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*The newsletter of
the Chapeltown &
District Probus
Club*

Our Chairman
NICK TOVEY
died on
2nd FEBRUARY 2024

A TRIBUTE

PRObuzz



Nick graduated from Camborne School of Mines in 1980, going on to work in Australia, China and Czechoslovakia (as it was then). He joined Wardell Armstrong, an international mining and geotechnical consultancy, working his way up to become Regional Director, based in Sheffield. Nick was President of Sheffield Chamber of Commerce and an active member of several influential committees advising local and regional authorities on development, environmental and social issues.

Nick retired in 2020 to pursue his love of all things Japanese. He published three books, one on the mining industry, another on the art of Suiseki, and most recently a history and guide to his beloved Filey.

He joined Chapeltown and District Probus Club in September 2020, becoming Chairman in 2023. He gave two presentations to our monthly meetings, on the art of Suiseki and on Japanese gardens. His professionalism and enthusiasm were infectious as he tried to drum up support for new ideas such as a treasure hunt and an open day.

On 22 January Nick and his wife Michelle were visiting friends in Manchester. He fell down stairs and landed on a tiled floor, sustaining serious head injuries from which he never regained consciousness, passing away on Friday 2nd February at the tender age of 68.

Nick's funeral took place on 28th February at Grenoside Crematorium, where C&DPC were well represented. Lifelong friends shared memories and celebrated a life well lived but taken too soon.

All our sympathies are with Nick's wife Michelle and their two daughters Rebecca and Gemma.

Nick was a big man in many respects, with gentle ways and a quietly persuasive manner.

He will be missed.



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A word from Our Chairman

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you as your new Chairman to this edition of PRObuzz.

Firstly, I would like to express my appreciation of all the hard work and effort Nick put into his role of Chairman.

Secondly the hardworking committee who I must say do all the leg work in the running of the club - long may it continue! I will assist you Gentlemen in any way I can. I welcome my Vice Chairman for the year, Pete McDermott and wish him all the best in his new role.

I have no plans other than to carry on my predecessor's great work, and if we can recruit some new members then this obviously means we continue to have a healthy membership, and the additional income may help us to avoid increasing our annual subscription next year.

I look forward to working with you all over the next 12 months and if anybody wishes to discuss any matter then I am only at the end of a phone or email.

In the meantime, let's have an enjoyable year together with some great speakers, trips, and events at Wortley Hall.

**With Kind Regards
Neil Wilkinson**

Members' News

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It was expected that this item in the newsletters would carry a mix of snippets about and from members on a variety of topics.

However, due to a lack of participation and content over the first seven issues, it has developed into little more than a health report which is not to everyone's liking.

It has been taken down from this latest online issue and will be reconsidered before the June issue is published.

REMEMBER: If you have news you want to share with your fellow Members just contact Trevor on 07966 317258 or email at trevor.winslow@outlook.com

Some information and background about our next speakers and their talks



10 APRIL “Life as a Chief Fire Officer” by Paul Salter

Paul’s background is as a 30-year Fire-fighter. During his Fire Service career, he was able to progress through the ranks to a management position and held the roles of Fire Investigation Officer, Hazardous Materials Officer and CBRN response Officer. For the last 15 years of his service, he worked within the Technical Fire Safety section, progressing to the position of Head of Fire Safety within South Yorkshire.

8 MAY “The History of Oil” by Paul Adey

Paul makes a welcome return, this time looking at the Petrochemical industry. How it all began, the first oil well, drilling rigs, the men behind the development of Esso, Shell, BP and more. A completely non-technical talk on the growth of the world’s largest commercial enterprise. Bigger and more powerful than many governments.



12 JUNE “ More Tales from the Press Box” by Nick Johnson

Nick is a freelance sports journalist and broadcaster, with around 30 years’ experience. Following his highly enjoyable visit to us last year, Nick returns with a further selection of anecdotes.



