



## The SMBP 44 Association

### News Letter – South Wales Chatterbox Spring 2019 – April

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Hi Friends,

Another wonderful lunch last Wednesday (9 April) at Sketty Hall Swansea. Our numbers are now holding at a nice comfortable 15 with apologies from Stuart Evans. Hope your feeling better Stuart and look forward to seeing you on 12th June. You may all be interested to know that Sketty Hall have advised that from September they can no longer accommodate us due to a large refurbishment programme. In fact our Christmas function – weird to be talking about Christmas so early, will no longer be at Sketty so we are now in the process of looking for an alternate venue – ideas to me please!

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 12 June 2019 but we are having a trip to Don and Ann home to see their Japanese Garden. We are meeting at Sketty Hall at 10.00 am. for a quick cuppa before we set off. Due to numbers we shall be car sharing. Don and Ann are going to have an 'Open Day' for us and I shall be extending the invitation to all members including the SPA Club and the BP equivalent. All details will be the subject of a separate note.

Our meeting arrangements is slightly changing so you may like to make a note that following our scheduled meeting on June 12<sup>th</sup> which has been accommodated for the Garden Visit, we plan to come together on Wednesday 10 July again at Sketty Hall meeting at 11:30 am with coffee (or alcohol if you wish) with lunch around 12:15 to 12:30. Please make a note in your diaries.

With the rise in postage costs it is now the preferred method to use e-mail to advise of any coming meetings. However, it was suggested that many do not use e-mail but those who do, could you let me know your addresses please. I have all those who attended the last meeting but it would be good to increase the database. You can drop me a line [viv.perry1@btinternet.com](mailto:viv.perry1@btinternet.com)

Now, for those who do not have e-mail, we did discuss that many or even all have a mobile phone. There is software called Whats App where if you install the application I can set up a 'Chat Group'. I could then use this as a means of letting everyone a reminder of when meeting will take place. Be interested to hear from you so here is my mobile you can text me! 07796 415851

Below are a couple of pictures taken on the day – for reasons I am not going to try and explain all the ladies congregated to the top of the table for lunch and a chat and the men to the bottom! Sorry Eira got the back of your head!



Remember you can see what going on the in the branch including this note called Chatterbox on the 44 Club Web site South Wales Branch. Here is the hyperlink to type on your search engine like Google. The link for the South Wales page is <https://www.44club.co.uk/south-wales.html>

Anyone interested in the WEB site for all other 44 club branches can have a look on: <https://www.44club.co.uk/>

I thought you might like to an early picture of the SMBP Drivers' Club/ I have included this in the Spring 44 Club News Magazine, which should be published any day now.



In the above picture from left to right is Alan Davies, Graham Griffiths, David Evans, Malcolm Wiltshire, Brian Cooper, David Sanders, David Morgan, Huw Thomas, Arwyn Hughes, Graham Corks and David Fisher

A good mix of both Shell and BP branded guys following the split in '76

As you all know the drivers' have been coming together for a very longtime but their venue has changed to 'The Bowens Arms' Skewen. Anyone wanting to join them for an all 'men's' chat and a pint contact Brian Cooper or Huw Thomas.

Best wishes to everyone.

Viv Perry

**44 Club – South Wales Branch Meeting - Wednesday June 12<sup>th</sup> 2019**