



Club Meeting Minutes

Location: Christchurch Harbour Hotel, Waterford Suite
Date: Tuesday 5th September 2023
Time: 10.45am

1. **The President welcomed the members.**
2. **Welcome Ian Peterkin and Ken Anderton prospective members.**
3. **Ed Abley was inducted and gave a brief summary of his life.**

4. **Welfare Report.**

CP

Chris Taylor has had a mini stroke – now ok and recovering.
John Wright has balance issues – making slow progress.
David Marshall has had 3 more stents put in.
Les Denmead has had a fall and is recovering.
Pat Long has had a stroke.
Rosemary Warren has been in hospital.
Dennis Quilter's health is not good.
Mike Penn still has a girlfriend.

5. **Social Secretaries Report**

JR

Wilverly Plain in the new Forest – picnic at 12.00pm on Thursday 17th August

Future Events:

- a) Lunch in The Globe – Tuesday 19th September – Flyer sent out. 37 so far attending.
- b) President's weekend Away, Warners, Bembridge, IOW.
6th October to 9th October.
- c) Quiz night – The Masonic Lodge Mundeford, Saturday 21st October.
Mike Harrold was asking for teams of 4 and 6 but James informed him we were considering random allocation of members on tables at the Quiz night.
- d) Coffee Morning at Stewarts, Thursday 23rd November.
- e) Christmas lunch – The Miramar Hotel has been booked for Wednesday 13th December.
The Diamond Divas have been booked for the Christmas Lunch.
- f) Coffee Morning The Cliffhanger – Thursday 18th January 2024
- g) The Presidents Lunch – The Lord Bute - Thursday 22nd February 2024
- h) Skittles - The Conservative Club, New Milton – Thursday 21st March 2024



Note our AGM will be Tuesday 5th March 2024

6. Dining Secretary Report

DB

David informed the club he was resigning from the role of Dining Secretary.

Mains

- 1 Chicken Breast with potatoes and mushrooms
- 1 Poached fillet of Bream with potatoes and vegetables
- 2 Roast loin of Pork with mashed potato, creamed cabbage and bacon.
- 3 Pot roasted vegetables, creamed cabbage and mashed potato.

Desserts

- 1 Apple and Blackberry Crumble with Custard
- 1 Fruit Salad (No Grapefruit)
- 2 Ice Cream

7. A.O.B.

8. Next Meeting

Location: Christchurch Harbour Hotel, Waterford Suite

Date: Tuesday 3rd October 2023

9. Speaker: 11.00 – 12.00

Name: [Alan Pickford](#)
Topic: [The People's Mosquito](#)
Steward: [Les Denmead](#)
Vote of Thanks: [Harold Jones](#)

Alan Picford was followed by Des Curtis DFC who explained his role in the Second World War with his experiences in training and flying the Mosquito on numerous operations and a founder member of the 618 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Des Curtis DFC

Originally a Wireless Operator / Gunner with No.235 Sqn on Beaufighters before converting to Mosquitos as a Navigator. He helped form 618 Sqn for ops against the Tirpitz, and then had success against U-boat pens on the French coast. In September 1944 he joined 248 Sqn Banff Strike Wing in Scotland.

