

## **Pensioners Club Newsletter**

March 2026

### **A Very Happy New Year and Welcome to the first Newsletter of 2026.**

During 2025, the Capital Bank Reunion Group (CBRG) membership increased to 621. A fantastic response from past colleagues keen to renew friendships, have the opportunity to join our events and socialize. To ensure the continued success of BOSPA, the joint committee's aim for 2026 is to encourage CBRG members, who are eligible, to also become BOSPA members, enabling them to take advantage of benefits exclusive to BOSPA members.

Since the beginning of the year the committee has been working hard planning a number of events, details of which can be found further on in this Newsletter.

If members have any ideas for events or activities, the committee would be interested to hear from you.

Lastly, we are excited to announce that work has commenced launching a BOSPA/CBRG Website ([BOSPA.co.uk](http://BOSPA.co.uk)). Further details are in the update below. We look forward to seeing you all at our events in 2026.

### **Key Dates for your Diary:**

Wed 15th April – Quiz Night at The Cross Keys, Lower Bridge St, Chester.

Wed 20th May – Treasure Hunt at Custom House, Chester.

Saturday 18th July- Summer Party, Queen Hotel, Chester.

Saturday 12th December – Christmas Event, Queen Hotel, Chester.

### **A Great Big Thank You to Ken Robb!**

We would like to convey our thanks to Ken Robb, who has been a member of the committee for over 20 years, and has decided to retire.

We would like to thank Ken for all his hard work over the years and look forward to catching up with him at future events!

### **Committee Update**

We welcome Shirley Crawford, Russ Wait and George Grant to the combined BOSPA and Capital Bank Reunion Group committee, they have brought many new ideas to ensure that we can continue to grow and meet the needs of ex and current colleagues for many years to come.

## Christmas Event 2025

After many years of holding our Christmas Event at Chester Racecourse, the committee agreed it was time for a change.

Following the tremendous success of our 2025 Summer Garden Party at the Queen Hotel and its proximity to good transport links, it was agreed that we would also hold our Christmas meal at The Queen Hotel.



Yet again, it was good to see old colleagues and friends from both BOSPA and Capital Bank Reunion Group, coming together to enjoy the festive season!

We have listened to feedback on the event and would confirm we have met with the Queen Hotel, to ensure we can provide you with an improved menu and wine options at future events.



## Quiz Night



Put your knowledge to the test at our Quiz Night! Let's get together, and get ready for rounds packed with trivia, laughs, and a little friendly competition.

The evening will also include a sumptuous buffet supper.

Prizes for grabs and bragging rights guaranteed. Think you've got what it takes? Join us and find out!

Please note places are limited so early booking is recommended.

You can book online on the CBRG Facebook page or the new website, once launched.

Alternatively, you can use the booking form at the end of this newsletter, if you prefer.

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Venue: The Cross Quays, Lower Bridge Street, Chester

Time: 7.00pm

Cost: £20

## **Treasure Hunt**

A mostly flat walk around the Chester City Centre looking for hidden' clues.

There's no climbing of the City Walls!  
It starts and ends in a pub. What's not to like?

Its open to everyone, friends and family are most welcome.

When: Wednesday 20th May 2026.

Where: Custom House, 65-67 Watergate St, Chester CH1 2LB.

Time: 6.00-6:30pm (staggered start time is required)

Ends: No later than 8:00pm Teams: 2, 3 or 4 people

Entry £5 per Team

See you there!

If you are interested in attending.

Please contact: [Russell.wait@btinternet.com](mailto:Russell.wait@btinternet.com)



## **Summer Party**

Following the great success of our first Summer Party held last year you will be pleased to hear that we will be holding the event again this year on the 18th of July.

The event will be held at the Queen Hotel with welcome drinks in the garden followed by a three-course meal, raffle, and professional DJ.

Following feedback from members, we have chosen a date that is on a Saturday and does not conflict with most summer holiday plans. The event is open to members, and there is no limit to the number of guests you wish to bring subject to availability. For larger numbers, there will also be the option of reserving a table to ensure guests can sit together. Early Bird discounted tickets will be launched shortly along with further details of the event. Booking details will be available on our new website, through our Facebook group, and by email if you have previously provided your email address.



## **Free Walking Group Organised by Arthur Wycherley**

Sunshine, fresh air and good company, what better way to enjoy spring? The Walking Group has been around for many years, why not join us on alternate Tuesdays at 11:00am for a cheerful 3–4 mile stroll at a steady, sociable pace (with plenty of pauses to admire the surroundings and have a natter). By 1:00pm, without fail we will find ourselves in a cosy pub for a well-deserved lunch.



We explore Central & West Cheshire, The Wirral and North Wales. Well-behaved canine friends are also very welcome! Details are sent approximately a week before each walk.

Fancy joining the fun? Contact Arthur Wycherley on the email below to be added to the distribution list or to find more information.

[arthurwycherley@hotmail.com](mailto:arthurwycherley@hotmail.com)

### **Website**

During the next few weeks, we will be developing a website that will bring together all the key information for existing and new members of both BOSPA and the Capital Bank Reunion Group.

This will make it easier to know who to contact if you have any queries on your pension, provide access to our welfare facilities and to see briefly what groups / clubs exist, dates of planned events and how to book.

### **Your Committee**

Alan Bottomley — Chair

Martin Weigh — Vice Chair

Arthur Wycherley — Treasurer

Margaret Bennet — Secretary

Liz McCrone — Welfare

Julie Coates

Shirley Crawford

Russell Waite

George Grant

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Pensioners' Website:

[www.lloydsbankinggroup.pensions.com](http://www.lloydsbankinggroup.pensions.com)

# Quiz Ticket Form Application

There are three ways that you can purchase tickets for the Quiz (Tickets are £20 per person):

## To Pay and Book Online

Visit CBRG Facebook, click on the google form link, after you have paid by BACS .

Our BACS details are:

Payee: BOFS Pensions Association  
Sort Code: 12-12-85  
Account No: 00138169  
Reference: Quizapril26

## To Pay Online and Book by Post

Firstly, pay by BACS using the details above, and then complete the tear off slip below and sent it by post:

Address: BOSPA, 28 Church Street, Kelsall, Tarporley, CW6 OPS

**To Pay and Book by Post** - Write a cheque and complete the tear off slip below and send it to:

Address: BOSPA, 28 Church Street, Kelsall, Tarporley, CW6 OPS

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## Quiz Ticket Application Form

I would like to book .....places for the quiz at a cost of £20 per head and

I enclose a cheque for £.....payable to the Bank of Scotland Pensioners Association.

Alternatively, please tick this box if you have paid by BACS.

Please let us know if you have any food allergies .....

Name ..... Telephone .....