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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, TUESDAY 15th APRIL



Our outgoing Chairman Robert Mortimer welcomed our new Chairman, Brian Brignall, into office and presented Brian with the chain of office. Brian presented Robert with his Past Chairman's tie.

Robert thanked each of the Executive Committee members and our walk organisers for their support and assistance over the year.

The Secretary reported that five members had died during the year, including our much-loved past Chairman Chris Oprey, and five new members had joined.

The AGM approved the Report and Accounts for the year, and the Treasurer explained that the surplus of c.£600 was before the cost of Fulwell Golf Club social membership was applied.

An amendment to the Rules to the Club was approved whereby a new member would pay a subscription on a pro-rata basis for the remaining full months of the Club's financial year.

The Executive Committee for 2025/26 is:

Chairman	Brian Brignall	Confirmed at AGM
Treasurer	Phil Preedy	Elected at AGM
Secretary	Martin Hart	Elected at AGM
Deputy Chairman & Chairman elect	Keith Burnett	Elected at AGM
Committee Member	Robert Mortimer	Elected at AGM
Committee Member	Phil McHardy	Elected at AGM
Asst. Secretary	Colin Greasby	Co-opted by Exec
Speakers Secretary	Robert Heath	Co-opted by Exec
Web Master	Keith Willcocks	Co-opted by Exec
Walk Coordinator	Ian Macrae	Co-opted by Exec
Pro-Biz editor	Peter Thomlinson	Co-opted by Exec
Social Secretary	Vacancy	Co-opted by Exec
Event Organiser	Malcolm O'Connor	Co-opted by Exec
Event Organiser	Hywel Thomas	Co-opted by Exec



WALK & PUB LUNCH: THE LASS OF RICHMOND HILL, RICHMOND, TUESDAY 6th MAY



It wasn't the best of starts at The Lass O'Richmond Hill pub, our venue for the May PROBUS walk and pub lunch, as a large HGV lorry was completely blocking access to the pub's car park. However, after a quick chat and explanation to the driver, entry to the car park was gained and fourteen walkers, along with Mike's collie "Pepper", assembled on what was rather a chilly and overcast day.

A warm welcome was extended to Michael Burrells, who was joining us for the first time, and after a few relative factoids concerning the walk; we headed off into Richmond Park towards Pembroke Lodge Gardens. Our first port of call was King Henry's Mound where, on a clear day, there are fantastic views towards Windsor Castle and other locations to the west and, if you are lucky, a view through the trees of St. Paul's Cathedral, ten miles away to the east. Having spent about ten minutes at King Henry's Mound, we moved on; passing Pembroke Lodge and followed a series of footpaths heading towards Isabella Plantation planted in 1831 by Lord Sidmouth and first opened to the public in 1953. The best time to visit the plantation is without doubt early May, and we were not disappointed as the beauty of the gardens took your breath away. The camellias, azaleas and rhododendrons were in full bloom and stunning. We spent a great deal of time here wandering along blossomed footpaths and streams culminating in the fantastic display of flora around Still Pond.

Owing to the time spent in Isabella Plantation, a shorter route back through the Park to the pub became necessary to fulfill our 12.30 booking where five further diners joined us for a very pleasant gathering along with excellent food and drinks.

VISIT TO THE MUSICAL MUSEUM, BRENTFORD, TUESDAY 22nd APRIL

Thanks to Andy Stephen for arranging this museum visit.

The museum has three floors of instruments and displays to explain the development of music recording and reproduction.

This includes everything from musical boxes to self playing violins, culminating in the Mighty Wurlitzer theatre organ rising from the concert hall floor being played for our delectation.



FUTURE EVENTS

TUESDAY 3rd JUNE: Walk and Pub Lunch, The Duke of Clarence, Hampton Hill, TW12 1NJ

TUESDAY 18th JUNE: Club Lunch, Speaker : Caroline Bresson "A Suburb Less Ordinary"

TUESDAY 24th JUNE: Club Summer Party, Tamesis Club, Trowlock Way, Teddington TW119QY
