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“The Tragedy of King Richard the third

Containing: His treacherous Plots againft his brother Clarence; the pittiefull murhter of his iunocent nephewes; his tryannicall vfurpation; with the whole courfe of his detefted life, and moft deferued death.” (W^m. Shakespeare)

Half remembered bits and pieces from high school history - Wars of the Roses - Duke of Clarence drowned in a butt of Malmsey - ‘My Kingdom for a Horse’ - Princes in the Tower - Bosworth Field. **Paul Marland** connected all the pieces together for us and ended his talk by throwing them up in the air and letting them land at random, saying we have few records which confirm any version of events.

Sir Thomas More’s version, which Shakespeare used, describes him as “Little of stature, ill featured of limes, croke backed, his left shoulder much higher than his right, hard favoured of visage ... he was malicious, wrathfull, envious, and from afore his birth, ever frowarde....born feet first and not untoothed... close and secrete, a deepe dissimuler, not letting to kisse whome hee thought to kyll” More goes on to say: “He murdered Henry VI & Henry’s son, Edward. He murdered his own brother, George. He murdered sundry inconvenient knights and nobles. He murdered his own nephews.

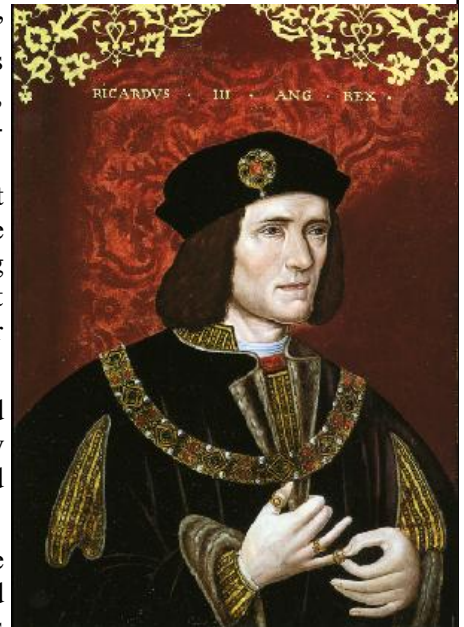
In Josephine Tey’s novel, “The Daughter of Time” her main character, Grant, studies Richard’s portrait. “... someone used to great responsibility, and responsible in his authority. Someone too-conscientious. A worrier: perhaps a perfectionist... that incommunicable, that indescribable look, that childhood suffering leaves behind... those extraordinary eyes... The sadness of his looking off into space.” This man is not a violent psychopathic murderer who could murder children.”

“In his time, the only crime Richard was accused of was killing the princes – and that was entirely based upon his keeping quiet after they had disappeared.

The Lords, the Nobles, the Bishops, and the leading Londoners, would not have accepted Richard as king were he an evil man. During his reign of 2 years, he was an able and fair administrator.”

Paul left us to choose between Sir Thomas More’s version (More was 7 when Richard was killed) and an analysis of a portrait which was probably painted to flatter. Either way, our members were very appreciative of both the subject and the way it was presented.

Our thanks to **John Kruithof** for arranging with Paul to talk to us.



Despite being shown under Management Committee, the skull is Richard III’s, found under a Leicester parking lot.

Dinner Theatre Evening



How to celebrate Valentine's Day with your beloved? It's always been a difficult question. Restaurants are booked out with line-ups around the block, stressed out servers, exorbitant prices – it's enough to make you stay home. That's why your Probus executive decided to celebrate the big day on February 15 – the day after Valentine's - and enjoy conversation, attentive service and customer-inviting discounts.

The evening began at Trattoria Caffé Italia, just a two minute walk away from the Gladstone Theatre. Twenty two Probus members and significant others enjoyed a delicious, relaxed dinner in special seating set aside by the proprietor Dominic. How different from the night before when the restaurant was packed! From the buzz of conversation and amount of wine consumed it appears all had a good time.

