



PROBUS CLUB OF ST ALBANS

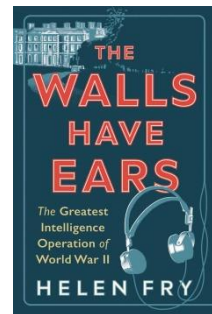
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MARCH



Our after lunch speaker was Dr Helen Fry who's talk was about getting intelligence during WW11 from captured prisoners, including nearly 60 German Generals. The organisation set up to do this was called MI9. Various buildings were used to house

prisoners including Trent Park, Latimer House and Wilton House all of which were bugged. Various techniques were used to encourage prisoners to talk amongst themselves and so disclose important military secrets. Not surprisingly her book about this operation is called 'The Walls have Ears'



NEW MEMBER



We welcome our new member, Dennis Parker. He is married to Susan. They live in Wheathampstead. Den was a university professor and company director.

CLUB QUESTIONNAIRE

Also in March, a questionnaire was sent to all members about membership numbers, dress code and the format for the monthly lunches. We look forward to hearing about the results.

CLIFF FRANKLIN



Cliff Franklin died on the 18th February at the grand age of 98. His funeral was held on 16th March, at St Stephen's Church, St Albans.

He joined our Probus Club in July 2009 and was an active member for many years. He was Membership Secretary for a while and was proud to be made an honorary member when he became less active. Cliff was highly regarded and liked by all and was a perfect gentleman.

BATTLE OF ST ALBANS

St Albans Museum is currently showing an exhibition of the *Forgotten Battle of St Albans*, which took place during the second War of the Roses on 17 February 1461. It was one of the largest battles of the conflict and the exhibition delves into the motives behind the battle as well as the military tactics and shows the brutal nature of medieval warfare. Many of us understand the battle started outside Boots Chemists in St Peters Street!

MEMBERS HANDBOOK-AMENDMENT

Please note that John Bentley does not have a land line telephone number. The number shown is that for Robin Boswell! Sadly, please delete Cliff Franklin from the list of Honorary Members.

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER-CORRECTION

In the list of *Past and Present chairmen*, the name of Mike Foers was spelt incorrectly. This is the correct spelling. Mike has now left our club but we were pleased to see him at our lunch in February.

OUTINGS

Members will have received an email telling them that Probus Verulamium have arranged the following outings and are extending a warm welcome to us to join them:-

Southend-on-Sea. 12th July. Leave Woollams Playing Fields at 9am and depart Southend at 4pm. Cost is £25 each, for the coach.

Windsor and Windsor Castle. 14th August. Leave Woollams Playing Fields at 9am and depart Windsor at 4pm. The cost is £47 each, which includes entry to the Castle

(When parking at Woollams – please use the main car park which is situated at the rear of the club house and park on the right i.e. furthest from the clubhouse.)

In addition, Probus 2 are organising a visit to the Abbey Theatre, St Albans, on the 8th June, to see '**Jeeves and Wooster**' by **P.G. Woodhouse**. The cost is £20 per person. Doors open at 7.00pm. The performance starts at 7.30pm.

If you would like to participate in any or all of the above, you are asked to send your cheque to:- Jim Green, 10 Cromwell Close, St Albans, AL4 9YE. It should be made payable to:-

Probus Club of St Albans Verulamium

Please write on the back of the cheque which trip it is for.

Thursford Show-27th November. Details of this Probus 2's visit, with an overnight stay, were given in our February newsletter.

HOLIDAYS

Details of our club's holiday to Scarborough in May and Probus 2's holiday to Bournemouth in September were also given in our February newsletter.

PROBUS LADIES LUNCHEON CLUB.

Some 18 ladies enjoyed a fulsome lunch at the golf club on 15th March. This was followed by an excellent talk by a Simon Smith entitled *The Story of an English Almshouse*. The club's next coffee morning is on 26th April and a lunch on the 14th June.

MOLLY RUSSELL



Earlier this month, Molly Russell moved to Exeter to be nearer her goddaughter. Molly, affectionately known as 'Jolly Molly' will be missed and we wish her well.