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CLUB GUEST LUNCHEON, TUESDAY 20TH JANUARY



Fifty-four members, partners and other guests attended the Club's annual Guest Luncheon at Fulwell Golf Club. Following Grace and a welcome by the Chairman, Brian Brignall, everyone settled down to enjoy an excellent lunch in convivial company. Keith Burnett raised a toast to our guests and Martin Hart gave the Loyal Toast. Finally, our Chairman raised a toast to the Club.













WALK AND PUB LUNCH, THE BELL, HAMPTON, TUESDAY 3rd FEBRUARY



Owing to the recent heavy rain and localised flooding, it was decided to keep the February Pub Lunch and Walk close to home, hence The Bell at Hampton was the chosen venue, with the nearby Bushy Park providing the perfect location for a relaxing and interesting walk.

Dark skies and heavy cloud caused some concern for the fourteen walkers that assembled at the pub for what turned out to be a four-mile walk, with Jo and Rob Heath's dog Gaia once again leading the way.

Having entered the park via the gate next to the Stockyard, we headed in the direction of Hampton Court until we reached the path that ran between the two Woodland Gardens where we turned left and then shortly right following the River Longford where at one point Gaia thought it a good idea to dive into the river and try and catch a grey heron: she failed miserably, of course.

A short comfort break was taken at the Plantation Cafe before heading around the outside of the gardens and towards the direction of Hampton Hill. A short detour took us to opposite the grand Bushy House once the home of King William IV and Queen Adelaide, but more importantly where Archie McMillan had had his office whilst employed by NPL.

With the rain looking more threatening, we headed in the direction of Dukes Passage where at one point we were led by our leader over what turned out to be a heavily rain-saturated expanse of land. Having now started to rain it was then full steam ahead down Dukes Passage and back to The Bell pub where a further five diners joined us for lunch.

FUTURE EVENTS

TUESDAY 3rd MARCH: Walk and Pub Lunch, Venue TBC

TUESDAY 17th MARCH : Club Lunch. Speaker: Colin Goodwin, "I built an aeroplane in my shed"