

NOTES FROM A MEETING OF THE CROMWELL PROBUS (LUNCHEON) CLUB SG ON 16 MAY 2022

1. Present: Peter Baker, Chris Leah, Dave Mack (Admin), Roger Bruce (Ex-Officio); Colin Whitaker (Host for May), with Apologies from Gordon and Ros.

1a. Alex Lant's Funeral. Roger informed the meeting that there had been over 100 at Alec's funeral and that Alf had send a 'card' on his own behalf mentioning the old Probus Club of the Club but to attend in person would have caused him too much 'grief'. Post Meeting: Dave contacted Alf to determine his status. Alf is fine and will continue to send 'Probus' sympathy 'cards' with Dave acting as backup.

2. Arising from Previous Meeting

a. Disposal, Display & Safe Storage of Old Club Assets:

(1) Norris Museum – Peter had liaised with Norris Museum that would accept the Collars of Office and Block & Gavel that Dave had brought him from storage. Peter would take to the Museum & report back on display arrangements when known.

(2) Rotary Club – Peter was awaiting a response from the St Ives Rotary Club (RC) on arrangements to return the Lectern to the RC that had donated it and bears a brass plate. inscription to that effect. Peter would progress the return and advise as appropriate.

(3) Archives (Documentation) – Dave asked for further advice on the disposal of the old Club's documentation going back to 1984 before, as previously agreed, it should all be shredded. Dave would contact Alf for advice but the SG again reiterated and agreed that in the main, it should ALL be shredded. Dave to action.

b. Club Internet Banking. Dave reported that this was still in progress because whilst he, as the Account Administrator, was able to print out statements, none of the 4 signatories had yet managed to use it on line. Roger advised that a visit to a Branch could provide a direct line to the Internet Banking Helpdesk. Dave to action and report.

c. Club Bowls Cup. Roger had retrieved the Cup from Phil Cox. The SG had determined that, like the Snooker Trophy, it would be formally presented to the last winner to keep. Roger to invite the last winner to attend for that presentation to happen at some time in the future.

d. Future Hosts/Speakers. These were confirmed as Colin Whitaker for May; Peter Baker for the Jubilee 3-course Lunch Host in June with Gordon Steptoe as a 2nd speaker; then in July, Doreen Steptoe (1st Lady host since the new Luncheon Club invited ladies to join on an equal footing to gents). Dave would see about some Hunts Post publicity/Hunts Post article for this. Dave would then Host in August – the Phoenix's 1st Anniversary. More Hosts needed for the rest of the year !

3. Platinum Jubilee 3-Course Lunch @ £22 = £17 after £5 subsidy.

a. The SG decided that to retain its KISS principle (and to minimise administration) , the menu for this 3-course lunch – with a Platinum Jubilee 'edge' - would be FIXED and negotiated by Peter and Dave with Maria at earliest opportunity and by end of May at the latest.

b. The dress for the Lunch would be jacket and tie for gents with all invited to try and wear something Red+White+Blue – the Jubilee colours.

4. Monthly 2-Course Lunch Menus. Peter & Dave will discuss monthly menus with Maria to help her avoid repetition and to include some of the ideas from our Survey of Diners carried out earlier in the year. Post SG meeting Maria will supply Admin with the suggested menus from July onwards for 6 months ahead for SG approval.

5. AOB.

a. Peter updated the SG about his ongoing health situation.

b. Peter suggested, and SG agreed, that it would be typically Probus and thus appropriate if a 1-off £note collection were made at the June lunch to help fund essentials for Ukrainian children at Thorndown school to allow them to integrate into the school and local community.