

BRIGHTON SPREAD EAGLES

Barclays Group Pensioners' Club

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July 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.

Included in this newsletter is details of the trips to the Bluebell Railway and the theatre trip to Eastbourne to see Fawlty Towers. For both events our numbers are limited, so please get your applications in early to avoid any disappointments.

The Christmas Lunch application forms will be sent in a month or so giving the hotel a little longer to create the menu choices for us. Rest assured, the new venue is superb and all those who attend will be delighted that we are back at The Alfriston (formerly Deans Place) Again, this is limited in numbers and early applications should avoid members being disappointed.

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.

Further visits to Cineworld are being arranged and Dave Stedman will be sending out details as soon as they are available. These visits will supplement our itinerary during September and November where no other events have been organised.

Don Semmons,
Social Secretary & Treasurer.

Thursday 28th August

Visit to the Bluebell Railway including Cream Tea - Travelling by Car.

We are booked on the 3.30pm 'Steam & Cream' train from Sheffield Park to East Grinstead and return. During the journey will be served with a cream tea including drinks.

The Bluebell Railway is one of the first preserved heritage lines in the country, and they boast one of the finest collections of vintage steam locomotives and carriages, many of which were preserved directly from service on British Railways. Their historic line commenced services in August 1960 and today runs steam trains between Sheffield Park and East Grinstead, with stops at Horsted Keynes and Kingscote.

Sheffield Park Station (**TN22 3QL**) is situated on the A275 East Grinstead – Lewes main road, about two miles north of its junction with the A272. The Bluebell Railway, Sheffield Park is well signposted with brown tourist direction signs from the A22 and A23 trunk roads. There is plenty of available parking at Sheffield Park including a good number of Disabled Bays.

We have been asked to arrive at Sheffield Park Station 45 minutes before the scheduled departure time, so please arrive before 2.45pm

The finishing time is approximately 5.10pm

Cost of this event is £30.00 for members and £40.00 for guests.

Thursday 9th October

Congress Theatre, Eastbourne to see 'Fawlty Towers' – Followed by afternoon Tea – Travelling by Coach

The 'Greatest British Sitcom of All Time' (Radio Times) is back – this time on stage! 50 years since it first graced our TV screens, Fawlty Towers is now a brand-new stage play adapted by comedy legend John Cleese and directed by Caroline Jay Ranger.

Fresh from a SOLD-OUT West End season! This laugh-out-loud production was universally acclaimed by every London and national critic, selling out every single performance during its record-breaking West-End run.

Join Basil (Danny Bayne), the delightfully bumbling Major (Paul Nicholas) and Polly (Joanne Clifton), with an 18-strong cast as they bring to life all your favourite moments from the show's unforgettable twelve episodes. With sharp wit, chaos, and calamity at every turn, this is the comedy event of the year!

Following the performance, we take the short walk to the Cornfield Room for an afternoon tea.

Coach will depart from Hove Town Hall at 12.45pm and St Helens Church, Hangleton at 1.00pm

We should be back in Hove at about 7.30pm

Cost of this event is £50.00 for members and £65.00 for guests.

The remaining events for 2025:

Thursday 4th December	Christmas Lunch – The Alfriston
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Below are the application forms for the next two 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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I/We _____ would like to attend @ £30.00 each = £ _____
with _____ guests (Names please) @ £40.00 each = £ _____
Total = £ _____

Telephone Number _____

Please delete as appropriate:

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

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



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I/We _____ would like to attend @ £50.00 each = £ _____
with _____ guests @ £65.00 each = £ _____
Total: = £ _____

Telephone Number _____

I/We would like to get on the coach at.....
(Hove Town Hall – St Helens Church, Hangleton)

