



### MOCCO'S MUSINGS

Musings definition – a period of reflections or thought



Greetings Probus Club members and prospective new members,

Our recent AGM was the first one held at our comfortable new venue. We are one of three Probus clubs that now meet at the Forest Hotel. We had over 100 members in attendance to give a warm ovation to our outgoing President Ros Thompson who has worked tirelessly for the benefit of our membership.

Our excellent committee remains largely unchanged but with two new additions. Lesley McQuire is our new secretary and Mike Hartnell is Vice President. Our supportive sub-committee welcomes Peter Loveday who will ably look after photography.

Our first social event was a lunch at Frankies. Over 40 members attended and enjoyed a leisurely low key function enhanced by the early arrival of the Easter bunny. Thanks Marg L.

Elsewhere Helen and Dennis Miles led the walking group on a tour of historic Cockatoo Island. Therein lies a Probus connection. Our late President, Kevin Radford spent his early years at the Island as an apprentice before gaining employment on the Harbour Bridge.

Cinema success, "The Great Escaper" drew a large number of our club members. Well chosen Gloria! And staying with entertainment, The Wharf Revue at Glen Street was as usual a resounding success. ( I'm sure Warwick will give a brief resume! )

Margaret Ayre took us down memory lane to Linnwood, the historic heritage house at Guildford in Sydney's west.

Next meeting, Cherry our guest speaker coordinator, has arranged a visit from the Mayor of Willoughby as well as some musicians from the Willoughby Symphony Orchestra who will provide a musical interlude. Something to look forward to.

Wishing you and your families a safe and happy Easter.

**President Peter**



Past President Ros Thompson and new Probus Club member Barry Lowe



New President Peter Moxham and Past President Ros Thompson



Special AGM Meeting Guest Rotary President Brian Fairweather



## **COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2024/2025**

President	Peter Moxham
Past President	Ros Thompson
Vice President	Mike Hartnell
Secretary	Lesley McQuire
Assist Secretary	Liz Pawsey
Treasurer	Colin Fordred
Assist Treasurer	Mike Staniland
Entertainment	Warwick Brady
Guest Speakers	Cherry Robinson
Membership	Tony Lovett
Newsletter	Jenny Jones
Social	Marg Lovett
Tours/Outings	Margaret Ayre
Welfare	Robyn Wood

To send a message, comment or suggestion to the committee, please email our club email address:

[Combinedbelroseprobus@gmail.com](mailto:Combinedbelroseprobus@gmail.com)

or use the suggestion box on the book exchange table:

## **CLUB SUB COMMITTEES 2024/2025**

Audio Visual	Terry Stewart
Honorary Auditor	Chris Wood
Book Exchange	Judy Morton
Cinema Group	Gloria Attwooll
Hospitality	Di Pill
Photographer	Peter Loveday
Reception	Warren Needs
Walking Group	Helen and Dennis Miles
Website Admin.	Ross Swadling
Welfare	Robyn Wood
Wine Apprec,	Mike Staniland
Wrap with Love	Margaret Hobson



## **APRIL/MAY 2024**

29 March – 1 April  
Easter

4 April – Tours/Outings  
Hawkesbury Riverboat Postman

11 April – General Meeting

18 April – Committee Meeting

18 April – Social  
101 Thai Café, Wheeler Heights

25 April – Anzac Day

26 April – Entertainment  
Good Company

26 April – Walk  
Maroubra led by Lyn and Jock

2 May – Entertainment  
The Robertson Brothers

9 May – General Meeting

13-19 May – Tours/Outings  
Bright and Surrounds

23 May – Committee Meeting

26 April – Walk  
Maroubra

## BOOKING CLUB ACTIVITIES AND PAYMENT

### TO BOOK CLUB ACTIVITIES

- Register online via our club website  
<http://www.belroseprobus.org.au>
- or
- During meetings at the back of the hall, Warwick Brady (entertainment), Marg Lovett (social) and Margaret Ayre (outings) will be happy to take your details for club events.

### PAYMENT

Preferred method of payment is EFT. **VERY IMPORTANT — Please ensure that you include your surname and event name in the description section of your EFT payment or (if you cannot do this) send an email to the event organiser to notify them of your payment. Print the “transaction receipt” and give one copy of it to the event organiser.**

Our club bank details are:

**Combined Probus Club of Belrose**  
**BSB: 032123**  
**Account No: 325864**

If you need to pay in cash please place in an envelope for each event with your name on the front and give it to the event organiser. Separate payments in separate envelopes please.

