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## WALK AND PUB LUNCH, THE BARLEY MOW, TILFORD GREEN, FARNHAM

Missing from our May walk were two very special guys, **Keith McArthur**, who had led our walks for a number of years, and our immediate past Chairman **Eric Eustance** who hardly every missed a walk. In memory of these two special people a period of silence and reflection took place before we started our walk.

The Barley Mow pub in Farnham was one of the last pubs chosen by Keith McArthur for the Probus Plodders' monthly walk and lunch. What Keith hadn't mentioned was that there are two Barley Mow's in the Farnham area. It was decided the walk would start from the Barley Mow at Tilford Green and, accordingly, six walkers assembled outside the pub at the appropriate time. However, someone must have forgotten to tell Ian and Vera Macrae because they went to the other Barley Mow at The Sands close by and wondered where everyone else were. A quick call on the mobile and a five-minute drive for Ian and Vera and we all gathered on Tilford Green. Keith would have pulled Ian's leg over that, I am sure.

Then the eight of us set off firstly crossing the River Wey and then following its course for a short distance passing the spectacular sight of bluebells blossoming in the woods, sheep grazing in the fields and then through farmland into Sheephatch Copse, taking a diversion to head for the ruins of Waverley Abbey which was the first Cistercian abbey in England until King Henry VIII's reformation in 1536. A short stop was taken to read about the Abbey and, of course, take a few photos.

We then retraced our steps back towards Tilford Green and the genuine (but occasionally imitated) Barley Mow Pub where six further Members joined us to enjoy a social lunch and drink together.



### **CLUB AGM AND OUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

At April's AGM, our Hon. Secretary Martin Hart welcomed our new Chairman Bruce Dawson-Moray into office.

Bruce's appointment was acclaimed by the members.

Our committee now comprises: Chairman: Bruce Dawson-Moray Deputy Chairman: Robert Mortimer Hon. Secretary: Martin Hart Hon. Treasurer: Phil Preedy Webmaster: Keith Willcocks Speakers' Secretary (ex-officio): Brian Brignall Hon. Asst. Secretary: Colin Greasby **Pro-Biz Editor:** Peter Thomlinson Elected Member: Phil McHardy Elected Member: Andrew Stephen. There is a vacancy on the committee for a further elected member.



### CONGRATULATIONS TO KEITH WILLCOCKS

A very happy looking Keith Willcocks was congratulated by our new Chairman Brice Dawson-Moray upon his standing down as the Club's Hon. Treasurer, an office he has held with distinction for ten years. Keith has worked with total dedication and commitment in managing our financial affairs and keeping our accounts in good order, not always an easy task especially during the Covid lockdown.



Keith has handed over his treasury burdens to Phil Preedy. However, Keith's professional IT and web skills are much too good to lose: we will continue to benefit from his efforts as our Webmaster.

The Executive Committee is fortunate to retain his wisdom and experience.

He also submits the sandwich orders for Executive Committee meetings at The Roebuck, so we very much do need him!

#### **FUTURE EVENTS**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June: Walk/Pub Lunch, Prince of Wales, Esher KT10 8LA Organisers Ian Macrae, Mike Fraser

Tuesday 20th June: Club Luncheon, Speaker: Marc Meltonville "Food, Drink and Dining History"

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June: **BBQ**, Tamesis Club, TW11 9QY