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MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

December has arrived already and so I would like to wish you a very Happy Christmas and an enjoyable New Year. You will see from the Diary of Events for 2011 that your Committee has included some new attractions so we hope that you will be able to take part and we look forward to seeing you.

Our AGM will be held on Thursday 24th February 2011 at Fairfield Halls so please put the date in your diaries and come along with plenty of ideas and suggestions.

Unfortunately, because of the very heavy snowfall and the freezing conditions, we decided to cancel our Christmas Lunch. We have now arranged a replacement New Year Lunch on Friday 7th January 2011 at the Aerodrome Hotel and hope to see you there.

Best Wishes Brian Welch.

The AVIVA Croydon Fellowship Annual General Meeting will take place on Thursday 24th Feb at 1:30 p.m., in the Fairfield Room, Fairfield Halls, Croydon preceded by a buffet lunch at 12:30. Fairfield Halls is undergoing some internal updating, so do take the opportunity whilst there to see what has been done.

[Your editor sends his apologies. He will be sunning himself in Singapore at the time, but will provide a written report]

OTHER FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Several events still need finalising, of course, but do make a note of the following events in the relatively near future:

New Year Lunch at Aerodrome Hotel, Friday 7th January to replace the cancelled Christmas Lunch. By now everyone affected should have been contacted.

Lunch at Good Companions, Thursday 3rd February. We have been promised that the problems with service that we had last time will not happen again, so do make your booking

Talk on Genealogy, Tuesday 22nd March. Chris House has arranged for Ray Bishop to give about a 45 minute talk on **genealogy** with a light buffet, again at the Good Companions. Exact details will be available nearer the time, but if you would like to know how to find out who your great, great grandfather was, and if he was a Duke or was hanged for sheep stealing, do come along. This is an evening event, allowing those still working to attend.

If you are unsure where any of the venues are, do contact a committee member for directions.

And don't forget the various **coffee mornings**. (See Timetable for dates and Page 5 for venue details)

FROM THE EDITOR

Whilst looking out at a snow-covered Coulsdon, and learning that the Christmas Lunch has had to be cancelled (see Brian's message on Page 1), I thought about the events that we have arranged over the last six months and realised that we were almost invariably blessed with good weather. I hope we have the same this coming year.

You will see from the time-table that we are planning another very full programme, hopefully with something for everybody. Two innovations in 2010 were the coach trip and the Italian lunch, both of which were very popular, so we plan a repeat of these, together with many of the 'old favourites' and a couple of new ones. Several members still work part-time, so we are increasing the number of events on Mondays and Fridays,

when part-timers are often more free.

Even if you are unable to attend the 'specials', do try to come to some of the coffee mornings

My thanks to the Committee and to others who have organised and continue to organise events and are keeping the ball rolling.

I know that we tend to keep on about costs in these difficult times, but to keep these down, we are letting people who have advised us of their e-mail address, receive their Newsletter by this means – but they do get it in colour! If you want to see it in 'Technicolor' or some previous editions, they are on the website.

If we don't know your e-mail address, please let any committee member know it.

Dave Newland (Editor)

REPORTS ON RECENT EVENTS

Coach Trip to Chatham Maritime

The coach trip was a first and proved to be very popular. On arrival, after a number of formalities, we divided into two groups for conducted tours of the old Chatham Dockyard, including the boat-building shed, preserved ships and boats and various official docks buildings.



HMS Gannet & Ship Building Yard

After lunch, we learnt about rope making, with those who tried hands-on being allowed to take home a piece of their own-made rope!

Conducted Tour of Old Limpsfield

At the end of June, David Broom arranged for Peter Fernee to lead a conducted tour of Old Limpsfield, following those that he has done previously in Godstone and Bletchingly. The itinerary included the parish church formerly under the auspices of Battle Abbey and the Old Court House, the oldest building in SE England.



At the Church Lych Gate



The Group admiring the 13th C. Court House

Woldingham Countryside Walk

A shorter walk this year, starting and finishing at Knight's Garden Centre. We walked past Woldingham School, climbed up to Marden Park Woods onto the North Downs Way. From there were wonderful views over Oxted and other parts of Surrey, to the sound of M25 traffic!

Back down through the woods, over the top of the Oxted Railway Tunnel and back to Knights for a cream tea. As this is the third year running that we have indulged, I think it will be expected in future!

Dave NEWLAND



Pigs waiting to be fed



Pigs waiting to be fed?

