

THE INVICTA

**THE NEWSLETTER OF AVIVA FELLOWSHIP (INVICTA)
NOVEMBER 2011**

Hello everybody. We hope that you have had a good summer and that as the winter brings its chill and longer nights you will enjoy some of the offerings in our winter programme. In this newsletter we report on our recent activities and set out our programme for the coming months. We are also seeking your views both on a website that we will be setting up and the visits carried out by local reps.

RECENT EVENTS

Our ten pin bowlers have continued to meet monthly. If you would like to join this group, and I would stress that experience is not necessary, please contact Ken Morcombe for details.

In July we had an enjoyable visit to the West End theatre to see Dreamboats and Petticoats and in August we had a wonderful time on our visit to Jan Champneys' farm. Everybody enjoyed the walk around the farm and the lovely old farmhouse and the wonderful spread of food laid on by Jan to whom we are very grateful. In September, many of our members joined with those from other fellowship regions for the boat trip to Greenwich to mark the 150th anniversary of the founding of Commercial Union and in October we enjoyed a delicious pub lunch in Chartham Hatch.

IN THE PIPELINE

Coming up later this month we have a visit to the theatre in Tunbridge Wells to see Brigadoon.

FUTURE EVENTS

In the coming months, we have regular ten pin bowling, a choice of Christmas lunches, a visit to the West End Theatre, a quiz, and a tour of Chiddingstone Castle.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT SEVENOAKS WEALD

Our Christmas lunch in West Kent will be held on Tuesday 13th December (12 for 12.45) at Edwards Brasserie in Sevenoaks Weald. The cost will be £19.50 per person. Sevenoaks Weald is signed from the A21. If you wish to go please send the attached form to Laurie Thompson by 11th November in order to obtain a menu. Payment is required when you send Laurie your menu choices. Contributions for the raffle would be appreciated.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT CHARTHAM HATCH

Our Christmas lunch in East Kent will be at The Chapter Arms in Chartham Hatch on Friday 16th December at 12noon. Chartham Hatch is signed from the A28 between Chilham and Canterbury. The cost is £17.50 per person. A menu is attached. If you wish to attend please send the attached form to Audrey Churchill by 18th November with your cheque payable to Aviva Fellowship (Invicta). Contributions for the raffle would be appreciated.

WEST END THEATRE

I have a limited number of tickets for the matinee performance of Crazy for You at the Novello Theatre on Thursday 19th January, at the discounted price of £25. If you wish to go please return the attached form with your cheque payable to Aviva Fellowship (Invicta) by 22nd November. Tickets will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.

FUN QUIZ

On Wednesday 15th February we will be holding our annual fun quiz between 2pm and 5pm at the Kings Hill Community Centre, West Malling. You can come as a team or we will group people together in teams for this light hearted quiz. The cost is a mere £2 per person to contribute to the hire of the hall and will include tea/coffee and biscuits. If you wish to go please return the attached form to Ken Morcombe by 15th December.

VISIT AND GUIDED TOUR OF CHIDDINGSTONE CASTLE

We have arranged for a group visit and guided tour of Chiddingstone Castle on Wednesday 14th March. The plan is to arrive for tea/coffee and biscuits at 11am and then have a conducted tour and time to explore the castle. The cost is £12 per person. In addition it will be possible to purchase a light lunch of which I will provide more details for those who wish to come along with directions to the castle. If you wish to join this visit please return the attached form with your cheque to Ken Morcombe by 1st December.

VISITS BY LOCAL REPS

We believe that Invicta is unique amongst Aviva Fellowship regions in having area reps who can keep in touch with our members. However the cost of doing so is not negligible and we wish to ensure that we only attempt to pay visits to those members who value such visits.. Could we please ask you to complete the attached form to let us know whether you would like us to continue with this arrangement for you.

NEXT YEARS AGM

Advance notice that the date for next years AGM is Friday 13th April. Please make a note in next years diary.

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

We extend a warm welcome to the following new members

Miss R A L Barker	Bexleyheath	J Willoughby	Barnhurst
Mrs B L Beale	Ashford	Mrs L Lockyer	Birching ton
Mr M E Morley	Petts Wood	Mrs B K Wingrove	BexleyHe ath
Mrs D Perrot	Sittingbourne	Mr C M Goddard	Crowboro ugh
Mrs S A Houghton	Dormansland	Mr M J King	Laddingf ord
Mr R H Saunders	Seal	Mrs M D Sole	Ramsgate
Mr C Wells	Folkestone		

and send our best wishes to Mr J V Hayhow and Mrs M G Ayers who have moved away to other areas.

AND SAD FAREWELLS

We regret to advise the deaths of the following members and send our sympathies to all their relatives and friends:-Mr R G Smurthwaite Maidstone Mrs H Staples Gillingham Mr B J King Welling Mr R M Harris Boughton Monchelsea Mr R Ellender Gillingham Mrs M Lilley Coxheath

The editor of The Invicta is Ken Morcombe who can be contacted at socialsecretary@invictamaid.org.

DEVELOPING INVICTA WITH GREATER USE OF THE INTERNET

You will find attached a Notice about Invicta and greater use of the Internet. You are invited to complete the attached questionnaires.

We are introducing an Invicta website, but for now we only want to stress the essential need for PARTICIPATION by everybody who can, and for CONTRIBUTION from as many as possible of those who want success for this initiative.

Members can contribute on more or less any subject they like, either directly by maintaining a page on the website themselves, or by providing a flow of material for a page. By way of

example, some of the obvious ideas are:

- *photography
- *wine
- *computing
- *reviews (theatre, cinema, TV, or books)
- *gardening
- *games (bridge, chess, others)

Come on. You can do it. And each member of your committee will set an example.

