

Dear Probians and Ladies,

October 2022

Our Next Meeting is on Tuesday 18th October 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 the morning coffee at the bar. 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 October. The hotel may well charge for any non-apologies. Please give your cheque (please not cash) for £20 for lunch, to Derek on the day of the meeting.

Speaker

Last month the talk and piano playing by Peter Gill about Noel Coward went down very well. The speaker this month is Maria Gayton, Community Engagement Officer of the Dorset History Centre located in Dorchester. The Centre has an amazing amount of archive and many films about the life of the County in the past.

Social Activities.

Christmas Lunch. Now that we can meet the minimum requirement of 30 attendees, our Christmas Lunch has been booked by Michael for Tuesday 20th December at the RNLI. If you have not already booked, please do so soon (Michael's phone number 01202 764376) An order form and menu choices will be sent out to you later in the month.

Visit to Arundells, Salisbury. President John has organised a visit to this beautiful house, which has such an interesting past, for Wednesday 26th October. It is important to let John know if you will be attending (phone 01202 538183 email johnjhallett@gmail.com). From the attached information sheet you can see that no payment is required up front. No places for lunch or dinner have been booked so you can either use the restaurants/cafes mentioned or choose other places.

News of members who are not well

I have no notifications of any new health problems amongst our members.

September Birthday Boys. Tony Kellaway (31st). We all wish you a very happy day, Tony.

Widow Ladies' Lunch. The next lunch will be Tuesday 1st November - names to Sue or Geoff Galpin by Friday 28th October. (01202 669409).

Lone Rangers

Geoff Witt reports that 7 Lone Rangers had a very enjoyable lunch on 5th October at the Cock & Bottle. The next one is planned for the New Inn, Church Stretton, on Wednesday 2nd November.

Thoughts for the month.

"Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eves run;
To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-trees,
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;
To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells
With a sweet kernel; to set budding more,
And still more, later flowers for the bees,
Until they think warm days will never cease,
For Summer has o'er-brimm'd their clammy cells."

- John Keats, *To Autumn*

Best wishes, David