

# ARUNDEL PROBUS TIMES

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No adverse comments were received from members concerning current lunch arrangements at the White Swan hotel, but a reminder was requested ,

*Members and guests staying for lunch may order only the main course, for £18*



### August talk

Retired Squadron Leader Rod Dean flew into our August meeting from his home in Redhill to tell us all about his experiences flying jet aircraft, mostly in formation. He obviously has an immense knowledge of these planes but the Hunter is clearly his favourite and he left us in no doubt about its qualities and how he enjoyed flying them in formations, particularly in the RAF.

After leaving the RAF he continued flying privately throughout Europe and the Middle East.



Latterly, Rod has been Display Director in charge of flying displays at air pageants around the country.. This included the tragic Shoreham Air Show where a Hunter crashed on the busy A27 road, killing eleven. Rod made no mention of that, surprisingly, but answered a related question.

Rod's talk was full of technical detail with close-ups of fighter planes and their cockpits, at the end of which I felt competent enough to fly one myself. Well, almost.

I would not be surprised if we invite Rod back some time to talk more about his long and illustrious flying career. His photos and videos were excellent.

Rod Dean's illustrated talk attracted nearly thirty members/wives, twenty-five of whom stayed for an enjoyable lunch.

### The President's Prize

This is awarded by the outgoing President to the member who has contributed most to the running of the club during the President's year of office. Normally, the prize would have been presented at the April AGM, which is also Presidents' changeover time, but only now is it possible.

Current President Brian presented the award to Charlie Meggs for his outstanding service as Treasurer over many years. Charlie will hold the award (a pewter wall-plate depicting a group of men in a tavern many years ago. An early Probus gathering, perhaps ?) until April 2025.. Well done and thank you Charlie.

### What's on this month, September ?

#### Thursday 12th

**This month's Pub Lunch is at The Fox, Felpham, PO22 7EH Thanks to Rich for organising.**

The Fox Inn dates back to 1790 and is 250 yards from the beach in Felpham. The pub is independently run and known for its cosy friendly atmosphere, serving a great selection of quality wines, world lagers and local & national ales to complement their freshly cooked, locally sourced food. (Website claim).



The pub is not named after the animal but after the H.M. Customs Cutter called "The Fox" that sailed directly off Felpham beach in search of illegal cargo in the 17th century, hence their ship sign.

It was also once the watering hole of the poet William Blake who lived opposite the pub in Blake's Cottage and where he was famously arrested and charged with sedition on a jumped-up charge involving a drunken soldier staying at the Fox. Blake's Cottage is currently undergoing a major renovation.

Mains. Chicken Pie, mash, vegetable medley, gravy.

Garlic king prawn linguine served with chorizo, tomato, baby spinach, truffle oil.

Baked Salmon with prawn sauce, crushed potatoes, vegetable medley.

Beef Burger with onion rings, coleslaw, fries and sala

Deserts Home made sea salted caramel chocolate brownie, with vanilla ice cream.

Home made Banoffee pie with vanilla ice cream.

Home made coconut panna cotta served with black currant sorbet.

Trio of ice cream chocolate, vanilla and strawberry.

Cost £23 including tip per person.

Orders please to Richard [rbrennan118@btinternet.com](mailto:rbrennan118@btinternet.com). 01903 718639

Confirm method of payment and if by BACS, Business account No.10642681 sort code 20-20-62. Mark payment Sept. pub lunch. If you haven't done so already, please inform Richard your choice of menu well beforehand so he can progress and complete the attendance list for the venue.

Directions. A259. Blakes Road, Past sailing club, Past Admiralty Road, Keep going, past Vicarage Lane.

The Fox ahead. Plenty of parking and near the entrance. When you get there get your drink and have a walk round. It's well worth it. Post Code PO22 7EH

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**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> Regular meeting. White Swan hotel**

Speaker from Co-op Estate Planning, Julie Pullinger, will talk to us about "Tax, Care and Toy Boys". (I suspect the last topic is a cautionary tale more for the ladies !).

The talk will give advice and guidance on subjects of particular interest to the elderly. I think this will be useful for our members and their wives, even if they believe they already have their affairs in good order. There is no harm in hearing that confirmed or perhaps that there are areas where they can be improved.

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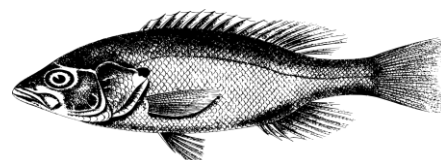
**Birthdays in September**

David Feist 21<sup>st</sup> [davidfeist.1942@gmail.com](mailto:davidfeist.1942@gmail.com)

Bob Tanner 18<sup>th</sup>. [bobtanner1809@gmail.com](mailto:bobtanner1809@gmail.com) (No card. Donations welcome.)

