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**T**HE NEXT MEMBERS' SUPPER MEETING (691<sup>st</sup> meeting) will be held at Old Fold Manor Golf Club on **TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 7.00pm.** The meal will be Steak & Ale Pie with seasonal vegetables, or there will be a Salmon/Vegetarian option, and this will be followed by Apple Crumble and Custard, and coffee, and the cost will be £22. However, the salmon/vegetarian meal can only be secured if you pre-arrange your meal on Bernard's booking form which he will be sending out shortly for you to complete. Please can you make sure you book in by Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March at the latest.

This meeting will incorporate our AGM which will be held following the supper. Attached to this newsletter is the Notice and agenda for the meeting, together with the 2021 Trustee report which I hope you will read as it describes what the Club has been up to over the past twelve months and as you will see the Club has been very active despite lockdowns and the impact of the pandemic. This newsletter will also have attached the Chairman's report and includes many thank you's to individuals who make the Club function so efficiently.

**Please do come to the next supper meeting and decide how your club should be run and who should run it.** Remember there was no AGM last year because of lockdown so this your first chance in two years to air your comments.

Hopefully with Covid restrictions now coming to an end life will start to recover and while we must continue to remain cautious and vigilant let's hope we can all get out and meet up and enjoy each other's company.

Can you all welcome **Richard Bridges** into the Club. Richard is an Old Fold Manor golf member playing for the Rabbits and TOFFS who was wooed into Club, following his retirement, by Richard Davison, Keith Embleton, and Jos Lewis. We all wish Richard a happy time as a member and I hope all members have a chance to meet Richard soon and make him feel welcome. We have two other people considering joining but I will save all their details until they return their membership forms.

Does anybody know anyone else who would like to join the Club. Bryan wrote an excellent article in the Old Fold Manor Golf Club newsletter last month so please take the opportunity when playing Golf to ask your partners if they would like to join our Club as a full member or maybe just as a helper.

Sadly, we are losing at least two committee members at the AGM, Robin Loader has decided to stand down after 13 years in two sessions on the committee serving initially as Treasurer for 6

years, then Chairman, and President and then on his comeback helping and then running the Golf Charity day. He has though volunteered to run the 2022 Charity Golf day on the **28<sup>th</sup> September**, so thank you Robin for all your hard work.

We are also losing Keith Embleton who has served 6 years on the committee but has now decided that after moving to West London, commuting from Chiswick for all Puddenecks activities is not a very sensible use of his time. He has on a number of occasions arrived at Old Fold at 7.15am for his early morning golf with his regular partners then just hung around from midday until 5pm for a Puddeneck committee meeting or help at an event; that is devotion to duty. Thank you, Keith who was invaluable in, setting up many of our Policy document wordings. Hopefully both will continue to be active within the Club but as backbenchers.

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February**, we had our first speaker meeting of the year and Natalie Cumming gave us a very moving and powerful story of her family violin and all the problems, sadness, and hardship its owners had suffered over their lives. With the violin now fully restored to its glory it resides at the Yehudi Menuhin Music School, a specialist music school in Stoke d'Abernon, Surrey and has many more year's life left hopefully, with happier stories attached. We had 89 paying members and visitors attending and the evening should have made well over £600 to our Charity funds.

On **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February** we held our New Year's party for 'Guests' and it was a great success as you can see from the photos below with over 70 'Guests' attending and enjoying a delicious Chicken Ballentine wrapped in Parma ham followed by Profiteroles and coffee. After the meal we were entertained with some delightful singing by Sarah Roth who was a late substitute. But what a find Sarah was, clear diction, superb voice, lovely personality, and all our 'Guest' were spell bound. Sarah, helped by her Dad doing all the technical parts was a real gem and I am sure we will be inviting her back to entertain our 'Guests' if she can fit us in with her schooling music teaching and bringing up three small children including twin boys which must keep her very busy.



### ***Members Supper Dates.***

Following your views, the committee decided to reduce the number of times we meet for supper from six evenings a year to just four and future dates are: -

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April AGM 2022**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

**Bernard already has a very interesting talk lined up for June especially if you like fast cars (see below) and in October if you are into the world of pop music.**

For the June meeting our very own Paul Griffin will talk to us not about his very talented lawyer days but about his other passion, fast cars as he holds an international racing licence and has long owned historic cars. He has competed in the racing of historic Grand Prix cars and historic racing sports cars at events including the Goodwood Revival, the Grand Prix Historique de Monaco, the Mille Miglia Storico, the Le Mans 24 Hours Legends and the Silverstone Classic

He has just written a book entitled 'The Past and The Spurious - The Case of Legitimacy in Historic Cars' which looks more seriously into the authenticity and identity of historic cars. Who could forget the case of Lord Brocket and his cutting up and burying valuable historic Ferraris in the grounds of Brocket Hall?

