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New Member Colin Crookes

Welcome to Philip Wright of Hassocks who has decided to join our branch.

Golf– The Ray Bridger Cup—Tuesday 8 September Colin Crookes

This event is our annual tribute to the life of Ray Bridger and as in previous years Ray's wife Marina will be at the dinner in the evening to present the cup. Please note that collar and tie are required for the dinner! The cost of the event is £38, the same as last year but we now get coffee and bacon rolls as well! The price includes coffee and bacon roll on arrival (1230), 18 holes of golf, prizes and a 2 course dinner. The menu is smoked salmon pate and roast pork. The first tee off time will be at 1pm. Please let your chairman know if you want to join us or have more information. **Guests are welcome.**

100 years of fatherhood! Pete Vance

I am a researcher for Testimony Films, (award winning filmmakers of *WWI Veterans*, BBC1 and *Green and Pleasant Land*, Channel 4) and I am currently researching a documentary series for the BBC entitled *A Century of Fatherhood*. I was wondering whether some of your members may be able to help.

The series will chart British Fatherhood over the last 100 years. We would like to hear from men who have interesting, poignant or memorable experiences of being a father, as well as from men and women who have stories about their own Dad. We aim to explore what it means to be a good father. It will also show how war, social changes and other outside elements have had an effect on this important parental role. I wondering whether any of you might be interested in sharing your story with us.

The first programme in the series will concentrate on men that became fathers between 1900 and 1939. It would be

wonderful to record the thoughts and feelings of men now in their 80's, 90's and 100's reflecting on their role as fathers.

As the series will look at Fatherhood throughout the decades we are also interested in speaking to any other lively characters amongst your members that might be willing to share their experiences. I'm particularly interested in how men in the police force balanced their responsibility to the community with their responsibilities to their family.

If you feel you could help me in any way, or know anyone who might, I would very much like to hear from you. You can email, write to me at 12 Great George Street, Bristol, BS1 5RH, or phone 0117 925 8589 (I'll ring you straight back to save your phone bill!). Please be assured that all correspondence at this stage is confidential.

And finally and that's how the fight started!

When I got home last night, my wife demanded that I take her someplace expensive....so, I took her to a Petrol station..... and then the fight started....

Social

Milestones Museum and Watercress Line **Wednesday 23rd Sept 2009**

This event will go ahead as planned although we have booked a smaller coach and all the seats are now sold! We leave the Marina at 9am and those of you wishing to park at the Marina should use the Western section of the multi storey car park. Pick up at the Black lion will be 9.15am.

Half Yearly Meeting—18 October—Roedean School

Many of you will already have been to the venue at Roedean and if you haven't then this is another

opportunity to join us. This is our half yearly meeting and we have decided that this year we would hold it on a Sunday afternoon instead of a Friday evening. There will be no buffet but we will be making a **considerable subsidy** on the cost of Sunday Lunch! The programme is that we will hold the meeting at 1200. Business will take no longer than 30 minutes but there will be an opportunity to speak to your Chairman and members of the committee over lunch. Lunch will commence at 1245. The menu is: roast beef or roast chicken or vegetarian nut roast with all the trimmings, followed by fruit pavlova or rhubarb pie followed by coffee at a cost of £12.50p per person. Drinks can also be ordered from your table at your own expense! Guests are welcome at the meeting as always but I would remind you that if there is a need to vote **none members cannot vote!** If you wish to attend the meeting and not have lunch that is fine and if you want to attend the lunch but not the meeting that is also fine!

This is a break with our normal tradition but hopefully it will give an opportunity to those who can not attend the AGM on a Friday evening to come and join us for lunch as well as giving some variety to those who normally attend, not to mention a damned good lunch! Bookings should be made in the normal way through Dennis using the 'Social Booking Slip' **Please state your food choices and if there is anyone you wish to sit with!**

Classical Spectacular Royal Albert Hall Sunday 22nd November Matinee Performance

Leave Brighton Marina 10.45am Black Lion 11am aim to arrive Royal Albert Hall 1pm which hopefully will give ample time for some lunch in the area. Concert commences 3pm leave approx 5.45pm return to Brighton arriving approx 8pm. £30per head guests welcome. If

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')

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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.

you have not been before it is a very popular event in a wonderful setting and thoroughly enjoyable. Highly Recommended

Ceremony of the Garter

There has been sufficient interest shown in this proposed event for us to apply for tickets, this cannot be done until January and the Ballot is not held until March so we will not know if we are going until then unfortunately. The event in 2010 takes place on 14th June, if you would like your name added to the list please let Dennis know.

Visit to Belgium including Bruges, Brussels and Ypres.

We are looking at possibly organising a trip probably in late May 2010 to Belgium, the proposed itinerary is

- Day 1** Travel by Coach to Ghent spending time in Bruges on route,
- Day 2** Day Trip to Brussels
- Day 3** Day Trip to Ypres visiting Tynne Cot Military Cemetery and the Menin Gate for the Last Post Ceremony
- Day 4** Free Time in morning and then travel home.

We would stay at The Ghent Belfort 4 Star Hotel, which has restaurant, bar and lift on Bed & Breakfast Basis, travel with Worthing Coaches via Eurotunnel. Cost £200.00 per head. Guests Welcome. If you are interested please let Dennis know, a decision will have to be made by 30th November in order to secure the Booking.