

## Newsletter 2022

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Time for our annual newsletter. This will be the first year that we have not organised a lottery. With the cost of postage, printing, stationery, etc. it is no longer a viable option. Those of you who are on email will be getting their newsletter as an attachment. We are grateful to those of you who have supplied an e mail address as it does save a considerable amount on postage.

Our Association Days continue to be held at Bedfont Football Club on the third Monday of the month (The Orchard, Hatton Road, Bedfont, TW14 9QT) there are two entrances, the one for us is opposite the Duke of Wellington Pub, by bus Nos. 203/H25/H26 or a ten minute walk from Hatton X station. We know many of you look forward to these afternoons catching up and having a chat with old friends and enjoying a cup of tea and cake and maybe a game of bingo, musical bingo or a quiz.

November 7/11 we have a holiday to Warners, Bembridge Isle of Wight but this is now full, if you have access to the internet do look at our website to keep up with what has been organised.

We have a day trip to Hever Castle on 19 November for the Christmas Illuminations. We will go to Tunbridge Wells first which is famous for its Georgian Pantiles and where you can have lunch after which we will go to the Castle. Our visit to Hever does include a tour of the Castle. Cost is £32.50 for members and £34 for non members Again full details from the above address or from our website.

We are sad to say that our annual Christmas lunch at the Runnymede Hotel on 4 December will be our last. The Runnymede Hotel has been taken over by Warners. We would like as many of you as possible to celebrate this occasion with us. Those of you who have been before know that we have a festive lunch with crackers, party hats etc and it does include a half bottle of wine per person. This is followed by dancing. Cost is £40 for members and £41 for non members. Again booking forms available from the above address or from our website.

We also have our annual Christmas Singalong but this year it will be at the Royal Festival Hall on 10<sup>th</sup> December. We have booked the afternoon performance and have seats in the stalls. We do include a visit to see the Christmas lights in the West End. This has always been a very popular trip. Cost will be £58.50 for members and £60.50 for non members. Full details from the above address or our website.

Going into 2023 the following holidays are only outlined in this newsletter, full details can be obtained from the above address or our website.

Our first holiday will be to Shropshire a beautiful county on April 23/27. We will be staying at the Stourport Manor Hotel. The first day we will go direct to Blists Hill Victorian Town at the Ironbridge, The Ironbridge was one of the first locations to be designated a World Heritage Site within the UK. Blists Hill is a recreation of Victorian times. Also included on this holiday is a trip on the Llangollen Aquaduct again a World Heritage Site and was designed by Thomas Telford he also designed the Ironbridge. We will also visit Ludlow which is a mediaeval market town and an

architectural gem. It has an 11<sup>th</sup> century castle. Also included is a visit to Bridgenorth to include the Cliff Lift. The cost of this holiday will be £450 for members £460 for non members, single supplement £110 which is beyond our control

Another holiday we have booked is to Somerset. We will be staying at the Smiths Hotel Weston Super Mare 12/16 June. Excursions will include Wells Cathedral with time to explore Cheddar. A trip on the West Somerset Railway then on to the Mediaeval town of Dunster. Cost of this holiday will be £499 for members and £510 for non members, single supplement £60. Full details from the office or our website.

We then have an 7 night /8 day overseas holiday to Croatia departing 30<sup>th</sup> September. We cannot give you a price for this yet as we are waiting for an air fare from British Airways which is not available until eleven months before the trip. Contact our office in November and hopefully we can update you, or keep an eye on our website.

As far as day trips are concerned for 2023 they are in the process of being looked at, one that will be going ahead next year that had to be postponed this year is a day trip to Swanage then the train to Corfe Castle, possibly around April.