

FOREWORD

It is very pleasing for me to be able to write this foreword as part of the 25th Anniversary Celebrations of *Bournemouth Probus Two*. Probus was a significant part of my life in the eighties being Secretary of *Bournemouth & District Probus* and having agreed to act as Secretary to Probus Two for the first twelve months of its existence.

Whilst not being able to be 'out and about' these days, I have taken to using a computer at home – what a great asset that would have been to me in 1986. Having been a founder member of Bournemouth Probus Two it is heartening to see it thriving so well some 25 years later.

I trust and hope that Bournemouth Probus Two continues to develop even further over the next 25 years.

Leslie Blears

Founder Member

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INTRODUCTION

Researching the history of *Bournemouth Probus Two* so as to present a Picture of the Club over the past 25 years, a review of previous minutes was conducted, together with anecdotal and historical data collection. This revealed that little has changed in the running of the Club since our beginning in 1986, which has to be a testimony to the foresight and optimism of the Founding Members 25 years ago.

They saw that there is a void in life without friends, friendship multiplying blessings and minimizing life's misfortunes. It is a unique remedy against adversity and helps sooth the soul. This is the bedrock of our Club that they established.

Some of the early minutes of the Club however, are short in detail which has meant that much of the information referred to in this booklet will be fuller for the past fifteen years or so. In searching through the Club's past, it certainly has been much easier talking to the living rather than the dead !

Not surprisingly over the years, similar issues continue to be addressed and there are occasions when certain social events do not command universal support. This is not unique to us but reflects the more general nature of human society.

In producing this booklet I have tried to avoid reciting a series of events in chronological order but try to convey 'how we started', where we are today, complemented by key events along the way.

Bournemouth Probus Two today is a vibrant, forward looking Club that thrives on compassion and understanding coupled with a consistent level of humour and laughter.

I hope that after reading this booklet you will have gained a small insight into the Club and warmed to the feeling that we are well placed to tackle the future with the same joy and enthusiasm as did the members that have gone before.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the help that I have received from Alan Flower with the formatting of the booklet, in particular with the photography, and to all the members of the Sub Committee who are responsible for the activities arranged for our anniversary year together with those members whose 'brains I have picked' during the preparation of this short history of the Club.

Graham Chambers
Past President
September 2010



HISTORY OF BOURNEMOUTH PROBUS TWO

Was it really that long ago?

Many years in the 20th century were eventful and 1986 was no exception. Like numerous events, the ones that are remembered most usually relate to tragedies and the things that most of us would prefer not to have happened in the first place.

Some of the major events of that year included the American space shuttle that exploded seconds after lift-off killing its crew which included a school teacher who was selected to be the first to fly in the 'citizen in space' programme.

Whilst the Channel Tunnel is now very much a reality, in 1986 it was still a dream with The Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and the French President confirming the project at a ceremony in Lille with work starting the following year.

Ronald Regan was The President of the United States of America and Mr Gorbachev was still Leader of The Soviet Union.

Iran was at war with Iraq, the US launched air strikes against Libya and the world's worst nuclear disaster happened at Chernobyl.

On a brighter note, Sarah Ferguson and the Duke of York were married, the Statue of Liberty in New York celebrated its 100th birthday and Mike Tyson at the age of 20 became the youngest ever WBC world heavyweight champion. Argentina beat England in the quarterfinals of the World Cup by Maradona's controversial 'Hand of God' goal.

As ever, a number of well know personalities died that year including James Cagney and Cary Grant (film stars), the Duchess of Windsor, Jim Laker (cricketer), Henry Moore (sculptor) and Harold Macmillan one of the political giants of the century.

However, the highlight for Probians in the Bournemouth area was the birth of a new Probus Club - ***Bournemouth Probus Two.***

THE BIRTH OF A NEW CLUB

'Lunch club's solution to waiting list' was the headline in the *Evening Echo* on Monday 4th August 1986 which reported the formation of a new Probus Club in Bournemouth.

For 'the uninitiated' the reporter described the club as a 'friendly sort of lunch club for retired and semi retired professional businessmen.'

The idea to form a new club was as a result of a growing waiting list for the already oversubscribed Probus Club of Bournemouth and District which met at the Pavilion, Bournemouth.

The concept of a new club was discussed at their General Committee meeting on 3rd April 1986 and announced to their membership at their monthly meeting five days later.

Bournemouth Probus Two was therefore conceived and was formally formed on 17th June 1986 at a meeting held at Freemason's Hall, Knole Road, Bournemouth at 10 am.



Picture and report published in the *Daily Echo* on Saturday 27th September 1986

Pictured above from left to right :

Back Row: Frank Houlston, Eric Jones, Vic Mitchell.

Middle Row: Basil Ridout, Leslie Blears, Ted Clemence.

Front Row: Sidney Butt, Bertram Dillon, Guy Hogan, Stan Shire.

Major Bertram Dillon, a former Mayor of Bournemouth, was the first President of *Bournemouth Probus Two* and is seen above being presented with his new chain of office by Group Capt. Guy Hogan, the President of the Bournemouth and District Probus Club, which had been generously donated by that club.

