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Frinton & Walton District Men's Probus Club Newsletter February 2021

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2021!

Belated good wishes for the
New Year!

It feels like Christmas has long gone
and now a faint memory but sadly the
COVID year is something we all will not
forget too quickly.

As the queen would say "last year was a
Annus Horribilis and one that we would
not want a repeat of. Wrong! It seems
we are now in for a Horribilis Annus
year as we continue to tackle the
pandemic, but all is not lost and with
the excellent programme to roll out the
vaccine there is hope on the horizon.



As I write this newsletter looking out of
the patio doors at the snow-covered
garden - snow in Frinton I hear you
say surely not!! - the Beast from the
East and the cold Scandinavian winds
grip and bellow through the house but
as the log burner glows throwing out the
lovely heat all is not lost with the
world. So, I hope you enjoy our little
update and stay safe and warm this
February. Just think the Clocks go
forward in less than 7 weeks and we
can all look forward to some warmer
spring weather.

All the very best Mike

Presidents Message

Gentlemen, welcome to the latest edition of our Probus Newsletter.

Hopefully, the majority of you have now had or are about to have your first injection of the antivirus vaccine. I personally found the whole experience at Clacton on 24 January, quick and easy and undertaken by very professional Army medics. Perhaps we can now look forward to a gradual easing of the lockdown measures in the not too distant, future. In the meantime, we should continue to observe all of the regulations and requirements for our own safety and that of others - as our Honorary Secretary would say 'Stay safe and keep smiling'.

I hope that you find the telephone calls and email contact that you receive from various members of the committee helpful and informative. We in turn appreciate any feedback and information you provide. Your contributions of 'funnies' and 'newsy' items are always gratefully received, especially anything that can be included in the Newsletters. This all helps to keep the fantastic spirit of our Club alive in these uncertain times.

Again, I would like to thank Mike Woodward for all his work editing and producing this Newsletter and all those who have contributed to it.

In the meantime, my best wishes to you and all of your loved ones, stay safe and keep well.

Best wishes.
Tony Rudd

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COVID-19 Corner

It seems we are not out of the woods as yet with various strains of the virus developing across the world. The good news is that the race to develop the vaccine is winning through with several brands now approved and being rolled out across the UK.

We are pleased to hear that many of our members have now received their first dose and the Government are well on the way to meeting their target. There are some positive reports on how well the process is being handled and the efficiency of all the personnel involved, including the armed forces.

Sadly, the number of deaths from the virus remain high and we have sadly lost some friends in recent weeks to this deadly disease. It is vitally important that we all continue to comply with the restrictions in place and remain safe.

Once again, if any member is experiencing difficulties or require assistance please do not hesitate to contact your allotted committee member and we will do all we can to help.





The winning lottery number drawn Saturday evening, 30 January, was number 42 and belongs to Mike Smedley.

Congratulations Mike

Probus Club Business

This month would have been our Annual General meeting but as we remain in lockdown business has had to be conducted by email. The nominations to serve on the Committee for the year 2021/2022 have passed. We are delighted to inform you that, although he has stepped down as our Luncheon Secretary, Mick Mockford has volunteered to serve for the year 2021/22 as a Committee Member without an Officer's role so as to bring total stability and continuity to the Club, for this we are extremely grateful. Also, in light of the lockdown disruption it has been proposed that Tony Rudd, will continue as your president for this year. All other members have agreed to stand for another year. On the plus side the committee have proposed that subscriptions for this year will be reduced to £15 to reflect the disruption to our meeting calendar last year

Therefore, the Committee Members are as follows-

Tony Rudd – President and Honorary Treasurer

Mike Woodward – Vice President, Speaker Secretary and Recruitment Support

Ian Whale – Immediate Past President and Social Secretary

Tony Comber – Honorary Secretary and Data Protection Officer

Alan Dunt – Luncheon Secretary

Len Parton – Welfare Officer

Ian Stansfield – Recruitment Officer

George Gardener – Committee Member

Mick Mockford – Committee Member

Bill Clarke – Auditor

Alan Eldret – Webmaster

In accordance with our constitution those serving on the Committee above will have to be ratified by a show of hands when we are next able to meet.

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Highway Road Traffic Signs



Having spent a large part of my career working within Local Government Highway and Traffic services I have become very familiar with the regulations governing traffic signs and markings. It comes as no surprise then that my interest was sparked when I came across this sign.

