

Dear Probians and Ladies,

February 2022

Our next meeting will start on Tuesday 15th February 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 11th February.** The hotel may well charge for any non-apologies. **Please give your cheque for £20 for lunch to Derek on the meeting day.**

Covid. There are hand sanitising facilities at the main entrance. Please consider wearing a mask 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 Steve Bird whose talk is entitled “Industrial Relations at the Ford Motor Company”. After an initial start as an army officer, Steve worked in Industrial Relations with Ford throughout the 70’s and 80s and brings humour to what were the dark days of British industrial relations.

Social Activities.

The coffee morning and lunch in January was most enjoyable for the 20 or so of us who attended and was followed by some hilarious mis-translations into English told by Michael. Many thanks to him for organising everything.

There will be another AAWL coffee/lunch on Thursday February 24th.

Please come along and make it a happy occasion like the last one. The details are on the PDF order form attached to this email. If you have any problems viewing it, please let me know. The deadline for applications is 10th February by post or you can bring it to the next meeting.

News of members who are not well

To my knowledge there are no new reports of ill health.

February Birthday Boys. David Walder (17th).

Widow Ladies. There were 7 attendees at the lunch on Tuesday 1st February, including 3 widow ladies. The next lunch will be on Tuesday 1st March, contact Sue or Geoff by Friday 25th February (01202 669409).

Lone Rangers. Met at the Cock & Bottle, Morden, on Wednesday 2nd February for lunch, which was to the usual high standard all round. We had a full house of 8 for the first time, having earlier welcomed new Ranger, Alan Magnus who seemed to survive unharmed! Our next meeting is on Wednesday 2nd March at another favourite, the New Inn, Church Knowle.

Please note: the President’s Lunch originally scheduled for 24th March will now take place on Thursday 31st March.

Thought for the month. “The trick is to try to enjoy life. Don’t wish away your days waiting for better ones ahead”. *Marjorie Hinkley*

Best wishes, David

