Women's Probus Club of Cambridge

November 2026 – Lest We Forget

Next Meeting

Friday November 20, 2026

Portuguese Club
870 Townline Rd
Cambridge, ON
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Women's Probus Club Of Cambridge **Website** (Crtl +click)

https://womensprobusclubofcambridge.ca/

Please Remember:

Should you be aware of a fellow Probrian who may welcome a gentle connection, whether through a card of support for illness, sympathy, a hospital visit or simply a "thinking of you", please contact Kay Mattear (519 623-3241)

November Greeters:

Welcome to our Newest Probus Members**: Lyn Mortimer, Besty Hofman, Michelle Hughes, and Margot Kummer** with our President Cathy and New Member Ambassador Marilyn.



Who Am I?: I'm Stevie Natolochny



We were all smiling ear to ear as learned a little bit more of Stevie, her Ukrainian and Western Canada roots and her wonderful sense of humour. We are grateful for her patriotic work in supporting a stronger and united Canada and supporting citizens of Cambridge during her time working in a Constituency office.

November's Guest Speakers: Cambridge Poppy Project Sue Sturdy and Jayne Herring

Sue Sturdy is a fibre artist whose creative vision brings people together through knitting, crochet and community-based textile art. In 2010, as Artist-in-Residence at the Cambridge Centre for the Arts, she conceived and led KNIT camBRIDGE, an extraordinary public art project that transformed Cambridge's historic Main Street Bridge into a colourful celebration of fibre arts.



November Days of Acknowledgement

Veterans' Week
November 5-11

Remembrance Day
November 11

Transgender Day of Remembrance
November 20

International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
November 25





Other community projects have been Colourful Roots based in Brampton in 2012, The Grand Woolly River Ride 2017 and work on The Cambridge Poppy Project. Sue's work shows how traditional crafts can become innovative public art. Through creativity, collaboration and community involvement, her projects connect people across generations and demonstrate that knitting and crochet are powerful ways to bring communities together and create a lasting impact.



Jayne Herring grew up in Sheffield and has called Cambridge home for over 45 years. She began her career with the Waterloo Region District School Board in 1986, holding several roles before retiring as Manager of Corporate Services in 2017.
A dedicated community volunteer, Jayne was elected School Board Trustee in 2018, serving as Board Chair from 2018–2020 and representing Cambridge and North Dumfries until 2022.
Her volunteer contributions include serving as Co-Chair of Cambridge Memorial Hospital's Patient & Family Advisory Committee, Vice-President of Citizens for Cambridge, a move coordinator with Shelter Movers, and currently as a Director on the Cambridge Memorial Hospital Board.
One of her proudest volunteer achievements was coordinating the Cambridge Poppy Project, a project she is delighted to share with us today, along with the story of the incredible volunteers who brought it to life.
Jayne lives in Cambridge with her husband, David, and their dog, Barkley. She enjoys reading, watercolour painting, and her book club, which has been together for an impressive 31 years

Special November Share from Barb Armstrong

In October, my husband and I visited Belgium. We hired a guide/historian to take us to Flanders, Ypres, and Passchendaele. In this small area, there are over 168 Commonwealth WWI cemeteries. Canada is still very highly thought of in this part of Belgium, and we saw Canadian flags and street names. The Canadian losses in this area over four years were massive in number.

We visited the bunker where John McCrae wrote his famous poem in honour of his fallen friend. We stood there silently, tearful, as our guide recited it. (In Flander's Field)

Later in our trip, we visited the Canadian WWII War Cemetery in Groesbeek, Netherlands. Each soldier, of the over 2,300 buried here, has been adopted by a schoolchild, and a candle is lit on each grave on December 24. Some were Indigenous, and some were Jewish boys who had changed their names to enlist. Two massive maple trees guard the entrance to the site. The land has been gifted to Canada by the Dutch people.

November Birthdays

Irene Anderson

Nancy Dickson

Mary Eby

Alina Homen

Kadi Horea

Rose Jiricka

Donna Rossi

Marcia Renner

Pam Lake

Rita Westbrook





Photos from Barb Armstrong's Trip.

Thank you, Barb,

Lest we forget.

October's Guest Speaker: Dr. Amy Barron
Agatha Christie and Archelogy



Our October guest speaker, Dr. Amy Barron, gave an educational and entertaining presentation exploring Agatha Christie's fascinating connection to archaeology and how it influenced her writing. We learned about Christie's experiences in the archaeological world and how her travels and involvement in excavations provided inspiration and background for some of her famous novels, including Murder on the Orient Express.

Dr. Barron brought this interesting connection between archaeology and literature to life, offering a fresh perspective on one of the world's most beloved mystery writers. It was an engaging and enjoyable presentation that gave us a glimpse into the real-life experiences behind Agatha Christie's famous stories.



December's Holiday Festive Meeting will be held

Friday December 11th

Please note this is a change from our regular date.



Committee Updates

Note: You will find contact details on the last page of the Newsletter.