The Founder Members together with their positions during the first year of the club were as follows:

Bertram Dillon (President)	Eric Jones (Chairman Social Committee)
Leslie Blears (Secretary)	John Luker (Vice Chairman)
Sidney Butt (Speaker's Secretary)	Vic Mitchell (Committee Member)
Bill Caudery	Bill Moore
Ted Clemence (Hon. Asst. Treasurer)	Geoffrey Payne
George Foxwell (Committee Member)	Basil Ridout (Hon. Treasurer)
Griffin Hayward	Bevill Rose
Fred Hoskins	Stan Shire (Hon. Asst Secretary)
Frank Houlston	John Wadams
Peter Howard	Tom Waterhouse (Auditor)

The meeting in June established the constitution of the club based on that used by the Bournemouth and District Probus Club and remains largely intact today. *See Appendix II*

At that time it was agreed that the holder each year of the office of President of the Probus Club of Bournemouth and District would be an Honorary Member of ***Bournemouth Probus Two***.

The original membership of the new club was to be limited to 50 but, as a result of the number of applications received it was agreed at the inaugural meeting held on Thursday 25th September 1986 at The Pavilion, to raise this figure to 55 members with no approved waiting list, where it has remained ever since.

Interestingly, from the Bournemouth and District Probus Club's point of view one of their main objectives when establishing the new club was not achieved. They had hoped to reduce or clear their own waiting list. This did not materialise as, in their minutes of their AGM in March 1988, it was reported that the 'waiting list' was full and that they had received a further twelve applications for membership, all of whom stood very little chance of becoming members for many years.

The first Annual General Meeting was held at The Pavilion, Bournemouth on 24th September 1987 when Bertram Dillon and Leslie Blears and four other founder members resigned as members having successfully placed the new club on a sound footing. Five of these became Associate Members.

During the first year, Leslie Blears was secretary to both clubs, a daunting task and one that he is said to have found, not surprisingly, confusing at times.

In recognition of the excellent work that both Bertram Dillon and Leslie Blears did in that first formative year of *Bournemouth Probus Two* they were both made Honorary Life Members in November 1987.

The format of the club has remained very much the same over the past 25 years where the two key components to the successful running of the club have been the monthly (business) meetings and the social activities.

The structure of the meetings whilst not too formal follow a set format with the humour that is evident at each meeting continuing to make the club a very happy one.

The highlight of each meeting is usually the speaker.

The very first speaker was Michael Winfield, an Arboricultural Officer from the Bournemouth Borough Council.

Since those early days the club has been blessed with a great range of superb talks over the years covering comedy, health, flying supersonic jets, magic, places of interest, royalty and a host of others too numerous to record.

In the formative years of the club, ladies were occasionally invited to the monthly meetings. However, at the committee meeting held on 3rd June 1988, 'it was brought to the Committee's notice that some members had expressed the view that being a men's club, we should only invite the Ladies to the Christmas Luncheon. The secretary pointed out the excellent attendance we had at our June meeting when the ladies were invited and it was obvious those who objected were few in number. The committee agreed it would be amiable to invite the Ladies twice a year on the occasion when we had a suitable speaker.' This practice has not survived the years! The Ladies were first invited to the Club's annual Christmas Luncheon in 1987. In the previous year the members joined with The Bournemouth and District Probus Club. On the 11th April 1990 a Special Committee meeting was held at Knole Road, to consider, alternative arrangements for future Club meetings following certain difficulties that had arisen at the Pavilion.

Apparently, the Pavilion management had double booked the room to be used for the Christmas Lunch and the Club was provided with an alternative room that was far too small for the purpose. Members later agreed to remain at the Pavilion at least for the time being!

However, as a prelude to an eventual move, the committee meetings were to be held at the Grange Hotel in Southbourne and the first of such meetings was held on 9th April 1991. No charge was made for the biscuits and coffee an arrangement that still existed until 2010.

The issue of changing the venue of the monthly meetings was again aired in June 1991 as many complaints were received including the high cost of car parking in central Bournemouth. The matter was raised at the following AGM in the September and approved by members but no specific mention of The Grange Hotel was recorded.

There is no recorded date as to when the meetings moved but it was probably in January 1992. The meetings were held at the same hotel until the club was given notice that the hotel would be closing in March 2010. Since that date the meetings and lunches have been held at the Ocean View Hotel on the East Cliff, Bournemouth.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Over the years, attempts have been made to encourage members to mix as much as possible because there is an understandable desire for members to sit with the same group of friends each month.

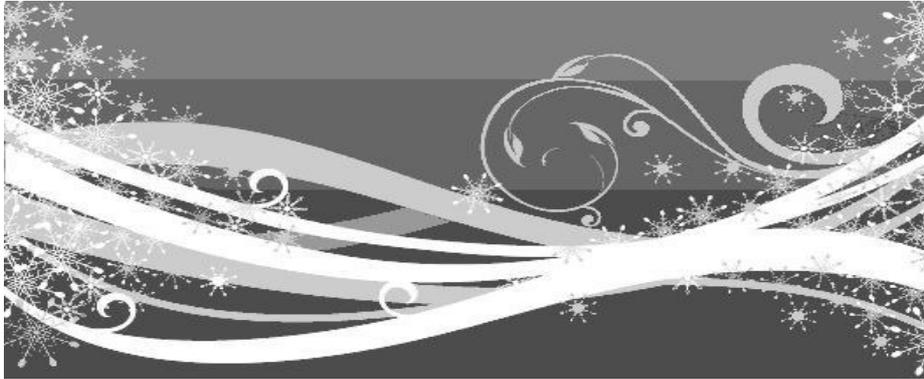
In 1996, ‘a table plan’ at the monthly meetings was proposed but, based on the experience of the Bournemouth and District Probus Club was turned aside by members.

