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Probus Club of Beaconsfield

St Teresa's Parish Hall, Beaconsfield

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The Probus Club of Beaconsfield Newsletter

It was with deep regret we learnt of the passing of HRH Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh.
A sometime controversial figure, but one of the greatest contributors to the diverse wellbeing of others and the Planet as a whole, not least of his achievements his Award Scheme and association with The World Wild Life Fund.
Our thoughts go out to Her Majesty the Queen and the Royal Family

Club News

Current data combined with the amazing roll out of the vaccination programme seems to show that the risk of infection from Covid-19 continues to decline. With that in mind. your Club is making plans to resume our normal meetings as soon as it is safe totally to do so.

Meeting up again will require a new venue.

You will have noticed our cover picture for this month's edition is St Teresa's Parish Hall.

Our Chair, **Graham Lang**, explains:

Revolution recently informed me that they will not be opening in the mornings after lockdown. A new location had to be found for our club meetings.

The new location had to meet certain criteria, such as accessibility, parking, space, facilities and availability. I could only find two, one in the New Town and one in the Old Town. The committee agreed that the best central location was St Teresa's Church Hall. It satisfied all five of the criteria.

I visited the Hall, with four members of the committee, and we all agreed to book it for our future meetings. The Hall administrator has been given all the dates for 2021 and hopefully we can start on Thursday 8th. July and the Club's AGM will be on Thursday 22nd. July.

The Hall is situated behind Waitrose so members can easily walk there but there is sufficient parking for those who have to come by car.

This Month`s Speaker

Thursday 22 April 2021
is **Graham Horn**, a Blue Badge Tourist Guide.
He will be giving us an illustrated talk about
"The history and restoration of the Kennet and Avon Canal"
Your invitation to join the meeting on Zoom will be emailed in the usual way.

Events Update

Contrary to last month's edition, your Committee has decided not to proceed with the **Club Holiday to Emilia Romagna** this year but to postpone the arrangements until 2022.
David Webster is in contact with the tour operator.

Alun Walters has obtained further confirmation about the Club visit to the **Cadogan Hall Concert**.
The date will be **11 November**.
The programme will be by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.

Our thanks go to **Alun Walters** who steps down this month as our **Speaker Secretary**. He has worked tirelessly to provide us with a continuous flow of excellent speakers.
Alun is being succeeded very ably by **Mike Collier**.
Here is the current list of talks **Mike** has put together for 2021 -

27 May
Hugh Grainger - The Great Train Robbery

24 June
Paul Whittle - Alaska Adventure

8 July
Stuart Harris - From Clapper Boy to the National Film Television School
22 July
Paul Barwick - The Spy Who Solved his own Murder
29 July *
Antony Wood - Gertrude Bell – Greatest English Woman of 20th Century

12 August
John Fieldsend - Kindertransport – My Journey
26 August
Antony Wood - The Audit of Industry

9 Sept
Colin Oakes - topic TBA
23 Sept
Graham Twemlow - The Great British Poster Artists
30 Sept *
Speaker TBA

14 Oct
Bill Hamilton - Man on the Spot
28 Oct
Graham Laurie - Royal Flying Doctor Service & the $20 note

* *Ladies Meeting*