



PROBUS CLUB OF ST ALBANS

Founded 26th January 1984

APRIL NEWSLETTER

Before our lunch the club held its AGM. It appointed the club's officers and committee members for 2024-25.

They are:-

President	Steve Gildersleve
Chairman	Peter May
Secretary	Tony Savage
Deputy Secretary	David Smith
Treasurer	Les Page
Speakers Secretary	Peter Cullens
Events Secretary	John Hart
Welfare Secretary	Alan Allkins
Committee Members	Geoff Priseman Tony Woodhouse

An up- dated copy of the club's rules, as agreed by our committee, and the finalised accounts for 2023-24 are to be circulated to all members by email shortly.



After Lunch our Guest Speaker was Roger Yapp, who gave a talk entitled 'Pole Apart'. This was about the almost unknown story of three country houses where Polish code breakers played a significant part in the effort to ultimately win WW2. The story traced the journey of the main characters from Poland, through Kazakstan, to Persia, Egypt, and Scotland and eventually to villages near Hemel Hempstead, where they secretly worked to monitor enemy communications.

EVENTS

On the 17th of March several of our members joined Probus 2 on their visit to Hampton Court Palace, which included the Tulip Festival. Reports are that this was an enjoyable outing and our thanks are due to Probus 2 for this.

Many of us are looking forward to our club's coach holiday this year. This takes place from 12th to 15th May and is based in Liverpool.

Members of our club are invited to join Probus 2's coach holiday in the Peak district. This is to take place from 15th to 18th September.

VISIT ST ALBANS CLOCK TOWER

St Albans Clock Tower, the only surviving medieval town belfry in England, has reopened after the winter months.

You can climb the 93 steps to the top of this historic building in the very heart of the City for panoramic views that take in the surrounding Hertfordshire countryside.

The tower is open from 10.30am to 5pm every weekend and Bank Holiday from now until Sunday 29 September. Tickets are £2 with children allowed in for free.



(Extract from *Community News April 2024 edition*, from St Albans City and District Council)

PROBUS LADIES CLUB.

Members of the ladies committee met on Wednesday 17th April to plan their future events. Their coffee morning on Wednesday 24th April was well attended.

The invitation to the ladies lunch on 5th June is to be circulated next week. The speaker is to be Alberto Valota who will talk about his life as a local restaurant owner.

All future meetings are:-

Coffee Mornings

17th July

4th September

6th November

Lunches

5th June

16th October