MEN'S GET TOGETHER GROUP



NOVEMBER 2020 BULLETIN

Hello everyone,
Do hope you are keeping well in these difficult time ~ I know you will be missing our monthly meetings, but there is not much we can do about that.

In light of the recent COVID19 developments & the Government actions,it would appear to be unlikely to be able to hold our meetings in the usual format. Under the present NMCC rules a maximum of 6 persons are allowed in any one room at any one time UNLESS the meeting is led by a qualified teacher (NFDC definition) giving instruction, when the numbers may legitimately increase to 24 persons. These are government guidelines that the NMCCEC are abiding by. So, our meetings of generally 50+, are still a no no! Your committee decided some time ago, as notified, to put any decision making on the back burner until January 2021. What will happen then we do not know, the national rules are changing on Thursday the 05th November 2020.

For information, I attended the NMCC AGM last Friday 30th September. The Executive committee have been working under a great deal of pressure this year. We have been badly hit by the Covid19 restrictions but NMCC has been hit considerably harder. A huge reduction in income, a Roof repair bill of about £80k, a longer period than anticipated for the attendant scaffolding because gulls had taken up residence on the roof! As I understand it fees to the NMCC are expected to increase by one pound per month. Not bad for the facilities on offer!
I am sure the AGM minutes will be available in due course.

Items that have been discussed by your committee lately have included having committee meetings via Zoom. I have only taken part in an unrelated Zoom meeting once, so my total experience could be written on the back of a stamp!! So when we get someone to run the show we may be able to have virtual committee meetings. Another facility utilising the Zoom technology is to have our meetings on Zoom. I know of another organisation that does this successfully but know nothing of the details. My feeling is that it would not work for us as so many members do not have a computer & we would not want to prejudice anyone from attending a get together. BUT I am open to being persuaded!! Stan has had some speakers who are willing to give presentations on Zoom.
Another aspect of possible future meetings is the change in the breakfast arrangements. At present levels of accordance to the rules/law only one person is allowed in the kitchen, possibly/probably no biscuits allowed & china cups would be replaced by cardboard ones.

Our AGM in April (when I was to relinquish the post of Chairman) was cancelled because of the pandemic. When we do return to meeting, one of the first things to sort out will be a new committee. A nominee will be required for the post of chairman at least, there may be other positions that will need filling as well.

Best regards & keep smiling,

Ted NORMAN ~ still your Chairman!!!