



Friendship & Fellowship

Frinton & Walton District Men's Probus Club 2021

Welcome to our joint May - June newsletter!



Let's forget Spring! Summer is here!

I must have had a "Michael Fish" moment in the last edition. How wrong I was in hailing in the spring! A very unseasonable spell of continued cold and wet weather throughout May. Still there are signs of things warming up and I hope you enjoyed the Whitsun Bank Holiday and made the most of the glorious sunshine weekend.

I expect that you will by now have had your second COVID vaccine and venturing out a little more with our newfound freedom. It's good to see the high street busy with shops and restaurants open again. I certainly enjoyed my first pint of ale and lunch at the Ship in Kirby Le Soken.

It seems that the Governments Roadmap out of Lockdown is still on course - fingers crossed!! Your committee are busy making plans for our first meeting and arranging some social events during the summer for you to look forward to.

I hope you enjoy this update and look forward to seeing you all in July and getting together again in the summer programme of events.

Keep well and stay safe,
Mike

President's Message

Gentlemen, welcome to another edition of our Probus Newsletter, edited and produced by our man of many talents - Mike Woodward.

I hope that you and your loved ones are all well and have managed to retain your sanity during the past months. However, better times are in sight with the potential end of Covid restrictions almost within touching distance.

Like other members, I've taken the opportunity on a few occasions since the 12 April, to pop down to the Golf Club for a pint or two on the terrace when the weather has allowed. It was good to see the members of the team down there, all of whom are apparently pleased to be back. I've also booked a first Sunday lunch there at the end of the month with my wife and friends and am thoroughly looking forward to that, it's a special place for Sunday lunch, especially when you can look out over the course on a nice, sunny day.

Although the Covid restrictions have severely limited our Probus activities, your committee members have remained busy planning for the return of our meetings, our future social events and generally checking on the welfare of members by keeping in touch on a regular basis, and I thank them all for their continued hard work.

I also hope that you have enjoyed the jokes and 'funnies' contributed by members and circulated by our Hon Sec, Tony. If you have anything to share - stories, jokes - that may make your fellow members smile, please get in touch.

All things being equal, I look forward to seeing all of our members at our first planned meeting back on 6 July, when hopefully, we can start to put the last eighteen months or so firmly behind us.

In the meantime, keep well and stay safe.

Tony

COVID Corner



I'm sure all of us welcomed with open arms stage three of relaxing the rules on the 17 May. After such a long spell of staying at home and not seeing family and friends it's a great feeling to be able to do those things again.

The vaccine programme is continuing at a fantastic pace and is seen as our get out of jail card from this dreadful pandemic. All thanks to the scientists, NHS staff and volunteers for their hard work in making it a great success.

Concerns remain about the Indian variant where there are growing cases in parts of England. However, it seems the Government are still confident that we will achieve the next stage on the 21 June. I suspect there may be some caution applied and we will not see a removal of all limits with Social Distancing and wearing of mask still possibly in place. At least there remains a strong glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel. Below is a summary of the relevant details of this latest stage and stage 4 that will provide a helpful reminder. Full details of the plan can be found on our Probus website.

So What's Changed?

Stage three (no earlier than 17 May):

- People can meet in groups of up to 30 outdoors
- Six people or two households can meet indoors
- Pubs, restaurants and other hospitality venues can seat customers indoors
- Hotels, hostels and B&Bs can reopen
- Adult indoor group sports and exercise classes can restart

Stage four (no earlier than 21 June):

- All legal limits on social contact will be removed
- No legal limits on the number of people who can attend weddings, funerals and other live events

Once again, if any member is experiencing difficulties or requires 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 last May was number 5 and belonged to John Cowley. Congratulations John

Probus Club Business

As our usual Annual General Meeting has been disrupted by the lockdown it has been agreed that we will conduct the business of electing committee members and other business at our first meeting on Tuesday July 6.

Tony Comber has issued the AGM papers to all members with a request that they complete and return the voting forms as soon as possible. This will ensure that we can swiftly complete the AGM business so we can enjoy the speaker, lunch and more social time with your friends. Below is a copy of the motions proposed and ask that you send them to Tony as a priority.

