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WALK/PUB LUNCH, THE ADMIRAL HAWKE, SUNBURY, 4th FEBRUARY, 2025



There have been an astonishing **324 PROBUS pub lunches and walks** since the first one took place on the 12th August 1993 and during that time numerous pubs have provided the venue for an enjoyable and sociable gathering of food and drink, some on more than one occasion.

Our February walk from The Admiral Hawke pub in Green Street, Sunbury, was the first time the Club had visited this particular venue. The pub is named after Admiral Edward Hawke, a renowned naval officer who had resided and subsequently died in Sunbury in 1780.

Fourteen walkers met up for the four-mile circular walk and, after recounting the life of Admiral Hawke, set off on what was a very mild, slightly overcast day. The walk journeyed along an enclosed footpath called “School Walk” (why it is called that we don’t know as no school was apparent) passing Sunbury Cemetery on the left and London Irish Rugby grounds on the right. We then did a sharp right turn to follow another enclosed footpath over fields eventually reaching Upper Halliford Road.

We then turned left and headed towards the River Thames, continuing with a pleasant stroll along the embankment where Robert Heath drew our attention to the large building which had once been the site for “Wilson’s Yard”, a former boat building business that had been commissioned during World War 2 to build lifeboats and other craft for the Royal Navy and where Robert’s dad had completed his apprenticeship - the property now is a block of flats.

A short detour was made to visit the “Walled Garden” and then a circuit of Sunbury Common before returning to The Admiral Hawke where nine further diners joined us for well earned refreshments.

CLUB GUEST LUNCH, TUESDAY 21st JANUARY 2025

Members and their wives, partners, and other guests enjoyed an excellent lunch at Fulwell Golf Club. This was the first lunch since the sad passing of Chris Oprey and of Peter Scott. Brian Brignall gave a short speech reflecting upon Chris's enormous contribution to the Club.



FUTURE EVENTS

THURSDAY 27th FEBRUARY: The View restaurant- **LAST CHANCE TO BOOK is 18th February.**
See flyer for menu and booking details.

TUESDAY 4th MARCH; Walk & Pub Lunch – The Old Plough, Stoke D'Abernon, KT11 3BN

TUESDAY 18th MARCH: Club Luncheon, Speaker Jon Chapman & Jon Barker “RNLI rescues...”