



AGM and Society Summer Lunch

Every year the Society holds a lunch, usually in the summer, but occasionally in the spring or autumn instead. Traditionally this has been held in London, but in recent years there has been a trend of moving the lunch out of London to enable members living far away from the capital to attend. In recent years lunches have been held at the House of Lords, Blenheim Palace, Wilton House, and Michelham Priory. All members are invited to attend the lunch if they wish, and it is a wonderful occasion for members living in different parts of the country to catch up with one another again.

Occasionally other events are also advertised centrally, having been organised by individual branches in their area.

The AGM is held in London in March, and all members are welcome to attend.



Bi-annual Mailings

Twice a year the Society sends out a mailing to all those members on the books of the Society, except for those in overseas branches, who receive this via their branch.

The mailing consists of a newsletter, and a number of flyers, advertising forthcoming events.

Holidays and Short Breaks

Every year the Society organises an overseas holiday, and a UK short break. Details of these are always advertised in the mailings. The holiday is organised through a recognised tour operator, and is usually a week long somewhere in Europe. The short break is organised by a Corona member, and consists of three nights away, with a reception on the first evening, and two days' touring by coach.



CORONA WORLDWIDE

Services to Members



Branch Services

A list of branches overseas and in the United Kingdom can be found elsewhere in this pack. Branches of Corona Worldwide were set up as autonomous affiliates of the Society.

Members living overseas can join the local branch and pay the appropriate local subscription. The branch then pays an affiliation fee to the Society in London on behalf of its members.

Members living in the United Kingdom, or who do not belong to a branch overseas, pay their subscription direct to Headquarters.

Branches vary tremendously in their size and the frequency of their programme of activities. However, all branches are there to offer a warm welcome to new members, and to help to ease them into their new surroundings. It is also the responsibility of branches overseas to advise Headquarters of members moving away, so that they can be supported in the next place they move to.



Support for Members not in a Branch

Members who do not live in a country where there is a Corona branch can opt to become 'lone members'. There is a dedicated officer at Headquarters whose job is to keep in touch by email with all those lone members overseas, who are not in Corona branches, so that if they move to a country where there is a branch, they can be picked up again by the support networks in the new country.

Lone members living in the UK are eligible to register for the 'Lone Members' Newsletter'. This is sent out to all those who request it, twice a year, at a modest cost. Members may register to go on the mailing list via the bi-ennial mailing. A new development has been that of a summer lunch for lone members, so that they can get together.



London Events

Headquarters volunteers run a monthly programme of activities and visits in and around the capital. These are advertised to anyone wishing to go on the mailing list. Members living overseas, who are returning to visit the UK are welcome to join in these visits, and can find out what is on offer via the website, or Headquarters.

Recent visits have included the Speaker's House, the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, Charles Dickens' London house, backstage at the Royal Opera House and a visit to the exhibition at Tower Bridge.

Visits in any one year are likely to include stately homes, livery companies, museums, and, usually, at least one event out of doors, such as a garden, canal walk or similar. Corona members benefit from the fact that group bookings are obtained for these venues, and many are not open to the public at all except via a group booking. There are often guided tours as well, which are only open to groups.