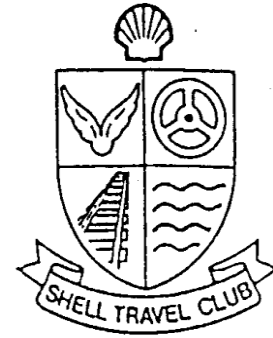


Shell Travel Club Newsletter

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Dear Shell Travel Club Members,

I hope that this finds you all well and having had at least one of the jabs being offered and looking forward to the continued easing of restrictions and better times ahead.

As you can imagine, with the ongoing restrictions and the future unclear as to what we can and can't do, your Committee have not been in a position to move forward with any trips for 2021 but we hope to be in a position to start running some during 2022. Your Committee meet regularly via Zoom to discuss possible ideas and how to move this forward and we have another meeting later this month.

Notwithstanding the above, our AGM is still scheduled for Tuesday 29th 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, at this time we are very hopeful that this will go ahead. This will be confirmed in the coming week or so.

In the meantime, if you have not yet advised Bruce could you please let him know on brucestc75@gmail.com if you intend to be present at the AGM or wish to give your apologies. **This is so that we have a very good idea of how many members would intend to be present on the basis that there were no restrictions at the time of the AGM.**

As previously advised, we have taken the decision to keep our booking with Denbies Vineyard, Dorking for the 2021 Festive Lunch. This will be held on Thursday 25th 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. If you haven't already booked your place(s) and wish to do so, please let Bruce know ASAP on brucestc75@gmail.com

One of the day trips that we had booked for last year was the one Frieda was running to the Royal School of Needlework at Hampton Court which unfortunately had to be cancelled. Frieda recently ran this trip as a virtual Zoom visit which was very successful and welcomed by those members in attendance. Please see separate Appendix for a detailed report on this trip.

As mentioned in the last Newsletter, following Carol's decision to step down from the Committee, we are in need of a Secretary. Unless these positions get filled, it is very difficult for the remainder of the Committee to 'double' hat such as Sally continues to do with her role running our website and additionally as Membership Secretary that she took on 2 years ago. Please, we need volunteers! Please let me know if you would be willing to take on the Secretary role.

The Committee and myself look forward to hopefully being able to welcome you at the AGM in June and in the meantime we send our best wishes to you all for better times ahead.

Kindest regards

Rob

APPEXNDIX I

ROYAL SCHOOL OF NEEDLEWORK - STC FIRST ZOOM EVENT

A very exciting visit to the Royal School of Needlework scheduled for March 2020 had an incredible response with 48 members and their friends joining the tour. Then almost out of the blue the event was postponed as it clashed with the Covid-19 first lockdown. As you can imagine, there were many disappointed members booked on this visit.

Throughout the ensuing year, the RSN have kept in contact with me and at the beginning of 2021 they emailed to say that they had put together a virtual talk for us on 'RSN History' and 'With Just a Needle and Thread' on Tuesday 13 April 2021. The talk was given by Dr Susan Kay-Williams, Director and Curator of the RSN.

With enthusiasm 25 members and friends logged on the the STC's first virtual event. Sitting in the comfort of their home the talk began with Susan giving an outline of the RSN history and its beginnings with teaching women how to embroider to earn a living which was incredibly difficult for



many. As it evolved, their expertise was recognised and has now developed to a world renowned place of expertise. Members were captivated by the talk being fascinating and remarked on how their work is keeping up with the times branching out from the traditional to modern interpretation and experimental art in stitches and fabrics. Indeed, the artistic side of recent work was quite amazing. Pieces chosen by Susan were exquisite. One member belonged to the Embroider's Guild and admired their work but her eyes were opened wider when looking at the RSN students' work Susan shared with us. Truly amazing.

Susan is very passionate about the RSN and their achievements. For us to learn of its history, stories and view pieces of work presented in a very professional way was quite remarkable. One comment was made saying that the afternoon was wonderful and brilliant much better than the member had dared hope! It was appreciated that the screen enabled viewers to peer

closely to see the details of the work displayed. A very successful afternoon which worked extremely well on Zoom. Indeed, members are enthusiastic to visit Hampton Court Palace and the Royal School of Needlework when the Palace and School are again opened to visitors and tours.

Frieda Boase

2020 & 2021 A.G.M. & Luncheon
11.00 a.m. Tuesday 29th June 2021
At Silvermere Golf Club, Cobham, Surrey, KT11 1EF
Coffee available from 10.30am

I/We will be attending the A.G.M. Please reserve me places for lunch. This will be a carvery lunch. I am making a Bank Transfer of £35.00 per person, directly into the Shell Travel Club bank account, account number 00428140, sort code 30-18-25.

When making payment please use your surname and AGM as the reference so that we can identify it.

Please give your telephone number and print name as well as signing.

(This year all drinks will be for individual account).

Please also clearly PRINT your email address.

Name(s):

Tel. No.

Amount: £

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Please return to: Bruce Ogilvy at brucestc75@gmail.com

I/We will not be attending the AGM on 29th June 2021 and wish you to give my apologies

Name (s):

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Please notify any special dietary requirements/special needs.

Shell Travel Club Festive Lunch
25th November 2021
Denbies Wine Estate, London Road, Dorking, Surrey, RH5 6AA
12pm Drinks, 1pm Lunch

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