The subject was, however, again raised in 2004 and ‘allocated tables’ was introduced for one year. Whilst not universally accepted it did achieve the objective of members getting to mix and begin to learn a lot more about each other. However, to meet the wishes of those who were still opposed to the new procedures, ‘allocated tables’ was reduced to alternative months in the following year, leaving members to sit where they liked every other month. This procedure at least managed to please everyone at least, six months of the year!

The matter was raised yet again in 2008 when a proposal was made to revert back to the ‘free for all system’ every month. The motion was defeated. However, there still appeared to be rumblings among some members so in November 2009 it was decided to revert to the “sit where you like” policy but trying where possible to ensure that there was a committee member on each table.

Whilst a degree of integration is possible at monthly meetings a large part of getting to know you (and the ladies) comes at the social and holiday events.

1997 saw the introduction of a Newsletter for the members. The purpose behind the 'experiment' was to keep everyone up to date with the intention of producing it about two or three times a year, most probably following a committee meeting. Unfortunately, only two publications were produced.



MEMBERSHIP

On the formation of the club there were three categories of membership;

- Members
- Associate Members
- Honorary Life Members

For a number of years, there was concern at the waiting time potential future members had to wait for full membership.

It was not practical, whilst the club remained using The Grange Hotel, to increase the membership level beyond 55 but, given the level of absentees each month, it was decided in 2004, to introduce a new category 'Associate Member (member in waiting)'. At this time the waiting list had reached 10 and concern was expressed that if nothing was done, the interest of these potential members would be lost thereby denying the club the new blood that like any other organisation, it needed to maintain a healthy and vibrant club.

This was simplified in 2006 when former Associate Members were redesignated as Country Members thereby increasing the categories of membership to four and approved members on the waiting list became Associate Members.

CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP

The introduction of a Probus Members Certificate was first discussed in 2003 but as the cost of purchase was considered too high a specially made version was produced by the club and is now presented to all members when accepted as a full member. Eric Gibbs was the first member to receive a Certificate in February 2004.

Certificate of Membership



PROBUS
THE ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESSMEN

T HIS is to certify that _____ has been accepted
into membership of

BOURNEMOUTH PROBUS TWO

as a qualifying person, being both retired and from a worthy
Professional, Business or Executive background.

*Being of such character and a resident within or from surrounding
areas of Bournemouth, his membership does reflect the value that
other members of **BOURNEMOUTH PROBUS TWO** place in the
integrity of each other, arising out of which, from the regular
meetings and activities, the self-generating goodwill, a sense of
belonging, a diverse background of interests, fellow-feeling and
cordiality evident within the Club, ensures for **BOURNEMOUTH
PROBUS TWO** a highly successful future as a firmly established
part of the community.*

*The aims of **BOURNEMOUTH PROBUS TWO** are to stimulate
thought, interest and participation in Club activities and to offer
fresh opportunities to make new friends.*

Signed *Secretary*

Date *President*

PLANNED SUCCESSION

One of the key requirements for a successful club is the willingness of its members to participate in the running of the club. In order to impress on potential members the need to participate there is a clause on the application form which confirms that the applicant 'will be willing to take an active interest in the running of the Club including Committee work if required'.

Likewise, whilst it may be considered to be too formal by some people, *Bournemouth Probus Two* has, successfully, had a 'management succession' plan for the officer positions within the club for many years. This enables the club to highlight any potential problems well in advance. The Club has been very fortunate that it has not found it necessary, with just two recent exceptions, for Officers of the Club to return to their roles for a second term. The first exception is the position of Social Chairman for the anniversary year 2010 - 2011 where Jess Bell was invited to return for just one year. In February 2010 the Honorary Treasurer resigned from the club. As the assistant treasurer had only taken up his duties the previous month it was decided that Derek Kittle would become Honorary Treasurer for a second time.

PERSONALITIES

There have, no doubt, been a number of characters amongst the many members over the years. Without fear of offending anyone, one member who deserves a specific mention is Richard Forder.. Richard was a member



from September 1989 until his death in March 2008 and President from September 1996 - September 1997. He was a tall gentleman, very erect and had a very commanding voice. This was put to good use at each monthly meeting when he was asked to propose the loyal toast. He will always be remembered for his unique style as he would stand up and say: "Gentlemen, please be upstanding, are your glasses charged? By command of the President: I give you the Loyal Toast THE QUEEN".

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

The first Chairman of the Social Committee was Eric Jones supported by Ernest Plush who became the Chairman the following year.

In the early months of *Bournemouth Probus Two* social events were usually held on a joint basis between the two clubs but gradually, the new club developed its own social programme. The first Independent Christmas Ladies lunch was held in December 1987.

However, towards the end of 1987, the then secretary of *Bournemouth Probus Two* wrote to the Probus Club of Bournemouth and District enquiring whether that club would be prepared to invite members of the new club as 'permanently invited guests' for coffee mornings. It was agreed that, 'providing it was not a 'joint venture' and the management was left to The Bournemouth and District Probus Club with no outside interference, their members and guests (*could*) continue as 'permanently invited guests'.

In the early years there was a varied social programme although there was limited support for the coffee mornings. Cheese and wine evenings, skittle evenings, the occasional lunch and outings were not uncommon. Whilst these events were kept alive by the Officers of the day, there was a two year period 1994-96 when the position of Chairman, Social Committee was vacant. During this time Ken Hodgson introduced the club to lunches at 'The College' (Bournemouth and Brockenhurst). Lunches held at the Bournemouth College continued until February 2009 after which the building was due to be demolished.

