



ARUNDEL PROBUS TIMES

1st November 2020

Your Committee continues to meet from time to time to keep an eye on developments as HMG rules and guidelines to control the pandemic change regularly. Arun has one of the lowest infection rates at the moment but the safety of our members remains paramount. It may be some time before the Committee considers it safe to hold another, fully compliant, Club event so hang in there, chaps and chapesses. Sadly, this means that the Christmas Party had to be cancelled this year but a party must surely be held in 2021, as soon as circumstances allow. Club Pub Lunches are also cancelled for the foreseeable future, as you will understand. Keep safe and keep smiling.



Shock news Our Treasurer Charlie was last seen speeding out to sea with the club's funds on a sunny day in September. Interpol have been informed. Please report any sightings. Charlie now has a beard - and a cunning smile.

...and there's a worrying message from President Chris, who may be leaving us.

"Urgent warning! Aliens are coming to earth. Their mission is to abduct all sexy, good looking, old men. I am just sharing this with you. Goodbye, I've got to go and pack." Don't worry, you should be safe Chris

My friend has closed his poultry dating agency. He couldn't make hens meet.

My wife was going through her wardrobe during lockdown and said, "Look, it still fits me after 35 years". I said, "It's a scarf".

Name that face – and what is the connection between faces 7 and 8, reading left to right ? Answers below



Disliked expressions.

They say that language evolves and each generation will create new words and expressions but some of us, surely, prefer to hang on to the old and familiar ways of speaking and writing. Pronunciation and grammar are important too, in my book.

Some of the new words, expressions and sayings I dislike include :-

Ticking all the boxes / Thinking out of the box / Adding the word “like” after almost every other word spoken / It’s a win, win situation / I can’t wait – to do or see something / Somefink / Anyfink / See ya soon / I was gutted

Tell me yours

Why don’t everyone talk proper, like what I does?

The senior schoolchildren will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church hall on Friday at 7pm. You are invited to attend this tragedy.

Can anyone spare half a day a week to drive people to a medical appointment? Arun Community Transport are looking for more drivers. Ray, who carried John Monroe recently, said “It’s great meeting interesting folk – better than sitting at home.” He is paid 45p a mile. If you know anyone who can help contact Christine on 01903 792110. Thanks.

IN MEMORIUM Lest we forget

We never had a chance to get to know **Tim Williamson** before he left us a year ago this month so I asked his widow, Pat, to help me with a few background notes, as we remember him.

Tim qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1967 and spent the first years of married life with PWC in Paris, Madrid and Zaire. He later started his “African adventure” which lasted nearly forty years, initially working as Financial Controller for a major hotel chain. This led to a private consultancy, a year in Moscow, and after time in Tanzania, Tim and Pat moved to South Africa where they developed a successful business producing macadam nut harvests in Kwa Zulu Natal (see right) with the help of loyal Zulu farm workers.



While in Paris, Tim had joined the British rugby club (more for the camaraderie and the beer, says Pat) and later became a fair golfer. In Tanzania Tim became the Treasurer of the Rotary Club of Arusha and was a keen supporter of local charities.

Tim was a family man, immensely proud of his children and their achievements. By nature, a quiet man, Tim was happiest reading a book, watching cricket on TV or spending time in the company of like-minded professional people.

He never really wanted to leave Africa and return to England but the onset of health problems rather forced his hand. Despite major heart surgery in late 2017, just before selling the South African property, Tim’s health never picked up and very sadly he died of heart failure in November 2019.

“When I first met Tim, he seemed a natural to join Arundel Probus Club and, having done so, agreed to become our Treasurer, a role he was unable to fulfil.” Bob

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This evening at 7 pm there will be hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

A recent study has shown that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than men who mention it.

A 'phone rings and a small boy's whispered voice answers "Hello".
"Hello sonny, can I speak to your Mum?" "No, she's busy."
"What about your Dad?" "He's busy too."
"Anyone else there?" "My Gran & Grandpa are here – but they're busy."
"Oh Dear! I must speak to someone. Is there anyone else in the house?"
"Yes, the Police, Ambulance and Fire Brigade are here but they're all very busy."
What on earth are they all doing?"
Whispered reply "I think they are looking for me."



Congratulations to Hugh Zapritti-Bowden on his new role as Chairman of the British Budgerigar Association.

I have sent him a tweet.

Desperate to lose weight after gaining a lot during lockdown, a Probus member visited his doctor. "I want you to eat regularly for 2 days, then skip a day, and repeat this procedure for 2 weeks. The next time I see you, you should have lost 5 pounds."

