



Club Meeting Minutes

Location: Christchurch Harbour Hotel, Waterford Suite

Date: Tuesday 6 May 2025

Time: 10.45am

1) **President** Opening remarks

2) **Vice President** Welfare report: Clifford King is in hospital, Ed Abley recovering at home after hospital visit, Peter Warren continues to care for his wife, Les Denmead has settled into his nursing home, where Pat Long has also started at, and Pat Sharland has moved into a different nursing home. [It was reported at the club meeting that Clifford King is in hospital following heart problems]

3) **Recruitment ideas and plans** A subcommittee of 6 is to look at how to drive up membership numbers

4) **Club Secretary** Current membership 42 + 1 life member + 11 associate members

5) **Social Secretary Richard Porter** (James Wheildon reported the coach trip on a very sunny April 11 to the D Day Museum in Southsea was a success — on numbers, affordability and an excellent driver — and hopes that another such coach trip can be organised at a later date)

— **This month's social event** — Coffee & crazy golf at The Boathouse, Christchurch, May 19; 28 booked

— **Next month's social event** — Ladies Lunch, June 3, Bridge House Hotel, Longham

Future Diary Dates **1** The President's Weekend Away, October 24-27 (one hotel room left, 17 booked); **2** a return of the annual quiz night in October, **3** The Christmas Lunch, December 18, at The Retreat

— **Planned social events, to be confirmed** Visits to Setley Ridge Vineyard, Brockenhurst, and the Bournemouth Aviation Museum at Hurn, Visit to Red House Museum/Christchurch & pub lunch

6) **Dining** 29 paid for lunch (breakeven number is 33) today; a reminder there is no club meeting in June

7) **Press & Media** Smaller versions of the new publicity poster to be produced for placing in public spaces

8) **Theatre Interest Group** Maurice Dowling reported positive feedback from the inaugural TIG event *Pack of Lies*, with 27 attending. Next TIG outing is to watch *Inspector Drake and the Perfect Crime* on July 23 (7pm for 7:30pm start) at the Ballard School, New Milton

9) David Bickerton, topic Parents at War. **Vote of thanks** Maurice Dowling

10) **Next meeting** July 1. There is no club in June due to the Ladies Lunch being held in Longham