

Shell Travel Club Newsletter

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Dear Shell Travel Club Members,

I hope that this finds you all well and having had an enjoyable summer and continuing to stay safe.

Although your Committee continue to have regular meetings via Zoom, little has happened since the last newsletter other than the AGM which was held on Wednesday 29th September at Silvermere Golf Club, Cobham, Surrey. Although numbers were, as expected, lower than in previous years, a good number of members attended. The Committee at the AGM were a little depleted with Frieda & Jonathan Boase continuing to shield and David, our Treasurer needing to attend hospital that day for the commencement of his treatment for cancer. David is keeping in very good spirits and we wish him all the very best with his treatment. He has confirmed that for the foreseeable future he will continue with his role as Treasurer which we are extremely pleased about.

As you are aware, Carol Reid, who was our Secretary for many years stepped down from the Committee earlier in the year. As at the time of the AGM, because we were still without a Secretary, Carol offered to stand in and take the minutes. That was a very kind gesture and we thank Carol very much for doing this and for the many years of service she has given to the club. I am pleased to advise that Bob Fowler put himself forward for the role of Secretary and was proposed by myself and seconded by Steve Jones. This is one of the key roles within the club and a position that must be filled, so many thanks Bob for coming forward and taking on this role. Minutes for the AGM will be uploaded to the STC website in due course.

Peter Ankers, who has been the Examiner of our end of year book, has expressed a wish to stand down from this role. If anyone is willing to take this on which in essence examines our financial records at the end of our financial year to ensure all is in order, please let me or David (d_dungate@btinternet.com) know.

Following the formal part of the AGM, members enjoyed the opportunity to meet up with former colleagues and friends over a drink before our three course carvery lunch was served. As in the past, Silvermere didn't let us down and the food was very good as was the overall venue. Following lunch, our speaker Colin Brown gave a very interesting talk and presentation titled 'It's Not All at Sea' on behalf of the R.N.L.I. Prior to lunch, Colin and his wife Cathy had a stall where members could purchase R.N.L.I. gifts. In total, including member donations, we raised in excess of £500 for the R.N.L.I. A big thank you must go to our committee member Bruce for organising the AGM and being the one involved and agreeing all our requirements with Silvermere. A huge amount of work goes in to this function especially as it had to be rescheduled several times due to lockdown restrictions.

Our next function is the Festive Lunch on the 25th November at Denbies Vineyard, Dorking, Surrey which again is being organised by Bruce. Places are still available and the cost is £37.00 per person for the three course lunch. If you are interested, please see the website for booking forms and menu options or contact Bruce on brucestc75@gmail.com for more details.

Looking ahead to 2022, we will shortly start to look at holiday ideas which will focus on UK destinations. These may include such things as a South West Wine Tour, Peak District trip, and a coach holiday to Scotland to name a few. There are many members who have also expressed a wish to do a Champagne trip to France as we have in previous years. This and all

our other ideas will be discussed at our next Committee meeting early in November and we will give feedback shortly afterwards.

The Committee and myself look forward to hopefully seeing you at the Festive Lunch next month and for those that we don't, we wish you a very happy, enjoyable and restful Christmas and very best wishes for the new year ahead.

Kindest regards

Rob