This Cross Road ahead sign, according to my research, dates back to the 1930's and certainly does not comply with the latest legislation. I can only imagine that Essex CC Highways have decided to leave it in place to fit in with the nostalgic image that Frinton on Sea portrays. Failing that, the highway inspector is not doing their job when carrying out the required statutory inspection of the highway and street furniture.

It was certainly interesting to see a little bit of highway history remain locally and I have also come across a couple other similar aged signs of this period in the area.

If any member can guess where this sign is situated (it is within the gates) why not email me with your answer. The first correct answer to be drawn out the hat will win a nice bottle of wine!

We'll meet again sometime soon!

Finance Report from Tony Rudd

Unsurprisingly, I have little to report but the Club's finances remain healthy.

However, will those few members who have yet to pay their Annual Subscription of £15 for this year, please let me have their cheques/cash as soon as possible.

The accounts for the period 1 January – 31 December 2020, have been completed and audited and will be presented for approval at our next meeting (AGM), when this is possible.

Your regular Committee Member contact would hopefully have advised you of any outstanding dues during their recent telephone calls to you.



Birthday Celebrations

Those members celebrating birthdays during January and February are Chris Keeble, Ron King, Ian Whale and Barrie Wheatley. We hope that they all have a very happy day.



Speakers Corner

Our speaker programme continues to be disrupted with the ongoing lockdown. Members were canvased recently to see if there was any support for a virtual meeting using Zoom. There was little support for this option with a majority of our membership happy to wait until we can meet again at the golf club.

Indications from the Government and journalist that we may start to see an easing of the restrictions from April so we are assuming the position that we may be able to meet as normal from June.

Let's hope that will be the position. In the meantime, we will continue to research and gather information on potential speakers and subjects for our future meetings.

Members welfare

It is with great regret that we learned that our member Keith Lindsey and his wife, Margaret, were admitted to hospital over the Christmas period with the Corona virus. Margaret sadly passed away with the disease. Keith made a full recovery and was discharged in early January. Our Welfare officer is in regular contact with Keith who is doing fine, but understandably is missing his dear wife. Our thoughts are with Keith and his family at this difficult time.

Our committee remain in regular contact with their allotted members and happy to report that they and their families are doing fine.

Please do not hesitate to contact your committee officer to seek assistance or help.

Frinton Mens Probus Word Search

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DINNING ROOM
RECRUITMENT
COFFEE MORNING
MEMBERSHIP
COMMITTEE
WEBSITE
LUNCHEON
AGM
BONUS BALL
HONORARY
PROBUS TOAST
TREASURER
SECRETARY
GOLF CLUB
CLUB TIE
LOTTERY

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**All the words in this Word Search game are linked to our Probus Club.
Happy searching**

We'll meet again sometime soon!

Jokers Corner

Thank you to everyone for sending in the jokes and entertaining videos. It all helps to bring a smile to our lockdown existence and lighten up our day. Credit should also go to our Secretary, Tony Comber, for his hard work in circulating the material to the membership.

A COVID joke for y'all:
A wife and her husband are sitting at a restaurant when the waitress starts out-right flirting with the husband. The husband, flattered, gets a little boastful and the wife says, "Don't get excited. She's got COVID." "How do you know?" asks the husband. "Well, she's clearly got no taste."



**My teacher thought I was really
rubbish at art . . .**



. . . until parent's evening.

**Don't forget to email your answers to where is the
traffic sign to my email address below and win
yourself a lovely bottle of wine!**



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Some More Mindful Moments



Couldn't resist this lovely sunset on the sea front at Frinton



Another sunset over the backwaters from the deck of Frinton & Walton Yacht Club

Why not share some pictures you may have snapped on your iPhone or camera. We can include them in the next newsletter.

Please do send in any local information or suggested articles for inclusion in our next edition to me at: mikewrm15@yahoo.co.uk

Well that's all for now. Keep safe and well and see you next month.

Angels exist, but sometimes
they don't have wings and
are called friends.



Your Committee Members

Tony Rudd – President & Treasurer

Mike Woodward – Vice President, Speaker Secretary & Publicity

Tony Comber – Secretary

Mick Mockford – Committee Member

Len Parton – Welfare Officer, Social Programme & Photography

Ian Whale – Social Secretary

George Gardener – Committee member & Social Programme

Alan Dunt – Assistant Treasurer & Luncheon Secretary

Ian Stansfield – Publicity & Recruitment