

BRIGHTON SPREAD EAGLES

Barclays Group Pensioners' Club

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April 2025

Dear Member,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and ready to join in with some or all the events that have been organised on your behalf by myself and other members of the Committee.

The coffee mornings continues at Café Quench, George Street, Hove, on the first Thursday of each month (excluding December) from 10.15 am.

A full list of the remaining events that have been arranged for you this year appears at the bottom of this newsletter. It is also available on our website. As previously advised, the lunch at the Coral Greyhound Stadium is on Sunday 27th April and there are still places available. Remember, included in the price, are a two course Sunday Roast and all your drinks.

As far as visits to Cineworld are concerned, David has a plan in course to see the two Mission Impossible films (Part 1 and 2) on consecutive Wednesdays, 4th and 11th June, subject to acceptable pricing, and that he will issue a separate Newsletter advising Members in due course, BUT please do keep these dates free if you hope to attend.

The first ramble of the year will take place at Stanmer Park on Wednesday 28th May and is being organised by Graham Clark. Graham says that he will make it an interesting walk, without the long hill at the beginning! More details by email nearer the time.

We would like to have more rambles this year despite the weather playing havoc with our best arrangements last year. Again, we would ask **if anyone would like to take on the role of organiser for one of these rambles, please let me know.**

The next three social events are detailed below and includes the relevant application forms. As agreed at the AGM, we have decided to slightly reduce the number of events in order to subsidise the more popular events and where appropriate hire coaches to make it more comfortable for members on the day.

Don Semmons,
Social Secretary & Treasurer.

Monday 12th May

Visit to Goodwood House including Cream Tea - Travelling by Coach.

Goodwood House combines the glamour of a great English country house with the warmth of a family home. It also provides a dramatic setting for one of the most significant private art collections in the country, which includes important works by Stubbs, Canaletto and Van Dyck.

As well as a guided tour of the House, you will enjoy a splendid Afternoon Tea in the Ballroom, with hand-made delicacies made using estate-reared, organic produce from Goodwood Home Farm. This really is a tea that you won't forget....

We are travelling by coach with the usual pick-up points to make it a day out for you with minimum hassle. We are limited to just 30 members, so please book early to avoid being disappointed.

The coach will leave **Hove Town Hall at 12.30pm** with pick-ups at **St Helens Church, Hangleton at 12.45pm** and **Lancing Manor at 1pm** (Approximate timings) We should be back in Hove by about 5.30pm

Cost of this event is £40.00 for members and £55.00 for guests.

Thursday 19th June

Visit to the Chichester Canal for a cruise including a Cream Tea – Travelling by Coach

We have hired both The Richmond and The Kingfisher boats for the two-hour round trip on the Chichester Canal that provides uninterrupted views of the countryside. You can enjoy the reflections on the water and the unique views of the cathedral and South Downs as you glide past the wildflowers and reed beds. Watch out for herons, kingfishers, swans and mallards in their natural habitat. The canal is a beautiful retreat close to the city.

During the cruise you will be served with a Cream Tea that includes a scone, locally made jam and clotted cream as well as a choice of tea or coffee.

Again, we have decided to travel by coach with the usual pick-up points to make it an easy day out for you with minimum hassle. With both boats booked, we can take up to 50 members on this trip, so please come along if you can.

The coach will leave **Hove Town Hall at 1pm** with pick-ups at **St Helens Church, Hangleton at 1.15pm** and **Lancing Manor at 1.30pm** (Approximate timings) We should be back in Hove by about 6pm.

Cost of this event is £35.00 for members and £45.00 for guests.

Thursday 24th July

Mid-Summer Lunch with Don's House of Games Quiz at Tottington Manor

We return to Tottington Manor for this year's Mid-Summer lunch, we have decided to have a break from the entertainment that we have had for the last few years and instead will be having a quiz set by Don after the lunch. **Coffee will be served in the bar from 12.30pm** and the bar will be available for drinks before and after the lunch.

We will be served with a two-course lunch from the menu that will be sent to those attending shortly before the due date.

The quiz will be based on the popular TV quiz, Richard Osman's House of Games, so you might like to watch a few episodes to get the hang of some of the rounds!!! Teams will be made up of the people on your table and prizes will be awarded to the winning team.

Lunch will be served at 1pm, with the quiz following the tea/coffee, so the afternoon should finish around 4pm

Cost of this lunch is £35.00 for members and £45.00 for guests.

The remaining events for 2025:

Wednesday 28 th May	Ramble at Stanmer Park Brighton
Wednesday 4 th June	Mission Impossible Part 1 TBC
Wednesday 11 th June	Mission Impossible Part 2 TBC
Thursday 28 th August	Visit to the Bluebell Railway with Cream Tea
Thursday 9 th October	Visit to Congress Theatre Eastbourne to see 'Fawlty Towers'
Thursday 4 th December	Christmas Lunch – Venue TBC

Below are the application forms for the next three events, with a reminder that if you wish to apply to go on any of them, you can **EITHER**:

Complete the attached application form and post it to Don, enclosing a cheque.

OR

Send an e-mail to don@brightonspreadeagles.co.uk giving the name of the trip and the number of places required, and then making payment by either internet banking transfer or by Bank Giro Credit to - Sort Code: 201275; Account Number: 20002038; Account Name: 'Barclays Group Pensioners Club',
If you chose to apply by e-mail, Don will acknowledge your application and the money can be transferred at any time up to 3 weeks prior to the event.

A reminder that no refunds will be issued after you have booked an event unless no funds have been paid out in advance by the Club. In any event no refunds will be issued if cancellation occurs within two weeks of the event.

**ALL Application forms to be sent to:
Don Semmons, 47 Cecil Road, Lancing, West Sussex BN15 8HP (01903 535587)
Separate Cheques, payable to Barclays Group Pensioners Club, for each event please.**

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Please delete as appropriate:

I/We would like to have for a lift to this event.

I/We are happy to offer a lift to other members to this event.