



To all members of the Probus Club of Devizes.

CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC – CANCELLATION OF FUTURE MEETINGS

You will be aware from recent circulations that the Committee had sought members' views about whether, due to Government advice about the coronavirus pandemic, we should now cancel our Speaker Programme for the first half of the year. The response has been generally in favour of our proposal to suspend meetings until 1st July. So, in common with other clubs, the Committee had already decided to suspend our Speaker Programme at least until 1st July 2020, the situation to be reviewed in late May or early June.

Much has changed in the last few days, and the Prime Minister's statement on 23rd March has imposed stringent restrictions on our lives for at least the next three weeks, and probably longer. Legislation to be passed this week will impose penalties for those who don't comply.

All our members are in the vulnerable 70-plus group advised to self-isolate at home, and many of us have other health issues. The latest Government advice can be found at the following websites:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/full-guidance-on-staying-at-home-and-away-from-others>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-people-and-vulnerable-adults>

So that you all have up-to-date contact details for all our members, we're in the process of updating and publishing our Membership Directory. A download link will be circulated as soon as possible, and printed copies will be sent to those not on email.

We hope that all our members will have family, friends or local voluntary agencies to give appropriate support in these difficult times but, should you need to contact us for any reason, please use the "Contact Us" page on our website, <http://www.devizesprobus.org.uk/>. Our Webmaster, John Lawrence, has kindly offered to be our focal point for communication during the current crisis.

Take care of yourselves and your loved ones and stay safe.

Kind regards.

Brian Reed
Chairman