The first mention of a President's Outing was recorded in the minutes of 3rd June 1988 although there appears to be no mention as to where the Club went that year. It was obviously a success as there were 52 applications for a 48-seater coach. Details of all recorded President Day Outings are shown in Appendix III

Since that time the outings have continued to flourish although, as each year passes, it has become more difficult for the President to think of somewhere new to go at a price members are prepared to pay. In the early years the outings were normally in August although of late, they have been held in July.

In 1996 Jess Bell was elected Chairman, Social Committee and the social activities of the club have gone from strength to strength since that time. The President of the day, Ken Baker in his Presidential report at the AGM whilst thanking his officers in the usual way for the help they had afforded him in his year of office recorded that 'we even had a volunteer as Chairman of the Social Committee and this is unheard of'.

Bournemouth Probus Two has the reputation locally of being a very lively club, with humour and laughter much to the fore at each meeting. Social activities are very well attended which reflects the enthusiasm and creativity of the Social Committees.

One activity that has been supported well since 1986 is that of visits to the theatre although the frequency of such visits is usually dependent on a member who is interested in the theatre being prepared to organise the visits. The first theatre visit to the Richmond Theatre, Surrey in 1988 however, was not a success. Only ten people went and a loss was incurred. However, subsequent visits to other shows such *Oklahoma* were successful. Whilst in the earlier days visits were made to theatres in Salisbury and elsewhere most since 1998 have been to the Mayflower Theatre in Southampton.

Since 1996, the variety and number of social activities events have grown considerably and today there is now a very active social committee of six members.

Brendan Daly, affectionately known as 'Mr. Thomas Cook', introduced the overseas trips in 1998, since when the club has enjoyed at least one, sometimes two trips every year. See Appendix IV.

In his Presidential report in September 2006, Archie Peters quoted a poem, which perhaps reflects the Club's attitude to life.

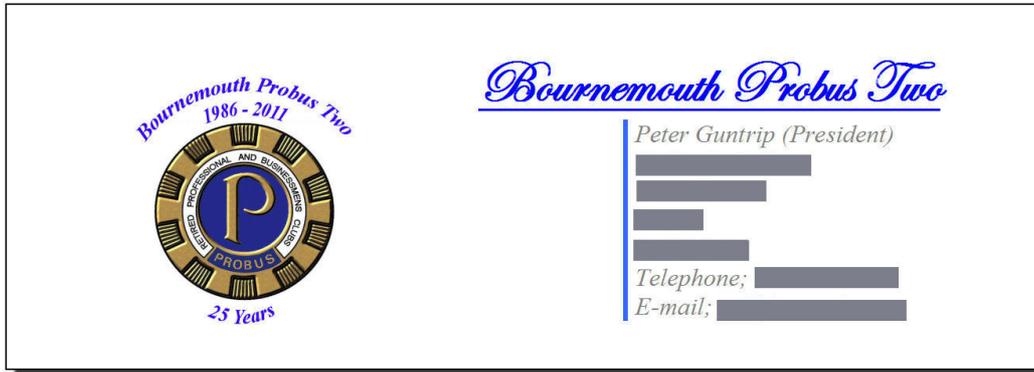
You catch it like flu

When somebody smiled at me today
I started smiling too
I passed around the corner
And someone saw me grin
When he realised I smiled
I'd passed it on to him
I thought about the smile
And realised its worth
A single smile like mine
Could travel around the Earth
If you feel a smile begin
Don't leave it undetected
Let's start an epidemic quick
And get the world infected.

This poem was also read at the funeral of Mrs Edna Drain in December 2008 who died at the age of 96. The widow of Frank Drain (July 1986 - May 1999) Edna was a regular attendee at the Ladies Christmas Lunches after Frank's death.

25th Anniversary Activities

When the committee first started thinking about what the Club should do to celebrate the first 25 years of its existence it was unanimously agreed that it would do more than just celebrate 'our birthday' on 17th June 2011. It was decided there should be a year of celebration starting at the beginning of the 25th year in September 2010, the Club stationery would be changed to reflect this event.



Example of 25th year letter heading

At the 2010 Annual General Meeting all members were presented with a tie specially produced for the anniversary. It was designed by Lydia Bloom, the wife of one of the Past Presidents' of the Club

A special edition of the Club's handbook was presented to all members at the October 2010 meeting together with a copy of this history of Bournemouth Probus Two.

The first major event of the year will be the Ladies Christmas lunch, where as usual the widows of former members would be guests of the Club.

The major celebration of the year will be a special Lunch at Bentleys Restaurant at the Dudsbury Golf Club, Ferndown for all members and their wives and partners. Invited guests will be the widows of former members and the President of The Probus Club of Bournemouth and District and his wife. This event will be held on the Clubs birthday, Friday 17th June 2011. All the ladies will receive a special gift from the club to mark the occasion.

The Presidents Day outing will be in July and the overseas trip to Paris is planned for September 2011.

There are a wide variety of social events planned for the year - many reflecting the importance of our year of celebration. The details of these events have yet to be finalised at time of going to print.

