

Charity bottle.

Members are encouraged to unburden themselves of loose change and to fill the very large whisky bottle at the end of the entrance table. When the bottle is almost full, a competition is held to "Guess the Amount" (50p per guess), with half of the sum staked going to the winner, and half being added to the amount in the bottle. When the bottle is full, the contents are donated to a charity of the President's choice.

Visits, outings and social events.

Various visits and social events are organised in the course of the session. These include an annual Christmas lunch and theatre visits. Recent outings have included visits to the Kelvin Hall, the Clyde Distillery, the City of Glasgow College and the Donald Malcolm Vehicle Heritage Centre. On other occasions, members enjoyed a guided tour of Glasgow Necropolis, have been to the top of the Titan Crane in Clydebank, and enjoyed a dram at Auchentoshan Distillery. Lunches have also been successfully arranged at Anniesland College. Suggestions for future visits are always welcome, and should be passed to the Social Convener, Gordon Barclay or to any member of the Club Committee.

Best foot forward....

On alternate Tuesdays between Club meetings, the Club's Walking Group gets together for something less than a forced march but more than a gentle stroll under the ever enthusiastic and indefatigable eye of Bob Crawford. By some strange miracle of forward planning these walks invariably end in the vicinity of a coffee-bar or similar watering hole. Bob gives details of each walk at Club meetings one week in advance.

Probus Magazine.

The Club subscribes to "Probus Magazine", which is published four times a year. The magazine reports on the activities of Probus clubs across Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and contains a wide range of Probus-related interests. Copies may be picked up on a "first come, first served" basis. There is also a national Probus website, at www.probus.org.uk



Kelvin Probus Club

Newsletter Aug 2018

Message from the President,



Dear Fellow Members

Welcome to the 29th year of our Club.

After such a wonderful summer I trust that we are all well and looking forward to greeting familiar faces and perhaps interested friends who are intrigued by meetings on a Tuesday morning other than golf.

A glorious week of my summer was spent visiting some of the spectacular fjords of Norway with many of my own age but with a leavening of youngsters happy to regale us with their adventures. The ship had very interesting speakers whom I could consider for ourselves.

The unstinting help which I received from many members has enabled me to compile a syllabus of speakers covering a variety of subjects which ranges through adventure, construction, environment, exploration, local history, maritime and social issues to encourage the usual level of observations and questions.

I am looking forward to seeing you all throughout the session and, with luck plus a little gentle persuasion, more strangers who are tempted to join us.

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A little bit of history.

Kelvin Probus was founded in 1989, and held its first meeting in May of that year, in Esquire House, before moving to Hughenden, where it continued to meet until 2008 when the Hughenden premises underwent a major refurbishment and the Club moved to the Memorial Hall of Jordanhill Parish Church, where the Club meetings have taken place since. The Club does retain its link with Hughenden which remains the venue for the Club's annual Christmas lunch, which this year will be held on Tuesday 18th December. Rev. Campbell Mackinnon of Balshagray Victoria Park Church of Scotland will be the guest speaker.

Subscriptions.

The subscription for 2018 – 2019 is £30. Payment can either be made by post to the Honorary Treasurer (contact details are on the enclosed syllabus) or at the first meeting, on Tuesday 11th September. Payment should be made by cheque, please, made payable to "Kelvin Probus Club".

Applications for membership and Club Constitution.

Applications for membership are welcomed, and must be proposed and seconded by Club members. Application forms for membership and a copy of the current Club constitution can be obtained on request from the Club Secretary, David Moir, to whom completed forms should be returned.

Membership.

Membership is open to professional and business men and women who are resident, or had business activities, within an area bounded by the River Clyde to the south, by the River Kelvin to the east, and within the Glasgow boundary, and who are aged 60 or over. The Club has an Ordinary Membership of 100; currently the membership stands at 86, and the Club is actively seeking new members. Applicants should be fully, or partially, retired from their regular profession or business. The contact details for the Secretary are – David Moir, 165 Southbrae Drive, Glasgow G13 1TU, 07786268083, davidmoir6@gmail.com

Associate Membership.

The Club also has a category of Associate Membership, which is available to members who are no longer able to attend the Tuesday morning meetings on a regular basis. An Associate Member is exempt from payment of the annual subscription, and continues to receive the annual syllabus as well as the formal notice of the Club AGM, and details of visits and social events. Associate Members can apply to transfer back to full membership if their circumstances change. They would then be allocated the first available vacancy. Please inform the Secretary, preferably in writing, if you wish to transfer to Associate Membership.

Membership details and data protection.

Kelvin Probus holds the following information for each of its members:- name; address; email address where applicable; telephone number; date of birth; employment prior to retirement; and other interests. This information is used in a number of different ways, as follows

- to communicate with members;
- to enable the Club to notify members of activities;
- for administrative and accounting purposes;
- to help the Club to provide pastoral care.

Website

A Club website was launched in 2016. If you have Internet access, go to www.kelvinprobus.org The website keeps members informed about Club news generally, including speakers and their topics, as well as Club visits, outings and activities. The website also provides information about Kelvin Probus to a wider readership, including potential new members.

Ties, Lapel Badges, Membership lists.

Ties and lapel badges are available from the Club Secretary. The Committee does ask that members wear their clip-on name tags at all meetings; this assists both the club member who keeps the register, and the general sociability among members. If you need a replacement name tag, please contact the Secretary, who can also supply Club ties, which are available in both plain and striped versions. Ties cost £10.00, and lapel badges £3.00.

Welfare Officer.

The immediate Past President (this year Alastair McFarlane) is the Club's Welfare Officer. The Welfare Officer has the task of keeping track of members who are unwell, and maintaining contact with them on behalf of the Club. Members are accordingly encouraged to inform the Welfare Officer of any member who is unwell or has been absent from meetings for a longer period than usual. Enquiries can then be made to ascertain the reason. The Welfare Officer, on behalf of the Club, also sends a birthday card to members as they reach significant milestones; i.e. when they attain the age of 65, 70, 75, and 80. All birthdays beyond 80 are considered significant and birthday cards are accordingly sent each year from 80 onwards.

Social contact.

Members can enjoy socialising with fellow members and guests over a cup of tea or coffee, plus scones and biscuits, before the talks, and soup and sandwiches are available afterwards. A modest charge is made for the catering which is provided by Walter Douglas and Flo.