



Newsletter July 2007

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Special points of interest:

- *This edition includes news of our plans for the latter part of 2007*
- *Don't miss our imminent events, in July and August - see page 5 - and others for which we are now taking bookings*

IMMINENT EVENTS!

**Tuesday 24 July
Thames Path Walk**

**Call Sheila by 27 July
for**

**Seaside Walk
15 August**

**Book by 31 July
for**

**Pub lunch 8 August
Finchcocks 5 September**

Events for the summer and autumn

This edition of the Newsletter is, regrettably, late. (The Editor has no-one to blame but himself.)

It means that you must take action without delay, if you wish to participate in several imminent events:

- Dave and Ann Newland's **Thames Path Walk**, on Tuesday 24th July - no booking required.
- The next **Pub Lunch** (8th August) and
- The visit to **Finchcocks Musical Museum** (5th September) both need booking by 31st July.

Order forms are included with this Newsletter. In addition:

- Ring Sheila on 01883 342594 by 27th July if you want to join the **Seaside Walk**, on 15th August.

There will be an Autumn Lunch as usual, at the Grasshopper, but details have not yet been finalised. Make sure you're on our mailing list if you want to be advised. So that we can keep in contact, and let you know of upcoming events, it is important that we have up to date information. If you move, change your email address or just want to change your preferences and get information about walks and theatre visits etc., not only the lunches, please let Colin know. [Contact Colin Hunt - Email: clnhun@aol.com; Telephone: 02086701522; Write: 31 Cheviot Road, West Norwood, London, SE27 0LF.]

New faces

At our AGM in February we said goodbye to *George and Jean Cannell*, with many thanks for their service to the Fellowship over the years. And we elected two new members of the committee: *Maggie Mahoney* and *Patricia Pegg*. Maggie also took over from George and Jean the duties of Secretary. The committee now includes members who once worked for all three of the main Aviva constituent companies.

We also have a new event organiser in *David Broom*, who has arranged a tour of Godstone which will be guided by his former neighbour, the very knowledgeable Peter Fernée.

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A number of you may remember me from your CU, CGU, Aviva days where I was Head of Tax (Employee Taxes). I also produced the annual pensioners guide to tax which stopped with Aviva. I understand Aviva pensioners being one myself, having retired early. Please contact:

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Salvete and valete

We welcome to the Croydon Fellowship:

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Mr Andrew Gardiner
Mr David Gillett
Mrs L Harding
Mr Martin Harman
Mrs Margaret Holdstock
Mrs Hilary Kearney
Mr John MacBannochie
Mr Andrew MacDiarmid
Mrs Vaulda McLeish
Mrs Doreen Melvin
Mrs Margaret Norton
Mrs Ann Rodber
Mrs Linda Samarawira
Dr Cees Schrauwiers
Mrs Marion Smith
Mrs Katalin Taylor
Mr Joseph Tibble

And we record the sad passing of

Mrs May Arkell
Mr Leslie Bate
Mr Francis Bollen
Mrs Lucy Chesson
Mrs Hazel Cogram
Miss Dorothy Colwell
Mrs Margaret Drinkell
Mr David Elphick
Mrs Isobel Johnson
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Invitation to a taxation surgery

Chris Garrett - see above ad - has offered to provide limited help and advice (free) to members at one of the Brasted coffee mornings. Anyone interested should contact Chris and agree a date. Other members present at the same coffee morning would also be able to speak to him.

Seasonal Lunches

Our 2007 Spring Luncheon was held at the Barley Mow, Tandridge. The food and bonhomie was enjoyed by all.

We are continuously looking for venues for our Seasonal Lunches and we are wondering if any of our members has any suggestions where we could hold one of our lunches. We need somewhere which can accommodate up to 50 attendees with a three course menu ideally priced from between £10 to £12 per head. Golf clubs, Restaurants and Public Houses will be considered. If you have any recommendations please contact David Newman (see p.2 for contact details).

We look forward to seeing you at our Autumn Luncheon, to be held at the Grasshopper, Westerham on 20th September, 2007. *David Newman*



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My name is Vivienne:
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 references available

West Wickham Operatic Society: Annie

Churchill Theatre, Bromley: Thursday 1st November 2007, 2.30pm

WWOS's *The Witches of Eastwick* was a terrific show, as those members who saw it will testify.

The company's next "epic" will be a new production of the ultimate feel-good family musical ANNIE! Over 80 hopefuls are to audition for the title role on 21st July. Maybe they hope to follow in the footsteps of Catherine Zeta Jones, who, aged just ten, played the lead role in a Swansea production.