This presentation will look at a number of these high-profile cases and the characters engaged in them. It also questions 'what makes a historic car'. Something for everybody to enjoy! **Sounds like an evening not to be missed and do remember this evening is open to family and friends.**

**Please note that due to unforeseen circumstances we have brought forward the AGM supper meeting by one week to the 5<sup>th</sup> April and I hope this will not inconvenience many of you from attending.**

Nobody has yet come forward to try and persuade members to get together for a drink maybe at the Monk on a club meeting night (second Tuesday in the month) but the committee remain committed to support and promote this get together. Something to raise at the AGM??

**T***HE PUDDENECKS* monthly Coffee Mornings at Wesley Hall are going well and continue at 10.30am on the first Friday of the month. We had an interesting session in February, with a presentation from HSBC about avoiding scams. We also had a free raffle which was enjoyed by all. There was a good turn out despite awful weather. We have the following entertainments for the next three meetings: a pianist, and accordion player and a talk from Neil about his time in the Flying Squad. We are already planning some surprises for the months ahead - but a bit too early in the process to share yet! Next sessions are Friday **4<sup>th</sup> March** and **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April**.

**G**uest Events. **FUTURE DATES.** From March onwards, we are back to regular action and the Club is reverting to its conventional Fish and Chips evening/Bingo evenings but is moving the 'Guest' evenings to **Tuesday nights** in an attempt to attract more drivers.

Due to unusual circumstances, we are having to change the April meeting night so please amend your diaries. The dates for the first half of 2022 events are: -

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March (next Tuesday)** we will be having a fish & chip meal followed by a return of Will Smith who has entertained our 'Guests' on many occasions in the past with his wide repertoire of music for all tastes. As normal, Paul is looking for drivers so if you are free to help, please do not be backward in coming forward to help and the evening will be compared by Bernard Woolf so do give him some support. April will see us return to a Bingo evening.

Further ahead we will be running two BBQs and a boat trip outing in the summer months but more about these events in future newsletters.

As we mentioned in our last two newsletter following Paul's move to the seaside, he needs to scale down his involvement in running these events (but he is not immediately giving up playing his part in ensuring these events happen and are fully attended) and we asked for a volunteer to come forward.

### ***We are still awaiting a Volunteer to come forward***

*In the meantime, Paul is discussing with Bernard on how he might take a larger role organising the events. However, without a co-ordinator these events may have to stop and without these evenings taking place the reason for the Club's existence begins to disappear.*

***Please do not let this happen.***

**Y**ou should have now all paid your 2022 subscription (£25) and fee for the 200 Club, (£12 per ticket). If you have yet to do this, please forestall Rab's second letter by paying now.

**D**on't forget to also look at the Club's web page [www.puddenecksclub.org.uk](http://www.puddenecksclub.org.uk). If you have any suggestions on its further improvement, please feel free to talk to, or contact Bryan Harrison.

**2**00 Club. Would you like to join our '200 Club' and maybe become one of our lucky winners, it only costs £12 a year? Please contact **Rab Butler** our Treasurer. (email [rjbutler14@btinternet.com](mailto:rjbutler14@btinternet.com))

The winners on the new prize structure were: -

**January;** Chris Marshall £20; Pam Moore £20; and Mark Fricker £50.

**February;** P Matthews £20; M Baker £20; and Mike Bishop £50.

**A**lmoner. Does anybody have any news on any of our members who may be unwell? Our best wishes go to Ged and Andy Heath who have both felt down due to the constraints of this last covid lockdown. Hopefully though as Spring arrives lockdown and restrictions ease, they will be able to sensibly return to some normality and enjoy friendships again. Our good wishes go to John Connell where recent treatment and medication is getting him completely restored to full health and to Jack Williams who is also currently having some health tests.

**M**ovement to Music. Jack's Movement to Music class recommenced as planned on Thursday January 20th. 'We had a full class of 20 members who were all delighted to be together again, and after a rather gentle reintroduction of exercises, chocolate cake was served with the tea and biscuits with much chatting and catching up to do'.

A very happy event.

**F**orthcoming events.

**FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH:** Coffee morning at Wesley Hall 10.30am onwards

**TUESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH:** 'Guests' evening at Old Fold Manor Golf Club. 6.30pm. Fish & Chips plus entertainer

**FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL:** Coffee morning at Wesley Hall 10.30am onwards

**TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL:** Member's supper evening and AGM. Don't forget to book in.

**TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL:** 'Guests' evening at Old Fold Manor Golf Club. 6.30pm. Bingo

**TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup>. MAY:** 'Guests' evening at Old Fold Manor Golf Club. 6.30pm. Fish & Chips plus entertainer

**FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY:** coffee morning at Wesley Hall 10.30am onwards

**WEDNESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER:** charity golf day at Old Fold Manor Golf Club.