

## **Chichester & District Probus Club**

# JANUARY NEWSLETTER

#### To all Members

#### 1 PRESIDENTS RAMBLINGS

After an excellent Xmas lunch, thanks to the exceptional efforts of Frank Griffiths, we now enter the new year of 2023!

The world has experienced a troublesome couple of years with COVID and other issues. Let us all pray for and enjoy a Happy, Healthy 2023 with much success and enjoyment at our Probus Club.

Howard Boyd

#### 2 SECRETARIAL SCRIBBLES

The next Lunch is at 1pm on THURSDAY JANUARY 12 and the Speaker is: Patrick J Pead Esq - 'Forbidden Places'

The menu will be beef bourguignon followed by sticky toffee pudding with a veggie option.

Please let me know of absences ASAP after receipt of the Newsletter. 07855 580609 is best.

Currently, I have Messrs: Bunyan, Bowyer, Childs Hopkins, Dean C, Heydenrych, Major, Moring

#### **RAFFLE**:

Pinot Grigio and Claret and a Whisky Pack

#### PROGRAMME OF FUTURE SPEAKERS

2023

**FEBRUARY 9** 

Glanz, Wahn, Zerstörung und Wiedergeburt - die Geschichte von Nürnberg. Präsentation von Frank Pattison

Das klingt viel besser auf deutsch!

Glory, Delusion, Destruction and Rebirth - the Story of Nuremberg. Illustrated presentation by Frank Pattison

MARCH 9 Colin Chambers Esq – Nelson Mandela

### 3 TREASURER'S REPORT

#### 3.1 Probus Finances

There is nothing specific to report.

The Finances are in order.

Frank Griffiths

#### **4 MEMBERS WELFARE**

Please keep me informed of any health issues and other help you may feel the club can offer you personally. This also applies to any needs of fellow club members you may be aware of.

Please call me on 01243 376170.

**David Childs Hopkins** 

#### **6 SOCIAL ITEMS**

## 6.1 Walking Group [Motto:mens and womens sana in corpore sono]

#### **Xmas Walls 15 th December 2022**

Total participants this year 17 with 10 walkers and an additional 7 joining us for lunch at Carluccio's.

The walk was ably led by Jim Cockburn who after some consultation with the participants decided on a clockwise route. For those who have never done the walk, it is a mainly flat walk, some steps on the route, of some 1.5 miles. We have traditionally looked in at the Cathedral as we pass but were unable to do so this year due to a service taking place.

For those of you interested in doing the walk at some time, the following link provides some useful information. https://diaryofadetour.com/chichester-walls-walk/

The restaurant did a fine job of producing all the requested meals but seemed to leave themselves short when collecting the monies due. Despite the best efforts of Dexter Williams, they were unable to reconcile the accounting. However, the walks organiser heard nothing further from the restaurant so assumed all's well that ends well.



The December Walk



The December Lunch

January Walk – Lavant Valley Stroll (106)

Following the recent sad demise of Jim Oliver several members have suggested that as a regular walker with the group I should inherit the task of organising our regular monthly walk. As I will have passed my 88th birthday by the date of this walk I will not be able to come anywhere near Jim Oliver's record of over 100 walks in 15 years but hope to follow Mike Horne's example by still be walking at 90.

My contact details are Jim Cockburn cockburn@whyke.plus.com Tel 01243 783387. Our first walk in 2023 will be on Friday 27th January, meeting in the car park of the Selsey Arms at West Dean PO18 0QX Phone 01243 811465.

This pub has had several changes of name and ownership in recent years but has now returned to its traditional name. It is on the right as you enter West Dean on the A286 Road from Chichester to Midhurst and the No 60 Bus stops outside.

The walk of some two and a half miles will be fairly flat along both sides of the Lavant Valley, going out along open countryside and back along the Centurion Way. A change of footware is recommended.

If intending to join us to walk or just eat please sign in on the sheet in the usual way at our January lunch or contact me by email if not coming to the lunch.

Emergency Phone (on the day only - it is not normally monitored or On) 07955 940521.

## 6.2 Coffee Morning Thursday, 5th January at 10:30 am.

Thursday's Coffee Morning will again be held at The Boston Tea Party in Baffins Lane at the bottom on the left hand side.

Baffins Lane is off East St opposite to Ask Italian and Rymans.

The nearest car park is the East Pallant Pay and Display (where you find the Chichester District Council offices.)

Would the first to arrive just tell the staff that you are the first of an indeterminate number so as you grow can they please add a table or two as necessary!

If I have left a would be coffee attendee off this list do please email it on to them. Cheers
Clive

### 7. HUMOUR

"Two Irish lads were working for the local county council. One lad would dig a hole and the other lad would follow him and fill the hole in.

They worked up along one street and then down the other. They then moved to the next street and did the same, working flat out all day without stopping.

One lad digging the holes. The other lad filling them in.

A passerby saw what they were doing and was amazed at the hard work, but couldn't understand what they were at.

So, he shouted over to the lad digging the holes, 'I don't get it – why do you dig a hole, only for the other lad to fill it in?'

The lad wiped his brow and sighed deeply, 'Well, I suppose it probably does looks a bit odd. You see, we're normally a three-man team. But today the lad who plants the trees phoned in sick.'"