

THE INVICTA

THE NEWSLETTER OF AVIVA FELLOWSHIP (INVICTA) JANUARY 2013

Hello everybody. Happy New Year. In this newsletter we have a message from our Chairman and we report on our recent activities and set out an exciting programme for the coming months.

CHAIRMAN'S PIECE

I am well and truly snowed in as I write these notes, summer being a distant memory.

During the latter part of 2012 we enjoyed good support for the various events organised, culminating in 63 bookings for the Christmas lunch at Edwards Brasserie and 28 at Chartham Hatch. The 'marathon' raffle at Edwards raised £100 for the Kent Air Ambulance Trust, a most worthy organisation.

On 10th January Charlie and Dorothy Stone celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary and I had great pleasure in delivering a bottle of Aviva labelled champagne and a bouquet of flowers from the Invicta membership. Do let one of the committee members know if you are celebrating a similar occasion this year.

As many of you will know, Aviva is seeking to achieve cost savings of £400 million across its businesses and the Fellowship is not immune from the cut back. The company continues to generously support the Fellowship, but for the first time since it was founded we are to face an annual reduction in funding of £1.50 per member.

Consequently it is even more essential that we communicate with one another as cost effectively as we can. If you have not already done so, please tell us your email address; every letter costs a minimum of 50p today compared with 27p only a handful of years ago when our allowance was £1.50 more than it will be going forward.

Details of forthcoming events are shown in the following pages and your committee appreciates your continued support.

With very best wishes to you all for a happy and healthy 2013.

Barry Summerfield

FUTURE EVENTS

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In the coming months, we have regular ten-pin bowling, a pub lunch, a visit to the Tunbridge Wells theatre, a back stage tour of the National Theatre, a visit to an impressive Manor House and gardens and a guided tour of the home of Charles Darwin.

TEN PIN BOWLING

Our monthly bowling meetings near Tunbridge Wells are continuing with the next session taking place on 13th February. If you wish to give it a try, please contact Shirley Leatt (bowling@invictamaid.org) for details.

PUB LUNCH

Our next pub lunch takes place on 26th February from noon onwards at The Bricklayers Arms in Chipstead, Sevenoaks.

To get to the pub, from the junction of the A21 and A25 heading towards Sevenoaks go up the slip road and at the end turn left into Homedene Road. (there is a large 'Sunrise' care home on the right hand side of the road). Continue for 200 yards and then on your left take the Chevening Road. The pub is about 150yds on the left. Parking on the road is very difficult but on the right there is an unmade road leading to Chipstead Sailing Club and the local Cheshire Home and parking is available there.

If you wish to go please return the attached form to Laurie Thompson by 18th February.

NATIONAL THEATRE – BACK STAGE TOUR

During the week commencing 18th March, there will be a back stage tour of the National Theatre organised by George Wood. The tour, which lasts about one and a quarter hours, will commence at 12.15 and will cost £7.50 per person. It is hoped that the visit can be co-ordinated with a day when there is a matinee so members can opt to stay on for the show if they wish.

If you wish to attend (depending on the date chosen) please register your interest by post or email with Barry Summerfield by 15th February. Please ensure that you provide Barry with either your email address or phone number so that you can be promptly contacted with the chosen date. Please see Barry's contact details on the attached form.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS THEATRE

The next production by the TWODS at the Assembly Halls Theatre in Tunbridge Wells is *The Sound of Music*. Tickets are priced at £15 for front stalls or circle and £17 for rear tiered stalls. Tickets will be obtained for the evening performance on Wednesday 17th April for those wishing to go. If you wish to go, please complete the attached form and return it together with your cheque, to Barry Summerfield by 22nd February.

VISIT TO TITSEY PLACE

In mid May we are proposing a visit to Titsey Place, near Oxted. This is an impressive Manor House with beautiful gardens set in the stunning countryside of the North Downs. If we can muster interest from 20 or more people a guided tour can be arranged.

To register interest please let Barry Summerfield know by email or post by 15th February. Contact details are shown on the attached form.

VISIT TO DOWN HOUSE

In July we are planning to make a visit to Down House with a guided Tour. Down House is situated in Luxted Road, near the village of Downe, BR6 7JT. It is full of interest having been the home of Charles Darwin. To register interest please let Barry Summerfield know by email or post by 15th February. Contact details are shown on the attached form.

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.

FREE LUNCH, GUEST SPEAKER AND AGM

This year our AGM takes place on Friday 12th 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 leaves plenty of time to socialize, enjoy a free lunch and listen to our guest speaker talk about the day to day work of the Kent Air Ambulance. There will be a free bar but we will ask you to make a charitable donation when you order drinks. Donations of prizes for the raffle will be very welcome. The AGM notice is attached. If you wish to attend please complete the attached form and send it to Barry West by 20th March. Directions to the venue can be provide if you need them

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

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

FRIDAY 12th APRIL 2013

The Annual General Meeting of the AVIVA Fellowship (Invicta) will be held at 12.00 am on Friday 12th April 2013 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 who will be sending a guest speaker.

If you wish to attend the meeting, it is **ESSENTIAL** that you complete the slip below and return it to me by 22nd 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 (secretary@invictamaid.org) or Ken Morcombe(socialsecretary@invictamaid.org)

Nominations for Chairman and Committee Members should also reach me by 22nd 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 2012 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 2013/2014
Questions from Members
Any Other Business

To Barry West (secretary@invictamaid.org)

I wish to attend the AGM on 12th 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 Barry Summerfield (chairman@invictamaid.org)

I wish to go to see The Sound of Music in Tunbridge Wells on 17th April

Name _____

Address _____

Post Code _____ Email Address _____

Telephone _____

Number attending _____

I wish to sit in front stalls/ tiered rear stalls/ Circle (Please indicate preference)

I enclose a cheque payable to Aviva Fellowship (Invicta) for £ _____ (£15 per head in front stalls and circle and £17 per head in rear tiered stalls)

PLEASE REPLY BY 22nd FEBRUARY

To Laurie Thompson (lunchsecretary@invictamaid.org)

I wish to attend the pub lunch at The Bricklayers Arms on 26th February

Name _____

Address _____

Post Code _____

Telephone _____

Number attending _____

PLEASE REPLY BY 18th FEBRUARY

To Barry Summerfield (chairman@invictamaid.org)

I wish to register interest in the following events

National Theatre Back Stage Tour YES/NO Number attending _____

Visit to Titsey Place YES/NO Number attending _____

Visit to Down House YES/NO Number attending _____

Name _____

Address _____

Post Code _____

Telephone _____

Email address _____

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