The original 1977 Broadway production was nominated for 11 Tony Awards and won 7, including Best Musical, Best Score, and Best Book. It ran for 1,485 performances at London's Victoria Palace.

Annie has a lot for everyone, with 6 big company numbers, and at least 20 different character roles, big and small. Songs from Annie include: *Tomorrow*, *Easy Street*, *It's A Hard-Knock Life*, *Little Girls* and *NYC*.

Philip Talmage

Croydon Stagers: Thoroughly Modern Millie

Ashcroft Theatre, Croydon: Thursday 29th November 2007, 3.00pm

Taking place in 1922, the show tells the story of small-town girl Millie Dillmount, who moves to Manhattan in search of a new life. It's a New York full of intrigue and jazz - a time when women were entering the workforce and the rules of love and social behavior were changing forever.

Based on the popular 1967 movie starring Julie Andrews, the stage version of Thoroughly Modern Millie

includes a full score of new songs and bright dance numbers. It opened on Broadway in April 2002, ran for 903 performances and won six 2002 Tony Awards, including Best Musical. The show also ran at the Shaftesbury Theatre, followed by a UK tour.

Filled with frisky flappers, dashing leading men and a dragon-lady of a villainess audiences will love to hate, this is just the thing for the Stagers' talents. *Philip Talmage*



Visit to Finchcocks Musical Museum

Wednesday 5th September 2007, 12.30pm for 2.00pm

Something different for this year – a visit with “Culture” thrown in! We have arranged to go a little further out and visit Finchcocks Musical Museum on Wednesday 5th September 2007. The collection comprises over 100 historical keyboard instruments, and a number of barrel organs, musical boxes and other mechanical devices.

The visit will include an introduction to the house, which dates from 1725, and a visit to the museum, followed by a musical recital. The subsidised cost will be £6 per person.

The house is situated on the A262 between Lamberhurst and Goudhurst, in Kent. It is not easy to get to by Public Transport but I will do my best to arrange lifts with other members for anyone who does not have their own transport.

I suggest we meet in the gardens for a picnic from 12.30pm to be ready for the visit starting at 2pm – we should be finished by 4pm. If the weather is not too good, the picnic can be eaten in the on site restaurant where drinks and cakes can also be purchased.

Please book by the end of July at the latest so that I can advise final numbers to the managers.

Colin Hunt



Visit to Eltham Palace

Wednesday 3rd October 2007, 11.15am for 11.30



The original palace was given to Edward II in 1305 and used as a royal residence from the 14th to the 16th century. Henry VIII spent much of his childhood there. From the time of the Civil War, the palace fell into neglect, until English Heritage restored it, together with the 1930s Art Deco mansion built by the Courtauld family next to the 15th century Great Hall.

19 acres of beautiful gardens surround the palace.

Members were very appreciative when last we visited, five years ago. We have arranged a guided tour, starting at 11.30, which will last about 90 minutes. Afterwards, we shall have access to the gardens.

Disabled visitors may park or be set down near the main entrance. The main car park is 200 yards away. Mottingham and Eltham stations are both within ten minutes' walk.

John Ward

An easy Guided Walk around Godstone

Meet in car park opposite White Hart: 10.30am on Thursday 27th September

This guided walk round the medieval centre of the ancient village of Godstone will be an easy stroll on paved paths, entirely on the flat, with frequent stops for our guide to tell us about the historic buildings and coaching inns on our route. The only part of the tour that takes us out of the historic centre of the village will be the 500 yards detour along the paved footpath past Bay Pond to the church, beside which are the charm-

ing neo-medieval almshouse cottages and chapel designed by the great local Victorian architect Gilbert Scott.

Our guide, Peter Fernée, was the manager of the Bay Pond Nature Reserve for 16 years and is the author of guide-books on the Godstone area as well as on London and the City. Now retired, he spends much of his time fund-raising for the Surrey Wildlife Fund, to which all proceeds of our walk (£2 each) will go.

There is no need to book. Meet in the car park on the village green (by the pond, opposite the White Hart Inn) to commence the tour at 10.30am. The tour will end here at 12.30 - a convenient time for those who wish to lunch at one of the inns.

