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RICHARD DELF, JOHN CHAMPION AND NIC CLARK travelled north to Dundee in September to attend the funeral of DENNIS FORD. Richard and Dennis first met at Cockspur Street branch in 1954 and over the years their paths later crossed in Nigeria, Cameroon, the USA and back in London. EDDIE CADE was unable to attend the funeral, but has fond memories of working with Dennis. In particular his tendency to be “outspoken about what he thought was wrong and what needed to be done”.

We are pleased to report that BRIAN BAUGH has provided the missing link between a current BIPC member and the Anglo Egyptian Bank. No, it was not Brian, but his uncle DONALD THOMAS who joined the Anglo Egyptian in the early 1920’s, was posted to Sohag in Egypt and subsequently to Jaffa in Palestine where Brian’s uncle-in-law JOHN RODWAY was then working. Donald retired in 1962 as Manager, Gibraltar and his wife WINNIE was reported to be the last surviving member of the Anglo Egyptian Bank Pension Fund when she died in her one hundredth year.

Another current member link with the early days of DC&O. ALAN TRITTON’S grandfather HERBERT M L TRITTON was Chairman of the Bank from 1934 to 1937, having assumed the position on the death of the first Chairman FREDERICK GOODENOUGH, a name well known to those who worked in 33 Old Broad Street branch. Herbert Tritton had been a Director of the Colonial Bank and in 1925 Alan’s grandparents visited the branches in West Africa. “The DCO Story” records that Mrs Tritton was “most impressed by the cheerfulness of the staff in trying circumstances (wives not allowed on the West Coast in those days) and she saw to it that in future bank living quarters would be provided with adequate soft furnishings, glassware and crockery”. Old Coasters can therefore thank Alan’s grandmother for the Stuart crystal glassware and Wedgwood crockery they subsequently enjoyed in their West Africa Barclays Bank houses.

DENNIS TABOR’S daughter PAMELA is the Club’s newest member having recently started to draw her Barclays’ pension. Pamela joined BBI in 1980, worked in the Bahamas, Cayman Islands and various UK Departments before finishing up in BZW Markets. All good
preparation for her then “Doing the Knowledge” and becoming a London Cabbie for 11 years.

BIPC members who served overseas in the 1950s will recall the “Czars” who at that time ruled the DC&O Empire in Africa and the West Indies. **GEORGE MONEY** in the Caribbean, **CHARLES SKIPPER** in Central Africa, **EDGAR WHITCOMBE** in East Africa and **SENATOR DALDRY** based in Lagos, West Africa. Leonard Daldry’s son Michael is reviewing his late father’s papers and career with Barclays and wonders whether any BIPC members have memories of his father which they would be willing to share with him. If you can help Michael he can be contacted at mfdald@hotmail.com.

The 15th Annual Bush Bankers’ Picnic arranged by **JOHN and SONIA SMITH** was held in Saville Gardens, Windsor Great Park. The weather was cooler than usual for the time of year, but the rain gods were once again kind and it remained dry. Numbers were slightly up on the past few years at sixty, which included five new faces and two grand children. Everyone enjoyed catching up with old friends and John and Sonia are already working on plans for the 2017 picnic, same venue, Wednesday 9th August 2017. All BIPC members most welcome.

**ROY BATCHELOR** recalls a most amusing tale from the well loved and sadly missed **SAMMY MARTIN**, raconteur supreme in the dining rooms of Barclays House, Poole. In the 1950’s Sammy was sent as Relief Manager, Ijebu –Ode, Nigeria. The branch was then in temporary, flimsy accommodation with one tiny, inadequate safe in the manager’s area. A proper safe was requested from LHO, Lagos and a lorry eventually arrived bearing a large safe. The lorry parked outside the branch, planks were positioned to slide the safe into the branch, but unfortunately it slid at speed down the planks, through the door, across the floor, crashed through the rear wall and down the river bank into the water below where no doubt it could still rest. Bush banking supreme. **Editors thought** - Being Nigeria the safe was no doubt recovered by a local entrepreneur and was either sold in the market, or used as the centre piece for a new “**First National Bank of Ijebu-Ode**”!

