

# THE INVICTA

## THE NEWSLETTER OF AVIVA FELLOWSHIP (INVICTA)

FEBRUARY 2014

Hello everybody. In this newsletter we have a message from our chairman, reports on recent events and we set our programme for the coming months. In addition, we have set out details and an invitation to attend our AGM.

### CHAIRMAN'S PIECE

Oh what miserable weather! I hope you have not been adversely affected by the non-stop downpours and I wish you a happy and, most importantly, healthy New Year.

Towards the end of 2013 we enjoyed good support for the organised events, the most attended being the two Christmas lunches. Our usual venue (Edwards Brasserie at Sevenoaks Weald) closed during the year but thanks to Laurie and Maggie Thompson, arrangements were made to hold the event at Sevenoaks Indoor Bowls Club. This proved to be an excellent choice and 53 members enjoyed some first class food. The traditional raffle was generously supported resulting in £161.00 being raised for the Air Ambulance Thrust.

22 members attended the lunch at Chartham Hatch but the occasion was overshadowed by the news that Audrey Churchill (a past Chairman) had been admitted to hospital the week before. However, she was keen for the "show to go on" and thanks to some last minute chasing around by Alan Baker everything fell seamlessly into place. Many thanks, Alan for all your help. We wish Audrey a speedy recovery.

There is a separate letter on its way to all members explaining the effects of further cutbacks to the Fellowship budget. Yet again I emphasise how important it is that we communicate by email wherever possible as our administration funds are very limited.

In the following pages you will find details of the AGM to be held in April. As always we welcome (and desperately need!) new blood on the committee. My term of office as Chairman will come to close at the AGM when I am confident our Vice-Chairman, Richard Haynes, will be elected to take over unopposed! I have enjoyed my time in office (two stints totalling six years) but the task was made easier due to the commitment and encouragement of the remainder of the committee. I have very much appreciated their generous support and that of the membership at large. I am sure my successor will enjoy the same fulfilling experience.

Barry Summerfield

## **RECENT EVENTS**

In addition to the Christmas lunches as reported by our Chairman we have had regular monthly sessions of ten pin bowling and two visits to the theatre. In November we saw Oklahoma at the theatre in Tunbridge Wells and in January it was to the West End to see One Man Two Governors.

## **FUTURE EVENTS**

In the coming months, we have regular ten-pin bowling, a pub lunch, our AGM, a visit to the Tunbridge Wells Theatre, a visit to Lullingstone Castle and a short walk organised around a pub meal.

## **TEN PIN BOWLING**

Our monthly bowling meetings near Tunbridge Wells are continuing. If you wish to give it a try, please contact Shirley Leatt for details.

**BOWLERS PLEASE NOTE THE NEXT BOWLING DATES ARE 5<sup>th</sup> MARCH AND 2<sup>nd</sup> APRIL**

## **PUB LUNCH**

Laurie Thompson has booked a pub lunch for us on 11<sup>th</sup> March from noon onwards at the Bricklayers Arms in Chevening Road, Chipstead.

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 150 yards on the left. You can park on the road but if this is difficult, you can park on the unmade road on the right that leads to the Chipstead Sailing Club and the local Cheshire Home.

If you wish to go please let Laurie know by filling in the attached slip and posting it to him or email by 4<sup>th</sup> March to [lunchsecretary@invictamaid.org](mailto:lunchsecretary@invictamaid.org).

## **FREE LUNCH AND AGM**

This year our AGM takes place on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 for socializing and to enjoy a free lunch. 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 ([secretary@invictamaid.org](mailto:secretary@invictamaid.org)) by 19<sup>th</sup> March. Directions to the venue can be provided if you need them.

## **TUNBRIDGE WELLS THEATRE**

The next production by the TWODS at the Assembly Halls Theatre in Tunbridge Wells is Lionel Bart's 'Oliver'. Tickets are priced at £15 for front stalls and £17 for rear tiered stalls. Tickets will be obtained for the evening performance on Wednesday 23rd April at 7.30pm for those wishing to go. If you wish to go please complete the attached form and send it to Barry Sommerfield (chairman@invictamaid.org) together with your cheque by 28<sup>th</sup> February.

