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## Secretaries Notes - October 2007

Another 3 months has past and although things generally are running smoothly some behind the scenes disharmony have left me feeling somewhat unhappy with my lot as secretary. In this issue there is a statement that, hopefully will bring an end to matter. I firmly believe that as an elected committee we should always present a united front to the membership.

**Membership.** I have to date received 195 renewals, which together with our 11 honorary members means we have a total membership of 206. 14 of last year's membership have failed to renew of whom 2 have stated their intention not to join. For the remaining 12 this quarters issue will be their last 'Track Record'.

### **Dinner Dance.**

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2007

As of the 4<sup>th</sup> October I had issued tickets for 93 members and their guests, well down on last years 127.

**Please note that as stated on the ticket request form issued in May I required all requests and payment for tickets by the 21<sup>st</sup> September 2007. However any late requests will be considered if possible.**

And for those of you who may have forgotten, the menu will be as follows: -

Fanned Melon with Ginger Syrup  
Beef Medallions with Red Wine Jus  
Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables  
Pepper Stuffed with Mushroom & Pumpkin Risotto (Vegetarian Option)  
Sherry Trifle with Cream  
Coffee

Bowl of Fruit on the table throughout the evening

Cheese & Biscuits are available as an alternative to the Desert but you will have pre-order, at least 7 days before dinner and also if there is anything on the menu you have a **MAJOR** problem with, you can give me a call.

### **Directory Amendments**

#### **New Members**

Alan Ford – 60 Underwood Close, Bramingham Park, Luton, Beds, LU3 3UW. Tel. 01582 585293

#### **Re-joined Members**

Pete Thorogood – 85 Roseberry Ave., Benfleet, Essex, SS7 4JF Tel. 01268 753067

Roy Trigg – 14 St. Ives Terrace, Mairangi Bay, Auckland, New Zealand. Tel. 0064 9479 1094

**And finally. Please if there are any questions you would like to ask the committee or proposals you would like to make do not hesitate to write and we will attend to them at our next meeting. Future committee meetings will be held in mid-December and March with the AGM coming in February/March.**

### **Re. 'Track Record, Vol.11 Issue 2 May 2007 – An Apology**

At our committee meeting held on Wednesday 19th September a complaint from Mr. Eric Hemsley was discussed and a resolution was unanimously passed to apologise unreservedly for any inconvenience or embarrassment that may have been caused by the recent article published in the associations' magazine.

## THE THOUGHTS OF CHAIRMAN DEREK.

It's that time of year again, when we review the past year. Sadly we have lost many of our friends, rivalry forgotten, only the happiness they brought remains.

What did we organise or at least try to? The day out to Leeds Castle was a reasonable success and thanks to Johnny Brown's work on his computer we obtained a reduced entrance fee. The day out at the Paradise Wild Life Park and Speedway Museum, a great success, again many thanks to J.B. and Tom Kilby for their efforts and negotiations with the management, getting us a reduced entrance fee and a specific meeting place. What can be said about the day out to the Colne Valley Railway? A total disaster, just three people turned up, two from South London and just one from Essex. This was specifically laid on for the Essex and East London contingent. Makes one think.

Len Kitchen's ramble, a great day out, slightly strenuous for some of us. An excellent pub lunch. Len puts so much effort into this day out, maps on how to get there, maps of the route we would be taking and he is a mine of information, answering questions all along the route. Thanks Len, very much appreciated.

Speaking to Colin Brown the other day, the Dinner/Dance seem to be on a par with last year. Will review in the next issue.

After a great deal of thought I have decided that I will be standing down from the committee at the A.G.M. This is not a decision that I have taken lightly. My health is not quite what it should be and I find the travelling is now very tiring. It has been an honour and a privilege to have been a committee member of this association. I will write more in the next issue. Well I got through this page without upsetting anyone.

## DEREK CATTLE



### LEN KITCHEN RAMBLE 2007

Back row L to R. Charlie Aldrich, Ray Gingell, Len Kitchen, Wally Dighton & John Burrough.

Front row L to R Derek Cattle, Mick Little, Peter Page & Ron Holvey.

Picture taken by Mrs R. Holvey

