

31st Member Mailing January Monthly Meeting details, as well as updates.

Dear ,



A Happy New Year 2026 to everyone from the President and Committee.



Diary dates for Events Planned for Members, Guests and Partners/ Wife and Widows

Save the Date for 2026 - President's Holiday April 13th - 17th at Hotel Imperial Torquay.
(A booking form is available from our President to any more Members who wish to be included in this.)

The Meeting for this month of January is to be on Tuesday 20th January at Crane Valley Golf Club. The Menu for Luncheon is:-

First Course Steak and Ale shortcrust pastry pie
Served with Creamy Mashed Potato
Garden Peas and Gravy

Dessert Course Warm Chocolate Fudge cake, Served with Vanilla Ice Cream

Coffee/Tea

The Speaker after Lunch will be our **Member Brian Quinlan**. His talk is “ Being a Guide for a National Trust Hunting Lodge. Brian once had a fascinating job working as a guide for the National Trust organisation. He was based in Gloucester at Newark Park a Hunting Lodge - Wootton Under Edge. This old Hunting Lodge has an extensive history being quite a hidden gem. It is situated at the top of the Cotswold escarpment overlooking the Ozleworth Valley in Gloucestershire.



A reminder from our Treasurer Tony Bradley for this month all Apologies and Payment by BACS (£22) to be made before Thursday 15th January next.

CLUB NEWS FOR MEMBERS.

The Probus Clubs in UK celebrate the 60th Anniversary of Probus UK Clubs starting during this Year. There are now more than 2,200 Probus Clubs in villages, towns, communities and cities throughout the UK, and increasingly abroad.

PLEASE NOTE: The Name of the Club Website has slightly changed. The part names used in the search bar to find the Website have been transposed:

**probus
&
verwood**

Also the end detail .org is changed to .uk

Correct information for access to the new look Website is written below:

www.verwoodprobus.uk

It has been quite some time for our Website to be brought to where it is. This new updated version is now published on line. (Please note the name change see above.) Back at the start of last August the German web hosting site we used to use finished trading in the form we had enjoyed. That firm changed quite radically its way of working. Since then we have now found a more reliable web hosting site which we now use, which is based in the UK. Also being without a Webmaster our difficulties are more prominent. There is still one disadvantage we have in that currently we are without a confidential area within our Website. This does mean the private and confidential details of our **Members, Widows and Honorary Members can't be accessed on line as they used to be.**

To address this if any Member needs to have any such details - these may now be sought with a request for the appropriate listing in an email/ telephone contact with the Secretary - the list will then be provided.

The other Confidential Area items we developed were the details of all Annual Reports that each Officer produced for the AGM held each May. In order to address this if any Member requires a copy of these Reports a similar request should be actioned as described above will give the Member a copy of the latest set of AGM Reports published.

The latest edition of Probus Global is available to read or print on our Website www.verwoodprobus.uk This Probus Global Newsletter can be found as usual on the LHS Menu button - click to follow access.

There is also updates to our website News page similarly found about the **President's Charity Mosaic** and the total collection amount currently standing. Members will still have the opportunity to donate further at the Black Tie Dinner currently being planned.

Pictures from the Christmas Lunch at Remedy Oak are also marked on Menu button.

A special thanks to our Member Tony Bird who has been assisting the Club through this difficult time we have had with his extensive IT skills. He has provided a life line to the Committee while we have had no current Web Master appointed. He has maintained updates needed to the Website and guided its existence in transferring from the previous hosting company to the current published new look website we have today.

Several new potential new Members are coming to our January Monthly Meeting with more considering joining in future months.

CLUB VACANT POSITIONS ON OUR COMMITTEE.

The Committee are still seeking long term replacement for the Post of Treasurer to start at our forthcoming AGM in May.

Also there still is a need to fill the vacant position of Webmaster.

The next Meeting of our Club is the Coffee Morning for February 3rd 2026 at Crane Valley

10.30am - 11.30am. This is as always open as an extended invitation to all Members, their

Wife/Partner and our Widows all of whom are very welcome.

Peter

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With any reply to me, if needed, following Members Area mail, send directly to richardson05906@gmail.com as new mail.

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Reference: 30th Member Mailing November Monthly Meeting details, Reminders.