All our Members are wanted but YOU are particularly wanted if you do NOT feature in the current copy of our PHOTOFILE (Edition 11) January 2022

A new edition is being prepared to include all our current Members and Associates.

Please send a suitable ‘head and shoulders’ shot by email to peter.nowonline@gmail.com

Older Members can also be updated unless you wish remain appearing younger than you are!

In this issue: “What a silly question”
Michael Grey sharing his experience of a memorable flight



Perhaps one of the most iconic of aeroplanes is Concorde. In the 1960s I worked for a company supplying parts for Rolls-Royce aero engines, and in the canteen was a large picture of this amazing aircraft, unlike anything we had ever seen. Everyone dreamed of flying on it. Fast forward 25 years I was a Finance Director, part of a small team covering companies in the UK and Europe, reporting into a New York based company. This meant frequent foreign travel.

On one memorable occasion my trip to New York had to be extended and so my flight home had been changed. Checking-in I hear the dreaded words “Sorry Sir, your flight is delayed”. But this was followed by “But would you like to be upgraded to Concorde, it departs in about 50 minutes?” What a silly question, fly home on Concorde or wait for a delayed flight? No prizes for the answer.

The experience started immediately – no waiting for luggage security check or to be called to the gate. You went straight into the splendid Concorde Lounge and from there, having sampled the snacks and drinks, you went directly onto the plane. How small the interior, a long, narrow aisle with just two rather small seats either side.

Almost pinned back in your seat on take-off and again when the supersonic boosters were applied, a first-class meal, excellent wine and service plus just a 3-hour flight. You could understand why wealthy people opted for it. But the most profound impression that stays with me to this day was how small and vulnerable the Earth looks from nearly 60,000 feet, a subject much discussed in today’s climate change debates.



Months later I was with my colleague Alan in Paris when again our stay had to be extended and as a result we were booked for the first time ever onto Air France. What the Stewardess was saying was far beyond my limited French, but she approached and gave Alan an envelope. What else but a free Concorde flight from Paris to New York?

It seems coincidental that we both got on Concorde only because we had to change flights. Almost a reward for being delayed at work. One day I might have the same luck on the Lottery!

Here we are reprinting the Officers' Reports as tabled at the 2024 Annual General Meeting held at Grenoside Community Centre.

Chairman's Review of The Year This section left blank

Secretary's Report



Your Club started the year with a subscription-paying membership of 45 plus 8 Honorary Associate Members. Sadly, I have to report that Vince Allsopp died during the year. Vince accepted Honorary Associate Membership during 2022 but passed away just before Christmas. Further shocking news came with the death of our Chairman, Nick Tovey, in tragic circumstances. Ernest Hartley withdrew his membership following his move out of the area.

On a brighter note, we welcomed 3 new Members during the year meaning that we currently have 43 subscription-paying Members and 10 Honorary Associate Members. We continue to welcome more Members to our monthly meetings. Over the year our highest attendance was 35 members and the average was 30. A very commendable turn-out representing a peak attendance of 80% of our general Membership. As always, our main challenge for the coming year will be to build on our membership, and I would encourage all Members to be as proactive as possible in seeking out new candidates to join our ranks.

In closing I would like to thank your Committee and you, our Members, for your ongoing support and encouragement. **Trevor Winslow**

Treasurer's Report



In contrast to the significant deficit forecast for the previous year, 2023 began with expectations of a forecast £155 end of year surplus. However, 2023 returned an in-year Deficit of just £50. The deficit is marginal and is largely because of the forecast including Gift Aid receipts of around £300 during the year. That Gift Aid relating to 2023 activity will come through during 2024 and for successive years it is planned to treat Gift Aid receipts in that retrospective way.

During 2022 the Club identified some key initiatives to grow the funds and that, has underpinned the improved performance in 2023. The key income triggers have been the introduction of the Monthly Raffle and Gift Aid albeit now for 2024.

Regarding expenditure, the major items saw increases of around 10% but that was offset via various savings which included the cessation of Bank Charges. In summary the year has seen significant success with the in-year deficit being reduced from £307 in 2022 to just £50 in this last year.

