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Probus Club of Beaconsfield



Photo taken by Ian Wilkes in his back garden in Penn

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Welcome to our three New Members

Even under Lockdown, the popularity of our Club goes from strength to strength.

A very warm welcome to our three new members who have just joined us.

Jim Barrack

introduced by Keith Gilham. Jim lives in Beaconsfield with wife, Betty. His profession was in Engineering, including Power Stations and Off Shore Oil.

Don Davies

Don has been introduced by John Kelly. He lives in Beaconsfield with his wife, Patricia, and was involved in Medical Research

Stephen Palmer

Stephen lives in Beaconsfield with his wife, Eileen.

He was a Commercial Gas Manager in the North Sea Oil and Gas Industry

We look forward to meeting you all in person once current restrictions have been lifted

Online Speakers

You will receive an email about how to log in to the Meeting about a week in advance

27 August

30 Years Quit – How Gamblers Anonymous Saved Me

Paul Isherwood is a recovered gambler, who will be speaking to us about Gamblers Anonymous, and presenting a personal account of his gambling addiction and how he overcame it.



24 September

National Garden Scheme

Janice Cross



Living near Fighter Command - Eastcote

remembered by Donald Stanley

Some years ago the Club visited the RAF bunker at Eastcote from which Fighter Command covering much of Southern England was directed during the Second World War.

Our guide referred to the Battle of Britain and in particular to Sunday 15th September 1940 when the German Luftwaffe made its heaviest and most concentrated raid on London in an unsuccessful attempt to draw the RAF into a battle of annihilation.

In addition to the plotting table there was a board with discs on it.

Churchill, who was visiting the bunker, noticed the discs being removed one by one.

When all had gone he enquired what that signified and was told it indicated that the last of our reserves had been committed to the battle.



I asked the guide at what time that had occurred to which he replied

"About 1115, why do you ask?"

I explained that I had lived a few miles away with my parents and because of the continuous bombing that commenced in the July my father had decided that morning to take us for a drive in what was then countryside.

It was at about 1115 that we passed Northolt airfield just as four fighter aircraft were taking off.

Little did I know that I had witnessed history being made.

A few days later Hitler, realising that he lacked the necessary air superiority, abandoned his plans to invade Britain and turned instead on Russia.