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CHRISTMAS LUNCH, TUESDAY 16th DECEMBER



Our Chairman Brian Brignall welcomed us to a magnificent Christmas Lunch at Fulwell Golf Club. Members feasted on three courses and thanks were duly given to the catering and waiting staff. After tucking into turkey, Brian then set about the key decision of the day: who would succeed our 2024 winner Colin Greasby as the Club's Christmas Tieman of the Year? Or would Colin retain his title with the same 2025 tie?

After discarding any tie featuring cheery penguins wearing winter scarves as mere South Pole opportunists, Brian's gaze didn't have to travel far to pick the Tieman sitting right next to him, Archie McMillan. Congratulations Archie!







Keith Willcocks gave us a cautionary comic ursine tale. Beware bears in the woods, especially those leaving bells behind!

Mike Fraser told us about his tragic and then comic first night as a beat constable, ending lost on the streets of the West End.



Phil Shepherd gave us a Damon Runyonesque story about a sailor's sprint through the streets of New York City.



WALK AND PUB LUNCH, THE PRINCE OF WALES, ESHER, TUESDAY 6th JANUARY



The Prince of Wales public house in West End Lane near Esher provided the venue for the January pub lunch and walk.

The sub-zero temperature and frosty conditions did not deter our seven hardy Probus plodders from taking on the three plus mile walk in and around Esher Common.

Mike Fraser, Robert Mortimer, Michael Burrell, and Sue and Archie Macmillan set off heading towards Garsons Farm where we were then joined by Robert and Jo Heath along with their dog Gaia, a double for Mike Spraggs' dog Pepper.

As we headed into the woods, the snow began to fall but without much enthusiasm. We headed uphill to the viewing point overlooking the River Mole below. After a short stop, we then headed down the steps to the riverbank with Gaia leading the way and still it snowed but, undeterred, we followed the river for about half a mile with Joe struggling to stop Gaia from going into the river. It was then back up a steep hill aided by a set of wooden steps and, again after a short pause, a well marked footpath was followed around Esher Common to Ash Pond and steps that led down to a footpath that ran between two ditches. After 300 metres or so, we arrived back at the village green and pub where we were pleased to be joined by six further diners for a very much needed hot meal and a bit of warmth.

FUTURE EVENTS

TUESDAY 30th JANUARY: LUNCH at THE VIEW

TUESDAY 3rd FEBRUARY : Walk and Pub Lunch, The Bell, Thames Street, Hampton TW12 2EA

TUESDAY 17th FEBRUARY: Club Lunch. Speaker: Rachel Burnett, "National Museum of Computing"
