



Chanctonbury Probus Club



JOURNAL OF EVENTS – 1997/1998

Francis Midmer was formally installed as Chairman at the AGM held on Thursday 1st May 1997. The elected officers were Ray Parker (Vice Chairman), Harry Myers (Hon Secretary), Norman Humble (Hon Treasurer) and Derek Yarrow (Social Committee Chairman). Dick Stobbs was re-appointed as Auditor.

At the AGM on 1st May, Club membership totalled 37. By the end of the Club year, the figure had reached 40.

Lunch attendance at Brinsbury College averaged 30 for the year.

Our Social Events included the following:-



Colin McKellar arranged the now annual inter-Probus club **Golf Competition** at West Chiltington in May. After enjoyable rounds of golf, players were joined by their wives for lunch. And so a good day was had by all.

At the end of the same month, Jim Heath arranged an exciting day with a difference at **Storrington Gliding Club**. Several members and a number of the ladies were able to enjoy the experience of flying – without an engine!



So good was the picnic evening at **Petworth Park** last year, that Ken Guiver was asked to co-ordinate a repeat of the same at the end of June. Excellent food from the ladies and stirring music to cause wine glasses to clink again.

Ron Jones took on responsibility for organizing the summer **Barbecue** at WCGC in August and so ensured that the evening was as enjoyable as before.

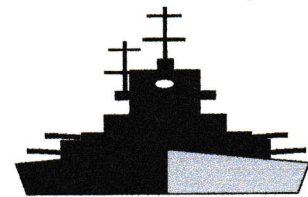
In September, Grahame West laid on two very successful trips to **Buckingham Palace**.

Later in the same month, our golfers widened their horizon by making a trip to **Le Touquet** in France. Geoff Brook organized accommodation and the golf itself to everyone's satisfaction.

No doubt inspired by Geoff's initiative, John Beard co-ordinated a visit for members and wives to **Calais**. A splendid lunch and the inevitable shopping spree kept the travellers happy!

December heralded the all important date on our calendar. **Christmas Dinner** at Wiston House was a most enjoyable affair, made possible by the sterling efforts of Ray Parker.

In February, Ian Ferguson arranged a most interesting trip to **Portsmouth Harbour** and all that surrounds it. Everyone came home tired but happy.



The chairman took a hand himself in March and extended the theme of trips to the continent. Francis arranged a super trip to the beautiful city of **Bruges** in Belgium. Pastries, chips and chocolate – all the forbidden fruits! This turned out to be the first of several first class visits abroad arranged by FDM.

To round off a truly good year. Slinfold Park Golf Club was chosen as the venue for the **Ladies Lunch**. After a good meal, Doug Charles entertained us all with an account of the 'hike' he undertook to the summit of Kilimanjaro. (Some say it was this experience that inspired Doug to consider our pub walks to be 'nothing more than a stroll!')

Talking of which, it is worthy of note that **pub walks** and social events generally were well attended during 1997/1998.