When our friend returned, he shocked the doctor as he had lost nearly 60lbs! "Why, that's amazing!" the doctor said, "Did you follow my instructions?"

My friend nodded. "Yes I did, Doctor, but I thought I was going to die on day twelve from all that ruddy skipping".



I regularly get 8 hours sleep - over the course of 3 or 4 nights



Q. What sound does a cow bell make? A. Dung

For the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?'

Come early and listen to our choir practice.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoons.

I still have a boomerang my parents bought me in 1952. I can't throw it away.

I went into a shop to buy some camouflage trousers but couldn't see any.

It's getting harder to buy Advent calendars. Their days are numbered!



When I was a young lad, I had great interest in moths. I used to catch them overnight in white-light contraptions and admire their beautiful colouring and their many shapes.

There are thousands of different types in the UK and most of them seemed to be in my parents' London back garden!

I bought a book to learn more about my hobby but it was useless and at first I was very disappointed. It was called "Advice to Young Mothers" and had some great pictures in it.

Some people have such unfortunate names. Here are some more that occur to me, fictitious and otherwise. I am sure you know others?

Hugh Kudley-Bunnie Squadron Leader Fox-Droppings Bob Sley Ivor Biggin
Herr Kutt Theresa Green Doug Trench Shirley Knott Juan Too Me Hang
Carol Singer Axel Greez Ava Luke Ben Down Phil Sikh Laurie Parks Sarah
Tonin Chester Drawes Betty Drinx Willie Katchit Freda Byrds Stan Downe
Norman Forte Don Dingle Ann Others Rory Lyon Di Down Paddy Foot
Bill Large Eileen Dover Eva Sigh Sonny Wether Dawn Inge John Quille

A young woman was enjoying a naked swim in the secret pond in a private forest when a man appeared on the bank. She dived under and reappeared with an old tin bath which she held in front of her to hide her nakedness as she stepped out to confront him. She was not scared but furious. "Do you know what I think?" she shouted at him. "Yes," he replied. "You think that old bath has a bottom to it!"

He was there again next time, and she was still furious. "What do you think you are doing here?" she yelled from the water. He replied, "I'm training men in the use of camouflage." Then he blew a whistle and all the bushes moved away.

Those faces - not in correct order. Can you match them?

Colin Cowdrey. Sophia Loren. Bernard, Duke of Norfolk. Sister Theresa.
Heinrich Himmler. Barbara Windsor. Tommy Cooper, Claude Monet. Gertrude
Jekyll. Jimmy Carter. Colin Cowdrey married one of Duke Bernard's daughters.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 pm at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use the large double doors at the side entrance.

Outside a City restaurant: OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK AND WEEKENDS.



“All creatures grunt and smell”

It's nice to see a new version of that Yorkshire Vets programme on the TV again.

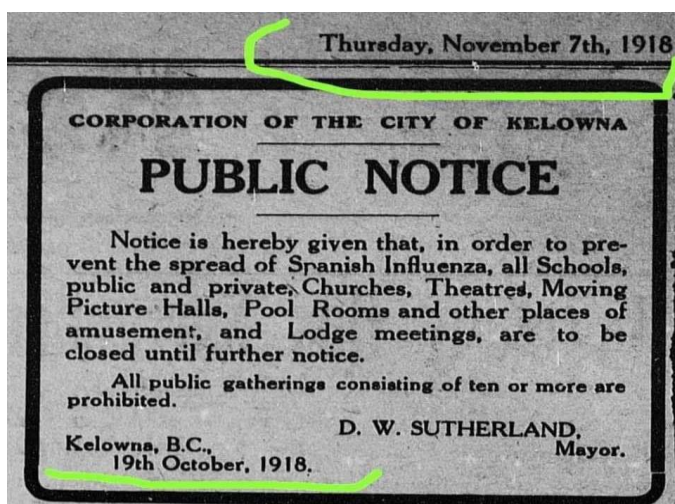
“I think that's wha' it were called, lad.”

Due to the current situation the light at the end of the tunnel has been turned off.

Out of the mouths of babes and infants.....

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

I asked my mum why we said
old men at the end of prayers
at school, I don't know any
old men apart from grandpa.



What goes around comes around!

Thanks to David Feist. And no, he wasn't there!

OMISSION. The item on the first page about possible loss of President Chris is incomplete. It should have read."You should be safe Chris. You're not old enough!"

Hope you enjoy Bonfire Night.
Who will be your Guy this year, I wonder?!

Bob

