



Your Majesty.

We humbly apologise and seek your forgiveness for this tasteless and unflattering imagery in our very modest monthly rag but have included it in the knowledge and belief that Your Majesty also has a warm sense of humour and will forgive our indiscretion in a month when we are all celebrating your long-awaited and well deserved succession to the throne.

The King Charles coronation mug has just been released.



Sincere congratulations. Hoping it's not all too much for you to handle.

What's on this month? May

Thursday 11th Pub Lunch at The Spur, Slindon - kindly organised by Hilary. Many thanks!

MAIN COURSE

- (A) Grilled Fish topped with Pesto & Parmesan served with new potatoes & vegetables
- (B) Chicken & Ham Pie Served with new potatoes, vegetables & Gravy
- (C) Trio of Butchers Sausages Served with mashed potato, rich onion gravy & vegetables
- (D) Mediterranean Vegetable Tart Served with salad, new potatoes & slaw

DESSERT

- (E) Mixed Berry crumble with custard
- (F) Chocolate Brandy pot topped with cream and fresh berries
- (G) Lemon Pannacotta Tart with vanilla ice cream
- (H) Trio of Ice Cream

£21.00 including Tip.

If you haven't advised her already, e-mail your choices to Hilary hil.harris@googlemail.com
Tel. No. 01903 367 458 but be quick. Payment by BACS preferred

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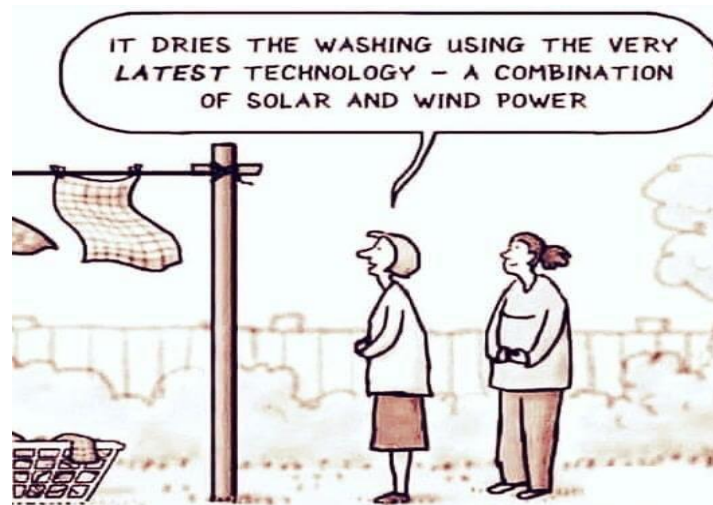
Arrive 12.00 for prompt start at 12.30

Thursday 25th . Monthly Meeting at the White Swan. Speaker Duncan Levin – “Antarctic Odyssey”

This will be a very interesting talk with excellent pictures and best enjoyed in early summer rather than the depths of winter! I hope you can attend. Do stay for lunch and why not bring a friend? Menu will follow.



I googled King Charles as I wanted to include a nice photo of our new monarch (better than the one above) in this important Coronation month and this is what I got.



The April Pub Lunch at The Squire and Horse in Bury was enjoyed by thirty-one members. The food and service there are always good and I am sure the club will return again err long. Thanks to Richard for organising this one.

Our part of West Sussex has so many lovely pubs, and similar eating places, we are spoilt for choice but increasing costs of virtually everything can narrow that choice to venues able to accommodate the club at a cost we are prepared to pay. This is a subject we have to keep under regular review. For now, I believe the cost of lunch at The White Swan has to increase very soon.

My wife said “Our new neighbours are so in love. I’ve seen him kissing her, stroking her hair and hugging her. Why don’t you do that?” I replied “Because I don’t know her that well yet.”

Another neighbour’s wife asked her husband if she could have a little peace and quiet while she cooked dinner so he took the battery out of the smoke alarm. (That’s cruel)

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so the child knows when he's/she's really in trouble.

I asked Old Maud how she lost her husband so she told me her sad story.

“He needed a blood transfusion urgently but his blood type was not on file so the doctors asked me if I knew what it was as they needed to know to save my Norman’s life. There was no time to test. Tragically, I’ve never known his blood type, so all I could do was sit and say goodbye to him.

I’ll never forget how supportive my Norman was. Even as he was fading away, he kept on whispering to me, “Be positive, be positive!” That was my Norman! Always thinking of me.”

My grandchildren keep laughing about me losing my memory. They won’t be laughing at Christmas when there aren’t any chocolate eggs under the tree.

A married man should forget his mistakes. There's no point in two people remembering the same thing!

“Have you heard of Murphy’s Law?” “Yeah. If something can go wrong, it will go wrong.”

“Have you heard of Cole’s Law?” “No, what is it?” “Thinly sliced cabbage in mayonnaise”.

It's my wife's birthday in a few weeks time and she has been leaving jewellery magazines around the house, so I've bought her a magazine rack. I hope she likes it.

The AGM went as expected last week and was well attended. The new Committee has almost the same line-up as previously. Congratulations to new President David Feist and a warm welcome to new Vice-President Brian Arthur. Thanks to all committee members for agreeing to serve for the new Probus year.



The Presential baton passes from Barry to David (left) and Past President John receives his Past President's tie only sixteen years after stepping down as President 2005/2006 ! Is this a record?



