



Club Meeting Minutes

Location Christchurch Harbour Hotel, Waterford Suite **Date** Tuesday April 7th, 2026 **Time** 10:45

President David Dunsmore **Vice President & Welfare** Maurice Dowling **Club Secretary** James Wheildon
Treasurer Ian Peterkin **Social Secretaries** Richard Porter, Peter Warren **Dining** Cliff Putterford
Programme Secretary Bill Dempsey **Webmaster** Roy Townshend **Past President** Graham Newton

1) President

David welcomed members and led the traditional silent tribute to Les Denmead, whose funeral takes place on 8.4.2026. Les joined the club in 2011 and served as Vice President and later as the Club Steward.

2) Inauguration of Peter Coxhead

Peter was inducted into the club by the president. Peter began his career as a chartered accountant but switched to the oil industry, eventually running his own oil services company until retiring in 2010.

3) Officer Reports

Club Secretary - James asked all members to take note of the new A4 sized 6-section glossy letterbox recruiting leaflet and to give copies to neighbours and friends and to issue them to new arrivals in their neighbourhoods.

The club was now listed on a new local website: www.christchurchonline.co.uk

Social Secretary – Peter announced two forthcoming social events: Tea and cakes at Christchurch Priory on April 14; crazy golf and refreshments on May 19 at The Boathouse, Christchurch.

Dining Secretary – 28 members were attending lunch today.

4) Theatre Interest Group

Maurice said bookings had now closed on both theatre trips taking place in April — *A bunch of Amateurs* by the New Forest Players on the 9th, and *The Good Life* by the Lyndhurst Drama and Musical Society on the 23rd.

5) Speaker

Steve Roberts, topic *The New Forest National Park*. This was his 9th talk for the club.

Vote of thanks: Brian Hollowell