Godstone is a 10-minute bus ride from Caterham Station. Buses leave every half hour (the 409 at 25 past the hour; the 411 at 55 past the hour)

David Broom

Walk alongside the Thames

Kingston to Richmond: Tuesday, 24th July 2007, 10.45am

This walk follows the Thames Path from Kingston to Richmond, and we shall see, among other things: Teddington Lock, Eel Pie Island, Marble Hill House, Ham House, Petersham Garden Centre and the site of Richmond Palace (where a number of English sovereigns died!). The walk is all on the level, but the surface is variable, including pebbled paths and areas which may be a little slippery if there has been recent rainfall, so do come with appropriate footwear. The total distance is about 4½ miles.

Meet: in Kingston Railway Station entrance hall at 10:45 am

Getting there: As the start and finish of the walk are in different places, use public transport. The walk is entirely within the London Travelcard area (Zones 2 – 6 will suffice if not travelling via Waterloo) / Freedom Pass area. Trains leave Waterloo Mainline and Clapham Junction Stations every 15 minutes and the journey time is about 30 minutes from Waterloo and 20 minutes from Clapham Junction.

There are toilets on Kingston Station.

The Walk: Will be in three easy stages, none of which should take more than an hour.

Stage 1 will be to Teddington Lock, where we shall have a short break (15 to 20 minutes). There is a kiosk to buy tea, coffee and ice creams. Over the footbridge there are toilets in the two pubs.

Stage 2 will be from the lock to Petersham, where we will stop for a lunch break at the Dysart pub. Alternatively, lunch can be obtained at the Petersham Garden Centre, (but it is very pricey) or bring your own picnic lunch and have it in Richmond Park, opposite the pub.

Stage 3 will be to Richmond Station, from where there are frequent trains back to Clapham Junction and Waterloo. Anyone who feels that the first two stages are sufficient can catch a 65 bus outside the pub to Richmond Station.

There is no need to book a place on the walk – just turn up!

Dave Newland



Pub lunch at The Good Companions

Hamsey Green, Limpsfield Road, Warlingham: 8th August

MENU

Soup of the Day with Crusty Bread

Breast of Turkey with Potatoes and Fresh Vegetables.

or

Fried Cod Chips and Peas

Hot Dessert of the Day

or

Ice Cream

Due to the success of our first lunch at the Good Companions (Limpsfield Road, Warlingham) we have booked the restaurant again on Wednesday 8th August. The bar will be open at 12.15 and luncheon will be served at **12.45p.m.** The pub has a large car park, and can be reached by the 403 bus from Croydon, alighting at the Hamsey Green shops. The cost of the Special 3 Course Meal with tea or coffee, plus tip, is **£8.50** per head.

Please confirm your booking and **CHOICE OF MAIN COURSE** with a cheque payable to Aviva Fellowship

as soon as possible and certainly no later than 31st July 2007. We hope you can join us and look forward to seeing you.

Patricia Pegg



Seaside Walk, westwards from Eastbourne

Wednesday 15th August 2007

A seaside walk of approx. 5 miles from Eastbourne's Grand Parade to Holywell and beyond organised by Sheila Garratty and led by Trisha and Geoff Cockram.

We will travel from East Croydon on the 9.54 train arriving at the coast at 11.13. Alternatively drivers can meet us at the Holywell Car Park at approx 11.30. Toilets and refreshments are available at Holywell.

After our pit stop Trisha and Geoff will take us on a pleasant walk on what we hope will be a sunny day.

If you would like to join us please telephone Sheila on 01883 342594 no later than Friday 27th July to book and for further information. To cut costs we are hoping to arrange group travel which has to be purchased in advance.


