



# Wilmington Axstane Probus Club

## NEWSLETTER - May 2023

Our Speaker on 25th May will be Don Cockrill MBE and his subject is Mercy Ships.

Lunch is Baked Cod with herb crust or Lasagne followed by Banoffee Pie

### Chairman's Welcome

After a rocky start to my year by me missing the AGM, we seem to be flying. We had a very interesting and instructive visit around Cooling's Nursery finding out all our gardening mistakes and a wonderfully successful Spring Break organised by Eddie and Iris at Buxton at a superb Hotel. The weather was kind and the organisation terrific, interesting museums and wonderful cream teas.

The Social committee have been very busy organising some other activities and visits, these will be listed on the boards that will be passed around at our lunch. Our next activity is the Quiz Night on the 2nd June when we will be enjoying one of Leon's wonderful Fish and Chip suppers.

**Jack**

One of the Chairman's Charities this year is the Motor Neurone Disease Association. Motor neurone disease is a rare condition affecting the brain and nerves. It eventually leads to death but some people live with it for many years.

Treatment for motor neurone disease aims to ease the symptoms as much as possible. Treatments include physiotherapy, speech therapy and medicines.



### Rib Ticklers

I went to the stationery cupboard at work, only to discover it had moved. That's why I have trust issues!

I went to the doctors with a suspicious-looking mole. The doctor said they all look like that and I should have left him in the garden!

In the sequel to *Watership Down*, the different groups of rabbits all moved into one giant burrow and lived happily ever after. It's called *Warren Peace*.

I always liked muffins but only just realised that "muffins" backwards is what you do when you take them out of the oven!

What do you call a genetically modified cow? A moo-tant!

I was walking past the cemetery and I saw a man in there. I waved and shouted "Morning".

He said, "No just walking the dog!"

Thanks to Bernard Nash for these gems

## **Social Committee Report**

Quiz Night Friday, 2 June 2023. Fish & Chip supper has been booked with Leon.

The Trip to the Greyhounds was enjoyed by all those who went - Ian will investigate the Saturday Morning Brunch and we may well plan another trip for later this year, or next.

The next Coffee Morning is planned for Wednesday, 7 June 2023.

### Spring Break 2023:

Lee Wood Hotel Buxton - all those who went really enjoyed this year's break. We visited The Tram Museum, Arkwright's Mill (not shop!!), the British Stone Museum, Bakewell and the Lead Mine Museum in Matlock Bath. They were all fascinating. Ed & Iris have set the bar very high for next year. Please see some pictures in the attached extra page.

### Autumn Break 2023:

The Brickwall at Seddlescombe now fully booked and we have a waiting list.

### Outings:

The trip to Cooling's Nursery was very interesting indeed and the Cream Tea magnificent, thanks to Andrew & Fran for organising this.

A Coach has been booked for Saturday 2nd September for a trip to the Hop Festival. A Flyer has been circulated and a lunch board for the next meeting. If we do not get more interest this may have to be cancelled.

Chairman's Dinner: We have rebooked Princes Park for Friday, 19 April 2024.

Chairman's Summer lunch: Thursday, 29 June 2023 - with an entertainer, a singer named Maxine. A Flyer has been be circulated and the usual lunch board. We will be holding a Raffle with a slightly different format so we don't waste time. Please bring along a prize and DO NOT FORGET the theme "Summer at the Sea Side"

Christmas Lunch: Planned for Monday, 4 December 2023, venue still under discussion.

Future Planning: An updated plan will be sent to all members shortly.

**Colin**

## **Birthdays**

A Happy Birthday to everyone with a Birthday in  
May and June

Phil Burt, David Cross, Phil Moore, Fred Purvis,  
Tom Rand, Les Fish, Roy Freeman, Ed Holbrook and  
Keith Turner



## Walks Information

Once again we have had to cancel a walk this year. The walk to be led by Steve Brown on 24th May has had to be cancelled not because it's too hot too walk or too wet but because the pub and the car park is closed for refurbishment.

Anyone who knows the White Cross on North Cray Road will say that it's good news that it is being updated but it has occurred at the worst time.

I am sure Steve will reorganise the walk when the pub is fully operational again.

I shall be "hors de combat" for a little while following a knee replacement operation on 20 May and won't be able to lead the scheduled walk as intended on 14 June. Eric Hookins has very kindly stepped into the breach and will lead the walk on that day. He will lead the walk which was cancelled by bad weather in March and we meet at the Horse and Groom pub, Leyton Cross Rd, Wilmington, DA2 7AP and the walk starts at 10.30am. The walk is about 2.5 miles long around Dartford Heath and is fairly flat with no styles.

As in March, Eric was required to pay a deposit for each per person lunching. ***PLEASE LET ERIC KNOW (01322 662337, [eric.hookins@lineone.net](mailto:eric.hookins@lineone.net)) IF YOU ARE COMING AND WHETHER YOU ARE STAYING FOR LUNCH OR NOT BY 6.00PM ON WEDNESDAY 7 MAY. THOSE WHO COMMIT TO STAY FOR LUNCH WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY THE DEPOSIT IF THEY CANNOT ATTEND THE LUNCH FOR WHATEVER REASON.*** As you will realise Eric and any walks leader in the future who pays the deposit cannot be out of pocket.

**Roy**

**DIRECTIONS** *Not necessary this is close to home, I think!*

## The Club's Finances

The current financial position is as follows:

	£	£
Chairman's Charity		-18
General Funds		182
Pending Payment:		2300
Contingency Fund		<u>1968</u>
<b>Balance held in Cash or in Bank</b>		<b>4432</b>

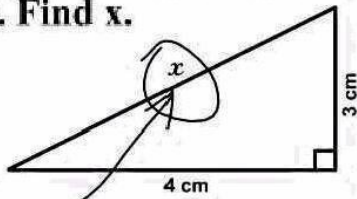
Funds pending payment include amounts for The Summer Lunch (£647) the Spring Break Re-union (£568), the Faversham Hop Festival (£160), the Quiz evening.(£225) and the Autumn Get Away (£700).

The new Chairman's charities are currently negative due to funds paid to secure the Wilmington Fete pitches this year .

**Derek**

## THOUGHTFUL EXAM ANSWERS

3. Find  $x$ .



Here it is

What was Sir Walter Raleigh famous for?

He is a noted figure in history because he invented cigarettes and started a craze for Bicycles.

Where was the American Declaration of Independence signed?

At the bottom.

What did Mahatma Gandhi and Genghis Khan have in common?

Unusual names

Name one of the early Romans' greatest achievements.

Learning to speak Latin.

Explain the phrase 'free press'.

When your mum irons trousers for you.

Steve is driving his car. He is travelling at 60 feet/second and the speed limit is 40 mph. Is Steve speeding?

He could find out by checking his speedometer.

Joanna works in an office. Her computer is a stand-alone system. What is a stand-alone computer system?

It doesn't come with a chair

Thanks to Jack Swift or these classics.

### Members

If you know any member who is unwell (including yourself) or if you have new contact details, please contact the Membership Secretary, David Cross on 01322 226452 or e-mail:

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### Speaker's Corner

Our speaker 25th May will be Don Cockrill MBE from Mercy Ships, an International development organisation that deploys hospital ships to some of the poorest countries in the world, delivering vital free healthcare to people in desperate need.

On the 27th June we have no speaker because it is the Chairman's Annual Summer Luncheon.

I hope you can join us for both luncheons. **AD**