

NHS RETIREMENT FELLOWSHIP

WYCOMBE BRANCH

JANUARY 2015



BRANCH SILVER ANNIVERSARY

In August we held our 25th Anniversary celebration lunch in our usual meeting place, the Holmer Green Village Centre.

Invited guests included past members, including founder members of our branch, representatives from other branches in our region and, from Central Office, our national chairman, Cynthia Matthews.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Christmas lunch this year was held at the Hazlemere Golf Club.

It seemed to have been a very successful venue with excellent service and food (although, there was a general consensus that the vegetables could have been cooked for a little longer!)

A clever idea was little cut-out snowmen on each table to be used to summon the bar staff.

REGIONAL MEETING

The idea of a regional meeting has been on the back boiler for some time now. Finally a date has been fixed for Tuesday 16th June .

The meeting is to be held in Oxford (it is being organised by the Oxford Branch Secretary). It will include lunch and each branch in the region is invited to send a 'car full' of representatives. It is

also Oxford branch's 30th anniversary celebration.

Further details will be posted when available.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

This year the national conference is to be held in Leeds.

We need to let Central Office know as soon as possible who will be attending. If you are interested, please speak to Joy.

OUTINGS

As you are all aware, we no longer have an Events Secretary, following Margaret Daly's brilliant 10 years in the post. She has asked me to thank all members, committee and otherwise, for all the help she received during those years.

Meanwhile, we have no outings arranged and are looking for members (perhaps two friends) to take on the organization of individual outings. This does not mean any commitment apart from the one outing.

If you have any good ideas for outings, please contact one of the committee members.

Margaret has kindly offered to help with contacts etc.

HOLIDAYS

The holidays run by Della Holidays for Fellowship members, have just been announced for this year.

They include holidays in Majorca in March, Luxembourg in April, Torquay in May, Malta in October and, if sufficient interest, a visit to Croatia and Dubrovnik.

These holidays need to be booked directly with Della on 01934 420318 or by e-mail: enquiries@dellaholidays.co.uk

BOOK CLUB

The reading list for 2015 is as follows.

Once again, funding has been acquired to obtain these books free of charge to members.

1. The Little Old Lady Who Broke All The Rules, by Catherina Sundberg
2. One Night In Winter by Simon Sebag Montefiore
3. The Extraordinary Journey Of The Fakir Who Got Trapped In An Ikea Wardrobe by Romain Puertolas
4. The Gardener From Ochanov by Audrey Kurkov
5. The Thief Of Time by John Boyne
6. An Officer And A Spy by Robert Harris.

If you are interested in joining the Book Club, contact the co-ordinator, David Tickner on bookclub@csrf.org.uk

2015 PROGRAMME

January 14th: Update from the Trust – Anne Eden and David Williams

February 11th: History Beneath my Feet - Michael Hodges

March 11th: Blessed are the Cheesemakers-John Pearson

April 8th Hughenden Manor at the Time of Disraeli & the Secrets of WW II-Bernie Krill

May 13th: Visit from National President, Ethel Armstrong and cream tea

June 10th: British Intelligence & the Secret Bugging of the Nazis in WWII- Helen Fry. This will be followed by AGM

July 8th: Impressions of Japan – Margaret Deakin

August 12th: Walk or summer outing (TBA nearer the time)

September 9th The Story of Edith Cavell – Colin Oakes

October 14th: Failed to Return, the Story of Amy Johnson and Leslie Howard – Tony Eaton

November 11th:The Miller of Mapledurham – Corrie Starling

December Christmas lunch, details TBA

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

January is the month for renewing your annual subscriptions. The good news is that, as the branch coffers are in good shape currently, it has been decided that the branch funds will cover the £5 capitation fees this year. As a result, your annual subscription this year is **£10**, not £15 as it was last year.

Please remember to bring your cheque books to the meeting. Cash is not acceptable.

If there have been any changes in your personal details, or those of your next of kin, it is important to let Joy know so that the records can be kept up-to-date.

If you are unable to attend the January meeting, please complete the enclosed form and send it, with your cheque, made out to **'NHSRF (Wycombe Branch)'** to:

Joy Kay,
99, Cock Lane,
High Wycombe,
Bucks
HP13 7DZ

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Name.....

Address.....

Postcode.....

Telephone number.....

I wish to remain a member of the NHSRF Wycombe Branch and enclose my cheque for £10.

Signature.....