

PROBUS LONG WALK NEAR SHUGBOROUGH PARK

A group of 16 happy walkers met at Severn Springs car park pleased to be in the fresh air and able to walk off the excesses of Christmas and the New Year.



The scenery as one would expect was lovely and although the ground was muddy the walking conditions were very favourable. We were treated to the sight of deer after a very short time which encouraged everyone to keep their eyes peeled for more sightings.

Unfortunately we were not spared a downpour and our fitness was tested by a 'cardiac' hill, but pleased to say everyone survived and enjoyed the 'coffee break' at the top.

Lunch at the Lockhouse Tea

Rooms at Great Haywood was eagerly anticipated and we were certainly not disappointed with what proved to be an excellent meal (together with scrumptious puddings) and we were delighted that Tony was able to join us there. We must all thank Rod for arranging such an enjoyable walk and fantastic catering.

Ron Ryman

Welcome to 2012

It's difficult to realise the last time the club met was at the last December meeting, which was our Annual Dinner at Moor Hall (See Mike's write up on the front page). Since then Christmas has come and gone with all the usual festivities and gathering of families. We have

had our first long walk (see Ron's article). Fairly quickly followed by the enthusiastic indoor bowlers.. My new bowls seem to be doing the trick (at times !!). One memorable 'end' that may pass into legend and folk lore. (??) With my last wood/bowl taking six off and winning the end !! (Fluke I here you cry—but a win is a win !!). Mind you my partners and I went on to lose handsomely !!

At our annual visit to the College of Food we met to exchange New Year's greetings and catch up with recent events. As usual, Brian organised us into groups and we were treated to a sumptuous meal laid on by the college students. The standard was very high and we were looked after exceptionally well by the trainee staff. (It must be very nerve-racking for them—for some it was the first time 'exposed' to the general public). The attendance was also outstanding with eight tables full of members and partners.

Tony Ferneyhough



Sutton Park Probus Club

(Founded 1998)

President: Fred Nightingale

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Christmas Lunch at Moor Hall 2011

It was bitterly cold as we arrived at Moor Hall Hotel for our first Christmas Lunch. This was in stark contrast to the warm welcome we received inside, greeted by the President and his wife Valerie. A much appreciated glass of wine followed as we waited to be called in for lunch, giving plenty of time to socialise with other members and their wives and partners; there seemed to be much amusement with my Christmas tie!

Once we were all seated at our respective tables (we were in excellent company!) the President's group were escorted in. Grace was said by Keith Keeley and an



excellent four course meal followed, efficiently served by friendly staff. The loyal toast was given by John Longmore. After a short interval our President proposed a toast to guests, followed by some of his customary jokes. These, it has to be said, went down--- and down! A response to the toast was made by Malcolm Bailey, President of Sutton Coldfield Vesey Rotary Club. The toast to the Club was given by Brian Spencer, our Vice President.

The entertainment was provided by "Dandy", Black Country comedians. The room was filled with laughter from beginning to end of their performance, climaxing in a Christmas sing-a-long. As they finished saying, "Is everyone happy?" our response should have been "Yes we am!" A Prize draw was conducted by Valerie, our President's wife. To close the proceedings the President thanked David Rooke and John Purnell for their roles as Master of Ceremonies and Events Manager respectively.

Finally, many thanks for the friendship shown to Jan and myself; we are looking forward, hopefully, to many more Christmas lunches with the Club. It almost made us want to finish our Christmas shopping at "Toys Am We!" **Mike Gospel**

Forthcoming Events for 2012

Visit to Marston Brewery - Thur 9th Feb

Entertainment Night (Giggetty) - Sat 24th Mar

Highbury Theatre (Comedy & Buffet) Thur 10th May

President's Supper - Fri 1st Jun

BBQ - Sun 5th Aug

City Break to York 9th - 12th Sept

Kitchen Rota Thurs 23rd Feb

Jim Bailey
Bill Arnott
Keith Keeley
Harry Medcalf
Roy Galloway
Graham Jones
Venue Secretary



Kitchen Rota Thurs 26th Jan

Peter Gray
Tim Daly
Neil Crabb
Brian Harbourne
John Fellows
Graham Jones
Venue Secretary

Bucks Fizz Venue 10.00 am: The Home of Mike and Jan Gospel.

Please be aware that Wood Lane is a busy through road and bus route, please park sensibly, on one side of the road only. Inglewood Grove a couple of hundred yards away could be a safer, quieter parking place.

The walk 11.00 am: Commences at Streetly Gate of Sutton Park. Again there is limited parking, so double up on vehicles, and again park sensibly, so as not to block anyone else from coming or going.

The Lunch At Miller and Carter 12.15 pm: This is situated at Boldmere Gate, Sutton Park (the former La Reserve Restaurant)

Cost: £1.00 cap for Bucks Fizz participants, lunch pay on the day. You should be able to dine nicely for £10 per head for 2 courses.

Non-Walking members are asked to help with washing up the glasses at Mike and Jan's home please!

Date	Event	Speaker\Coordinator	Vote Of Thanks	Newsletter Report
Thur 2nd Feb	Long Walk	David Rooke	Depart from Roy's by 9.15am	
Thur 9th Feb	Marston Brewery(£15)	David Rooke	Depart 6pm Car share from Foley Road	
Thur 16th Feb	Bucks Fizz Amble	Brian Spencer	Mike & Jan Gospel are Hosts	
Thur 23rd Feb	South African Impressions	John Wilson	Barry Parsonage	Rod Crowley
Thur 1st Mar	Long Walk	Geoff Silvester	Depart from Roy's by 9.15am	
Thur 15th Mar	Short Walk	Roy Willson	Venue to be arranged	
Thur 22nd Mar	Heavy Haulage	John Budd	Mike Lock	Bryan Nicholas
Sat 24th Mar	Entertainment Night Giggetty	David Rooke	All Saints Church Hall	
Mon 2nd Apr	Long Walk	Alfred Wallwork	Details later	
Thur 19th Apr	Short Walk	Roy Willson	Venue to be arranged	
Thur 26th Apr	Annual General Meeting			Harry Medcalf
Thur 3rd May	Long Walk	Rod Crowley	Details later	
Thur 10th May	Highbury Comedy with Buffet	John Cheal	More details later	
Thur 17th May	Short Walk	Roy Willson	Venue to be arranged	
Thurs 24th May	Club General Meeting		Topic and Speaker have been arranged. Details later.	
Fri 1st June	President's Supper	David Rooke John Cheal	To be held at Wishaw Golf Club	
Thur 7th June	Long Walk	Graham Jones	Details later	