



To celebrate the new Probud year we have unleashed a new masthead:

The 2025/6

Auburn Newsletter

A monthly record of the activities of the Combined Probud Club of Auburn
April - Edition - 235 admin@auburnprobud.org.au PO Box 326 Mont Albert 3127

President Peter Gibbs' inaugural address:

A short 18 months since joining the Club I find myself holding the office of President.

The Treasurer and Vice President are also recent members so with the longer club affiliation of the Past President and Membership Officer I believe we have a well balanced committee when it comes to experience and innovation.

Coinciding with taking on the President role was the late February sale end of my Balwyn North residence of some 53 years. It's only 1.5 km as the crow flies to my new acquired Balwyn villa (See pic below, er..... that's me in the shorts) but a quantum move logistically. It's a move so many of you have made and no doubt recall the squeeze down into a smaller abode. I won't miss the lawn mower, there is ample garden area for my partially green thumb and the Jaguars get an upgrade from carport to sizable garage.



As this Newsletter goes to press some 20% of the membership will be enjoying the Getaway to Horsham and that certainly reflects the high level of interest in this activity. Definitely a theme or variation thereof we will pursue later this year when planning 2026.

Then in May we will take afternoon tea to recognize the 21st anniversary of the Club. Yes it will be the occasion to reflect on the Club's beginnings and the path taken over the years. But we must also look forward to what it takes to continue in the years to come.

We now have a Club on a firm financial footing but have underwhelming support for positions on the Committee and Speaker co-ordination. Have our demographics changed with time so that the Special Interest Groups are our priorities and

Outings and Speakers take a back seat? I hope not but one needs to consider why the support interest has waned and it's certainly an aspect I shall broach with the committee.

We need to ensure that we foster the activities that members value.

I am an engineer at heart and foster constant improvement so along with the committee we welcome ideas for new activities or modification of existing ones.

Peter Gibbs

Vice President's Notes

Pat Davies 0409 565 106

Morning Tea Roster

Dom Pellegrino and Carleen Meehan

Please be at the clubrooms by 9.30am to assist with the preparation.
If you are unable to attend on the day you are on duty,
please arrange for someone else to take your place.

The Treasurer's report

John Lagzdins - 0434 870 199

Dear friends,

Subscriptions are rolling in but we still have about 70 members yet to forward their \$75 subs for 2025. Remember, our Rules require payment by April 1st. Even so, cash payments (if any) will be taken at the next meeting on April 7th. EFT details for Auburn Probus are as follows-,

National Bank: BSB 083 277 Account #: 56 9521 388

Any queries and advice of payment to be directed to me, John Lagzdins, either by phone or email:
Lagzdins@melbpc.org.au

Note: Refunds to members re Buda House outing lunch will be available at the April meeting.

Our current bank balance is \$10,101 after paying the March rent of \$500. Also recently paid was Buda House for tour guides \$288, \$760 for refunds to members booked for the Buda House outing, P.O. box rental \$164, \$500 deposit for 21st party to Box Hill Golf Club and \$32 for sundry expenses. There are no bills outstanding. Income was from subscriptions and payments for the 21st Birthday party.

My young helper from before, who is a numbers whizz, says that the binary number of 10101 is equal to decimal 21.

So too our years of service by Auburn Probus members. Twenty one in May.

Please register your interest in the May birthday celebrations with -
Carole Williams email blueowlx@yahoo.com.au phone: 9816 1117 or
John Phillips email njphillips@westnet.com.au phone/SMS: 0439 090 649 or at the next general meeting.

Thank you,
John Lagzdins

Guest Speaker



Our April speaker is one of our own members;

Graeme McCrae

His topic is:

“ A Simple Bookkeeper “

Club Section

Welfare

If you know of any member who is ill and unable to attend meetings please let the club know so that contact can be maintained during their time of stress.

