

## ARUNDEL PROBUS TIMES

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Happy New Year to one and all. Hope you had a marvellous Christmas/New Year's Eve/Hogmanay and you are quickly recovering. (May need to replenish the Gaviscon, Paracetamol, Imodium supplies etc, as well as the drinks cabinet/wine rack). It's going to be a good year.



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### Probus Christmas Lunch - 10<sup>th</sup> December



It was a nippy Tuesday noon as thirty-six Probus members and guests arrived at Arundel's White Swan for their Christmas lunch as early as 10<sup>th</sup> December this year, since competition for venues had been hot.

Everyone expected appeared, the bar emptied, and the White Swan did us proud! The room and tables were beautifully decorated and the food was excellent and cheerfully served. Everything asked for was to hand. Being seated at six tables gave elbow-room for diners enjoying their turkey and plum pudding, or the attractive alternatives offered, while still making conversation possible. Ian's generous contribution of lots of his 2025 calendar featuring his photographs of Scottish gannets, were eagerly gathered, and, after this year's particularly good Christmas pudding, David saw to it that the traditional raffle made prizes plentiful and winners audibly grateful!

After tea and coffee had been poured, Mike's requested "short version of Cinderella" made a welcome re-appearance this year, "performed", (if that is the right word) by Richard, Chris, Mike, Stephen and Brian, who liked doing it as much as the audience seemed to enjoy it.

Richard thanked Brian for organising the lunch, then the White Swan staff were brought to the front to receive a well-deserved round of applause, and to be told "Thank you – see you next year." Brian said much the same thing in his email to Joe-Anne of the White Swan that evening, to thank her for a splendid occasion. BA

## Cinderella and Pals



We are indebted to Jackie Arthur for these delightful photos of the Probus family having fun.

## What's on this month, January 2025 ?

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January Pub Lunch.** Fino, 3 Flansham Lane, Felpham, Bognor Regis, PO22 6AA. 12 for 12.30

A "Pub Lunch" has been booked in a very nice Italian restaurant, run by an Italian family with all-Italian food choices. Order your drinks at the table. No draft beers. Ciao



### Mains

Pollo Milanese - Pan-fried Chicken breast in breadcrumbs, with Italian bread or fries

Cozze - Mussels cooked in tomatoes, herbs and chillies, with Italian bread or fries

Lasagne - With garlic ciabatta

Spaghetti Carbonara - with bacon, egg, cream and Parmesan

### Desserts

Fino Tiramisu - Macari's family recipe

Fino Sticks - with chocolate and caramel dip, and vanilla Ice Cream

Gelato Trio - Triple Ice Cream scoops

### Tea or Coffee

£24 pp to include Staff Tip.

**Please confirm your attendance (stating number attending) and menu choices to Bob Tanner by Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 01903 882127 bobtanner1809@gmail.com**

**PAYMENT BY BACS PREFERRED, TO THE CLUBS BUSINESS ACCOUNT A/C 10642681 SORT CODE 20-20-62. MARK YOUR PAYMENT JanPubLun CHEQUES CAN BE SENT TO BOB at Flat 3, 20, Maltravers Street, Arundel BN18 9BU Write on the back of your cheque what it is paying for. This is so helpful to our Treasurer**

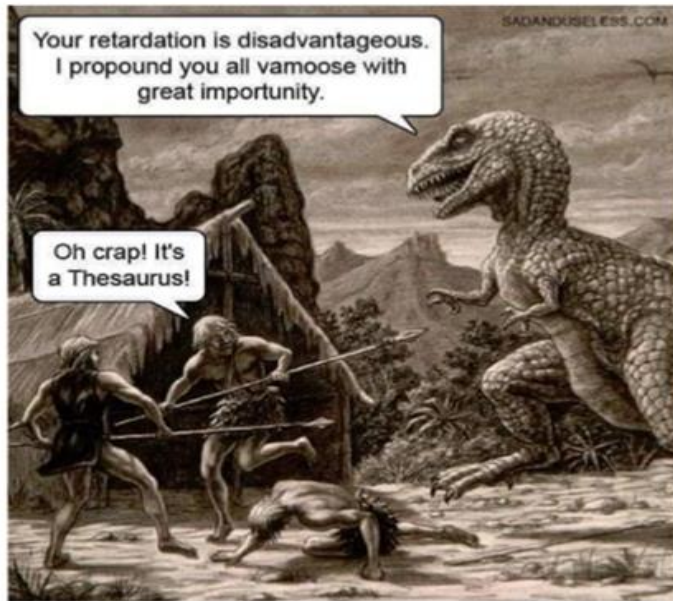
**WHEN ADVISING YOUR CHOICES PLEASE STATE WHAT METHOD OF PAYMENT YOU WILL BE USING.**

**Directions.** When approaching Bognor Regis from the direction of Littlehampton, proceed along Flansham Lane until the small roundabout in front of a Tesco Express. Drive around the roundabout completely until facing the way you came. Fino is in a bungalow immediately on the left. There is parking at the rear if the few spaces at the front are already taken. **12.00 for 12.30**

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**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January** Club Meeting White Swan Hotel Speaker - Ian Goodall "Sea and Sky"

Menu choices with Speaker Flyer sometime soon.



