



THE PROBUS CLUB OF CHRISTCHURCH

NEWSLETTER JUNE 2022

President's Jottings



At last we have had a few months of normality with our social team providing us with an excellent programme. Our speaker secretary has been very busy and has a very good list of speakers for the rest of the year. The food at the hotel has, once again, proved to be excellent and provides superb value for money. Yet we are only getting around 30 members per meeting. Over the last few years I have had the privilege of attending other local Probuss groups and I would like to think that the quality and value for money we provide is the best. Make the most of your Probuss, come and enjoy the company.

We have started taking bookings for the Presidents Weekend Away. Do please try and join us in Devon. Linda and myself visited the hotel prior to making the booking and were suitably impressed. Make sure you book early to help Keith finalise numbers and I look forward to being able to welcome you all at the hotel.

I have taken a lot of guidance and help from a number of members and although I may not have utilised some of the advice I am very keen to hear opinion and welcome the contribution. Make the most of your Probuss.

Richard Porter

Social Secretary Report January to May 2022

The opening social event of the year was the Annual Skittles Tournament on the 27th January held at the New Milton Conservative Club and attendance was good. Much to the embarrassment of the gentlemen the clear winner was Mila Wheildon demonstrating that the rough and tumble of the event required a lady's pinpoint accuracy and firm throw. Mila was the only competitor to achieve a clear strike with her first bowl.

On the 15th February we met for a Coffee and Cake. The opening social event of the year was the Annual gathering at the Barn Restaurant in New Milton. A raffle was held with a variety of prizes. The last prize chosen was a bottle of "Sprout" ketchup generously donated by our President!! I bet that put the wind up the lucky recipient!

On the 24th March a Spring Lunch was organised at The Fisherman's Haunt Pub in Winkton on the way from Christchurch to Ringwood. We were lucky with the weather which allowed us all to improve our suntans in the pub garden with a pre dinner drink before sitting down to enjoy a two course lunch. The pub is a Fullers backed inn so London Pride and Frontier went down well with the beer drinkers.

With Easter out of the way in April we have returned to our monthly programme with a Coffee and Cake gathering at the Otter Garden Centre near Everton on the 19th May. Well attended and coffee and tea with refills together with enormous slices of a range of very unhealthy but delicious cakes, a good time was had by all. It also gave us all a chance to fill up the garden with plants now that the rash of thunder storms has softened up the soil!

Everyone is now looking forward to the much delayed Presidents Lunch at the Bentleys Restaurant in the Dudsbury Golf Club on the 16th June.



Note from the
Webmaster

Since publication of the member address book last April, we have had several changes and corrections.

Graham Newton: the email address should read
revdghnewton@gmail.com

Graham Newton: New Address: 195 Tuckton Road,
Tuckton, Bournemouth, BH6 3LB

Graham Newton: New Landline # 01202 619826
Maurice Dowling new email mdowling@gmx.com

Chris Mosley: Postal Code BH6 3LJ

Bernard Copping: has been added as a new member
effective May 3rd. Email:
bernard.copping@outlook.com

John Enstone has withdrawn his membership from
Probus due to Health Reasons

David Poynton sadly passed away last March.

Maurice Reynolds sadly passed away in April.

David Dunsmore has a new home phone number
01425-270107

Joan Reynolds has been added to the associate
membership list.

Refer to the Probus Website for all the latest
information.

The Webmaster would like to mention that all
information published on the Probus Site is as
accurate as possible, but errors can and do occur.
Should any member notice any discrepancies
particularly on their personal data then please let us
know. Since this site is owned by all members, we
welcome new content be it a news item, changes to
the format, missing information etc.

The Entertainment page welcomes all members to
contribute since it is the page that gets the most
views.

Robin will censor any Political, Sexual, Inappropriate
submissions :).

Updated May 23rd, 2022, Roy



DANCING ON THE EDGE

In the March 2021 Newsletter I referred to the share in a
racehorse that my wife May had given me as a (somewhat
unusual!) Christmas present.

She is called Dancing on the Edge, now a five year old
filly, who later in 2021 suffered an injury, and only had her
first race a few weeks ago – a National Hunt flat race at
Worcester – which I am delighted to report that she won
by eight and a half lengths!