2025 Committee

President - Peter Gibbs
Vice President - Pat Davies
Past President - Peter Matthews
Secretary - Nomination pending approval
Treasurer - John Lagzdins
Outings - One vacancy for a dual role
Speakers - Vacancies
Web Master - Mike Pavey
Newsletter - Don Porter
Membership - Sandi Fitzpatrick
Welfare - Vacancy

2025 Activity Convenors

Armchair Travel - Shirley Fenemor
Brew & Chew - Ian Phillips
Canasta - Thelma Bourke
Dine Out - John & Maureen McIntosh
Coffee and Chat - Jan Cheney
Mahjong and Sew'n' Sews - Barb Richards
Golf & Cycling - Gary Jackson
Movie Goers - Norma Griffiths
Tuesday lunch Book Club - John Curry
Walking - Jenene Marshall
Wednesday afternoon Book Club - Carole Williams

CLUB DIARY The Club Diary is held by the Vice President Pat Davies. The diary lists all Club activities for the whole year. All Organisers and Convenors must contact Pat to let her know the proposed date of activities planned for verification thus ensuring that there are no clashes of activities.

YOUR NEWSLETTER reports on the activities of the past month and future activities for the coming months, convenors are encouraged to submit articles and photographs covering both facets of past and future events.

Members are invited to submit articles of interest along with comments on attended activities.

Birthday Party Notice

Carole Williams - 9816 1117, John Phillips - 0439 090 649



AUBURN PROBIANS!!

JOIN YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS IN CELEBRATING OUR 21st BIRTHDAY ON MONDAY THE 12th OF MAY BETWEEN 2:30 AND 5:00pm AT THE BOX HILL GOLF CLUB.

ENJOY A HIGH TEA OF SCONES, SLICES, SANDWICHES, HOT/COLD SAVOURIES AND FRESH FRUIT, WASHED DOWN WITH CELEBRATORY BUBBLY.
ADDITIONAL DRINKS AVAILABLE AT BAR PRICES.

BE ENTERTAINED BY A NOSTALGIC RETURN TO YOUR YOUTH COMPRISING AN ELVIS SHOW AND HITS OF THE 60's.

ALL OF THIS FOR ONLY \$15.00 PER HEAD.

REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE WITH THE TABLE SET UP AT THE APRIL MEETING IN THE CLUB ROOMS, OR BY MESSAGING CAROLE WILLIAMS ON: 9816 1117 OR blueowlx@yahoo.com.au OR JOHN PHILLIPS ON: 0439 090 649 OR njphillips@westnet.com.au
PLEASE ENSURE YOU ADVISE YOUR INTENTION TO ATTEND AND MAKE PAYMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, BUT NO LATER THAN 25th APRIL.

PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE AT THE MEETING, OR THE USUAL **EFT** USING THE BANK DETAILS IN THE NEWSLETTER. PLEASE ADVISE CAROLE OR JOHN AS WELL AS TREASURER JOHN OF ANY TRANSACTIONS.

PLEASE NOTE PAYMENTS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED AT THE HIGH TEA!

HOPE TO SHARE THE JOY WITH YOU.

Due date (2025) for newsletter articles	Date of monthly meeting
Thursday, 24th April	Monday, 5th May
Thursday, 22nd May	Monday, 2nd June
Thursday, 26th June	Monday, 7th July
Thursday, 24th July	Monday, 4th August
Thursday, 21st August	Monday, 1st September
Thursday, 25th September	Monday, 6th October
Thursday, 23rd October	Monday, 3rd November
Thursday, 20th November	Monday, 8th December

Membership

Sandi Fitzpatrick - 0418 750 780 Ass. Laurice Stainsby - 0404 273 371

Attendance for March/AGM Meeting

Attendance: 87 **Apologies:** 24 **No Response:** 15 **Total Membership:** 126 **Non-Active:** 3
New Members: nil **Deaths:** nil **Resignations:** Judy Lear

Birthdays for April

Peter Gurry, Eril Hudson, Gary Israel, John Phillips, Barbara Richards, Glen Keane, Kevin Neild, William Pond and David Cheney.

It is recommended that members wear their name badges on outings to make it easier for new members to join in.

Could you please let Sandi or Laurice know if you will not be attending the next meeting.

If you have any changes to your contact details, including next of kin, would you please send them to

Sandi at: sandifitz9@bigpond.com

March speaker summary



Our speaker on March 3 was Cameron (Cam) Brimelow, Manager of Sustainability at Toyota Australia. Cam told us that he started as the Studio Engineering Manager in the Design Studio at Toyota in 2006 and had spent time as the Operations Manager and Engineering Manager for Prototyping within Product Design before taking up his present position.

