



The SMBP 44 Association

News Letter – South Wales Chatterbox Summer 2018 – Issue July 2018

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Hi Friends,

Since I last wrote to you, the South Wales Branch has had an inaugural meeting with two follow up ones at Sketty Hall, Swansea that seems to have become our base meeting place. Founder members are Graham and Sylvia Cork, David and Rowena Saunders, Clive and Flo Hillman, Alan and Yvonne Davies together with my wife Chris and myself.

You can see I am introducing a News Letter called Chatterbox to keep you abreast of Branch activity and potential news – contact me on the above e-mail address or give me a call if you would like me to add anything.

Most of you should have seen the latest news from the 44 Club that a new WEB site has been introduced and we have a page in the Branch News. The link for the South Wales page is <https://www.44club.co.uk/south-wales.html>

Those interested in the WEB site can have a look on all branches and things of interest by going to: <https://www.44club.co.uk/>

I shall be up-dating this after every meeting – you can see the latest and the past meetings in 21st March 23rd May and 25 July already posted with photographs.

Over the page is a copy of the meeting minutes – more news to follow.

Hot News – You will in the minutes we discussed partners/ widows/ widowers becoming members. The only way the 44 Club gets to know of anyone is by 'word of mouth'. So if anyone you know would like to join us let me know.

I hope you can enjoy this wonderful weather and it's not too uncomfortable – remember to drink lots of water and stay well hydrated.

Best wishes to everyone. I'll be in touch!!!

Viv Perry

44 Club – South Wales Branch Meeting

Wednesday July 25 2018

Meeting Minutes

We all came together on another sunny day and enjoyed a good chat over a summers drink in the garden followed by a light lunch. The conversation flowed especially when Alan shared some of his work experiences.

Alan and Graham joined the 'Drivers' group on 25th June at Skewen Rugby Club and were able to get a list of the Ex BP Drivers who are not on the mailing list for the 44 Club News etc. Drivers' have bi-monthly meetings led by Brian Cooper and Huw Thomas. The next meeting will be in September. The 44 Club South Wales Branch has agreed to meet also bi-monthly so that there is a meeting every month. It is hoped that many of the BP drivers' will come along to the 44 Club branch meetings in the future with their wives.

We discussed some widows/ widowers/ partners may not be on the mailing database. It was agreed to enquire with the 44 Club Secretary to seek clarification.

David and Rowena Saunders did some sterling work to research a summer venue and suggested Cliff Restaurant at Southgate, Swansea overlooking the coast, which is to be considered at the next meeting.

Alan Davies also did some research on a potential bus trip - the cost would be £120 to Brecon and £170 to Tenby. It was agreed all members would be contacted to see if we could get 15/ 18 people (full coach) so the unit cost would be £10 or less per person.

Fancy a 'day out by the sea', please contact Viv Perry using the web site, e-mail or give him a call.

Clive and Flo are off on their travels to Japan for a month and have promised to bring back 'cherry blossom' sweets, which is a Japanese specialty. We are looking forward to it!!!! We wish them well and a safe bon-voyage even if they are going by air!

Graham and Sylvia recently had their Golden Wedding Anniversary and we raised a glass in celebration.

The next meeting will be at Sketty Hall on **Wednesday 3rd October at 11:30** for coffee (or drinks) and lunch at 12:30. Moreover, we agreed to meet at Christmas on Thursday 13 December 2018.