

Minutes of BH3 Social Committee meeting

Date: Tuesday 24th May 2016

Venue: The Van Dyke Forum Wetherspoons, Fishponds

Present: LUNCHi, HBK, Fruit Cake, Sleepy, Rebore, No Shirt, Dangleberry

Chair: LUNCHi

Scribe: Dangleberry

Report delay: 9 days

1. Apologies

WW by txt: 'p***ed off, going home', LUNCHi reply: 'We'll come round' Sleepy, but then he turned up anyway a bit later. As did Rebore and No Shirt. Myself for turning up a week early.

2. Elect Chair and Scribe

LUNCHi volunteered to reoccupy the chair, and received unanimous approving murmurs.

Your scribe is Dangleberry but I'm not sure if this was a one-night only appointment, due to offering to walk to the bar to request a pen *

* the bartender offered also coloured crayons

3. Welcome

You're welcome

4. Washups

4a. Bedminster Beer Festival

The Bedminster Beer Festival, which the Bedmo locals didn't know they had, was held on Friday 11th March. LUNCHi reports that a Great Night Was Had By All.

Indeed, better than its forerunner, the Staple Hill to Fishponds Beer Festival, which the locals also didn't know they had. The best pub by far was considered to be The Spotted Cow.

The location of the next beer festival was decided upon during the evening. But no-one could remember by the morning.

4b. Annual General Piss-Up

The Annual General Piss-Up was held on Saturday 16th April, at the Colston Arms, on St Michael's Hill. The venue was similarly considered to be a great improvement on the facilities available at The Golden Guinea, being the location of the previous years' AGPU. Indeed, a return to the Colston Arms is under consideration for next year.

Singled out for praise was the curry served, plus the efforts of the chef and attentive host. Indeed there was a celebrity appearance by the chef. Sleepy reports a sum of £160 spent.

5. Main business

Program of events for the rest of the year – what do we want to do?
Brainstorm and evaluate ideas.

There was first a recap of the already planned events:

5a. The Frome Valley Wander (Part 2)

The Frome Valley Wander (Part 2), by 3s4d Enterprises, on Saturday 28th May. The wander hadn't happened at time of the meeting, but has now by the time of getting round to typing up these minutes. Seems to have been a fab day and a fair trek, by the looks of the photos posted to BH3 Facebook.

5b. Hotwells Twenty

The 'world-famous' Hotwells Twenty, hosted by BH3, and presumably also unknown to the locals, will take place on Saturday 18th June.

5c. Lunchi's Bike Ride

Saddle Up for Lunchi's Bike Ride on Saturday 20th August. Entry-level balance required. But otherwise, no prior skills.

So, just July to decide what to do:

Discussion started with two suggestions from your scribe, namely attending a monthly Bristol Explorers Club talk, or a show at The Old Wardrobe Theatre, both he is known to do. However, the first didn't fit the bill, on account of not being in July. Indeed the next ones, are on Thursday 2nd June and Thursday 4th August. I'll post unofficial invites on the BH3 Facebook page, once the content is known. The second suggestion didn't fit the bill in part due to there being no July listings as yet.

Discussion moved on to a suggestion from LUNCHi, for a Rounders game on the Clifton Downs or Durden Downs. Alternatively, at a drinking establishment with plenty of outdoor space, such as the now invitation-only secret garden at The Old Barn Nailsea. Or the Bird in Hand at Saltford, or the Lock Keeper at Keynsham. LUNCHi remarked that 'boules' would be provided, or grab someone elses.

Rebore remark: Come along for a Boules taster session, at his club in St.Annes, on a Tuesday evening. Cider is £2.30 a pint, whisky is £2 a double.

Discussion settled however on a July mystery train ride and then hash to surprise destination, with return train back, similar to the Weymouth trip enjoyed by the group. LUNCHi will ask Spiderman to consider destinations. It was asked that July 29/30/31 be avoided, on account of those being the dates for the Isca Roman Awayday hash.

Rebore remark: Have a holiday in Turkey. You can drive for hours, without a security roadblock.

Rebore remark: The weather forecast for Turkey, of last week, is 32°C

6. Any Other Business

6a. Christmas 'Do'

HBK suggested that the Christmas 'do' be held on a Sunday afternoon, after the hash.

LUNCHi refined this with the suggestion that the pre-Xmas hash be held instead on a Saturday, a bit later, at say 2pm, with the Xmas party after, dining at say 5pm or 6pm. This to give a day's recovery, before work Monday.

The suggestion was further refined, by the thought of dining perhaps a bit earlier, so we could have a first full sitting, before the venues second sitting at perhaps 7pm or 8pm.

