

Probus Quiz December 2010

When did SPPC hold it's first exploratory meeting?
Who was the Club's monthly guest speaker?
How many Founder Members were there?
Which TV show was recorded 'live' when SPPC visited Pebble Mill in December 1998
When was the Bridge Group's inaugural meeting?
What was SPIC what was it's birthday?
What stopped the pub amble in March 2001?
Which food stuff did we help to make and eat on our factory visit to Leicestershire?
Who's famous house was visited by the Club in August 2005?
What subject did our current Social Secretary speak about when, at short notice, he was the Club's guest speaker in March 2006?
What month was the 100th Edition of the SPPC Newsletter produced?
What occupation did the 'Idle Women' undertake during the period 1941 to 1945

Yearly editorial

At this time of year I like to review what the Club has been up to over the past twelve months. The members of the various committees perform a great job for the club - making sure that the program has a good selection of activities for each and every month..

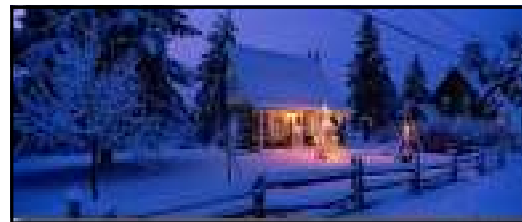
Looking back the holiday in Majorca was a great break for all.. There's been a good mixture of new ambles and pubs to visit.. (How is it that - as a Suttonian - I'd never heard of Huddlesford !!) Always something new up the sleeves of the organisers. Great !! We went to two college of food venues. The new buildings at Walsall look quite imposing.. The bowls for the guys and the ladies is still very well supported.. The Conservative Club makes us very welcome and is making great strides to improve the condition of the green. Indoor bowling at Tamworth is still very popular and allows the boys and girls to play together.. In particular the re-introduction of the Summer BBQ was welcome and very well supported. The long walks section of the club has seen a steady increase in the numbers.

Last year - for the first time - we introduced a facility where members could pass on their Christmas Greetings via the Newsletter.. But I did omit, Dennis and Maureen Rose along with Alfred and Gill Wallwork, in last months edition. So my apologies for that..

The New Year promises more new events for us.. A visit to the BBC studios and a Barn Dance feature for the first time. The BBC visit is now fully subscribed..

All this - as we well know - does not happen by chance. A great deal time, effort and organisation is always in place. I'm sure I speak on behalf of all the members in passing our grateful thanks to all those that give up many hours so that we can enjoy ourselves. Hears looking forward to another successful year for the club.

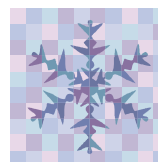
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*Sutton Park
Probus Club*
(Founded in 1998)

President: Selby Betts

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**Wishing all fellow members, wives, partners
and their families a very**

Merry Christmas

And a

Prosperous and Healthy New Year

Probus – Speaker Report 25 November 2010

Don Watson on “Jersey occupation remembered”

Our speaker proved to be something of an individualist by apologising in advance for the lack of humour within his chosen topic and then commencing his presentation by telling a range of jokes which, to be fair, had nothing to do with that topic. A glance at his personal CV revealed a working career of 43 years spread over nursing, the



probation service and social services. At the age of 82 he was about to celebrate his sixty-second wedding anniversary.

Don used radio clips from speeches made in the run up to the outbreak of the second world war on 3 Sep 1939 to set the scene for the main part of his talk. Life in the Channel Islands had been idyllic in the 1930's and the outbreak of war shocked the residents who waited in vain for British troops to come to their defence. The British Gov-

ernment declared the Channel Islands a 'De-militarised Zone' but this failed to stop the German military occupation. Most of the British spies sent to the island were soon captured, military marches commenced and the occupying force rose to 30,000.

The plight of the civilian population worsened, children were evacuated to the UK, adults deported to mainland Europe, curfews imposed, radio's banned and agricultural produce allotted to the Germans. Food and medicines were in short supply and gas supplies were restricted. Sadly an all too familiar story of war in the twentieth century.

Brian Harbourne

FORTHCOMING EVENTS - 2011

Mon Feb 28

Speech by Prof Janet Lord on how to “Age Well”. Aft' session in All Saints' Hall, Foley Road. Open to Members and Partners. (see bottom of next page for additional information).

Thurs March 10

Coach trip to Denby Pottery at Derby. Visit the factory, cooking demonstration and numerous good shops.

Thurs March 17

Bucks Fizz Amble

Sat April 9

Barn Dance at All Saints' Hall, Belwell Lane. Top Caller, Garth Reynolds backed by The Boys of Oakhill Band. Refreshments.

Kitchen Rota Thurs 27th Jan

John Cheal

Ray Clark

Roy Galloway

Brian Senior

Dennis Wright

Rod Crowley-Venue Secretary

Advance Notices

Visit to BBC Studios (Mailbox)

Thur 17th Feb 2011 (FULL)

Full details at November Meeting

Barn Dance

Sat 9th April 2011

President's Supper

The Terrace Rest 'rant Fri 8th July 2011

Date	Event	Speaker\Coordinator	Vote Of Thanks	Newsletter Report
	No General Meeting in December		Next Meeting Thur 27th Jan 2011	
Thur 6h Jan	Long Walk - Lenches	Alfred Wallwork	Because of the shorter days the start time at Roy's has been moved to 9.00am	
Thur 20th Jan	Lunch at Birmingham College of Food (£12.50)	Brian Mallett	Please arrive no earlier than 1210	
Thur 27 Jan	Moving Objects	Andrew Goodman	Tim Daly	John Booth
Mon 7th Feb	Long Walk - Cotswolds	Brian Spencer	Because of the shorter days the start time at Roy's has been moved to 9.00am	
Thur 10th Feb	Short walk and Pub Lunch	Roy Willson		
Thur 17th Feb	Trip to the BBC Studios in the Mailbox	David Rooke Jim Bailey	Additional trip on Tues 15th Feb	
Thur 24th Feb	Airborne Operations	Alan Hartley	Terry Booth	Ray Clark

Learn more about how to Age Well

Recently, I had the pleasure of hearing Professor Janet Lord talking. She is an Immunologist but also leads a multidisciplinary group of researchers working on various aspects of why older people have specific health risks and in what ways these might be mitigated.

She is a great communicator and has agreed to come and talk to us.

As our ladies will also be interested, we are arranging for this at The Hall on Monday 28th February 2011 at 2.00pm., followed by refreshments.

More details at the January meeting.

Rod Crowley