**THE EDITOR WILL WELCOME FURTHER CONTRIBUTIONS ON THE SUBJECT OF BANK SAFES FOR INCLUSION IN NEWSLETTER NO. 78.**

**MICHAEL BRAIN** retired 15 years ago from B.G.S.S. Peterborough, moving there after already relocating with Securities from Trowbridge and Poole. Michael had previously worked in Outward Collections and Inward Payments in Chief Foreign Branch and during his Barclays career made many friends through his love of squash and table tennis. He keeps in touch with many former colleagues but is trying to make contact with **JOHN WELLS, LIZ ROBSON, PARAS LLIANOU AND PEGGY LYNCH**. If anybody has their contact details could they please get in touch with Michael at michaelrbrain2011@gmail.com.

**DAVID EMERTON** reports that the second meeting of the Copthall Club was held at a London Wall hostelry in October. **LES BUNCE, NARESH CHHATRALIA, JOE CLEMENTS, DON**
COLLINS, CARLEEN DOHERTY, DAVID EMERTON, DAVID HOLLIDAY and ARTHUR WHITE were in attendance. Those present contributed many stories from 1965 onwards raising waves of laughter and some red faces. The now retired “computer warriors” continue to value the team approach that contributed to the successes during the early pioneering days of computerised bookkeeping and systems, the move to Poole and subsequent Group reorganisations. New members are most welcome and anyone interested in joining the Copthall Club should in the first instance contact David at david@emertond.freeserve.co.uk.

JUDY BROOKS now lives in New Zealand, close to her daughter Juliette, plays a lot of bridge and croquet and travels the world. 17 years living in Nigeria and 10 in Bahrain generated numerous friendships and Judy keeps in close touch with many of the people she first met in those days. The RONDELLS, who now live in Jersey, SHEILGH and MIKE CUMMINS and family and JOHN and SONIA SMITH who organise the “Bush Bankers Picnic” at which Judy met up again with so many people with whom she used to share a Sunday drink and picnic at the Bank Beach Hut on Tarkwa Bay, Lagos.

BRUCE BEATTY, a former Barclays Representative for the Lebanon and Syria, is especially saddened by the ongoing death and destruction in Syria. Bruce recalls once arriving with his wife at the Aleppo border post where they were alarmed to have their passports taken away before being escorted into a private room. But then a table of fruits and nuts was brought in, followed by a senior official who personally welcomed them to Syria, returned their passports, wished them an enjoyable stay in his country and set them on their way to Damascus. How things have changed. Whilst in the Lebanon Bruce was invited to join the national water polo squad for a match against Syria. The team was made up of Lebanese Muslims, both Sunni and Shia, Christians plus one foreigner, Bruce. The score – Lebanon 6 Syria 0.

DAVID CAWDERY reports on a gathering at the Anchor pub in Shapwick, Dorset of those who were involved in the development and implementation of the BIAS and BRAINS computer systems for Barclays’ overseas retail banking operations. The first BIAS installation was in Barbados in 1981, BRAINS in Mombasa in 1993. Present were DAVID CAWDERY, CHRIS WALLIS and JOHN WEBB from the development team, joined via Skype, by GRAEME SKINNER who now works for Butterfield Bank in Grand Cayman. Also present were GERRY SUMMERS, IT Director in Poole for the development, CAROLA CAMPBELL who led the ORBIT Brains satellite communications system and ANDY FAIR who as GMA in Afcarme at the time represented the business needs during development and implementation. BRAINS is still being used and enhanced and many amusing reminiscences about the systems were shared over lunch.

PETER HUGGETT (Rhodesia (as was), UK, Libya and BBSA) with wife TUTTI celebrated their Diamond Wedding in December having married in the Johannesburg Magistrate Court by Special Licence at the bargain price of £5. After living happily post retirement in Montignac, France for many years they have now moved to Holderbank in Switzerland to be near their
son Mark. Peter and Tutti would be happy to receive news from former friends and colleagues and can be contacted at peter.huggett@bmwbike.com.

