



Chichester & District Probud Club

JUNE NEWSLETTER

To all Members

1 PRESIDENT'S RAMBLINGS

I hope everyone enjoyed our May Ladies/spouses lunch as much as Ann and I did. Now on to the month of June with a normal lunch meeting followed by our Annual General Meeting at 14h00.

I am pleased to advise that Clive Thorp has volunteered to take on a new role of President of our club. He will handle the announcements at the lunches but will no longer be on the committee. We thank him for his long and diligent service on the committee.

Look forward to seeing you all.

Howard Boyd

2 SECRETARIAL SCRIBBLES

The Lunch on June 8 will (around 2 pm) encompass the AGM. I have circularised papers and you can mail me items by June 2 for AGM discussion / clarification. Again, there will be no speaker.

ABSENCES: I have apologies from Peter BUNYAN , Chris and Eve FULLER, Michael GILES, John HUMPHREY, John LUFFINGHAM and Peter MAJOR
Please let me know asap if you are not attending . 07855 580609

RAFFLE: **Any offers for Rafflees** to promote a cheeky Chianti , a prime Pinot Grigio and a robust Rose

PROGRAMME OF FUTURE SPEAKERS

JULY 13 Brian Freeland Esq – Sussex Lives

AUGUST 10 His Honour Judge Raymond Naqvi – ‘Scales of Justice – some aspects of English Judges’

SEPTEMBER 14 Jeremy Prescott Esq – Steve Biko

OCTOBER 12 Detective Inspector (retired) Hamish Brown – Stalking

NOVEMBER 9 The Commonwealth War Graves Commission

3 TREASURER’S REPORT

There is nothing specific to report.
The Finances will be discussed at the AGM.

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

5 SOCIAL ITEMS

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

Report for AGM on 8th June 2023

After the high of reaching our 100th walk in May 2023 and reaching No 104 in September the dreaded Covid killed Jim Oliver our leader who had led them all and there were consequently no walks in October and November.

The Committee looked for a new leader amongst the membership and asked Jim Cockburn who had been on many of the recent walks since joining Probus in 2020 if he would take it on which he agreed to do. He led the Christmas Walk with Frank Griffiths.

What follows is Jim Cockburn’s account of our monthly walks so far in 2023.

Following the established pattern of rotating the walk day through the week from Monday to Friday five walks have taken place so far from a variety of locations, some of them new to our members. No ninety year olds have joined us to walk so far this year but the 2022

Walker of the Year Michael Horne continues to join us regularly for lunch and sometimes manages a short walk locally first.

After an encouraging start with reasonable weather and numbers of walkers and lunchers a combination of bad weather and members holidays and other commitments caused a big drop in numbers, to such an extent that on the March walk at Duncton your leader walked and dined alone.

Fortunately this was a one off as numbers have recovered since then and with the warmer weather it is hoped that numbers will get back towards those experienced previously.

The statistics for the Probus year just ending are;

Number of Walks 10 – In different locations led by Jim Oliver and Jim Cockburn

Number Walking 60

Number Lunching 102

May Walk Report – Eastergate Ramble [110]

A lovely warm and sunny spring day brought six of our regular walkers to The Wilkes Head Inn from where we enjoyed a gentle ramble through meadows, woodland and built up areas on both sides of the A29 where it passes through Eastergate. There was much discussion, led by the ladies, Catherine, Lynne and Linda (Hargreaves!) about the names of the flowering shrubs and wild flowers we passed along the way. Part of the route was along a water course crossed by a number of bridges with a narrow path through dried mud which your leader had found to be impassable when he checked it some weeks previously. The alternative, which will be remembered for the future, was found to pass beside a pig sty at the bottom of someone's garden which was occupied by a large and apparently happy black pig although there was no sign of any clover thereabouts.

After returning to the pub we were joined by Michael and Angela Horne and a potential new member, Roy Fairfull, who was introduced by John Hargreaves. All enjoyed the usual convivial Probus lunch while sitting in the open air. Once again the portions were too large and only one member finished with a clean plate. Fortunately doggy bags were available and requested by one lady member who is not known to have a dog.

The pub is named after the parliamentarian John Wilkes (1727-1797). A full account of his life was given by Jim Oliver in his report of our last walk here (No 90) in the June 2021 Newsletter

June Walk – Chidham Shore [111]

The next Probus walk will be on Friday 30 th June from the Old House at Home at Chidham. This is in Cot Lane Chidham and there is a brown sign pointing to it at the crossroads on the A259 in Nutbourne. Part of the walk of about three miles will be along the eastern shore opposite Bosham and is unpaved and uneven in places so boots and/or poles may be helpful. Walkers should arrive to preorder at 1015 and be ready to move off at 10.30. Lunchers should order on arrival for the meal at 1230.

As usual wives/partners and especially new members are welcome. To join us please sign in on the notice at the next (AGM) lunch or contact Jim Cockburn direct by the 28th June.

Members are responsible for their own safety.

Emergency phone (on day only) 07955 940521 Walk Report by Jim Cockburn

5.2 Coffee Morning Thursday, 1st June 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!

6. HUMOUR

6.1 From David Childs Hopkins

Yesterday I was at my local Sainsburys store buying a large bag of dog food for my loyal pet and was in the checkout queue when a woman behind me asked if I had a dog.

What did she think I had an elephant? So, since I'm retired and have little to do, on impulse I told her that no, I didn't have a dog, I was starting the Epol Diet again. I added that I probably shouldn't, because I ended up in hospital last time, but I'd lost 20 kilos before I woke up in intensive care with tubes coming out of most of my orifices and IVs in both arms.

I told her that it was essentially a perfect diet and that the way that it works is to load your pockets with Epol nuggets and simply eat one or two every time you feel hungry. The food is nutritionally complete so it works well and I was going to try it again. (I have to mention here that practically everyone in queue was now enthralled with my story.)

Horried, she asked me if I ended up in intensive care because the dog food poisoned me. I told her no, I stepped off the pavement to sniff a Bull Terrier's arse and a car hit me.

I thought the guy behind her was going to have a heart attack he was laughing so hard.

I'm now banned from Sainsburys.

Better watch what you ask retired people.

They have all the time in the world to think of daft things to say.

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