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"One man's fish is another man's Poisson". Mais oui,. mon chere.



**Pub Lunches in 2025** We all enjoy a pub lunch and have some wonderful pubs to choose from within easy reach of Arundel. Many we have been to over the last few years and several we shall continue to return to, I am sure. There are others we haven't visited yet but worth doing so in the future.

The committee has asked me to co-ordinate pub lunch arrangements in future. It's a natural extension of my role regarding club lunches at the White Swan. That does not mean I will be organising every PL, thank goodness, but I will liaise with the members who are planning one. I will keep members fully informed in the Newsletter. It will also ensure that two members are not working towards the same date for their separate event.

We do not have any meetings in January each year as we are all recovering from Christmas and New Year celebrations, so our first Pub Lunch in 2025 will be on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February, only one day short of Valentine's Day. That's still half a year away but I believe in forward planning!

So, who is going to arrange the February PL? If you haven't done one before, there is a lot of help available so don't be shy. Start giving thought to that February lunch and let me know if you can put your hand up for that one.

As for the remainder of 2024:-

September 12<sup>th</sup> Pub Lunch - The Fox Inn, Felpham (see above)

October 10<sup>th</sup> – The Arun View, Littlehampton

November 14<sup>th</sup> - Littlehampton Golf Club (Details will follow in good time)

December 10<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Lunch/Party, White Swan Hotel

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**Goring Church** Go to <https://english-martyrs.co.uk>



Have you seen the Sistine Chapel ceiling at Goring Church? It really is a must visit. It is a very uninteresting 1960s building. However, several parishioners went on a pilgrimage to Rome some years ago and one of them, a guy called Gary who was a signwriter by trade, thought, "hmmmm, this would fit on our ceiling and brighten the place up" and over the next 6 years that is what he did. The priest at the time also collected coloured glass from various convents etc that were closing down, and an artist has made beautiful windows. Haven't seen it myself but the recommendation comes from Sally Botwright, a London Blue Badge Tourist Guide for more than 20 years who has spoken to the club and lives locally. If you do visit, or already know it, please let me know what you think of it.

**Note.** I understand there is more than one church in Goring. Sorry if I have pictured the wrong one.

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### **Shopping Accident**

A huge stack of toilet rolls fell on me while shopping last week in Tesco. I wasn't hurt but suffered soft tissue damage.

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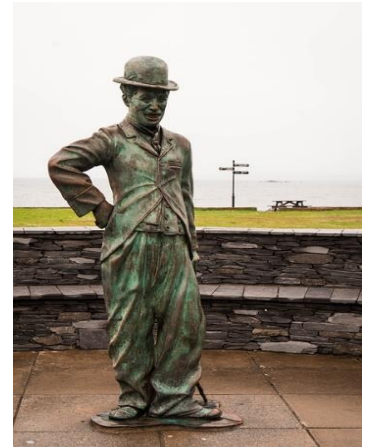
### **The Arun View pub in Littlehampton has been booked for another joint lunch with the Bognor Probus Club on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October.**

Don't know yet how many will come from Bognor but their President tells me they have some members who could not attend the first joint lunch at The Holly Tree and so are likely to come this time.

I understand that this pub has to close for around three months soon after our visit because substantial works are necessary to the River Arun's embankment which adjoins the pub.

## Speakers' Programme

September 26th	Lisa Lumsden for Co-op Estate Planning	"Tax, Care and Toy Boys"
October 24th	Fran Farrer-Brown	To be determined
November 28th	Bill McNaught	Sir Charles Chaplin
December 10th	Christmas Lunch/Party	-
January	No meeting	-
February 27th	Jack Wheale	"Types of Human Error"



As you see, we have a full programme of speakers for the next six months (only four talks in that time) but I am keen to start booking again further into 2025. I already have a number of speakers on my books, ready and willing to talk to us, at a price.

However, we simply cannot afford an expensive, visiting speaker every month which is one of the reasons I am keen to recruit a member or two to give a talk.

We always look forward to one of our own recounting his memories and experiences so please contact me if you would like to do so next year. That will give you plenty of time to practice, rehearse and perhaps prepare some visual aids too.

I am very grateful to those of you who have sent me details of a recommended speaker so please keep doing so.

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### Home Schooling

#### 1. My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE.

"If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."