SALLY AND RICHARD UNWIN made their annual visit to Miami in November and in particular met up with GONZALO VALDES FAULI and TERISITA BERNACE. It was interesting to be with the Florida Latino community when Fidel Castro died and Donald Trump was elected President of the USA, these historic events giving rise to many interesting conversations over dinner and a glass or two of wine.

Despite horrendous weather affecting train services and preventing JOHN SMITH and HOWARD HENSHAW from participating, the annual Liverpool/Manchester reunion at the Mughouse was well attended. PETER GREENHALGH and BERNARD EASON maintained their 100% attendance and BIPC Chairman ANDY FAIR – a Manc – came along for a maiden visit. STAN LEE travelled from Cyprus, TONY STORROW dropped in from exotic parts, DAVID WYATT-SMITH trekked up from the wilds of Devon and there were the usual hardcore participants of EDRED BOWMAN, CHESTER BALL, NICK BRENTNALL, DAVE CHALLICE, JOHN GRADWELL, CHRIS MARTIN, MIKE McNIE, ALAN PEACHEY, FRANK TOWNLEY, TONY WILLIAMS et al. MIKE CUMMINS wishes to thank all attendees for their tremendous ongoing support and BARRY STREETS for taking over as co-organiser from their great friend, founder member TONY PARKER who died last year. DCO/International native and drafted Scousers and Mancunians will meet again at the Mughouse on Friday 15th September 2017.

Nick and Mathilda Brentnall visited Ely Cathedral in October as part of their recently adopted quest to visit every cathedral in England. So far they have visited eight magnificent buildings with Durham and Exeter heading their list for 2017. Currently they are preparing for a cruise down the west coast of Africa to Cape town on board Queen Mary 11 departing Southampton on 10th January. This cruise reminds Nick of the several trips he made in the early 1960s on board the Elder Dempster ships Auriel, Apapa and Accra stopping at ports such as Bathurst, now renamed Banjul, Freetown, Takoradi and Lagos. Cunard is giving these ports a miss on this trip making its first stop at Madeira. So there will be no sighting of 55 Marina branch Lagos, of distant memory, although it must have been demolished by now. A few weeks around Cape town visiting friends and touring the Western Cape not forgetting the wine lands.

Not withstanding their travels Nick will be home in time for the East Africa Baraza for ex East African staff on 8th March, organised by Mike Frenay (details mfrenay@gmail.com).

MANY THANKS TO ALL MEMBERS WHO HAVE SUBMITTED CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS NEWSLETTER. THE EDITOR IS ALWAYS DELIGHTED TO RECEIVE YOUR INPUT EITHER BY E-MAIL bennetttn6@btinternet.com (make sure though you note the 3 consecutive “t”s in this address!) OR BY POST TO JOHN BENNETT, GABLE VIEW, WELLESLEY CLOSE, CROWBOROUGH, EAST SUSSEX, TN6 1QP.
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MEMBERSHIP

NEW MEMBERS

We are delighted to welcome the following New members and Associate members who have joined the Club since the last Newsletter no 76

Mr Mark Hull-Brown Corfe Mullen
Mr Noel Mc Carthy Bexley, Kent
Miss Julia Russell Lamberhurst, T. Wells
Miss Pauline Tabor Westerham Kent
Mrs Kate Walker Kingston upon Thames
Mr Clive Walker Kingston upon Thames

ASSOCIATE

Mrs Pauline Parker Hambledon, Godalming
Mrs Nora Potts Verwood, Dorset
Mrs Rachel Sullivan Saffron Walden

