



Denmark River Probus News

The new committee hit the ground running. If you check out the website you will see that the planning for future events and for guest speakers is well in hand.

Since our last news letter members of the club have had two outings.

Unfortunately I missed the first outing which was the Kalgan River Cruise. By all accounts all 30 attendees had a very enjoyable day. Photos of the event are to be found in our website gallery.

A very overcast April 15th saw eight hardy souls meet up for a picnic lunch by the river. We may not have solved the worlds problems but we did make a good attempt at sorting out medical science.

I am going on a picnic
going along with a few friends
I think down by the water
down where the river bends

We will sit beneath a gum tree
in case we need some shade
The sun might shine - you just don't know
thoughts of rain and wind will surely be allayed



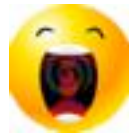
Please remember to schedule time for our next outing. The Tree Top Walk and Thurbly Herb Farm on Wednesday 27th May 2015.

Sadly we have had some members resign.

Russell and Trish Flynn
Kenneth and Patricia Morley
Elizabeth Sanderson
Elfriede Venter
Phillip and Alison Vigne

Application forms have been forwarded to those on our waiting list.

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April Speaker
Trevor Morse

Trevor will complete his talk on working with refugees on Christmas Island



MARCH
19th Wendy Wildman
19th Stuart Hoskins
24th Derris Lund

APRIL
10th Cliff Jefferson
10th Elizabeth Morse
12th Ray Cleese

NEXT MEETING
6th May 2015 10.00
Denmark Country Club

APRIL SPEAKER - ANN JAMES



Our talk on Wednesday was a double delight. The subject was the life of Philip Christison, the speaker, his daughter, Anne James. This man, to give him his full title, General Sir (Alexander Frank) Philip Christison, 4th Baronet GBE CB DSO MC, led an inspiring life. His daughter, Ann James, delivered the talk in a very professional manner, talking to slides which portrayed highlights of his life and including the very creditable singing of a couple of relevant songs. I don't think Ann will mind me mentioning that, although possibly the oldest person in the room, she has certainly set the bar high for delivery of a talk using technology.

Born in Scotland in 1893, her father inherited the baronetcy via his grandfather who had been appointed doctor to Queen Victoria and Prince Albert when they were in Balmoral. Philip Christison had fully intended becoming a doctor but before he qualified World War 1 broke out and he was called from his studies at Oxford to serve in the 6th Cameron Highlander regiment. He served at Loos, Arras, the Somme and Passchendaele. Wounded in the thigh he saved his own life by inserting his whistle into the open artery to stop the bleeding and tied a tourniquet round his leg which he tightened with his pistol. Amazingly still able to fight on, he was awarded the Military Cross.

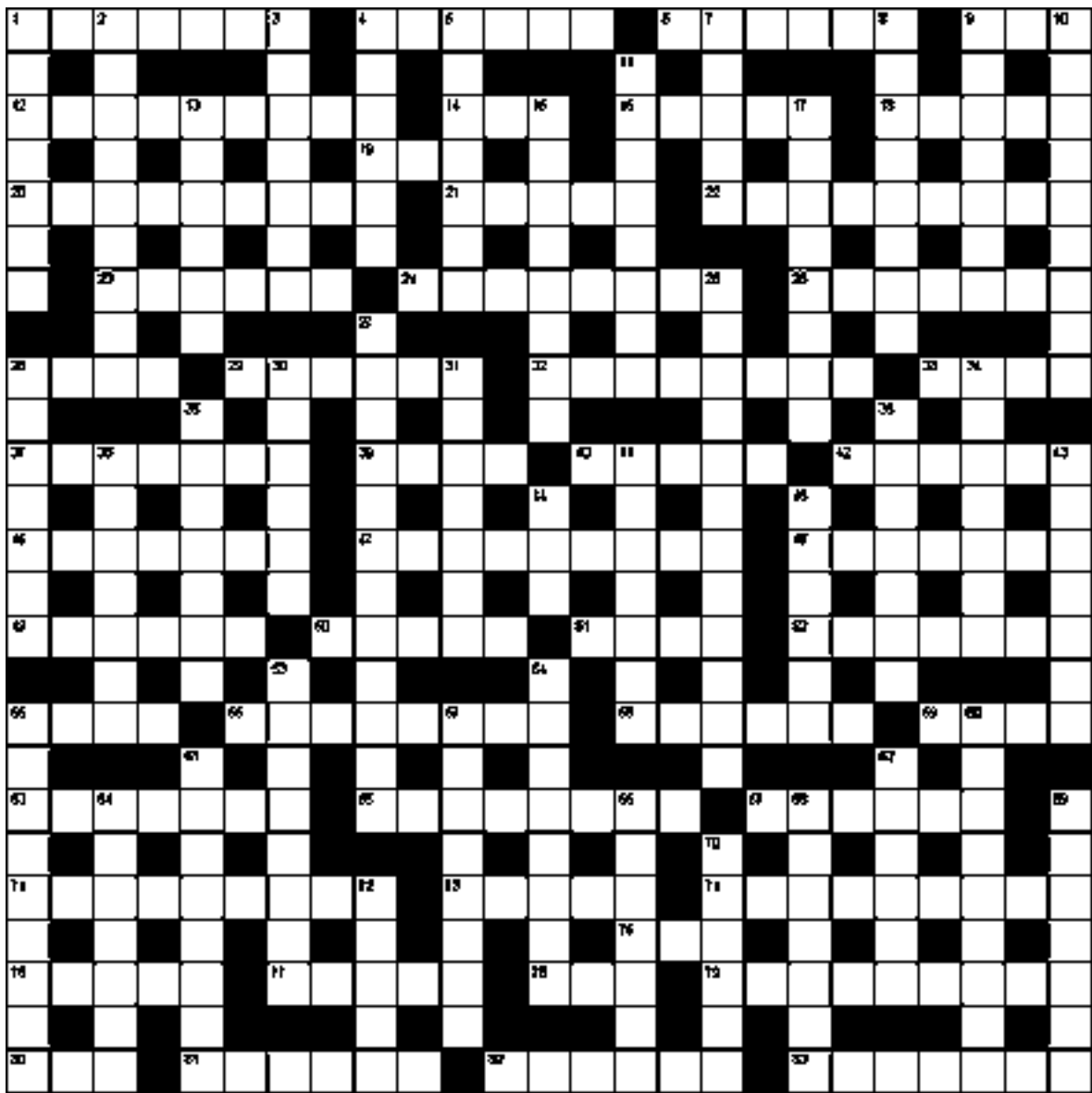
Between the wars he continued with military service and in 1937 was posted to India, accompanied by his wife and youngest child. Later they were joined by their other children, including Anne. She fondly recalled sharing her father's hobby of birding which led to his writing a book on the birds of Baluchistan.