NOW AND THEN

	1986/1987	2010/2011
Membership	50/55	55
Honorary Life Members		3
Country Members		6
Associate Members		7
Entrance Fee	£5.00	£20
Annual Subscription	£2.00	£15
Cost of Lunch	£4.00	£14
Cost of Christmas Ladies Lunch	£5.50	£16

BOURNEMOUTH PROBUS TWO

OFFICERS 2010 - 2011

President	Peter Guntrip
Vice President	John Miller
Immediate Past President	Alan Flower
Hon. Secretary	John Theobald
Hon. Treasurer	Derek Kittle
Hon. Speaker's Secretary	John Miller
Assistant Secretary	Tony Broomfield
Assistant Treasurer	Henry Carter
Assistant Speaker's Secretary	John Clasby
Social Committee Chairman	Jess Bell
Social Committee Vice Chairman	Andrew Owers
Committee Members	John Halston
Almoner	Barry Windsor
Auditors	Graham Chambers Anthony Taylor



Peter Allan	Ian Arnold-Jenkins	Ken Baker Honorary (H)	Gordon Bareham	Mike Bazeley
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Jess Bell	Derek Bichard	Brian Binstead Associate (A)	John Blackwell	Leslie Blears (H)
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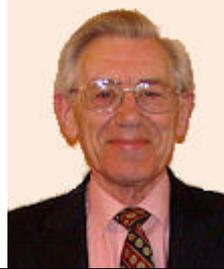
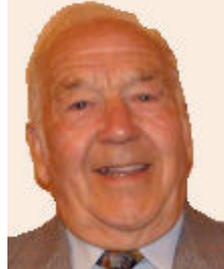
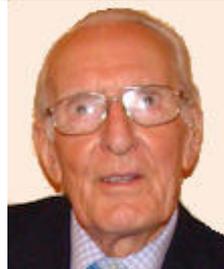
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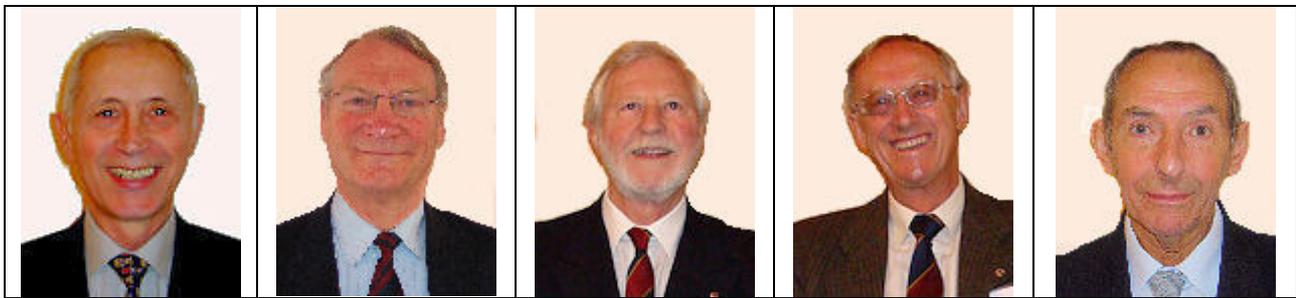


Ron Bryant	Henry Carter	Graham Chambers	John Clasby	Les Claxton
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Brendan Daly	Brian Darwin	Dudley Edwards	Alan Flower	Tony Garland
				
Eric Gibbs	Ron Gladwell	Bob Griffin (C)	Peter Guntrip	John Halston
				
John Harris (C)	Jim Harvey	Eddie Hawker	Ken Henley	Les Hiley (A)
				
Ralph Hill-Jones	George Horrell	Eric Jones (H)	John Jordan	Derek Kittle



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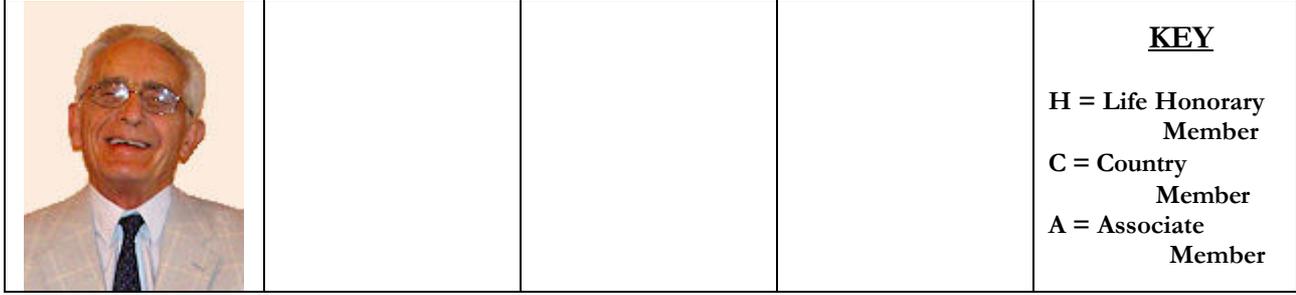
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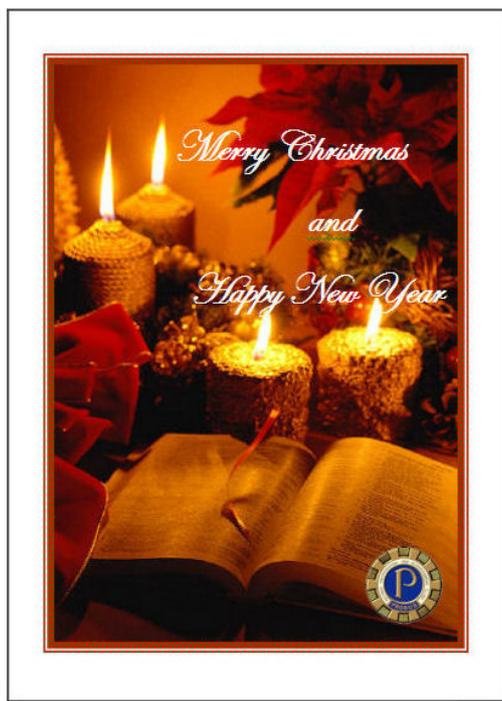
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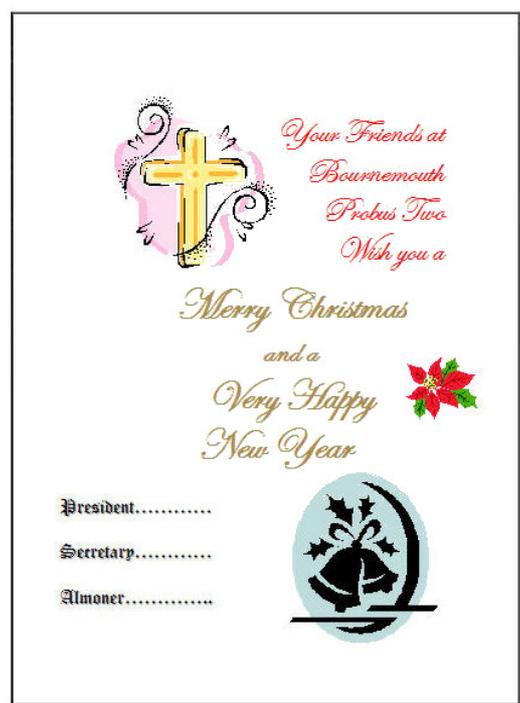
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ADDITIONAL RELEVANT DATES