At 15th Jan 2017 the Club had 1,649 members - 1,469 Full and 180 Associate

IN MEMORIAM

Mr Roger Allegaert (1931/2016) Belgium / Zaire
Mrs Jacqueline Bailey (1946/2016) Langdon Hills, Essex
Mr Reginald Cash (1930/2016) Teddington
Miss Doreen Chubb (1927/2016) Co Durham
Mr A (Freddie) Cox (1920/2016) O B Street
Mr C J Delipiani (1935/2016) * Gibraltar
Mr Eric DISS (1926/2016) OBS
Mr John FLEMING (1933/2016) Grand Cayman
Mr Ray FRANKLIN (1938/2016) MSD / S Leone
Mrs Angela HOWARTH (1948/2016) * Wife of Chris - Nigeria/Swazi
Miss Joan HUCKLE Bexleyheath
Mr Charles KIRTON (1932/2016) * Barbados
Mr Richard MACDONALD (1950/2016) BZW
Mrs Rosemary MARKHAM (1931/2016) Parkstone
Mr Ken McFARLANE (1929/2016) Europe/W Africa/168
Mr Michael MILNE (1943/2016) * Bahamas
Mr Charles MIZON (1953/2016) Broxbourne
Mrs June MOORE (1935/2016) Poole
Mrs Joyce ROBBINS (1929/2016) Orpington
Mr Ian SIMPSON (1940/2017) Sudan/E Africa/HK/Bahamas
Mrs Beryl TATTERSALL-WRIGHT * widow of Ralph
Mr Hugh TILLEY (1927/2016) OBS/Barcelona
Mr Mark VELLA (!931/2016) * Malta
Mrs Patricia WEST (1932/2016) Purleigh
Mr Mervyn WATSON (1930/2016) * Trinidad
Mr Richard WILTSHIRE (1928/2016) LLandudno
Mr David WRAY (1955/2016) * Botswana

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

* Non Members
ADMINISTRATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our thanks to those 40 members who attended and contributed at the AGM last November.

The following were selected to the Committee and duly elected :-

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Website Manager (ex-officio) Steve Kitson steve.kitson@btinternet.com

Huge thanks to Trevor Martin for organising such an excellent menu, especially the curry

BANK WORKERS CHARITY (BWC)

In Newsletters 73 & 76 we advised that the Bank Workers Charity had taken over the administration – including the awarding of grants - of the Spread Eagle Foundation.
The charity provides a free confidential support service for pensioners who are facing challenges relating to their home, wellbeing or money and BWC’s services cover Financial Planning, Independent Living, Disability Conditions, Bereavement, Isolation & Loneliness, Dementia and Caring Responsibilities.

BWC have already assisted some members and are very keen to help where they can.

We do heartily encourage members to contact them in need.

For more information you can call their Free Helpline 0800 0234 834 or visit their website at www.b wcharity.org.uk

BIPC COMMITTEE

You will have read above that Barry Streets has joined the BIPC Committee. Barry will be well known to many of you who served in Nigeria. He lives at Morton in Lincolnshire,

tel no: 01778 570928 email: bstreets@freeuk.com

SCAMS

You will have read on page 5 of Connection magazine Issue 69 of August 2016, of the bank’s steps to protect customers from financial scams. Sadly scams are a part of life and growing; we commend you to the website - https://barc.ly/FinancialScam.

TOWERS WATSON – Please advise us of any Change of Address / email

Over the last 3 months, I have had calls from several members informing me that they had not received the BIPC Newsletter. In every case the person concerned had moved house and not advised us. We have been spoiled in the past for when Pensions was run from Barclays in Poole, such information would automatically be passed to BIPC as a matter of course, but now when you advise Towers Watson of your new address, that information does NOT cascade down to pensioners clubs like ourselves because of the Data Protection Act (DPA).

Our relationship with Towers Watson continues to improve although we do hear of the odd problem from time to time. If you are having any difficulties with their office, we suggest that you headline any correspondence with the word COMPLAINT and begin your letter with the words, “I wish to complain….”

The very fact that you have registered the word Complaint will, under current Customer Service legislation, guarantee you a prompt response.

Our thanks to Dave Emerton & Chris Duncan who raised this matter, at the AGM last November, and recommended this course of action.
PROBATE – Probate Concession

I have been advised that the email address, eandtclients@barclaywealth.com, mentioned in the last Newsletter is no longer in use and has been replaced by

uktrusts.osbournecourt@barclays.com.

