

Dear Probians and Ladies,

January 2022

Our next meeting will start on Tuesday 18th January 2022 at 11.15 a.m. at the Riviera Hotel. As usual, coffee will be served from 10.30 a.m. Please remember that you have to pay £1.50 for this coffee – only the coffee after lunch is free! The meeting will start with the Speaker in the morning and immediately after lunch we will deal with any business matters. If you are not attending, or will not be taking lunch or are bringing a guest, **please notify Registrar Derek Diprose on phone number 01202 708593 not later than mid-day on Friday 14th January. The hotel may well charge for any non-apologies. Please give your cheque for £20 for lunch to Derek on the day.**

Sad News. We learnt in the last couple of days that the owner of the Riviera, Mrs Callaghan, had died. She was good to us over the years and specially to our Widows group. We send our sympathy to Mrs Callaghan's family.

Covid. There are hand sanitising facilities at the main entrance. Masks are advised when in communal areas. The hotel aims to provide as much fresh air as possible. Touch points are sanitised.

Speaker. The speaker this month is our own Adrian Penna who will be talking to us about "Siberia". This huge area of the planet is rarely mentioned in the media, which makes it all the more interesting.

Christmas Lunch. This was a great Christmassy lunch enjoyed by 24 guests. A big thank you to Michael for organising it all.

Social Activities. Please note the date of the next Coffee Morning/Lunch is Thursday 27th January at the Riviera Hotel. As usual, the occasion is open to Members, widow ladies, family and friends. Please come along if you can to support Michael's work in creating these occasions when we can keep in touch with each other despite the pandemic. The order form is a second attachment (PDF) to my email. The deadline for orders is 13th January or at the next meeting.

News of members who are not well

David Watts reports that Dick and Janet Hewitt have moved to a care home after Janet suffered a serious back injury.

December and January Birthday Boys

Ted Hadley 29th Dec, Derek Diprose 28th Jan. We all wish you happy birthdays, boys!

Widow Ladies. The next lunch will be on Tuesday 11th January. Names to Sue or Geoff by Friday 7th January (01202 669409).

Lone Rangers. Peter will advise on the next Meeting.

Thought for the month: "If I had my way, I'd remove January from the calendar altogether and have an extra July instead. - *Roald Dahl*

Best wishes, David