

# NEWS FROM IPSWICH BRANCH 210

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

As stated in the December's branch notes we were looking for someone to take on the role of treasurer for our branch to enable the branch to continue. To date (27<sup>th</sup> January) although we have had a couple of members who have said they are willing to help, but cannot take on this vital role and therefore, I am sorry to say that the Meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> March will go ahead as planned. This meeting will begin with a quick review of the past year before we discuss the options that are available to the branch moving forward.

I am asking for as many members as possible to come to the meeting so that any decisions made will reflect the views of the members.

The options available to us are as follows: -

- 1) Close the branch and move all members to the General Branch. This would mean that although you will still have access to all the facilities and benefits provided by the NFOP you will not have a local representative to help with any queries that you may have.
- 2) We could change the branch to a purely social branch, which would mean we would still be able to carry on with our coffee mornings but that would be all. Having spoken to someone who has been through this process before who have said that the numbers reduced quickly, and the branch eventually closed.
- 3) We opt to transfer to an adjacent branch which would help them to continue and would give us a local representative and would therefore receive information of any activities that are taking place in the new branch. The obvious choices for us would be to either transfer to the Colchester or Bury St Edmond branch, of course, this could only happen if they wanted to take our members on.
- 4) It is also possible for you as an individual to change to a branch of your choice should you wish to.

The meeting will be held at St Augustine's Community Hub hall, Bucklesham Road, IPSWICH, IP3 8TH at 2pm. The meeting is not expected to last much more than 1 hour.

I hope this clarifies what is happening.

### SOCIAL EVENTS

There will be a coffee morning on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March which will be held in the Lodge Restaurant at the Ski Slope, Bourne Hill, Wherstead from 11am. Please try to come along as this may be the last coffee morning that we will hold.

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