



Chanctonbury Probus Club



JOURNAL OF EVENTS – 2000/2001

Ken Guiver was formally installed as Chairman at the AGM held on Thursday, May 4th 2000. The elected officers were Peter Picthall (Vice Chairman), Peter Cook (Hon Secretary), Norman Humble (Hon Treasurer), John Beard (Social Committee Chairman).

At the AGM on May 4th, **membership** of the club totalled 42. The total at the end of the club year was 40.
The average **lunch attendance** for the year was 31.

It was with considerable sadness that we recorded the deaths of Roy Paget and then Grahame West. Both were founder members of the club. Roy was Hon Treasurer in 1997.

Our **Social Events** included the following:-

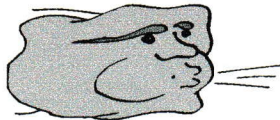
In May, Peter Welch organised a memorable visit to the **Globe Theatre** in London. In the morning, we had a guided tour backstage. In the afternoon, we enjoyed a superb performance of Shakespeare's 'The Tempest' with Vanessa Redgrave taking the part of Prospero. Not only was the acting good – the weather played an important part also. When Prospero called on the elements in her script, there was, by an incredible coincidence of timing, an almighty clap of thunder – and



then it rained Cats and Dogs! The soaked and durable Promenaders joined Vanessa and the cast in mutual laughter over this incident.

June saw us attending the **Proms concert** in Petworth Park. Once again, the ladies had organised an excellent table of food coupled with more than the odd glass of wine. No doubt prompting the wild enthusiasm and flag waving which accompanied the strains of 'Rule Britannia'! An excellent evening out!

There was a more than interesting visit to the **Meteorological Office** at Bracknell in July. We learned how methods of forecasting had improved over



the years and that by using reports from all over the world, we had a much better means of predicting future weather patterns. The trip was so popular, we had to arrange a repeat session in November.

In August, we attended in great number for the **Annual Summer Barbeque** at WSGC. John Beard organised the affair well as usual and ensured that food and the general arrangements were up to the usual standard.

John also arranged an excellent **Ladies Lunch** at Ghyll Manor in October. The speaker afterwards was Rupert Toovey (the local Auctioneer) who kept us amused by telling of some his past experiences.

Bob Minter's **Skittle evening** at the Gribble Inn, Boving went particularly well. So also did the Exocet missile style of bowling that developed with some individuals! Destined to be a regular feature in our social calendar perhaps.

We had two enjoyable visits to the Yvonne Arnaud **Theatre** during the year. One in November and another early in the New Year.

Our **Annual Dinner** at Cisswood House was held in January. A party of sixty-one members and their guests attended and expressed thanks to John Beard for ably organising the affair.

In February, thirty-seven members visited the offices of the **Daily Telegraph** near Canary Wharf in London. Although the Chairman was unable to attend, it was reported to be a most successful trip.

In March, Francis Midmer organized our annual trip to the Continent. This time it was to **Paris by Eurostar**, (though Mike Brett included a detour around Kent beforehand!). On arrival at the Gare de l'Est in Paris, we were taken by coach to our excellent hotel near the



Gare de Lyons. The following day had been intended for a lunch on the Bateaux Mouches followed by a trip on the Seine. Unfortunately, heavy rain had caused the river to flood to such extent that the boats were unable to get under the bridges. We therefore had to alter our plans and have lunch halfway up the Eiffel Tower. Evening meals were taken in local restaurants and – needless to say – shopping in Galleries Lafayette inevitably took the ladies fancy!