Considering the detail. Income of £1710.28, set against expenditure of £1759.95, generated a net decrease in the Club Balance of £49.67. That compared with a deficit of £307.20 in the previous year. So, we ended the year with a Club balance of £1667.75 (£1717.42 previous year). The Club's income increased by £247 year on year. Annual Subscriptions and Monthly Raffle were the main sources of income and those returned a nominal reduction of £32 in Subscriptions and the full year of Raffle receipts amounted to £238.

Regarding expenditure, that amounted to £1760 representing a reduction of just £9 year on year. The major elements of expenditure were Speaker Fees and Rent charges. Speaker Fees amounted to £697 representing an 11% increase. Similarly, the Rent charges of £480 had increased by 10% year on year. Other notable movements were the Club Web Support increasing by 37% but also various savings, including Bank charges in the latter part of the year.

Finally, my thanks to all those who have provided valuable help with many tasks that support the financial arrangements in the club. **Philip Collumbine**



Auditors' Report

We have audited and approved the accounts for 2023, including all aspects of the transfer to NatWest Bank. We have agreed with the Treasurer that any potential Gift Aid Income will not be included in the accounts until it is approved by and received from Inland Revenue.

Michael Bowen and Michael Grey



Speaker Finder's Report

Gentlemen, I sincerely hope you enjoyed most of the speakers last year, obviously I slipped up with the alarm clock man who apparently wrapped up in 30 mins !!! Unfortunately, I was away that day. This year I have found quite a few new speakers which I hope you will enjoy as well as some favourites from the past, including David Templeman, our favourite history teacher, and Nick Johnson the sports reporter.

I am always interested in receiving details of any speakers you know of, so please do not hesitate to pass these on. **Ernest Mackenzie**

Social Organiser's Report



Attendance at the monthly lunches has shown a slight increase over the past year. There has been no complaint about any of the menu choices and the quality and quantity remains very good. The service and our rapport with the Wortley Hall staff adds to an already enjoyable second Wednesday of each month. (It also seems that most members, most of the time, have now mastered the booking arrangements!)

Everything about the monthly lunches is true for the three seasonal lunches, except that the downward trend noted twelve months ago has continued with fewer attending. These events are still very successful, and everyone really enjoys the atmosphere and the company at Wortley Hall. There was a last minute change for the 2023 Annual Dinner because our entertainer had to give back word due to illness. However, the recommended "sub" proved to be first class and rounded off a very good evening, again at Wortley Hall.

It is worth mentioning that for all our events at W/H there is a willingness on their part to show that our custom is valued and also that they will as far as possible maintain very reasonable prices.

I enjoy this 'job' and what I try to do on your behalf and thank you for your support. **Peter Trickett**

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I asked my wife to describe me in five words.
She said "I'm mature, I'm moral, I'm pure, I'm polite and I'm perfect"
She added that I have no idea how to use apostrophes and spaces

**I told my wife she should embrace her mistakes.
She gave me a hug**

**I've asked so many people what LGBTQ+ stands for.
So far nobody has given me a straight answer**

*I have a perfect memory.
I can't remember a single time I've ever forgotten anything*

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TRACKER THIRTY-SIX

Use every cell in this grid once to construct a continuous track moving horizontally or vertically, never diagonally, from the lowest number shown to highest number shown. Some numbers are already placed to help you!

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MINI CROSSWORD

Complete the grid with ten four letter words – four across, four down and two in the long diagonals. One letter is placed to get you started. The ten clues below are not in any order.

Years on end / Small songbird / Spain’s currency / Makes a mistake / Mystical glow / Fifth Avenue super store / Tough journey / Detest / Shades / Chops down

Tip of the Day "If at first you don't succeed, pack it in and do something else"

Answers to the last issue of newsletter puzzles

The Trominos pieces fitted into the square and the Pangam crossword puzzle

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Due to the way Highgrove allocate tour places, the date has had to be changed to **TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY THE 3rd/4th SEPTEMBER 2024**

Some people who had previously booked can no longer go because of prior arrangements so this leaves vacancies for other members/families/friends who would like to join this trip.