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**Birthdays in January - that I know about ! Please send them birthday wishes. You can guess their ages !**

Charlie Meggs on 1<sup>st</sup>      [cfmeggs@outlook.com](mailto:cfmeggs@outlook.com)    That's today ! Happy Birthday Charlie.

David Tippett on 12<sup>th</sup>      [dave.tippett@btinternet.com](mailto:dave.tippett@btinternet.com)

Barry Hopkins on 17<sup>th</sup>      [barhopkins@aol.com](mailto:barhopkins@aol.com)

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### **What's on next month, February ?**

**February 13<sup>th</sup>** Pub Lunch Angmering Manor, thanks to Hilary and Chris Mayhew

**February 27<sup>th</sup>** Regular meeting at White Swan hotel. Speaker Jack Wheale. **"Types of Human Error"**

### **Outings in 2025**

Wouldn't it be nice to have a club outing or two this year? Where would you like to go? Here are some suggestions:-

- Behind the scenes at Chichester Festival Theatre
- Canal boat ride on Wey and Arun Canal
- Boat ride on Chichester Canal
- Cruise around Chichester Harbour
- Tinwood Estate Winery
- Brighton Sewers

Tell us where else, please.

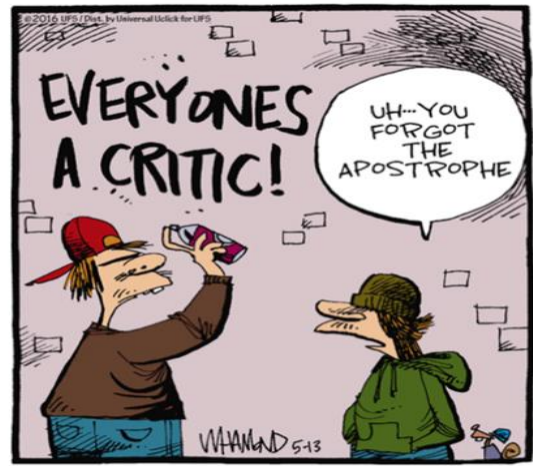
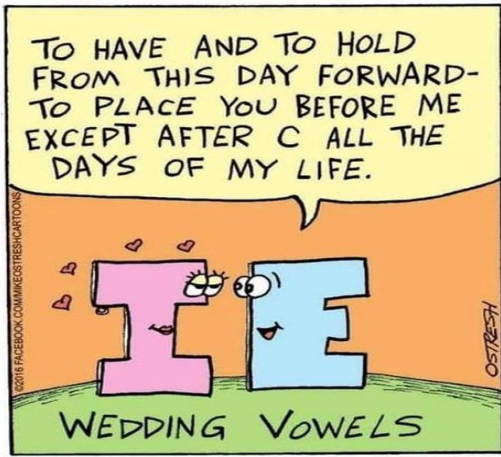
OK. Now, all we need are volunteers to organise the outings. The Committee cannot do it all so please contact me if you can help. [bobtanner1809@gmail.com](mailto:bobtanner1809@gmail.com)

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### **Congratulations AGA**

The Arundel Probus Club, only 45 years old this year, sends fraternal congratulations to the grand old Arundel Gardens Association, in its centenary year.

Old Ned kept an immaculate garden, admired by the Reverend Thomas on his way to church. "Morning Ned" says Thomas. "Isn't it wonderful what God and man can do together in a garden!" "That may be so Vicar, but you should have seen it here when He had it to hisself", replied Ned



Future Pub Lunches under consideration. Some not tried before, others following enjoyable visits

**Black Rabbit, Arundel**

Anglesey Arms, Hanaker

**Holly Tree, Walberton**

Squire and Horse, Bury

**Black Horse, Eartham**

**Black Horse, Clymping**

Who would like to organise one, perhaps with another? (See photos below). Doesn't have to be one of these.

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Can you name them all ? You can probably see most names in the photos.

**The population of Ireland's capitol city is increasing. Actually, it's Dublin.**

*Have a very happy, healthy and peaceful New Year. Bob*