When World War 2 broke out Sir Philip served on the North West frontier and trained his troops for the assault on Burma. At the end of the war he took the surrender of the Japanese forces in South East Asia. He remained to administer the Dutch East Indies during a time of great resistance by the Indonesians against the return of their Dutch overlords.

On the family's return to Britain he continued to serve his country in many roles and to farm. Anne mentioned his links to the Edinburgh Tattoo during his time as Governor of Edinburgh Castle.

Members of Probus who were present at the talk by Anne James obviously heard a more detailed (and accurate) account of her father's life than a brief review can cover. We were also very impressed to have received the story from such a talented, well prepared and engaging speaker.





Across

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. The fifth planet (7) | 29. Buy from abroad (6) | 58. Airstrip (6) |
| 4. Elevated (6) | 32. Amulet (8) | 59. Flows out (4) |
| 6. Edge (6) | 33. Sort (4) | 63. Vegetable (7) |
| 9. Consumed (3) | 37. Perplexed (7) | 65. Pleads (8) |
| 12. Algebraic symbols (9) | 39. Diplomacy (4) | 67. Chacma (6) |
| 14. Edible tuber (3) | 40. Publish (5) | 71. Predominant (9) |
| 16. Notions (5) | 42. Profited (6) | 73. Proverb (5) |
| 18. Jumped (5) | 46. Dried grapes (7) | 74. Innovation (9) |
| 19. Unwell (3) | 47. Felons (9) | 75. Lubricant (3) |
| 20. Cut (9) | 48. Number (7) | 76. Gemstones (5) |
| 21. Fails to win (5) | 49. Bicycle for two (6) | 77. Tripod (5) |
| 22. Vitality (9) | 50. Extreme happiness (5) | 78. Stray (3) |
| 23. Hinder (6) | 51. Particle (4) | 79. Tremendous (9) |
| 24. Happened (8) | 52. Protected (7) | 80. Japanese currency (3) |
| 26. Illicit (7) | 55. Yield (4) | 81. Spoke (6) |
| 28. System of beliefs and rituals (4) | 56. Precise (8) | 82. Creature (6) |
| | | 83. Support (7) |

Down

1. Field event (7)
2. Insular (9)
3. Associated (7)
4. Dwell (6)
5. Pastoral (7)
7. Greek letter (5)
8. Dependable (8)
9. Astounding (7)
10. Embroiled (9)
11. Troubador (8)
13. Sudden (6)
15. Insect (8)
17. Oriental sword (8)

25. Expenditure (12)
27. Gardening (12)
28. Floor show (7)
30. Humble (6)
31. Plans (7)
34. Disregarded (7)
35. Asserted (7)
36. Porridge (7)
38. Pretended (7)
41. Disperse (7)
43. Deceives (7)
44. Atmosphere (3)
45. Mystery (6)

53. Agenda (8)
54. Drink (8)
55. Blare (9)
57. Really (8)
60. Handrail (9)
61. Type of monkey (8)
62. Part of the eye (6)
64. Haggle (7)
66. Proposition (7)
68. Go forward (7)
69. Flair (7)
70. Intentional (6)
72. Sample (5)