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| During 1987 | Ernest Plush took on the role of visiting the sick members. |
| During 1995 |  Position of Almoner formalised by the Club. The position was filled by Ken Hodgson who remained Almoner until his death in 2005. Dr. Barry Windsor succeeded him. |
| April 2004 | The club sponsored a meeting at The Grange Hotel with the objective of establishing a new Ladies Probus Club which would be open to all ladies irrespective of whether or not they had a partner who was an existing member of Probus. |
| September 2004 | Meyrick Ladies Probus Club was formed and held its first meeting at Grange Hotel, Southbourne. |
| May 2004 | It was agreed that, on the death of a member the Club would make a donation of £50 to a charity of the family's choice. |
| During 2006 | Introduction of the new policy to send Probus Christmas cards to Country Members, Honorary Members and the widows of past members. |
| February 2006 | A lunch at The Bell, Brook in the New Forest was arranged by the President of the day for all Past Presidents. Eleven Past Presidents attended with their wives together with the serving President and his wife. This is now an annual event. |



Sample of Christmas Card



APPENDICES

Appendix I

Speakers for the year 2010/2011

DATE 2011	NAME	TITLE OF TALK
28 th October 2010	David Hawkes	Diplomat
25 th November 2010	Bob Fox	Look Back in Laughter
27 th January 2011	Shirley Critchley	Quest for HMS WAGER
24 th February 2011	Tony Noble plus Wife	Lloyds
24 th March 2011	Denise Edwards	My life in Stunt Work
28 th April 2011	Felicity Herring	Nelson and his Ladies
26 th May 2011	Harry Alexander	Flying Boats in Poole
23 rd June 2011	Jill Daniels	Revolution Romanovsto
27 th October 2011	Professor Vincent May	Britains Changing Coastline
24 th November 2011	David Hawkes	Heroes of Gallipoli

Appendix II

Format of Monthly Meetings

1. Meeting held on the 4th Thursday of each month with the exception of July, August and December
2. Arrive at 10 a.m. onwards for coffee and biscuits.
3. Meeting commences at 11 a.m.
4. Review of month's activities and other relevant business issues
(20-30 minutes)
5. Speaker (40 - 60 minutes)
6. From 12.15 p.m. onwards informal socialising
7. 12.40 p.m. Three course Lunch

Committee meetings are held three times a year

Appendix III

Presidents Day Outings

1986-1987	No information 1987-1988 Coach outing*
1988-1989	Coach outing to Windsor.* * Both coaches were provided by Harold Ward who was a part time executive with Excelsior Coaches of Bournemouth.
1989-1990	No Information
1990-1991	Coach trip to The Cotswolds visiting the Bird Sanctuary at Bourton on the Water. (cost £10)
1991-1992	Coach trip to Totnes and Paignton with a boat trip to Brixham. (cost £10)
1992-1993	Coach trip to Milton Lillibourne for lunch. Then to Hungerford to join a Horse Drawn Barge for a 2 hour journey to Kintbury. (cost £15)
1993/4/5/6	No information
1996-1997	Coach trip and ferry to Osborne House, Isle of Wight
1997-1998	Cruise in Southampton Waters enjoyed by 80 members and wives and 110 people from other Probus Clubs
1998-1999	Lunch on Poole Quay followed by a cruise around Poole Harbour and a trip up the river to Wareham
1999-2000	Coach trip to Fforde Abbey, Somerset with lunch
2000-2001	Visit to Llama Tree Gardens, Tollard Royal for lunch.
2001-2002	Coach trip and lunch at Fort Nelson, Portsmouth - tour, with re-enactments. Despite the subject matter the members were surprised but delighted how much the ladies enjoyed the visit.
2002-2003	Trip to Basingstoke for a trip on the canal starting and lunching at Odiham
2003-2004	A day out to Chichester for guided walks followed by lunch at The Festival Theatre.
2004-2005	Lunch at the Hermitage Hotel, Bournemouth, with a guest speaker. David Hawkes, a retired diplomat who spent many years in the Middle East, spoke about the region and brought along with him some of his collection of robes from that area.
2005-2006	A coach trip to Gunwharf Quay and the Spinnaker Tower, Portsmouth followed by cream tea at the Balmar Lawn Hotel Brockenhurst. We used two coaches, as there were 89 members and their partners. The cream tea was memorable if only, for the scones which could have been a credit to King Alfred!

