

George Certified for Life!

Honour Bestowed

At almost 91 years old you don't expect too many surprises, but George Longhurst was almost overcome by the distinction bestowed upon him at the AGM of the Probus Club of Chipping Norton. To his amazement he was the recipient of the very first Life Membership.

The new Club President, Jim Wedge, presented George with an engraved plaque and a certificate spelling out the honour as follows:

"In recognition of his dedicated work for the Club including serving as Secretary/Treasurer 1984 – 1987, leading as President 1989/90 and fund raising by raffles, raising over £2,000 in the last 4 years".

Alan Stewart, Club Secretary (another Shipton resident), described George as: "A Probus enthusiast who promotes knowledge of the world-wide Probus movement giving talks on its history and championing its principles of Friendship and Fellowship at every opportunity. He is an example to us all of the very best features of a Probus Member".



Monthly meetings

George is one of 10 Wychwoods' residents who belong to Chipping Norton Probus, which meets monthly in the Crown and Cushion Hotel at 11:00am to be entertained by a visiting speaker, followed by lunch and a convivial session in the bar. Topics cover a wide range of subjects and have recently included The Gunpowder Plot in the Midlands,

Gilbert, Sullivan and the D'Oyley Carte and Dad's Secret Army - The British Resistance Movement.

More about Probus

Probus (PROfessional and BUSiness) is an association of retired professionals and businessmen. Wives, partners and friends join in social activities, including theatre outings, ladies' lunches, visits to stately homes, gardens and houses and an Annual Dinner. A short holiday to the Dutch bulbfields is planned for this year.

Contact Alan Stewart on: 01993 830907 for details, or to attend a lunch meeting, but be prepared – 'Lifer' George will expect you to buy some raffle tickets!

Alan Stewart

Wychwood Magazine

We are looking for a new village representative for Milton, to attend bi-monthly meetings and pass the magazines on to the team of deliverers. Some of our volunteers have been delivering the magazine from its start 25 years ago and one or two have expressed the desire to retire so we are also looking for new volunteers. If you think you could help please contact **Christine Halliday 01993 831134.**