

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

Summer is nearly over, what a mixed weather pattern we have had although they say the sun shines on the Righteous as we enjoyed beautiful weather on our day trips.

We continue to hold our social afternoons at Bedfont Football Club, Hatton Road, TW14 9QT the third Monday in the month from 1330 to 1530/1545. Our members enjoy catching up with old friends and having a cup of tea and cake. Our Christmas Party at Bedfont will be Monday 18th December and we will be entertained by Mark Kelly singing old favourites. Why not come along and join us. On 15 January we will have a speaker from MAF a charity that supports "Flying for Life" which is about flying with doctors and aid to remote places in Africa.

Our holiday to Croatia will probably have taken place by the time you receive this newsletter. This holiday was well supported with 34 booked.

We have a mini break to Norfolk 22/24 November. On the way we will have a lunch stop and time to look around in Cambridge before travelling to our hotel near Norwich. On day two after free time to visit Norwich we will travel to Thursford, This is a wonderful opportunity to experience one of the most popular and unique shows in the UK! The Thursford Christmas Spectacular is now in its 46th year and is a festive entertainment extravaganza like no other, featuring a mix of dance, music and song—a magical festive treat that's not to be missed, set in the magical surroundings of mechanical organs and fairground carousels. A 3-hour display of dancing, music, humour, and variety to put you in the mood for the festive season. On the return journey we will have a lunch stop and free time in Lavenham.

Our hotel in Norfolk is Sprowston Manor Hotel, Norwich Sprowston Manor Hotel, is housed within a stately 16th century English manor and features the perfect blend of historic elegance and contemporary comfort. Hotel rooms offer standard amenities, some having views of the beautifully landscaped grounds • Comfy bed • TV • En-suite bathroom • Hairdryer • Tea & coffee making facilities What's included: ✓2 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast ✓Return coach travel ✓Thursford Show tickets What's not included: ✓ Drinks with meals ✓ Gratuities ✓Optional insurance 20pp (non-refundable) . If interested in further details, contact either the office on 0208 513 2525/2010 or email: norma.rhys@ba.com

Although we thought last December would be our last Christmas lunch as our usual venue the Runnymede Hotel has become a Warners, we have been able to book the Holiday Inn Shepperton on 3rd December. We hope all of you who were unhappy that last year may be our last Christmas lunch will come along and support us. Full details will be available soon, but we can tell you that the cost will be £49.50 which will include a three course lunch with all the trimmings plus after lunch entertainment. If anyone wishes to stay over at the hotel, we have been offered standard rooms based on up to 2 people sharing on a bed and breakfast basis £95 per room. Members should call the hotel direct on 01932 899988 option 1 or 2 to make a reservation. Again, full details from 0208 513 2525/2010 or email: norma.rhys@ba.com

We have a day trip to Cruising into Christmas on 16 December. This is an outing to see the London Christmas Lights by boat and coach followed by a fish & chip supper at Kennedy's in Fulham. The coach will leave Bedfont Football Club at 12.00 for Greenwich where there will be free time to have something to eat or drink and visit the indoor market before, we meet our Blue Badge guide at

The Cutty Sark to walk to the Pier as the sun sets for the 1-hour cruise to Westminster with a fun commentary along the way from the Cockney skipper. We meet our coach again at Westminster Pier for a guided tour of the Christmas Lights by night, passing some of London's most beautifully illuminated buildings to go off the beaten track to see what's new in the Capital. We end our day at Kennedy's in Fulham where we sit down to an included one course fish & chip supper & hot drink. Please note any dietary requirements on your booking form as they need to be advised to the restaurant in advance of our visit. We re-board the coach at around 20.30 for the journey back to Bedfont. Cost is £64 for members and £65 for non-members. Contact 0208 513 2525/2010 or email norma.rhys@ba.com if you are interested.

We have booked "Best of Broadway Musical Lunch Party" at the Holiday Inn Shepperton on Thursday 16th May 2024. We will arrive at 1030 for tea/coffee and pastries, 1100 we will be entertained with a Broadway sing-along, 1130 entertainment duo consisting of a singer and singer/keyboard player. 1230 enjoy a delicious three course summer set menu lunch. 1400 a charity raffle draw and a prize for the best dressed guest (please do not think you have to get dressed up in appropriate costume, but you will always get some people who wish to). 1415 back to the dance floor or relax at your table for the second half of the show. 1500 Carriages. Full details 0208 513 2010/2525 or norma.rhys@ba.com

Lastly but not least we have booked a holiday to West Wales staying in Carmarthen at the Ivy Bush Royal Hotel Sunday 8th September to Thursday 12th September 2024. The itinerary includes entry to St Fagan's Museum followed by free time in Cardiff, full day to the Gower, full day to Tenby with a visit to Caldy Island, return journey on the Gwili Steam Railway, afternoon in Aberystwyth. Full details will be available later in the year but if you would like to contact us with your interest, we will send you all the details when available. Tel: 0208 513 2525/2010 email: norma.rhys@ba.com

We will be organising more trips in 2024 so please do look at our website to keep informed of what we are doing.