2006-2007	Althelhampton House and gardens with lunch at the house.
2007-2008	Morning coffee at the Miramar Hotel, Bournemouth, followed by a visit to the Russell Cotes Museum returning to the hotel for lunch.
2008-2009	Coach and ferry trip to the Isle of Wight.
2009-2010	Bennett's Water Gardens Weymouth, Lunch in the Monet Lakeside Café.



President's Day 2008

Appendix IV

Overseas/ UK Trips

1998	May 19-21	Dublin Travelled by air with coach tour (Party of 30)
1999	May 11-14	Guernsey Vason Bay Hotel Condor Ferry with coach tour (Party of 32)
1999	Nov 11-14	Majorca Poyent Playa Hotel Saga Holiday Travelled by air from Bournemouth (Party of 24)
2000	Feb (3nts)	Kitley House Nr. Plymouth Individual travel arrangements
2000	May (4nts)	Jersey Savoy Hotel Travelled by air from Bournemouth (Party of 36)
2001	Apr 1-8	Denia, Spain Port Denia Hotel Travelled by air from Bournemouth (Party of 30)
2001	Sep	Paris Travelled by coach
2002	Jun 13-19	Ballyvourney Abbey Hotel Travelled by air to Dublin and then coach in Ireland (Killarney tour) (Party of 38)
2003	Jun 1-4	Cornwall Crantock Bay Hotel Travel by coach (Party of 39)

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| 2004 | May 10-15 | Jersey Savoy Hotel
Travelled by air from Southampton (Party of 24) |
| 2005 | Aug 29 -
Sep 3 | Loire Valley, France
Travelled by coach (Party of 35) |
| 2006 | May 2-9 | Croatia* Astarea Hotel, Mlini, Dubrovnik Travelled
by air - Saga Holiday (Party of 34)
* This was the most secure holiday the Club has ever been on
as there were 200 policemen from a number of European
Countries staying at the hotel. They were there to protect Mr
Dick Cheney, the Vice President of the USA who was visiting
Dubrovnik |
| 2007 | May 27 -
June 2 | Germany Rhine Valley
Travelled by coach via Brussels (Party of 46) |
| 2007 | Sep 6-11 | Ireland* Galway Forster Court Hotel
Travelled by air from Bournemouth to Shannon with
coach in Ireland (Party of 25)
*included 6 members from Bournemouth & District Probus Club |
| 2008 | May 6-13 | Majorca Cala Vinas Hotel
By air from Bournemouth (Party of 18) |
| 2008 | Jun 3-6 | Dublin Ireland* Royal Dublin Hotel
Travelled by air from Bournemouth (Party of 36)
*This trip was organised on behalf of Bournemouth & District
Probus Club who provided 26 of the party |
| 2009 | Apr 26-
May 1 | Amsterdam/Bruges
Travelled by coach through the
Channel Tunnel to Zevenbergen (Party of 44)
The highlight of the trip was the visit to Keukenhof Park with its
tulip displays and the magnificent Orchid Pavilion. |
| 2010 | Mar 9 - 16 | Puerto Banus, Marbella, Spain (Party of 16)
Travelled by air to Malaga and then Coach
Highlights were visits to Mijas, Gibraltar and the Kasba in Tangiers. |



President's Holiday 2006

Appendix V

Rules

1. **Title.** The Club shall be called Bournemouth Probus Two.

2. **Object.** The Object of the Club shall be to promote good fellowship amongst retired and semi-retired Professional and Business Men. It shall be non-political and non-sectarian.

3. Constitution.

(a) There shall be a President, Vice President, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Speaker's Secretary, Chairman of the Social Committee, Hon. Assistant Secretary, Hon. Assistant Treasurer, Hon. Assistant Speaker's Secretary, Vice Chairman of the Social Committee and the affairs of the Club shall be managed by these Officers and two other Members, all to be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

(b) (i) The President and Vice President shall retire from their respective offices on completion of One Year but if circumstances require, may be re-elected. The Immediate Past President shall automatically become an ex-officio member of the Committee.

(b) (ii) Should a vacancy for any Office of the Club arise from any cause between Annual General Meetings, it shall be reported to the Membership and nominations called for to fill the vacancy. An election among nominations received shall then be held at the next ordinary meeting of the Club to fill the vacant office.

(c) Committee/Officers to be elected annually, and other than President and Vice President may serve up to a maximum of 3 years. If there are no further nominations for any office the present occupant shall be permitted to stand for re-election. The Committee may co-opt a member to fill a casual vacancy occurring on the Committee and this co-opted member shall retire at the next Annual General Meeting, but may be re-elected to the Committee.

(d) Not less than one half of the full Committee including Officers and members co-opted to a casual vacancy shall form a quorum, of which at least one shall be an Officer of the Club.