**Preferably no cheques or cash please.**

## BOOK EXCHANGE

Judy Morton (0412 235 400)



Please, no more than one book per member to be brought to the table and to be taken back if no one has taken it by the end of the meeting. PLEASE NO MAGAZINES, NATIONAL GEOGRAPHICS (OR SIMILAR).

Jigsaw puzzles may also be exchanged.

On the table there is also a “suggestion box”. Your comments/suggestions are always welcome.

## CINEMA/MOVIES

Gloria Attwooll (0430 215 536)

My review of The Great Escaper

Every so often, one sees a movie that stands out as exceptional. On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March, Liz and I, with about 20 other Probians, ventured to Warriewood to see “The Great Escaper”. I’d not heard of it and knew nothing about it, except it had the aging Michael Caine in it. Liz said something about it, being about old people. This fits us, and I’ve always enjoyed Michael Caine. So, in we went with zero expectations.

After almost 2 hours, we joined everyone in the foyer with the usual questions, “did you enjoy it”, “what did you think”, “I thought it was going to be a comedy”, etc. Yes, of course, there was a wide-ranging set of answers. I was asked whether I liked it, but you’ll have to read the end of my review to hear my answer.

Why do we want to go to the movies? Some go to leave the humdrum of their routine life, others to see their favourite actors perform, some to learn about aspects well outside their lives, some for the scenery, etc., etc. I’m quite clear about my reason. I enjoy being consumed and brought within the movie’s story and circumstances, both visual and audio.

To me, an excellent film simply draws me into and behind the physical boundaries of the screen, such that I’m no longer in a theatre looking at a flat screen (yes large) but completely involved with the people acting and revealing the joys and hates of their everyday lives – though sometimes extremely complex.

So how did the film move me. Being an English/French collaboration, I assumed the talking would be like everyday life. Not a series of continual rapid-fire conversations, with hardly time to take in what was said and with no time to contemplate the feeling of the characters - (am I simplifying many American films and their shows generally).

With some of the French sophistication and the raw humour of the English, there were a great variety of fast

moving, slow and very poignant moments. The scenery was beautifully varied, such that the moment, its complexity and the sky shots, melted into a seamless sense of feeling and often high emotion. For me, I’d left my seat in the theatre and was living their lives through the sadness, happiness and uncertainty as to what would happen next.

The story was relatively simple, but one was never sure what the next scene, or talking would have on the story. We were constantly thinking (and guessing) what was going to happen next, and were often wrong. I must admit that I’ve not watched any film with so many periods of having damp eyes. Yes, I know that I’m emotional, but this film totally proved it for me.

So did I like it ? But before answering it - what does ‘like’ mean ? A reputable dictionary says it means “- *to feel attraction toward or take pleasure in* : ENJOY”.

I was completely drawn into their emotional lives. I experienced fear, sadness and some great humour. I saw some wonderful cinematography and very clever words and wonderful silences.

So did I enjoy the film – NO. But I was so impressed with the concept and its total execution. Therefore, I was enormously pleased to have witnessed it. As a film package it was one of the most impressive, I’ve ever seen. If I could, I would have given it 15 out of 10.

But what did you think of it ? Don't give a simple quick response, but think deeply about it. I know there'll be a wide range of ideas. The above is just the way I saw it.

I look forward to Gloria's next film choice.

## **Hastings Pawsey**

### **ENTERTAINMENT**

Warwick Brady (0418 793 684)

## **THE ROBERTSON BROTHERS**

**Thursday 2nd May at 7.00pm** we have 39 members booked for "The Robertson Brothers" a heart warming and uplifting Variety Show. Tribute is paid to the Musical Giants of the 1960's. Members attending **please note that this show COMMENCES AT 7.00PM.**

## **GOOD COMPANY**

Two of Australia's most applauded performers Darren Coggan and Damien Leith are back on stage as they celebrate the songs that shook the world. Damien and Darren re-live the songs that the whole world sang accompanied by the lush sounds of The Good Company of Strings Quartet. Now together in a two-hour show which is back-to-back hits, with immortal songs from the treasure trove of music history. Pretty Woman, Hey Jude, Father and Son Country Roads Hallelujah and Fire & Rain to name a few. This show is on **Friday 26th April at 8.00pm Tickets are \$60.00.** If you are interested please make your booking.

