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What's on this month ?

Thursday 14th September Pub Lunch at The Arun View, Littlehampton

Organised by Ian Goodall

If you haven't done so already, please inform Ian your choices without delay.



Mains

- Roast Pork Loin with stuffing and crackling, roast potatoes and seasonal vegetables
- Fish and Chips - Fillett of Cod with chips and peas OR Grilled in lemon butter with new potatoes and salad
- Steak and Ale Pie, with mashed potatoes and seasonal vegetables
- Mediterranean Vegetables and Halloumi Kebabs with couscous and tomato/red pepper coulis

Desserts

- Apple and Berry Crumble with custard
- Sticky Toffee Pudding
- Lemon and Lime Cheesecake
- Vanilla and Raspberry Ice Cream Sundae

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Thursday 28th September Regular meeting, White Swan Hotel. (Lunch menu choices will follow.)

"Glorious Gannets of the Bass Rock"

Speaker Ian Goodall

We will enjoy our good friend Ian's lovely, deep Scottish voice as he takes us to the island home of these wonderful birds.

(An interpreter will be on hand, if needed !)

Speakers over the next six months

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| October | Dave Pidoux | "Taxi" |
| November | Charlie Waring | - retired long-haul pilot reminisces |
| December | Christmas Party | |
| 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.

Whilst still on the subject of birds, here's a short quiz for all you bird-lovers. Answers below.

1. What breed of duck nests in trees?
2. What is the UK's most common bird?
3. Name the smallest UK bird.
4.and the tallest.
5. What is the forked-tailed raptor increasingly seen over Arundel?
6. Which other raptor nests on Chichester cathedral?
7. What is a martlet?
8. Which birds form a murmuration?
9. This bird is also known as a yaffle?
10. What colour are peacocks' eggs?



11. Name the two types of UK thrush.
12. What breed of seagull nest on Arundel's rooftops?
13. The full English name of the swans on River Arun is.....
14. What bird's scientific name is *Troglodytes troglodytes* ?
15. This raptor hovers.
16. Which bird lays its egg in another bird's nest?
17. Name the bird on the right.
18. Brilliant blue small bird dives for fish?
19. The UK's loveliest songbird, heard mostly at dusk?
20. This bird makes you think of Christmas, or Thanksgiving.



An interesting note from our old friend Joe Hayes

"Post Brexit and living in France, my UK driving license had to be exchanged for a French license which arrived a few days ago. It is valid until 28.08.2038 when I will be 106 !

Current regulations do not require any examination or medical report but rely on self-assessment to report anything that affects your driving.

In my view this is 'Too subjective'.

Joe Hayes.

Hon. Member and Past President

Thanks Joe. (I've suggested Joe makes a note to remind himself in late 2037 to renew his licence.)

August Pub Lunch

Twenty-nine members and guests visited The Gribble on 10th August but sadly the meal was not entirely up to the usual standard. The fourteen who had ordered "char-grilled chicken" were disappointed to find it tough and virtually inedible.

The pub was informed so please accept my apologies, although I wasn't the cook. Next time I'll try a sample meal first ! Bob

FRAUD This subject at our August meeting attracted over thirty people. The two speakers, Angela and Michelle, from HSBC bank, gave wide-ranging advice on how to protect ourselves from the many types of scams and frauds that try to take advantage.. Our main defence is to be ever vigilant and never to agree anything without double checking its legitimacy first. Remember, Stop, Challenge, Protect. Twenty-eight people stayed for lunch.

Be kind to your children; they'll be choosing your nursing home.

Wrinkles are hereditary; parents get them from their children.

The best years of a woman's life are the ten between 39 and 40.

Pub Lunches -

I've lost count of the number of places the club has been to during the years I have been a member. It's at least twenty. We are very fortunate to have so many to choose from within easy reach of Arundel. A few we have returned to several times – and no doubt will again - and very few we are unlikely to revisit.

Chris Mayhew chrisgmayhew@me.com is now our Pub Lunch co-ordinator and the person to turn to. Don't forget, anyone can organise a Pub Lunch and unless someone does there will not be one. It just needs someone to pick up the baton and run with it.