## **LULLINGSTONE CASTLE AND WORLD GARDENS**

We have arranged a visit with a guide to Lullingstone Castle at 11am on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May. The Castle is located at Eynsford on the A225, 10 minutes from junction 3 of the M25. This historic Manor House set in 120 acres has been inhabited by members of the Hart Dyke family for over 500 years. Its Norman church contains some of the oldest stained glass windows in England. In 2005 the World Garden of Plants was established with the aim of bringing together plants from all over the globe.

The cost of the visit is £10 per head and we need a minimum of 20 people for the visit to go ahead. If you wish to go, please send the attached form to Barry Sommerfield (chairman@invictamaid.org) together with your cheque by 28<sup>th</sup> February.

## **PUB WALK**

If there is sufficient interest, we plan to have a country walk at a leisurely pace for about two hours followed by lunch at a nearby pub. The planned date is Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June and the walk would take place in the Chiddingstone/Penshurst area starting at about 11 am.

If you are interested in taking part, please either return the attached form to Ken Morcombe by 10<sup>th</sup> March or send him an email at the address shown below. Ken will then send full details of the meeting place, the walk itself and of course the pub.

## **AND FINALLY**

We are enclosing the letter referred to in our Chairman's message about cutbacks in our budget in the consequent effects on the way we will operate in future.

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

February 2014

Dear Member

You will no doubt be aware that Aviva has implemented a significant reduction in the funding of the Fellowship for 2014. Whilst there will be sufficient money to cover the administration costs of running the areas there will be no surplus funds to provide birthday cards, gifts for milestone birthdays and champagne for those celebrating special wedding anniversaries. It was also decided to cease issuing diaries but subsequently the decision was overturned and you should by now have received your copy.

It has been the practice in the Maidstone (Invicta) branch of the Fellowship to maintain contact with the membership through a network of 'Reps'. Their function is to welcome new members, offer support to existing members where required and to carry out visits, usually on the occasion of a birthday or if someone is ill.

Sadly, it will not be possible for this to continue across the board but if you have valued this form of contact in the past and would welcome the occasional visit in the future, please let me know, preferably by email at [membershipsecretary@invictamaid.org](mailto:membershipsecretary@invictamaid.org).

The good news is that the InTouch magazine will continue but with slightly fewer pages and only two issues a year instead of three. The Company has also agreed to pay a £5.00 subsidy for those attending Christmas/Annual lunches. So, it is not all doom and gloom!

Finally, if we do not already have your email address, please forward it to me. It is essential we minimise our postal costs to ensure our reduced budget covers the remainder of our administration expenditure.

I wish you a belated happy and healthy New Year.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Shrimpton

Invicta Membership Secretary

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**FRIDAY 11<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2014**

The Annual General Meeting of the AVIVA Fellowship (Invicta) will be held at 12.00 am on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 charity.

If you wish to attend the meeting, it is **ESSENTIAL** that you complete the slip below and return it to me by 19<sup>th</sup> 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 (socialsecretary@invictamaid.org).

Nominations for Chairman and Committee Members should also reach me by 19<sup>th</sup> 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**

**secretary@invictamaid.org**

## **AGENDA**

Apologies for Absence

Minutes of 2013 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 2014/2015

Questions from Members

Any Other Business

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To Barry West

I wish to attend the AGM on 11<sup>th</sup> 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

***More forms below ...***

To Laurie Thompson, lunchsecretary@invictamaid.org

I want to attend the pub lunch at the Bricklayers Arms on 11th March

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Post Code \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE REPLY BY 4<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

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To Barry Summerfield, chairman@invictamaid.org

I would like to attend the visit to Lullingstone Castle on 14<sup>th</sup> May

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Post Code \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose a cheque for £ (£10 per head) payable to Aviva Fellowship (Invicta)

**PLEASE REPLY BY 28<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

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*More forms on the next page ...*

To Barry Summerfield, chairman@invictamaid.org

I wish to attend the showing of Oliver at Tunbridge Wells on 23<sup>rd</sup> April

I want seats in front stalls / tiered rear stalls (please circle your choice )

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Post Code \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose my cheque for £ \_\_\_\_\_ (£15 each front stalls,£17 each tiered stalls) payable to Aviva Fellowship (Invivta)

PLEASE REPLY BY 28<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

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To Ken Morcombe, socialsecretary@invictamaid.org

I am interested in coming on the pub walk on 10<sup>th</sup> June. Please send me full details when available

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Post Code \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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