

THE INVICTA

THE NEWSLETTER OF AVIVA FELLOWSHIP (INVICTA) JANUARY 2019

We hope that you all had an enjoyable Christmas and we would like to take this opportunity to wish you a happy and healthy 2019. Although we are deep in the short days of winter, spring is not far off and it is time to set out for you our programme for the next few months.

In this edition we bring you information about a pub lunch, our AGM, a visit to an historic house, a boat ride and our regular ten pin bowling events and there is also an invitation to join our happy ten pin bowlers. But first a word from Richard Haynes, our Chairman

CHAIRMAN'S ROUND UP

We had a good year in 2018 and I particularly enjoyed King John's Nursery and Dale Hill Golf Club Lunch. Not least since I made the arrangements and we had 19 attendees in each case. The Dale Hill lunch is being repeated in September due to the positive feedback. More news of this will follow.

Make a note now in your diaries for all the activities in 2019 and contact our organisers. The White Rock Inn pub lunch and the Christmas lunch continue to be popular and as ever my thanks to Laurie for being the consummate organiser. Please try to come to our AGM and have a bit of a chat and attempt to answer my quiz.

Hearty congratulations to Ken Morcombe, one of our members, who was awarded an MBE in the last birthday honours list. He collected his award from the Queen at a ceremony at Buckingham Palace in November.

Ken has been involved in a number of community activities since retirement and received his award for his work supporting young people with special educational needs who have physical disabilities and complex medical conditions. He is a long term governor at a special school who has raised funds to support the pupils and works closely with them in various ways such as running a gardening club and assisting at sporting and residential visits.

Ken feels that he is privileged to be able to work with vulnerable but wonderful young people. His award is very well deserved.

MARCH - PUB LUNCH

Laurie Thompson has arranged for us to have a pub lunch at the White Rock at Underhill on Wednesday 20th March at 12 for 12.30. The pub has become a favourite providing good service and excellent food. If you wish to attend the lunch please let Laurie know by 1st March by email – lunchsecretary@invictamaid.org. If you need directions, please let Laurie know.

APRIL - AGM

This year our AGM takes place on Wednesday 10th April at noon at the Kings Hill Community Centre in Kings Hill, West Malling. The business of the AGM though important is not a lengthy matter and then we can relax whilst enjoying a FREE sandwich lunch and drinks. Although there is no charge for drinks we invite you to make a donation to our chosen charity, the local air ambulance service. There will also be a fun quiz and a raffle. Contributions of raffle prizes will be appreciated.

IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND THE AGM PLEASE SEND THE ATTACHED FORM TO BARRY WEST BY 31st MARCH.

MAY – VISIT TO PROVENDER HOUSE

Barry Summerfield has arranged a private tour of Provender House, Provender Lane, Norton, near Faversham, ME13 0ST on Thursday 23rd May at 11.00 am. Parts of the house date back to the 13th century and over the years it has been home to a variety of adventurers, explorers and noblemen. It is currently the home of Princess Olga Romanov, the daughter of Prince Andrew Romanoff who was the eldest nephew of Tsar Nicholas 2nd of Russia. Olga's family first occupied the house in 1890 and she usually conducts the tours which last about an hour.

Our party is limited to 25 people so it will be 'first come, first served'. The cost of the visit will be entirely subsidised from our funds so that those who wish can splash out on lunch at the Three Mariners public house in Faversham afterwards.

If you wish to go it is important that you let Barry know as soon as possible **AND AT THE LATEST BY THE END OF FEBRUARY**. When registering to visit Provender House please also state whether you wish to have lunch at the Three Mainers. Details of lunch venue will be sent to those wishing to attend. A form is attached for your use.

JUNE – VISIT TO BEWL WATER

Margaret Shrimpton has arranged for us to take a boat ride on Bewl Water followed by fish and chips for lunch at the café. The boat trip is at 12 noon on Thursday 27th June. We have subsidised this event bringing the cost down to £6.50 per person. Those coming should ensure that they arrive at Bewl Water, which is located off the A21 south of Lamberhurst, no later than 11.30.

If you wish to go on this trip please complete the attached form and send it to Margaret Shrimpton **BY THE END OF FEBRUARY** with a cheque payable to M Shrimpton.

TEN PIN BOWLING

Once each month a group of our members gather together for a sociable morning of ten pin bowling near Tunbridge Wells, with some often adjourning to the pub afterwards for lunch. It is a very friendly gathering at which you will be afforded a very warm welcome. It does not matter whether you are an experienced player or a complete novice. If you would like to give it a try please contact Margaret Shrimpton who will give you all the details. You can contact Margaret on membershipsecretary@invictamaid.org.

CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to send our congratulations to George and Elsie Wood (great supporters of our fellowship for many years) on reaching their diamond wedding anniversary on 27th December. We wish them continued happiness in the years ahead.

Would you like to share news of a significant birthday or anniversary with your ex colleagues? If so let us know and we will publish your news in a future edition.

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

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 10th APRIL 2019

The Annual General Meeting of the AVIVA Fellowship (Invicta) will be held at 12.00 noon on Wednesday 10th April 2019 at the Kings Hill Community Centre, 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, a sandwich 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 31st March. Alternatively, you may email your wish to attend to secretary@invictamaid.org. 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. Nominations for Chairman and Committee Members should also reach me by 31st 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 2018 Meeting (These will be available at the meeting)
Matters Arising
Chairman's Report
Hon Treasurer's Report
Regional Report
Election of Chairman and Committee for 2019/2020
Questions from Members
Any Other Business

To Barry West, secretary@invictamaid.org

I wish to attend the AGM on 10th 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_____

To Barry Summerfield, noportfolio@invictamaid.org

I wish to attend the visit to Provender House on 23rd May

Name_____

Address_____

Post Code_____

Telephone_____

Email address_____

Number attending_____

Do you also wish to lunch at The three Mariners _____

PLEASE REPLY BY END OF FEBRUARY

To Margaret Shrimpton, membershipsecretary@invictamaid.org

I wish to come on the visit to Bewl Water on 27th June

Name_____Telephone_____

Address_____

Port Code_____

Number attending_____

Email_____

I enclose a cheque payable to M Shrimpton for £_____ (£6.50 per person)

PLEASE REPLY BY END OF FEBRUARY
