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Now is the time to plant all those bulbs which are going to pop up miraculously next spring with so much colour and scent to raise your spirits. Bulbs are ugly things, but their transformation is amazing.

You can soon start buying pots and bowls already containing bulbs but isn't it better to plant your own? They can go straight into the ground, in a border where you will be able to see them from inside; in pots on a balcony or veranda, or preferably in your own bowls indoors. Best of all, do all three if you can.

Hyacinth bulbs are first to appear inside and quickly grow to reveal a beautiful flower with a heavenly scent in blues, pinks or white. Sadly, they don't last long indoors so you must wait 'til the Amaryllis, perhaps a present at Christmas, comes into bloom with three or four huge flowers on its tall stem.

Outside, the snowdrops appear first, even poking through the snow as their name suggests. (Remember snow?) Crocus form the second carpet which lasts until the daffodils and narcissi take over. So many types to choose from, then the best of the lot rounds off the spring extravaganza. Tulips of all shapes and sizes can carry us to May or even June and are beautiful to behold. One of the best annual displays in the UK, if not Europe, is just over the wall in the Arundel Castle Gardens, thanks to Arundel Gardens Association President, Martin Duncan and his team.



What's on this month?

9th November Pub Lunch - Ship and Anchor, Ford. Organised by David Pidoux (Menu choices below)

23rd November Regular Club Meeting - White Swan Hotel. Speaker Charlie Wearing, Long-haul Pilot.

Wreath laying on Remembrance Sunday

VP Brian Arthur will be at Arundel's War Memorial in the main square on Sunday 12th November to lay a wreath on behalf of the club.

Why not join Brian to give support? President David will be on the high seas. (Hopefully, not too high).



Remembrance of another kind was celebrated by some on 21st October, Trafalgar Day, when Admiral Lord Nelson was mortally wounded and died at 4.30pm. A glass of rum was called for to honour these two momentous events. (Perhaps two glasses, don't you think?)

The October pub lunch at The Spur, Slindon was enjoyed by twenty-six people: twenty-four in the pub and two at home as illness prevented attendance so they had their meals delivered to them. Thanks to Chris and Hilary Mayhew.

This pub has become another popular venue with club members so we shall surely be returning soon.

The October Club meeting on 26th was also very enjoyable thanks mainly to Dave Pidoux who told us many tales about his thirty years as a London cabbie. Not many can say they had Ava Gardner on the back seat or a brush with King (then Prince) Charles at the traffic lights. We are all looking forward to Taxi Part 2 as Dave has more tales to tell. He's already booked for July! 27 attended the talk and 23 stayed for lunch, including welcome visitor Tony Belkin.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

PLEASE FIND BELOW, THE MENU FOR THE CHRISTMAS LUNCH TO BE HELD AT THE WHITE SWAN HOTEL ON 14th DECEMBER 2023.

AS I AM AWAY AND WILL NOT BE BACK INTO THE UK UNTIL 16th NOVEMBER, PLEASE NOTE THAT I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ANSWER ANY TELEPHONE CALLS UNTIL THAT DAY. SHOULD ANYONE IN THE PERIOD BE POSTING CHEQUES AND ADVISING MENU CHOICES, PLEASE ENSURE YOU ADVISE ME BY EMAIL AS WELL.

EMAILS WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED BUT IF NOT BY ME BY 19th NOVEMBER, PLEASE SEND ME ANOTHER. I SHALL BE AVAILABLE TO TAKE FINAL ORDERS AND PAYMENTS AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING ON THE 28th. DAVID FEIST (PRESIDENT)

The Probus Club of Arundel Festive Menu.