[On the walk I deliberately omitted one bit, through Great Church Wood and to St. Agatha's Church, the smallest and highest in Surrey. This was partly for time reasons, but mainly because these woods need to be seen at bluebell time – SO - after the Knights Coffee Morning, if the bluebells are still in bloom at the end of May, I intend to lead a shorter walk to see these places.]

To whet your appetite, here are some pictures in advance! DN



Going for Gold – The Olympic Site

Did you know that the first underground railway was built in 1863? - And the last public execution took place in 1868.! So, it was possible to travel by the new mode of transport, to watch a throwback to medieval times, a public hanging. Just one of the fascinating facts we learnt from our guide, when we were, in fact, touring the Olympic site in the east of London !

perimeter fence, the mighty stadium, the veladrome & the aquatic centre.

Once again we had good weather for our outing, and 22 members met at Bromley-by-Bow. We went first to the site of an old Mill, looking rather like a Kent Oast House, used to mill grain for flour, and later, Gin. Nearby, a stretch of canal had been dredged of years of sludge, and now glistened in the sun.

Two of our members were very interested in this site, because Dave Newland has run several marathons, and Graham Hamlyn took part in the Commonwealth Games of 1970

The River Lea runs right through this area, and much of the materials in & out of the site, have been moved by barge.

After the games, the site will be closed for a year, to re-landscape the area as a new public park, and the Olympic Village will be turned into much needed housing. It should totally rejuvenate the whole area.
Judy Dumbrill

As you see on the television, the site is still taking shape, but we saw, from the



Our Group with the Main Stadium in the Background

RHS Wisley

A party of 25 visited RHS Wisley on a warm day in August. We were split into 3 groups all with excellent guides to the gardens. Afterwards we had lunch and explored the tropical and temperate Glasshouse.

Carol Courtney



Expert Explanation



Glass House and Lake

THEATRE

Recent productions attended have included 'All Shook Up'. Philip's proposals for theatre visits for 2011 are:

'The Graduate' performed by CODA, 'The Full Monty' and 'Jesus Christ Superstar' by West Wickham OS, 'The Wedding Singer' by Croydon Stagers and 'Singin' in the Rain', and 'HMS Pinafore' by Wimbledon LOS.

'The Graduate' is a play - the others are musicals. The Churchill is being refurbished in the earlier part of 2011, hence nothing there until later. Also, the Fairfield Halls are undergoing major updating, which could possibly affect productions there. If the two November shows have midweek matinees on different dates, we might try for both.

See the timetable for dates and venues, but some of these are bound to be provisional.

EATING and DRINKING

Fellowship members are obviously a hungry and thirsty lot, judging by the number of eating and (coffee!) drinking sessions that we have had.

But thanks to everyone involved in the organising of these events, and we have made sure that in 2011 you will not go hungry or thirsty!

Coffee mornings have continued to be held at Alders, Knights and Chartwell, but we have now added Polhill to the list.

As well as the regular pub lunches, we have had a fish-and-chip supper and lunch at an Italian restaurant. Sadly, the **BIG ONE**, the Christmas lunch, was snowed off. As Maggie said, 'A cheese and tomato sandwich is not the lunch I was looking forward to today.'



Coffee at Chartwell

[The Summer Country Walk will follow the June coffee morning at Polhill. Details in the June Newsletter]

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For people unfamiliar with the location of the various coffee venues (see Diary for dates) here they are:

Alders Store, Croydon – 4th Floor Restaurant. The coffee at Alders is paid for by the Fellowship whilst funds permit! Plenty of buses, a tram stop outside and both East and West Croydon Stations are about five minutes' walk away.

The Dene Restaurant in Knights Garden Centre, Woldingham Road, Woldingham, Surrey. CR3 7LA, a short walk from Woldingham Station or 2nd left at the Wapses Lodge Roundabout just past the Ann Summers building, if approaching from Croydon on A22.

Chartwell, Mapleton Road, Westerham, Kent. TN16 1PS where there is also the opportunity to visit Sir Winston Churchill's home and to roam the gardens. Follow sign posts from Westerham village.

Polhill Garden Centre. At the top of Polhill on the A21 between Bromley and Sevenoaks or off the M25 Junction 4.

Access by public transport is not easy for the last two venues, so please ask if you would like a lift, to see what we can arrange.

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Please contact Tony O'Connell : 01268 724391 or mobile 0779 3017887.

In this weather, it looks very tempting!!! [Ed.]