From January 1st 2017, the discount available to staff (and their spouse/partner) who retired on an immediate pension, and have appointed Barclays as their executor, will be 30% of the standard Probate fee.

Further details will be included in an article on this specific subject in the forthcoming issue, No 70, of CONNECTION magazine.

WILLS

Wills are held in Barclays Willsafe facility and if you wish to retrieve them, please contact the team at - Willsafe, POBox 6255, Stratford upon Avon CV37 1NT.

For any other queries you may call them on 0207 574 3037

We recommend that you renew/refresh your Will every 5/6 years when family circumstances, personal finances or legislation indicates the need for change.

PENSIONS – SPOUSE’S

Likewise, we recommend that members contact BBUKRF say, every 5 years to check what Pension – in the event of their death – would be payable to their spouse.

Write to : Barclays Bank UKRF, POBox 709, Redhill RH1 9EG or call 01737 227567

The Bank has confirmed that under the 1964 Pension Scheme, your spouse will usually receive a pension equal to 50% of your pension at the time of your death. This pension will be based on your full pension entitlement had you not exchanged any of your pension for a tax-free cash lump sum and ignoring any state pension deduction.

To ensure your spouse/dependents receive the pension entitlement to which they are entitled, please check that you have completed an Expression of Wish form.
PENSIONS – OVERSEAS

This topic was raised at last year’s AGM by members who had worked in Europe and contributed locally to a national pension scheme (like UK National Insurance) but were having problems in claiming their pension entitlement.

We are discussing this with several members directly involved and will present our findings in the next Newsletter. Meantime The Government Pensions Office at Newcastle – The Pension Service, Tyneview Park, IPC Claims, Newcastle upon Tyne NE98 1BA can be a useful source of information.

SOCIAL

SOCIAL CALENDAR

The Social Calendar for 2017 is enclosed. We look forward to seeing you attend at least one BIPC event this year. Remember, your attendance at just ONE event will generate a grant of £31.50 from the Bank to the Club.

The cost of lunches for 2017 will remain at £17.00 per head. What great value!

For those members who read the Newsletter on the BIPC website, I remind them that the Lunch and Event Invitations appear under the DOCUMENTS heading where you can download the invitation of your choice.

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NEWSLETTER - Contributions

With the advancing years many of our members are no longer able to attend BIPC events so the Newsletter is an important information lifeline for them. I know how much they enjoy reading about old friends and colleagues, so don’t be shy, please keep the news, stories, reminiscences flowing to John Bennett to feed his Members News.
BARCLAYS ‘ IN MEMORIAM ‘ PLAQUE

With Newsletter 76, we enclosed a flyer from Tony Williams, concerning the installation of the plaque at the UBN Head Office in Lagos. Tony would love to hear if anyone is interested in attending the installation in Lagos in April.

Tony may be contacted at 01438 880207   williamsanthony@btinternet.com

DCO / INTERNATIONAL LIFE – “ All in a Day’s Work “

In Newsletter 76 we also mentioned this project of Darrell Barnes & Nick Brentnall, attaching their flyer- All in a Day’s Work. BIPC is delighted to support their initiative but we need you, our members, to provide them with input for it to succeed.

Nick Brentnall  01494 865061   nbrent@btinternet.com
Darrell Barnes  0208 785 6724   darrellmpbarnes@gmail.com

MSD POOLE – Beyond our Ken

In Newsletter 76 I offered a number of issues of the above mentioned House Magazine which I had received and the offer was swiftly snapped up by Jack Wright.

Jack has since scanned the magazines into a PDF format which he is pleased to make available to any ex MSD staff who are interested.

Jack has asked me also if any of ex-MSD members have a copy of Issues 1 and 7, plus any issues after Issue 13, to contact him with a view to his taking copies so that these too can be sent out to any interested parties.

You can contact Jack direct on 01202 888164   or jack.wright.1@btinternet.com

We look forward to seeing you at a BIPC event in 2017

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