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ALL CHANGE AT THE TOP!



The AGM on 15 April saw Eric Eustance elected as Chairman by acclamation, stepping up from office of Deputy Chairman. Our outgoing Chairman Martin Hart passed over the chain of office to Eric.

The Executive Committee is now:

Chairman - Eric Eustance
Deputy Chairman - Bruce Dawson-Moray
Hon Secretary - Martin Hart Treasurer - Keith Willcocks
Speakers' Secretary - Brian Brignall Pro-Biz Editor - Peter Thomlinson
Assistant Secretary - Colin Greasby
Committee Members: Phil McHardy, Chris Pollard Andy Stephen

Nick Waters has stepped down as Hon. Secretary after serving with such commitment and diligence in that role. Thank you Nick. Keith Willcocks has said he is now in his final year as our valued Hon. Treasurer. Budding treasurers, please make yourselves known!

Martin says that due to COVID he's served a rather longer than the usual term as chairman, so that he was also referred to as the 'perpetual Chairman'. Martin would like to thank the other officers and committee members for holding the Club together during the last three years. He'd also like to thank Nick Waters & Keith Willcocks in the many hours of hard work spent sourcing a new caterer. It was not an easy task with much frustration along the way. Finally, he would like to thank all club members for their support during his extended time as Chairman. Please support Eric Eustance in the same way as he takes up the role of Chairman as we try and get the club back to normal over the coming months.

25 YEARS MEMBERSHIP

Members who have who have accumulated 25 years' membership have been awarded much deserved Probus "25" lapel badges. Of the eight recipients, Chris Oprey and Ron Gover were present in person to receive their awards.

Those who could not be present on the day are Peter Turner, Ray Ball Tony Cooke, Phil Shepherd, Bill Weisblatt, and James Woodford.



WALK FROM THE CRICKETERS, GUILDFORD – 2 MAY 2022

Spring has sprung forth this month with everything bursting out all over in a big way, lambsies are jumping, bluebells are out and the trees are now in their full glory. The only drawback that goes with the improving weather is, can you get over Hampton Court Bridge, as the installation of protective barriers seems to be going on and on. Somehow our thirteen Probus walkers still made the 10 a.m. deadline at the Cricketers PH just to the west of Guildford and we welcomed back Sue Spraggs and her dog Pepper after a long absence. Sue was unfortunately involved in a collision with a woman in a great hurry at Bentalls in Kingston who knocked her flying to the ground which resulted in a broken pelvis. Sue had only popped in for a pair of tights but ended up with a long recovery time from her injury. She did manage our 4ml walk OK, maybe Pepper dragged her along. Pass the medical reports and onto the walk.



The winter rains have dried out now, so the ground was quite firm underfoot as we followed the power line path through the woods to the open fields beyond. This part of Surrey is horse country with the farmland being used for grazing or set-aside, with many fields given over to re-wilding. Since the troubles in Ukraine will result in grain shortages these farms may have to be kicked back into life. From this first set of fields we then entered Bungalow Bill Land, which couldn't be avoided as the connecting

footpath branches off it, but we were soon back in the greenery and through the stables adjacent to Littlefield Manor. We had passed this 15th century building back in August 2017 and at that time the B&B charge was £75 a night. After five years the cost remains the same, so our rampant inflation doesn't seem to have caught on at this place yet. From the Manor the path took us back into the wood and after a few twists and turns we arrived back at the Cricketers, on time for a change. Another four members joined us and we just about squeezed onto the long table provided.

FUTURE EVENTS

Tuesday 7 June: Pub Lunch/Walk, The Well House Inn, Chipstead Lane, Coulsdon, CR5 3SQ
Organiser: Keith McArthur

Tuesday 21 June: Club Luncheon- Speaker: Kathy Plumley "Estate Planning, Powers of Attorney"

Tuesday 28 June: BBQ at Tamesis Club, Trowlock Way, Broom Road, Teddington, TW11 9QY