Sheila Garratty




Month	Date	Organiser	Event	Venue	Time
Jul	Tue 24	Dave & Ann Newland	River walk Kingston - Richmond †	Kingston Railway Station	10:45
Aug	Tue 7	PP	Pub lunch	Good Companions, Hamsey Green	12:15 for 12:45
Aug	Tue 14	MM	Coffee morning †	White Hart, Brasted	10:30
Aug	Wed 15	SG	Seaside walk with <i>Trisha and Geoff Cockram</i>	East Croydon station for Eastbourne	09:54
Aug	Wed 29		Coffee morning †	Knights Garden Centre, Woldingham	10:30
Sep	Wed 5	CH	Country house /museum visit	Finchcocks, Goudhurst, Kent	14:00
Sep	Tue 11	MM	Coffee morning †	White Hart, Brasted	10:30
Sep	Thu 20	David Newman	Autumn lunch	Grasshopper, Westerham	12:00 for 12:30
Sep	Thu 27	DB	Guided walk with <i>Peter Fernée</i> †	Godstone (by pond opposite White Hart Inn)	10:30
Oct	Wed 3	JW	Country house /garden visit	Eltham Palace	11.15 for 11:30
Oct	Tue 9	MM	Coffee morning †	White Hart, Brasted	10:30
Nov	Thu 1	PT	WWOS: <i>Annie</i>	Churchill Theatre, Bromley	14:30
Nov	Tue 13	MM	Coffee morning †	White Hart, Brasted	10:30
Nov	Wed 28	SG	Coffee morning †	Knights Garden Centre, Woldingham	10:30
Nov	Thu 29	PT	Croydon Stagers: <i>Thoroughly Modern Millie</i>	Ashcroft Theatre, Croydon	15:00
Dec	Wed 5	David Newman	Christmas lunch	Aerodrome Hotel, Purley Way	12:15 for 13:00
Dec	Tue 11	MM	Coffee morning †	White Hart, Brasted	10:30
Jan	Tue 8	MM	Coffee morning †	White Hart, Brasted	10:30
Feb	Wed 6	PP	Pub lunch	Good Companions, Hamsey Green	12:15 for 12:45
Feb	Tue 12	MM	Coffee morning †	White Hart, Brasted	10:30
Feb	Thu 21	MM	Buffet lunch AGM	Fairfield Room, Fairfield Halls, Croydon	13:00 14:00
Feb	Wed 27	SG	Coffee morning †	Knights Garden Centre, Woldingham	10:30
Mar	Tue 11	MM	Coffee morning †	White Hart, Brasted	10:30
Apr	Tue 8	MM	Coffee morning †	White Hart, Brasted	10:30
May	Tue 13	MM	Coffee morning †	White Hart, Brasted	10:30
Jun	Tue 10	MM	Coffee morning †	White Hart, Brasted	10:30

NOTES: For organisers' contact details, see list of committee members and other event organisers on p.2
† No booking is required for events with the † symbol
* Dates and /or times of starred events are liable to alteration

No booking needed for:

Call Sheila (01883 342594) by 27 July for:
 **Walk from Eastbourne**
 Wednesday 15th August
 (9.54 from East Croydon)

 **Thames Path Walk**
 Tuesday 24th July (10.45 at Kingston Station)

 **Godstone Guided Walk**
 Thursday 27th September (10.30 opp. White Hart)



To: Philip Talmage, 33 Wickham Avenue, Shirley, Croydon CR0 8TZ					
Name & Address etc.	Show	Performance	Ticket price	Number required	Cost
Name:	Annie	1 November 2007 2.30 p.m.	£14.00		
Address:					
Postcode:	Thoroughly Modern Millie	29 November 2007 3.00 p.m.	£12.00		
Telephone:					
Email:	Total cost:				
I enclose cheque /postal order for £_____ made out to The Aviva Fellowship					



<i>Send to arrive by 31st August</i>				
to: John Ward, 12 Shaw Crescent, Sanderstead, Surrey CR2 9JA				
Name & Address etc.	Event	Date /Time	Price	Number required
Name:	Eltham Palace	3 October 2007, 11.15 for 11.30 am	£5.00	
Address:				
Postcode:	25 places only - first come first served!			
Telephone:				
Email:	I enclose cheque /postal order for £_____ made out to The Aviva Fellowship			



<i>Send to arrive by 31st July</i>				
to: Colin Hunt, 31 Cheviot Road, West Norwood, London SE27 0LF				
Name & Address etc.	Event	Date /Time	Price	Number required
Name:	Finchcocks Musical Museum	5 September 2007, 2.00pm	£6.00	
Address:				
Postcode:	I can/cannot offer a lift to other members (<i>delete as applicable</i>)			
Telephone:	I will/will not need a lift in order to attend the visit. (<i>delete as applicable</i>)			
Email:	I enclose cheque /postal order for £_____ made out to The Aviva Fellowship			



<i>Send to arrive by 31st July</i>				
to: Patricia Pegg, 141 Valley Road, Kenley, Surrey CR8 5BZ				
Name & Address etc.	Event	Date /Time	Price	Number required
Name:	Pub lunch Good Companions	8 August 2007, 12.15 for 12.45 pm	£8.50	
Address:				
Postcode:	Choice of main course:		Turkey	
Telephone:			Fried Cod	
Email:	I enclose cheque /postal order for £_____ made out to The Aviva Fellowship			