Motions for Resolution

Motion 1 - 'That in the interests of the stability and continuity of the Club that Tony Rudd remain as President of the Club for the period March 2021 until February 2022
Proposed by **Tony Comber**, Seconded by **Ian Whale**

Motion 2 - 'That in the interests of the stability and continuity of the Club that the entire Committee remain in place for the period March 2021 until February 2022
Proposed by **Tony Comber**, Seconded by **Tony Rudd**

Motion 3 - 'That the attached financial Report presented by our Honorary Treasurer **Tony Rudd**, audited by **Bill Clarke** be accepted as a true record' Proposed by **Tony Comber**, seconded by **Mike Woodward**

Acceptance of Officers Reports

- 1- Acceptance of the attached Honorary Secretary's report presented by **Tony Comber**
- 2- Acceptance of the attached Social Secretary's report presented by **Ian Whale**
- 3 - Acceptance of the attached Press Officers report presented by **Mike Woodward**
- 4- Acceptance of the attached Welfare Officers report presented by **Len Parton**

Comments –

Members Name -

Date -

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Highway Furniture Competition



Thanks to those who take part in the latest competition. Well done to our winner Roy Brewerton. This Victorian Stench Pole is situated outside 81 Third Avenue. A bottle of wine will be on its way to Roy

He's a Winner!

Pictured right is Ian Stansfield, winner of the last competition, receiving his prize bottle of wine!

Apparently, he was asleep in the armchair an hour later, Zzzzzzzzz!





We'll meet again sometime soon!

Finance Report from Tony Rudd

Gentlemen, as you will have seen from the 2020 annual accounts which have now been circulated, the Club's finances remain in a healthy condition.

However, there are still a few lottery dues outstanding and I would be grateful if these could be paid as soon as possible. As a result of one or two losses in membership, we now have a few lottery numbers available for anyone who wishes to take part or increase their current holdings.

As you will remember, the Chancellor of the Exchequer reduced the standard rate of VAT to 5% last July, to help businesses, including the Golf Club, during the Pandemic. As a result of this reduction, we negotiated with the Golf Club to reduce the cost of our meeting lunches to £20.50p and the Committee decided to further subsidise this lower amount down to £20.00 per head.

The period of this reduced rate of VAT has now been extended until 30 September, where it will rise to 12.5% from 1 October.

Instead of raising the cost of the meals to members in line with the inevitable increase which will be required by the Golf Club, your committee have agreed to hold the cost of each meal at £20.00 until and including the January 2022, meeting.



Birthday Celebrations

The following members celebrate birthdays during the months of May and June – Terry Knapman, Mike Stansfield, Mike Wagland and Tony Rudd in May. Rob Humphrey, Terry Lawrence, Dave Levey and Vic Middleton in June. Our very best wishes to you all.



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Speakers Corner

With high hopes of resuming our meetings in July, we have put together a varied and interesting programme of speakers for the remainder of this year. Our first speaker is Bob Harding Jones.



Bob is a Raconteur, Humourist, Poet & Writer who has broadcast for BBC and performed a one man show at the Edinburg Festival. He will be entertaining us with an affectionate laughter packed stroll down British Comedy's memory lane with humorous banter and audio clips.

Other speakers will include The History of a Town Crier with Mike Wabe, the story of Trinity House - Karl Lumbers and hopefully some solid advice on how to stay safe and avoid cybercrime and internet fraud. We do hope you enjoy the programme.

Best regards, Mike Woodward Speaker Secretary

Word Search

Welcome to this newsletter's word search. We hope you enjoyed last one. All words in this game are linked to Breweries and Beer names. Happy Ale searching.

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Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/2487963/>



The winning lottery number drawn for June was number 44 and belonged to Alan Eldret. Congratulations Alan

We'll meet again the 6 July is coming!

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.



Jesus, Mary, Joseph and the
wee donkey... will you tell us
who paid for the renovations?

shared by silversurfers.com

The best troll of the day



Doctor, when do you think covid 19 will be over?
Doctor: I don't know, I'm not a Journalist.