The aim of the Social Impact team at Toyota is to use 1% of the company's pre-tax profit to make a meaningful impact on the Australian community. It supports over 80 different organisations in different forms using monies from a Trust holding \$32 million dollars. Using the engineering and other resources of the company it has produced a wide range of products to assist the disadvantaged in our society, working closely with charitable organisations such as The Smith Family.

Cam told a story of the wonderful and heartwarming work being quietly done by Toyota. He held his audience spellbound and the interest generated was evidenced by the questions asked and the enthusiastic applause at the conclusion of his presentation.

Tony Smythe

Regular Activity Days This Month

Armchair Travel	4th Wednesday	Sew 'n' Sews	3rd Friday
Brew and Chew	4th Wednesday	Tue lunch book club	2nd Tuesday
Canasta	1st Tuesday	Walking	2nd & 4th Monday
Cycling	1st & 3rd Thursday	Wed afternoon book club	2nd Wed
Dine Out	3rd Monday evening	Coffee & Chat	3rd Tuesday
Golf	Every Monday, except public holidays & meeting days		
Mah-jong	Last Thursday	Movie group	1st Wednesday

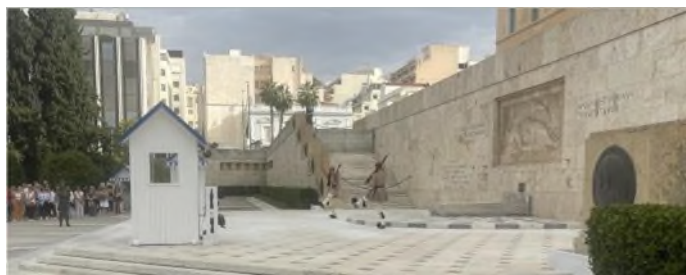
Travel Section Outings

Postscript to the Castlemaine visit - February 28th - *photographs by Helga O'Loughlin*



Armchair Travel

Shirley Fenemor 0429 373 607



Well, we are back again! Please join us on Wednesday 23rd April to be whisked away to Athens and Spain.

As usual we meet at 7.30 pm at Manningtree,
20 Manningtree Road, Hawthorn.

There is usually parking available in the forecourt.
It is always great to see new folk joining us. If you
need any further information please contact me.

Sports Section

Walking Group

Barbara Richards: 0422 508 935 - Jenene Marshall: 0413 481 873

14th April

Albert Park - Leader Barb Edwards - We will meet in Swanston St/Flinders St tram stop by **10.00am**. We will catch the **No. 1 Tram**, to

Albert Park alighting at stop **No. 28**. From there we will walk to St Vincent's place north & south where there are many historical homes listed.

Depending on the weather and inclination there are also gardens we could walk through. We will have coffee or lunch at Monti.

Then we will make our way back on the No. 1 tram to the city and home. We hope for a pleasant day.

PLEASE NOTIFY BARBARA EDWARDS OR JENENE MARSHALL IF YOU ARE COMING SO THAT WE CAN WAIT TILL ALL ARRIVE.

Barbara 0422 508 935

Jenene 0413 481 873

28th April

Surrey Hills - Leaders Julie & Noelle - Meet at 9.50am on the corner of Riversdale Rd and Vernon St., Surrey Hills (Melway 60 G2).

We will walk around the surrounding streets – (the Creek Walk). Coffee at Miss Franks, 200 Through Road, Camberwell.

Golf Group

Gary Jackson 0418 578 863

In April we move to Glen Waverley Golf course, 915 Waverley Rd. Glen Waverley with tee off times for:

Tuesday April 8th **late 10.55 am**,

Mondays 14th and 28th 10 am. Note, no golf scheduled during Easter week.

Golf results for February and March

Date	Weekly Winner	Longest Drive	Nearest the Pin	Best off the stick
24/2	C Mavrodogolos	Trevor Mackey	-	Peter Gibbs
4/3	Brenda Mackey Ross King	Gary Jackson	C Mavrodogolos Trevor Mackey	Peter Gibbs
11/3	Trevor Mackey	Gary Jackson	Peter Gibbs	Peter Gibbs
17/3	Brenda Mackey	Mike Pavey	-	Peter Gibbs

Bike Group

Gary Jackson 0418 578 863

March

Thursday 6th

Four riders departed from Markham Reserve in Ashburton cycling south on some quiet Chadstone Streets to Scotchman's Creek then east past the Oakleigh Golf Club to Forster Road. Gary Jackson had a back wheel punctured tyre. Following a 15 minute tyre change delay we decided to have coffee at a local Mount Waverley café. Returning to Ashburton without reaching our planned ride to Monash University. Thanks David.



