



MID-SUSSEX CALEDONIAN SOCIETY

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Bluebell Stroll

Sunday 7th May 2017, 2.30 pm for a 3.00pm departure

Tickeridge Barn

We shall meet at Tickeridge Barn ready for a 3.00 pm departure, when our hosts, Kim and Ben, will lead us to their wood. Hopefully the bluebells and the weather will cooperate! The walk to the wood is about half a mile each way, across fields, so is not too difficult, but if anyone feels they cannot manage the whole walk, Ben has offered to ferry them to or from the site in his vehicle.

After the stroll, we shall have our picnics in the garden or in an open-sided barn depending on the weather. Please bring your own food and equipment; ie chairs, tables, plates, mugs (cutlery if required) and enough savoury and sweet food for your group. There will not be a communal buffet table. Tea, coffee and squash will be provided.

There will be a nominal charge of £1 per adult to help to defray costs

Friends and relations are welcome. Dogs are also welcome, provided that

they are kept on the lead at all times and their worming regimes are up to date.

Please wear stout shoes and suitable clothing for the weather conditions.

If the weather is uncertain and you want to check whether the walk will go ahead, please contact Helen Firmin before 1.00 pm on the day on **01273 844144**.

Annual Meeting with Wine and Cheese

Friday 9th June 2017, 7.30 pm

**Haywards Heath Town Hall,
Boltro Road RH16 1BA**

After a short AGM there will be the opportunity to socialise with friends over a glass of wine and cheese and biscuits. We look forward to seeing you there.

If you have points for discussion that you wish to put on the agenda please let the Minutes Secretary know in good time – Marilyn Millar at i.millar@sky.com

Golf Day and Barbecue

Friday 23th June 2017

**Horsham Golf and Fitness,
Denne Park, Worthing Road,
Horsham RH13 0AX**

The annual Golf Competition will be at Horsham Golf. This event is open to non-members so please invite your friends to participate to make it an even more competitive match. Following the golf there will be a barbecue to which non-playing members and their guests are invited.

NB, Those only wishing to come for the barbecue in the evening should fill in names and contact details etc on the same form.

Directions: The venue is easily accessed from the B2237 Worthing Road in Horsham and is near its junction with the A24.

<http://www.horshamgolfandfitness.co.uk/>

From the website under the heading 'Find Us' a map can be viewed.

Garden Party - TBA

RECENT EVENTS

Visit to the Chichester Festival Theatre

Many of us have seen a performance at this theatre, but this time we were taken behind the scenes and learnt about the history and architecture of the building as well seeing how the lighting, sound and scenery are organised for various types of performance. We also visited the dressing rooms and learnt about the cost and care of costumes and wigs. Afterwards we had a most enjoyable pub lunch. Many thanks to Marian who arranged for the tickets and to Gordon and Jennifer who organised the lunch.

Members' Evening

Twenty four members attended Colin Coventry's interesting talk on some of his experiences during his varied career with HM Customs and Excise, ranging from work at UK ports and airports to consulting in Latvia, where not everyone welcomed the prospect of an effective customs and excise system with enthusiasm! His talk was illustrated by many anecdotes and what was particularly striking was the number of members of the MSCS he had worked with professionally during his career. Thank you very much Colin.

Afterwards there was time to ask questions and to sample the delicious cakes and sandwiches brought by members.