



# The Probus Club of Frinton, Walton and District

## October 2020 Newsletter.

The Club was originally formed in 1980, and still has a strong local presence, attracting its membership of mainly retired and semi – retired men from the Tendring, Essex area.

The Club boasts a wide range of professions, business careers and life experiences amongst its Members. It is this mixture of individuals, who may have taught, worked for a key service, worked for small or large organisations locally or on a broader scale that makes the Club so interesting. There is now a Probus Global network of which we are affiliated, we have a strong connection with the Kiama Downs Men's Probus Club in NSW, Australia and exchange regular newsletters.

Our Club meets once a month, late morning at The Frinton Golf Club and the meeting includes a Speaker, a social gathering in the bar area, and a lunch. Our different backgrounds make the meetings particularly interesting and our speakers throughout the year are selected to give talks on a wide range of subjects.

We have some sporting and other Social activities throughout the year and even have a week's Holiday in the Spring which many of our Members, Wives and Partners enjoy.

We are independent of any other organisation and exist for the benefit of all our members. The Committee are always happy to listen to Members ideas for improvement to our programme and activities.

Many Members have found new friends and interests through the Club and we strive to make sure that continues.

In 2019 we had a visit from Howard Massey of Kiama Downs Men's Probus Club in NSW, unfortunately Howard was unable to attend our monthly luncheon meeting but was able to meeting some senior members for a drink and a chat, attached is a photograph of those present (*L to R Tony Comber Club Secretary, Howard Massey, Ian Whale 2019 President, Keith Banks Past President, Tony Rudd 2020 President and Brian Heard*)

2020 started well for the Club on the 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020 the **Frinton, Walton and District Probus Club** celebrated its 40th Anniversary with a special luncheon attended by a total of 100 Members and their wives or partners

To celebrate our 40 years, we have decided to make the area a little more aware of our existence through regular Recruitment Coffee Mornings and personal introduction from our existing Membership, as we feel that our Probus Club provides a very important Social function for the local community and is a very welcoming organisation to Guests and new Members, at present our membership stands at 85.

However, with the outbreak of Covid-19 we prior to the UK Government restrictions decided to close the Club for three months due to the age and health of some of our members. Following the partial lifting of restrictions, we restarted our meetings in July but using some of our own members as Speakers each month and will continue this format until all UK Government restrictions are listed.

We are looking forward to 2021 and have already arranged a number of social events including our annual Club holiday.