When the curtain rose at The Gladstone I wasn't sure we were in the right theatre. The opening monologue was in some strange, undecipherable tongue. Thankfully it soon became apparent the character was from Brazil and speaking Portuguese. The rest of the play was in English. "The Clean House" was the story of Matilde, a young Brazilian immigrant hired as a live-in maid by two wealthy American doctors. Unfortunately for them, Matilde is much more interested in becoming a

International Women's Day

Lynne Bond reminded us that March 8th is International Women's Day. To celebrate, the Canadian Federation of University Women clubs of Ottawa, Nepean and Kanata will present an afternoon of *Drama and Dessert* on Saturday, March 10th.

The Drama is *Women Vote Indirect*, by **Joan Conrod** - "a new look at the Fathers of Confederation as viewed by the women in their lives."

The Dessert is **Afternoon Tea - Victorian -Style** served at 1:15 or 3:30 pm.

The event is at Woodroffe United Church, 207 Woodroffe Avenus. Tickets are \$25.

Registration and more information at:
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comedienne than cleaning.

The block of seats reserved for Probus members was in the centre, so all had an excellent view of this intriguing play. Members also enjoyed a discount from the already reduced senior rate.

All in all, our inaugural Dinner Theatre Evening appeared to be an affordable and stimulating success. We look forward to inviting members to our next (Post) Valentine's Day Dinner Theatre Evening in 2019.

Allan Higdon

Wars of the Roses (Continued)

A London businessman visiting Leeds and having a few hours spare went to the annual Yorkshire v Lancashire match. Being a cricket lover he applauded good efforts by either side. "Well played, sir" or "Nicely bowled".

After an hour or so the man on his left nudged him and said, "Is ta frm Yarksshh? Which he deftly translated and replied, "No, no." An hour or so later the man on his right nudged him and said, "Is ta frm Lanc'sshh?" Again, "No, no." At which they both turned on him and said, "Shut up then, it's nowt to do wi' thee."

More reading

After Josephine Tey's *The Daughter of Time*, try Conn Iggulden's series on the Wars of the Roses, especially the last in the series, *Ravenspur*.

Bosworth Field

We visited Bosworth and happily stood at the back of a class of schoolchildren who were being told who did what and with which and to whom and where it took place. **Paul Marland** told us that the real battle site has been discovered 2 miles away. Oh, dear! *JCW*

Probus Finances in 2017

Alta Vista continued in good shape financially in 2017. At the end of the year total financial assets were \$1,359 compared to \$1,392 for 2016. The number of members declined in 2017 at 85 paid memberships. Membership fees for 2018 are set to \$25 for singles and \$40 for family. This Probus Club can still look forward to continuing with interesting speakers and activities.

	2017	2016
Opening Balance	1,360	1,912
Receipts		
Memberships:		
current year	1,180	775
following year	730	975
Refreshments	541	458
Spring Fling	0	0
Total Receipts	2,451	2,208
Expenditures		
Probus Centre Fees	212	230
Pins and Name Badges	0	323
Church Donation	1,050	1,050
Communications	57	57
Office Supplies + Eqpt.	226	43
Meeting Refreshments	202	213
Bank Charges	48	57
Goodwill Committee	0	1
Membership Committee	0	0
Indoor Picnic	301	301
Christmas Party	140	195
Christmas Donation	0	0
Other	0	290
Spring Fling	0	0
Total Expenditures	2,236	2,760
Closing Balance	1,575	1,360

(Totals may be off by \$1 due to rounding)

Bob Mady - Treasurer

PROBUS' Vital Purpose ...

To stimulate thought, interest and participation in activities at a time in life when it is easy to become complacent and self-centred.

Carols and Cake

The beautiful voice of **Shawne Elizabeth** soared over Gloucester Presbyterian's Sanctuary and our own voices as she led us in a concert of carols and readings. Shawne, accompanied by **Alan Thomas** at the piano, moved effortlessly into the descant when we were solid with the melodies.

Pastor Denise Allen-Macartney gave a reading and homily on Christ's birth. **Hugh Reekie** entertained with extracts from Dylan Thomas' *A Child's Christmas in Wales*.

Meanwhile **Marie-Neige** with **Bonnie Barber** and **Barbard Duggan** prepared a table for our sight, laying out nibbles, finger food, sandwiches and, of course, Christmas Cake. Although we were by nowhere near 5,000, we were well fed with food left over to offer to the Men's Mission.