So, it may be helpful to spell out the procedure for those who have not done it before. It's not too difficult.

First of all, inform Chris your intention to organise a Pub Lunch

- Contact your chosen Pub at least a couple of months beforehand and talk with the manager about your proposal. Tell them you would like to bring around 25/30 people from Arundel Probus Club for a mid-week (Thursday), two course lunch. (Members start arriving around 12-00 for a 12-30 start.)
 - Ask them for a price, to include a £1 tip. (Remember that we are currently paying around £22 plus a £1 tip for pub lunches). If they cannot do that, try somewhere else. If you can get an acceptable meal at less cost, so be it. It is not our practice to pay a deposit. Inform Chris if the publican insists.
 - Ask them to send you at least three choices for each of two courses, Main and Dessert. (Do not ask for a Starter course). The Main courses should include a fish course. (Vegetarian dishes are always available on the day if wanted).
 - Ask also for the group to be seated together, maybe in a separate room or in a section of the restaurant/bar area. We prefer table service. (Only on one occasion have we had self-service from a buffet-style set-up.)
 - Ascertain from the pub what notice they require of our final choices and numbers. Visit the pub to confirm this, if necessary.
 - As organiser, you must send the menu choices to the Secretary who will inform all members.
 - Bob will include details of your pub lunch in the APT. That will also inform members and friends and tell them to contact you with their choices and confirm their method of payment.
 - Preferred payment is by BACS on-line directly into the Club's account. Some may pay by cheque and even by cash at the club meeting prior to the day of the lunch. You may use the club's card reader.
 - **The monthly club meeting prior to the pub lunch is the deadline for ordering lunch and paying for it.**
 - You should prepare a simple spread-sheet (an example can be provided) to keep a record of the persons confirming attendance, including partners and guests, and their choices. Record also their method of payment.
 - A few days before the lunch advise the Treasurer (Charlie Meggs) the names of lunch-goers and their methods of payment. Be prepared to hand Charlie the cash and cheques you have received.
 - Prepare a name card for each person clearly showing their name and menu choices and hand them out as they arrive at the Pub. They should display the card on the table in front of them to help serving staff. It may also remind them what they ordered.
 - Late cancellations should be advised to the pub immediately. If too close to the day of the meal the pub is likely charge the agreed amount. In these cases the member will not be credited.
 - The Treasurer (or his nominee if absent) will pay the bill to the Pub at the end of the meal. Your job is now done. Time to plan the next one ! Thanks to President David for preparing this.
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One of the good things about getting older is that you find you are more interesting than most of the people you meet.

Birthday boys this month - September

Bob Tanner on 18th

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David Feist on 21st

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Didn't they do well, the Lionesses, by getting to the final of the World Cup. A huge achievement.



Flying Scotsman

I must share with you my delight on being told by my wife Sian that she had booked a ride on the Flying Scotsman train for my birthday this month. It came to Sussex for a few days on 21st August and we had a ride last Sunday. It was magical and reminded me of times when being pulled by a steam engine was the norm.



I grew up in the age of steam. Living in Pinner, I was a bike ride from the LMS, LNER and GW lines as they sped in and out of London. My pals and I would stand over the gantries above the lines – first one to move out of the billowing smoke was a sissy. I had all the Ian Allen books listing steam engines and would cross them off as I spotted them. What wonderful names they had. Happy days. I've still got my Anorak!

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Dear God,
I am American
What are you?
Robert

A photograph of a handwritten note on a piece of paper. The text reads: "Dear God, Thank you for the baby brother but what I prayed for was a puppy. Joyce".

Dear God,
Thank you for
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Joyce

Like a lot of people I know, I have a furniture problem. My chest has fallen into my drawers.

Rugby World Cup (on ITV)

Are you preparing for the World Cup? Forget all the others, this is the RUGBY WORLD CUP and is not to be missed. It starts this month, but England have looked very poor in their warm-up games under new Manager Steve Borthwick. Fingers crossed.