Anybody who is interested please contact Ray Sanderson direct so he can explain further arrangements. 'Phone 07990 536072

If you are reading this soon after receiving your newsletter there is chance that you could still book.

Worth a try. Just contact me in the usual way.
Peter Trickett

CHAPELTOWN & DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB



WORTLEY HALL
and some of its fascinating story by
JOHNATHAN da ROSA

followed by
AFTERNOON TEA

TUESDAY 19 MARCH '24
at 2pm £22 each

Book/Pay no later than 13 MARCH (AGM)

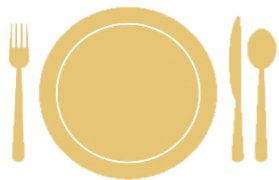
This is your Newsletter

There is always space for your contribution.

Whether it is a piece, an article, a comment, a quip, a quote or anything (even a criticism). It can be anonymous if you prefer. Please get in touch.

Also if you have news you want to share with your fellow Members just contact Trevor on **07966 317258** or email at trevor.winslow@outlook.com

Publication of the next newsletter is planned for June 2024



The Winter Lunch at Wortley Hall on Tuesday 20 February was another successful seasonal event, but unfortunately of course, it was not overseen by our late chairman. It would have been Nick's final social event in his year of office as chairman. Altogether thirty attended - a similar number to last year - and the food and service was well up to the usual high standard.

Booking is now open for the Spring Seasonal Lunch and the full menu is printed here. All arrangements are as normal and the price remains unchanged as well.

Spring Seasonal Lunch Tuesday 14 May 2024 12.30 for 1pm Wortley Hall

Pea and Mint Soup

Chicken Caesar Salad, Croutons, Parmesan and Pancetta

Wortley Lamb Chops, Salsa Verde and Buttered New Potatoes

Salmon Wellington and White Wine Sauce

(Main courses served with seasonal vegetables)

Sticky Toffee Pudding, Salted Caramel and Vanilla Ice Cream

Raspberry Sorbet and Berries.....followed by Coffee / Tea and a mint

The present programme of dates and choices for our monthly lunches comes to an end in May.

We agreed with Wortley Hall that we are happy to continue with the same menus and the chef does not wish to make any changes either. However after the success of the pie choice at the Winter Lunch we decided to include that on the new list. It is anticipated that there will be a change to the price we pay for our lunches. When everything is settled an updated list of dates and choices will be available.

The other date to note is the 2024 Annual Dinner, now fixed for Tuesday 20 August at Wortley Hall and to be followed by entertainment. Details will be available in the near future.

If you have any questions about any of our eating out events I'll be happy to try to give you answers.

Peter Trickett

Here are the two remaining dates from our four rotating monthly menus. Full menu details, when to book and how to pay are included on the club website which can be easily accessed by clicking on this online link <https://chapeltown-probus.org.uk> (Social Activities page)

MENU 3: 10 APRIL '24

Leek and Potato Soup, Homemade Bread

Chicken Caesar Salad

Gammon, Egg and Chips

Smoked Haddock Fishcake and Chips

Chocolate Brownie, Vanilla Ice Cream

Apple Crumble and Custard

MENU 4: 8 MAY '24

Thai Sweet Potato Soup, Homemade Bread

Avocado, Pomegranate and Olive Salad

Beef Burger, Chips and Salad

King Prawn Linguine

Vanilla Pannacotta, Raspberries, Oat Crumble

Chocolate Chip Bread and Butter Pudding



*My friend tells me I'm getting fat.
In my defence, I've had a lot on my plate recently*



 “Sheffield as she is spoke!” with thanks to Mike Griffiths

Are you a Local or an Incomer?

You might like to test your understanding of the local dialect

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Gerritetten	Itduint marra
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Suppwidee	Astha gorratanner
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