

Cowan's Corny Communication

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Welcome to the first Cowan Corny Communication (did David realise just what he was starting with his WWW?!). Firstly, thank you again for all of your support at the AGM, and congratulations to Terry and Paul upon their election (or re-election!) at the Area AGM. A good night out, although I always thought that the squeal of tyres on Southend seafront was down to boy racers, not Tablers trying to get home before sunrise! It was also good to meet the Clacton mob- a seemingly decent bunch, who should enhance any of our events.

1) Programme update.

The next meeting is a business meeting (11th May, at the Spread Eagle, unless you are informed otherwise in the next day or two). Please get any agenda items to Terry at least 48 hours beforehand. Other matters to discuss will include fireworks and Burns night. Lets try and keep AOB for urgent items only, not because we've forgotten something! Apologies to me, please. I'll try to have the programme firmed up by then. However:

- a) Working on the basis that, as Chairman, I cannot award the Faux Pas cup to myself, please note that the dates for June, September and November are wrong! The 2nd and 4th Wednesdays are the 14th and 28th of September and the 9th and 23rd of November.
- b) However, the date for the 1st June meeting stands (being the 3rd Wednesday) because the theatre trip has been booked and is only on that week.!
- c) The First Area meeting is the Writtle event on the 4th July. As it is local, we'll make this a Witham Table event too, being the 1st July meeting (i.e. 13th July meeting). Numbers to me at the next business meeting, please.
- d) I suggest that, due to the pattern of meetings this creates in June / July that we agree dates over these months at the next business meeting. I'll bring along alternatives for us to discuss.

2) Honoraries

Following the decision of the AGM, I've approached James Carey, and he is willing to be an Honorary member of Witham 701, subject to approval of Table at the next business meeting.

3) Apologies.

At the AGM, I said that I wished to encourage the personal contact between Witham Tablers, albeit by telephone. Whilst I've tried to do this, I am also aware that many of my recent contacts have been by e-mail. Obviously both have their place, and I'll try to get the balance right as the year progresses.

4) Cowan's Corny Communication?

Ok- here goes. A boy spots a man carrying a long stick into an athletic stadium. He turns to him and says: 'Are you a Pole Vaultler?' 'No, I am German' the man replies, 'but how did you know my name was Walter?'

Chairman Andy