



# Chanctonbury Probus Club



## JOURNAL OF EVENTS – 1998/1999

Ray Parker was formally installed as Chairman at the AGM held on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> May 1998. The elected officers were Peter Astley (Vice Chairman), Peter Cook (Hon Secretary), Norman Humble (Hon Treasurer) and John Beard (Social Committee Chairman).

At the AGM on the 7<sup>th</sup> May, membership totalled 40. Despite various fluctuations, the figure remained at 40 by the end of the club year. **The average lunch attendance for the year was reported to be 30.** An innovation which commenced in Ray's year as chairman, was the practice of having a different **Grace** before each monthly luncheon.

It was with great sadness that we recorded the death of Geoff Brook during the year. Geoff had been our founder chairman.

### *Ray summarized social events which occurred during his year with a novel poem:-*

You had a rather slow start to **January**  
Warming up for the months ahead  
You had to recover from Yuletide festivities  
Your walking boots were still full of lead.

But **February** brought a jolly visit  
To see the ships at Portsmouth Docks  
And a trip to London to the Theatre  
Where 'Chicago' really stopped the clocks

A long week end was spent in Belgium  
As **March** took us to the town of Bruges  
A picturesque place and famous chocolate  
I will not tell about the booze

**April** saw the ladies invited  
To a delicious luncheon by the men  
A chunnel trip over to Calais  
Eurocity, a shopping den.

**May** found the lads up gliding  
And the West Chilt Golf Tournament began  
A whisky trophy and balls for prizes  
One more luncheon and the AGM

**June** saw us bravely in a downpour  
On a canal boat in torrential rain  
We don't know where we went to  
We could not see through the window pane

**July** was the time for a safari-jazz picnic  
A tippie at Nymans to keep us warm  
When treading the divots at Cowdray  
To win champagne would do us no harm

A BBQ was held in **August**  
West Sussex Golf Club was the place  
Followed by a Golden Wedding  
That put a smile on this members face

**September** gave us golf on French soil  
Windsor Castle by coach was our next treat  
Where we viewed the new apartments  
And inspected the Royal seat

Our second ladies lunch in **October**  
was held at Slinfold's golf venue  
An inspiring talk by a Storrington lady  
helped us see village life anew

**November** gave us an eightieth birthday  
And took us to a London show  
Where we all enjoyed a little Whistle  
Down the wind. What a blow.

So here we are at last at **Christmas**  
The festive season has just begun  
What a wonderful start here at Cisswood  
And my thank you poem nearly done.

