

NOTES FROM A MEETING OF THE CROMWELL PROBUS (LUNCHEON) CLUB SG

ON TUESDAY 15TH AUGUST 2023

1. Chair. With Chris Leah being away on Hols, Dave (Deputy Chair) opened the meeting with Lorna Baker, Ros Townsend and Doreen Steptoe present.
2. Resignation from the SG. Gordon Steptoe, reluctantly and regretfully feels he needs to withdraw from the SG after years of dedicated service to the old and new clubs. Doreen offered to take his place on the SG and was welcomed with thanks from all to Gordon.
3. Club Funds. Dave, as Admin presented the SG with the latest balance from the Bank and a spreadsheet of expenses that the SG agreed were accurate. Available on request.
4. Future of the SG (To mull over). With most policy having been decided over the last 2 years and lunches running well AND with nothing left in the Bank Account to Administer come 31 December 2023, the SG agreed that it does not need to have 5 members. Dave suggests the SG number just 3 from Jan 24: Dave + 2 with them co-opting/involving others to help as needed as now). The future of the SG to be decided at the SG's Nov 23 meeting. Whatever the status of the SG, Dave agreed to remain the Webmaster, Club Admin & Lunch Coordinator to liaise with Slepe Hall and, like now, call on others for help in the administration of lunches (i.e. Lorna assisting with lunch negotiations with Slepe Hall, Ros & Sandra doing the meal tags, Ted doing the Raffle etc). Dave was thanked.
5. Host. Decided that, if willing, Chris should remain as SG Chair / Lunch Host (with Dave as his deputy) until Dec23. However from Jan 24, it was agreed that Dave would assume the role of Lunch Host (or share the role by arranging for a range of diners to undertake the role of Host/Speaker) until June 2024 by which time he hoped to have resolved a few issues so the Club can be running by itself with only a gentle hand on the tiller so he can step down & handover and take a back seat from July 2024.
6. Lunch Email Notifications – No Menu. So, for the Sep/Oct/Nov lunches, the lunch notification email will not include the Lunch Menu. Instead all 'arrival' details and the Menu will be published on the Club Website with a Lunch@ email link. So, prospective diners would need to access the website to get the Menu and then via the Lunch@ link, let the SG know - by the Friday before the 3rd Thursday - what they want with Dave (shadowed by the SG) filling in the shared online (with Slepe Hall) Google XL spreadsheet. If Dave can get a Lunch Coord Deputy with XL skills, that would help. Slepe Hall does not have the Staff to fill in the Spreadsheet or take multiple calls/emails.
7. Lunches in 2024 (to mull over). With most attending the Club to socialise rather than for a multi-choice 2-course lunch, it is necessary to determine how members feel about simplifying the Lunch administration process to completely not depend on the website. We would simply revert to what we had in the old Club with a fixed but single main and single dessert for £20 (or even a single main for £16) with the following month's menus available at each lunch. Then those who wished to come would simply let the Club POC know (via Lunch@ email or text or phone-call*) before the end of the Friday before the Thursday lunch. The Club POC would then just inform Slepe Hall of the numbers attending as in the 'old Club' days.

**Trying not to use ungreen paper slips. These reports, when recovered, are shredded and composted.*

Note: It would be each Diner's responsibility to remember to book a place in time. Sorry but strictly, 'No booking no meal' whilst Slepe Hall no longer has an à la carte menu.