DIARY OF EVENTS FOR 2011

Date	Organiser	Event	Venue	Time
JANUARY				
Fri 7	CH/PP	New Year Lunch	Aerodrome Hotel, Purley Way	12:15 for 12:45
Tue 11	MM	Coffee Morning †	4 th Floor Restaurant, Allders, Croydon	10:30
FEBRUARY				
Thu 3	CH/PP	Lunch	Good Companions, Hamsey Green	12.15 for 12.45
Tue 8	MM	Coffee Morning †	4 th Floor Restaurant, Allders, Croydon	10:30
Wed 23	MM	Coffee Morning †	Knight's Garden Centre, Woldingham	10:30
Thu 24	MM	Buffet Lunch & AGM	Fairfield Room, Fairfield Halls, Croydon	12:30 / 13:30
MARCH				
Tue 8	MM	Coffee Morning †	4 th Floor Restaurant, Allders, Croydon	10:30
Thu 17	PT	Theatre	'The Graduate', Ashcroft Theatre, Fairfield Halls	
Tue 22	CH	Genealogy Talk	Good Companions, Hamsey Green	19:30
APRIL				
Tue 12	MM	Coffee Morning †	4 th Floor Restaurant, Allders, Croydon	10:30
Wed 13	JD	Visit	Leighton House Museum, Kensington	TBA
Tue 26	MM	Fish 'n' Chips Supper	McDermott's, Forestdale Centre, Selsdon	19:00 for 19:30
MAY				
Mon 9	HK/CC	Visit	Brighton Pavilion	TBA
Tue 10	MM	Coffee Morning	4 th Floor Restaurant, Allders, Croydon	10:30
Thu 12	PT	Theatre	'The Wedding Singer', Ashcroft, Fairfield Halls	Matinee
Wed 18	CH/PP	Lunch	Horseshoe, Warlingham	12:15 for 12:45
Wed 25	MM/DN	Coffee Morning †	Knight's Garden, Woldingham + Bluebell Walk	10:30
JUNE				
Mon 13	CH/PP	Coach Excursion	Romney, H&D Railway + Optional Fish&Chips?	10:00
Tue 14	MM	Coffee Morning †	4 th Floor Restaurant, Allders, Croydon	10:30
Thu 30	MM/DN	Coffee Morning †	Polhill Garden Centre PLUS local Walk	10:30
JULY				
Tue 12	MM	Coffee Morning †	4 th Floor Restaurant, Allders, Croydon	10:30
Wed 20	JD	Visit	Eagle Heights, Wild Life Park, Eynsford, Kent	TBA
Thu 28	MM	Coffee Morning †	Chartwell National Trust, Kent	10:30
AUGUST				
Tue 2	BW	Italian Lunch	GI Trattoria Italiana, West Wickham	12:00 for 12:30
Tue 9	MM	Coffee Morning †	4 th Floor Restaurant, Allders, Croydon	10:30
Wed 31	MM	Coffee Morning †	Knight's Garden Centre, Woldingham	10:30
SEPTEMBER				
Wed 7	CC	*Visit	Hampton Court Palace	TBA
Tue 13	MM	Coffee Morning †	4 th Floor Restaurant, Allders, Croydon	10:30
Wed 28	CH	Anniversary Cruise	Regional River Thames (& Greenwich Visit)	TBA
Thu 29	MM	Coffee Morning †	Polhill Garden Centre	10:30
OCTOBER				
Mon 3	CH/PP	*Lunch	Venue to be decided	TBA
Tue 11	MM	Coffee Morning †	4 th Floor Restaurant, Allders, Croydon	10:30
Mon 17	JD	*Guided Walk	London	TBA
Thu 27	JP	* Visit	Old Palace School, Croydon	13:15
NOVEMBER				
Tue 8	MM	Coffee Morning †	4 th Floor Restaurant, Allders, Croydon	10:30
Thu 10	MM	Fish 'n' Chips Lunch	McDermott's, Forestdale Centre, Selsdon	11:30 for 12:00
Thu 17	PT	Theatre	To be advised	
Wed 30	MM	Coffee Morning †	Knight's Garden Centre, Woldingham	10:30
DECEMBER				
Mon 5	CH/PP	*Christmas Luncheon	Aerodrome Hotel, Purley Way	12:15 for 12:45
Tue 13	MM	Coffee Morning †	4 th Floor Restaurant, Allders, Croydon	10:30

Notes: For organisers' contact details, see list of committee members and other event organisers.

† No booking is required for events with the † symbol. Just turn up.

* Dates and / or times of starred events are liable to confirmation / alteration / cancellation.

Please note Events of interest in your AVIVA Diary as we cannot guarantee reminders