**Omagh Probus Club**

**Zoom Meeting Wednesday 11th November at 10.30am**

In Attendance: Jim McBain, Bob Lingwood, Oliver Loughran, Kenneth Collins, David Haddow, Jim Alderdice, Michael Cooney, Harmon Scott , Hugh Ward, Sam Bullock, Desmond Smart and Alistair Orr

Jim McBain as host to the Zoom meeting admitted and welcomed members to the meeting.

Members commented on Hon President Bob Lingwood’s interview on Radio Ulster last Saturday morning recounting his wartime experiences**.** Bob stated he also had a phone call from Arlene Foster. Kenneth Collins commented that Omagh Probus Club was honoured to have Bob as a member.

Other members added their reminiscences of family members who had served in the two world wars. President Michael Cooney showed a picture of his father on horseback whilst serving with the Royal Core of Signals in 1942. Alistair Orr showed an embroidered postcard sent by his grandfather from France in 1916.

President Michael informed members he had laid the Poppy wreath on the Cenotaph on Sunday afternoon. A photograph had been posted on the club website.

At 11am members observed a two minute silence.

**Brian Coll**

Members reminisced about the life of Omagh singer Brian Coll, who was buried yesterday, remembering his talk about his life and times, which he gave to Probus in October 2016.

**Christmas Cards**

Members revised the list of widows who normally would be invited to the Club’s Christmas Dinner. It was agreed that they would be sent a Christmas card this year from the club. It was also agreed that all present members would receive a Christmas card this year.

Club Secretary Alistair agreed to purchase Christmas Cards from a charity for both widows and club members. When addressed and stamped he would deliver them to the President to add his greeting.

**New Year Message**

The President confirmed that Fr Christopher McDermott would give the 2021 New Year Message to Probus Club members and that St Joseph’s Hall would be made available for this meeting.

The meeting ended at 11.15am.