

NOTES FROM A MEETING OF THE CROMWELL PROBUS CLUB STEERING GROUP ON 22 JULY 21

1. In Attendance:

Roger B (Chair & Retiring Treasurer),
Alf B (Retiring Sec),
Chris L,
Gordon S
Dave M (Meeting Secretary) with Apologies & Input from Peter B.

2. Club Name. The SG confirmed that the name of the Club will be changed to 'Cromwell Probus Luncheon Club'.

3. Aug 19th Lunch details:

- a. Peter – even though medically convalescing and will not be there – having set up the 'deal' is best suited to remain the liaison representative with Slepe Hall (albeit by phone) with Dave assisting as required.
- b. Roger agreed to 'chair' the lunch meeting and reflecting points Peter would have made had he been there as 'chair'. Peter to liaise directly with Roger on that.
- c. The Menu Choices Form – was approved with Probus logo and will be sent out immediately by Peter to all those expressing an interest in attending.
- d. Peter will also input the menu responses received by 15 Aug on the Lunch OnLine Google Spreadsheet set up by Dave [HERE](#) but redesigned by Peter's grandson. Dave, as webmaster, will 'shadow' Peter because he receives copies of all emails sent to club email addresses.
- e. A copy of that online spreadsheet will still be printed out and:
 - i. provided to Slepe Hall who will also have Read Only access to it on line.
 - ii. be available on each table to remind all attending of their choices.
- f. Pre-Lunch. The Group will meet for Coffee at Slepe Hall, at 1030 on Tuesday 17th Aug to had over the choices and make/confirm final arrangements (like which room) based on the numbers attending and any activities we as a club/Group might need to carry out ourselves – like advising attendees on arrival of the latest COVID policies adopted by the Hotel's management . Dave will swing by Peter's on the way to the meeting for any last minute thoughts.

4. Next Lunch on September 16th – Group needs to think about ways of assessing numbers. Peter suggests using the same Menu Choice Form with members of the Group taking it in turns to organise/collate. Gordon volunteered to organise and Chair September's meeting and help evolve the online 'system' with Dave as webmaster.

5. Group Strength. Others pointed out that the pending medical interventions awaited by at least one Group member and 2 (Alf and Roger) wanting to retire, is leaving the 6-strong Group thin on the ground with a need for new 'blood'. So, it was agreed that at the Aug 19th lunch Roger would make this point and ask for 2 volunteers to replace Alf (as a sort of Club Secretary assisted by Dave for IT/web matters) and replace Roger (as Treasurer) and take on the running of the Bank Account – that requires 2 signatories per cheque – until the account is zero with tips being paid from it and no way found to re-build the capital before then.

6. Coopt - Consequently, Dave suggested that Roger ask for anyone who would like to organise a lunch with Dave acting as assistant collator/webmaster. Ladies, as equals, welcome to volunteer, of course.

7. Christmas Party – Roger will ask those present at the 19 Aug lunch if, by a show of hands, if they will support a self-funding Christmas party – rather than it's being just another lunch on 16 Dec 21, and if so what would be the format with a £25 per head target. Also, would anyone like to organise it?

8. Contact with other Probus Club. Peter reported that he had contacted the other St Ives Probus Club but to date had had no response from it. It seems it is as badly hit as us but we have found the strength to rise up though the ashes.