



Club Meeting Minutes

Location: Christchurch Harbour Hotel, Waterford Suite

Date: Tuesday August 5 2025

Time: 10.45am

1) President opening remarks Graham Newton reminded members that while the club is actively pursuing ways to drive up membership, it should not be forgotten that the club has a lot to offer and is a very successful organisation. Apology from Peter Warren, who was unable to attend

2) Club secretary. James Wheildon issued Roy Townshend's packs of publicity cards to members to be distributed to friends/neighbours and/or placed on noticeboards. A dozen new members are needed to enable lunches and social events to be run most effectively. The website has been revamped by Roy.
Club membership 41 including 1 life member but four members are no longer able to attend meetings

3) Social secretary Richard Porter said the wine tasting gathering on July 24 at Setley Bridge Vineyard, Brockenhurst, was a success and he thanked Keith Rutherford for his help with this event

Next social event is August 21 -- Coffee and cake at the Basket & Blooms in Parley followed by a visit to the Bournemouth Aviation Museum

Future 2025 social events September 24 – Guided tour of the Red Museum, Christchurch, followed by lunch at the nearby King's Arms; October 24-27 – the President's Weekend Away in Torquay (one room left of the 18 reserved); November 20 – the quiz fish & chips night event returns at the Masonic Hall, Mudeford, December 18 – the Christmas Lunch at The Retreat

2026 planned events (dates to be confirmed) January, skittles & lunch at The Conservative Club in New Milton; February, The President's Lunch (venue to be confirmed)

4) Dining Secretary 29 total, 28 members, plus the speaker

5) Press & Publicity Graeme Gibson brought in spare copies of Klaus Eberlin's Probud mini biography

6) Guest speaker Kevin Patience, topic "The Bridge over the River Kwai and the Death Railway". **Vote of thanks** Keith Rutherford

7) Any Other Business None

8) President Closes meeting

Next meeting September 2, Christchurch Harbour Hotel