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## **FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR PETER TURNER**

Further to the announcement of Peter's passing, please note the funeral will be held on Monday 27th June, 2:40pm, at South West Middlesex Crematorium Hounslow Road, Hanworth TW13 5JH, and afterwards at The Fountain which is on the corner of Sixth Cross Road & Staines Road Twickenham TW2 5PE.

Please can members who wish to attend let Keith Willcocks know so he can advise Joy of the numbers. Keith can be contacted on [treasurer@probus-teddington-hampton.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@probus-teddington-hampton.org.uk)

## **SAILING THE OCEAN BLUE**

Our May speaker Philip Onslow is an accomplished and masterly mariner. Phil acts as a renowned examiner for those wishing to attain a certification of sailing competency at sea.

He took a tall ship and a star to sail her by and traversed the Atlantic – more than once.

The sailing routes for his voyages were between the Canaries or Cape Verde respectively and the West Indies. Deprivations aboard were many and discomforting, unless one happened to be berthed in the luxurious master bedroom. He wasn't.

The clarion call of the sea is a wild call and a clear call that he may not deny. Four hours on, four hours off, crewing with his fellow-rovers and with the wind like a whetted knife. He loved every minute.

Judging by Phil's photos, he appears to have been hoisted up to the crow's nest regularly as the ship's spotter. (What they didn't tell him, and only we in Probus know, was that whilst he was aloft the captain and crew broke open the hidden stash of Navy Strength Pusser's Gunpowder Proof Rum to toast his "flight" up the rigging.)

The end of each voyage enabled a more relaxing time on the beach. Then down to the sea again...



## WALK FROM THE WELL HOUSE INN, CHIPSTEAD – 7 JUNE 2022

A post Jubilee walk was required to force down all that celebration cake from the last weekend. Nine walkers turned out, we were without Paddington Bear, he was too busy scoffing down his marmalade sarnies with H.M. The Queen. Traffic was a bit on the heavy side, most probably due to the Tube strike, but we set off soon after 10a.m. First and only factoid of the day was covered in the Pub garden, at a well after which the pub was named. Built by the Saxons or Celts (nobody's really sure) and used by the local herdsmen. Thirsty work looking after all those woolly backs.

From the pub it was straight up the hill onto the farming area above where the main crop seemed to be barley, so our beer supply for next winter should be guaranteed. Peter Thomlinson had braved the day in shorts and was soon regretting his bravado as the path was narrow and complete with brambles and stinging nettles. After the first two stiles the path opened up and life became a little easier for him. Nick Waters gave us the first rendition of his extensive catalogue of poems, this one involving Farmer Giles, stiles, piles, miles and anything else that vaguely rhymed. We heard goldfinches and spotted a skylark. After passing through the barley fields, we entered a lane with some very expensive housing, so it was good to nose at how the other half live. At the end of the lane, we came to a small road and, after dodging the odd tractor and car, we dived through a very tiny gap in the hedge and back into the open fields. Further on, we met a hedge trimmer who was fully kitted up with ear defenders and on removing them to chat to us exposed the biggest ear plugs you've ever seen. Noisy work hedge trimming. After hopping over a few more stiles and passing the only group of dog walkers seen on the whole journey it was back down the hill to the pub where we were joined by six diners for lunch. If you ever fancy a lunch at the Well House make sure you have built up a good appetite as their helpings are on the large side to say the least.



### FUTURE EVENTS

Tuesday 5 July: Pub Lunch/Walk, The Dukes Head, Dorking Road, Tadworth KT20 5SL  
Organiser: Keith McArthur

Tuesday 28 June: **LAST CHANCE TO BOOK FOR THE BBQ** at Tamesis Club,  
Trowlock Way, Broom Road, Teddington, TW11 9QY

Tuesday 19 July: Club Luncheon- Speaker: Robin Field-Smith, "Policing the Police"