

## Issue No 43

### A heatwave in September

Can you believe it? Arundel reached the low 30Cs for about a week in early September to prove, yet again, the climate is upside down, unpredictable and full of surprises. Christmas Day, sun-bathing on Felpham beach before dinner in the shade, remains a possibility and I have already ordered banana, mango and pineapple plants for my allotment. Might try rice as well, just in case.

I was going to sell our toboggan, if anyone would buy it, but decided against doing so as we may need it next year, if things keep going downhill.

By mid-September the weather had changed significantly with a huge electrical storm on the night of the 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> and monsoon rains later that week. Now back to normal.



*Signs of autumn on the South Downs*

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### What's on this month ?

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October Pub Lunch at the Spur, Slindon - organised by Chris Mayhew.**

**Chris has done a great job, quickly re-arranging this lunch after the Chichester Park hotel closed.**

#### **Mains**

Grilled Fish with a lemon oil & herb dressing  
served with new potatoes & vegetables

Beef Casserole served with mashed potatoes & peas

Wholetail Scampi served with chips, peas & Tartare sauce

Vegetable Curry served with Basmati rice, poppadoms & mango chutney

#### **Desserts**

Syrup steamed sponge pudding with custard

Warmed Chocolate Brownie served with ice cream

Crème Brulee

Trio of Ice Cream

£21.00 per person including tip. ( £3 extra to pay by those who had already paid before venue change).

All pre-orders required 14 days in advance. Any cancellations with 48 hour of the booking must be paid for.

Payments and menu selection to Chris Mayhew [chrisgmayhew@me.com](mailto:chrisgmayhew@me.com) 01903 367458 and preferred payment by BACS into Arundel Probus Club Business Account A/C No 10642681 Sort Code 20-20-62.

**Mark payment Octpublun** Alternatively, cheques or cash direct to Chris.

Last booking date was at club meeting 28th September , unless you ask nicely.

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October** Regular meeting. White Swan Hotel. ( Lunch menu choices will follow.)

**“Taxi”** Speaker David Pidoux . David was a London Cabbie so is certain to have many stories about the rich and famous, and the many others he has had in his cab throughout his career.

### **Speakers over the next few months**

**November** Charlie Waring - retired long-haul pilot reminisces.

**December** Christmas Party Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> - White Swan Hotel

**January** Stuart Flitton “Journalism Today”

**February** Martin Alderton of Arundel Walking Tours

**March** Bill McNaught “William Cody”

**Bookings are now being taken for talks in 2024 ! Come on, you know you can do it. You’re among friends.**

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### **September Pub Lunch**

As usual, the Arun View did us proud with plenty of good food on the plate, excellent service and good seats in the window, thanks to Ian Goodall’s cheerful organisation. He deserved a larger attendance than the twenty-five who enjoyed the day. It was nice to see Anna and Joe Hayes in town again.

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### **Birthday boys this month – October**

**Stephen Brocklebank on 22<sup>nd</sup> - shbprivate@icloud.com**

**John Hollister on 22<sup>nd</sup> - jojohnholl@gmail.com**

**David Sunray (Hon Member) on 24<sup>th</sup> - dsun90@yahoo.co.uk**

Last month I was on the receiving end so, as compiler of this monthly tome, I am in the privileged position of being able to say “thank you” to one and all for your good wishes. Bob

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### **Sussex Dialect**

Did you read that classes have started in Yorkshire to protect and preserve the Yorkshire dialect? Ee by gum, Lad. Less well known is the Sussex dialect which is in even greater danger of dying out completely. Sadly, it may have already done so.

A dialect is different from a mere accent and involves whole words or phrases replacing what used to be called the Queen’s English. (I presume it’s the Kings English now, or is it?) Accents are well known and enable one to quickly identify where someone is from. Scottish, Welsh and Irish are obvious examples as are Brummie, Geordie and Cockney. The latter can also include rhyming slang – apples and pears, trouble and strife, and so on. I have always been amazed how quickly young children acquire their local accent, as a visit to any school playground at playtime will prove.

