

OUTINGS & SOCIAL EVENTS

A number of events and outings are being planned but for some, confirmation and firm dates have yet to be finalised.

Winter

January 24th An evening with the Magic Circle.

Spring

March - Spring Lunch

Boughton House & Gardens:

For six centuries the home of the Fiennes family and still lived in by their descendents.

Imperial War Museum, Lambeth

The stories of those whose lives have been shaped by war from the First World War to the present day and includes the moving *Holocaust Exhibition*.

'Milestones' Museum:

Hampshire's living history museum inside a massive modern building... a network of streets with shops, a village green and even a pub... dating from Victorian times and the 1930s

Highgrove House Gardens:

The home of HRH Prince of Wales. The gardens are flagship examples of the organic movement, both in terms of their environmental sustainability and their natural beauty.

Summer

Behind-the-scenes tour of the Royal Albert Hall and Kensington Palace.

Bletchley Park:

The top secret WW2 location where Hitler's Enigma code was broken.

Autumn/Winter

September 16th 4 day holiday in Shropshire

November - Winter Lunch

Thursford Christmas Concert (with overnight stop)



THE PROBUS CLUB OF HEMEL HEMPSTEAD

Our aim is to provide a meeting place for retired and semi-retired men to get together and enjoy a monthly programme of a friendly chat over a cup of coffee and an interesting talk on a variety of subjects from a visiting speaker.

Our meetings are relaxed and informal, non-political and non-sectarian and you will be assured of a warm welcome.

Ladies are invited to some of our meetings and all of our outings and social events.

We meet on the third Thursday of each month at the Boxmoor Playhouse in St John's Road from 10.00 am - 12.00 noon. Our annual subscription is currently £15.

If you would like more information about the club or would like to pay a visit, please contact the Secretary:- secretary@hemelprobus.org.uk

More information about the club can be found on our web site: www.hemelprobus.org.uk

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PROGRAMME 2012

MEETING DATES & SPEAKERS

January 19th

Olympic Games - Past & Present Roger Askew

An insight into Olympic Games past and present makes this a highly topical talk and a fitting follow-up to the Club's recent visit to the 2012 Olympic facilities.

February 16th

World War II Destroyers Colin Gent

HMS Caprice, a War Emergency Class destroyer saw service on both Russian and Atlantic convoy escort duties in WWII and has seen post-war service in the Mediterranean and Far East. Colin served on this vessel as Electrical Officer.

March 15th *

Opera Interludes Pat Pucell

Patricia Purcell joined Sadler's Wells in 1961, and appeared in a number of productions. After a period of study at the London Opera Centre, she joined Covent Garden, working in the chorus, singing small roles and covering larger ones.

April 19th

'If Only I'd Said ' Vic Botterill

Ever said to yourself after an encounter, 'If only I'd said...'? Vic Botterill makes a welcome return to explain how to break through the embarrassment with a few simple rules that could change your life.

May 17th

Living & Reporting the Front Line Daniel Bruce

International journalist and media development consultant, Colin introduces the concept of using media to help impoverished and conflict affected areas of the world and sheds light on the activities of BBC World Service Trust.

June 21st *

Aspects of Health Dr. A. Maisey

Dr Tony Maisey is a retired general medical practitioner who was once an active sportsman but is now accepting the ravages of time and an unhealthy lifestyle. He has always been interested in health education and trying to explain complicated medical issues to the general public with humour as well as information.

July 19th

Mr Punch Professor Bob Sacco

Professor Bob Sacco is the Honorary Secretary of the Punch and Judy Fellowship and an international Punch Showman of wide experience and excellent reputation. He has been interviewed about Punch on radio and TV and has arranged and organised a number of Punch and Judy Festivals. That's the way to do it!

August 16th

The Cornish Riviera Ron White

Three years ago Ron spoke to us about railways in the Chilterns and now brings his own inimitable style to his account of a trip to Cornwall in the days of steam.

13th September * NB 2nd Thursday in the month The Pyrotechnic Priest The Revd. Ron Lancaster MBE

Ron's handiwork has been watched by tens of millions. At the Hong Kong handover in 1997 the British Empire went out with one almighty bang and it was Ron who lit the match and when he blew up 18 tons of fireworks on the Thames in front of the Queen in 1995 to mark the 50th anniversary of VJ Day, he set a new British record.

18th October

41st Annual General Meeting

November 15th

The Nickey Line Dave Abernethy

Approximately 7 miles long, the Nickey Line footpath and cycle way is a former railway line (the Harpenden to Hemel Hempstead Railway) and still links Harpenden, Redbourn and Hemel Hempstead but is used now by railway history enthusiasts, walkers and cyclists from many parts of the country. It was opened as a footpath and cycleway in 1985.

December 20th *

Christmas Social

* Ladies are invited to meetings marked with an asterisk and to all the social events and outings.