



# Wilmington Axstane Probus Club

## NEWSLETTER - May 2024

Our speaker on 30th May is Andy Richardson and his subject is:

“Life in the Air did have its Humorous Moments” (See article on back page)

Lunch is Baked Cod with herb crust with Chef’s choice of potatoes and vegetables or Vegetable Lasagne followed by a choice of puddings.

### **Chairman’s Welcome**

At our last meeting we had a thoroughly interesting talk by Lia from Around and Around, one of my charities, who have custodianship of the historic yacht Lively Lady. Lia’s presentation walked us through the history of Lively Lady and Sir Alec Rose’s 1967/8 solo circumnavigation of the globe and the charities work to keep Sir Alec’s story alive, maintain the yacht (which is no mean feat) and to provide access to sailing for young people. The presentation was well received with many compliments which I passed on to Lia and the team. I also passed on our thanks for the raffle prizes they provided us with, a very generous gesture.

We have just returned from a truly wonderful few days in Great Yarmouth, the weather was on our side, and we had some lovely outings and time to explore.

I would once more like to give you all my thanks for your support. It has been a great year with so many enjoyable events and activities; our Bunny racing evening, our regular coffee mornings and the Wilmington Fete to name but a few, Through these events and your wonderful support, we have been able to make a generous donation to each of my chosen charities.

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### **Chairman’s Welcome Continued**

A huge thank you goes to the committee for all their support and whose hard work made it possible to have the many wonderful events and trips that we have enjoyed throughout the year.

I now hand over to Keith Cass and wish him well for what I am sure will be a very good year.

**Jack**

### **The New Chairman’s Charities**

Our new Chairman, Keith Cass will be asking for your support for his two Charities



## **Social Committee Report**

The start of our spring break was in torrential rain, but by the time we were on the M11 the rain stopped and when we arrived at Larling for our lunch at The Angel the sun came out. And it stayed out all the rest of the week!!

The Hotel is on the North Drive in Great Yarmouth “the posher end” and most of us walked to explore the sea front before dinner. The Hotel was built in the 30’s but the rooms are modern and air-conditioned. The lift is dated from then, but once we all got used to its idiosyncrasies it was OK. The meals were excellent and the full breakfast was more than enough to make sure that only liquid refreshment was needed at lunch time.

Our first day out was to the Grange Musical Museum, unfortunately the Post Code in the middle of Suffolk led us astray and this dear lady was very surprised when a 49 seater coach appeared up her drive. She was used to it and told us where we should have gone. The collection is housed in 3 rooms (barns) and displays the largest selection of mechanically operated musical instruments in the UK and also a collection of related material, working models showing how the mechanism perform, examples of the types of paper and card music used to activate the machines. In conclusion we were treated to a recital on their Wurlitzer followed by tea and biscuits accompanied by a juke box. In the afternoon we visited Southwold, some to admire this jewel of the Suffolk Coast others to sample the local brewery (Adnams).

Day two we went down to Lowestoft, in the morning to the Maritime Museum. This houses collections from the 3 shipyards which used to exist there, Christopher Cockerill’s workshop where he devised the hovercraft (he lived at Summerleyton , just down the road) and many exhibits relating to the fishing industry which used to dominate the area. In the afternoon we went to Oulton Broad and had a trip up the River Waveney.

Our final day we went over to Alysham to board the Bure Valley Light Railway to Wroxham, lunch in Wroxham and the afternoon at Wroxham Barns.

The trip home was punctuated by a lunch break in Newmarket, I don’t think that there are many places with so many pubs and restaurants in so smaller town. The slowest part of the whole week was Princes Road as the A2 had been closed due to an incident. All in all we enjoyed ourselves and are looking forward to next year in Sidmouth.

Roy is organising the Autumn Break, so if you fancy a weekend in Seddlescombe please get in touch with him. We will be organising an outing in June/July more information later. We may have to reschedule the Chairman’s Summer Lunch depending on Whiteoak and their repairs and we have also heard rumours that they may again change dining arrangements, but we wait and see.

**Colin**

## Walks Report

The monthly walk has been a feature of our club activities since the first Newsletter in June 2003 and I'm sure before that. Gwyn Pritchard led our first reported walk around Luddesdown on July 9th 2003.

Roy Freeman became Walks Secretary at the AGM in April 2012 and his responsibility was to encourage members to arrange walks and report on the success of those walks. In addition, Roy provided an excellent summary and a plan for the next months walk to be included in the Newsletter. Roy would also occasionally arrange to lead his own walk.

With Roy's retirement we are in danger of loosing this "healthy" activity and so once again the Committee are asking for a volunteer to help with coordinating future walks. As you can see below, Phil has planned a walk in June but we have nothing after that so unless you want to loose walks please let's have a volunteer.

*For the walk in June starting from the Plough at 10.30am in Wilmington (no directions needed!), a wander around the village, fields and park ending up back at the Plough. I have booked lunch from 12.30 pm but we have to be finished by 2 00pm because of a funeral booking. Phil needs both walkers and 'lunchers' to confirm their attendance by midday on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June please.*

**Steve**

## The Club's Finances

The current financial position is as follows:

	£	£
Chairman's Charities		16
General Funds		696
Pending Payment:		-
Contingency Fund		1817
<b>Balance held in Cash or in Bank</b>		<b>2529</b>

The amount shown in respect of the new Chairman's charities is net of payments made in preparation for the forthcoming Wilmington Fair, our major fundraiser. General funds have been boosted by receipt of the annual membership subscriptions, albeit that a few remain outstanding. All funds pending payment have now been met.

**Derek**

## Birthdays

**A Happy Birthday to everyone with a Special day in May and June**

Ian Armitt, Phil Burt, David Cross, Les Fish, Roy Freeman,

Ed Holbrook, Tom Rand and Keith Turner



## **Repeating History (Items from old Newsletters)**

Never marry a tennis player...Love means nothing to them!

I was driving down a country lane recently when I saw a farm sign saying “**For Sale—eggs, fruit, and veg. and paracetamol**”. Curious, I drove into the farm and asked “why do you sell Paracetamol?” The reply came “Cos I’m a farmer see”.

From Vic Jarrett—November 2005

### **One Liners:**

A near bankrupt thatcher is usually clutching at straws.

Be alert—the country needs lerts.

A fertility clinic’s aim is to continue to grow, in spite of frozen assets.

I’ve told my neighbour that I don’t mind all the noise, provided they keep it quiet.

Be true to your teeth or they’ll be false to you.

A father is a person who spends thousands of pounds on his daughter’s wedding and then reads in the newspapers that he gave her away.

A good host or hostess will make you feel at home even when they wish you were.

## **Speaker’s Report**

Our speaker this month is Andy Richardson and his subject is “Life in the Air did have its Humorous Moments”. Andy has been involved in aviation throughout his adult life, starting in the RAF and then pursuing a second career within the Aerospace industry.

Our speaker on 27th June is Janie Ramsey who will be putting antiques to one side and will be talking to us on the subject of “The Disgraceful Sons of George III”.

Lunch on 27th June will be Roast Beef with Yorkshire Pudding.

I hope you can join us for both luncheons which should be very interesting.

**Andrew**

## **Members**

If you know any member who is unwell (including yourself) or if you have new contact details, please contact the Membership Secretary, Ed Holbrook on 01322 863130 or e-mail:

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Your news item or joke could have been printed here.

Please let me have something for the next Newsletter.

Steve