



What were His Majesty’s first recorded words as King?

“Oi, Get off my grass”

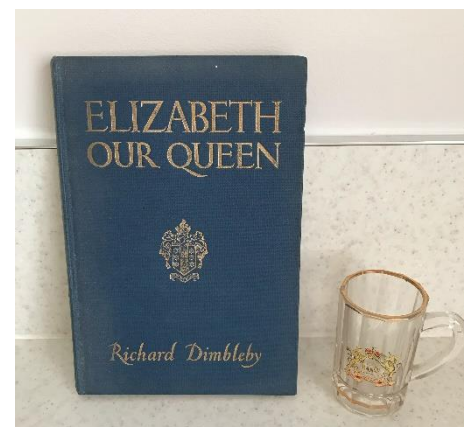
President David’s memories of an earlier Coronation

Many of our members may recall the last time we in the UK had a Coronation. It was 2nd June 1953, seventy years ago. It was memorable for me as my parents had just bought a 12 inch Black and White TV set the previous week when we saw the Cup Final (Stanley Matthews one of his greatest games for Blackpool).

On the day of the Coronation we heard that Mount Everest had been climbed by Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tensing. Two months later I saw on TV Denis Compton scoring the winning runs for England at the Oval to reclaim the Ashes after nearly 20 years.

Queen Elizabeth several weeks later toured the country and we as school children lined the local street (Well Hall Road, Eltham) to give her a rousing cheer.

Greenwich Borough Council gave a gift to us of a book by Richard Dimbleby and a small glass jug. (See attached.)



I am sure other members will have their own memories of 70 years ago. **DF**

The Spur Pub Lunch report. Twenty seven members, partners and friends enjoyed a very filling lunch at The Spur, Slindon on 11th May, thanks to Hilary. This is another perfect venue for Pub lunches; plenty of free parking spaces, it’s not too far to travel and you receive a very welcoming reception by publican and staff. (Not one but two loos to choose from !) This is surely a pub we shall return to, yet again.

What's on this month ? - June

**Thursday 8th - Pub Lunch at The Elmer 12.00 for 12.30 -
Kindly organised by John Hollister**



Mains

- (A) Chargrilled Chicken wrapped in Smoked Bacon, melted Cheese, sauté Potatoes
- (B) Fresh Salmon & Dill Fishcakes, Salad, Fries, Home-made Tartare
- (C) Grilled Gammon Steak, Roasted Tomato, Fried Free-Range Egg, Thick Cut Chips
- (D) Sussex Handmade Steak & Stilton Pie, Creamy Herb Mash
- (E) Red Thai Roasted Vegetable Pie, Sweet Potato Mash

Desserts

- (F) Raspberry Meringue Pavlova
- (G) Passion Fruit Panna Cotta
- (H) Warm Belgian Chocolate Brownie, Salted Caramel Ice Cream
- (I) Toffee Apple Crumble, Vanilla Custard

Tea Or Coffee Included

£23

If not done already, please inform John of your attendance and menu choices at 01903 883 844 or by e-mail to jojohnholl@gmail.com Please pay by BACS to Arundel Probus Club - Business Account A/C No 10642681 Sort code 20-20-62. Mark payment JunPublunch. Don't delay.

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Thursday 22nd June – Regular meeting, The White Swan Hotel 11.00 a.m.

Speaker - Brian Arthur - "D-Day and the Royal Navy" - Flyer and Menu choices to follow soon

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Tempus fugit

Doesn't time fly? This year's going too quickly and I wish it would slow down.

The Boat Race sped by, the Grand National wasn't so grand and the FA Cup Final this week will be quickly forgotten. We ate all the Easter eggs, too many hot cross buns and tasty pancakes. (No wonder my New Year weight target is already a hopeless ambition.) Then the Coronation kept (some of) us glued to the telly .

Wimbledon may soon cheer us up (with players not heard of before and unpronouncable names). Then there's the Derby, hopefully with no equine casualties, (unlike the Kentucky Derby meeting when seven horses were lost, plus three more deaths earlier, in Grand National week.)

