



# Warlingham and District Probus Club

## Newsletter – April 2017

Dear Fellow Members,



Our 29<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> March was well attended and saw the appointment of Angus Bransby as our new Chairman and Robin Bloore standing down after his years of excellent chairmanship.

As Treasurer I was pleased to present the audited accounts and to be able to report that the Club's finances were a little healthier than they were last year. Consequently the Annual Subscription will remain at £25 and the monthly Luncheon Fee at £20 for the coming year.

As you know, your Committee have for some time been considering admitting Ladies as members and a formal proposal to this effect was passed overwhelmingly together with the appropriate amendment to our constitution.

Ken Clare has arranged some fascinating speakers at our lunches over the years and the line-up for 2017 promises to maintain that high standard. Unfortunately, Ken has expressed a wish to relinquish this role so if anyone out there would like to take on this important role please speak to Ken and he can explain what is actually involved.

Our first Outing this year with Tony's Tours took place on Wednesday 12th April. Nineteen members and friends travelled to the Gatwick Aviation Museum for a fascinating tour of this little known collection of aircraft followed by lunch at a nearby hostelry. Unfortunately, I was unable to join them on this occasion but Alain has promised to publish a number of photographs taken during the day.

Tony Wright has planned two further Outings this year, Chatham Dockyard on Wednesday 12th July and The Old Bailey on Wednesday 11th October. Both are subject to confirmation and further information will follow in due course.



As you know, a number of public events are organised in Warlingham during the year, such as the Christmas Lights, the Warlingham Fair, the May Queen Celebrations and Remembrance Sunday parade. Each of these activities is organised by its own Committee who communicate and co-operate with each other. In order to formalise and promote this informal co-operation a new organisation named Warlingham Events has been formed to provide information, practical help and equipment to help individual event organisers to stage events in Warlingham safely and successfully. Chaired by Peter Currell, and with a committee which includes Angus Bransby, Robin Bloore and your humble editor Warlingham Events will be providing support for the Warlingham Mayday Celebrations on 29th April.

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Bunny Branton, one of our longest standing members and our Honorary Auditor recently celebrated his 97th birthday. Although he is not yet eligible for the congratulatory telegram (or whatever the modern equivalent is) from the Queen he did admit to me that he has previously received congratulations and a photograph from Her Majesty on the occasion of his 70th Wedding Anniversary. Well done Bunny!



I am pleased to be able to welcome four new members to our club: Trevor Searle, Robyn Wright, Sybil Cardwell and Sandra Cattermole.

With all the publicity over the new £1 coin you may have forgotten that the old style paper £5 note ceases to be legal tender on 5th May. Although high street banks may accept them after this date this is at their discretion but they will remain redeemable at the Bank of England. Apparently you can send them for exchange via the post! I'm not sure I would.

We all enjoyed Clementine's wonderful harp playing at our Christmas lunch and I did raise the question of funding this year's Christmas entertainment at the AGM. On the treasurers table each month you will now see a finely crafted Christmas collection box thinly disguised as a Pringles tube covered in tacky Christmas paper for any contributions you may wish to make. Apart from all and any notes and coins I strongly suggest that you make use of this to dispose of all your "old" round £1 coins so that you don't suddenly find you have an unmanageable store of them the day before they too cease to be legal tender. Just another service provided for your convenience by your Treasurer.

## Club Events

Wednesday 24th May 2017

Brad Ashton - The Job of a Laughtime.

*Roasted plum tomato soup.*

*Baked salmon supreme with saffron cream sauce, crushed new potatoes & vegetables.*

*Lemon tart.*

Wednesday 28th June 2017

Geoffrey Lee - Aviation Photography.

*Smoked salmon salad with lemon oil dressing.*

*Turkey escalope with champ mash & whole grain mustard cream sauce.*

*Treacle tart.*

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Outing to Chatham Dockyard

Wednesday 26th July 2017

Richard Griffin - The Queens Police Officer.

*Prawn cocktail.*

*Roast beef with roast potatoes and vegetables.*

*Mixed berries Eton mess.*

Wednesday 23rd August 2017

Dr. Bob Cruthers - Doctor At Sea.

*Pear, walnut and stilton salad.*

*Battered fish with mushy peas, homemade chips and tartare sauce.*

*Strawberry trifle.*

Wednesday 6th September 2017

Harvest Lunch

*Ploughman's ham & cheese.*

*Mixed Fresh fruit.*

Wednesday 27th September 2017

Peter Thompson - You-the jury.

*Breaded mushrooms with garlic & herb dip.*

*Lamb cobbler.*

*Chocolate fudge cake with vanilla ice-cream.*

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Outing to the Old Bailey

Wednesday 25th October 2017

Ian Bevan - W G Grace.

*Ham hock terrine with apricot chutney*

*Braised beef, mashed potato & mixed vegetable*

*Banoffee pie*

Wednesday 22nd November 2017  
Jenny Deeprose and Richard Bransby – Cheese  
and wine.

*Still to be agreed.*

Wednesday 6th December 2017  
Christmas Lunch.

*Menu choices to be advised.*

**Guess who?**

Which club member so likes his custard that he  
gets his guest to smuggle in a pot when spotted  
dick is on the menu?

