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Frinton & Walton District Men's Probus Club Newsletter November 2020

Presidents Message

Gentlemen, welcome to our first newsletter under the latest requirements imposed by the Government to keep our county and country safe.

These restrictions are always difficult to endure but if we all work together, I'm sure that we can reduce the length of time it takes to get back to some sort of normality.

As before, we hope this newsletter helps to keep you informed and in touch with the efforts your Committee is making to manage and maintain the Club's functions and events during these difficult times. We also hope that you find the jokes and funnies that Tony circulates help keep you amused, so please keep sending them in.

I would like to thank Mike Woodward for all his effort and work in producing this newsletter and I would also recommend that you look at the Club's website. This has been improved and updated by our webmaster and Past President Alan Eldret. Many thanks for your work on that Alan.

Finally, but certainly not least, I hope that you and all of your loved ones take care and stay safe until we can all get together again in happier, healthier times.

Best wishes.
Tony Rudd



The winning lottery number drawn last Saturday evening, 31 October, was number 35 and belongs to Roger Smith.

Congratulations Roger, your cheque is on its way.

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The Establishment of Remembrance Day



Remembrance Day was first observed in 1919 throughout the British Commonwealth. It was originally called “Armistice Day” to commemorate the armistice agreement that ended the First World War on Monday, November 11, 1918, at 11 a.m. — on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.

Remembrance Sunday is held on the second Sunday of November that commemorates British service members who have died in wars and other military conflicts. By tradition, a two-minute period of silence is observed throughout the country at 11 AM, and church services and other ceremonial gatherings take place during the day. A nationally televised remembrance service, generally attended by politicians, religious leaders, military personnel, and members of the British royal family, has been held for decades at the Cenotaph monument in central London. Remembrance Sunday is observed in the United Kingdom on Sunday, November 8, 2020.



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Here we Go Again!



I was determined that when producing this newsletter, it would be COVID free! How wrong could I be!

The subject of COVID has now replaced the traditional topic of discussion the weather and, dare I say, Brexit!!

Sadly, the situation is not getting any better and we are now entering a second wave of the pandemic. Thankfully we are learning about this invisible disease and hopefully different treatment will help reduce the casualties as we wait for a vaccine to be produced.

So, for the next four weeks we have to isolate and remain in doors apart from essential journeys, and daily exercise.

Once again, your committee will remain in touch with their allotted members and we are here if you need us.

Social Secretary's Report from - Ian Whale

Afternoon Tea: - Sadly we have had to cancel the planned afternoon tea for this month as we enter another period of COVID-19 restrictions. This is a real shame as it was well supported with a potential 37 members, wives and partners booked to attend, including two guests.

It is important to keep up our collective activities, to keep the club together. We will closely monitor the situation and be ready to restart the club activities as soon as we can after the Government hopefully announces a return to less restrictive rules in early December.



Xmas Film Matinee and Xmas Supper

We are currently holding Monday Dec. 14th with the Golf Club for a festive film matinee and supper. The proposed film will be **"Last Christmas"**, released in November 2019, and starring Emma Thompson, who also wrote the screenplay. It is based on the music of George Michael.

We are planning for the film to start at 3pm which runs until 4.45pm. We would then have a drink's break until 5.30 pm., which would allow those members who only want to come for the meal to join us. This will then be followed with a two-course meal with coffee and mince pies. Further details will follow and we anticipate the price will be somewhere between £20 and £26 per head.

Summer Group Holiday

So far, we have only had commitment from 9 members (7 doubles and 2 singles). The quotation from Warner's is based on 40 persons in 17 double and 3 single rooms. We understand that members will be reluctant at this time to commit to this event, but we need to get closer to this number for the holiday to be cost effective. If you are interested or have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Other Events: - We are actively looking at other events for next year that could all be achieved with social distancing. So, watch this space!

We'll meet again sometime soon!

Announcements



We have two 'significant' birthdays this month - John Parfitt will be 85 and Chris Sims will be 80.

Also celebrating are Bill Clarke, Steve Clarke (no, they're not twins!), John Cowley, John Emms, Tony Kerley and David Mason -

Our best wishes go to you all.



Our Finance Report from Tony Rudd



There is very little to report at the moment, but I can assure you that our finances remain in a healthy position.

I'm sure that those who need to know, are aware that the Lloyds Mobile Banking Van is currently visiting Frinton every fortnight on a Wednesday morning. It was here on 28th October, and the opening hours are between 10.15 am and 12 noon.

Speakers Corner

It was really great that we could resume our meetings from June within COVID guidelines.

Despite having to wear masks and not being able to mingle members still seemed to enjoy the meeting and lunch.

We were also entertained with four excellent talks given by our very own members.

Special thanks go to George Gardner, Chris Keeble, Alan Eldret and Ian Whale for their time, commitment and sharing their knowledge and experience with us.



**I asked my wife for an Apple Watch for my Birthday!!
Unfortunately, she's not IT savvy?**

COVID Guidelines

As from the 5 November new national restrictions come into force.

You must stay at home except for specific purposes

Food shop, takeaways, click and collect orders, banking or medication

Avoid meeting people you do not live with

Take daily exercise – this can be with members of your household or one other person from another household

You could follow this COVID check-up!!

DAILY COVID CHECKUP

At 7pm open the whiskey bottle and smell it. If you can smell it, you're probably not infected...

Then pour it in a glass...

Taste it...

If you can feel the taste, you're definitely not infected.

Dr. Johnnie Walker





Our Probus Club Goes Global!

This is a copy of the article that was submitted to Probus Global as part of our 40th Anniversary Celebrations

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 4th 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 lifted.

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



Jokers Corner

An Irish daughter had not been home for over three years. Upon her return, her father yelled at her, "Where have ye been all this time? Why did ye not write to us? Not even a line. Why didn't ye call? Can ye not understand what ye put yer old Mother thru?"

The girl, crying, replied, (sniff, sniff), "Dad...I was too embarrassed, I became a prostitute."

"Ye what!!? Out of here, ye shameless hussy! Sinner! You're a disgrace to this Catholic family, so yer are."

"OK, Daddy...as ye wish...I just came back to give Mammy this Luxurious fur coat, tittle deed to an eight-bedroom mansion plus a £5 million cheque. For me little brother Seamus, this gold Rolex. And for ye Daddy, the sparkling new Mercedes Limited edition convertible that's parked outside, plus a membership to the Limerick Country Club."

She takes a breath and continues, "and an invitation for ye all to spend New Year's Eve on board my new yacht in the Caribbean."

"Now what was it ye said ye had become?" says Dad.

Girl, crying again, (sniff, sniff), "A prostitute Daddy!" (sniff, sniff)
"Oh! Be Jesus! Ye scared me half to death girl! I thought ye said a PROTESTANT. Come here and give yer old Daddy a big hug."



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Some Mindful Moments



Above is a lovely calm scene of the river at Woodbridge in Suffolk



A view of Wivenhoe Town from the Roman River at Rowhedge

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. Here is another funny to bring a smile to your face.



Your Committee Members

Tony Rudd – President & Treasurer

Mike Woodward – Vice President, Speaker Secretary & Publicity

Tony Comber – Secretary

Mick Mockford - Luncheon Secretary

Len Parton – Welfare Officer, Social Programme & Photography

Ian Whale – Social Secretary

George Gardener – Committee member & Social Programme

Alan Dunt – Assistant Treasurer & Luncheon Support

Ian Stansfield – Publicity & Recruitment

