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*[Denis Scott was unavoidably absent when the photograph was taken]*

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Without the support and encouragement of our members, this updated history to mark the 50th Anniversary of Sunbury Probus Club would not have been written. Gentlemen, I thank you for your genuine interest and good-humoured assistance. We have been privileged to share your memories and photographs in defining key events in the rhythm and life of our Club and its changing fortunes.

In this context I pay tribute to our Club Secretary, Martin Moore, and his predecessor, Terry Duffy, for delving into the dusty boxes of Club records and searching computer files in response to the authors’ unrelenting demands for yet more information!

Finally, it gives me great pleasure to acknowledge the stamina of the production team who updated the history of our Club. I am confident that the journey down memory lane will enable our senior members to recall happy times; for recent members, I’m sure that it will foster a sense of our common heritage.

Gentlemen of Sunbury Probus Club, enjoy your reading.

With sincere best wishes

David Leitch

(Chairman, Sunbury Probus Club, 2018-2019)

**Preface**

There are many ways to approach a history of Sunbury Probus Club on the journey towards its 50th Anniversary in January 2019. We are fortunate, however, to retain *A* *History of Sunbury Probus 1969-2001* as a model. The writing team have adopted and developed the framework of that document as it reviews key features in the earlier life of our Club.

Our present objective is to give future members an insight into the vitality of the Club in the period between the AGM in 2001 and AGM 2019, and the roles performed by key members in securing its future and in providing a range of activities to meet the ever-widening interests of membership. In places we catalogue the profile of social activities to show variety, frequency and location. Elsewhere, we demonstrate how the affairs of our Club are organised and delivered. This includes financial considerations and amendments to the Club Constitution to reflect changing circumstances and opportunities. The personal reflections of our three HLMs and Senior Member enrich this account.

We are privileged to report on the calendar of events connected with the 50th Anniversary celebration. This includes a description of keynote activities including the 50th Anniversary Dinner, a photographic record of events and profile of members at that time.

In delivering *A History of Sunbury Probus 2001-2019* we have taken sensible decisions to minimise production costs and target a wider readership. We publish the illustrated text on our Club’s (password protected) website and have reproduced an edited gallery of photographs provided by members from their personal collections.

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