

Erewash Navigator



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Happy New Year everyone.

It's not the best of starts to the year with everything and everyone practically in lock down again but I am sure we would all rather stay in hibernation and survive this dreadful virus. Please do keep yourselves and others safe by sticking to the rules.

It is with extreme sadness that we have to report the death of one of our founder members Val Roberts. Val passed away (no not due to Covid) on Saturday 9th January.

Our sincere condolences go to Mike and the Family.

Below is something Val emailed me when I asked for some history of the ECP&DA a few years ago (unedited!):

When the first committee was formed:

Roy Torrington was Chairman
Russ Godwin - Secretary
Jim Stevenson - Treasurer
Barrie Roberts - WPO (do get the spelling right)
Chris Corbett (who is now the leader of the Erewash Borough Council) was Outlook Editor and created the Erewash Outlook
Val Roberts - Minute Sec

Committee members were John Wain, Les Allsop, Ron Henshaw (who was the leading light even before the Association was formed after that very well attended first public meeting).

There must have been more but am struggling to remember :-)

Earnest Eagle was the BW area engineer, Ike pushed the fitting of the new gates - not sure Claude Gregory was much support.

I believe I still have the early Outlooks in the loft but looking them out will require deep excavations! and reading all my old diaries will be a major job! Jim is the man who kept all the records.



Monthly meetings are usually held every third Thursday at Sandiacre Lock Cottage starting at 7.30pm prompt.

We will now be holding these meetings via Zoom and the next one will be 21st January at 3pm.

Please contact Shirley to be sent the link to join – you can join via normal telephone or via the internet on a computer or other internet enabled device.

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Membership Renewals

These are now overdue as are the AWCC subscriptions and there are still Club 70 numbers available at £10 each. Please send any requests, renewals etc to Shirley

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Christmas Quiz – Answers

How well did you do and did you have to resort to Google?!?

ROUND 1: ANIMALS

1. Wolf
2. A monkey has a tail, apes do not
3. False
4. Cheetah
5. Puffer

ROUND 2: SPORT

1. Sir Alex Fergusson
2. Middlesex
3. Augusta National Golf Club, Georgia
4. Jeremy Bates & Jo Durie
5. Fifteen

ROUND 3: CHRISTMAS

1. Germany
2. Four - the business partner Jacob Marley & the spirits of Christmas past, present & future
3. 1994
4. Three - Dasher, Dancer, Donner
5. A coin

ROUND 4: BOATING

1. Brades
2. Six
3. The Weaver Navigation
4. The Bridgewater Canal
5. SLOW DOWN!!

Again many thanks to Meg for contributing this.