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IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL MEMBERS OF RUGBY BRANCH

Dear Members

I write to confirm that following discussion of the agenda at our Closure Meeting held on 17th January 2025, and guidance from the Area Representative Mr Paul Hands, members present agreed that our branch should transition to a Social Group continuing under the umbrella of the NFOP. The change will take effect from the 1st April, 2025. This means that as a group we will be able to continue holding our monthly Coffee Mornings on the third Friday of each month for the foreseeable future. As usual they will take place at our regular venue, Hamilton House, 12 Bilton Road, Rugby, CV22 7AB. There will however be a small change of times, starting with the April meeting. Our Coffee Mornings will then commence at 10:30am and close at 12:30pm from 18th April 2025 onwards.

Unlike a full branch, as a Social Group we will hold no funds of our own. Our bank account will be closed and the money therein passed on to the NFOP Head Office. Our future costs for the facilities we rent and groceries to provide tea and coffee will be met by NFOP. Social Groups do not have officers. We just need to have one person to liaise with Head Office when necessary. I have therefore volunteered to fulfill that role myself. It gives me great pleasure to take this opportunity to record our group's very grateful thanks to our Treasurer, Brian Barrett, and his wife Betty for their unstinting and stalwart support to the branch over many years.

Finally, may I remind you all that our March Coffee Morning, on 21st March, will include our AGM. Please join us if you can.

With warmest wishes

Susan Devenport
Branch Chairperson

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