



PROBUS CLUB OF ST ALBANS

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LUNCH

John Lewis was our after lunch speaker whose illustrated talk



was about the development of the Spitfire and its armaments. It was pre-eminent among British fighter aircraft during WWII. It owed its existence to the foresight of the Air Ministry, the provision of a superlative engine and the

technical brilliance of the design team led by Reginald Mitchell. 19 Squadron, based at Duxford, was used to develop the Spitfire so it was operational and then went on to use it in action.

PETER HAMBLETT- FUNERAL



The club was represented at Peter's funeral which took place on Tuesday 13th June at St Michael's Church.

JOHN ROLFE- SAD NEWS

John Rolfe died peacefully in Watford Hospital on the afternoon of Friday 16th June; our condolences to Margaret and family. His funeral is at 2pm on Thursday 13th July at Garston Crematorium. Full details were circulated by email on 26th June to all Probus members.



John joined our club in January 2004 and was an active member. He joined the Events Committee in 2006 and was its chairman for three years during which time he took the lead in organising our coach holidays and other outings. After standing down as Chairman of the Events Committee he became its Secretary. He was appointed Chairman of our Club in 2011 and became President the following year. He will be sorely missed.

HONORARY MEMBERS

Gerald Greenwood, Bernard Hartley and Ron Mycock have been made honorary members as they no longer attend our monthly lunches and coffee mornings. We do keep in touch and they would be most welcome to attend our summer and Christmas lunches.

Mike Western has also been made an honorary member on his move to Exeter. He has already joined Exeter's Probus club and been on a cruise with them along the Jurassic coast.

TECHNOLOGY MOVES ON

Our telephone landlines, which use copper wires, are on their last legs as they are over 100 years old and are struggling to cope with modern life. By 2025 everyone will have been switched from copper cable to fibre so instead of plugging your phone into a BT socket, it will be plugged into your internet router. The problem is that if there is a power cut your phone will not work so you will have to use your mobile phone until power is resumed. Many are already using the new system.

FUTURE EVENTS

Our summer lunch with our Ladies is on Thursday 27th July at the golf club. If you have not applied to attend please do so soon. A copy of the invitation is at the end of this newsletter which gives all the relevant information.

Probus 2 has kindly invited us to join them on these events:-

12 July. Southend on sea

14 August. Windsor and Windsor Castle

17th – 21st September. Bournemouth and Dorset
Coach Holiday

27th-28th Thursford Show

Full details of these events were given in our April Newsletter.

PROBUS LADIES

The Probus ladies met at the golf club on the 14th June for lunch. The speaker was Peter May who gave an illustrated talk about wine. He explained the different types and how they were made.

Future meetings are:-

19th July –coffee

6th September-coffee

18th October –lunch

15th November -coffee

JENNIFER FLETCHER



Jennifer died on 24th May and her funeral took place on Friday 23rd June at West Herts Crematorium. Jennifer had been a member of the Ladies group for many years. Her husband Martin, who preceded her, joined our Probus Men's club in May 2013.

Dear Probus Members and Ladies

PROBUS CLUB of ST. ALBANS-SUMMER LUNCH

You are invited to attend our Summer Lunch which is for all members, their wives or partners and our widowers and widows. This has been arranged for Thursday, the 27th July at the Verulamium Golf Club. The bar will be opened at 11.45 am, with the lunch served at 12.45 pm.

The lunch will be two 2 course meal of 'main' and 'dessert', with the following dishes for you to choose from:-

Main Herb Crusted Lamb Loin
 Roasted Duck Breast with Plum Puree
 Oven Roasted Sea bream Fillet, Pak Choi

Dessert Dark Chocolate Torte
 Lemon tart
 Fresh Fruit Salad

The cost would be £26 a head and includes brewed tea or coffee and mints but not wine or drinks. You will need to purchase your own drinks.

To book your places please contact Peter Fletcher by e-mail (p.fletcher789@btinternet.com) or letter, stating the name of each person with the choices from the menu by each person's name. There will be a seating plan and so if you have any preferences for sitting on a table with friend then please inform Peter when you confirm you booking.

Payment for the lunches should be at the time you make your booking. Payment may be made by cheque payable to the "Probus Club of St. Albans" and sent to Peter Fletcher, 150 The Ridgeway, St Albans, AL4 9PP.

Alternatively you can pay 'online' to the following account:-

Account name	Probus Club of St. Albans,
Sort code	23-05-80
Account number	20008776

If you pay 'online' please let Peter know when making your booking. Please note that the final cut-off date for booking this event is Monday the 17th July 2023.

Tony Savage

