



Club Meeting Minutes

Location: Christchurch Harbour Hotel, Waterford Suite
Date: Tuesday 5th November 2024
Time: 10.30am (Note early start)

1. The Vice President welcomed the members.

Cliff is unable to attend due to holiday.

2. Membership

Janet Dobson has become an Associate Member.

Associate Members = 11

Current Membership is 41 Active + 1 Life = 42 Members

A copy of the provisional list of social events was given to all members at the club meeting.

The letter and Table of Committee members sent to all members from the committee to be discussed.

GN

Graham outlined our problem with getting members to fill the Committee roles. Noticing that older members i.e. above 79 May not be willing to offer their services.

The solution would be to recruit more members, preferably younger Members below the age of 79.

Graham opened the discussion to all members present.

David Marshall thanked the committee for their efforts.

Garry Turvey said his old Probud had the same problems.

Andrew Harris said we should present the club to Businesses in The area or other social groups.

Andrew is doing a presentation to Hengistbury Head residents association.

Ian Patterson offered giving presentations to business groups.

I.e. Local chamber of commerce. BNI Business Network International.

(Info: -My son presents his company to his local BNI breakfast club.)

David Brand – I didn't understand what he said.

Ken Goodman suggested we have open coffee mornings and invite people

Thinking of retirement or retired, to join us for an informal chat with coffee and cake.

Garry Turvey came up with offering more coach trips to attract members.

John Davies said recruitment was the key.

Richard Reader suggested a presentation to the Highcliffe Residents Association.



Also, local businesses.

We should make more use of social media. We do have a website.

3. Welfare Report.

GN

Graham explained that Barbara had a cyst removed from her brain on Sunday and was now resting. James is looking after her.

Jacqui Harrold had surgery yesterday and was resting with Mike looking after her.

4. Social Secretaries Report

JW

The president's weekend away. 4th October to 7th October 2024.

A boat trip with a cream tea along the Thames was organized.

14 couples attended. Good Hotel and good food.

A great weekend was enjoyed by all.

Thanks to Colin Dobson. RIP. For all his hard work in organizing this event,

Future Events:

- a) 14th November Afternoon Tea at Otters Garden Centre with Christmas shopping.
Flyer has been sent out. 38 Or possibly 40 attending
- b) 12th December Christmas Lunch at The Miramar, Bournemouth.
Land Girls to start at 2.00pm, Early start for lunch.
24 attending so far, a minimum of 50 is required.
- c) Brockenhurst Catering College lunch. Served and prepared by the students.
31st January 2025. Served by the students with a Maître d' to oversee them.
We need 40 to attend to have the place to ourselves. If not, we will only have 20 places and share with the public.
- d) 20th February 2025 Presidents Lunch with our Ladies, Provisional booking at the Lord Bute.
- e) AGM Tuesday 4th March 2025.
- f) New Milton Conservative Club for annual skittles competition and lunch date to be confirmed. Peter Warren to organize.
- g) D Day Museum Portsmouth 11th April 2025. Coach Trip to be organized

5. Treasurers Report

JR



6. Dining Secretary Report

JR

Mains

- 1 Plain chicken breast with potatoes and vegetables (Chicken)
- 2 Roast or poached fillet of Sea Bream or white fish alternative with potatoes and vegetables (Fish)
- 3 Smoked haddock rarebit: smoked haddock fillet on a bed of wilted spinach with a mustard and cheese glaze (Haddock)
- 4 Spinach rarebit with poached eggs (V)(Vegie)

Desserts

- 1 Treacle tart with marmalade ice (Tart)
- 2 Fruit Salad (No Grapefruit)(F/S)
- 3 Ice Cream (Ice)

7. A.O.B - None

8. Next Meeting

Location: Christchurch Harbour Hotel, Waterford Suite

Date: Tuesday 3rd December 2024

9. Speaker: 11.00am

Name: [Marc Heighway](#)
Topic: ['Hidden in Plain Site'](#)
Steward: [Ken Goodman](#)
Vote of Thanks: [Keith Puttick](#)