The major consideration with communication is cost. Postage is very expensive, but use of the internet is free. A large number of members now receive the Newsletter attached to an e-mail, at no cost to Invicta. While we will always continue to send the Newsletter by post to members without access to the internet, this cannot apply for reasons of cost to the more frequent communication planned for distribution at no cost by e-mail. Essential information will always be included in the printed Newsletter, but more frequent, supplementary e-mailed newspapers will contain reminders of events, news on bookings for events, and many other items that will become outdated or irrelevant by the time of the next printed Newsletter.

The first e-mailed newspaper will announce the arrival of the Invicta website, and this is likely to be before the next printed Newsletter.

To Laurie Thompson, publunch@invictamaid.org.

I wish to attend the Christmas lunch at the Edwards Brasserie on 13th December. Please send me the menu choices.

Name _____
Address _____
Post Code _____ Telephone Number _____
Number in Party _____

PLEASE REPLY BY 11th DECEMBER

To Ken Morcombe, socialsecretary@invictamaid.org

I wish to come to see Crazy for You on 19th January

Name _____
Address _____
Post Code _____ Telephone Number _____
Number in Party _____

I enclose my cheque payable to Aviva Fellowship (Invicta) for £____ (£25 per ticket)

PLEASE REPLY BY 22nd NOVEMBER

To Ken Morcombe, socialsecretary@invictamaid.org

I wish to join the tour of Chiddinstone Castle on 14th March

Name _____
Address _____
Post Code _____ Telephone _____
Number in Party _____

I enclose a cheque payable to Aviva Fellowship (Invicta) for £____ (£12 per person)

PLEASE REPLY BY 1st DECEMBER

To Ken Morcombe, socialsecretary@invictamaid.org

I would like to take part in the quiz on 15th February

Name _____

Address _____ Post code _____

Telephone _____ Number in party _____

PLEASE REPLY BY 15th DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT CHAPTER ARMS – 16th DECEMBER – 12 for 12.30

Please indicate your choices from the following menu:-

Starters

Tomato, roasted pepper and basil soup served with freshly baked bread _____

Smoked duck, bramble jelly and parsnip crisps _____

Beetroot marinated salmon, watercress and confit of lemon _____

Warm chicken liver and bacon salad with herb croutons _____

Fig and goats cheese tartlet with a warm reduction _____

Mains

Roast turkey with pigs in blankets, sage & onion stuffing and cranberry sauce _____

Twice cooked locally sourced belly of pork with crackling & caramelized apple sauce _____

Godmersham venison, bacon and cranberry casserole with thyme dumplings _____

Rolled shoulder of Kentish lamb, slowly cooked and served with a red wine jus _____

Lightly fried sea bass fillet with a basil and red pepper butter on a bed of spinach _____

Mushroom and spinach filo pastry parcels served with stilton and onion sauce _____

(all main courses served with seasonal vegetables and roast potatoes)

Desserts

Christmas pudding served with brandy crème anglaise _____

Kentish pear sticky toffee pudding with custard _____

Triple chocolate terrine with raspberry coulis _____

Lemon & lime syllabub with brandy snaps _____

Selection of cheeses with biscuits with celery and apple _____

Coffee or tea with mince pies will also be served

Full Name(s) of those attending

Address

Post Code _____ Telephone Number _____ Please return
to Audrey Churchill by 18th November together with a cheque payable to Aviva Fellowship (Invicta) for

£17.50 per person
Raffle Prizes appreciated

WEBSITE AND INTERNET INFORMATION & FORM

We Plan to Make Greater Use of the Internet By Using it for Announcements, Other Communications, and By Bringing You a New Website

Already, a substantial minority of Invicta members receive their copy of the Newsletter online. In due course this will become an increasing majority as many new members, recently retired, will bring the familiarity with computers and the internet that is essential in modern business. Your Committee has been looking for means to get closer to the members, to bring members closer to each other, and to stimulate interest in the activities of Invicta. It has concluded that more vigorous use of the internet can serve all these purposes.

While measures will be taken to broaden the established use of the internet for communication, both in coverage and in content, the major innovative effort will be directed to creating an active and vibrant website for the use of Invicta members. Our small number should not be a barrier to success. On the contrary, we are an intimate group and it is hoped that our close ties can be drawn ever tighter by active and participatory support of a lively website designed to support and complement our social activities.

Your Committee believes that an active and successful website will be important to the future of Invicta. And the success or failure of an Invicta website will be dependent on the enthusiastic support and contributory participation of all of you. The following questionnaires deal with communication, first, and then contribution.

Communication

Members who receive the Newsletter by e-mail need not complete this form.

Name.....

My e-mail address is

Another e-mail address that can be used for communications.....

Newsletters may be sent to me by e-mail/Please continue to post printed Newsletters to me (Delete as required)

Return to:- Ken Morcombe, socialsecretary@invictamaid.org

Contribution

Name

e-mail address.....

I would like to support the Invicta website by maintaining a page on the site, or otherwise.

My subject/topic is

Return to:- Brian Dawson, webeditor@invictamaid.org

As I am sure you are aware our Area Representatives carry out an excellent job, taking an interest in all members and making arrangements so that you all have recognition on your birthdays.

On many occasions one of our reps has travelled many miles to see a member, only to receive no answer, or a curt take of the card.

In view of petrol costs etc we would ask that you complete the form below and return it to Audrey Churchill as soon as possible. This will enable us to know if you appreciate our visits

Name.....

Telephone Number.....

Address.....

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I wish to have a visit from my local rep. YES/NO

Please return this form to Mrs Audrey Churchill