

Two thirds of my term gone, where does the time go when you are having fun. We have packed a lot into those few months. We started with the Presidents lunch for Robin's year, which had to be postponed from its March Date due to bad weather. Robin and May would like to thank all those who attended for ending their year on such a memorable note.

In true Probus fashion, we educated ourselves in May with a trip to the Bombay Sapphire Distillery. Hard, I know, but someone had to do it. June saw us blowing the cobwebs away, with a trip from Poole to Wareham, up the River Ware.

Many of you were able to join Jacqui and myself at our weekend away at Cricket St Thomas, which was a great success. All this enjoyment, over these months, does not happen on its own. Our grateful thanks to David and Jane and Brian and Jan for all their efforts in arranging our social events. Time and hard work have also been exercised by Maurice and Colin. It's only when you get to be President that you realise just how much our Secretary does to make all our lives easier. Speaking of easy lives, Colin has not had it easy either. He bore the brunt of the work in finding us a new "home" after the East Close Hotel announced after our September meeting that they were closing at the end of the month!

In our April 2017 Newsletter Robin comments on the Club's long held aspiration to achieve 50 members, but noted that we should aim for quality not quantity. I am very pleased to say, we achieved this in October this year - 50 top quality members -AND we also had 3 prospective members at that meeting.

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