



Probus Club of Ottawa-Rideau Valley

A Meeting of Minds

March 4, 2009 (10 a.m.)

**Tomkins Hall, St. James Anglican Church
1188 Bridge Street, Manotick, Ontario, K4M 1A4**

Water in the Netherlands: Friend and Foe
Guest speaker: Hans Moor

Hans Moor, of the Royal Netherlands Embassy in Ottawa, will speak about his country's battle with water throughout the ages. A large part of The Netherlands is situated below sea level so it has required a great deal of skill and cooperation to keep the water out. The Dutch have battled the water but have also used it to their advantage. Hans will take us on a whirlwind tour of Dutch geological, geographical and aquatic history to give us a better understanding of why The Netherlands looks the way it does now and what lies ahead for the country. Supported by old maps, drawings, photos, pictures and a short movie clip, Hans will explore whether Hansje Brinker really could have saved the country with one thumb in the dike!

Refreshments available from 9.30 a.m. Don't forget your name tags!

Lunch venue following the March meeting: To be announced at the meeting.

Striders and Gliders

The next outing will take place Wednesday, March 18. Given the fickleness of the weather, organizer Glyn Jones will not announce arrangements until the next Probus meeting.

Special events:

There are no plans for events in March, but organizer Merrill Stalker is arranging for tickets for a Big Band concert at the National Arts Centre on Thursday, June 4. More details at the March Probus meeting. Merrill will also provide more information about the Probus Spring Luncheon scheduled for Tuesday, May 26, hosted by the Alta Vista Club.

April 1 guest speaker: Heather Clemenson, an expert on English country houses and their gardens.

Know a Probus member who is ill? Call Kathy Pitcher (613-822-8739). She will send a card.