An especial "Thank You" to **Ed and Cathy Borza** for setting up the room.

The Voice with a smile

Many thanks to our callers who faithfully connect with our members each month.

Ada McEwan	Lorraine Balderson
Jean Saldanha	Gerri Doherty
Joyce Walker	Allen Taylor
Judy Foreman	Marlene Brennan
Faye Mady (Float)	

Thank you, all, for your dedication. A special thank you to **Cathy Borza** who served us for so many years but has now stepped down.

There is always room for another caller if anyone would like to serve our club in this way.

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Princes eating in the morning

Paul Marland quoted Ecclesiastes 10:16 (KJV), "Woe to thee, O land, when thy king is a child, and thy princes eat in the morning." He professed not to understand the last part of the quotation.

Eating implies imbibing, so if the princes eat in the morning they are rendering themselves incapable of conducting affairs of state on behalf of their young king.

Woe, woe and thrice woe!

March 28th - Norma Domey Remembering, Honoring, and Emulating Viola Desmond

Norma Domey has a Master of Science degree in Toxicology from the University of Western Ontario and has been a proud member of Toastmasters International since 2004. She has held a number of high-profile leadership positions within Toastmasters and has attained the Distinguished Toastmaster designation - the highest level of educational achievement in the organization.

Norma will remind us of the life and times of Viola Desmond (1914 - 1965). Who challenged racial segregation at a film theatre in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, in 1946. She refused to leave a whites-only area of the Roseland Theatre and was convicted of a minor tax violation for the one-cent tax difference between her paid and used seat.



But her story does not end there ...

April 25th - Brock Godfrey

As promised, Brock Godfrey of the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre will return for the second of his, "How to protect yourself" talks. Last year he talked about email and telephone scams - how to recognize them and how to avoid them. This time it will be "Passwords and Beyond"

Brock took early retirement in 1993 from the Ontario Ministry of Education, after 30 years in education. He joined Phone Busters in 1997 as a Volunteer Senior Buster. Brock has been instrumental in educating the public and raising awareness of illegal mass marketing fraud and ID theft. He will call victims to assist them, but mainly gives presentations to Service Clubs, Seniors and Professional Groups including several Ontario Probus Clubs

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Dues 2018

Please check the sign-in sheet and make sure it says "Paid 18" against your name. If not, Wib or Bob will be pleased to take your dues. (\$25 for singles, \$40 for family)

August Speakers

We have moved our summer picnic to August to accommodate our July speaker. Colin Galigan has an almost full slate but we would like to hear from you. Let Colin know.

15 Years Ago in *The Probe*

Our 6-month calendar indicated that we were in for an Honourable time. It included **Hon. Lloyd Francis**, **Hon. Mitchell Sharpe** and started with **Rt. Hon Herb Gray**. Mitchell Sharpe seemed genuinely puzzled that anyone would invite him to be a speaker.

Our newsmaker of the month was **Eva Hammond** who had been in Cameroon with Rotary. The trip was part of Rotary's "War on Polio" which aims to eradicate the disease. Here is a short extract from an email from Eva to her grandchildren, Valerie and Victoria.

"I went in many kindergarten classes to give the two drops of polio vaccine to each child. They came to the front of the class when their teacher called their name and trustingly swallowed the medicine that will keep them from being crippled by Polio."

Jim Watson was our January speaker at a time when he had left City Hall (in the charge of **Allan Higdon**) three months before amalgamation, to become "Captain Canada" as CEO of the Canadian Tourism Commission. He gave the new city A+ for social engineering - he used the words 'Nanny State' - but only B- for fiscal management, with reference to the OWE Train and the \$700,000 mess made of Kent Street.

John Kruithof was President and **Rochi Anderson** lined up the political heavyweights.

How to find us

We meet at 9:30 for 10 on the 4th Wednesday of each month except December (2nd Wednesday), at Gloucester Presbyterian Church, **91 Pike Street**. Pike runs north from Hunt Club about 2.5 km east of Bank.

9:30 is time for coffee and chat, the meetings proper start at 10 with 5 (or less) minutes of announcements, followed by the guest speaker.

Guests and new members are welcome.