## **LUMIERES DE PARIS**

Lumieres De Paris - A morning Musical Event is on **3rd June at 11.00am.** A musical kaleidoscope of French music in all it's wonderful sounds and forms. Combining opera, operatta musicals and French Variety. Without a doubt the stunning concert offers an escape to another world, Our show is the Australian premier - so why not be the first to see this fabulous show. **Price is \$30. Book tickets now.**

## **THE PROMS**

An Afternoon at the Proms - A Musical Spectacular. Hosted by Australian's loveable violin maestro Ian Cooper. Featuring Proms favourites including Jerusalem Land of Hope and Glory, Rule Britannia and Radetsky March. Ian Cooper plays homage to the iconic BBC Proms of London's prestigious Royal Albert Hall with his Blue Danube Orchestra and guest Australian Vocalists, whilst tipping his hat to the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. Brace yourself for an unforgettable experience.

The Combined Marching Band and Orchestra perform anthems including Scotland the Brave, Amazing Grace, March of the British Grenadiers and the majestic Highland Cathedral. To add to the festive atmosphere flags and noise makers will be available for purchase. An afternoon at the Proms Spectacular - You'll make - Friends for Life.

**Ticket Price \$89.00. One show only SUNDAY 11TH AUGUST AT 2.00PM. PLEASE MAKE YOUR BOOKINGS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

## THE MOUSETRAP

The Cleverest Murder Mystery in the theatre - AGATHA CHRISTIE'S THE MOUSETRAP. For the show which could run forever. we have selected Thursday 22nd August at 7.30pm. or Wednesday afternoon 21st August at 2.00pm Tickets are \$90.00 and Bookings are open now.

## AHN DO

Thanks again to all our members who thoroughly enjoyed "ANH DO THE HAPPIEST REFUGEE ALIVE". The show was absolutely fantastic, one of the very best shows I have had the privilege of arranging for our Club. It was not only good, it was absolutely sensational. As suggested I sent our thanks to Glen Street Theatre on your behalf.

## WHARF REVUE

Wharf Revue Pride in Prejudice - Once again we had a great response to the Wharf Revue shows. 80 members at the two shows. Both shows were enjoyable and many members suggested they could support the show if they were staged again next year.

Thanks again.

Kind regards  
**Warwick Brady**  
**Entertainment Officer**

## **GUEST SPEAKERS**

Cherry Robinson (0438 186 584)

## APRIL SPEAKER

The Guest speaker will take a different format this meeting, we will have the Mayor of Willoughby first speak to us on the Willoughby Symphony Orchestra and then be entertained by two or three of their members. I think this is a first for our club and hope you enjoy it.



**Willoughby Symphony Orchestra**

## MAY SPEAKER

The May speaker may have us concentrating as we have Artificial Intelligence explained to us.

**Cherry Robinson**  
**Guest Speaker Coordinator**

## **SOCIAL**

Margaret Lovett (0414 872 189)

### **LUNCH AT FRANKIES**

Thank you those who came to Frankies on 21st March. Unfortunately, a few people had to withdraw due to various commitments and injuries and 36 people attended. A pleasant lunch was enjoyed by all.

### **DINNER AT 101 THAI CAFÉ**

Our next social gathering is on 18th April at 101 Thai and Café at Wheeler Heights at 6pm

Address is: Shop 2 180 South Creek Rd Wheeler Heights Ph.0433192842

This function will be a banquet meal comprising Entrée, 4x main dishes and rice for \$38 per person. Restaurant is BYO and there will be NO corkage. Bookings and payment MUST be made before 12th April. Dietary requirements to be noted on booking. The restaurant is not huge so numbers may have to be limited so don't miss out.

### **XMAS IN JULY**

Venue for Xmas in July is the FOREST HOTEL on 18th July at 12 md.

This function is \$35 per person for 2 courses. Drinks will be available as usual at your own cost. Bookings are essential. Payment to be made before 10th July. A touch of Xmas bling is Mandatory!!!

### **ANNIVERSARY LUNCH**

Cromer Golf Club on 22nd August at 12 md.

Price is \$80 per person.

Further details will be forthcoming.

### **XMAS LUNCH**

Venue for Xmas lunch will be at Monash Country Club at 12 md on 19th December.

