

STOKESLEY PROBUS CLUB
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1. Attendance and apologies: 30 attendees, 9 apologies.

2. Guests/New Members & Membership

New Member, Robin Whinney, welcomed to the Club. Robin is a retired farmer.

John Richardson (Hutton Rudby), 96, has withdrawn from the Club due to failing health, sadly. Consequently, Jeff Prettyman 92, now becomes the Club's elder statesman.

Chris Griffiths is recovering from major surgery, and, currently, is unable to fulfil his role as Speaker Finder. The Chairman has stepped in on a temporary basis until Chris returns. A volunteer from the Membership is invited to relieve Keith of this duty.

Alwyn Boulby sadly passed away on 13th May 2026.

3. Minutes of previous Meeting held on 17th March 2026: Accepted

4. Matters arising: None.

5. Members' Lunch

The next lunch will be at The Blackwell Ox at Carlton-in-Cleveland on Thursday 4th June 2026. Time: 12.30 for 1.00pm.

Peter Robinson will circulate details today. The menu is shown on the Blackwell Ox website.

Pre-ordering is required – please advise Peter of your choices by Wednesday 27th May.

6. Committee Reports

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Treasurer: All accounts in order. Only 8 subscriptions payments remain outstanding. Please pay asap if you have not already done so.

Chris Lee intends to relinquish the role of organising Christmas Lunch, and a volunteer is sought to take over. The booking is already made at the Wainstones for this year, and Chris will work closely with the new organiser to ensure a seamless and smooth handover.

Secretary: No issues arising.

Website Manager: Website up to date.

Speaker Finder: Current Programme complete. A volunteer is requested to stand in until Chris Griffiths returns from his recuperation.

7. Trips

Currently, no trips are scheduled or are being researched. It was noted that costs for entry to venues and transport are rising markedly.

Jeff Prettyman drew attention to a visit to the Nissan Factory at Sunderland on 27th October 2026 advertised by Generation Travel for a cost of £54pp. Any Members interested should contact Generation Travel directly.

Colin Howard suggested that a visit to Twisted in Thirsk may be of interest. (Twisted is a small company based in Thirsk that re-engineers Land Rover Defenders to produce high end luxury vehicles.) Colin Hinton joined Paul Hayton in suggesting that Kiplin Hall might be of interest. The Chairman will research the suggestions and report back.

8.AOB

Additional Programme Cards were distributed to those Members requesting them.

PROBUS pens were offered to Members not yet having received one. Lapel Name holders were offered to Members

9. Fun Draw:

The Chairman brought one copy of the Admiral Nelson biography, "The Sword of Albion", as a Gift to Stefan Barnes for all his free work for the Club.

In addition, there were two selections of wartime easy reading novels, and the lucky winners were Mike McCamley and Ian Taylor.

Next Meeting is on Tuesday 16th June 2026 when Jags Sanghera will give a presentation about Cyber Crime.

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