



News from your Committee

A Message from Chairman Graham to all Members

Dear Members.

The committee held another virtual meeting on Zoom on Monday, 6 July.

The club will probably not meet again, in Revolution, until next year. If there is an effective inoculation discovered, then it could possibly be later this year.

In view of this the committee has decided to continue with our monthly Zoom presentations for the foreseeable future.

Your subscriptions, to the club, were due last April. In view of these uncertain times it has been decided that these will not be payable this year but will be payable next April.

We hope that you continue to enjoy the lectures and look forward to seeing you all again as soon as possible.

Best wishes.

Graham Lang

In Summary,

your Committee decided, particularly as **Treasurer John Meins** reported that the Club remains in a very strong financial position:

1. To continue with Online Club Meetings once a month and with the Club Newsletter, once a month, **free of charge** to all existing members.
2. We value your continued membership so **no subscriptions will be asked for**, for the time being. (To be reviewed April 2021).
3. **David Webster** remains in contact with the **travel** company in the hope that he may be able to book Italy next year on the same terms discussed with them already
4. **Alan Schofield** can see there will be no possibility of booking any **trips** for the foreseeable future
5. **Chairman Graham** will continue to check with **the Revolution** we will still have our Thursday slots, but they are still closed. He will try again in a few weeks
6. **Membership Secretary, Keith Gillam**, will continue to liaise with **Prospective Members** so that your Committee can continue to review their Membership of our Club. Details of Prospective New Members, who may be interested in our Club's continued activities during Lockdown or going on our Membership waiting list, should continue to be sent to Graham

Our Online Speaker on 23rd July

Following the resounding success of our June online meeting (41 members logged on)

Our next talk is by Andy Thomas,

who is one of Britain's best known and most prolific authors and lecturers on "mysteries and histories".

He will be speaking to us about "**The Story of English Freedom**", where he shines a light on the most significant leaps of the centuries, and sees how they still resonate today.



If you haven't logged on yet, please give our next online meeting a go.

Please contact me by [telephone \(01494 812049\)](tel:01494812049) or email via beaconsfieldprobus@gmail.com if you would like any help or advice about logging onto one of our online meetings.

Ian Petrie

Members' News

From Keith Gillam

Allotment holders on the Amersham Road site due for development have been served with eviction notices.

Plots are cultivated there by Keith and Christine Gilham (photo) and Paul and Rosemary Badman.

Representations have been made to The Beaconsfield Society who are leading the objections

.. also from Keith



CADOGAN HALL

Has been broadcasting a series of Online Concerts through their YouTube Channel link
The most recent concert was

WEDNESDAY 8 JULY, YOUTUBE, 7.30PM -

Please join us tomorrow night for a live streamed performance from Cadogan Hall by the **English Chamber Orchestra** of **Vaughan Williams'** sublime ***The Lark Ascending***, voted No. 1 in the Classic FM Hall of Fame 2020, followed by **Mozart's Symphony No. 29**.

Directed by **Stephanie Gonley** and featuring violin soloist **Ofer Falk**

This Concert is still available at the time of going to publication through this link

[Visit our YouTube page](#)

The recording will advise you may have to wait about 29 minutes or less—just skip forward.

Please 'subscribe' to their YouTube channel while you're there and help support Cadogan Hall

[Have you a recommendations or news you would like to share with other Members?](#)

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The Great Outdoors

From Mike Collier

I took it this morning. It shows a stand off at the bird bath in my garden between a male green woodpecker and a wood pigeon. Alas the pigeon got the upper hand.

Cliveden



.. and other National Trust Properties have opened up on a limited, pre-book basis (a bit like trying to get a slot at your local supermarket!)

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/cliveden>

Admission was about 30% of usual capacity and well controlled when we went including the all important loos (how very British!)



The Rose Garden was particularly good at the beginning of June and I think is still flourishing

Can any Botanists amongst you identify the flora and fauna in these photos taken on the long walk down to the Thames?



A bottle of Sancerre delivered to your doorstep for the first correct answer to the Editor



A moment of Madness

During a recent walk from Hambleden to Henley, I noticed this little gem from 1985 in the boat yard at Mill End.

I know exactly what the boat owners amongst you are thinking—'he should have come to me., he would have made far more money keeping it in the Stock Exchange during Lock-down!'

So, back home, phone call. Vendor happened to be someone I know in Penn.

Now the proud owner of all the out of date boating technology I could hope for (don't think I'm going to need a depth finder for my occasional trip from Harleyford to Marlow), more 1980's Drayton than MFI and galley for preparing the pre lunchtime bacon butties on the way to the mooring at The Flower Pot in Aston



Existing Day Boat sold immediately!

Hardy Boats has always been a high quality builder. Founded by John Hardy in 1976 and initially built small motor sailers designed by Colin Mudie. High demand led to the building facility in North Walsham, Norfolk being expanded to its current size in 1982.

In these early years large numbers of small motor boats were built, with the brand being expanded in the early 80s to include the Seawings range.

The Andrew Wolstenholme-designed semi-displacement Hardy 36 was introduced in 1997, followed by the Commander 32 and Commodore 42 a few years later.

Building on the reputation these yachts generated, the Hardy 50 hit the market in 2004 and the first of our flagship design, the Hardy 62, was completed in 2013.

In 2013, Hardy Marine came under the ownership of the Windboats Group, which has been boatbuilding in Norfolk since 1920.



Unfortunately, Hardy went into liquidation last week following their move into the prestige market a few years ago

Much joy to be had I think!

If you have a past-time or interest you would like to share—please email me for inclusion in next month's edition

Ian Petrie

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