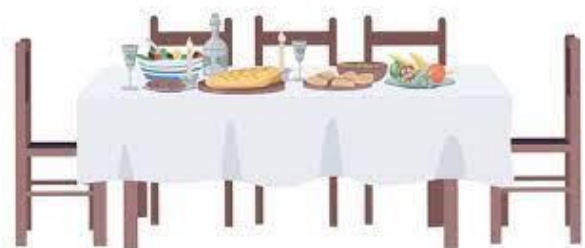
Price will be \$85 per person.

Further details will be forthcoming.

And.....

I would LOVE to see everyone encouraging our new members to come to the social events as it is a great opportunity on a casual basis to meet new people.

Cheers,  
**Marg Lovett**  
**Social Coordinator**





## TOURS AND OUTINGS

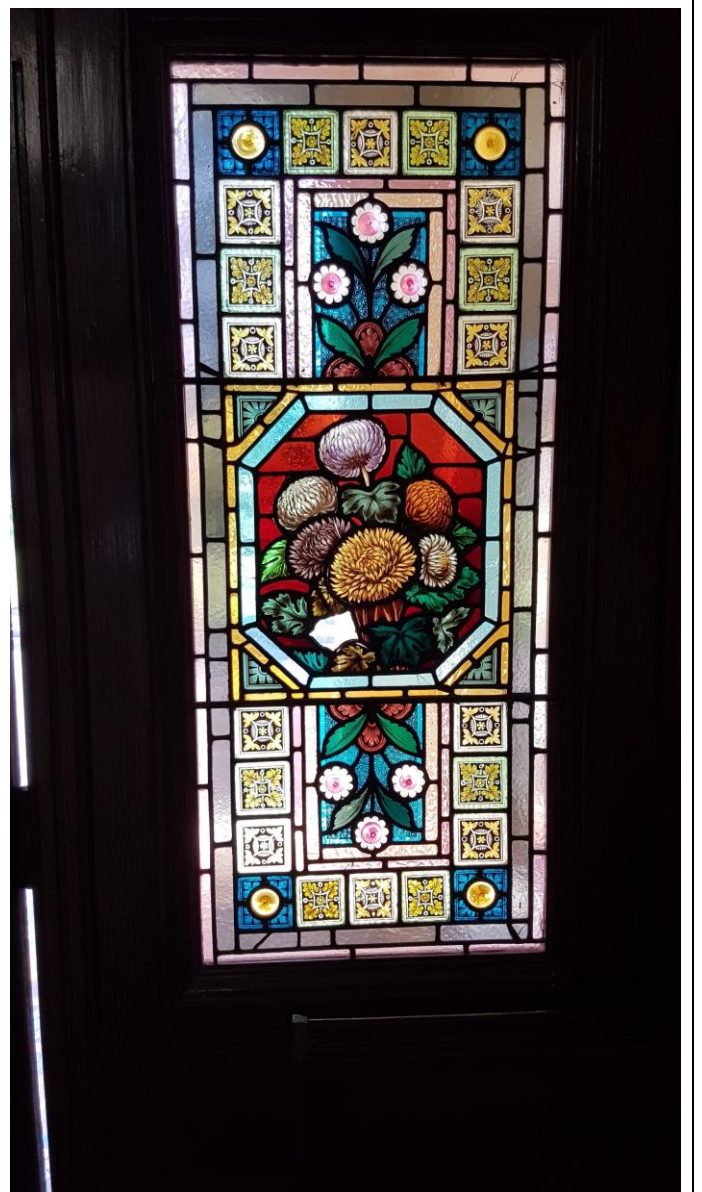
Margaret Ayre (0423 302 069)

