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## Club Meeting Minutes

**Location:** Christchurch Harbour Hotel, Waterford Suite  
**Date:** Tuesday July 1 2025  
**Time:** 10.45am

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### 1) Vice President presiding/welfare report

David Dunsmore gave Graham Newton's apology for being unable to preside and reported on Clifford King's funeral and spoke of the deaths of associate member Pat Sharland and former member John Umfreville. David also told members that Les Denmead would welcome any members who could visit him at Avon Reach Care Home in Mudeford

Robin Haggett added that John Umfreville was a real character, who had joined various Probus clubs over a 25-year period. Robin produced a booklet on Probus humour, written by John, whose cover showed a large Probus tie stained by custard and soup

### 2) New member

Bill Dempsey was presented with his initiation membership pack by David, who welcomed him to the club. Bill spoke of his career that began with the GPO. He became a senior executive with BT and has been involved with numerous voluntary organisations

### 3) Social Secretary

Richard Porter reported the May 19 crazy golf & coffee event in Christchurch and the June 3 Ladies Lunch at Longley were both successful and well attended. Raffles were held at both events with a £48 profit in May and a more than £150 profit in June

### Future social events

**Thursday, July 24** Guided tour & wine tasting at Setley Bridge Vineyard, Brockenhurst

**Thursday, August 21** Coffee and cake at the Basket & Blooms in Parley followed by a visit to the Bournemouth Aviation Museum

**Wednesday, September 24** Guided tour of the Red Museum, Christchurch, followed by lunch at nearby King's Arms

**October 24-27** The President's Weekend Away in Torquay (one room left of the 18 reserved)

**Thursday, November 20** The quiz fish & chips night event returns at the Masonic Hall, Mudeford

**Thursday, December 18** The Christmas Lunch, Colin Nash restaurant, at The Retreat

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## 4) Dining

29 paid for today's lunch [Note from our treasurer: attendance at monthly meetings has been about three members below the breakeven number for the past few months]

## 5) Theatre Interest Group

Maurice Dowling reported on two TIG events to be held this month:

- 1) July 3, *Bedroom Farce* by Burley Players at Burley Village Hall, plus fish & chips supper
- 2) July 23, *Inspector Drake and the Perfect Crime* by New Forest Players at Ballard School, New Milton

## 6) Guest speaker

Colonel James Porter, topic "The German Occupation of the Channel Islands in WWII"

Vote of thanks, Brian Hollowell

## 7) Any Other Business

None

**Next meeting** August 5, Christchurch Harbour Hotel

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**Club membership** 41 including 1 life member

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