



# Pro-Biz



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**‘Welcome to our 45th Anniversary of this club’. Your welcome drink awaits you.**

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018

After lunch on 17<sup>th</sup> April we held our 2018 Annual General Meeting conducted by the Deputy Chairman Chris Pollard, due to Chairman Keith McArthur’s absence following a tragic family bereavement. The minutes of last year’s meeting were accepted, after which the various reports for this year were tabled. No points were raised and there was a unanimous approval to the luncheon price remaining at £22. As only one nomination had been received for each elected post, the following were declared elected unopposed: Chairman Chris Pollard, Deputy Chairman (and Chairman elect for next year) Martin Hart, Hon Secretary Nick Waters, Hon Treasurer Keith Willcocks, SAC Chairman Chris Oprey, Elected members Bruce Dawson-Moray, Colin Greasby and John Meredith Smith. In addition the Exec Committee will include Speakers Secretary Peter Turner, Hon. Assistant Secretary Brian Brignall and Probiz Editor Ray Lynch. Chris, on behalf of Keith McArthur, thanked all contributors to the working of the club which included Bill Rawcliffe and Martin Hart for their ‘sound’ expertise. Secretary Nick Waters then presented Chris Pollard with the accoutrements of Chairmanship and wished him well for his forthcoming period of office.



**LINE-UP FOR 2018 - 2019: Chairman:** Chris Pollard

**Deputy Chairman and Chairman Elect for 2019 – 2020:** Martin Hart

**Treasurer:** Keith Willcocks    **Secretary:** Nick Waters    **Assistant Secretary:** Brian Brignall

**Three elected Club Committee Members:** Bruce Dawson-Moray; Colin Greasby and John Meredith Smith

**Social Activities Committee Chairman:** Chris Oprey

**Speakers’ Secretary:** Peter Turner (*Ex-officio Executive Committee member*)

**Pub Lunch Organiser:** Keith McArthur

**Pro-Biz Editor:** Ray Lynch    **Honorary Independent Examiner:** Eric Eustance

**Emergency Transport Co-ordinator:** Denzil Isaaks

**Colleagues’ Helplines:** David Hutson

## Obituary

We are very sad to report the death of Alan Duddy. Alan joined our club in 1996 and was a member for over twenty two years. He will be missed by all who knew him and our sincere condolences go to Phyllis and his family.

We understand that the funeral will be at 11.40 am on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> of May at the SW Middlesex (Hanworth) Crematorium in Hounslow Road, TW2, and that there will be a reception afterwards at Hampton Football Club, the Beveree, Station Road, Hampton.



## **MAY PUB LUNCH WALK – FOUR HORSESHOES PUBLIC HOUSE, CHOBHAM**

After a prolonged period of heavy rain, the prospect of a mud-free stroll over the heathlands and wetlands of Chobham Common seemed very unlikely and so it proved. A group of twelve PROBUS Plodders set out from The Four Horseshoes public house at Burrow Hill, Chobham, accompanied once again by their four legged companions, “Finn” and “Pepper” and, Pepper being a sheepdog, spent most of the walk rounding everyone up and making sure we all kept together. The walk did prove to be very wet and muddy; however, the sun shone and the walk was obstacle free and fairly flat much to Denzil’s delight. This time of year is ideal for walking this part of the common as the plants come back to life after their winter slumber and cover the heath land in colour.

The thick heavy mud however did make part of the walk testing and at one stage Nick did have to come to the aid of Maura, who became stuck in a mud pool and nearly lost her balance but was luckily rescued by her valiant husband. Part of the walk passed through a car park at Jubilee Mount which had in the past served as allotments for ex-servicemen of the Crimean War.

The walk almost reached the highest point of Chobham Common but not quite, however, Hilary was determined to reach the summit and sprinted to the top and back – very impressive!

We all then made the downhill trek back to The Four Horseshoes pub, having walked a distance of three miles, where we were joined by six other PROBUS friends for what proved to be a very enjoyable lunch.

*(Mike Fraser)*



### **It’s Joke Time!**

A devout old man who had brought up his son to be God-fearing and resourceful was hugely disappointed by his lifestyle as an adult. Although the man was successful financially, his father could not come to terms with his living in Monte Carlo where he made his money gambling.

'Don't give up,' his elderly wife told him. 'Stick to your principles and he'll come round - you'll see.'

So the old man sent an email to his son with the message, 'Holy Week starts on Sunday.'

When he next checked his emails, he was delighted to see that his son had replied right away. The old man opened the message to see what he'd said. 'Thanks, Dad,' read the email. 'Put £50 on Holy Week to win.'

### **FUTURE EVENTS:**

**Tuesday 5 June:** Pub Lunch and Walk – The Stephen Langton, Friday Street

**Tuesday 19 June:** Club Luncheon – Speaker – Mr Mike Chambers- Weather Forecaster

**Tuesday 26 June:** Barbeque at Tamesis Club, Teddington. Organiser Chris Oprey