Captain Farrell was rightly red-carded and a surprising attempt to have it rescinded was denied. (Not sure that was cricket.)

Now Fiji have beaten England which does not auger well.

First round Pool D September

- Saturday 9th: England v Argentina (8pm)
- Sunday 17th: England v Japan (8pm)
- Saturday 23rd: England v Chile (4.45pm)



p.s. South Africa will win.

Bird Quiz Answers

1. Mandarin duck
2. Robin
3. Goldcrest
4. Crane (Yes, there are a few living wild in Norfolk)
5. Red Kite
6. Peregrine Falcon
7. Imaginary bird used in Heraldry. Looks like a swallow and has no feet.
8. Starlings.
9. Green Woodpecker
10. Peacocks don't lay eggs. Peahens do.
11. Song Thrush and Mistle Thrush
12. Herring Gull
13. Mute Swans
14. Wren
15. Kestrel
16. Cuckoo
17. Hoopoe
18. Kingfisher
19. Nightingale
20. Turkey !



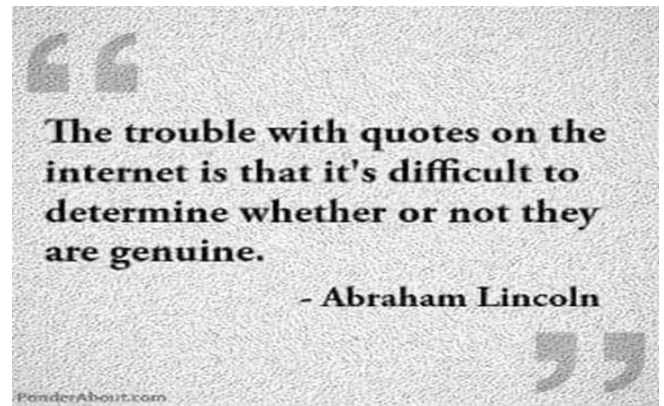
Arundel Festival. It was the last day of the festival on Bank holiday Monday and the day of the Flower and Produce Show. After perfect growing conditions in July and August there was a lot of produce in the fruit and veg classes. The tables were heaving. New classes for scarecrows, wonky veg and photography were popular and the craft skills of local people rightly attracted attention. In all, over 50 entrants submitted around 250 entries and all 38 classes were entered. Thanks to Mayor Tony for handing out the prize-money, totalling nearly £400, and thanks again to sponsors, Norfolk Estate, Tivoli Ltd and AGA.

Overheard in HMP Ford. A prisoner is phoning his twin brother. " Hi Bruv. Do you remember, when we were kids we would finish each other's sentences.....?"

Did you know there are two types of 'flu; the almost harmless one that women and children get and the "near death" version that men get.

Never be afraid to start something new. Remember, amateurs built the Ark; professionals built the Titanic.

France is to spend 200 million Euro destroying surplus wine. I'm sure our club could do it cheaper.



All throughout dinner my wife's best friend's four-year-old daughter stared at me as I sat opposite her. The girl could hardly eat her food for staring. I checked my shirt for spots, felt my face for food, and patted my hair in place, but nothing stopped her from staring at me.

Finally I asked her, "Why are you staring at me?"

Everyone at the table had noticed her behavior, and the table went quiet, waiting for her response.

Finally,.....the little girl said.....

"I'm just waiting to see how you drink like a fish."

There's a garden in England dedicated entirely to plants that are deadly and can kill you. It's the most dangerous garden in the world. It holds over 100 killers Such as, hemlock, strychnine and nightshade.



Whats on next Month - October

Thursday 12th Pub Lunch Chichester Park Hotel, Chris Mayhew

Thursday 26th Regular meeting White Swan Hotel Speaker Dave Pidoux "Taxi"

Applicants (right) in the waiting room at HMP Ford Prison before being interviewed for Prison Warden vacancies.

Best wishes to all and special best wishes to those members unable to attend at the moment .

Autumn can be the best season so I hope you can all enjoy it. Bob