Do we have any members born and bred in Sussex? Even if not, we should try to do our bit to keep the local ways of speaking. Who do you know who speaks with a Sussex dialect? I’d love you to tell me.

Old Frank Cox, late of the Arundel allotments, had a lovely way of speaking his native Sussex. Some words were unique, but probably similar to words known in surrounding counties, and he had a strong accent so even recognisable words had the Sussex burr. I wish I had recorded his voice. I also knew some old Sussex woodsmen who would chat away together round the fire, at bait time, with me unable to understand a word that was said. So, in future, all future discussion at Probus meetings will be in the Sussex dialect !

Incidentally, do you remember the Cockney Alphabet? I think I can but it has aged with time.

A for horses	N ver lope
B 'for mutton	O fer the rainbow
C forth Highlander	P for relief
D fer ential	Q for bread
E va brick	R fer mo
F fa vesseance	S ter Williams
G fa Police	T for two
H for ?	U for me
I vor Novello	V for victory
J fa juice	W for quits
K fa warrior	X for breakfast
L fer leather	Y on earth not
M for Mother	Z fer breezes .....Let me know if you know differently

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These are classified ads, actually placed in U.K. newspapers.

**FREE - YORKSHIRE TERRIER.**

8 years old,  
Hateful little bastard. Bites!

**FREE PUPPIES**

1/2 Cocker Spaniel, 1/2 sneaky neighbour's dog.

**FREE PUPPIES.**

Mother is a Kennel Club registered German Shepherd.  
Father is a Super Dog, able to leap tall fences in a single bound.

**COWS FOR SALE: NEVER BRED.**

Also for sale, 1 gay bull

**JOINING NUDIST COLONY.**

Must sell washer and dryer £100.

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**Ian Goodall's talk - "Gannets on the Bass Rock" 28<sup>th</sup> September**

**A colony of one hundred and fifty thousand Northern Gannets - more than ever before - live on the tiny Bass Rock, situated in the Firth of Forth, off the east coast of Scotland.**

**Ian's talk was fascinating and he clearly has great affection for this volcanic plug of an island - which he has visited many times - and for its summer occupants. His beautiful photos, for which he has won several prizes, showed the gannet's life cycle, from solitary egg to a graceful adult with a six feet wingspan, able to dive from a great height into the sea at over sixty miles an hour to catch fish. Surely the Concord of the bird world. Come winter, the island is empty after the birds fly south to warmer climes. Thankyou Ian.**

**Other notices and advisories**

**IF MY BODY IS EVER FOUND ON A JOGGING TRAIL, JUST KNOW THAT I WAS MURDERED SOMEWHERE ELSE AND DUMPED THERE.**

**RESPECT YOUR ELDERS. THEY GRADUATED FROM SCHOOL WITHOUT THE INTERNET.**

**BEHIND EVERY ANGRY WOMAN STANDS A MAN WHO HAS ABSOLUTELY NO IDEA WHAT HE DID WRONG!**

**SOME THINGS ARE JUST BETTER LEFT UNSAID - AND I USUALLY REALISE IT RIGHT AFTER I SAY THEM.**

**CAMPING: WHERE YOU SPEND A SMALL FORTUNE TO LIVE LIKE A HOMELESS PERSON.**

**A WISE MAN ONCE SAID ... NOTHING.**

**MY WIFE AND I HAD WORDS BUT I DIDN'T GET TO USE MINE.**

**DON'T WORRY ABOUT AVOIDING TEMPTATION. AS YOU GROW OLDER IT WILL AVOID YOU.**

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**Articles for this Newsletter**

I am confident there is a wealth of latent talent amongst the membership of this club. Not only that, with the combined age of its membership being around 3,000 years, it's reasonable to believe there are many stories to be told from our collective life's experiences. So why not tell them? Why not share them with your fellow members?