"Who Am I?": At the start of our meetings, it is always a pleasure to get to know both our new and long-standing members. While you may have been part of Probus for many years, our newer members may not yet know your story, so please don't hesitate to share. Please let a member of the executive know if you are interested.

Books R Us: In October we did our popular Book Share, and "There Are Rivers in the Sky" is on the agenda for the November 13 meeting when it will be presented. Call Marilyn for more information.

The Page Turners: In October, The Page Turners read and discussed Maggie O'Farrell's ***Land***. O'Farrell is the author of *Hamnet*, and this book is set in Ireland, where O'Farrell was born. **Land** follows an Irish family just after the devastating potato famine and explores themes of endurance: survivors of famine, migration, superstition, grief, colonial violence, and time. The novel is a rich exploration of how the forest, bogs, hillsides and streams are not passive settings, but a living hold of memory, suggesting that the earth retains the histories of those beneath it. The stories of each member of the family -- father, mother, sons and daughters -- are richly drawn and pull the reader into an era of great tragedy. The second storyline of a young woman who lived and died over a thousand years before in the same place, is reflected in the present storyline. All the Page Turners agreed this was a wonderful book, with one member saying it is possibly the best book she has ever read. Highly recommended.

The Page Turners meet the third Wednesday of each month at 1:30 pm at members' homes.

Culture Club: Currently on a break.

Technology Booster Club: The Club started again in October.

Theatre Club: **TIME SENSITIVE UPDATES:**
Ticket Orders due by **Thursday December 10** for two shows that are expected to be sell-outs:

May 27, 2027 – **Billy Elliott**
August 28, 2027 – **Come From Away**



Tickets for ***A Christmas Carol*** will be given out at the December 11, meeting. If you know that you will not be able to attend the meeting, please reach out to Sylvia Brooks to make other arrangements.

Please see back page for the 2026-27 scheduleand contact information.

POSH: Eleven ladies not only enjoyed food, drink and conversation, they got into the "spirit" of October 30, as they gather in advance of one of the spookiest nights.





The Theatre Club ladies saw **Into the Woods** on Saturday October 17, 2026. Their review was that it was magical and funny and everyone enjoyed the show



Mahjong Club
The group is up and playing! The next game is on November 19.



Euchre Club: Always a good time, and there is an open invitation for more card players! The convenor going forward is now going to be Louise Bartolloni. Her contact information is on the Committee Connection page.

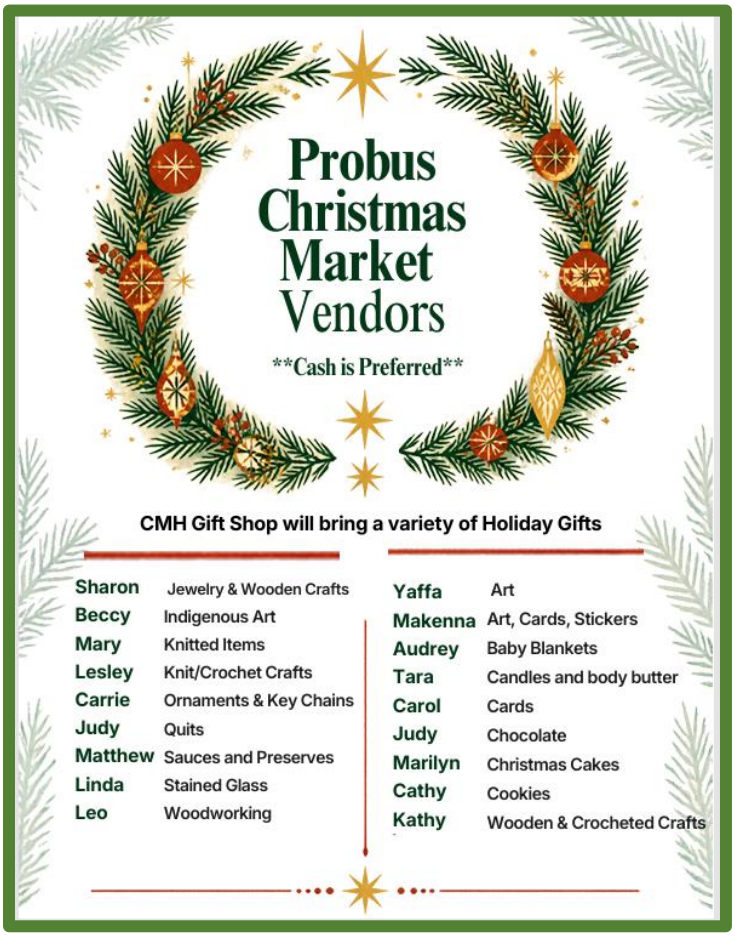
Luncheon Ladies: There was a great turn out at the Fiddle and Firkin in Preston on Friday October 23. Lots of smiles, conversations and it looks like there was lots of food as well!





HO HO HO! It's just around the corner!





Holiday Reminders

Please bring your cash or cheque to the November 20th meeting to buy your Holiday Ticket for our December 11, 2026, meeting. Cost is $45 per person.

