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## Club Meeting Minutes

**Location** Christchurch Harbour Hotel, Probus Meeting Room **Date** Tuesday January 6, 2026 **Time** 09:30

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**President** Graham Newton **Vice President & Welfare** David Dunsmore **Club Secretary** James Wheildon  
**Treasurer** James Robertson **Social Secretaries** Richard Porter and Peter Warren **Dining** Cliff Putterford  
**Press & Media** Graeme Gibson **Programme Secretary** Robin Haggett **Webmaster** Roy Townshend

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1) **President** Graham pointed out that the deadline for members to nominate committee members will be by the next club meeting on February 3. He also asked if anyone knows the whereabouts of both the club's skittles trophy and the quiz winners' trophy, awarded in 2024 and 2023 respectively

2) **Social Secretary** Richard reported on a successful Christmas lunch at The Retreat. On January 29 it's skittles and lunch at the Conservative Club in New Milton. "It's easy, anyone can play," said Richard. "Pick up a wooden ball and hurl it at the skittles"

3) **Dining secretary** Cliff said 30 had booked for today's lunch but only 28 were dining, including the speaker. Cliff is absent next month, and asked members to refer any late changes to James Robertson

4) **Recruitment plans** Richard said that while the club has had a remarkably successful story, it's time to bounce up to a new level and bring in new members. Several ideas have been proposed, one of which is to print a high quality glossy A4-sized leaflet on what the club offers to both members and partners that can either be posted or handed over by members to potential recruits. Other ideas to be considered by the committee are expanding the welcome letters the club secretary sends to new members and their partners, offering an incentive of a prize draw raffle for those who have brought in new members, and making use of local social media sites to broadcast any interesting stories/updates about our club

5) **Speaker** Julian Gee on *Fast aircraft, fast boats and fast women - the life and times of a 20th century maverick*, an eccentric character called Noel Pemberton-Billing. **Vote of thanks** David Brand

**Next meeting** February 3, 2026 at the Christchurch Harbour Hotel



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