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A Word from our Chair

There will be a short online AGM before our next Zoom presentation on Thursday 22nd October.

The Club's Accounts have now been audited and you will receive a copy from John Meins, before the meeting.

As it is a short AGM, only the Accounts and Committee Membership will be discussed.

Best wishes

Graham Lang
Chairman

Our 22nd October Online Meeting will be open to Members from 9.45am. The AGM will start at 10.00am, followed by our October Speaker's presentation at 10.15am (see details on page 3)

What other Probus Clubs are doing

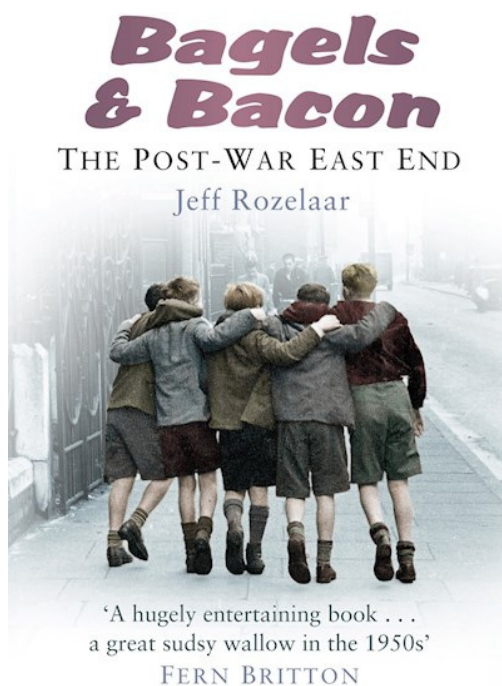
Mike Newland sent me the October Newsletter produced by Illminster and District Probus attached with month's distribution email. Very impressive and entertaining, and a bit more comprehensive than ours! I hope you find their most recent edition both informative and inspirational. **Over to you guys for more editorial please.**

Growing Concern

Following last month's excellent illustrated talk by Janice Cross from the National Gardens Scheme, **Mike Collier** sent in this:

At the online meeting on 24 September, Janice Cross of the National Garden Scheme mentioned that the NGS Chief Executive is a gentleman called Plumtree. On browsing through a recent copy of my Royal Horticultural Society magazine I see that the new RHS president is a Mr Keith Weed and bizarrely his wife's maiden name is Hedges. Suitable surnames must be a prerequisite for high office in horticultural circles!

Our Online Speaker 22 October 2020



The talk is autobiographical based on his book about growing up in the post War East End of London.

Jeff Rozelaar was born into a Jewish family and raised in an East End bombarded by Hitler's V2s. Fortunate enough to be one of the lucky survivors of the Nazi menace, he was able to play in the streets among the resultant debris with his schoolmates.

Jeff spent his formative years in the heart of a truly multicultural community. The streets of East London provided a vivid playground for the youngster; mixing with the many colourful characters and hustlers on Petticoat Lane, taking a job with an uncle as a bookie's clerk for pocket money and attending the Brady Club - a place for local youngsters to go dancing, play football, and explore the mysteries of the opposite sex.

Jeff's family consisted of Nancy, the proverbial domineering Jewish mother, his somewhat naive father Henry and sister Bernice.

Among the wider family circle were numerous quarrelsome aunts, a trio of Communist cousins and the prolifically fertile grandmother, Rebecca, who lived in a council flat next to a communal rubbish chute. Most of the family were law-abiding citizens, but a few were collared by officialdom, and one by the infamous Krays.

The usual Zoom link will be emailed to all Members week commencing 19 October

...and finally

Name the Political Leader

(No prizes for guessing who, particularly those regular Private Eye readers)

Politician: Is it serious?

Senior Adviser: Yes, you might recover

Politician: I'd like to shake the hand of every person treating me

Journalist: Is he getting better?

Doctor: No, he's still completely useless

Politician: I'm proving I'm not dead
by driving around slowly in a long black vehicle

Far too easy chaps!