**Omagh Probus Club**

**Zoom Meeting Wednesday 4th November at 10.30am**

In Attendance : Jim McBain, Bob Lingwood, Oliver Loughran, Kenneth Collins, David Haddow, Jim Alderdice, Michael Cooney, Harmon Scott and Alistair Orr

Jim McBain as host to the Zoom meeting admitted and welcomed members to the meeting and members discussed the overnight American Presidential Election results.

**President Michael Cooney asked for items for the agenda.**

**Royal British Legion Wreath**

Bob Lingwood said that because of Covid19 there would not be a public ceremony at the Cenotaph this year and that he had given the Probus wreath to President Michael Cooney. Michael said he would place it privately on the Cenotaph on behalf of the club.

Bob also informed members he had been interviewed by an American film crew about his life and that a DVD of the interview would be sent to him in due course.

**Welfare**

The welfare of a number of members was discussed. Jim McBain stated that after this meeting he would be making contact with one member who had been in hospital.

**Current Covid 19 Regulations**

Oliver Loughran expressed his concern regarding the present mixed messages from government agencies. Other members agreed and stated they personally were not undertaking unnecessary meetings or journeys at this time

**New Year Message**

President Michael informed members that Fr Christopher from Sacred Heart Church had agreed to give the New Year Message but that the Sacred Heart church would not be available for the meeting as it was open for Private Prayer at our usual meeting time. However the Church Hall would be available for use.

**Christmas**

Although a Christmas Lunch was not possible Jim Alderdice suggested that we should remember the widows of past members. After discussion it was decided to send a Christmas card to widows with a message from the President. The suggestion was made that these cards could be bought from a charity. This was agreed. Alistair Orr said he would organise this. It was also suggested that a Christmas card be sent to all current members.

The meeting ended with a discussion on canals in Venice (and buildings in Omagh that had been build in the past on flood plains.) Meeting ended 11.10am