



# The PROBUS Pilot



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## The Search for Franklin's Lost Ships and the Discovery of HMS Erebus

# Lost Beneath the Ice

In 1845, explorer Sir John Franklin set sail from England with two ships, HMS Erebus and HMS Terror, in search of a Northwest Passage across what is now Canada's Arctic.

For over 150 years, expeditions have been sent to the Canadian Arctic in an attempt to learn the fate of the Franklin expedition. In 2014, there was a breakthrough when an expedition led by Parks Canada found the long-lost wreck of HMS Erebus. The efforts leading to this

discovery have been run by Parks Canada since 2008, bringing together government and public, private, and non-profit organizations. The use of both state-of-the-art technology and 19th-century Inuit oral testimony made this historic find possible.

On Tuesday 13 October Jonathan Moore, Senior Underwater Archaeologist of Parks Canada's Underwater Archaeology Team will share the story on this discovery and

what it means to find this this lost piece of Canadian history.

Jonathon was born in England and moved to Kingston, Ontario at the age of five. He holds a Bachelor's degree in classical studies and archaeology from Queen's



University and a Master's degree in Maritime Studies from the University of St. Andrews. He began his professional career in underwater archaeology in England and Scotland shortly after completing graduate school.

In 1994, Jonathan joined Parks Canada's Underwater Archaeology Team. Since then, he has worked on over 50 underwater archaeology projects across Canada ranging from historic shipwrecks to submerged prehistoric landscapes and sites. His professional areas of interest include War of 1812 shipwrecks, submerged palaeo-landscapes and the effects of invasive mussel species on underwater cultural resources.

Jonathan has been part of the Parks Canada-led team in the ongoing search for the missing ships from the 1845 Franklin Expedition for nearly a decade, and was one of the first people to get a glimpse of the wreck of HMS Erebus when the team discovered it in 2014.



**The Erebus and the Terror**, ships from Sir John Franklin's search for a route through the Northwest Passage. *Painting by Canadian artist, J Franklin Wright.*

The Probus Club of Western Ottawa is part of the international organization of Probus Clubs designed to serve retired and semi-retired professional and business and like-minded people. The morning begins at 10:00 am with a time for socialization followed by a guest speaker.

**Western Ottawa Probus meets at  
Kanata United Church, 33 Leacock Dr.**

**Visitors are welcome.**



The Red Lobster was the venue for our first lunch-out of the new Probus year.

## Everything you wanted to know about Probus and more

The word "Probus" is derived from the words "PROfessional" and "BUSiness". The first Probus Club in the world was formed in England in 1965, sponsored by a Rotary Club. Probus has since spread throughout the world, with Probus Clubs located in Canada (first club in 1987), United States, The Netherlands, Ireland, Belgium, South Africa, India, Bermuda, Germany, Chile, Cyprus, Portugal, Spain, Australia, New Zealand, Trinidad and Zimbabwe.

There are over 4,000 clubs worldwide, with a total membership in excess of 400,000. **In Canada, as of July 2015 there were 236 Probus Clubs with 32,735 members.**

Of interest, there are only thirteen Probus Clubs in the entire United States. March each year is National Probus Month. All Probus Clubs worldwide are not fund raising or service organizations, and are non-sectarian and non-political. The majority of the clubs are mixed, but there are a few men only, and women only clubs.

Each Probus club is autonomous, and the clubs in Canada are overseen by Probus Centre-Canada which consists of 13 representative members (one from each district) who see that Probus Clubs are well served

and enjoy standards of conformity, and who promote the expansion of Probus Clubs throughout Canada.

A portion (\$2.50 per person) of your annual Membership Dues is paid to Probus Centre-Canada each year (in December), which helps to cover their overhead costs, and is broken down as follows: \$1.00 for membership, \$0.25 for website support, \$0.65 for administration, and \$0.60 for club liability insurance (to cover members should an accident occur during a Probus function).

## Parking can be a challenge

Parking in the Church lot can be a challenge as it fills up quickly.

As winter approaches and our speakers become more popular it will likely get worse.

Please do not park in the marked Church Reserved slots or in the "Speaker" slot which is the first one on the left.

We do have an arrangement with the school which permits us to park in their lot.

This area can be seen in the map at right. Make sure that you pick the second entrance to enter or you will end up in

the bus drop off lane.

The parking areas are marked in red.



## After the meeting

### We go out for lunch

Join us for lunch after our meetings to socialize and discuss the meeting topic.

This month we will be at:

#### **The Brew Table**

NW corner of Robertson and Moodie

## Dues are Due

### Bring your cheque book

It's time to renew your membership. Dues are unchanged from last year and remain at \$20 per member.

Payment can be made in cash or with a cheque made out to Probus Western Ottawa. The treasurer will be there before and after the meeting to accept your donation

This is also a good time to update your email address and other particulars.

## **Probus has a web site**

Our club has a web site to keep you up to date on speakers, activities, photos, our organization and other information. It can be found at:

[www.probuswesternottawa.ca](http://www.probuswesternottawa.ca)

Make sure that you bookmark this location so that you don't have to keep typing it in.

The left side menu lets you go to any of the featured pages.

# Welcome

Welcome to the following new members who joined in September:

**Audrey Campbell**  
**Joy Raine**  
**Joyce Miller**  
**Bev Wilcox**  
**Annabelle Cillis**  
**Rosemary Wallace**  
**Lynn Payton**  
**Lucette da Cunha**

## Upcoming speaker lineup shows variety

**October 13:** Jon Moore

“The Franklin discovery”

**November 10:** Kanina Dawson

“My Afghan War experience”

**December 8:** Ian Smillie

“The blood diamond trade in Africa”

**January 12:** Jane Madigan

“Animal rescue organizations in the Ottawa area”

**February 9:** Lynn MacLeay

“Candrive (Research initiative for vehicular safety for the elderly)”

## Christmas Luncheon



### Christmas Luncheon set for Thursday 10 Dec. at Algonquin College

This year, to celebrate the Christmas season, we are going to Algonquin College's *Restaurant International* for lunch.

