

THE INVICTA

**THE NEWSLETTER OF AVIVA FELLOWSHIP (INVICTA)
FEBRUARY 2012**

Hello everybody. May we wish you a belated Happy New Year in this first edition during 2012. In this newsletter we have a message from our Chairman, we report on our recent activities and set out our programme for the coming months. We are happy to say that our website is now up and running as you will see from the article below. On a sadder note, I have to report on the deaths of two of our founding members.

CHAIRMAN'S PIECE

Welcome to another year of Fellowship events. Your Committee continues to seek a variety of activities that will appeal to as many members as possible and your support is very much appreciated.

Over the years many current and past members have contributed greatly to the success of Invicta by serving on the committee. One of the challenges facing us in 2012 is to obtain new faces to join us. So, please step forward those who wish to help for the future and don't hold back just because you are newly retired. I promise you there will be no significant demands on your time and the only skills required are the ability to speak and express an opinion.

Thanks to Brian Dawson and Drew Borrett, we now have a most impressive web site. Although it is continuing to evolve, you will discover a great deal of information and items of interest awaiting your visit at www.invictamaid.org. More ideas and contributions will be enthusiastically received by Brian.

Finally, do please let your Area Representative or any member of the committee know in good time when you are about to celebrate a Diamond or Platinum wedding anniversary. A suitable gift awaits!

I wish you all good health and happiness in the year ahead.

Barry Summerfield

OUR NEW WEBSITE

As anticipated in the last edition of The Invicta, a website for Invicta was launched just before Christmas. If you have a computer, or access to one, please have a look at the website and join in one of the online activities, including a quiz, a pop music quiz and a Forum. Or you can write to the editors with your comments and suggestions. If you have a need for travel insurance there is a feature page that you should look at and also some thoughts on getting good advice for exploring

Equity Release, either on your own behalf or for a friend or relative.

So please do make a visit at www.invictamaid.org

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 November we had a visit to the theatre in Tunbridge Wells to see Brigadoon and of course December was the month for our Christmas lunches. Once again, Audrey Churchill and Laurie Thompson did splendid jobs in organising the lunches at Chartham Hatch and Sevenoaks Weald respectively. Both events were most convivial with delicious food. In January we were back to enjoying the theatre, this time in London's West End to see Crazy for You.

IN THE PIPELINE

In March we have planned visits to the London Fire Brigade Museum and to Chiddingstone Castle. There is still time to book for the museum visit – see below.

FUTURE EVENTS

In the coming months, we have regular ten pin bowling, our AGM and annual lunch, a visit to the theatre in Tunbridge Wells and a pub lunch.

VISIT TO THE LONDON FIRE BRIGADE MUSEUM

There is still time if you are quick to join us on our visit to the London Fire Brigade Museum. Our tour of the museum takes place on Wednesday 7th March at 2pm . The Museum is located in Southwark's old fire station at 94a Southwark Bridge Road, London SE1 0EG. The cost is just £3.00. If you wish to go please send the attached form to Ken Morcombe with your cheque payable to Aviva Fellowship (Invicta). Your application must arrive by 25th February.

THE AGM AND SOCIAL GET TOGETHER

This year, our AGM takes place on Friday 13th April at noon at the Kings Hill Community Centre in Kings Hill, West Malling. The formal business whilst important is not very time consuming, and this leads plenty of time to socialize and enjoy a FREE LUNCH. There will be a free bar but we will ask you to make a charitable donation when you order your drinks. The AGM notice is attached. If you wish to attend please complete the attached form and return it to Barry West by 21st March. Directions to the venue can be provided if you need them. Donations for the raffle would be appreciated.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS THEATRE

The next production by the TWODS at the Assembly Halls Theatre in Tunbridge Wells is 42nd Street. Tickets are priced at £14 for front stalls and £15 for rear tiered stalls. Tickets will be obtained for the evening performance on Thursday 16th April for those wishing to go. If you wish to go, please complete the attached form and return it together with your cheque to Ken Morcombe by the 7th March

PUB LUNCH

Our next pub lunch will be held on Wednesday 6th June from 12noon. The venue is the Globe and Rainbow in Kilndown. This is a good location to combine with a visit to Bewl Water, Scotney Castle or Bedgebury Pinetum. It is equally good if you just want a relaxed lunch because our past experience is that the food is very good. Kilndown is signed from the A21 on the left just past Bewl Water if you are coming from the north. If you wish to go please send the attached form to Laurie Thompson by 26th May.

MOUNT EPHRAIM GARDENS

If there appears to be sufficient demand I will attempt to make a group booking for Ephraim Gardens for early July. Mount Ephraim is situated in North Kent, south of Faversham and has 10 acres of beautiful gardens and a tea room. The cost for entry is modest and I could also arrange for tea/coffee on arrival and lunch in the tea room. If you are interested and would like full details when available please complete the attached form and return it to Ken Morcombe by 15th March

THE INVICTA VIA THE INTERNET

If you are receiving your copy of The Invicta through the post and would like to try our electronic delivery service under which we send you an email with the newsletter attached, send an email to Ken Morcombe at socialsecretary@invictamaid.org and we will set you up on our email distribution list.

