



EUROPEAN
MOVEMENT

EUROPEAN MOVEMENT

SUSSEX BRANCH ANNUAL SEMINAR

**THE EU AFTER THE LISBON TREATY –
EXPECTATIONS AND REALITIES**

SUNDAY 3 OCTOBER 2010

Wiston House, Steyning

European Movement – Sussex Branch

www.sussexineurope.org

As a result of the Lisbon Treaty we now have a long-term president of the European Council and a new post of High Representative for the Union in Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the Commission. Our seminar examines how this is likely to play out.

One view is that of the current Belgian Presidency which announced when it took over the rotating presidency of the other configurations of the Council in June, "Belgium aims to stay in the backstage for the whole time of its presidency, owing to the domestic political situation in the country and the minor importance of the rotating presidency since the Lisbon Treaty, and will ensure that Herman van Rompuy and Catherine Ashton are well assisted in their work."

This year we are holding our annual seminar at Wiston House, the home of Wilton Park International Conference Centre. Participants are welcome to arrive early if they wish to look round the gardens and park, and the medieval church.

PROGRAMME

- 11.00 Arrival, coffee and registration
- 11.30 Welcome - Sarah Leigh, Chairman, Sussex Branch of the European Movement
- 11.45 **Keynote speech – the future of the EU.** Lord Hannay of Chiswick, Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the European Communities, 1985-1990, Chair of the United Nations Association of the UK and former UK Ambassador to the UN.
- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.15 **All Change or No Change? Foreign Policy After Lisbon.** Brendan Donnelly, Director The Federal Trust, Hon Treasurer, the European Movement
- 15.15 Tea and coffee
- 15.45 **Life at the centre of the new EU.** Richard Corbett, Member of the Cabinet of Herman Van Rompuy, President of the European Council
- 17.00 Close

European Movement – Sussex Branch
www.sussexineurope.org

BOOKING FORM

Please return this form, as soon as you can, and in any event to arrive no later than **22 September**, with your cheque made payable to the **European Movement, Sussex Branch**, to:

Kate Evans, High Field, North Chailey, Sussex BN8 4JD

E-mail: markatehfield@hotmail.com

Tel: 01825 722554

The seminar fee for the day is **£35 per person**. It includes coffee on arrival, a 2-course sit-down lunch and mid-afternoon tea or coffee.

Main course: Breast of Barn Fed Chicken with Sauté Potatoes; with a Lemon, Tarragon and White Wine Sauce

Vegetarian Option: Woodland Mushroom and Broad Bean Risotto with Parmesan, Extra Virgin Olive Oil and Baby Basil

Dessert: Glazed Lemon Tart with Blackcurrant Coulis
Sugar-free Option: Fresh Fruit Platter

There will be a cash bar open serving wine and after-lunch coffee.

For an acknowledgment please enclose either a stamped addressed envelope or an e-mail address.

N.B. Wiston House is situated on the A283 about 2 miles west of Steyning and is about 1 mile east of Washington from the A24.

Name(s)

Address

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

Please tick, or in the case of two persons applying, please write initials:

I/We require the **Vegetarian option** _____

Sugar-free Option _____

The European Movement is a non-profit making independent organisation that welcomes members of all political parties and none. It is Britain's leading pro-European membership organisation, working for better and greater involvement of the public in the political life of the European Union. Its activities include publishing reports and briefings, holding conferences and seminars, and organising social events with a European flavour. It has a network of branches all over the UK. The European Movement's website can be found at www.euromove.org.uk .

European Movement – Sussex Branch
www.sussexineurope.org