Stories can be funny, sad, amazing, tragic or hardly believable. They can also be sent to me for inclusion anonymously. What was your most embarrassing moment; your biggest surprise; your saddest time? Tell us about your best-remembered holiday. The fish that got away or your hole in one. Who was your first sweetheart and where is he/she now? (I can probably guess that one).

You have, by now, realised I am getting short of copy for this Arundel Probus Times. I am relying on you, the readers, to help me keep it going as I, for one, believe it should and I hope you agree. Thank you.

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## Pumpkin carving

Have you ever had a go at Pumpkin carving? Now's the time to do it as they are plentiful this year and not too expensive, assuming you haven't grown your own or know a friendly allotment holder who has.

If you haven't young children in your family, make one for a neighbour's.



Failing that, make one for yourself. All you need is an old knife, serrated if possible and an old large spoon to scoop out the inside. (You can keep that and make a super soup, minus the seeds.) Cut off the top of the pumpkin carefully as that will be the lid to put back on when your carving is finished.



When you have done, pop a nightlight inside, being careful with the naked flame, and place it outside your door. Who knows; it may help to deter the "trick or treat callers who always turn up at Halloween at end of the month, unless you live in a top floor flat ! Go on; have a go and let your creative juices flow.

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### What's on next month - November ?

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Pub Lunch Ship and Anchor, Ford, organised by David Pidoux.**

This is another popular venue where we are always assured of a warm welcome and good food. Details and menu choices will follow.

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Regular meeting at White Swan hotel**

**Speaker - Charlie Wearing "Reminisces of a Long-Haul Pilot"**

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**As the Kardashians celebrate their twentieth season, congratulate yourself if you have never watched a single episode.**

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### John Haynes

**John has now decided, after many years of packing his bags in November to see his family in South Africa, returning the following year around Easter time, that at the age of 86 he is going to make a permanent move to Durban.**

**We will be sorry to see John go as he rarely missed a Pub Lunch or Club Meeting when in the UK and also his dry sense of humour.**

**We wish him bon voyage with many years to come in very familiar surroundings.**

**David Feist (President)**

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING A PROBUS TRIP TO THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT ?**



**I asked this question at the September meeting and there was a favourable response.**

A COACH COMPANY IN WORTHING HAS A RANGE OF COACHES:

A 33 SEATER WOULD COST £695 OR £21 PER PERSON IF FULL

A 57 SEATER WOULD COST £880 OR £15 PER PERSON IF FULL

WE ARE CONSIDERING GOING IN APRIL/MAY 2024, WHEN PARLIAMENT IS SITTING.

PICKUP 9.00HRS FROM EAST PRESTON THEN RUSTINGTON AND FINALLY ARUNDEL

RETURN JOURNEY LEAVING LONDON AT 16.00.

ENTRY TO PARLIAMENT IS FREE BUT WE WOULD NEED TO CONTACT OUR LOCAL MPs AS THEY HAVE THE RIGHT TO TAKE OUR GROUP INTO AN ANCIENT CHAPEL AS WELL AS ARRANGE FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO ASCEND A PARTICULAR TOWER. OUR MPs THEN HAND US OVER TO GUIDES WHERE WE ARE SPLIT INTO GROUPS. EACH GROUP IS TAKEN IN A DIFFERENT DIRECTION AROUND THE VARIOUS CORRIDORS AND INTO VARIOUS SIDE ROOMS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS AND THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

THE TOUR, WHICH LASTS APPROX. ONE AND HALF HOURS, FINISHES IN THE GREAT HALL.

MEMBERS CAN THEN DO THEIR OWN THING BUT MUST BE BACK AT THE COACH BY 15.30

WOULD MEMBERS PLEASE RESPOND TO [davidjean.feist@btinternet.com](mailto:davidjean.feist@btinternet.com). STATING THEY ARE INTERESTED IN GOING AND INCLUDE ANY ADDITIONAL PERSONS ?

SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER QUESTION PLEASE LET ME KNOW AND I WILL RESPOND. **DAVID FEIST (PRESIDENT)**

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*Take care, keep warm and dry, and well oiled. Bob*