Thursday 20th

Three riders cycled from Finns Reserve in Templestowe cross the Yarra River past Odessey House and on through Westerfolds Park. Crossing the Yarra River again to connect with the Diamond

Creek Trail heading towards Eltham. However again Gary Jackson ran into trouble with a back wheel punctured tyre. Following another 15 minute tyre change delay we stopped for coffee at Eltham's Second Home café before returning back to Finns Reserve. Gary's bike is now at a local bike shop for repair. Thanks Christine



April Rides

Thursday 3rd

Meet at 10.00am in the car park at Schwerkolt Cottage and Museum Complex off Deep Creek Road, Ringwood (Melways ref 49 D7) to join up with the Mullum Mullum creek track to The Rumour Mill, McAdam Square, Croydon for coffee and return. Approx. 18k's. Pleasant ride along the creek mainly on well-made tracks.

Leader: Trevor 0408 285 382

Thursday 17th

Meet at 10.00am at the Wantirna Tennis Club Car Park off Mountain Highway 500 metres west of Eastlink (Melway Ref 63 C8). We will ride south through the Dandenong Valley Parklands, past Bunnings and the Waverley Public golf course, through Bushy Park and into Jells Park where coffee and refreshments will be welcomed at the new T House at Jells (where Madeline's Café used to be).

Returning on either Dandenong Creek or Eastlink Trails, total distance about 20 kms. The ride will be on designated bike tracks with part concrete and/or gravel surfaces. Mostly reasonably flat grade '1' terrain. Leaders are Mike & Helen Pavey: 0418 990 815

Footy tipping

Mike Pavey 0418 058 461



The AFL Home & Away Season has started with Zero Rounds and Byes for Clubs up to Round 4.

We have 20 members who are tipping this season.

We have lost some tippers this season but have pleasure in welcoming the return of Loretta Belleville and Lorraine Borley.

The numbers split about 50:50 between the sexes, and the winners to date favour the ladies (5 to 2).

Congratulations to the winners for the first 1+0 Rounds.

Round 0	Shared Pat Davies & Carleen Meehan
Round 1	Trevor Mackey
Round 2	4 Way Tie Between Loretta Belleville, Gary Jackson, Sandi Fitzpatrick and Carole Williams

If assistance is required contact Mike Pavey.



Mark of the month

A new 'footy season' feature

Gold Coast Suns forward Ben King, took this 'specy' during his team's thumping, Round 1 win over the West Coast Eagles in Perth.

Well done Ben, our March winner, you're in the running for the CPCA

'Mark of the Year'

Indoors Section

Mahjong

Barb Richards - 0408 179 885

Due to a number of our mahjong players heading to Horsham we have postponed our March 27th playing day and therefore the next mahjong date will be Thursday April 24th.

Our hostesses for the day will be Jan Lester and Jan Lock at Renaissance Living, at 932 Riversdale Road, Surrey Hills

Remember to bring a packed lunch if you wish to stay.

Please advise Jan Lester if you will or will not be attending.

New Mahjong Members

As we have quite a few newer members of our Probus Club lately, please be aware that new members are very welcome. If anyone would like to learn to play Mahjong or just come along to see how the game is played, please let me know. We play monthly at homes of the players and play from about 10.00 am to midday or a little later, when most players stay and eat their packed lunch. Longstanding members are also very welcome to join us.

Canasta

Thelma Bourke 0417 053 549

The next canasta will be Tuesday April 1st at 7:30 pm Applewood 's 1st floor lounge.

Please note, to access the entry gates press 8888# and say you are there for Thelma Bourke's Canasta night. Any questions, contact me.

Sew 'n' Sews

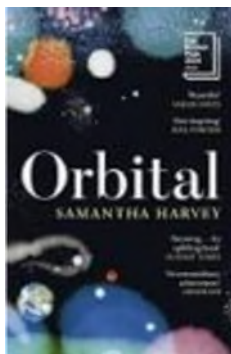
Barb Richards 0408 179 88

As Good Friday falls on 18th April we will not have Sew'n' Sews that month. The next Sew'n' Sews get together will be on Friday 6th May from about 10.00 am. Our hostess will be Maureen McIntosh at her home in Camberwell North. Please let Maureen know if you will or will not be attending.

