



PROBUS CLUB OF SEVENOAKS

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

A note is attached, for you to keep, outlining the aims and activities of the Club - please read it before completing your application. Your signature, and those of your sponsors, on this form will be taken to indicate that you are fully in sympathy with our objectives.

In particular, you will be expected to:-

- attend regularly the monthly lunch meetings
- assist with running club activities, whenever requested, if physically able to do so.

<i>Surname</i>	<i>Date of birth</i>
<i>First names</i>	
<i>By what forename do you like to be known?</i>	
<i>Address</i>	<i>Phone number</i>
	<i>E-Mail address (optional)</i>
<i>Post Code</i>	
<i>What are your special interests, hobbies or sports?</i>	
<i>Former occupation</i>	
<i>Signature of applicant</i>	<i>Date</i>
<i>Proposer signature</i>	<i>Block letters</i>
<i>Seconder signature</i>	<i>Block letters</i>
<i>Approved by Committee [Chairman]</i>	<i>Date</i>

Please return to the Membership Secretary

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Name.....

POTENTIAL INTEREST IN PROBUS ACTIVITIES

The essential commitment of a Probus member is regular attendance at the lunches, and it is hoped that new members, when they have got to know people, will help in the various activities, needed to make these a success; it would also be helpful if you would complete the following check list, to assist those organising them.

Theatre Visits

Regular visits are arranged to plays at theatres at approximately monthly intervals throughout the year. Travel is by coach and partners are welcome. Might you be interested in attending these?

Yes No

Concerts

Visits to concerts, mostly in Croydon and London, are arranged, usually monthly between September and May. Travel is by coach and partners are welcome. Might you be interested in attending these?

Yes No

Visits to Places of Interest

Visits are made to places of interest such as houses, museums and gardens at irregular intervals. Travel is by coach and partners are welcome. Are these the sort of things that might interest you?

Yes No

Other Outings

There are day visits to France, and visits lasting several days to France and/or other European countries. These are at irregular intervals and are open to members and partners. Might you be interested?

Yes No

Organised Walks

There are two walks per month led by members. These are local but varied and generally of 6 to 7 miles with a pub lunch in the middle. These are all male affairs, with no dogs. There are also one or two longer walks per year, further afield. Might you be interested in the walks?

Yes No

Lunchtime Talks

The Club is always looking for people to give a brief talk after lunch on topics of general interest. Public address and slide equipment is available. Might you be willing to give such a talk from your business or personal experience when you have got to know people?

Yes No

What would your possible subjects be?

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What is Probus? Across the UK it is the name chosen for a non-sectarian, non-political luncheon club for retired professional and business men. The first Probus Club was set up by a group of ex-Rotarians in Caterham, Surrey, in 1966. Their idea caught on and today Probus Clubs are to be found in many parts of the English-speaking world, including the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and India.

Founded in 1972, starting with fourteen members the Probus Club of Sevenoaks grew rapidly, with aims and activities similar to the Caterham club but by its own choice unaffiliated to any national organisation. By 1976 a second lunch group had to be formed; currently the membership is nearly 300 divided into two separate groups, each meeting at the Sevenoaks Community Centre at Bat & Ball which is reserved for our lunches on the first Thursday and the second Monday of each month.

The monthly lunches, which are preceded by an opportunity for conversation at the bar and followed by a talk lasting twenty to thirty minutes, are the main activity but the size of the Club makes possible a programme of optional events including visits to theatres and concert halls, day trips to France and longer continental holidays, in all of which wives and friends are welcome. There are also walks, discussion groups and a golf competition for members.

The underlying principle behind all these activities is that they are organised by the members themselves. So, while the actual preparation and serving of the meals is contracted out to caterers, the bar and all outside activities are run by members and each one is encouraged to play some part in them or to contribute in other ways.