



Wilmington Axstane Probus Club

NEWSLETTER - August 2024

Our speaker on 29th August is Tom Hicks and his subject is:

“Technology in Sport—That was then, but this is now!” (please see page 4)

Lunch is Chicken Breast with leek and wild mushrooms with Chef's choice of potatoes and vegetables or Fish and Chips followed by a choice of puddings.

Chairman's Ramblings

I am delighted to report that the charity fund for this year has already reached £500, with some big fund raising events still to come. Thank you all for your support for my two charities this year – Breast Cancer Kent and The Mustard Seed Project (Kenya).

The Chairman's Summer Lunch last month was very well attended and over 50 of us enjoyed a delicious buffet, courtesy of Leon. It is certainly good that he is back at the Bowls Centre once again. Thanks to everyone who dressed up for the “Wild West” theme, there were some great outfits on display. No prizes were awarded, due to the simple fact that Phil and myself forgot to organise them! I have heard mixed reactions to our guest speaker that day. All I will say is that I doubt we will be entertained like that again for a while!

I am looking forward to my first visit to the Wilmington Fete this Bank Holiday Monday (26th August). We are again running our famous “Barrow of Booze” raffle, and this year there is a new attraction involving a washing line and some clothes pegs. As I said last month, if you want to know more, then you will have to come along and join us. I will be located in the Hospitality Tent and would love to see you all there.

Last month I asked you to keep Friday 4th April 2025 free for the annual Chairman's Dinner. The Committee discussed this last week and realised that, if we are not hosting it at Dartford Football Club, then we are not restricted to a Friday evening. We have therefore

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Chairman's Ramblings Contd.

decided to move it to Saturday 5th April as this will make it easier for our working guests to get there. A location is being explored but, in the meantime, please save the new date in your diaries.

A reminder that the Quiz Night has been moved to Friday 15th November and our Christmas Lunch will be on Monday 2nd December.

Finally, I will leave you with this thought:

“In wine there is truth, in beer there is strength, in water there is bacteria.” **Keith**

Just to remind you the chairman's charities are:



Social Committee Report

Chairman's Summer Lunch: -

58 of us sat down to an excellent buffet by Leon and were entertained afterwards. (See pictures by Clive West on page 4)

RHS Wisley:-

31 went on the trip; the weather was with us for a change, not too hot and it was dry. For those of us who have never been before it was a very very interesting visit. We were all glad we were not driving for our return journey and we thank Stewart for his efforts in getting us home. (See pictures supplied by Clive West on page 4)

Wilmington Fete -

Monday, 26 August 2024 our stall will be on the "The Common". Please come and visit us and members will receive complimentary refreshments.

Social Events in the Autumn: -

Coffee Morning at the Plough on Wednesday, 4 September 2024. Please let me know if you are coming.

Ambassador Tickets offer special rates for Probus Clubs attending matinees and we are booked in for "Les Misérables" on Thursday, 3 October 2024. Bookings for this are now CLOSED. We will look again for the new year.

Coffee Morning at the Plough on Wednesday, 6 November 2024.

Quiz Night Friday, 15 November 2024 - more information later.

Christmas Lunch on Monday, 2 December 2024 at Dartford Golf Club - more information later.

Paddy Cavanagh has arranged and booked 20 tickets to visit the "Ceremony of the Keys" at the Tower of London on Wednesday, 4 December 2024. No charge for tickets but purchase of raffle tickets is required please!

Colin

Birthdays

A Happy Birthday to everyone with a Special day in August and September

Clive Freeland, Keith Cass, David Mason, Gary Mullins,

Alf Oakes and Jimmie Winterflood



Walks Report

The walk on 14 August was led by Andrew Dunk from the Visitor Centre in Lullingstone Country Park. The original proposed walk was changed (due to the limited time available) and 9 walkers enjoyed a gentle stroll of approximately 2 miles along the Darent Valley to the Lullingstone Roman Villa and back. Lunch was at The Malt Shovel in Eynsford where the 9 walkers were joined by a further 6 members and partners, so a very good turnout. Thanks to all those who supported this event. **Andrew**

The September walk will start from Bartellas car park. It is approximately 3 miles and is being led by Bernard Nash whose knowledge of the area and its history from the Second World War, you will find very interesting. Your route is to travel down the A2 and take the A227 from the Gravesend turn off, traveling towards Wrotham. Pass by Istead Rise and continue to Meopham. Once over the railway bridge, continue along the A227 for about a quarter of a mile where you will pass Hook Green on your right. Immediately after here is Bartellas. Please park here at the far end of the car park.

Due to financial needs we will not be lunching here but will travel to the Leather Bottle in Cobham.

Their menu is on line so those wishing to join us for lunch please choose your menu and let Peter Marsh know preferably by e-mail (marsh1947@btinternet.com) bearing in mind he is on holiday until 30th August 2024.

Peter and Bernard

A man is driving his son to school when he makes an illegal turn at a set of traffic lights. "Oh no!" says the dad. "I just made an illegal turn." "Don't worry dad," says the little boy. "The police car behind us has just done exactly the same thing!"

The Club's Finances

The current financial position is as follows:

	£	£
Chairman's Charities		605
General Funds		707
Pending Payment:		(98)
Contingency Fund		1787
Balance held in Cash or in Bank		3001

The Chairman's Charity funds are mainly those from your donations and raffle monies for the Wilmington Fair event. General funds remain healthy and funds pending payment are currently negative largely due to a deposit being made for the Christmas Lunch.

Derek



Our Chairman Keith and Phil the Sheriff at the Chairman's lunch

Pictures taken at RHS Wisley by Clive West



Speaker's Report

Our speaker on 29th August is Tom Hicks giving a presentation on 'That was then, but this is now' a strange but intriguing title! It has been called 'Technology in Sport' but that's a bit too techy sounding! I have been privileged to see the images and get an idea from Tom what it's all about. I had a fascinating chat with him and the talk won't be dull! I don't want to give things away but there is something for everyone here, even if nowadays you are not into sport it will bring back some memories for you and entertain you! **Phil**

Lunch will be Chicken Breast with leek and wild mushrooms or Fish and Chips.

Our speaker on 26th September is our Les Robus and his subject is "A Training Officer's Tale"

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