



The President's Weekend Away Friday 4th - Monday 7th October 2024

**Hilton St. Annes Manor Hotel
Wokingham, RG40 1ST**

**3 nights dinner, bed & breakfast plus excursion from £320
* per person**

You are invited to enjoy a weekend away with your President and fellow Probus members at the Hilton St. Annes Manor, part of the Hilton DoubleTree collection of accommodation and leisure facilities of swimming pool, Spa and Fitness Centre. The Hotel is sited in its own grounds in Wokingham, Berkshire.

By searching <https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/brasadi-doubletree-st-annes-manor>: you will see all that St. Annes Hotel has to offer and all aspects are covered and well-illustrated.

The hotel does not offer 'packaged' entertainment. However, we will have a reserved area in the restaurant and also in the bar so will organise our own on one or two nights.

We have provisionally reserved 15 Standard rooms for the weekend away, some with separate walk-in shower and some with bath and shower over. We have also able to choose a ground floor room if you require. There are lifts to upper floors.

*Based on a 'Standard' room, £640 per couple or £475 for single occupancy, an Upgrade to a Deluxe room is £30 per room per night (£90 per couple) and the cost would then be £730 per couple. However, all upgrade requests will need to be referred to Hilton and will be subject to availability.

The above is inclusive of a 2 Hour private group cruise along the Thames with afternoon tea included.

If you would like to join us, please return the form overleaf with a deposit of £50 per person to reserve your place and advise me of your details via email to colin@goblins.plus.com or by post to Colin Dobson at 40 Falcon Drive Christchurch BH23 4BB to arrive no later than Friday 18th April 2024. The balance is due by Friday 16th August 2024.

If you are paying by cheque please forward it direct to the Club Treasurer. James Robertson at 23 Wick Point Mews Christchurch BH23 1NZ

Booking form

To confirm our numbers and secure our chosen rooms, please ensure your reply arrives no later than Friday 18th April 2024

Member's Name:

Partner's Name:

Rooms:

Ground Floor

Single

Standard

Executive

Double

Twin

With walk in shower

With bath/shower

Payment Method: Cheque enclosed.

(Made out to Probus Club of Christchurch)

BACS

Account Name: "probusclubofchristchurch"

a/c Number: 00137984, Sort Code: 30-92-02

Your payee reference: initial,soc

Best Regards

Colin Dobson

Social Secretary

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Things to do near the Hotel.

On the Sunday we have a 2-hour boat trip from Windsor. This will include a cream tea on a boat exclusive to Christchurch Probus. It will depart at 1:30 pm from close to Eton Bridge in Windsor.

There is a choice of parking nearby with a choice of options; very close (Riverside Car Park – 2 minutes) is more expensive than a short walk (Alma Road – 5 minutes) but both offer a flat route suitable for wheelchairs etc.

If you wish to spend longer in Windsor there is lots to see, the Castle, the riverside, Eton college, the Long walk, with lots of choice of restaurants etc.

Boat Trip details

Departing from Windsor, this 2 hour round trip provides excellent views of Windsor Castle and Eton College. After passing Windsor Racecourse, the boat goes through Boveney Lock and past Sutherland Grange, The Willows, and Bray Film Studios. The boat then heads towards Oakley Court, Queen's Eyot and Monkey Island where the boat turns for the journey back to Windsor. Windsor 2 hour round trip Schedule Departs Windsor 13.30 Arrives Windsor 15.30
An afternoon cream tea of Two Fruit scones with Jam and Clotted Cream plus tea or coffee will accompany the trip.

For your other time (Saturday) the following options are available:

Ascot Racecourse is a 10-minute drive.

Head to Ascot for the final day of the flat racing season and their Beer festival. Details below

<https://www.ascot.com/horse-races-and-events/autumn-racing-weekend/saturday>

Note: There is also racing on Friday if you want to travel early

Virginia Water (lakeside walks, totem pole, waterfall & Savill Gardens) is 25 minutes' drive.

Virginia Water is part of the Windsor Great Park estate. It has a 2-mile-long lake that you can walk around (5.25 miles). If your legs don't go that far, park in the car park on the A30 (GU25 4QF) and you have a much shorter walk to see the Totem pole, waterfall, and Leptis Magna ruins. Additionally for an extra fee there are the Savill Gardens, a 35-acre garden with woodlands and seasonal displays.

Henley Town (Rowing Museum) is 25 minutes' drive.

I can't offer you a race along the Henley regatta racecourse but it is a quaint old town with riverside walks and the River and Rowing Museum. The Sunday Times voted it as one of the best places to live in England,

Bracknell Shopping Centre is a 10-minute drive.

If the ladies (or gentlemen) fancy some shopping, then 'The Lexicon' in Bracknell offers an M&S and a Fenwick's as the centre piece of a large shopping centre with many restaurants and cafes.

Wokingham Town is less than a mile from the Hotel.

A short walk takes you to a small village with a town hall centrepiece with a choice of cafes and a few restaurants.

Further afield

Wokingham and Bracknell have railway stations from which you can head to Reading (25 minutes) or London Waterloo (70 minutes)

What else could I do?

If you have any specific questions, please feel free to give Cliff a call on either of the phone numbers in the members handbook.