

30th Member Mailing November Monthly Meeting details,

Dear Members,

FIRST AN URGENT MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND COMMITTEE.

We have been informed that Crane Valley will not honour Verwood Probus booking for the November Meeting on Tuesday 18th November next.

The Committee have no choice but to reschedule this November Meeting for Tuesday 25th November instead.

***** PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE. *****

Our Club Committee will meet to discuss this situation as a priority. If any Member would like to put their point of view about this, please email me (Secretary) richardson05906@gmail.com as soon as possible and before the 18th November next.
We will keep you informed of any further developments.

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

Trip to Glastonbury Carnival on Saturday 15th November 2025

President's Christmas Lunch at Remedy Oak Golf Club Tuesday 2nd December 12 noon for 12.30pm start.
Your President is keen to have any Raffle contributions to the President's Charity (Mosaic). They will be welcomed. Ed is happy to receive any at our November Meeting this month or get your contribution to him at 23 Woodlinken Close, Verwood when you are able.

Save the Date for 2026 - President's Holiday April 13th - 17th at Hotel Imperial Torquay.

The Meeting for this month of November is to be on Tuesday 25th November at Crane Valley Golf Club. The Menu for Luncheon is:-

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| First Course | Braised Tender Beef Steak with button Mushrooms and Pearl Onions Served with Dauphinoise Potato With Seasonal Greens |
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| Dessert Course | Homemade Apple and Cinnamon Crumble Served with warm Vanilla Custard |
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Coffee/Tea

The Speaker after Lunch will be our Member John Tolley Past President. His talk is "Everything you know is wrong". As we all know he is an excellent and entertaining speaker and will be good to listen to this month.

A reminder from our Treasurer Tony Bradley for this month all Apologies and Payment by BACS (£22) to be made before Thursday 20th November next. (If you are unable to attend because of the change of date - please let the Secretary know as soon as possible by email. Thank you.)

CLUB NEWS FROM MEMBERS.

Peter Sheehan and Jim Bale have offered to fill two vacant positions at our Verwood Probus Club.

1 Peter Sheehan Vice President for this year (with the view of being President at the forthcoming AGM in May 2026)

and 2 Jim Bale Welfare Secretary

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.

LIST OF SPEAKERS Verwood Probus – 2026

| | Speaker | Title |
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| 20/01/26 | Brian Quinlan (Club Member) | Being a Guide for a National Trust C16 Hunting Lodge |
| 17/02/26 | Steven Plant | UK. Space Agency. |
| 17/03/26 | Alan Jones | Hypnotism |
| 21/04/26 AGM | Shelley Lozano | Golden Age of Hollywood |
| 19/05/26 | Peter Norster | Blood Bikers |
| 16/06/26 | Hampshire Police Cyber Officer | Cyber Crime |

A report from a meeting held at the Hub on Saturday 1st. November last in Verwood for anyone, clubs and all organisations in the Verwood catchment hosted by The Hub. The President, Committee and several Members were present. The purpose was to be able to advertise our Club to Verwood residents who were to go.

Verwood Probus was given a position where we managed to display information about Verwood Probus hoping to attract new Members.

Our President has declared this a great success and we are certain we will attract new Members. So far 6 residents have approached us and wish to be considered for Membership.

We look forward to give a Probus Welcome to those who proceed further.

The President has joined with St Michael's Church in their event Verwood on Waste
an event competition to decorate a Christmas Tree exclusively with re-cycled materials.

The event will be held over 3 days in St Michael's Church Hall on 27th , 28th and 29th November next.

Any Member, Widows are invited to make some re-cycled Christmas Decorations.

They need to be ready before the event and got to President Edward Murphy as soon as possible please. Perhaps if you are intending to take part - you contact Ed by email, phone or drop your Decoration off at Ed's home.

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Thank you.

VERWOOD PROBUS WEBSITE update.

Our new Website still has problems we are unable to upload any amendments. If you do access the website address you will only see out of date information for the time being.

Tony Bird and myself (Secretary) are doing what we can to rectify this situation. We are currently getting help from EAS Computer Services in Verwood, who incidentally achieved the accolade of being the winner of Verwood Business Awards 2025.

We can't provide a target date yet for our new Website going live and being accessible to all with full up to date information. Apologies for this.

So here is News from Probus Global (November update) just received.

It is with great sadness that the Probus Global President Richard Furlong passed on 24th October. He lived in Newmarket, Ontario, Canada with his wife Clare and family. He was a very active Member of Newmarket Probus, however his main interest was in the development of Probus Global, He took on countless leadership roles and built lasting friendships. He organised many reunions and he worked hard in his spare time to perfect his game of golf. His dedication to this sport paid off in 2024 when he finally achieved a lifelong goal, a hole-in-one.

His passing came after a short illness in hospital.

DORSET LOCAL PLAN - Consultation

UPDATE:

A very large number of responses have been received by Dorset Council from many residents and many of our Members regarding The Local Plan Consultation for new build homes over the next 15 years.

At a recent Dorset Council Meeting Cllr Spencer Flower challenged the number of local sites for housing in the current round of the Local Plan development. Many being thought unsuitable by residents and should be deleted. In reply Cllr Shane Bartlett Cabinet Member for Planning and Lead Member for The Local Plan said - the number of sites being considered was following Government Guide lines. These to provide an extensive number of sites for future housing.

He continued that over this next year Dorset Council will review the Local Plan giving careful consideration to all received consultation objections and observations received. The Council will draw up a revised list which could well be less in the number for future sites for new homes with the new Local Plan. Potentially there will be some sites that will be deemed unsuitable and not included in the Plan to be taken forward in 2026.

We wait to hear how much notice the Council will take of the Consultation responses here in Verwood and Three Legged Cross and surrounding area.

Peter

Verwood Probus Secretary

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

A note on the Mail Server used. Messages are "end to end encrypted" and ensure better privacy/ protection

Reference: 29th Member Mailing October Monthly Meeting details, Reminder from Treasurer, Website details, updates for Members.