I will be away on that date so my apologies. I do hope you have a great day.

Tuesday lunch Book Group

John Curry 0417 581 126



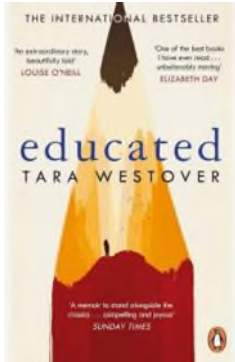
We reviewed "Orbital" by Samantha Harvey at our March meeting. The story is about a day in the life of 6 astronauts as they orbit the earth. The book was quite readable and allowed our members to better understand much of the workings of space travel. Our members rated the book at eight out of ten.



At our next meeting we will review "The Paris Library" by Janet Skeslien Charles.

Wednesday afternoon Book Group

Carole Williams 9816 1117

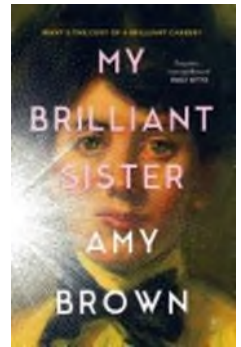


Well!

“Educated” proved to be somewhat of a challenge for us Book Club members. While we all finished it, we found it a bit of a struggle: the problem was not with the writing but the content. The author grew up in rural America in a strict Mormon family, with a truly horrible brother and an equally awful father, yet despite being very intelligent (winning scholarships to Cambridge and Harvard) she kept being drawn back to her family home like a moth to a flame.
Recommended with reservations.

April’s book is “My Brilliant Sister” by Amy Brown, 2024

In this debut novel the author thrillingly re-imagines the lives of Stella Miles Franklin, her sister Linda and her own to explore and explode the contradictions embedded in brilliant careers and a woman’s place in the world.



Outdoors Section Dine – Out

John McIntosh 0402 458 061

Twenty seven members enjoyed a lovely meal at the Templestowe Hotel on Thursday March the 13th, and also enjoyed each other`s company .
The next dinner at Box Hill RSL will be on Monday 21st April.



Symphonic Band is back for 2025

Colin Richards 0406 599 990

2025 Concert programme:

Please note the change of date for September to end of August.

June - Sunday 22nd June, 2:30pm - Holy Trinity Church Kew

August - Sunday 31st August, 2.30 pm - Holy Trinity Church Kew

November - Sunday 23rd November , 2:30pm - Holy Trinity Church Kew

Brew and Chew

Ian Phillips 0428 858 272

Brew and Chew met successfully at the out of sequence day of 21st of March and resolved, with good humour, all of the issues facing the world – if only they would just listen.

The possibility of a revival of my 2016 Brew and Chew spectacular panto -

“Snow White and an interminable number of dwarfs”

(see the picture below taken during our superb performance)

but this was quickly dismissed as no-one could be found to play Grumpy!

Other suggestions would be welcome providing they have an uplifting theme and end happily ever after – perhaps the upcoming election campaign will provide inspiration.

In any event, the gentlemen of Brew and Chew will gather again on the fourth Wednesday of April (23rd) at the Camberwell Library at 1000 hours.



Contact me by phone or on email: irp@alphalink.com.au

The Movie Group news

Norma Griffiths 0438 584 198

Our next Movie date is before our meeting date, so there will be a separate notice sent out on: Tuesday 25th of March re the film for WEDNESDAY 2nd of APRIL.

I suggest you put this date in your diary. You can come to just the film or just lunch or both.

We are a friendly group of members who welcome everyone.



Our last film, Widow Clicquot, was an interesting story but was visually dark and sombre. It failed to really celebrate the amazing achievement of the lady who invented the methode Champagne back in the early 19th Century.

I will raise my glass of bubbly in recognition of her determination and success.

Please contact me if you are not on our movie list and would like to receive information each month.