December 11 meeting: Please ideally bring $cash$ to purchase items from our Christmas Market Vendors.

Salvation Army/Canadian Tire Toy Drive: If able, please bring an unwrapped gift to support children in need within our community. Gift Certificates are a most welcomed gift.

Cathy's Comments (President's Message)



Hello Ladies!
From the time that I was very young, I knew that my Grandpa was different. He walked with crutches. I didn't know why until one day, when I was a little older, I asked him why he needed crutches. He told me that was because he was a soldier in WW1, and he had been injured in battle. It was many years later that I asked him more about it. He told me that he was very fortunate that he was cared for and was finally able to come home to his family. Many of the men in his unit were not so lucky. I was very happy to grow up with him nearby, when I knew that others were not so fortunate.

Remembrance Day – Lest we Forget
Cathy Button

Citrus White Chocolate Macaroons

Especially lovely for the Holiday Season

Ingredients:

- 4 egg whites
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 6 Tbsp flour
- 2 Tsp lemon peel
- 1 pkg (200 g) flaked coconuts
- 3 squares White Chocolate chopped
- 2 squares Semi-Sweet, melted



Directions

- Beat egg whites in a large bowl with an electric mixer until frothy
- Stir in sugar, flour, lemon peel, coconut and white chocolate.
- Mix with a spoon until well blended
- Drop by tablespoons onto parchment paper on baking sheets.
- Bake at 325F for 20 minutes or until edges of cookies are golden brown.
- Remove from baking sheets and cool on wire racks.
- When cooled drizzle with chocolate.

Probus Theatre Group: 2026 – 2027 Schedule

OCTOBER: Into the Woods – Saturday, October 17, 2026, at 2:00pm

- Drayton Entertainment
- Already booked – tickets purchased
- More are still welcome – sign-up sheet at September 18th members' meeting
- **St. Jacobs Country Playhouse**

NOVEMBER: A Christmas Carol – November 27 to December 6, 2026

- Cambridge Community Players
- **Cambridge Arts Theatre**
- Sign-up sheet at September 18th meeting - *we will book on **November 28th at 4:00pm***

DECEMBER: Snow White & the Seven Tenors: A Panto – Sat December 12, 2026 1 pm

- Drayton Entertainment: **St. Jacobs Country Playhouse**
- Already booked – tickets purchased
- More are still welcome – sign-up sheet at September 18th members' meeting

FEBRUARY: Always a Bridesmaid – February 12 to February 21, 2027

- Cambridge Community Players: **Cambridge Arts Theatre**



MARCH: To Kill a Mockingbird – March 24 to April 11, 2027

- Drayton Entertainment: **Hamilton Family Theatre**

APRIL: School of Rock – April 7 to May 2, 2027

- Drayton Entertainment: **St. Jacobs Country Playhouse**

MAY: Billy Elliott – May 27, 2027

- Drayton Entertainment: **Hamilton Family Theatre**

JUNE/JULY: Jimmy Buffett's Escape to Margaritaville – June 9 to July 4, 2027

- Drayton Entertainment: **St. Jacobs Country Playhouse**
- *(we will try to book between June 27-July 4 if possible – due to many of the Theatre Group going on a trip to Newfoundland from June 4-26th)*

AUGUST: Come From Away – August 28

- Drayton Entertainment: **Hamilton Family Theatre**

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER: High School Musical – September 21 to October 3, 2027

- Drayton Entertainment: **Hamilton Family Theatre**
- *(starring 50 students from the Drayton Entertainment Youth Academy)*

NOVEMBER

Rapunzel – November 16, 2027, to January 2, 2028

- Drayton Entertainment: **St. Jacobs Country Playhouse**
- *(some of the Theatre Group will be in Quebec from November 27-28, 2027, so we will try to book before or after these dates if the show is in 2027)*

DECEMBER

Special Holiday Production to be announced – December 1, 2027, to January 2, 2028

- Drayton Entertainment: **Hamilton Family Theatre**

Activities and Club Connections

Increase your fun by joining!

Learn more by reaching out to the welcoming Convenor



Activities/Clubs	Where	When
BOOKS R US	Galt Country Club 750 Coronation Blvd Cambridge	Second Friday Morning of the Month
THE PAGE TURNERS	Rotating Homes	Third Wednesday Afternoon of the Month
CULTURE CLUB *Expanding our awareness*	Varies based on venue	Varies based on venue
ArtC *All things Creative*	Various Locations	Second Thursday afternoon of the Month
EUCHRE	180 Grand Avenue S. Cambridge	First Wednesday each Month
HIKING CLUB	Various Locations	TBD
LUNCHEON LADIES	Variety of venues	Fourth Friday of each Month, 12 noon
THEATRE GROUP	Various locations	Various Times
POSH *enjoying food, drink and conversation*	Rotating homes	First Saturday of the Month, 5 – 9 pm
TECHNOLOGY BOOSTER CLUB *Learn how to maximize your tech*	On-Line – Zoom	First Tuesday of each Month, 1:00 pm
MAHJONG CLUB	Various Locations	TBD