



THE PROBUS CLUB OF HORLEY AND DISTRICT

Founded in 1987 for Retired Professional and Business Men for Social and Leisure

THE CLUB – A BRIEF INTRODUCTION

The Club is, as the above letterhead indicates, for men who have retired from their occupations to provide an opportunity to engage in social and leisure activities. There is no stated aim to raise funds for charitable services, as is an objective of some other Clubs. A number of other Probus Clubs are constituted either for ladies only or for both sexes.

Members meet the second Tuesday of each month at Regency Hotel. Coffee and tea, with biscuits, are available prior to the main proceedings which commence at 10.45 am. After a short business related period there is a chronological review of recent and future social events. Except for the March and December meetings there follows a talk delivered by an invited speaker. Talks cover a wide variety of topics. Some are delivered by our own Members. Following the talk and a "comfort break" most Members take lunch, which commences at 1 pm, although a minority do not choose to stay for that. Attendance is generally about 50 Members of a total Membership which is limited to 70 maximum.

A Member may bring a guest (normally a prospective Member) to a meeting (see below). The March meeting is reserved for the AGM to which guests are not invited.

Lady partners of Members are invited to attend the June, September and December lunches and also the Dinner, normally held in early March, for the current President during his final month in post. They are also welcome to participate in the various social events.

Social events are various. They include trips to places of interest of all kinds. Some are day trips by coach or by car. Others are further afield in the UK or to continental Europe for a few days. There are, currently, two regular annual events:- a) a competitive team-based Quiz which is held in February and b) a Barbecue which is held in a Member's garden in early July.

The organisation of social events is not vested in a single Member i.e. there is no post of Event Organiser. The Club relies on an individual Member to propose an idea for an event and, subject to adequate interest being shown, that Member is expected to be the Organiser.

A diary sheet covering all forthcoming events is issued at the monthly lunch meetings to keep members up to date. Widows of past Members are welcome to join in the various social events which Partners of current Members may attend and it is the Vice President's task to keep them informed.

It is possible for a Member of the Club to invite a friend or associate, who is well known to him and who may be considered to be a good candidate for Membership, to attend a meeting as an initial introduction. If the individual concerned would like to join the Club then the Member who initially introduced him will be regarded as his sponsor. However, a potential applicant is normally expected to attend a minimum of two of the Club's monthly lunch meetings prior to submitting a formal application to join. The objective is to provide an insight into the Club's activities, thus enabling an informed decision whether or not to proceed with an application to join. This will be submitted to the Membership Secretary for processing who will inform him of acceptance or otherwise.

Currently £15 is payable as a joining fee and the annual subscription is £25,