

THE SUSS-EX CLUB

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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

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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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.

Suss-Ex: the website and the Committee

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More information about Suss-Ex is available on its webpage at <http://www.sussex.ac.uk/suss-ex/>. 'Suss-Ex Club' in Google will get you there, as will <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>, 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.

