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SECURITY ALERT

At the Club's May Luncheon - the first of Keith McArthur's Chairmanship - the featured speaker was 'one of our own', namely **Bruce Dawson-Moray**, taking as his theme **Security - Our Future**. Drawing on his extensive career experience in **military intelligence security** (in the course of which he crossed paths with fellow-Probian, Jonathan Rollason) Bruce gave a comprehensive and sobering review of today's ever-growing variety of security threats. He identified the major dangers as cyber threat, espionage, terrorism and organised crime and listed a number of agencies devoted to keeping us safe, the best-known probably being MI5, MI6 and GCHQ. At all costs, we ourselves should avoid complacency and make awareness and alertness our watchwords. Particularly, given our increasing dependence on IT and the Web, lax security can *nationally* leave open to harm almost every aspect of our infrastructure; *corporately* do serious damage to companies' share prices and reputations, while *individually* making us highly vulnerable to the wiles of fraudsters and scamsters. Bruce went on to highlight various ways in which security can be tightened and those on the 'dark web', hackers and other ill intentioned tricksters can be kept at bay. He volunteered to post some helpful material on the Club's website, an offer immediately accepted by Webmaster Keith Willcocks. After a lively question time, Nick Waters proposed a vote of thanks drawing attention to the authority and relevance of Bruce's presentation. Members went their ways with plenty to bear in mind, taking into account unremitting vigilance as the keynote.

(Jim Woodford)



VISIT TO SYON HOUSE – 11th May

An away day to our local attraction, Syon House, was on the menu for Probus members and their other halves, making a total of 25 visitors. We had our own guide, the very well informed Judy Bidgood who gave us an excellent talk on the origins of the House and estate, and then followed a detailed tour of the House. The talk ranged from the recovery of marble columns used in the main reception room from property on the Tiber and their subsequent transportation to Britain, plus tales of one of the original Dukes being beheaded after being accused by a rival at Court for fortifying the House. As it happens, he merely built some Italian arches in the garden but his rival had the ear of the King who promptly sent soldiers to dispatch him. Proper Wolf Hall stuff this, plus the fact that Henry VIII briefly resided at the property on his way to Windsor Castle to be interred following his death. After the tour lunch was taken at the Garden Centre followed by an optional walk in the grounds.



Judy Bidgood

(Keith McArthur)

THE NON-WALK FROM FRIDAY STREET - 6TH JUNE

As usual our walk from the Stephan Langton at Friday Street was paved with good intentions, but unfortunately the weather got the better of us with gusts up to 50mph and horizontal rain. Also, the road system for Surrey gave up early in the morning with crashes littering the M25 and the A3, making a 10am rendezvous impossible, so the timescale slipped and the diners' deadline at 12.00 became our target. 12 diners enjoyed a very good lunch, including rhubarb crumble and custard, and just to illustrate how bad the weather was even Finn the dog didn't turn up. Hope for better next month.

(Keith McArthur)



(Photo: Margaret McArthur)

The diners

Jeanne Gover

It is with regret that we announce the death of Jeanne Gover. Jeanne had been ill for some time, necessitating Ron's transference to the Supplementary List. Our sympathies go to Ron and his family.

FUTURE EVENTS:

Tuesday 4 July: Pub Lunch & Walk. The Bounty, Bourne End. Organiser – Keith McArthur

Sunday 16 July: H.L.P.C. Charity Lunch at Imber Court

Tuesday 18 July: Club Luncheon – No Speaker