



CYBER SHELLHOLE

MEMORABLE ORDER of TIN HATS

Founded in 1927

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CYBER SHELLHOLE REPORT AND STATUS AS AT NOVEMBER 2018.

Total Members: 47 (plus 2 Administrators)
Members in Process: 0
Average Age: 61,41 years. (37 members under 70 years, 10 members over 70)

1. The Shellhole's membership is at 47, including 4 new recruits – 3 in Ireland and 1 in Lancashire England. We experienced our first ever Sunset Call recently: Moth Jose Sacadura, in September in Portugal
2. Our three new chaps in Ireland will join the 3 existing Moths and the ultimate intention by those chaps is to open a new Shellhole – the first one ever in the Republic of Ireland. This is, of course, great news, but it creates a situation that we have not had to deal with in the “modern era”. The Shellhole will have to ensure that the membership in Ireland is properly trained and informed of all aspects of the Order, including GSO's, SOP's, ceremonial and MOTH traditions. The onus rests with the Administrators and others to make certain that Ireland is ready to “go” before a Charter may be issued. We are confronted with a new facet in Training methods in order to assist far-flung Shellholes and members. Here, the obvious solution would be to have all training available in “video” format, including not only ceremonial but other pertinent aspects of MOTHing, especially targeted to new members and potential recruits. It is obvious that, provided these videos are properly compiled, all units will surely benefit.
3. Interestingly – and this has been reported on some time ago – our new Moth the Lytham, Lancs, Moth Wimbury, has noted a substantial abundance of ex-pat South Africans in his area and he also sees to possibility of a new Shellhole in his area in the not-too-distant future as well. This, after all, one of the base reasons for Cyber's existence.
4. Moth Ken Meyer continues to monitor comms between members on electronic media, and remains available to assist members with funds-transfers via PayPal.
5. The usual administrative practices are in use.
6. Remembrance Services were attended by many Shellhole members on 11/11 and we await reports of such attendance at services where Cyber Shellhole was represented. I was honoured to lay wreaths on behalf of the Shellhole at both the Wayside Cross Service in Pinetown and at the MOTH Shrine in the Drakensberg.

BRIAN PORTER
“Old Bill”, Cyber Shellhole