We have reserved for 50 people for Thursday December 10th at noon and will adjust the numbers according to the interest.

We have until November 17th (1 week after the November meeting) to finalize the numbers and collect money.

The cost is \$27.25 per person (\$54.50 per couple) which includes a three course holiday meal, coffee, tax and gratuity. Drinks are extra.

Algonquin will accommodate dietary restrictions provided they know of them when the reservation is finalized, so please remember to indicate these on the sign-up sheet.

**Sign up in October and November... don't forget your chequebook!**

## Join us for an upcoming lunch-out

**Wednesday 21 October**

**Fratelli**

499 Terry Fox (in the Signature Plaza)

Contemporary Italian Fine Dining



**sign up at the Oct. meeting.**

**Monday 16 November**

**Urban Turban**

591 March Road (near Goodlife Fitness)

Traditional Indian Dishes and lunch buffet

**sign up at the Oct. or Nov. meeting**



## Play planned for November outing

For our November social program we are looking to go back to Constance Bay for the Christmas production from the Rural Root Theatre.

We are aiming for Wednesday 25 November and not organizing a pre-play dinner but leaving it up to people to organize things on their own at one of the restaurants in that area.

More details will be provided in the next newsletter but following is a brief synopsis of the play *First Annual Boughs of Holly Country Club Christmas*.

While Deborah tries to impress the Boughs of Holly Country Club board with a new Christmas show, the country club's president, Jocelyn, tries to impress Gertrude Webb, the club's loan officer, to secure a loan to refurbish the club, as Gertrude keeps approving loans so that she is entered to win a trip to Hawaii.

There's only one thing missing from this Christmas show – Christmas! And if it weren't for Josh, who manages the country club, there'd probably be no Christmas show. Deborah soon realizes that the only way for the theatre group to impress the board is to cast several board members in their show and what follows is a riotous seasonal romp of yuletide fun.

Hilarious situations and oddball characters race in and out as opening night draws near and just when everything seems to be falling apart, in steps Santa Claus.

## Volunteer found for sending out cards

We consider our Probus Club members to be like family. As such we like to send a card when someone is ill, in times of sorrow or on the occasion of a significant milestone. We are thus delighted that Betty Jean Bone has volunteered as our new “card sender”.

Betty Jean's contact information will be provided in the November issue.

### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

**"Forgive others, not because they deserve forgiveness, but because you deserve peace."**

**Jonathan Lockwood Huie**



## Euchre and Bridge remain popular

Probus has an active euchre and bridge group. They meet monthly at the Bells Corners United Church, 3955 Old Richmond Road (at Moodie). Meetings are usually held on the first Friday of the month at 1 p.m. (But see below for exceptions).

This is mostly a casual and social occasion and some players play both euchre and bridge and fill in where needed.

Following are the dates for our upcoming meetings:

**Friday, 9 October**

**Friday, 6 November**

**Friday, 4 December**

(Note that the December meeting is the Christmas potluck which starts at 11:30)

For further information call Pat Stoate at 613-820-0174

Thursday 15 October

## Beaverpond Walking Tour Meet at the parking lot at the North end of Walden Drive 10:00 a.m.

Join us for a leisurely 90 minute walk on a smooth trail to take us fully around the pond. There should be lots of fall colours.

Sign up at the October meeting or just show up. Bring your camera.

We will go rain or shine.



## Restaurant outing coordinator needed

A highlight of our social program is our monthly dining-out at a variety of local restaurants.

This activity has been arranged for

## Web page has links to clubs and seniors orgs.

Our web site at [www.probuswesternottawa.ca](http://www.probuswesternottawa.ca) has a link page not only to Probus Canada and other local Probus Clubs but also to local seniors centres and other seniors organizations.

Do check it out and let us know if we should add anything.

many years by Micky Walker and Sandra Ponech. They are stepping down from this role after the December Christmas Luncheon. We thus need a volunteer (or perhaps two) to take over this activity starting in January.

Please let a member of the Management Committee know if you are interested.

Micky and Sandra will be happy to assist with the handover.

## Chuckle Corner

### TEN DOLLARS

Every year, Smitty and his wife Martha went to the State Fair. And every year, Smitty would say, "Martha, I'd like to ride in that there airplane." And every year, Martha would reply, "I know, Smitty, but that airplane ride costs ten dollars, and ten dollars is ten dollars."

This one year Smitty and Martha went to the fair and Smitty said, "Martha, I'm 71 years old. If I don't ride that airplane this year I may never get another chance."

Martha replied, "Smitty, that there airplane ride costs ten dollars, and ten dollars is ten dollars."

The pilot overheard them and said, "Folks, I'll make you a deal. I'll take you both up for a ride. If you can stay quiet for the entire ride and not say one word, I won't charge you, but if you say one word it's ten dollars." Smitty and Martha agreed, and up they went.

The pilot performed all kinds of twists and turns, rolls and dives, but not a word is heard. He even does a nose dive, pulling up 15 feet above the ground, but still not a word. They land and the pilot turns to Smitty, "By golly, I did everything I could think of to get you to yell out, but you didn't."

Smitty replied, "Well, I was gonna say something when Martha fell out, ...but ten dollars is ten dollars!"



**At our September meeting Cheryl Cooper provided an entertaining and informative talk on Tall Ships during the War of 1812. As an author she was able to use that as a setting for her novels *Come Looking For Me*, and the sequel, *Second Summer of War*.**