



# Stafford 41 Club

## **Minutes of Meeting held on 15th May 2013 at The Bankhouse, Stafford**

Grace was said by Ray Barnett.

20 members and 2 Guests attended. Following the meal, Chairman Jim welcomed members to the meeting. It was noted from the floor that Jim was not wearing his Jewel.

**Apologies** - received from Messrs Bonfa, DeClerq, Orme, Turner and G. Henderson. All others not present were deemed to have apologised.

**Guests** - Rodney Thomas introduced Chris Reynolds from Eccleshall 41 Club who, he said, is well known to us all.

Mark Maguire was here as a guest and after he had left the room, a discussion took place to establish whether there were any objections to him becoming a member as he was a Past Tabler from Stafford 176. After it was pointed out that Port would oil the wheels he was inducted and welcomed into Stafford 41 Club. No Port was available but several bottles of wine appeared.

**Minutes** - Secretary Paul said he intended to continue Secretary David's tradition of reading older minutes and read the minutes from a meeting at the Bankhouse on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2011. These were signed by the Chairman.

**Secretary/Treasurer** - Paul wished to put on record his thanks to David Orme for 27 years in the role and a smooth handover. He said it would be a hard act to follow. Comments from the floor included a reference to the "Little Orme". Paul thanked everyone who had taken time to send him a cheque for subscriptions and reminded everyone else that £15 subs were now due. He said that, to keep everyone informed of Club activities, future minutes would be circulated by e-mail.

**House Officer** - Paddy stated that he was only House "co-ordinator" and that he had requested help from volunteers to arrange meetings, more volunteers were still required.

Chairman Jim then proposed that the next meeting be moved from the usual evening to Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June. This led to a lively discussion, Ian Henderson stated that he organised his holidays around 41 Club meetings and would not therefore be able to attend if it was changed! Rodney Thomas proposed that we should have a meeting as normal on the third Wednesday. It then was pointed out (rather belatedly) that the reason for the change was to compete with Stafford Round Table for the Tony Taylor Trophy. A vote on Rodney's motion was defeated and a vote for the substantive motion to move the date was then carried.

**Social** - No report

**IRO** - No report

**Sales and Regalia Officer** - No report. Following a complaint from Peter M-L about his badge falling apart, there was a discussion as to why we had to buy cheap Chinese goods instead of good British quality made items. Mike stated he could only buy the rubbish that National sells!

**Bob Blakemore Memorial Bike Ride** - Chris Reynolds informed the meeting that he had found out since booking in tonight that he had been "volunteered" to organise this event. It will be two years since this bike ride has been held and the date was fixed for Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2013. It may or may not follow a different route. Members of Stafford RT and Eccleshall 41 Club will also be involved. Names were taken and further details will follow by e-mail.

**AOB** - Our newest member Mark Maguire was asked to give a report on his recent bike ride from John o'Groats to Lands End. He said he trained for only 5 days doing 34 miles per day and then set off, doing 110 miles in his first day. He achieved the whole trip of 950 miles in 9 days. The meeting thought this was a fantastic achievement and applauded him accordingly. He is raising funds for Kids with Cancer and hoped that RT and 41 Club would help him raise funds.

The Chairman was asked about his missing Chairman's Jewel and Jim blamed a failing memory. It was then questioned as to whether any votes taken this evening were valid as he was not wearing his Jewel.

**Next Meeting:** Tony Taylor Trophy on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2013. Probably Archery, full details to follow by e-mail.

Chairman Jim closed the meeting at 10.35pm with the Final Toast.

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