

Newsletter 92/3 -4 May 1993

On holiday - absolutely foul weather - Sunday afternoon - what better occupation than to start writing the next Newsletter.

As I write, many of you are looking forward to the Spring Break, based on Malvern, even though it has been marred by the fact that the promised matinee at the Shakespeare Festival Theatre will not materialise, but the good news is that it is to be replaced by a visit to Warwick Castle.

It is most regrettable that the day trip to Tunbridge Wells did not have the same appeal as Malvern, the support being so poor there 'as no alternative but to cancel the event.

I sincerely hope that the Hever Castle trip planned for Tuesday 6th July will not suffer the same fate. From what Harry Brown has been telling me. it should be a most interesting and enjoyable day. The gardens open at 11.00.a.m. and the Castle 2.00.p.m. It is appreciated that not everybody will want to tour the Castle, although it is proposed that we all meet up at the Drawbridge at 2.00.p.m. This will allow complete freedom of choice for arrival time at the gardens. Although I am sure, many of us will be having a picnic, Harry tells me that there are extensive and varied refreshment facilities, including a high class restaurant in the King Henry VIII Inn .

Location 3 m. south east of Edenbridge of B2026 and mid-way between Sevenoaks and East Grinstead. Entrance Fees:- Gardens £2,90, Castle and Gardens £4.40.

Please make a note in your diaries that this year our Annual Dinner will be held on Thursday 21st October, also to ensure that the 1993/4 Handbook will be available for distribution on that occasion, I will soon be advising the printer of changes required. In the circumstances will those of you who require a change in your entry ;tel.no., address etc.) let me have it by the end of the first week in June.

Bob Carey has written to me to say that we haven't seen a lot of John Brown recently. Last year he had a knee-joint replacement operation but it did not prove successful . He has since had the knee joint replaced and it recovering well. We send him our best wishes and hope to see him very soon.

Also Eric Higgins has just passed his 92nd birthday and is in good health.

I have also received a letter from Arthur Smale's daughter, advising the Association that he died on April 17th, aged 98 years. Apparently "he kept in good spirits, only going downhill in the last two weeks," I note that Arthur joined the Association in 1958 and was probably known to many of you. Unfortunately, the letter announcing his death was posted on the day that I departed for my holiday, therefore the standard communication system did not operate on this occasion.