#### 2. My mother taught me RELIGION.

"You better pray that will come out of the carpet."

#### 3. My father taught me about TIME TRAVEL.

"If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"

#### 4. My father taught me LOGIC.

"Because I said so, that's why ."

#### 5. My mother taught me MORE LOGIC .

"If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the supermarket with me."

#### 6. My mother taught me FORESIGHT.

"Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."

#### 7. My father taught me IRONY.

"Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."

**8. My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS.**

"Shut your mouth and eat your supper."

**9. My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM.**

"Just you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"

**10. My mother taught me about STAMINA.**

"You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."

**11. My mother taught me about WEATHER.**

"This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."

**12. My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY.**

"If I told you once, I've told you a million times, don't exaggerate!"

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**Arundel Festival** has been fun this year and the weather was both kind and unkind during the two weeks.

The Gallery Trail participants fared best as visitors were driven inside the houses on some days, but you have to feel sorry for the folks who had set up outside stalls on the few days when torrential rain spoiled the party.

Romeo and Juliet in the Castle Gardens was a great success as were the Glenn Miller concerts at St Nich's church and the Royal Norfolk hotel. Heavy rain spoilt the street events on the last Saturday but the sun came out, as did thousands of visitors on August Bank-holiday Monday.



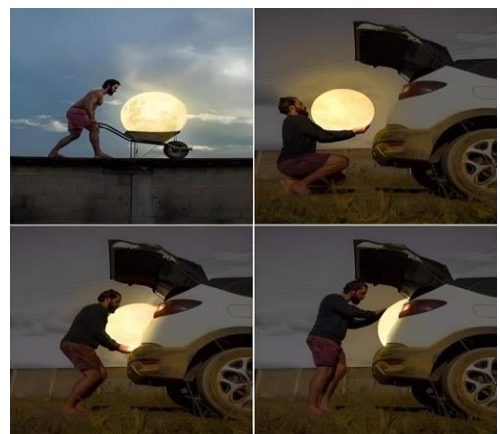
That last day was the day of the Flower and Produce Show which, once again, was enjoyed by many. Entries to the thirty eight classes were slightly down on last year but the quality was high in spite of a challenging year for gardeners.

Arundel Mayor Tony was on hand to award the many prizes including the first prize for all points won over the whole show. Unfortunately, the winner – for the tenth year running- refuses to take the cup which then takes up space in my wardrobe for another year. Never mind. His vegetables are superb and inspire the rest of us to strive to do better next year, and beat him.

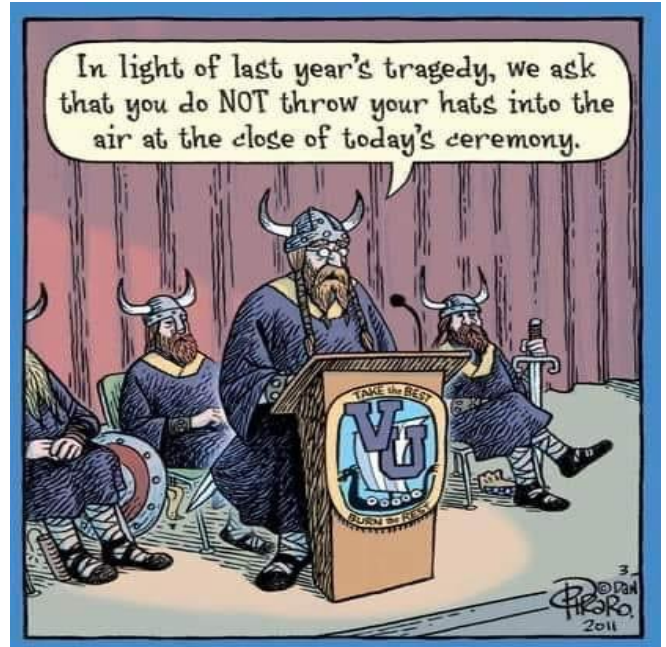
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**Someone was photographed stealing the harvest moon last month.**

Very clever.



**That might be an issue...**



**ARUNDEL MUSEUM**

**60th Anniversary Celebration Collector Earl's Garden, Arundel Castle**

Join us on **Friday 6th September** in the Collector Earl's Garden for a special party celebrating the 60th anniversary of the museum first opening under the Town Hall. This event will be opened by Henry, Earl of Arundel and Surrey. Tickets are from Arundel Museum or online .

*Hope to see you at The Fox, Pub Lunch on the 12<sup>th</sup>.*

*Bob*