



Club Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 7th January, 2020

The President opened the meeting at the Christchurch Harbour Hotel at 10:45am.

1. Welcome

- a) The President welcomed members to the meeting.
- b) Lewis Spendlove, General Manager of the Christchurch Harbour Hotel & Richard, the Operations Manager, were introduced to members and asked to provide an update on the Christmas Lunch.

2. Christmas Lunch Update

Some 34 out of 90 attendees at the Christmas Lunch reported being ill after the meal.

Following initial investigation, by the hotel, it appears that the problem was confined to the Waterford Suite. Individuals affected sat at various tables (often alongside others who were not impacted by the illness), were served by different staff and ate a variety of different meals. It appears that all hotel procedures had been followed correctly and that the various hygiene and health & safety standards were met.

The Department for Environmental Health was contacted by the hotel and are undertaking an independent investigation into likely causes of the sickness. Part of this review comprised issuing questionnaires to all attendees and phoning those who were ill to obtain feedback. The Department for Environmental Health will be issuing its report shortly. The report's findings will be made available to the club.

Mr. Spendlove answered a variety of questions from members, before thanking the club for their business over the past year.

3. Membership

- a) [John Batchelor](#) was inducted as a member of the club.
- b) Eddie Best has resigned as a member of the club due to ill-health. The President has sent best wishes on behalf of the membership.

4. Welfare Report

The President reported that Mike Harrold, Welfare Officer, was unable to attend the meeting due to his wife's illness. Regrettably, Jacqui is suffering severe pain as a result of Rheumatoid Arthritis.

5. Social Secretaries' Report

- a) The Simply Re-Red Concert held at the Tivoli Theatre, Wimborne proved very enjoyable and was attended by a small, but select, group.
- b) The President's lunch will be held at Dunsbury Golf Hotel & Spa on Friday, 14th February. A flyer will be distributed shortly.

6. Dining Secretary's Report

Today's menu comprises a main course of either pork filet, chicken or fish, with Treacle Tart, or Fruit Salad & Ice Cream to follow. The hotel are providing complimentary cheese & biscuits with the coffee.

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7. **Web-site**

Roy Townshend & Maurice Dowling were complimented by the President for their excellent work developing a new Probud Christchurch website. The site is now being tested and will be released to members next month. A demonstration of the site will be given at next month's meeting.

8. **Hidden Gem**

The President advised members to pay particular heed to this month's Hidden Gem, stating that it is a very special story that took a lot of courage to put into the public domain. The author has shown a lot of character and is to be thanked for his contribution.

⇒ **The President welcomed the Speaker**

Name: John Lewis
Topic: Coastal Ways
Vote of thanks: Graham Newton
Steward: Les Denmead