



We are so lucky, here in West Sussex, with so much nearby to go and do, to join in or simply to visit. There are castles, museums, stately homes and fantastic gardens. Sporting types are well catered for with horse-racing at Goodwood and Fontwell. There's polo at Midhurst. Motoring enthusiasts have the Festival of Speed and Revival, also at Goodwood, and yachting and boating pastimes can be enjoyed in the harbours, at sea, on the rivers or on the canal. You can even hop on board a Spitfire if you want to see Arundel by air – and have several thousand pounds to spare. I think I'll just watch them flying over my allotment.



It was Glorious Goodwood last week and, when the weather is on-side, it truly is glorious. My Mum and Dad got tickets, many moons ago, and took "me bruv and me" with them. I can still remember Scobie Breasley winning on "Tiger" but I was only a lad so didn't have a bet, sadly.

What's on at Arundel Proboscis Club this month?

I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at August's two events. The weather has been very kind to us this year – most of the time, anyway - so let's hope that continues for a while yet. The schoolchildren are on holiday now so it could change. It usually does but there's no change forecast. We could do with some rain.

August Pub Lunch –Thursday 11th

The George, Burpham A very good menu so I hope you have chosen and booked yours. Thanks, Stephen.

August Regular Meeting – Thursday 25th The owls and their friends are finally coming. Don't be afraid. It's all quite safe, I have been assured, so come and enjoy a rare spectacle and admire these beautiful creatures..



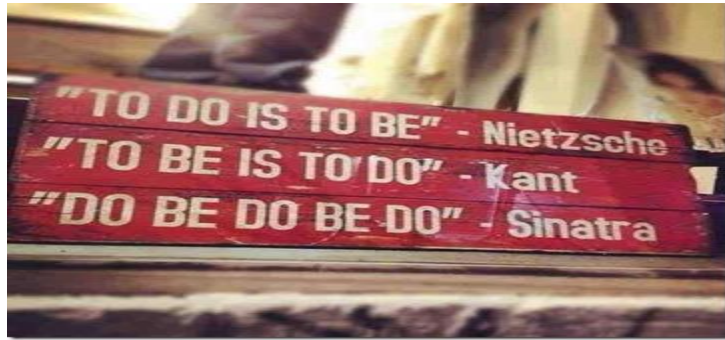
The George, Burpham

July Meeting Report President Barry was warmly welcomed back at our July meeting. He hopped (sorry, popped) in to say hello to members and guests, and to thank our speaker. Chris ran the raffle, won by Brian. Barry stayed for lunch too, which was excellent, with twenty-one of us!

Tangmere Aviation Museum Now that we know far more about Tangmere's history, following Education Manager Richard Thomas's very interesting, illustrated talk to our Club last week, why don't we organise a visit there? Yes, I know the club's been there before but that was a long time ago and, knowing our lot, most will have forgotten much about it. Who wants to visit? Let me know. Now, name this aircraft.



Credit. Aircraft Restoration Company



Serving Thyme

Have you visited the newish café with this amusing name at HMP Ford? You really should try it sometime. They do great coffees and breakfasts, serve a decent lunch, and also lay on cream teas to order. The super bunch of guys taking your orders and “serving” to your table are all HMP residents and worthy of your full support.

And there’s more: they sell an amazing range of annual plants at cheaper-than-elsewhere prices. They’ll even carry them to your car in the spacious car park. What’s not to like? Unfortunately, they can’t plant them for you!

Here’s another fascinating account of a famous British victory at sea from our own A/S Brian Arthur. **Thanks Matey.**