Hard-working David Tippet, winner of the President's Award 2023 for helping the club during the President's year of office. Thanks David for all you do.

The new Committee line-up is:-

President – David Feist

Vice President – Brian Arthur

Secretary – Richard Brennan

Treasurer – Charlie Meggs

Immediate Past President and Welfare Secretary – Barry Hopkins

Speaker Secretary and APT compiler – Bob Tanner

Social Secretary – This post is **not** vacant as **all** members are expected to help arrange Pub Lunches. Currently, David Tippet handles meeting lunches and liaison with the hotel but is not a committee member.

Special thanks are due to outgoing President Barry Hopkins for a year in which club membership increased significantly and to Chris Mayhew, outgoing IPP, who leaves the Committee after several years service.

Not forgetting thanks also to those members who were able to attend the AGM. Always an important event.

But please don't rely totally on the new committee to run all the affairs of the club. Every single member can help, even in a small way, and here are some ideas for you to consider:-

- Organise a Pub Lunch, perhaps jointly with another member/wife/partner
- Give a talk at a club meeting on any subject you choose
- Help collect lunch orders and payments at meetings
- Bring a friend/acquaintance/relative to meetings with a view to them joining
- Submit articles/jokes/ideas etc for inclusion in Arundel Probus Times
- Volunteer to visit/call a member unwell, confined at home or in hospital etc.
- Help to arrange a club outing, perhaps jointly with another Probus club
- Entertain guests/visitors at club meetings

Please inform a committee member if you are willing to help and many thanks for any help you can provide. We look forward to another successful year, with your help.

An important reminder.

Our club is dependent on members' annual subscriptions for its survival and your subs were due in April. It is still only £40 so please pay promptly if you have not done so already. Payment by BACS is preferred - Probus Business Account No 10642681 Sortcode 20-20-62. Mark payment "Subs".

Uxbridge Dictionary Definitions - Infantry - A young Oak Diagnostic – A doubting Thomas
Faculty - Cockney for "there's no more PG Tips" Norway - a Geordie exclamation of surprise

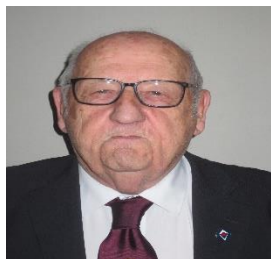
Here's a new word for you. **Novenophobia** - the fear of running out of wine

I went in to a shoe shop in Chichester recently. (They only sell shoes and I was the only customer.) A young girl with tattoos, face piercings and green hair walked over and asked me, "What brings you in today?" I looked at her and said "I'm interested in buying a refrigerator".

Job application forms often ask "Who is to be called in case of an emergency?" I wrote "An ambulance".

If the person who named Walkie Talkies had been allowed to name other things we could have:

Stamps – Lickie Stickies Defibrillators – Hearty Starties Pregnancy test kit – Maybe Baby
Forks – Stabby Grabbies Socks – Feety Heaties Nightmares – Screamy Dreamies et al



Peter Gudge has applied to join us. Peter reluctantly had to leave the Littlehampton Probus club when that folded last year. Welcome Peter.

There are several other people on the point of joining, including Helen from Walberton. They will all be warmly welcomed into the club soon.

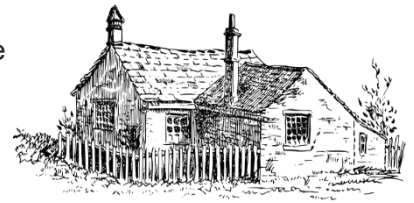
If you are Maypole dancing to-day, please take great care. It's really only for children.



Some years ago a young couple were house-hunting in a remote part of the country. They had found a dilapidated cottage for sale, owned by an old recluse, a religious man, who was selling after living there for over sixty years. It had no electricity or internet, no telephone, no mains water or drainage, but they fell in love with it.

When they got home they realised neither of them had seen a WC in the cottage so they wrote to the old man and asked the whereabouts of the WC.

Thinking they meant Wesleyan Chapel, the ignorant old man replied. " I have pleasure in telling you that the WC is only half a mile from the cottage and can accommodate thirty people. It is often crowded and there is a rush for seats. A wealthy local man has erected a bell which rings every time someone enters.



I am getting very old so I can't go as often as I used to. My late wife used to take her knitting. It pains me very much not to be able to go more regularly....."

Three years ago I joined a new club for anti-social people. We haven't met yet.

I went to hospital for some tests recently. The nurse asked if I was experiencing a sudden loss of taste. I said no, I always dress this way.

- If you can start the day without caffeine...
- If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains....
- If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles....
- If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it.....
- If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you attention....
- If you can take criticism and blame without resentment....
- If you can conquer tension without medical help....
- If you can relax without alcohol.....
- If you can sleep without pills.....



You are probably the family dog.

What's on next month? June

Thursday 8th Pub Lunch at The Elmer, kindly organised by John Hollister. £22.50, inc tea/coffee

Thursday 22nd Regular Monthly Meeting at White Swan Hotel. Speaker Brian Arthur – “D-Day and the Royal Navy” 11.00 sharp on parade please.



If you are attending a street party on Coronation weekend, have fun. If not, have fun anyway. Bob