ALLAN WILSON-SMITH AND JOE DAVIS

It is with Great sorrow that I have to advise you of the deaths of two of our founding members. Allan was a leading light in setting up Invicta. His energy and organisational ability were the driving forces in making the Group by far the most active association for many years with a very wide range of activities many of them personally led by him. Many of our long standing members will remember fondly the very popular continental holidays that he organised for many years in

addition to the very varied range of activities on home territory. Tributes can be found on our website. Joe was also involved from the start of our association and continued to serve us very well as our secretary up to a couple of years back and in his role as a local rep.

Both Allan and Joe will be sadly missed.

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

We extend a warm welcome to the following new members

Mrs C A Taylor	Minster-on-Sea	Mr A M Chacon	Sevenoaks
Mr T Flaherty	Crowborough	Mrs P A Woodhouse	Chipstead
Mr G P Wood	Bexley	Mr M Stewart-Day	Sevenoaks
Mr G Atcheler	Welling	Mr P Ryder	Tunbridge Wells
Mr L P Roberts	Canterbury	Mr C E Haines	Edenbridge
Ms L J Pearson	Etchingam		

and send our best wishes to Mrs J M Prior, Mr J C Skinner and Mrs S Morcombe 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:-Mrs S Gell Tunbridge Wells Mr D A Harvey Otford Mrs B E Hetherington Wigmore Mr J D Thorne Maidstone

AND FINALLY

Although I will continue to publish and distribute the newsletter for a little longer, I am now 'Hanging up my Boots' as your social secretary and as such will no longer be organising the programme of social events. My thanks to all who have supported our social programme during the years that I have been social secretary and my best wishes to whoever now takes on the role.

ENTRIES FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER MUST REACH ME BY THE END OF JUNE

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

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

FRIDAY 13th APRIL 2012

The Annual General Meeting of the AVIVA Fellowship (Invicta) will be held at 12.00 am on Friday 13th April 2012 at the Kings Hill Community Hall, 70 Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling. A sketch map and travel instructions will be sent to those wishing to attend and who need directions. You are cordially invited to attend. Member's spouses are included in this invitation.

Following the meeting, lunch will be provided and liquid refreshment will be available. Lunch is free as is the bar but in respect of the latter we would ask that you make a donation to the Kent Air Ambulance.

If you wish to attend the meeting, it is **ESSENTIAL** that you complete the slip below and return it to me by 23rd March. We cannot make catering arrangements unless this is done. If having booked a place, you are unable to attend it is important that you contact me or Ken Morcombe.

Nominations for Chairman and Committee Members should also reach me by 23rd March. It would also be helpful if you could advise me by that date of any matter you may wish to raise at the meeting.

Barry West
Hon. Secretary

AGENDA

Apologies for Absence Minutes of 2011 Meeting (These will be available at the meeting) Matters Arising Chairman's Report Hon Treasurer's Report Social Secretary's and Area Reps Co-ordinators reports Regional Report Election of Chairman and Committee for 2012/2013 Questions from Members Any Other Business

To Barry West, secretary@invictamaid.org

I wish to attend the AGM on 13th April. Number attending _____ (Spouses are invited)

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

If you would like to come but need help with transport please tick here _____

If you are able to provide transport for someone in your area please tick here _____

I need directions to the AGM venue YES/NO

To Ken Morcombe, socialsecretary@invictamaid.org

I wish to go to see 42nd Street in Tunbridge Wells on 26th April

Name _____

Address _____

Post Code _____

Telephone _____

Number attending _____

I enclose a cheque payable to Aviva Fellowship (Invicta) for £ _____ (£14 per head in front stalls and £15 per head in rear tiered stalls)

PLEASE REPLY BY 7th March

To Laurie Thompson, publunch@invictamaid.org

I wish to attend the pub lunch at The Globe and Rainbow on 6th June

Name _____

Address _____

Post Code _____

Telephone _____

Number attending _____

PLEASE REPLY BY 26th May

To Ken Morcombe, socialsecretary@invictamaid.org

I wish to go to the London Fire Brigade Museum on 7th March

Name _____

Address _____

Post Code _____

Telephone _____

Number attending _____

I enclose a cheque payable to Aviva Fellowship (Invicta) for £ _____ (£3.00 each)

YOUR REPLY MUST REACH ME BY 25th FEBRUARY

To Ken Morcombe, socialsecretary@invictamaid.org

Please send me details of the Mount Ephraim Gardens visit.

Name _____

Address _____

Post Code _____

Telephone _____

Probable number attending _____

Please reply by 15th MARCH