As for venue, HBK suggested the Top Room, at the Nova Scotia. LUNCHi said this used to be a 'big tatty room'. An action was placed on the group to view the room, at the next convenient opportunity, to 'check it is not condemned'. The next convenient opportunity would appear to be the Bogs Hash, from the Nova Scotia, this evening, Wednesday 1st June. We should check at least, that we don't fall through to the bar.

I have a post meeting update: I indeed visited the Top Room, on the occasion of the mentioned hash. And enquired with the bar staff about a few particulars. I can confirm that the room is indeed tatty, pics at end of this report. Best bits, were the views out the windows. I would say the room's a bit on the small side for the Xmas bash. The staff said the room can seat 25, or 30 at a push. Xmas dinner would be about £22 per head. There is no charge for the room itself, just as well. The room is free on say, Saturday 17th December. They said that usually Xmas dinner bookings are for the evening rather than the afternoon. And that they don't generally try to have two sittings. I would suggest there might be better and roomier options.

Two other venues were suggested, both in St.Nics: The Rummer, and the Bottom Room at the Crown.

Rebore remark: Rebore has found in his car, Dammit's sunglasses, and underpants.

6b. Logo competition

Tankards or T-shirts, after 100 runs? T-shirts were thought preferable. Fruitcake as our hash haberdasher said that she would organise. T-shirts would be ordered either if folks asked, or anyway once they reach 100 runs.

LUNCHi suggested that a competition be held for a new BH3 logo. Can just be a rough sketch, doesn't need to be a finished design. It should be an 'IT friendly' design. LUNCHi suggested a submission deadline for logos, of Sunday 31st July.

6c. Bristol Open Doors

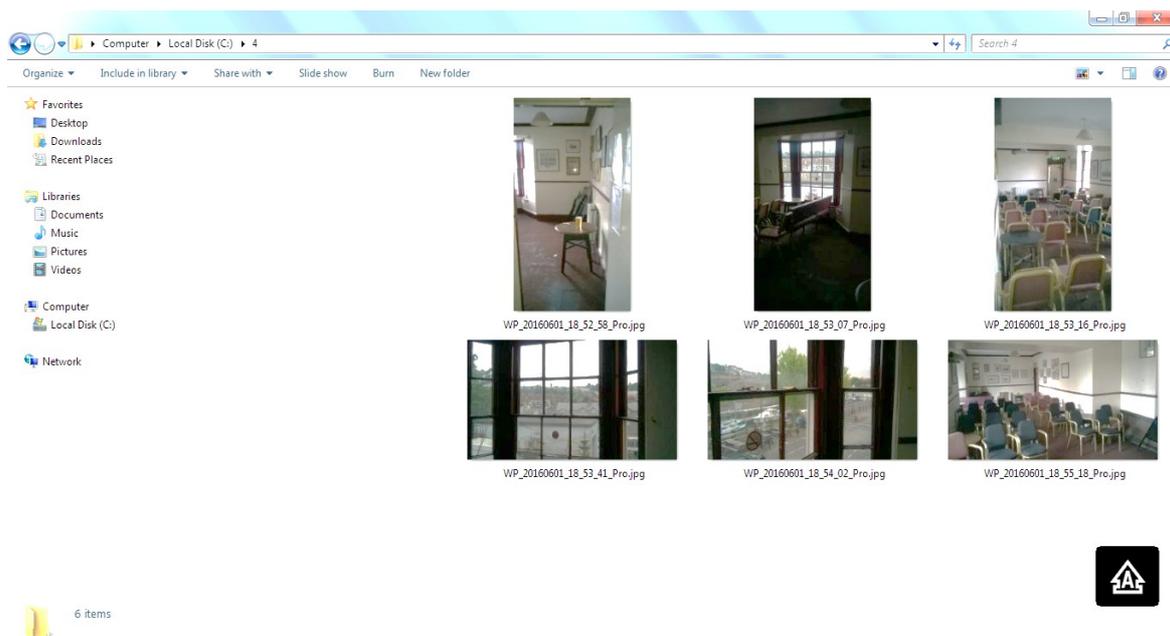
The Bristol Open Doors event, will be taking place on Saturday 10th September, 10am to 4pm: '*A once-a-year chance to look behind closed doors, and discover the city's hidden treasures*'. For example, viewing the Corn Exchange upstairs, Underfall Yard, and Redcliffe Caves. www.bristoldoorsopenday.org.uk.

6d. Food orders

HBK said he would have nothing, but then ordered the biggest dish on the menu. And also consumed LUNCHi's tomatoes.

7. Date of next meeting

It was suggested that generally, a BH3 social committee meet occur 3 or 4 times a year. However it was thought that the next meeting should be fairly soon, in August. A date of Tuesday 9th August was proposed. And that the venue should again be The Van Dyke Forum Wetherspoons in Fishponds.



Top Room at Nova Scotia