

BRIGHTON SPREAD EAGLES

Barclays Group Pensioners' Club

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January 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 March & December) from 10.15 am.

A full list of the events that have been arranged for you this year appears at the bottom of this newsletter. It is also available on our website.

Following last year's successful event at the Harbour Club on Shoreham Beach, we return there for an afternoon of Shuffleboard and tea.

The AGM will take place on Thursday 6th March at Tottington Manor, and the details are below. If you would like to attend, but have no transport, just complete the application form showing that you require a lift, and it will be arranged. A separate sheet with the Notice of the AGM is included with this newsletter.

As previously advised, the lunch at the Coral Greyhound Stadium now takes place on Sunday 27th April.

See below for application forms for these events.

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 do intend 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**

For those members interested in the financial aspects of the Club, the 2024 accounts are available to view on the web site and will be available at the AGM. Copies are available upon request to the Treasurer. As most of our grant is calculated by the number of members attending events, it does help us financially if you were to attend at least one event during the year. So please try and come along to a coffee morning, cinema or ramble during the year.

The feedback we have had from the enforced change of venue for our Christmas Lunch has been overwhelmingly positive and we will not hesitate to return to this venue this year. Deans Place is yet to reopen, and we do intend to contact them before making a final decision.

Dave Stedman has recently sent out details of our first visits to Cineworld this year and will be sending out the details of further Cineworld visits as soon as they are known.

We hope to be able to provide free cricket tickets to watch Sussex County Cricket Club playing at Hove, but more details to follow in the next newsletter or by email.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO LET ME HAVE A NOTE OF YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS TO SAVE ON POSTAL COSTS.

Paper copies of last year's Social Secretary's Report are available upon request to the Social Secretary.

A full copy, including photographs appears on our web site.

Don Semmons,
Social Secretary & Treasurer.

Thursday 27th February
Social afternoon tea with Shuffleboard Tournament.

This event is being held at the Harbour Club on Shoreham Beach and is simply a social meeting where we will have an afternoon tea and for those that wish to join in, a shuffleboard competition will be held during the afternoon.

We have arranged for the English Shuffleboard Company to come and set up a very informal tournament for us. Participation is entirely voluntary and as it can be played with virtually no physical effort, it should suit everyone!! Prizes will be on offer for the winners and in some cases the losers.

There is a large car park at the Harbour Club and **the event will start at 2pm.** We would expect the event to be **finished before 6pm.**

Cost of this event is £20.00 for members and £30.00 for guests.

Thursday 6th March
Annual General Meeting followed by a Two Course Lunch at Tottington Manor, Edburton Road, Henfield

Coffee will be served in the bar from 10.30 a.m. followed by the AGM at 11.00 a.m. Lunch will be served at 12.00 noon, and the bar will be available for drinks before and after the AGM.

I will forward a copy of the lunch menu to all attendees before the AGM to allow you to make your choice of food.

The Notice to Attend, that includes the agenda, is enclosed with this newsletter. A copy of the minutes of the 2024 AGM and a copy of the 2024 Accounts are also attached. We are looking for new members to join the committee this year, so please see the Notice to Attend for more information.

There is a large car park at this venue. This event should finish at about 2.30pm

If you would like to attend the AGM and require a lift, or are willing to give others a lift, please complete the relevant section on the application form below.

Cost of lunch is £30.00 for members and £37.50 for guests.

Sunday 27th April
Lunch at the Coral Greyhound Stadium

We are returning to the Coral Stadium in Hove to watch live greyhound racing whilst at the same time enjoying an excellent 2 course lunch served at your table. The Skyline restaurant gives you a clear view of the track. **Drinks are included in the cost of your ticket.**

The first race will start at 2.23pm, so please aim to be there at about 1.30pm. The final race will be around 5.45pm. However, if you are not interested in the racing and would like to come just for the meal, that is fine. Parking is free in the large car park in front of the stadium.

As an additional and voluntary item, for those of you who know little or nothing about betting on dog racing, Don is willing to make the bets on your behalf and share any winnings with you at the end of the event. You may, of course join in with this arrangement even if you are a betting expert! A contribution of £10 would allow a bet to be placed on the first 10 races, so that you would have an interest in the results throughout the afternoon.

Please be aware there is no cash machine at the dog stadium, so for your betting, you will need cash!!

Cost of this event is £22.50 for members and £32.50 for guests.

Optional betting £10 per person.

The remaining events for 2025:

Sunday 2 nd February	Cineworld visit to see Les Misérables
Wednesday 19 th February	Cineworld visit to see Bridget Jones – Mad About the Boy
Sunday 30 th March	Cineworld visit to see Billy Elliott
Monday 12 th May	Visit to Goodwood House for a Tour & Cream Tea
Wednesday 28 th May	Ramble at Stanmer Park Brighton
Thursday 19 th June	Visit to Chichester Canal for Cruise & Cream Tea
Thursday 24 th July	Mid-Summer Lunch at Tottington Manor with Special Quiz
Wednesday 20 th August	Visit to the Bluebell Railway with Cream Tea
Tuesday 9 th September	Visit to West Dean Gardens with Afternoon Tea
October (Date TBC)	Theatre Trip
November (TBC)	Cineworld Visit
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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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