

Ilminster & District Probus Club

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Application for Membership

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____ Tel No: _____

Business or Profession: _____

Date of Birth: _____

¹Partner's Name: _____

¹Special interests or Hobbies: _____

(¹optional fields)

Ilminster & District Probus Club will store and use the above personal data solely for the purpose of administration of the Club and your involvement in Club activities. It will not be stored without your explicit consent with any individual or organisation outside the Club. The normal means of communication within the Club will be by e-mail.

The Club periodically shares the above information with Club members in the form of a membership list to aid communication and fellowship within the Club.

Please tick here [☐] to consent for your information to be shared.

²Proposer _____

²Seconder _____

Applicants signature _____

Date _____

²Should you not know a member of the Club please leave blank and the Secretary will introduce you to a member.

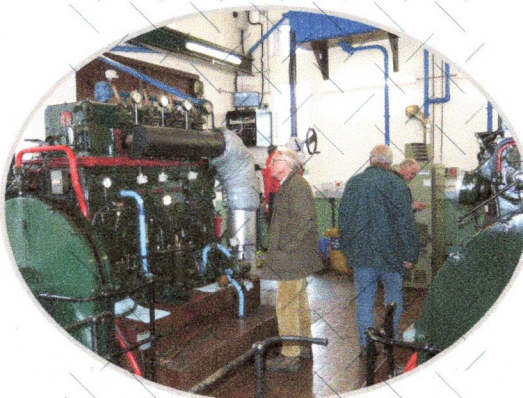
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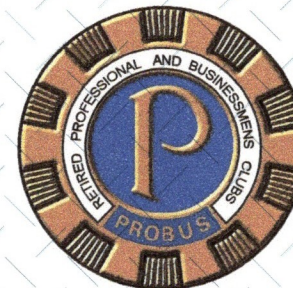
Visit to the Tank Museum, Bovington



SS Great Britain, Bristol



Pumping station on Somerset Levels



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An introduction



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Have you recently retired, just moved to the area or stood down from membership of Rotary, Lions or another organisation and seeking some local social activities that are not too demanding? If this represents your position you will find that membership of our local Probus Club is just what you want.

The Ilminster and District Probus Club is part of a nationwide network of similar non-political, non-sectarian clubs, with aims to:

- 1 foster and encourage fellowship amongst its members through regular meetings
- 2 Promote the exchange of views and experiences between members and
- 3 Organise social and other activities for the benefit of its members.

Membership is open to retired or semi-retired professional and business people although membership is not restricted to these two groups.

The Club meets regularly on the second Monday of most months for luncheon which is usually preceded by a talk or presentation on a topic of interest to the members.

Other social functions include events to which members are invited to bring their partners or friends. These usually include Christmas and Spring luncheons and an annual summer garden party.

The club also arranges occasional visits to places or organisations of interest to the membership. Again, partners, and guests are usually invited to join these activities.

Unlike some other organisation the Probus Club does not engage in fund-raising or charitable works. It is felt that members have served the community in this way before taking their retirement.

The diverse range of topics covered by recent lunchtime speakers have included:

Alpaca breeding in Somerset

Starting a truffle farm in Martock

A successful world helicopter speed record attempt

Prospecting for minerals in the Rocky Mountains

Rhinoceros conservation

British Cellophane

The rôle of the local press and its development

Recent "Away Day" visits have been made to:

The Meteorological Office in Exeter

The SS Great Britain in Bristol

Hinkley Point nuclear power station

The RNLI Training Centre and lifeboat simulator

A WWII airfield in the Blackdown Hills and its D-day rôle

The drainage system on the Somerset Levels

The Tank Museum at Bovington

The Club and its programme of activities is managed by a small committee elected from the Club's membership.

There is a modest annual membership fee of £15; the costs of all other activities are paid by the individual members when booking their participation.

The Club meets on the second Monday of most months for lunch and a talk at the Shrubbery Hotel, Ilminster.

If what you have read so far sounds interesting and inviting then please come along to one of our meetings as a guest of the Club.

This will give you the opportunity to sample the atmosphere of friendship and conviviality and decide on whether you would like to join.

Just e-mail ilminsterprobus@gmail.com with your name, address and other contact details and our Secretary will contact you to make the arrangements.

Alternatively, if you already feel that you would like to join our Club and participate in its wide range of activities please complete the form overleaf and send it to our Honorary Secretary whose details are with the form.