She was ridden by Harry Cobden, who says that he was
very impressed by her attitude – she made all the running,
got into a good rhythm early on and when turning into the
home straight, she lengthened away and galloped to the
line, a comfortable winner. Harry even struggled to pull
her up at the end and says that ‘she still had plenty left in
the tank’. Wow!

The plan now is for her to start hurdling in the autumn.

She has become affectionately known as ‘Dotty’ - this is
because of the initials of her name (D-O-T-E), and has
nothing to do with the mental state of her
owner.....

Robin.

SPEAKERS – JULY TO DECEMBER 2022

JULY

‘TALES OF A ROVING REPORTER’ – ALAN JONES

Alan spent 20 years as a roving reporter for the BBC, often being required to respond at short notice to cover incidents and interview people live.

His talk encompasses '20 years of weird, wonderful and downright crazy stories, from nudists, to royalty, dangerous animals and nervous Bishops'. Anything can happen and go wrong when there is a live microphone, and we are due to discover what really happens 'on' and 'off air'!

AUGUST

‘A VOLUNTEER NURSE IN JERUSALEM’ – VALERIE YOUNG

Valerie spent time as a volunteer nurse at the famous St John Eye Hospital in Jerusalem and also visited the West Bank and Petra.

Her talk is mainly about the people and places in Jerusalem that tourists DON'T see, and covers the St John link to the Holy Land, the Hospital today, the Lazarus tomb, and a whole host of unusual places in both East and West Jerusalem.

SEPTEMBER

‘THE AMBUSH OF SS PERSIA’ – ALAN WREN

The SS Persia was torpedoed without warning on 30th December 1915, and the story forms part of an exhibition at the Bucklers Hard Maritime Museum. But no book has been written to support the display – until now!

Alan has spent six years researching and writing his book, which was published last year, and we will hear all about this highly controversial sinking and some of the passengers aboard, which included Lord Montagu, accompanied by his secretary Eleanor Thornton, famous in her own right.

OCTOBER

‘CONCORDE – A LEGEND OF THE SKIES’ – PHIL HOLT

Sometimes described as the most beautiful aircraft in history, Air Traffic Controller Phil Holt will give a nostalgic presentation of the 'Concorde experience'. The ingenuity and expertise from designers to the crews who flew her will be rekindled.

A couple of years ago a party of us visited Brooklands Museum in Surrey for the Concorde Experience, seeing inside the aircraft, and this talk should provide an excellent follow-up.

NOVEMBER

‘QUOTES, JOKES AND ANECDOTES’ – GERARD O’BOYLE

Gerard has written this book, subtitled 'How to spend a few hours chuckling', which we gather is selling well (at £12.34!), but is far from being a quick read – 1,443 entries from 561 sources on 190 subjects.

Apart from original entries, there are contributions from famous names in all walks of life – Woody Allen, George Burns, Zsa Zsa Gabor, George Bernard Shaw, Oscar Wilde, W. C. Fields, and Mae West to list just a few.

DECEMBER

‘IT STARTED WITH A KISS – THE LIFE AND TIMES OF DYLAN THOMAS’ –

JACQUELINE AND BRIAN SUTTON

Dylan Thomas was both a famous and infamous Welshman. As a poet / writer he had some 90 poems published and will always be remembered for his ground breaking work 'Under Milk Wood'. However, his life became one long drink and he died aged 39 in 1953, leaving behind him a dysfunctional family, a pile of debts, and lyrical writing that has become part of our heritage.

A joint presentation from Jacqueline, a retired English teacher, and her husband Brian who was involved in small theatre management before retirement.

Robin.

PROBUS GOLF COMPETITION

The competition is open to all members and will take place in the morning of 13th July at Highcliffe Golf Club. The Probus Golf Cup is awarded to the winner. Contact Cliff Putterford for further information.

AND TO ROUND OFF.....

A FEW CRINGEWORTHY JOKES.....

1. I'd like to be a millionaire - just like my Dad. He always wanted to be a millionaire too.
2. The patient says to the doctor 'Can You give me something for wind ?'
The Doctor gives him a kite.
3. A teacher says to a pupil, -
'Name me two pronouns'
The pupil says 'Who ?' - 'Me ?'
4. What word has five letters but
Becomes shorter when you add two
Letters ?..... Short.
5. Gilbert O'Sullivan came into the
Bank once more today.
What did he want ?
A loan again naturally.

Thanks to all contributors and special thanks to Roy
for his patience in all matters Computer !

Hope to do better next time,

Graeme.