Friday 19 July and Friday 29 November respectively.

Annual Reception	Scotland Lunch
Friday 19th July	Wednesday 2nd October
London Lunch	Orpington and Hayes Lunch
TBA but provisionally Monday 16th September	Wednesday 23rd October (provisional)
Mid & West Sussex Lunch (formerly Haywards Heath)	AGM
Thursday 26th September	Friday 29th November

Societies & Clubs

ANZ & Grindlays Ex - Services Association Annual General Meeting 8 November 2019

Can I take this opportunity to remind all our members that our next Reunion and AGM will be held on Friday the 8 November 2019.

This is our 100th Reunion and will be held at The Hercules Pillar Public House, 18 Great Queen Street, WC2 Members should arrive a little before 11am and partners are welcome too.

In order to enable us to arrange details it would be a great help if members could either telephone me on 01304 363340 or David Gowers on 020 8668 4300.

Thanks, Ken Spicer

Bracklesham Bay



A message from

THE LONDON SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

ANZ Sports and Social Club is now a self-funded organisation and we rely on your support to ensure that the Club continues to thrive.

Bracklesham Bay House bookings for 2019

Bookings for 2019 commenced on the 10th September.

Although the house has to be fully self-funding, we have taken the decision not to increase the nightly rate in 2019 and so remain at 2018 prices. This will be reviewed again later this year.

Below is the link for the calendar where there is still some availability in the summer months: https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=5e4cv2pr6v0e9gifogfln0di84%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/New_York

Please note that we have been forced to limit the occupancy at any one time to a **maximum of Ten people**. Greater occupancy will invalidate our Insurance cover and also puts an increasing strain on services.

The rates are as follows:

1st January to 31st March - £50.00 a night

1st April –30th May - £75.00 a night

1st June - 20th July - £80.00 a night

21st July - 31st August - £100 a night

1st September - 30th September £80.00 a night

1st October - 31st December £50.00 a night

Christmas, New Year and Easter will also be £100.00 a night

Please send your requests by email only to Jeanette Nunn at the following email address: Brackleshambaybookings@gmail.com

Please note that you need to be a member of the Sports and Social Club. If you are not then please contact Bob Bowmer on Bob.bowmer@anz.com

ANZ Sports and Social Club

Retirements

We welcome the following new members of our Association who have retired since publication of Newsletter 91

Name	Bank	Retirement Date
Mr A (Andrew) Bowen	ANZ	31-Jan-2019
Mr A (Alan) Finch	ANZ Merchant Bank	26-Nov-2018
Mrs S (Sue) Karaolis	ANZ Bank	08-Jan-2019
Mrs L (Linda) Sherrington	Grindlays Bank	31-Dec-2018

Bereavements

We regret to report the deaths of the following pensioners since publication of Newsletter 91.

Name	Bank	Date of Death	Retirement Date
Mrs P. (Priscilla) Bye	National & Grindlays Bank	21-Nov-2018	01-Feb-2009
Mrs P. M. W. (Pam) Clarke	E S & A	30-Nov-2018	01-Oct-1994
Mrs P. L. (Pauline) Clayton	ANZ	02-Jan-2019	18-Dec-1981
Mrs M. C. H. (Maria) Empson	National Bank of India	12-Feb-2019	01-Jan-2002
Mr M. F. (Mike) Geeson	E S & A	22-Dec-2018	20-Nov-1987
Mr J. (John) Harrison	Ottoman Bank	12-Dec-2018	01-Aug-1976
Mr P. B. (Peter) Higgins	ANZ	13-Nov-2018	01-Apr-1994
Mrs M. E. (Martha Ellen) Hill	Ottoman Bank	08-Dec-2018	01-Feb-1997
Mrs A. D. (Audrey) Hitch	Grindlays Bank pre 1959	17-Jan-2019	09-Nov-1979
Mrs B.J. (Barbara) Jones	Grindlays Bank pre 1959	15-Dec-2018	01-Aug-2009
Mr R. J. (Jim) Laughlin	Grindlays Bank pre 1959	02-Dec-2018	01-Sep-1987
Mrs J. O. (Joan) Lavender	William Brandts Bank	15-Dec-2018	01-Sep-1978
Mrs B. A. (Beryl) Love	National Bank of India	13-Dec-2018	01-Apr-2003
Mrs M. (Margaret) Luff	Norris Oakley	23-Nov-2018	17-Dec-2017
Mrs P. E. (Pat) McHarg	National Bank of India	20-Dec-2018	01-Jan-2002
Mr R. J. (Ronald James) Purvis	Grindlays Bank pre 1959	26-Jan-2019	01-Mar-2004
Mrs J. P. (June) Russell	Grindlays Bank pre 1959	18-Nov-2018	01-Sep-1987
Mrs A. (Andrewina (Rena)) Stephen	National Bank of India	04-Jan-2019	01-Mar-2004
Mr I. M. (Iain) Stewart	National Bank of India	04-Nov-2018	01-Feb-1980
Mr W. A. (Bill) Stuff	National Bank of India	19-Jan-2019	01-Nov-1974
Mrs E.Z. (Zoe) Warner	National Bank of India	04-Jan-2019	01-Aug-2008
Mr D. R. Y. (David) Wilson	ANZ	30-Nov-2018	18-Nov-2013

The content of members' Articles in this Newsletter does not necessarily reflect the views of the Editor, Committee or members of the Association

ANZ Pensioners' Association UK

40 Bank Street, Canary Wharf, London E14 5EJ

E-mail: admin@anzpauk.co.uk | Website: www.anzpauk.co.uk

Pensioners' dedicated Telephone No. 0203-229-2777