



BRIGHTON & DISTRICT NEWS LETTER MAY 2009



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LATEST EDITION OF PATROL IS NOW ON LINE

Golf

Our first event at Mid Sussex GC on the 7th of April was an excellent start to the summer even if I wasn't on the winning team!. The next event is at Cottesmore Golf & Country Club on the 9 June. For more information please contact your chairman. There will be a further 2 matches this year on the 8 September and the 3 November so make a note in your diaries.

AGM 17 April 2009

Our first AGM at Roedean went off without a hitch. I know I enjoyed the evening and I hope you all did too. There were comments about the lack of cake on the buffet and you will be happy to know that there will be cake next year!! As is usual at this event key posts were up for election and your new committee looks like this:

President:	Mike Welch
Chairman:	Colin Crookes
Vice Chairman:	Ian Hodgson
Secretary:	Peter Burrows
Social Secretary:	Dennis Walker
Treasurer:	Mike Ormerod
Committee member:	Bob Allen
	Peter Dacey
	Alex Durie
	Barbara Grainger

We say farewell to Pam Durie and Paul Lewendon both of whom have our sincere thanks for their support. There is still room for anyone who wishes to become involved in the running of the branch so don't be bashful!

OGM 18 October

Our next meeting is the half yearly OGM which will take place at Roedean on Sunday the 18 October. Yes that is definitely a Sunday!! The plan is to make a change to our usual format. This meeting will be held at 12 noon and

followed by a Sunday lunch at 1230. This lunch will be subsidised by the branch but members will still have to pay something towards the cost of food and book in advance.

The plan is that the meeting will cover essential business and anyone can attend that meeting as per usual, partners included. Those who do not wish to have lunch do not have too. Likewise those who wish to come to the lunch but not the meeting can do just that. If you are intending to have lunch you will need to book in advance with Dennis in the same way as for any other event.

More information will be published nearer the time.

Lunches!!

As usual our lunches were a big success with 29 people attending the gents lunch. As always this was a good event with good food and good company and no complaints! The ladies lunch I assume went just as well Come on ladies let me know how it was for you!

Commutation Latest

Following the announcement of the Judicial Review Decision it is our understanding that the Home Office will not appeal the decision of the Judicial Review in respect of the backdating of the new commutation factors. We are further advised that the appropriate circular has been prepared by the Home Office to provide Pension Departments with guidance and instructions as to what to do now. We understand those members, who will now be within this new backdated period, should be contacted by their force Pension Departments automatically once the Pensions Department receive the Home Office correspondence. This may, however, take some time to process.

On 17th March 2009, the High Court announced its decision on the question of the Judicial Review taken by the Police Federation in respect of the commencement date of the new commutation factors in favour of the Police Federation. The Home Secretary had 14 days in which to appeal this decision. If there is no appeal, it is our understanding that the date of commencement of the new factors resultant from this court decision will be 1st December 2006.

And finally one for the ladies!

Two elderly ladies had been friends for many decades. Over the years they had shared all kinds of activities and adventures. Lately, their activities had been limited to meeting a few times a week to play cards. One day they were playing cards when one looked at the other and said, "Now don't get mad at me.... I know we've been friends for a long time..... but I just can't think of your name! I've thought and thought, but I can't remember it. Please tell me what your name is."

Her friend glared at her. For at least three minutes she just stared and glared at her. Finally she said, "How soon do you need to know?"

Social

BEECHWOOD BEAUTY BOAT TRIP
Thursday 18th June 2009.

This is a new trip for us but is very popular and reasonably priced for a full day. Leave Brighton Marina 8.15am Black Lion 8.30am and travel to Marlow with

Social Booking Slip

To: **Mr D Walker, 1 The Meads, Coldean, Brighton, BN1 9BA Tel: 01273 688456**
(All cheques to be made payable to 'NARPO Brighton & District Branch')

Name: _____ Address: _____
Post Code: _____
Telephone No: _____
Please reserve me:

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I will join the coach at the Marina / Black Lion (Delete as appropriate and make a note for yourself!)
One cheque is Ok for several events. Always check that your cheques have been presented to your bank as this is the only guarantee that Dennis has received it! Cheques are usually banked fortnightly, if in doubt ring Dennis.

comfort stop on route arriving at Marlow approx 11.15am for coffee and a browse. Then continue by coach with a guide on board to Henley for Lunch and a stroll, after lunch continue by coach with guide to Cookham where we board our pleasure cruiser at 4pm and travel up stream through the Chiltern Hills. This is 'Wind in the Willows' and '3 Men in a Boat' country. There is a bar on board the pleasure cruiser which serves hot and cold drinks. We arrive back in Marlow approx 6pm to return to Brighton by Coach arriving approx 9pm. Cost £27 per head (this does not include drinks and lunch!) this is not subsidised so guests are welcome.

For further information go to www.cityandvillagetours.com and look for Beechwood Beauty Boat Trip.