Mains

- A) Roast Turkey breast, pig in blanket, sage and onion stuffing, gravy
 - (B) Hake and spinach wellington, garlic butter and dill sauce
 - (C) Slow cooked pork belly, cider sauce, crackling
 - (D) Nut roast, sage and onion stuffing, roast shallot and cranberry gravy
- All served with maple roasted carrots and parsnips, roasted potatoes, sprouts

Desserts

- (E) Spiced fruit crumble, vanilla ice cream
- (F) Christmas pudding, brandy cream
- (G) Chocolate and spiced orange mousse

Coffee or Tea.

Cost £30 per person including tip and raffle.

Choice of menu to David Feist davidjean.feist@btinternet.com [01903 715178](tel:01903715178)

Payment by BACS preferred and let David know you have paid by this method.

Cheques should be sent to David Feist, 22 Wooldridge Walk, Climping, BN17 5TB.

Final payment and menu choices by the 28th November 2023. (November meeting)



Worth reading again..... a Collection of Church Notices

The Fasting & Prayer Conference will include meals.

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't allow worry to kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

Next Thursday there will be auditions for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility..

Plant a Tree in '23 Tree Giveaway

National Tree Week is 25th November – 3rd December and Arundel Tree Wardens are giving away a limited number of English hardwood saplings, grown locally, from the Town Council stall at the Farmers' Market on 18th November. They include Oak, Hazel, Rowan, Crab Apple and Field Maple and there will be instructions on how to care for them. Packets of Sunflower seeds will also be distributed. First come first served. If successful, as expected, the offer will be repeated next year.

Name Badges – a polite request

It would be very helpful to all members if we could remember to wear our name badges at all future meetings. Newish members don't necessarily know older members and older members certainly don't yet know all the new boys and girls. Name badges, worn as a broach or on the lanyard provided, would be a big help and avoid possible embarrassment. Thanks.



Pub Lunch on Thursday 9 November 2023 - Ship and Anchor, Ford BN18 0BJ 12.00 for 12.30

£25 including tip

MAINS

Pork Belly, with red cabbage, mash & veg

Fish crumble with new potatoes & vegetables (Salmon, cod & smoked haddock topped with cheese crumble)

Steak & kidney pie, with mash or chips & vegetables

Roasted vegetable lasagne, with chips & salad

DESSERTS

Apple & plum crumble, with custard, cream or ice cream

Sherry trifle, with home-made vanilla sponge

Raspberry & vanilla cheesecake, with cream or ice cream

Pub Management change at the Ship and Anchor

Manager Joy and her husband, Head Chef Paul, will be retiring at the end of November and are winding down the number of group bookings they accept. Ours will be the last group they cater for and they are making a special effort for us to show their appreciation for all the times we have dined with them in the past. I'm told they have always enjoyed hosting our lunches over the years.

I hope you have shown your support by making a booking to be part of this, our final lunch at the S&A under Joy and Paul's management. **Late bookings may still be possible but you had better be quick.** Make your payment by bank transfer using the following details: Barclays Bank Account Holder: Probus Club of Arundel (Business A/C) Account Number: 10642681 Sort Code. 20-20-62 David Pidoux 01903 884406 pidouxdave@gmail.com Put your surname + S&A in the ref. box.

We intend to make a small presentation on the day to mark this special occasion and express our thanks to Joy and Paul for the many happy lunches we have enjoyed with them over the past 13 years.
Best Regards. Dave P.

Are you an active member of our club; the kind that would be missed?

Or are you just content that your name is on the list?

Do you take an active part, to help the club along, or are you simply satisfied to only just belong?

We've quite a busy programme, to benefit everyone, but it needs the help of everyone to finally get it done.

So come to meetings regularly and play with all your heart. Don't just be a member – take an active part.

This gives you food for thought, dear friend. Am I right or wrong? Are you an active member or do you just belong?



Patriatism

It's become far too easy in this country to criticise just about anything and everything. Some boo during the national anthem, (which, I grant you, is not the most inspiring of songs intended to reflect our national identity) and many pour scorn on our royalty and government in equal measures. Very few of us fly the flag, literally, even on important national occasions.