When you spend £32 million on your grandsons wedding



and his wife starts bitching
about you to Oprah

Social Secretary's Report by Ian Whale



It is with regret that the **Club Group Holiday to Warner's Thoresby Hall Hotel** will have to be **cancelled** for this year. Unfortunately, not enough members have shown their support for it. We only have a total of 13/15 persons wishing to go, and the cost of coaching for this small number, even with a smaller coach, would mean couples would have to meet a very high travel cost per passenger. I am sorry that we have had to do this, but there will be an opportunity, once our meetings resume, to fully consult the membership on whether the group holiday should be discontinued in future years, or whether a different format and style of holidays would be more popular.

Restart Afternoon Tea Frinton Golf Club. This event is only a few weeks away now and I know members have been looking forward to the start-up of our club activities.

We have had a great response to this event with 40 bookings for this activity. The cost of the Afternoon Tea is £15 a head, it is a real bargain, and a great opportunity to meet people informally.

Probus Summer Ball. This has been booked for the 27 August when we expect a further relaxation of the Covid Safety restrictions, and we can enjoy this annual event in a more relaxed environment without the need of masks and social distancing. Let's hope so!

Bookings for the Summer Ball currently stand at 33 persons. We need to at least double that number to have a good party and ensure that the costs to you are reasonable. So, get booking, and persuade your friends to come with too. Please, please let me know within the next month, or we may incur a penalty with the "Revival Band" if should we have to cancel. It's always a great event.

We've wasted a lot of lifetime over the last year and a half, so let's party!!!

Best Wishes and Stay Safe,

Ian Whale, Social Secretary

The last newsletter included some photos taken of sheep relaxing and sleeping in the sun. Alan Eldret sent me this picture that he snapped whilst on a cycling holiday. Roast Lamb anyone - who's got the Mint Sauce!



Did you know that before sheep were domesticised they shed their own coats? Not good news for the Shearers down under!

The history of the domestic **sheep** goes back to between 11000 and 9000 BCE, and the **domestication** of the wild mouflon in ancient Mesopotamia. ... These **sheep** were primarily raised for meat, milk, and skins. Woolly **sheep** began to be developed around 6000 BCE.



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Some More Mindful Moments



These pictures of the River Stour were taken on a wet walk in Dedham Vale recently. Despite the rain it was a very enjoyable ramble with a welcome lunch stop at the Sun in Dedham washed down with a fine pint of Brewers Gold from the Crouch Vale Brewery – very nice!



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

Your Probus Club Social Events

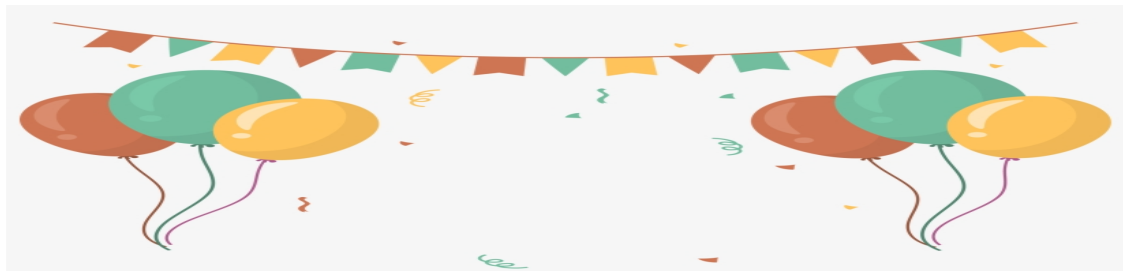


Afternoon Tea @ Frinton Golf Club

Why not join us for a lovely afternoon tea and a catch with your friends on the 23 June.

Tickets are selling fast so contact Ian Whale on 01255 676132 to book your table.

Thank you for supporting our social events.



It's Back – The Probus Summer Ball! Friday 27 August 2021

After a long lockdown and winter, it's time to get together for a party!

Book your tickets now for this year's Summer Ball.

Enjoy a Three Course Dinner with Dancing to the Revival Band @ Frinton Golf Club.

Please support our social events calendar and contact Ian Whale to book your tickets.

Friends and Family welcome

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

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

Arguing with a woman
is like reading the Software
License agreement



In the end you
have to ignore everything
and click "I agree"

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

