

FRIENDSHIP and fellowship was the theme new president David Hudson emphasised at Kyrle Probus Club's recent annual meeting.

In thanking them for electing him, David told members, 'This club has a big reputation for friendship and fellowship and I want that to continue over the next 12 months. Let's enjoy it and have a cracking year.'

He thanked retiring president Brian Wozencroft for doing a fantastic job during his year of office, before presenting him with the past president's tie and badge.



Looking back over his year in office, Brian thanked everyone for their support and tolerance. "I've thoroughly enjoyed myself and we need to tell potential members how good we are," he said. "I've had an amazing committee, which to a man has given me fantastic support."

He mentioned in particular retiring treasurer Mike Eastwood and retiring Press officer Jeff Morris who, he said, both deserved a huge amount of credit for the work they had put in during their years in office.

Secretary Keith Leyshon reported the club welcomed two new members during the year, but two members moved away, one member resigned through ill health and one member, John Edwards, sadly passed away. The club ended the year with 35 members.

Treasurer Mike Eastwood reported the club was in a satisfactory position financially, with a surplus of £104.54 for the year, which represented an overall deficit of £1.22 on the previous year. He was recommending no change to members' annual subscriptions, nor to members' contributions to the cost of room hire and coffee for the club's meetings. His recommendation was carried.

Reports were also received and adopted from events coordinator, David Hudson, who went through the varied events members, wives and guests had enjoyed during the year; speakers secretary, Gary Davies, who mentioned that talks had been given by 14 members, while there had been eight guest speakers; Press officer, Jeff Morris and webmaster, Arthur Durrant.

The following officers were elected: president, David Hudson; vice-president, Martin Barr; past president, Brian Wozencroft; secretary, Keith Leyshon; treasurer Victor Downing; events co-ordinator, Robin Nicol; speakers secretary, Nick Oldfield; Press secretary, Mike Stares; webmaster, Arthur Durrant. Hon auditor, Gary Davies.

The AGM followed shortly after another of the club's highlights of the year, the black tie dinner, held at the Chase Hotel. A large number of members and wives were welcomed by president Brian Wozencroft, who thanked Victor Downing for organising the evening.

He also thanked those members who had organised the various events throughout the year. He said he had greatly enjoyed his year as president and thanked the committee members for their stalwart support.