

# Shell Travel Club Newsletter

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Dear Shell Travel Club Members,

I hope that this finds you and your family well and having had an enjoyable Christmas as best you could given the restrictions placed upon us. Your Committee wish you a very happy, healthy and successful 2021 which hopefully will be much better than last year.

With Coronavirus still very much at the forefront and unfortunately infection and death rates increasing, as you can expect, we are not planning to run any holidays during 2021. We are hopeful that as the rollout of the vaccine gathers pace, infections will decline, restrictions will be lifted and then we can start to think about 2022. Please be assured, your Committee meet regularly via Zoom to monitor the situation and determine how best to move forward as a club.

Notwithstanding the above, our AGM is still scheduled for Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2021 at Silvermere. We will make a decision whether to confirm this date during the latter part of May which will be based on the situation surrounding Covid19 at that time. However, in order that we have a very good idea of how many members would intend to be present on the basis that there were no travel restrictions/lockdowns at the time of the AGM, could you please let Bruce know on [bruce75@gmail.com](mailto:bruce75@gmail.com) if you would intend to be present at the AGM.

We have also taken the decision to keep our booking with Denbies vineyard, Dorking for the 2021 Festive Lunch. This will be held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November. We have done this on the understanding that any monies paid will be refunded should it be necessary to cancel due to government guidance or restrictions on gathering. The cost of this lunch is £37.00 incl tea/coffee and the numbers are limited to 60 members. These places will be allocated strictly on members application. To book your place, please let Bruce know ASAP on [bruce75@gmail.com](mailto:bruce75@gmail.com)

For the few remaining members who receive their newsletters by post, following notification in September that this subscription would now be annual, please find enclosed a Booking Form to continue receiving postal newsletters for the next year. New postal subscriptions are no longer issued. If you'd prefer to receive your postal newsletter via email, please let Sally know.

As many of you will be aware, the STC had only one holiday scheduled this year in September which was the Fred Olsen river cruise that had been deferred from July 2020. Unfortunately, Fred Olsen advised us recently that they were exiting from the river boat cruise business and therefore cancelling the trip. We have decided that members who have money or credits on their Fred Olsen account relating to this trip or the February 2020 Caribbean Cruise then they should make their own arrangements with Fred Olsen to either book another cruise or request a refund.

Lastly, I am saddened to advise that Carol, who has been our secretary for the past 7 years or so, has decided the time has come for her to stand down from the Committee. Carol has been a real asset to the Committee and she will be sorely missed. We take this opportunity to thank Carol very much for her huge input to the STC and her willingness and involvement with organising AGM's and Festive Lunches. We look forward to seeing Carol at one of our future functions. Clearly, we are now in need of a Secretary. If anyone would be interested in filling this position, please contact me ASAP. Thanks.

Once again we wish you a happy new year, stay safe and we look forward to being able to see you again soon,

Kindest regards

Rob

P.S. Good to see that Boris Johnson and the G7 summit are following the STC by going to Carbis Bay for their next summit. We were there first!