Compare all this with Turkey, for example. President Erdogan may not be royalty and certainly has a bit of a dark side, but he commands huge support amongst the Turkish population and is clearly a strong leader.

The Turkish flag is very highly respected and in my travels around the country I was impressed to see enormous Turkish flags flying everywhere, from hill tops, factories, public buildings, bridges and mosques.

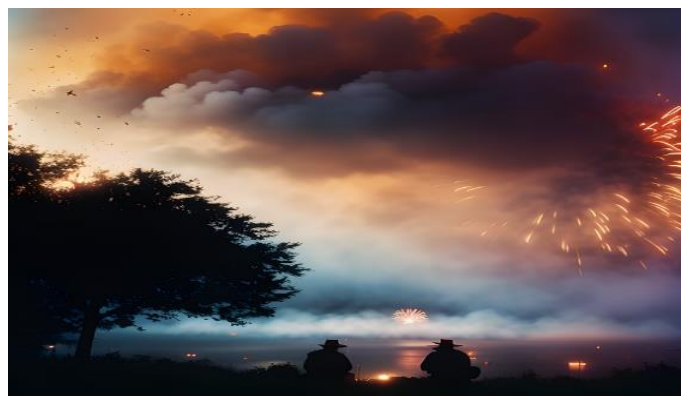
When Erdogan attended the G20 summit recently, all heads of government had to gather for the group photographs and small national flags were laid out before them to indicate where they should stand. He quickly bent down and scooped up the Turkish flag because it is taboo to put it on the ground where it may be trodden on. "No-one walks over Turkey" is the clear message.

Turkish tourists in Barcelona came upon a pavement artist on the Ramblas who had chalked several national flags on the ground, including theirs, and they insisted he erase it before they passed on.

So, install a flag-pole and buy a Union Jack. Then sing the National Anthem out loud as you hoist the flag every morning in future. (Yeah, right.)



You may soon be enjoying a fireworks display with family, friends and neighbours, but spare a thought for young Guy Fawkes. Did he really deserve to be hung 'til almost dead, emasculated, disembowelled then quartered and beheaded at the age of 36? Today he would probably have got life but be out before he was 60. Enjoy!



Letter to Boss

I have enjoyed working here these past several years. You have paid me very well and given me benefits beyond belief. I have 3-4 months off per year and a pension plan that will pay my salary 'til the day I die and then pay my estate one-year's salary death bonus and then continue to pay my spouse my salary with increases until she or he dies along with a health plan that most people can only dream of having.

Despite this, I plan to take the next 12-18 months to find a new position. During this time I will show up for work when it is convenient for me. In addition, I fully expect to draw my full salary and all the other perks associated with my current job. Oh yes, if my search for this new job proves fruitless, I will be coming back with no loss in pay or status.

Before you say anything, remember that you have no choice in this matter. I will do this.

Sincerely,

Every Member of Parliament running for re-election

Did you know, archaeologists have never found a cave painting of a salad.

A neighbour knocked on my door at 3.00 am this morning. Yes, 3.00 am. Can you believe it? Luckily, I was up practising my bagpipes.

What's on next month? - December

14th December Christmas Lunch, White Swan Hotel (See above)

This is the only club event in December and one not to be missed.



Members' birthdays in November (Those we know about) Send them good wishes. Always nice to receive.)

David Cook 15th

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Roger Dean (Hon Member) 2nd

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Chris Mayhew 18th

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The last Arundel Probus Times for 2023 will be available on 1st December so if you have any items for inclusion, I would love to hear from you. How was 2023 for you? What were the highs and lows? What are your aims and aspirations for 2024?

Best wishes. Keep warm and dry as winter approaches. Keep safe as nights draw in and temperatures drop. Look after each other. Be content with your lot and do what you can to help those less well off. Bob

P.S. Dear John Haynes. Please stay in touch. Warmest wishes. Arundel Probus.