Exactly 224 years ago, late in the afternoon of 1st August 1798, Rear-Admiral Horatio Nelson cornered a French fleet of fifteen warships in Aboukir Bay near Alexandria in Egypt, in what was soon called ‘The Battle of the Nile’. Napoleon Bonaparte, currently famous for his military successes in Italy, was at large in the Mediterranean with 36,000 men and 400 transports, and Nelson had been ordered to find out what he was up to, though delayed by storms. Napoleon eventually landed his troops in Egypt in July, and Vice-Admiral Bruey’s French fleet had been left to guard his rear. On his arrival, Nelson attacked immediately. Discussing tactics earlier with the captains of his command, his ‘Band of Brothers’, Nelson had characteristically encouraged initiative. Captain Foley of HMS *Goliath* noticed that, as the French ships swung on a single anchor, he could get between them and the coast, and led four warships down the inside of the French line. Bruey had expected Nelson to wait until morning to attack the larger French ships at the eastern end of the bay, but with a westerly wind, the bigger French ships could not move west to support those attacked. Some French crews, still working on routine maintenance, were not ready to fight, or use the guns on both sides of their ships at once. As night fell, the French flagship *L’Orient* caught fire. Its explosion was the world’s largest until WWI. Nine French warships surrendered, and two sank; only four managed to escape in the morning. Napoleon, now marooned in Egypt and short of supplies, abandoned his army and escaped back to France, his ambitions for a French Eastern Empire destroyed. France’s escaping Rear-Admiral Villeneuve and Baron Nelson ‘of the Nile’ were destined to meet again at Trafalgar, but that is another story.

“Can you see France from up there, Admiral?”



July Pub Lunch – report

David Tippett reports that there were nineteen members and partners who enjoyed another lunch at the popular Arun View, on the riverside in Littlehampton. There were also several apologies for absence due to unavoidable commitments. Like all eating places, this pub continues to face rising costs but still works hard to provide quality meals at affordable prices so deserves our custom.

Dear Ladies

I understand that an increasing number of you are reading this Newsletter. You are very welcome to, of course, and I hope you enjoy our light-hearted writings and news, but may I ask why? Are you a friend of the club, perhaps related to a past or current member, a friend, or just the girl next door? I would love to hear from you and even receive an article or two from you for publication here. Send me a joke, a witty ditty, your thoughts on Arundel Probus Club, or the economy of Patagonia. Anything you like.

Have you attended any of our meetings? Perhaps you are a regular guest at our talks or pub lunches. There's only one more thing for you to do: join us.

Did you know that the club overwhelmingly agreed to open our doors to lady members earlier this year, and not before time, but, so far, none has ventured over the threshold. You could be the very first! There is something lacking in a club like ours and that's you, ladies, so help us correct that and come join us, please. We are a very friendly bunch, I promise you, and there's no joining fee!

What's on at Arundel Probus Club next month - in September?

Thursday 8th September Pub Lunch at **The Elmer**, organised by John Hollis. Always good value. How did Elmer get it's name? Answer next month.

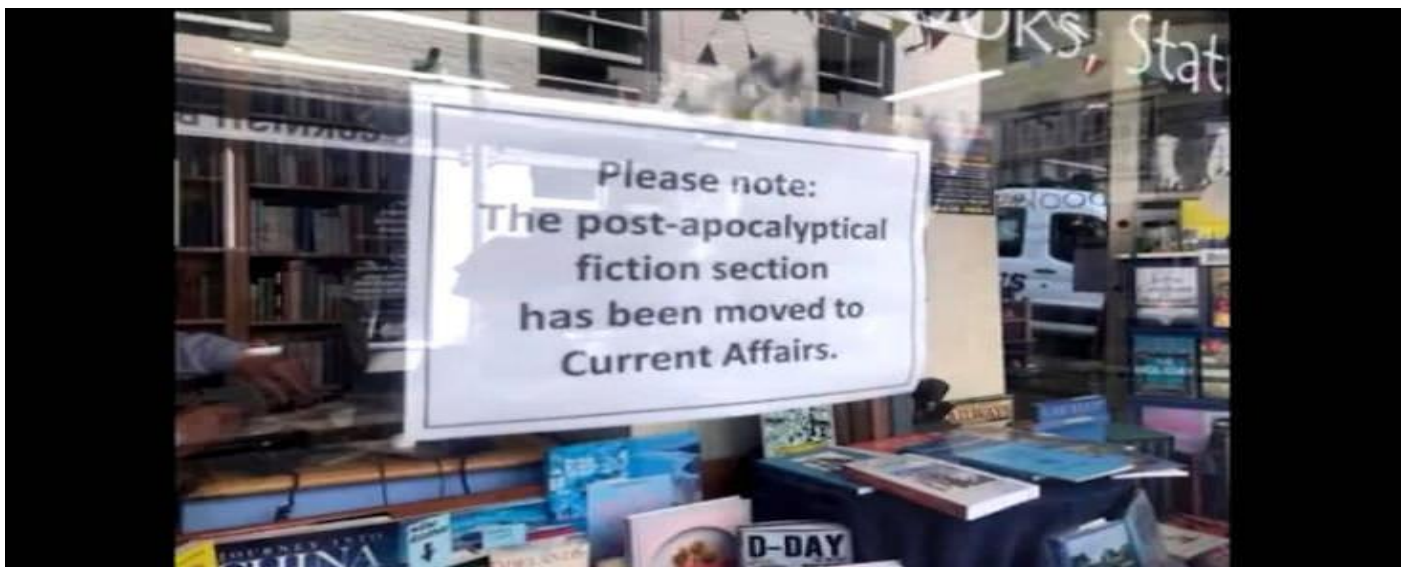
Thursday 22nd September Regular meeting at the **White Swan Hotel** with an illustrated talk by Michael Wearing entitled "**Policing in Peckham**". Ello, ello, ello! Do stay for lunch, too.

