



Fugelmere Probis Club of Fleet

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Welcome to our November 2020 newsletter.

As you all know, Government rules now prevent us from meeting up socially. Unfortunately, this means stopping our programme of walks and also there is no chance of resuming lunches at the Lismoyne in the immediate future.

Though it is not the same, we can still "meet" over Zoom for our monthly talk and also for quizzes. It appears that using Zoom is becoming an important social skill! And of course, widows and spouses are always welcome to join us at these events.

Programme of Activities

Monday 9th November - Monthly Zoom Talk

This month Alan Turton will be talking to us about the story of Basing House which is located just 12 miles west of Fleet. Basing House was a Tudor palace that at one point rivalled Hampton Court Palace in its size and opulence.

As usual, we will first cover Probis matters and reports from the officers. These will start at 2:30 pm but you can join the session any time from 2pm onwards. This gives everyone a chance to make sure their Zoom connection is working and to have a chat with other members before the official business starts.

Details for connecting to this Zoom session are the same as previous months:

Michael Butcher is happy to offer one-on-one support to anyone who is having difficulty with Zoom.

Wednesday 2nd December – Quiz Time

You and your household are welcome to join us again for our second Zoom quiz. This will be at 8pm on Wednesday 2nd December via Zoom for a varied set of questions from quiz master Hugh. Do grab yourself a drink before joining the session!

The Zoom details are the same as for the monthly talk on the previous page.

There may be more budding quiz masters out there in our Probus membership – do please let us know if you would be prepared to run a quiz over Zoom (you wouldn't have to handle any of the Zoom technicalities leaving you free to concentrate on quiz master duties).

Monday 14th December - Monthly Zoom Talk

There is a change of topic for December. The speaker will still be Rupert Mathews but he will now talk about "Plagues, pandemics and Covid 19" – expect a lively question and answer session afterwards!

Local Walks

We can no longer do our walks in socially distanced groups of six – but two individuals from separate households can meet up in a public space for exercise. It's a small concession from the totality of lockdown!

So, we are going to collect together our various walks from the past to make the instruction sheets available to anyone who asks.

Secretary's notes

Birthdays in November: George Edwards 7th, Chris Tilley 25th

Congratulations to both of them, but special congratulation to George who is 80!

Financial Matters

All subscriptions for the current year have now been paid.

Last month's Activities

October saw our first Zoom talk with a "visiting" speaker, Ann Chance. Her subject of "Saddle Sore" in Montana was entertaining and informative – and also showed that you are never too old to try something a bit way out. For those who were not able to attend, Ann decided to have a go at being a cowboy on an American ranch when she was in her fifties! We had 18 households sign on with several spouses also attending.

We had another first with a Zoom quiz hosted by Hugh Williams on 20th October. Fifteen members joined with several getting support from others in their household bubble. Hugh had put together a series of rounds, all with pictorial clues and covering a very diverse range of subjects. Some of us were delighted not to have any rounds on celebrities! Everyone enjoyed the quiz and Simon and Gillian were declared the winners by a significant margin.

We don't like walking in the rain so the Probus walk last month was deferred by a week. Luckily, this meant we got reasonable weather on the day and everybody stayed dry. We did have some excitement when the first group found

themselves being overtaken by around thirty well-armed soldiers! They then told us we would have to change our route – we could hear firing nearby, so it seemed prudent to follow orders. We were still able to reach our destination – Caesar’s Camp, and admire the autumn colours in the valley below. Alas, conditions were not good enough for decent views of the City of London and Docklands.



Paul Allen kindly took the photo of the first group at Caesar’s Camp– social distancing seems to have forced Chris Tilley almost totally out of the picture!

Stay safe, I look forward to catching up with you on Zoom

Kind regards,

Chris Farmer,
President, Fugelmere Probus Club of Fleet