

Dear Probians and Ladies,

April 2022

Our next meeting will start on Tuesday 19th April 2022 at 11.15 a.m. at the Riviera Hotel. As usual, coffee will be served from 10.30 a.m. Please remember that you have to pay £1.50 for the coffee. The meeting will start with any outstanding business followed by the Speaker. If you are not attending, or will not be taking lunch or are bringing a guest, please notify Registrar Derek Diprose on phone number 01202 708593 not later than mid-day on Good Friday 15th April. The hotel may well charge for any non-apologies. Please give your cheque (please not cash) for £20 for lunch, to Derek on the day of the meeting.

Covid. There are hand sanitising facilities at the main entrance to the hotel. Please consider wearing a mask when in communal areas. The hotel aims to provide as much fresh air as possible. Touch points are sanitised.

Speaker. The speaker this month is Brian Sutton, whose talk is entitled “The Life & Times of Dylan Thomas”. Dylan Thomas was a famous (and infamous) Welshman. He published 90 poems and will always be remembered for his outstanding play “Under Milk Wood”. But his life deteriorated into many drinks at the bar.

Social Activities.

Members and ladies and partners and friends very much enjoyed the 3-course meal at the Riviera for President’s Lunch day, excellently organised by Social Secretary Michael. However, President Alan and Sonia were unable to attend because of Covid. Thankfully they have now both recovered. Also, Alan has fully recovered from the procedure mentioned in last month’s Newsletter. Alan & Sonia gave everyone a little memento/present for the day which was very much appreciated. Secretary Michael has now organised another Coffee/Lunch Day on

Thursday 28th April

An order form which has been scanned is attached. If you cannot read this, please give me a phone call and I will then post you a copy. Michael puts a huge amount of work into this so please attend if you can.

Finally, please also find attached an invitation and order form to join a visit with Poole Probus (Social Secretary Bob Reid) on Tuesday 10th May to Exbury Gardens. Bob writes: “We would like to invite you and your Probus Club of Parkstone members to join us on a coach visit to Exbury Gardens. Like the Air Show we are glad to be able to share social events and look forward to being able to share more in the future.” If you would like to go, please send your form in the next couple of days directly to Bob Reid and let our Social Secretary Michael know that you have done so. Please ignore the cut-off date on the form.

News of members who are not well

To my knowledge there are no new reports of ill health.

April Birthday Boys. John Mitchell (8th), Bob Milligan (17th)

Widow Ladies. There were 4 attendees at the lunch on Tuesday 5th April. The next one will be on Tuesday 3rd May, contact Sue or Geoff by Tuesday 29th April (01202 669409).

Lone Rangers

Geoff Witt reports that members had a very good lunch at the Carpenters’ Arms on 6th April and are looking forward to 4th May when they are meeting at the Cock & Bottle. Many thanks to Geoff for organising.

Thought for the month. “April hath put a spirit of youth in everything.” — *William Shakespeare*

Best wishes, David