I FOUND A BOOK CALLED
HOW TO SOLVE 50% OF
YOUR PROBLEMS. SO, I
BOUGHT TWO.

Hot diggity!

What a lot of fuss about the weather, perhaps rightly so. July was warm, then very hot for a couple of days and the media went wild with dire warnings of us all frying in our beds. Yes, so-called extreme heat can be very serious for the un-prepared but we Probs are sensible and wise. Some of us have lived abroad in Burma, Malaysia, the Middle East or West Africa etc where day-time temperatures normally exceed anything we can experience at home. Others have travelled widely – for work or pleasure – and experienced truly hot climes. I recall having to visit a pitched-fibre pipe manufacturer in Saudi Arabia to check pipe dimensions in their yard with the thermometer hovering around 50oC. The scorpions were very active that day!

Enough said. But who doesn't prefer cool Britannia, with morning mists, warm days and never one when you have to leave your vest off? That's the weather we can soon look forward to, with even colder prospects to follow. When it eventually starts to freeze this winter oh! how I will wish for just a couple of hours of today's weather. **The temperature reached 40.3 on 19th July in Lincs.**



England's wonderful soccer ladies. **England 2 – Germany 1**

Did you follow our wonderful ladies' soccer team? I enjoyed, very much watching most of their games (but not for the reasons that some of you un-worthies might think). I admired their athleticism, their energy and their footballing skills, but what impressed me most of all was that not one of them spat. Their male counterparts seem to spend most of every match spitting, particularly in closeup. I find that objectionable, quite unnecessary and too much to swallow! The spitting season has just started again. Yuk.

**Pulled a nose hair
out today to see if it
hurt!
Judging by the
screams of the guy
asleep on the bus
next to me! Yes it
did hurt!!**



Arundel Flower and Produce Show

The Show is returning this year after a three year absence due to Covid. Please come and see us on August Bankholiday Monday at the Arundel Football Club's hall in Mill Road. But, better than that, why not enter your flowers, vegetables, preserves, cakes, floral display or craft work? Entry is free this year and there are worthwhile prizes (£20 1st, £10 2nd and £5 3rd) in all the groups of classes. Contact me if you are interested and I will send you a Programme containing an Application Form. bobtanner1809@gmail.com 07817 553357 Hurry; it's getting close!



Arundel Probus Club

Summary of meetings for the rest of 2022

AUGUST

August 11th Pub Lunch - The George, Burpham £20 Thanks to Stephen and Christine Brocklebank

Meeting 25th Demonstration inside the Hotel by "Hawking About" with several birds of prey.

SEPTEMBER

September 8th Pub Lunch - The Elmer £18 Thanks to John Hollister.

Meeting September 22nd. Talk by Michael Wearing. "Policing one of London's toughest areas - Peckham"

OCTOBER

October 13th Pub Lunch – Chichester Park Hotel. Details to follow. Thanks to Chris Mayhew.

Meeting October 27th. Talk by our very own Mike Gammon. "8 Roles in 20 years in the RAF"

NOVEMBER

November 10th Pub Lunch - The George, Eartham £20 Details to follow. Organised by me.

Meeting November 24th talk by Sally Botwright, "London's Oddities and Curiosities"

DECEMBER The Club's Christmas Lunch Party. Details to follow.

Does anyone remember rain? What's it like? Bob