

# SOLIHULL 41 CLUB

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## November 2021 Newsletter

### GENERALLY

#### Mike Redman

You may know that Mike died on Tuesday morning 19<sup>th</sup> October.



Mike's funeral is to be held at Oakleigh Wood Crematorium, Oakley Wood, Bishops Tachbrook, Leamington Spa, CV33 9QP at 1.00pm on Wednesday 10th November.

Pip, Mike's daughter, tells me that everyone who wishes to attend will be most welcome. I have recently received the following message from her: -

*'Dear Everyone*

*I just wanted to forward the information regarding the webcast for Dad's funeral (details of which are below). Please do pass this on to anyone that is unable to make the funeral but would still like to be involved.*

*For those intending to come, as you would imagine, Dad would like this to be a happy event, so please feel free to dress as colourfully as you wish. Instead of flowers, I know Dad would have been delighted if any monies were instead donated to either the Motor Neurone Disease Association or the Cystic Fibrosis Trust. We do hope to see you there.*

*With all best wishes*

*Pip'*

## **RECENT MEETINGS**

### **Dinner at the Drum & Monkey on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October**



Fourteen of us met at the Drum and Monkey in Dorridge for our first regular club meeting for about eighteen months.

We enjoyed meeting at the venue and also the good standard of food. It is likely that we shall be planning to meet there again in the not too-distant future.

Our thanks must go to Martin Elliot for his initial idea to have this meeting and for his help in organising it.



### **THE ROMEOS ARE BACK - Our Lunch Secretary Mike writes -**

Nine of us came to the Wilson's Arms on 14th October for our first Romeo's lunch after the COVID shut us down. Senior Romeo's Brian French and Sandy Henderson chatted with young Ralph Gibb and others, and a good time was had by all.

The food and service was as good as ever, and we had a chocolate flake and a choice of sauces with our ice cream. All this for the princely sum of £9.00 a head after discount, including tip.

Please come and join us at our next lunch on December 9th. You will be very welcome.

**Please also note a change of date for the next Romeo's lunch meeting. It was originally planned for 16<sup>th</sup> December, and is now a week earlier, on the 9<sup>th</sup>. We meet as usual at 12 Noon.**

Mike Norton  
Romeo's Lunch Secretary

### **FUTURE MEETINGS**



### **Ten Pin Bowling in Acocks Green followed by a meal on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm**

Our Chairman Ralph writes -

*'Our November meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> November is a visit to Acocks Green Bowl, Westley Road, Acocks Green where we will enjoy a game of Ten Pin Bowling (which should take approximately 1 Hour) commencing at 7.00pm prompt.*

*Around 8pm we move down to the Warwick Road for a bite to eat at Pasta di Piazza.*

*Both the cost of Bowling and your meal will be debited to your account. Early arrivals at the Bowl can avail themselves of a drink at the Bar (No real Ales I'm afraid) which can be taken to the bowling lanes. These must be purchased individually, as usual.*

*There is a small (free) car park at the Bowl - if you use it make sure you register your number plate when exchanging your outdoor shoes for bowling shoes, or you could incur a fine from the car park operator.*

*Please book in with Dinner Secretary, Ian Burwood (Tel: 0121 745 2102 or Email: [Solihull41ClubDinnerSecretary@yahoo.com](mailto:Solihull41ClubDinnerSecretary@yahoo.com)).*

## Fireworks in Tudor Grange Park on Saturday 6th November

Our Liaison Officer Nick writes –

*'Dear All,*

*Thank you all for your support, we now have enough volunteers to man both gates at the Bonfire and Fireworks event in Tudor Grange Park on the 6th November 2021, but only if everybody turns up, please do not let us down if you can possibly help it.*

*Gates will be open at 16.30 so we need to be ready in position by 16.25. The bonfire will be lit at 18.30 and the fireworks will be triggered at 19.30, at which point we can make a tactical withdrawal and reconvene at a hostelry in the Solihull area. Please wrap up warm and bring a high-viz jacket with you if you can.*

*If you need to park, I suggest the Tudor Grange leisure centre car park as you get 3 hours free and enforcement finishes at 6'ish.*

*We will have tea and coffee making facilities and some welfare food will be provided.*

*I look forward to seeing you all on the evening and thanks again.*

*Nick*

*North Gate (the one just past the tunnel from Solihull centre) - overseen by chairman Ralph and myself*

*Ralph Gibb*

*Nick Fox*

*Ian Burwood*

*Pete Tomlinson (Ian, please forward to Pete as I have no email)*

*Ian Strong*

*Richard Morgan*

*David Hitches*

*Ian Moseley plus wife Lynn*

*Peter Wellings (will be late but will join us as soon as he can)*

*John Mendil (if he is still in the area)*

*South Gate (the one near the pitch and putt golf course) - overseen by Treasurer Gus*

*Gus Naismith*

*2 x volunteers from Mick Joiner's group (Gus, please forward)*

*Martin Elliot*

*Roger Shrimpton*

*Mike Norton*

*Terry Cleland*

*David Whiting'*

**Next Year's Walking Weekend in Kington, Herefordshire on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

You may recall that when we informed you all about the plans for our walking weekend for next year, we stated that we may be limited to a maximum of twelve bedrooms in the hotel. So, a prompt response was requested. We are now fully booked and already above the maximum number of attendees for our Walking Weekend.

Those of you who have asked to be included and paid a £50 deposit are as follows -

Name	Deposit Rec'd	Comments
	600	
John Mendil	50	Bath
David Whiting	50	
Malcolm Doughty	50	
Ralph Gibb	50	Shower in room
Peter Travis	50	
Gus Naismith	50	
David Hitches	50	
John Bidmead	50	
Roger Shrimpton	50	
Mike Norton	50	
Ian Burwood	50	
John Rea	50	

This is the total of twelve. We also understand there may be a few more of you who may still be considering whether or not to join us. We are presently in the process of checking with the Burton Hotel to check if they have any further free bedrooms. However, based upon their earlier comments, it seems unlikely they will have any more rooms available. We will, of course, let you know as soon as we get any better news.

We understand the following members have expressed an interest and, to date, have not provided any written confirmation; -

In order of interest

David Nicholas

Peter Wellings

David Snell

Nick Fox

Possible Day Visitor

David Carey

Bob Ellis

We have therefore now got a waiting list for members to replace anyone who has already booked if they have to drop out.

One final thought – to allow more members to attend our walking weekend would any of you agree to sharing in twin bedded accommodation?

**PHOTO CORNER – Future in the Past**



**AND FINALLY**

**Is it too much to ask the Romans to re-invade Britain. Someone needs to resurface the roads. 🤔**



When I was young, I decided to go to medical school. At the entrance exam, we were asked to rearrange the letters

**PNEIS**

And form the name of an important human body part which is most useful when erect.

Those who answered SPINE are doctors today, while the rest are on Facebook.