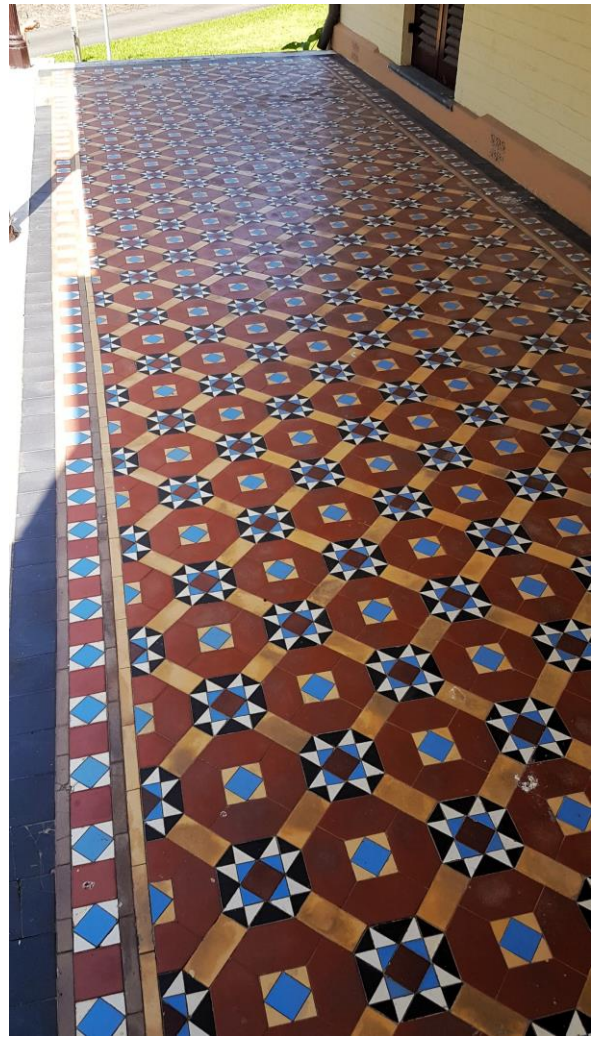
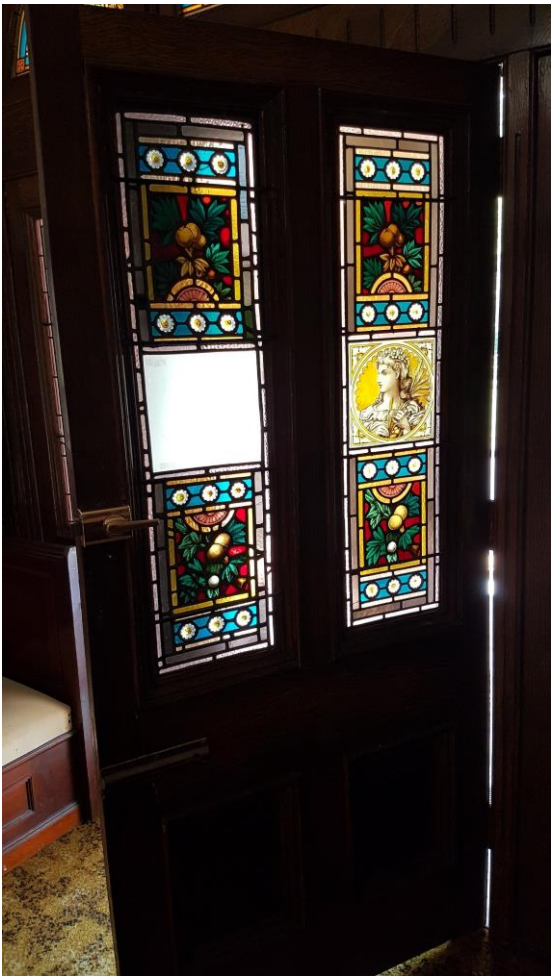
### LINWOOD HISTORICAL HOME

26 of us went out to Linnwood Historical home at Guilford for a visit on Thursday 7th March. Dorothy and Helen were very passionate about the home and gardens.

It was a beautiful home. Most of the period furniture was on loan from the local community. The stained glass throughout the home was fantastic.

14 of us finished off the day by having a yummy lunch at the Merrylands Bowling Club. Thank you all for your positive feedback much appreciated.







A small (?) meal for Ros and Di at Merrylands Bowling Club after visiting Linnwood

### **THE RIVERBOAT POSTMAN**

9 Dangar Rd, Brooklyn NSW 2083  
Thursday 4th April 2024 leaving at 10am.



The Riverboat Postman - an iconic cruise just one hour from the centre of Sydney - delivering the mail to the isolated water-access-only residents of the magnificent Hawkesbury River on behalf of Australia Post (as well as other daily essentials like milk, papers, the odd bottle of rum).