The summer sun is burning brightly, following intermittant rain to keep the garden growing but now it has stopped raining and we have had to start watering, just like last year. With even more weeds than usual there's no time to sit and sun. It should be a good year for fruit, judging by the amount of blossom on the trees and bushes earlier, that is, if the bugs, birds and beasties leave us any.

Oh, I nearly forgot Eurovision and cricket. I tried so hard to do so! What a cheerful soul I am. Bob

PROBUS CLUB HISTORY – statement read by Immediate Past President Barry at our AGM.
Some members, new to Probus, may be interested in its formation and growth.

Probus is a local, national and international association for the retired, or semi-retired, from all walks of life and today operates worldwide.

Probus Clubs can be made up of men or women, or both, as our Club now is. Partners of members and widow/ers regularly participate in Club meetings and activities.

IN 2018 there were over 2,000 Probus Clubs in the UK and around 4,000 Clubs worldwide.

The Probus Club movement was started in the UK in 1965 with two clubs, created by local Rotary Clubs. Welwyn Garden City Rotary formed one first with 45 attending and naming it The Campus Club as the meeting place faced the centre of town – the Campus!

The second Probus Club was started the same year by three businessmen travelling by train to London – they got on well and enjoyed their friendship which they wished to continue after retirement. One of the Group was Rotarian Harold Blanchard from Caterham Rotary and he proposed that Rotary organise a monthly meeting for the retired – this was advertised in the local press and over forty turned up at the first meeting.

The name PROBUS was suggested by a founder member from the first three letters of PROfessional and BUSiness and this was agreed. The Probus Club of Caterham was formed in 1966 – the year we won the World Cup!

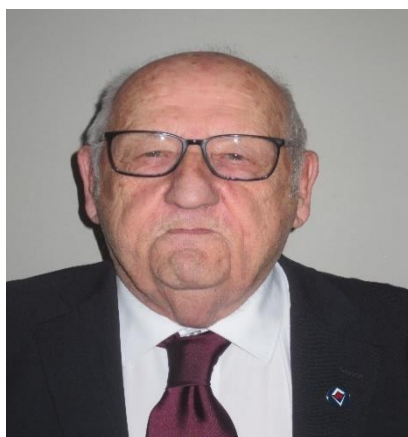
In 1974, Probus spread to New Zealand and then Australia, followed in 1987 by Canada where there are currently over 250 clubs with around 35,000 members. These are big clubs averaging well over 100 members each!

Although seemingly starting in the Commonwealth – Probus has now extended into the USA, India, South Africa and many other Countries around the World! BH

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May meeting report.

Nineteen members and partners stayed for lunch on 25th May after an interesting presentation by Duncan Levin on his “trip of a lifetime” to Antarctica, taking in the Falklands and a few ports in Argentina and Uruguay. He got up close to penguins, sealions, huge icebergs and his favourite albatrosses on surprisingly calm seas. Duncan also referred in some depth to the exploits of Captain R. F. Scot and Ernest Shackleton.



President David inducted three new members at the May meeting and the club warmly welcomes them.

Helen Kidson

Peter Gudge

Jack Wheal

After the May meeting, our speaker Duncan sent me the following message:-

“Thank you for today. I enjoyed it!

Afterwards, one of your members told me there is a Blue Plaque in Ferring (by the coast) commemorating one of Shackleton's 1914 crew. I've researched it and it was Dr Leonard Hussey, the expedition Meteorologist, whose final home was in St Aubyn Road, Ferring.

You may wish to tell the membership at some point.” There: I've done that now.



Did you see the recent story about a woman who was **rescued from Probus?** That set my mind wondering but it turns out the lady became unwell, having climbed to the top of the tallest church tower in Cornwall, at 129 feet, and had to be rescued by helicopter.

The church is in Probus, a small town in central Cornwall, near Truro, named after a sixth century Italian Bishop of Rieti, Italy.

I wonder if there's a Probus Probus club. Maybe the lady could join.

At first sight.

Do you remember when you first met someone and, from that very moment, you new instantly that you wanted to spend your whole life without them?

