

### **Social activities**

Coffee Mornings – as in previous years, six of these events were held at The Epsom Bowling Club on the last Tuesday of each month from May to October. They proved very popular, with attendances well up on last year. We thank Jim and Barbara Couchman, Colin Chapman, Colin and Ruth Hunt and Arthur Upward together with all the many helpers for their hard work toward making these mornings such a success.

Outings – once again outings have not proved a strong point. No outings took place during the year and attempts to join up, for outings, with Ewell Probus and Cheam Probus have not proved successful.

Chairman's Dinner – some 50 members, wives and friends enjoyed a splendid dinner at Tyrells Wood Golf Club – hosted by our Chairman . The buffet meal, last year, proved popular and was repeated again this year. Afterwards, everyone enjoyed the music provided by Stephen Robbins with his keyboard..

### **The Raffle.**

Proceeds from the raffle are donated to charity and the aim has been to support local charities as far as possible. The four recipients for the last year, were :- Project Harar, The Rainbow Trust, The Epsom and Ewell Community Fund and 'My Time'. The gradual fall in the numbers attending regular lunches has resulted in a similar fall in the income from raffle ticket sales. The Committee therefore reluctantly decided to reduce the amounts paid to the selected charities from £300 £250. The net amount collected during the year to 31.12.2016 was £1,131 (£1,383 gross compared with £1,477 in 2015 and £1,449 in 2014)

### **Special thanks**

Once again, we are greatly indebted to a number of people for their contributions towards the smooth running of the Club:-

- To John Carter for editing the monthly Newsletter (to become quarterly in 2017).
- To Barry Holmes for all his hard work in organising our Ladies' Lunches,.....
- To Peter Dimmock for organising our Charity Raffle.
- To Tony Hill for his most valuable work as our Welfare Officer
- To Peter Rodd for producing the annual member's handbook, and
- To Peter Williams for creating and running the Club website

Martin Blackford  
Hon. Secretary  
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*Guest of Malcolm Boyd.*