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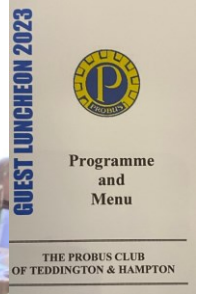


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GUEST LUNCHEON JANUARY 2023

Our well-attended and much enjoyed Guest Luncheon opened with our Chairman Eric Eustance leading a minute's silence for our recently deceased members Stuart Mosey, Denzil Isaaks and Bill Kane. The members and guests raised toasts to the King and to our Club.



WALK TO BATTERSEA POWER STATION & THE DUCHESS BELLE – 7th FEBRUARY 2023



This walk was (literally) a new departure for what turned out to be a substantial group of participants. Instead of a country hike we headed to Waterloo Station from Hampton clutching our Freedom Passes. There was a successful on-time meeting “under the clock”, then a stroll over Waterloo Bridge to the

north bank of the Thames and into Victoria Embankment Gardens. Bounded by classical Government buildings, the formal gardens have a range of monuments to the past pillars of the Victorian establishment and memorials to our military forces and, at the original Thames House, to our Secret Intelligence Services. Mike and Anne Fraser gave invaluable support and, as an ex-police officer, Mike provided some insights into the Met as we passed New Scotland Yard.

We stopped for a photo with Rodin’s “The Burghers of Calais” outside the Houses of Parliament. Several of our walkers were able to point out their old places of work as we strolled along . Then over Chelsea Bridge to the new Battersea Power Station complex and on to the Duchess Belle, a traditional London pub. Nineteen walkers were counted out and counted in, with Mike rounding up the stragglers.

TOUR OF RFU TWICKENHAM - 26th JANUARY 2023



Hywel Thomas kindly organised a tour of Twickers, including a pitch inspection, and behind the scenes areas including the committee rooms and changing rooms.

Pack leader Hywel is pictured above exhorting the fearsome Probus forwards, all itching with barely contained aggression, to yet greater efforts before they rucked and mauled their way into the hospitality area for refreshment and refuelling.

IN MEMORIAM - A TRIBUTE TO DENZIL ISAAKS by *Nicholas Waters*

Denzil Isaaks, who died in January aged 86, was a well-liked figure in Hampton, known to many.

He was born in India, and as a young man was an apprentice with Handley Page, the aircraft manufacturer where he worked on the Victor bomber, amongst other things. He joined the Ministry of Defence and became a Patent Attorney, rising to become Director of Intellectual Property.

Denzil was athletic, running and playing hockey and tennis. As a young man he met and married Pat, who sadly pre-deceased him by many years. They had two children, Chris and Carolyn.



A social outgoing figure, Denzil supported several local organisations. He gave evidence to the Heathrow Enquiry, helped prevent the closure of Hampton Pool and put together arrangements by which the Greenwood Centre was financed and built. He then became a volunteer driver at the Greenwood Centre. For several years he volunteered at The London Wetlands Centre in Barnes. Denzil was a keen photographer and took some wonderful pictures of Bushy Park and the Woodland Garden. He loved gardening and had one of the original Hampton Nurserylands greenhouses in his back garden. With all his activities he made many friends. In addition to joining Probus in 1998, he belonged to the Hampton Residents Association, later The Hampton Society, and the Richmond Association for the National Trust. A long time after losing Pat, he met Eileen who became his travelling companion and dear friend. He had a heart bypass operation and subsequent related operations which damaged his ordinary robust health but up to the end he still joined in local activities and sang in the Hampton-based Men's Magna Carta Chorus. He will be greatly missed.

FUTURE EVENTS

Wednesday 1st March: Club Lunch Event, The View, Richmond College

Organiser: Hywel Thomas – **SOLD OUT!**

Tuesday 7th March : Walk/Pub Lunch, The Victoria, Woodham KT15 3QE

Organiser: Ian Macrae

Tuesday 21st March: Club Lunch, Celia Holman "A Slice of Eel Pie "