They say that 80 is the new 70 but all I know is the older I get the more 9 pm is the new midnight.

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USER: boiled cabbage

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USER: 50damnboiledcabbages

WINDOWS: Sorry, the password must contain at least one upper case character

USER: 50damnBoiledCabbagesShovedUp.....ifYouDon'tGiveMeAccessNow!

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WINDOWS: Sorry,that password is already in use.



What year was this?

“If things keep going the way they are, it’s going to be impossible to buy a week’s groceries for £10

Have you seen the new cars coming out soon? It won’t be long before £250 only buys you a used one.

If cigarettes keep going up in price I’m going to quit. 20 pence a pack is ridiculous.

I hear that the Post Office is thinking of charging 7 pence just to mail a letter.

When I started driving, I would never have guessed petrol would cost 30 pence per gallon.



I’m afraid to send my kids to the cinema nowadays, ever since they allowed Clark Gable to say damn in Gone with the Wind. It seems every new film has either HELL or DAMN in it.



I read the other day that some scientists think it will be possible to put a man on the moon.

I never imagined I’d see the day when all my kitchen appliances are electric. They’re even making electric typewriters now.

Things are getting tough. I see some married women are having to go out to work to make ends meet.

These new fast-food restaurants are certainly convenient but I doubt they will catch on.

If they think I’ll now pay half a crown for a haircut, forget it. “

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“Our burgers are delicious and good for you. They are plant-based”. “That sounds good. What plant do they come from?” “A meat-processing plant”. “I’ll have the salad, thanks”.....

Back in the days of tanners and bobs, when Mothers had patience and Fathers had jobs.

When football team families wore hand me down shoes, and T.V gave only two channels to choose.

Back in the days of three penny bits, when schools employed nurses to search for your nits.

When snowballs were harmless; ice slides were permitted, and all of your jumpers were warm and hand-knitted.

Back in the days of hot ginger beers, when children remained children for more than six years.

When children respected what older folks said, and pot was a thing you kept under your bed.

Back in the days of Listen with Mother, when neighbours were friendly and talked to each other.

When cars were so rare you could play in the street, when Doctors made house calls; Police walked the beat.

Back in the days of Milligan's Goons, when butter was butter and songs all had tunes.

It was dumplings for dinner and trifle for tea, and your annual break was a day by the sea.

Back in the days of Dixon's Dock Green, Crackerjack pens and Lyons ice cream.

When children could freely wear National Health glasses, and teachers stood at the FRONT of their classes

Back in the days of rocking and reeling, when mobiles were things that you hung from the ceiling.

When woodwork and pottery got taught in schools, and everyone dreamed of a win on the pools.

Back in the days when I was a lad, I can't help but smile for the fun that I had.

Hopscotch and roller skates; snowballs to lob. Back in the days of tanners and bobs. 🧑🏻🧑🏻

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CAN YOU HELP PLEASE? We urgently need somewhere in or around Arundel to store the club's equipment, used when speakers do not have their own. It was used at the meeting last month for the talk on Antarctica but is not needed every month. If you have room in a garage or other safe place to accommodate our projector, speakers, computer (in its case) please let me know. I can collect it from you when the next speaker wants to use it and return it to you after the talk. Unfortunately, the White Swan hotel cannot store it for us. All the equipment is insured. Thanks. Bob. 01903 882127



While I've got your attention, have you paid your subs. yet? Please, if not.

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Members' birthdays (where known) this month, June. Send a "Happy Birthday" message; they're always nice to receive but I'm not going to tell you how old these members are ! You don't need to know.

IAN GOODALL on 6th ig@goodall.net

DAVID JONES on 14th jonesdavr@btopenworld.com

CLIFF STRAW on 30th cliffandrosemary@sky.com

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What's on next month? - July

Thursday 13th – Pub Lunch, Ship and Anchor, Ford, thanks to President David

Thursday 27th – Regular meeting, The White Swan Hotel. Speaker - Hartley Elder, "Sussex Blood Bikers"

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"Everyones a critic"

"Oh, you forgot the apostrophe"

"See what I mean !"

Best wishes Bob