

CROMWELL PROBUS CLUB THANKS THE LADIES

Probus is a network of independent Clubs for retired or semi-retired local businessmen who meet regularly to enjoy the social nature of each other's company and experience, often over lunch with interesting Guest speakers on topical subjects.

However, the Club would not succeed as well as it does without the solid support of the ladies. Consequently, to demonstrate their gratitude for such 'understanding' the gentlemen members of the St Ives Cromwell Probus Club (www.CromwellProbusClub.org.uk) arrange a Ladies' Luncheon every 6 months with 2018's Christmas event being held at [Slepe Hall Hotel](#) on Thursday 20th December 2018.

Forty six members with partners and guests were welcomed by the Club's 2018 President Chris Leah who also congratulated Colin Holmes (pictured below), a past Club president, on his forthcoming 90th birthday..



Following the welcome, Grace was said by Gill Mayle after which everyone settled down to a very enjoyable 4-course meal. With lunch over, the President proposed the Loyal Toast and the toast to 'Our Ladies' to which the President's wife, Pru, responded and concluded with a toast to 'Probus Everywhere'.



On behalf of the Members, David McCandless, the Club's assistant Secretary, distributed a colourful 2019 pocket diary to all the ladies who were delighted with such a useful and practical handbag addition.



The lunch was concluded with excellent seasonal entertainment provided by the acclaimed and very talented [Stella Hensley and Chris Newman](#) duo that Probus regularly engages for these special occasions. Then on to the raffle conducted by Gordon Steptoe where the chocolates - for the ladies - were the first to be chosen by lucky winners. A thoroughly enjoyable occasion ended by the President presenting a 'service' cheque for the staff to the Hall's Manager with thanks and appreciation for the excellent quality meals and friendly service the Club had enjoyed at Slepe Hall in 2018 and hopefully continued in 2019.



Finally, Chris Leah and Pru thanked everyone for their company and for their support in 2018 making it such an enjoyable experience for all and wished them a Merry Christmas and a peaceful, healthy and Happy New Year in 2019.



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