

The Probus Beano

Lockerbie and Lochmaben

2018/9

This club year, 2018/19, President Alan Collins welcomed members to 23 meetings: 16 talks, the AGM, Sandy Grant's Putting Challenge with presentation lunch, the Summer and New Year lunches, the Clayson Trophy Quiz and Hancock's Half-Hour Quiz, and day out to the Devil's Porridge Museum. Six guests spoke on: Birth Anglo-Scottish Railways, Farming Journalism, Pitcairn Islands, Second Boer War, Wanlockhead Museum Trust, and Role of Ward Officer, Annandale.

2006 Past-President Jim Richardson, member 1998-2018, sadly passed away in September.

Three new members joined: Trevor Menzies, Douglas MacSkimming and Drew Young.

Meeting attendance varied between 9 and 14 members, with 19 members and partners attending the Summer Lunch and 20 plus Rotary President attending the 2019 New Year lunch. Owen Powell's talk on Second Boer War attracted 17 people.



**New Meeting Venue: Somerton
New Year 2019 Lunch**

Special Club Open Meetings

Two special Club open meetings took place in May and September.

In May, Container Ship Commodore (retired) Laurie Howell, spoke about visiting the Pitcairn Islands. Two guests joined members for his talk.

In September, new member Martin Hale described his life-long hobby of model railways, passing round many examples of his model collection. Two guests joined members for his talk.

Our Venue Changed Again

The Club entered 2018 based at the Townhead Hotel, Lockerbie. The Club enjoyed New Year & Summer lunches there in January and June.

The Committee re-assessed the Club's needs, based on expanding numbers, hosting the 2019 Regional Probus Clubs' meeting, and the possibility of more lady guests (and membership). An Extraordinary General Meeting then approved a motion to change venue to the Somerton House Hotel.

Club meetings commenced there on 2nd August, with a well-received New Year lunch (see picture left) taking place in January.

The Talks

Jimmy Gilbert, BBC Producer.
Wartime Evacuation, farms, Barlinnie.
National gas distribution pipework.
Plysu: UK plastic packaging.
Brazil: Amazon river cruise.
Birth of Anglo-Scottish railways.
Pitcairn Islands: life ashore.
Ward Officer role, Annandale.
Frederick Spencer Chapman, DSO.
Second Boer War.
Second World War: affect on Wick.
Model railways, a hobby.
Living in 1990's Singapore.
Vehicles and History, 1950s to 1970s.
Wanlockhead Museum Trust.
A life in farming journalism.

External Contacts

May 16th: Moffat Probus Club regional Club get-together.
August 2nd: Moffat Probus Club President attends Club meeting.
January 3rd: Rotary President attends New Year Lunch.

Laurie Howell: “Pitcairn Islands and Mutiny on the Bounty”

“It was no island paradise: the mutineers killed each other, before the Polynesian men killed all but John Adams. The Tahiti women then killed the Polynesian men because they had killed their husbands. John Adams used the old ship's bible to teach the children to read and write. It was a quiet life: one mutineer with 12 Tahitian women (after two lost over cliffs), and lots of babies and children.”

(17th May).

Maiden Speaker: Martin Hale



September Putting Challenge

Sandy Grant was Challenge Secretary for the twelve-hole event welcoming 8 members and partners taking part.

Tony Hancock won the Men's John Sinclair Trophy with Sandy Grant and Trevor Menzies declared runners-up.

The Ladies' Cup was won by Pauline Menzies with Muriel Collins runner-up.

Alan Collins welcomed 18 members, partners and children to Lunch in the Club-house.



“The President's Probus Poem”

“There is no denying that all of us
Enjoy being members of the Double L Probus
A friendly gathering, a motley crew,
Eccentrics and odd balls - There are a few.
We gather together at a local hotel,
Norman, Derek and who can tell.
Your turn to talk, what a panic!
Amusing, Serious, Choose a Topic.
Whatever is chosen one hopes it is acceptable:
Biographical, Historical or even quite comical.
Members applaud, perhaps in sympathy,
What's the odds I am out of my misery.”

(15th November)



Tony Hancock and Pauline Menzies “putting”
on their Trophy winning smiles