Coffee & Chat

Jan Cheney 0400 889 705

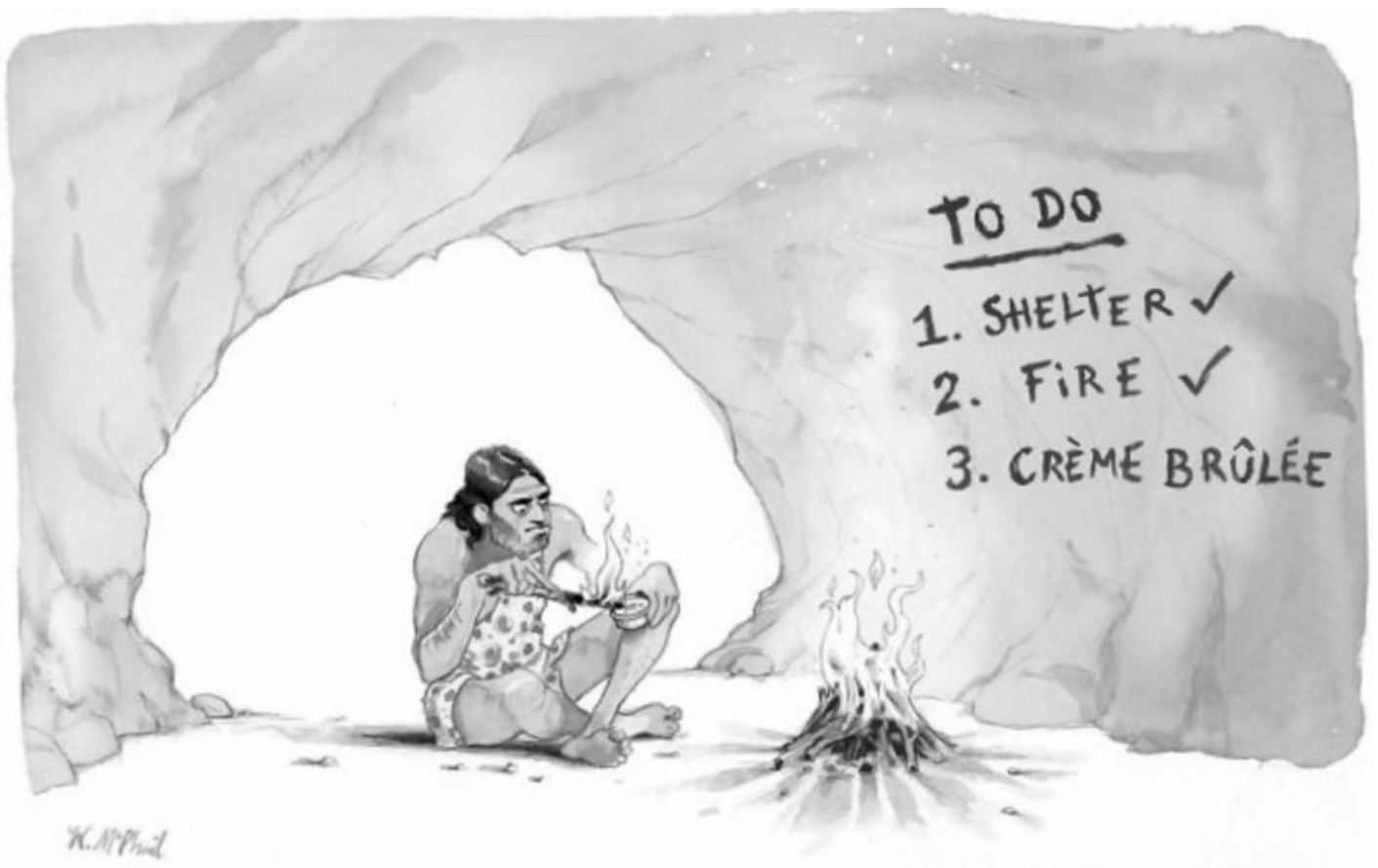
Being the third Tuesday in the month, our next get-together will be on Tuesday the 15th April at 10.00am at Olive Lane Café in the North Balwyn Village in Doncaster Road.

Please contact me by text or email to let me know of your attendance.

You will be made most welcome.

Smile Section

Cartoon of the month



Thought for the month

Success is the ability to go from one failure to another
with no loss of enthusiasm

Winston Churchill

Linked to another thought

Many of life's failures are people who did not realise how close they were
to success when they gave up.

Thomas Edison