



The Phoenix



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Welcome to your June edition of The Phoenix.

A very full coach of Members and friends set off on Thursday of last week to a favourite destination - The Mill at Sonning. As usual there was a two course meal with wine, which was served courtesy of the Silver Phoenix Travel Club. Following lunch members were treated to an

[A view of the attractive bridge at Sonning](#)



award winning performance of Gypsy - the story of the burlesque performer, Gypsy Rose Lee.

The day was hosted by Treasurer, Richard Carter, who also drew a lucky winner's name out of the bag to receive a refund on the day as part of our Loyalty Scheme.



Jeremy Procter writes:

Once again we stopped at Clacket Services to find that it was Ladies Day at Royal Ascot. All of the ladies travelling in their special outfits, fascinators and best shoes - all looking good. The variety of colours was a sight to behold. On our return we again made a brief stop at Clacket and there was another group of ladies returning from Ascot. What a difference - the day had taken its toll - hats discarded, high heels replaced by bare feet, slippers and flip flops. The sight caused much comment amongst our party, and dare I say, much amusement, too.

It is worth mentioning at this stage that we receive lots of requests with applications for trips and, whilst we do our best to accommodate those requests, we cannot guarantee to satisfy everyone. (Chairman, Iain Robertson, says he's spent the last 40 years trying to design a coach with 50 front seats !)

Since our last edition we have announced two new theatre trips. The first is to that old favourite, the Chichester Festival Theatre, to see a production of **The Sound of Music**; and the other is to see the West End production of **Hamilton**.

We have to confirm our allocation requirements at Chichester very soon, so please don't delay. Once it's closed, it's closed - we cannot get tickets for latecomers.

Christmas Lunch



It's a little early (as we are in the middle of summer and just passed the longest day) to be making reference to our annual Christmas Lunch. However, whilst you will not be able to book yet, we thought you may wish to put the date in your diary -

Thursday 14th December. Also, new this year, we shall be running a free coach to the venue from Eddington Lane and Wincheap Park & Ride only. This will enable many of you who feel that the journey to the Hempstead House Hotel is just a little too far to drive, to join us. The coach must be reserved and you will be able to do this when you make your booking for the lunch.



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