(e) The Committee shall have power to appoint sub-committees from the whole membership of the Club, and the President, or in his absence the Vice President shall be ex-officio member of any such sub-committee.

(f) The Committee shall have power to co-opt additional members but such co-opted members, other than those co-opted to fill a casual vacancy on the Committee shall not be entitled to vote at Committee Meetings. All co-opted members shall automatically retire at the next Annual General Meeting.

(g) The President or other Committee member acting as Chairman at any meeting shall have both a deliberative vote and casting vote in the event of a tie vote on any matter.

(h) Voting at meetings shall be by a show of hands by Members unless the Chairman shall decide on any other form of voting.

4. Membership.

- a. Member.
- b. Associate Member.
- c. Country Member.
- d. Honorary Member.

(a) Member: - Membership of the Club shall normally be open to retired or semi-retired Professional and Business Men. An application for membership shall be made on the pro-forma provided by the Club for that purpose. Such application shall be proposed and seconded by existing members of the Club and forwarded to the Hon-Secretary for consideration by the Committee. After such consideration and the applicant deemed eligible for membership of the Club, the application will be reported to the members at the next ordinary meeting of the Club. Membership of the Club shall be limited to 55 Members, excluding Associate, Country and Honorary Members.

(b) Associate Member: - Should no vacancies exist for membership of the Club, approved applicants shall be offered Associate Membership immediately and their name placed, in order of receipt of application, on a waiting list (maximum 10) maintained by the Hon. Secretary for filling such vacancies as subsequently occur. He will not be included in the approved membership figure under Rule 4a or be entitled to vote at meetings. Whilst he is required to pay the annual fee, the joining fee will not become payable until he becomes a full Member.

(c) Country Member: - The Committee may recommend that any Member of the Club who is unable to make regular attendances at the meetings due to illness or absence from the Bournemouth area, or for any other reason the Committee considers appropriate, may be offered Country Membership. The annual subscription will be the same as for Members.

Country Members may attend meetings on notifying the Hon. Secretary, by lunch time the Monday prior to that meeting. He will not be included in the approved membership figure under Rule 4a or be entitled to vote at meetings. A Country Member will be invited to renew his membership annually. He may re-apply for full membership and on approval will become an Associate Member pending membership vacancy. He will not be required to pay a further Entrance Fee under Rule 5.

(d) Honorary Members:- Any member may propose any person to be an Honorary Member in recognition of service to the Club and shall have all the privileges of subscribing members with the exception of holding office. Such proposal, which must be seconded by another Member of the Club, must be passed by at least two thirds of the members present at a meeting of the Club.

The Holder each year of the Office of President of the Probus Club of Bournemouth and District shall be an Honorary Member of Bournemouth Probus Two.

5. Entrance Fee and Subscriptions. There shall be an Entrance Fee of £20.00 payable on joining the Club. The Annual Subscription shall be fixed for the coming year at the Annual General Meeting each year and payable on the 1st October. Members, Associate Members and Country Members whose fees have not been paid by December will be deemed to have resigned. Honorary members shall be exempt, from payment of any Entrance Fee or Annual Subscription.

6. Finance and Accounts. The Financial Year shall run from 1st July to 30th June. An Income and Expenditure Account for each year shall be prepared by the Hon. Treasurer and presented to the Annual General Meeting after 'Certification' by the two Honorary Auditors who shall be appointed at the previous Annual General Meeting.

7. Banking. The Club's funds shall be invested in an Account or Accounts of any Bank or Building Society as may from time to time be directed by the General Committee of the Club. All monies received by the Club (except only cash utilised for the payment of immediate disbursements) shall be banked and cheques drawn on the Account or Accounts shall be signed by any two of the following Officers of the Club :- Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Assistant Treasurer.

8. Meetings. Meetings of the Club shall be monthly at 10.30am, on the Fourth Thursday, excluding the months of July, August and December, unless due to exceptional circumstances the Committee shall decide on an alternative date, time, or venue for any particular meeting. Any such alteration in the normal arrangements for meetings shall be notified in advance to the membership. The Annual General Meeting shall be the September Meeting of the Club. A Special General Meeting shall be called by the President, or the Hon. Secretary on the written request of not less than 10 members. Such written request shall state the reason for such a Special General Meeting and shall be notified to the Membership. Except with the special dispensation of the President only the business specified on the written request for a Special Meeting shall be discussed at the Special Meeting.

9. Attendance. Members and Associate Members are expected to attend the monthly meetings of the Club and it is automatically assumed that they will take luncheon. In order that the Caterers can be advised of the exact numbers it is essential that the Hon. Secretary is advised by mid-day of the previous **MONDAY** of:

(a) Any Member or Associate Member unable to attend.

(b) Particulars of guests whom members wish to invite to a meeting.

Members failing to give notice of intended non-attendance at any meeting or event by the due time will be obliged to meet the cost to the Club thus incurred

Note: An apology for absence sent to the Secretary by e mail or left on his answer phone, will not be valid unless he acknowledges receipt.

Where a Member or Associate Member is absent for **FIVE** meetings in any year that member shall be deemed to have resigned. .

Members and Associate Members must advise the Hon. Secretary of any planned extended absence from meetings, e.g. lengthy illness or travelling abroad. In such cases the Committee will consider the matter and may waive the provisions in the above paragraph.

10. Rules. Any changes to these rules must be notified to all Full Members of the Club at least three weeks prior to an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting called for the purpose, where the changes must be passed by at least Three Quarters of those present.