

Meeting notes for Wednesday May 13th, 2020. S Mitchell

Chair – President

Members- at its peak 39, a record for online club meetings!!!

Visitors- Steve and Sue Arundel, lunchtime club; Steve Simmons-Jacobs soon to be inducted into the club.

Venue – awkward one this, I suppose Bills recording studio and the WWW.

Speaker- Sandy Dunn, with support from correspondent's Stuart Wineberg and Jon Livingston.

Bill introduced the meeting by laying out the agenda to this Momentous moment in history, the first Online (zoom) full members meeting for our club. A landmark that should be recorded for posterity. It deserved to be well supported and was, with an excellent attendance.

He brought us up to date with what council had been processing, especially the charities that we had supported recently via the new consultation process with Community service committee(details have already been circulated on this system) including Unity, Rose Road, Minstead trust etc. The emphasis was to be requests for local support to individuals or small groups which gives best or immediate outcomes.

Bill went on to our AGM, the main outcome was the plan for protecting and using our funds for the next two years considering we may be tight on budget due to cancellation of WTTW. As things stand, we may well have about £30,000 for the club to use which is a reasonable pot. Committee's have been asked to put in their budget for the next two years to see if we can keep within this, by 20th May.

Bill thanked Clive and Cheryl for running a fun quiz over the weekend.

He also proposed that we should continue with club zoom meetings for forceable future, a talk about George Mallery is coming up later this month, but he needs ideas for the agendas.

Bill then ran through the induction ceremony for Steve Simmons-Jacobs, who was welcomed into the club as a full member. He is recorded as the first member to be 'zoomed' into the club (is that fast tracked?) Steve looks forward to running the raffle, don't we all! He is a Forensic mechanical engineer and expert witness, so watch out everyone, get your 'event calculations' right. A round of applause followed.

Our **speaker Sandy** took over to speak about the transformation of this year's WTTW.

He outlined the decisions made in March behind the cancellation of the usual event. This led to a dramatic and mind-blowing exercise to transform the event into aa new and exciting new event. Well done to all the event team for developing this in just 24 days. The new WALK THE TEST **another** WAY was up and running by 1st May.

His talk was based on the attached power point slides, which outlines the main points to be noted.

Why are we doing this? What is WTTAW?; What can you do to help?

The overriding messages are,

Be Alert, look at website and promo's,

Promote the event, get involved.

Contact as many people as you can.

WE are the leaflets and posters.

Widen the possibilities, social media is the key

There may be a big silver lining in this change of action with great possibilities, even Rick Stein is becoming involved and Sandy has been fielding calls from the media.

District and RIBI are on board, so let's all get moving.

Stuart Wineberg explained about promotional methods and materials and is sending out Promo material which we can use, with further items in future. But also use your own messages,

Sandy s list of Charities that regularly take part is **also attached** for your guidance.

He has put in a core aim to raise £12000, some of this will come from Rick Stein, Let's get the rest and more. The event team has given us a challenge. It's up to us.

The lunchtime club was offered assistance to spread the word, as they were in attendance at the meeting.

Jon Livingston emphasized the messages and wound up the discussion with questions and answers for the event team.

Next meeting slated for Wednesday 13th or 20th. Watch this space.

Well done Bill

There was a fitting end to a very successful meeting when Mike showed a lovely picture of Family Koscian.