

NOTES FROM A MEETING OF THE CROMWELL PROBUS (LUNCHEON) CLUB HELD ON 19 JUL 22

1. The Meeting was opened at 1030 with Chris Leah, Gordon Steptoe and Dave Mack as Members in attendance and Doreen Steptoe invited as the Host for Thursday. Apologies were tendered by Ros Townsend.
2. Peter welcomed Doreen as the July Host and offered Guidance on the sequence and content of the announcements/Toasts during Lunch on 21st. It was emphasised that whilst these luncheons are relatively informal – compared to the previous Club with a constitution - a certain structure & protocol for them was agreed at the outset that retained the best ‘bits’ of the previous formalities like the Loyal Toast. However, the SG introduced the Toast to ‘Absent Friends’ soon after its formation along with welcoming new diners by name to make them feel included and valued. Dave reported that over the last 2 Lunches, 3 sets of couples who had been invited as guests had requested to be added to future Lunch Menu distribution emails. A good sign.
3. From Previous Minutes:
 - a. Norris Museum - Old Club artefacts (Collars & Gavel) have still not been collected from Peter so Peter and Dave will take them around at a mutually convenient time.
 - b. Internet Banking. Dave reported that he had managed to set it all up on his PC and had used it successfully to reimburse himself the expenses agreed by the SG. However, as he was able to do that by himself, and whilst that would be much easier in future, he urged SG members to exercise due diligence with respect to the funds managed by Admin. He was also planning on installing the Lloyds Business Banking App on his Smartphone so on the day he could pay Slepe Hall its dues of £5 a head subsidy and the £50 Service Charge (tip) per lunch. Both expenses agreed until Mar 23 Inclusive.
 - c. Lunch Hosts:
 - (1) Doreen in July (1st lady host) with hopefully an article (with photo) in the Hunts Post.
 - (2) Dave in August for 1st Anniversary of the Luncheon Club at which Dave hopes to circulate a potted History of the Original Cromwell Probus Club from 1984 to 2019 being compiled by Alf. Hopefully, this potted history will also be married up with the artefacts in the Norris Museum.
 - (3) Chris in September (on 15th – remember it’s early for 3rd Thursday) where the results of the SG agreement on the next SG chair till Mar23 (inclusive) will be announced.
4. Invitation to Join the SG. It was agreed that Peter Horrocks would become a full voting member of the SG with effect from its meeting on 15th August. Peter to email a welcome.
5. Invitation to Lunch. The SG agreed that having virtually exhausted the ‘speaker’ capacity of its diners over its initial formative year, that it would be useful to branch out a little and occasionally invite local ‘persons of interest’ to lunch. Peter suggested that we could start this with the Station Commander RAF Wyton after her magnificent Armed Forces Day and personal welcome to us. Dave thought that September might be suggested in the letter as well as defining who we are as ‘retired local business people’.
6. Ukrainian Children at Thorndown - Donation – Peter explained that the £300 raised by the Club in June will be used specifically with other donations to pay for the children to go on the school trips this summer and for one child to attend the School Holiday Club to allow her mother to seek work to try and pay her way. Peter emphasised that the money in cash is ring-fenced with no admin costs or overheads diluting it.
7. Next Meeting of SG – 16 Aug 22 for Lunch on 18th – Venue to be agreed with Peter.

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