

29th May is the Club's 42nd birthday so Happy Birthday to all. What were you doing on that day in 1980?

Arundel's weather has been strange this year with a very short and mild winter and an exceptionally dry spring.

The mid-day temperature reached over 20C at the end of March followed by a bitterly cold spell in early April. The night temperature on 2nd fell to -4C. April showers followed.

Then absolutely gorgeous Easter weather arrived with unbroken sunshine, fair winds and warm nights..

I'm pleased I was able to attend the lecture on Weather Lore as Bill included very interesting stories, about "old wives' tales" and shepherds' warnings, which are probably still more trust-worthy than modern weather forecasting, especially locally. I still hang seaweed outside my door but perhaps I should also buy a coconut.



AGM As expected, the following were elected to form the new Committee at the recent AGM:-

Barry Hopkins, President

David Feist, Vice President

Richard Brennan, Secretary

Charlie Meggs, Treasurer

Social Secretary, (Regular Club lunches only) David Feist Speaker Secretary, Bob Tanner

Chris Mayhew is Immediate Past President and Welfare Officer.

Here is Chris's End of Term Report

“Gentlemen we live in unprecedented times. I became President of The Probus Club of Arundel two years ago without a meeting or transference of office. For the first few months nothing happened but we as a committee kept in monthly contact with the members on a rota then in the Autumn we had committee meetings at a distance curtesy of Barry at his home.

In 2021 we started with caution pub lunches then club meetings for those who wished to attend. My best memory was the Christmas lunch which 37 booked and 35 attended. I will remember for a long time Hilary's ditty on the committee.

Last month we had a EGM and voted overwhelmingly to admit ladies as members ,a major step forward and hopefully the club will grow in membership.

I would like to thank the committee for all their hard work. Barry as my Vice President , Charlie for quietly keeping our finances in order, Richard for being there as a point of reference and communicating information to the members, David for his tireless work arranging club lunches here at the White Swan and all the many pub lunches we enjoyed. I personally wish him well returning to the back benches. Last but not least Bob for organising a wide range of speakers including some from our own membership. Perhaps most of all for producing the APT which in part was the glue that kept us together.

Chris Mayhew
President “

Your Club Needs You... Having a largely re-elected membership from the old Committee does not mean other members can now relax and wait for things to happen. More involvement by members will be encouraged this year and, as you know, Pub Lunches will only happen if an individual volunteers to organise one. There is plenty of help at hand from those who have done so before and there are details of the next two PLs below.

A sincere word of thanks is due to Chris who bravely steered us through two years as President in perhaps the most challenging period of the club's history, and special thanks too to David Tippett for doing a great job as Social Secretary for even longer. There was a fittingly good attendance at his last Pub Lunch at the Worthing Indoor Bowls Club where lamb shanks were again a popular menu choice

More contributions to this APT are essential, please as I am at risk of repeating items, but I am also comforted by the thought that most memories are as unreliable as mine. I look forward to hearing from you.

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A young married woman answered her door to find someone carrying a clipboard. "Hello", said the caller, "I'm researching intimacy in married couples". Oh, not again" says young wife. "Someone was here last week and I answered all the questions honestly". "Yes, I know", replied the researcher, "but I'm from the Guinness Book of Records."

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An extraordinary co-incidence. Before going out recently, I noticed I was wearing odd socks so I went into the bedroom to change. I opened my "sock drawer" only to find an identical pair of odd socks! Extraordinaire! What are the chances of that happening?



David Feist has had the attractive menu choices circulated for the May Pub Lunch at the popular Ship and Anchor, Ford on 12th May, 12.00 for 12.30 - and you should have ordered already by now -- but here they are in case you haven't. Call David and not the Pub nor Richard, at 01903 715178. Cost is £20, inc tip.

Ship & Anchor

Ford, near Arundel BN18 0BJ

Hunter's chicken, with chips & vegetables

Fillet of chicken breast topped with BBQ sauce, bacon & cheese

Baked cod, with new potatoes & vegetables

Cod steak with parsley sauce

Pork Stroganoff, with rice & vegetables

Strips of pork with onion & mushrooms in a mustard, cream & brandy sauce

Roasted vegetable lasagne, with chips & salad

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

Sherry trifle

Lemon cheesecake, with cream or ice cream

The training process was tedious, but now he knows he is not allowed on the couch.



New Member

One of Chris Mayhew's last duties as President was to induct our latest member, David Pidoux of Arundel.

Welcome David. We all look forward to meeting you and we hope you enjoy your membership.



**It's been a bit of a strange day!
First I found a hat full of money.
Then I was chased by an angry man with a guitar...**





I am still waiting final confirmation, but hopefully, The Birds are Coming to our club meeting on Thursday 26th May though not staying for lunch. (Ratatouille is not on the menu.)

I hope it's safe for the Owls to come and entertain us, after a delay due to bird flu.

Not sure if this photo is of the same species as may visit us but all owls look spectacular, whether perching or flying, you must agree!

The hotel has approved the visit and all precautions will be taken. The birds are experienced entertainers, used to giving similar displays at schools, clubs and nursing homes. If they fail to fly in, David Feist has a cunning Quiz up his sleeve.



.Advanced notice

The June Pub Lunch is on Thursday 9th June at a new venue for the club, but you may have been there already.

