**This short Newsletter will be followed in the autumn by a longer one which will contain news of autumn events and early notice of activities being considered for 2015, including a visit to the Keep**

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**Private tour and wine tasting at Ridgeview Wine Estate, Ditchling**

11.00am on Tuesday 12 August 2014. Meet at 10.50am at the entrance.

We have organised a private tour exclusively for Suss-Ex Club members of the award-winning Ridgeview vineyard and winery, in its beautiful setting outside Ditchling, which will include the following:

- A tour of the vineyard, which grows the grape varieties Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier
- Explanation of the various vineyard activities that occur throughout the year
- A tour of the state-of-the-art specialist winery and equipment.
- An in-depth insight into the sparkling winemaking process by a member of the working team
- A visit to the cellars where secondary bottle fermentation takes place
- Tastings of current releases in a picturesque tasting room overlooking the South Downs.

The tour will begin at 11.00am and run for a maximum of an hour and a half, followed by an optional cold buffet lunch in the vineyard, of locally-sourced produce, for those who would like stay on for it.

The charge for the tour and tastings is £15 per place, with an additional £10 per head for lunch.

**Location:**
Ridgeview is north of Ditchling on the B2112, on the edge of Burgess Hill, near the junction with the B2113. The postal address is:

Ridgeview Wine Estate  
Fragbarrow Lane  
Ditchling Common  
Sussex BN6 8TP

There is ample parking on site, or alternatively the Estate is a 5 minute taxi ride or 20 minute walk from Burgess Hill station. There is no bus service passing the vineyard.
**Booking:** A booking form is at the end of this Newsletter. Early reservation is advisable as numbers for the tour are limited. All bookings will be confirmed by email or phone.

**Closing date for bookings is Tuesday 29 July**

Please contact Sue Bullock on 01273 682133 or 07786 219438 with any queries.

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**BREMF**

Brighton Early Music Festival comes round again in October, and it is proposed to organise a Suss Ex outing to a Venice-themed concert on Oct 24; keep a note in your diary. This is going to be in cafe format - bring a picnic (perhaps a contribution to a shared one, as we did last year) and eat it accompanied by music by Vivaldi and Albinoni as well as boat songs. Full details in the next Newsletter.

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**Suss-Ex: the website and the Committee**

**Suss-Ex and its website**

More information about Suss-Ex is available on its webpage at [http://www.sussex.ac.uk/suss-ex/](http://www.sussex.ac.uk/suss-ex/). ‘Suss-Ex Club’ in Google will get you there, as will [http://tiny.cc/sussex](http://tiny.cc/sussex), or you can find us in the A–Z on the University's homepage. The website has copies of past Newsletters, and also has a link to [http://www.sussex.ac.uk/suss-ex/Obituaries.html](http://www.sussex.ac.uk/suss-ex/Obituaries.html), a list of obituaries of deceased colleagues.

Suss-Ex activities are organised by a steering committee, which currently comprises:

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We are always seeking ideas for social occasions when we can meet former colleagues. Please let us have your suggestions, or volunteer to join the committee. We meet once a term, when practicable immediately before a Suss-Ex event.
SUSS-EX CLUB

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Please fill in this form and return with a cheque (payable to S. Bullock)
by Tuesday 29 July, to

Sue Bullock, 104 Bonchurch Road, Brighton BN2 3PH.

Your Details:
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Booking Details:
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If you are booking lunch, please mention any dietary preferences/requirements, which can be catered for:
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Payment Details:
I enclose a cheque for £.......................... (payable to S. Bullock).