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Annual General Meeting

Perth Theatre Excursion.

On June 28th a number of Probus members and friends travelled to Perth for lunch at **Michael's Table** and a play produced by the town's **Classic Theater Festival**. The event was organized and coordinated by our president Hugh Reekie and demonstrates again that other activities beyond a monthly speaker are possible within the framework of Probus.

Michael's Table is located on Gore Street, the town main street essentially. The building is an attractive stone structure as fitting the heritage nature of Perth. The location may have been a restaurant under another name previously and perhaps even a fast food outlet at one time, but if so those days are long gone. The restaurant provided a varied menu of good food and drink and everyone seemed to enjoy their dining experience.

Our group of about 18 persons then proceeded to the theatre site. The theatre building is unprepossessing outside and minimalist on the inside, a bit of contrast with, say, the Ottawa Little Theatre in terms of facilities. But the production with its well-appointed stage set and an able cast did not disappoint.

The play was "**There's Always Juliet**" by **John Van Druten**. This romantic comedy engaged our attention in the questions of 'Is there love at first sight?' and 'How do you know?'. Van Druten was a popular and successful playwright of the 20's 30's and 40's not widely known today (at least by me). The theme of the Perth theatre is to present such classic older works and they will be presenting George Bernard Shaw's "Mrs. Warren's Profession" and "Angel Street (Gaslight)" by Samuel French later in the summer which Probus members may wish to attend. The theatre premises hosts an overflowing disordered selection of second-hand books for sale so arrive early and browse.

Thanks to Hugh for taking the initiative and arranging this pleasant summer excursion.

Derry Foreman