The Squire and Horse, at the bottom of Bury Hill, just north of Arundel, has a good reputation for its mid-week lunches and we have been fortunate to secure most of the restaurant area for our lunch on the day we wanted. There

is ample car parking space.

As you will be aware, the catering industry has been having a very difficult time with lockdowns, Covid absenteeism and now a huge rise in costs so we have to pay a tad more.

The lunch will cost £20 per head and a staff gratuity may be left on your table, at your discretion. The Chef has produced attractive menu choices, which are shown here, so please let me know your preferences at least one week in advance. 01903 882127 bobtanner1809@gmail.com Payment by BACS Probus A/C No 10642682 Sort code 20-20-62

Please mark all payments for June Pub Lunch

MAINS

Roast of the day with Yorkshire pudding

Steak & Kidney pudding encased in suet pastry

Calves Liver on creamy mash with a red wine jus

Haddock Fillet with a herb crust on creamy mash with a white wine cream sauce

Pea and halloumi fritters served with tzatziki and grilled tomatoes

NOTE. Vegetables are included with mains, as appropriate

DESSERTS

Pavlova with fresh berries and passion fruit coulis

Vanilla cream Brulee served with a compote

White Chocolate and Baileys cheesecake served with honey ice-cream

2 scoops of home-made ice-cream

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I left a written note for my wife. “Darling, I’ve been telling you for days, we have run out of bananas. Can you order some more please, next time you do an Ocado drop?”

She’s very sharp on spelling so wrote a reply. “There’s no f in bananas!”.

“That’s what I’ve been telling you”, yelled I.



Did they really say that?

I had a rose named after me and was flattered until I read the catalogue:-

No good in a bed but fine against a wall. *Eleanor Roosevelt*

Don’t worry about avoiding temptation. As you grow older it will avoid you.

Winston Churchill.

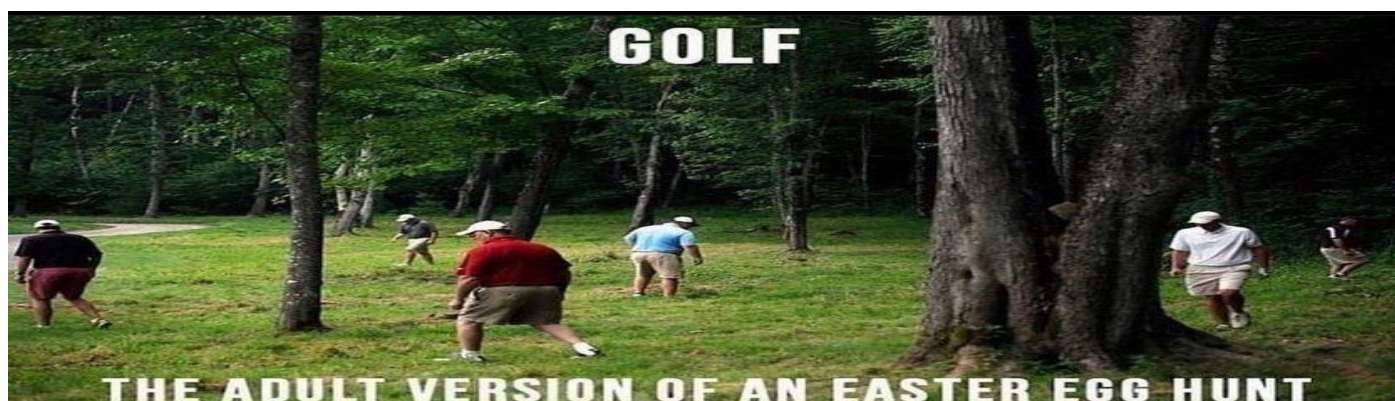
Father Christmas has the right idea. Only visit people once a year. *Victor Borge*

Money cannot buy you happiness but it does bring you a more pleasant form of misery. *Spike Milligan*

My wife has an impediment in her speech. Every now and then she stops for breath. *Jimmie Durante.*

I am such an unlucky person. If I bought a cemetery people would stop dying.

Roger Dangerfield.



”What nine-letter word in the English language is still a word as eight letters are removed one by one?”

Answer next month.



May is the perfect month to visit some of the fabulous West Sussex private gardens and that’s exactly what membership of Arundel Gardens Association enables you to do. Take a look at their website www.arundelgardensassociation to learn more. Visits are free to members and annual membership is only £5.

The website tells you how to join.

For more than ten consecutive days in late April I was confined to my room with Covid, desperately trying to avoid spreading it to others. I felt ill for a couple of days but continued to test positive so spent much of my time staring at the view from the window, mostly at people enjoying the lovely weather.



In the two days prior to Easter Sunday there was a steady stream of camper vans and cars towing caravans, travelling from east to west along the A27, the so-called Arundel Relief Road. Then I noticed there was an equal number of camper vans and cars towing caravans travelling from west to east.

The same thing happened on the day or two after Easter Sunday, which set me wondering: Where are they all going? Where have they been?

Why don’t we stop all these travellers next time and ask them to swap with those going in the opposite direction? I am sure they would find it equally enjoyable, and think of the savings, think of the benefits, including the improved view from my window.

Diner to waitress in restaurant. “Can you tell me about the menu please?”

Waitress replied. “The men I please has nothing to do with you”.

May your may days be happy may days.

Bob