This is a great trip, looking forward to hopefully seeing new members join us on the outing. 30 seats are reserved at present on the boat. **Cost is \$55.00pp** this includes morning tea and a Ploughman's Lunch

This will be a car share day out. Or by public transport. **Payment is due now please.**

## **BRIGHT AND SURROUNDS TOUR**



**13th -19th May 2024**

The Bright tour remains fully booked and the **final payments are due No later than the end of March. Please**

## **SYDNEY CRICKET GROUND TOUR**

**Thursday 1st August 2024**



The SCG Tour is a fun and fascinating 90-minute guided walking tour of the Sydney Cricket Ground.

Journey behind the scenes and take in the splendour of the architecture, heritage and ambiance of this world-famous sporting precinct. Hear entertaining stories of players, spectators, events and indulge in the rich history of one of Sydney's most iconic venues.

Includes morning tea, 1½ hour tour of the SCG, a 2-course lunch at Paddington RSL plus coffee & tea. A visit to the Fish Markets on the way home to stock up with yummy seafood. There will be an esky on board.

**Please register as soon as possible. Cost of \$100 pp**



## TULIP TOPS TOUR

2nd -3rd October 2024.

Tour of Corbett Gardens and Retford House Bowral and Tulip Tops



Magnificent Tulip Top gardens capturing the essence of tulips, flowers, fauna and surrounding landscape whilst classical music plays ambient in the background. Facilities are excellent with clean accessible bathrooms. Plenty of comfortable seating throughout the gardens that are well spaced. Activities include famous artists as well as great musicians. A wonderful atmosphere for families, couples and elderly persons. Thank you to all involved in the creation of the Tulip Top Gardens as you create magic through flowers.

OnCourse Coach Tours have reserved 20 rooms at the Briars Country Lodge Burradoo (Please see web site) for Wednesday 2nd October 2024. I should have confirmation at the next meeting

**Margaret Ayre**  
**Outings/Tours Coordinator**  
Ph; 0423 302 069  
[margayre1@gmail.com](mailto:margayre1@gmail.com)

## **WALKING GROUP**

Helen Miles (0407 078 963) (9451 8777)

## APRIL WALK

Our April walk is on **Friday 26th April** in Maroubra and around the Malabar Headland and is led by Lyn and Jock.

Meet at Glenrose at 8.20am for the 8.28am 271 City bus to Wynyard and then the 396 Maroubra bus from Circular Quay. Coffee is at the Marini Cafe at Maroubra.

The walk could be described as medium with some stairs and is circular around the headland mostly on a raised path. It should take approx. one and a half hours to complete and we plan to return to the Marini Cafe for lunch. Buses return to the city every 10 minutes just a short walk from the cafe and we have the choice of bus or ferry and bus from the city home.

## MARCH WALK

Fifteen walkers were able to enjoy milder conditions exploring Cockatoo Island on Friday 22nd March, a week early due to Good Friday. Bus to the City and River Cat from Circular Quay we were glad to arrive on the Island and enjoy our morning coffee.

We started our walk heading up the hill to the Historic Residence Precinct with amazing views out over the harbour and buildings reflecting architectural styles from across three centuries

including Biloela House - built circa 1841- with it's Shipyard Stories exhibition. From here we moved across to explore the Convict Precinct and a cheese and biscuits break before descending back down. Here we passed the Campground, the Slipways and remnants of an old crane, the Powerhouse Area and around to the Sutherland Dock and Island Boat Storage.

Situated in the Docks Precinct, between the two Docks, we spotted the Marina Cafe & Bar and decided it was definitely time for a lunch break. Unfortunately after our break extremely dark clouds appeared from the north so we took the shortcut through the Dog-Leg Tunnel and as a few drops of rain fell we headed for the wharf and the approaching River Cat for our trip home.

It was lovely to welcome two new members to our walking group. Thank you Peter for your photographic record of our monthly walk.

**Helen Miles**  
**Walks Coordinator**



**Cockatoo Island**











## WRAP WITH LOVE

Margaret Hobson (0416 090 140)



A design working bee held recently in the Pawsey folly. And some more of our completed wraps.

### Margaret Hobson





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*April Birthdays*

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| 3rd  | Terry Stewart      |
| 4th  | David Walker       |
| 10th | John Duce          |
| 13th | Margaret Krajancic |
| 14th | Neville Marsh      |
| 22nd | Rob Murphy         |
| 24th | Hastings Pawsey    |
| 28th | Robyn Wood         |
| 29th | Betty Crawford     |
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