



## **PROBUS LIFE**

*A monthly news update from the*

**Probus Club of Bransgore**

May 2021

As our time in lock-downs come to an end (fingers crossed!) and life begins to return to normal, it's time to move on from the "**Locked Down Times**" and re-style our newsletter as "**Probus Life**," to show that we are still very much alive and kicking!

In this month's edition, we will be reporting on events that have actually happened and looking forward to events that will be happening in the very near future. Even if we are not yet able to confirm the date when we will be able to re-start our monthly meetings, rest assured that it won't be long.

### **CLUB NEWS**

The monthly Zoom Committee Meeting took on the 4<sup>th</sup> May and was mostly spent on discussion of future activities.

We are still targetting August for a resumption of monthly meetings and will be talking to our usual venues shortly when they have a clearer picture of what is likely to be possible.

In the meantime, Social Secretary Stephen has various events in the pipeline: -

#### **Barbecue 9<sup>th</sup> July**

Details and sign-up sheet on the website.

#### **Skittles Evening**

Probably at Hurn Bridge in the early Autumn.

#### **Visit to Haynes Motor Museum at Sparkford**

Many of us will be only too familiar with their manuals and this is a chance to see their famous museum. Date to be arranged as soon as possible, with car sharing to add to the excitement.

#### **Snooker Evening chez Dennison**

A re-run of a very successful evening pre-pandemic. Snooker with a fish & chip supper.

### **NEWS FROM THE COMMON INTEREST GROUPS**

#### **Walkers** *(from Bernard Gilbert)*

Our first walk of 2021 took place on the 28<sup>th</sup> April when 7 of us had a gentle stroll in benign weather over Turf Hill to Holmsley Passage and back up Shappen Hill. Our next amble is planned for the morning of Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May, provisionally around Brown Loaf and Dur Hill. The usual suspects will be emailed with full details and if you would like to be added to the list, please let me know. *Bernard Gilbert*

## Classic Car Club (from Stephen Dennison)



I can't remember the last time I drove my lovely old car to the pub! Time for action. I phoned the classic car enthusiasts and they were enthusiastic about a drive to the pub! A date was set and put in the diary. To meet the current guidelines, I thought I had better book a place in advance and that's when I found out that not all pubs are open. In fact, we couldn't find one open on the day we had chosen. Much head scratching and phone calls followed. Eventually we decided to head for the coast as The Haven on Mudeford Quay was open for business. On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> the sun was shining, our cars were shining and four of us set off from the Village Hall in convoy. After an uneventful journey we parked our fine examples of British automotive engineering on the seafront where they were admired by the passing walkers. One lady asked 'are you the owners of those

beautiful cars?' and we smiling said 'yes'. Her response was 'you look like you own them'. Was she implying that we were as old as the cars?

As it was a sunny day, we walked along the beach to The Beach Hut and tackled their monumental all day breakfast, very good too especially as we headed back to The Haven for the first pint of draught Ringwood bitter since last summer. A day to remember.

Brian, Richard, Clive and I are intending to plan a trip to Haynes Museum in Somerset. If you are interested in this, let me know.

### Golf

Probus Hackers returned to action on the 27<sup>th</sup> April with a foursome at Solent Meads. It might only be a Par 3 and shunned by proper golfers but we enjoyed it and it was good to be back.

### Geneology

First meeting of the year taking place on 11<sup>th</sup> May at Ken Tullet's.

## THE PRESIDENT: "Len's Bit"

How many bones in an adult's body? What was Dick Turpin's horse called? Can you identify these theme tunes? These were among the many question in our last Zoom quiz, which once again was a fun evening where the emphasis was on humour and not the scores (well not much!). With 22 of us involved this time there were certainly plenty of laughs, so much so that we are going to do it again, towards the end of the month. I will get an email out to all with the details in the next few days.

There's a real feeling of optimism spreading now. I see more and more of you whilst out walking in the village, and the most frequent question you ask is: "when will we have the next Probus meeting?" The answer is hopefully that we'll kick things off in July with the BBQ at Stephen and Ruth's, then get back to regular lunches in August. There is a lot of

preparation and planning to do first, but we have started and I can tell you that the venues we use are not only re-opening but very much looking forward to welcoming Probus back. I will keep you up to date on our progress in future newsletters. Hopefully, when we have something to put on it, we can also post the programme for the year on our website.

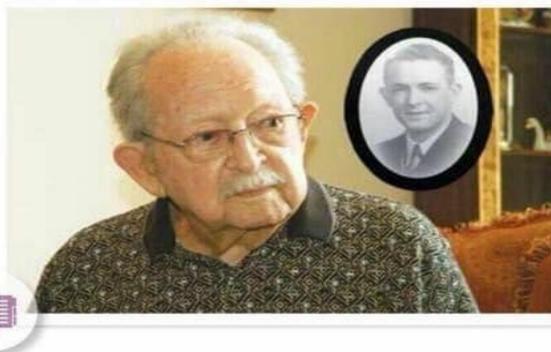
I am off now to try to put right the ravages of the recent high winds, and the boots of the guys who put up our new fence, so that the garden will be fit for Sally to host another TG tea party.

## WEBSITE

Our website is being developed to be a central source of information for our members and will hopefully become more relevant as our various activities pick up pace. At the moment, you will find the Meetings Programme for August onwards (Covid permitting) and details of events arranged for our Social Programme with sign-up sheets where relevant. You will also be able to find all of our most recent newsletters if you want to delve back into recent history!

So if you want to know what's happening in Probus, take a look at the website and, if what you want isn't there, get in touch.

## FINALLY. . .



*"I've often been asked, 'What do you old folks do now that you're retired?' Well...I'm fortunate to have a chemical engineering background and one of the things I enjoy most is converting beer, wine and vodka into urine. I do it every day and I really enjoy it."*

**Enjoy your freedom, stay safe.**