



# Wilmington Axstane Probus Club

## NEWSLETTER - June 2023

Our luncheon this month has been replaced by the Chairman's Summer Lunch. We are offering a Buffet which will include Gammon, Chicken, Ham etc. There's no speaker but "Maxine" will be entertaining us. The theme for the lunch is "Summer at the Seaside"

### Chairman's Welcome

At our May meeting we were given a very interesting talk by Don Cockrill, a retired River Pilot on Mercy Ships, where we discovered the Mercy Ships are basically floating hospitals with operating theatres carrying out operations in many areas of the world where there are no facilities, providing a much-needed service to the communities.

At the meeting, we were also delighted to have four guests attend and welcome a new member Mr Joe Irwin.

Sadly, since our last meeting we received news that Leon who has looked after us for some time has resigned from the Bowls Centre. The centre has now found new caterers, and the secretary, Phil, has met with Kelly the new chef.

Phil has seen the proposed menus and the meals will be on the same lines as Leon's. Kelly has also confirmed they are happy to cater for our other functions such as race nights and quiz nights providing basket meals and buffet's. I am sure our meetings will progress very much the same.

**Jack**

### The Chairman's Charities

The second of Jack's Charities this year is "Around and Around". They have a boat called "The Lively Lady", currently in dry dock, but which is about to be moved to Chatham. The plan is that it will be used to make a difference to young people with limited opportunities. We have included pictures on page 4.



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motor neurone disease  
association

### MORE THOUGHTFUL EXAM ANSWERS

The race of people known as Malays come from which country?

*Malasia*

Where was Hadrian's Wall built?

*Around Hadrian's garden*

## **Social Committee Report**

I have to report a traumatic month. Our plans were torn asunder by the AGM of the Whiteoak Indoor Bowling Club when they decided to replace Leon de Bruyne as their caterer. Since no one directly from the social membership was present, we only know the result, not how it came about.

### Social Events:

Quiz Night Friday, 2 June 2023. Fish & Chip supper had been booked with Leon but the Kitchens were closed and as the club was in a state of turmoil, it had to be cancelled.

### Spring Break 2024:

We are investigating our options and we will be sending out information shortly. WATCH THIS SPACE!

### Autumn Break 2023:

The Brickwall at Seddlescombe now fully booked and we have a waiting list.

### Outings:

A Coach has been booked for Saturday 2nd September for a trip to the Hop Festival. A Flyer has been circulated and a lunch board for the next meeting. If we do not get more interest this may have to be cancelled.

### Chairman's Dinner:

We have rebooked Princes Park for Friday, 19 April 2024.

### Chairman's summer lunch:

Thursday, 29 June 2023 - an entertainer, a singer named Maxine, a Flyer has been be circulated and the usual lunch board. We will be holding a Raffle with a slightly different format so we don't waste time. Please bring along a prize and DO NOT FORGET the theme "Summer at the Sea Side" Our secretary has been in contact with the new caterer and we hope that this event will be as enjoyable as our past ones.

### Christmas Lunch:

Planned for Monday, 4 December 2023, venue still under discussion even more so now!!

### Future Planning:

An updated plan will be sent to all members as soon as our situation becomes clearer.

Finally we should make a point of attending the Bowls Club AGM in future to make sure that we are considered.

**Colin**

## **Birthdays**

A Happy Birthday to everyone with a Birthday in

June and July

Les Fish, Roy Freeman, Ed Holbrook and

Keith Turner



## Walks Information from Roy

As you know, Eric Hookins kindly led the walk on 14 June as I was unable to walk any great distance then. 6 walkers left the Horse and Groom pub at 10.30am and enjoyed a 2.5 miles long walk around Dartford Heath which was fairly flat with no styles. The weather was good if a little warm. I managed a short walk around the roads near the pub and then returned to sit in the shade in the pub garden! The walkers returned about 12.15pm and were joined by a further 8 for an excellent lunch.

July's walk, on the 12<sup>th</sup>, will be led by Ed Holbrook from the Shoreham Golf Club (MR 526615, /// turns.life.narrow). The walk of approximately 2.5 miles is fairly level throughout within the Darent Valley, sometimes beside the actual golf course with good views of the surrounding hills of this beautiful area. The walk will start at 10.30 am and walkers should be ready to start at that time. Parking is available for those taking coffee in the club house otherwise there is plenty of road side parking outside. Return will be about 12.15 pm and walkers and those lunching only will meet in the Malt Shovel Inn, Eynsford (MR 654656, ///ally.soon.wacky) for lunch. **Will those wishing to walk only, walk & lunch or lunch only please let Ed (01322 863130, [ed.holbrook@icloud.com](mailto:ed.holbrook@icloud.com)) know by 12.00 midday on Friday 7 July please?) Those lunching are asked to advise Ed of their choice of meal. Menus are being updated at present but will be available on the website. Ed will have details of the menu shortly in case of any difficulty.**

This is a lovely walk and well worth attending. It would be excellent if those who don't normally join the walks, come and enjoy some fresh air, conversation and conviviality of full winter. You never know, you might actually enjoy it!

### **DIRECTIONS**

*Take the A225 south to the Farningham roundabout. Turn left on to the A20. After 0.3 miles turn right, SP Eynsford, Shoreham and Otford, on the A225. Continue for 3 miles through Eynsford to reach a road on the right SP Shoreham (DO NOT TAKE THE ROAD INTO SHOREHAM STATION). The entrance to the Golf Club car park is approximately 250 yards down this road on the left.*

*After the walk, turn right out of the Golf Club and return to the A225. Turn left and follow the road back to Eynsford. Pass the station on the right and continue downhill to reach the Malt Shovel Inn on the right. The car park is opposite on the left.*

**Roy**

### **EVEN MORE THOUGHTFUL EXAM ANSWERS**

How does Romeo's character develop throughout the play?

*It doesn't, it's just self, self, self, all the way through.*

What is a vibration?

*There are good vibrations and bad vibrations. Good vibrations were discovered in the 1960s*

Thanks to Jack for these funnies.

## The Club's Finances

The current financial position is as follows:

	£	£
Chairman's Charity		12
General Funds		300
Pending Payment:		1538
Contingency Fund		<u>1968</u>
<b>Balance held in Cash or in Bank</b>		<b>3818</b>

Funds pending payment include amounts for The Summer Lunch (£1160) the 2023 Spring Break Re-union (£568), and the Faversham Hop Festival (£160); and after deducting £50 owing for the 2023 Autumn Get Away and £300 deposit made for the Spring Break 2024 Hotel .

General funds are more healthy after collection of this year's membership fees

**Derek**



The Lively Lady getting another coat of paint in dry dock.

### Members

If you know any member who is unwell (including yourself) or if you have new contact details, please contact the Membership Secretary, David Cross on 01322 226452 or e-mail:

[D.cross595@btinternet.com](mailto:D.cross595@btinternet.com)

### Speaker's Corner

On the 29th June we have no speaker because it is the Chairman's Annual Summer Luncheon.

Our speaker on 27th July will be Delia Taylor and her subject is "The Glory of the MGM Musicals"

I hope you can join us for both luncheons. **AD**