



# Chanctonbury Probus Club



**JOURNAL OF EVENTS – 1996/1997**

**Doug Charles was formally installed as Chairman at the AGM held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1996. The elected officers were Francis Midmer (Vice Chairman), Harry Myers (Secretary), Roy Paget (Treasurer) and Derek Yarrow (Social Committee Chairman).**

At the AGM on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, **Club Membership** totalled 35 and although the figure fluctuated throughout the year, the final total was back to 35.

**Lunch attendance** at Brinsbury College for the year averaged 30. David Spain emerged as our co-ordinator of lunch arrangements between members and catering staff at the college.

**It was with great sadness that we recorded the death of founder member John Beech during 1996.**

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

Ray Parker arranged a most enjoyable river trip to **Windsor** in May. All those who attended asked for a repeat trip in the future.

In the following month, Ken Guiver enlisted the help of some of our ladies and co-ordinated an excellent **Safari Picnic** at Petworth Park. A programme of popular classical music created the main entertainment. The odd glass of wine no doubt helped to maintain the cordiality of the evening.

Polo at **Cowdray Park** was the main event for us to see in July and this was fixed by Norman Humble. We had hoped that at some point Norman would appear in the saddle – but we enjoyed things nevertheless!

In August, Peter Astley organised another splendid **barbecue** evening at West Sussex Golf Club. The food and facilities were excellent as before.

Our **ladies lunch** was again held at the Norfolk Arms in October. John Beard arranged things well as always and the ladies went home happy!

An enjoyable night at **Chichester Theatre** was the highlight of our November entertainment. Ray Parker was the man who made that possible.

December brought **Christmas Dinner** at Wiston House and this proved to be a truly special occasion. We all enjoyed good food in a splendid setting whilst listening to carols sung by a local choir. All made possible by the hand of Francis Midmer.

Inter-Probus club **golf** tournaments were introduced this year at West Chiltington Golf Club. Colin McKellar inspired the affair and will no doubt have the job for life!

A visit to the **Bank of England** created great fascination in February. Norman asked if Club funds might be deposited there – for even greater profit!

In March, we ventured abroad for the first time. A visit to the **Normandy** beaches and visits to Caen and Bayeux evoked memories of the War. A small dose of shopping and an intensive session of wine tasting were other factors which made this trip so memorable.

Finally, we entertained our **ladies** to lunch at the Old Tollgate, Bramber to round off an eventful and socially enjoyable year.