



8-9 may be forever etched in the memory, just like 9-11 has become. The day the Queen died was the day we hoped would never arrive, yet always knew it would. Life cannot go on for ever. We lost a lifetime friend, a near relative whom we had never met, unless fortunate enough to have done so. The lucky few will surely never forget the friendly smile and the diminutive figure standing in front of you with hand outstretched.

Now there's a new Monarch, someone we have also known a very long time. No-one can envy the mountain he has to climb to reach the heights of love and affection accorded his mother. She was the world's Matriarch and we wish him well.

Elizabeth 11 RIP. Long Live the King, Charles 111.

Member's stood for a minute's silence at the September club meeting in memory of her late Majesty and also in fond memory of our member and Past President, Philip Town.

### WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH - October

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October Pub Lunch, Chichester Park Hotel** 12-00 for 12-30 sharp, as the hotel has another function at 1-00 pm.

Where is it? Madgwick Lane, Westhampnet Road, Chichester, West Sussex, PO19 7QL

Menu choices

- A, Traditional Roast Sirloin of Beef with all the accompaniments
- B, Pan Fried Chicken Breast wrapped in Bacon and stuffed with Mozzarella
- C, Baked Fillet of Salmon en-croute with a Tarragon Cream Sauce
- D, Apple and Blackberry Crumble with homemade custard.
- E, Cream Filled Profiteroles flavoured with Bailey's and drizzled with chocolate sauce
- F, Cheese Platter served with Biscuits, Grapes and Celery.

£18-00 per head, including gratuity. Orders to David Tippett [dave.tippett@btinternet.com](mailto:dave.tippett@btinternet.com) 771342  
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**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October White Swan Hotel** Talk by our own Mike Gammon.

I have often wondered what lies behind Mike's career description in our Membership Book. "RAF Navigator" conjures up many questions such as "What planes did he crew on?; Where and When did he serve? What incidences does he recall? etc." This talk will tell us all as Mike's intriguing title "**Twenty roles in eight years in the RAF**" should provide answers. Was the Airman mentioned below actually Mike, and was that one of his roles? We'll find out.



An Air Force cargo plane was preparing for departure from Thule Air Base in Greenland. They were waiting for the truck to arrive to pump out the aircraft's sewage holding tank.

The Aircraft Commander was in a hurry, the truck was late in arriving, and the Airman performing the job was extremely slow in getting the tank pumped out.

When the commander berated the Airman for his slowness and promised punishment, the Airman responded: "Sir, I have no stripes, it is 20 below zero, I'm stationed in Greenland, and I am pumping sewage out of airplanes. Just what are you going to do to punish me?"

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**Welcome to our new member, and to the several guests at our September meeting.**

Not exactly a new member to Probus, but a transfer from the Littlehampton club, which has sadly closed, Brian Sweet has joined our club. "Welcome Brian! We look forward to learning more about you." Brian is a retired Schoolmaster, living in Rustington.

Mike Culverall, Ian Goodall, David Jones, Eddie Murphy and John Oaks were our guests at the September meeting and we welcomed them. With our lady partners too, twenty-five enjoyed lunch.

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An animal lover arrives at the gates of heaven with his two dogs and a cat and is greeted by St Peter. "Sorry " says St Peter , "no animals through these gates , we only welcome creative beings here who have improved life for others". "Well" says the man, at least let me introduce my wonderful animals to you. This is Bach, this is Offenbach, and this is De pussy "! **Michael W.**

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**An apple a day**..... It has been a surprisingly good year for apples, in spite of the long drought and excessive temperatures. The crop is heavy but the apples are a tad smaller than usual, from my trees at least.



There are more than 2,500 apple varieties growing in the UK. Do you have a favourite? You can't beat a Bramley for your pies and crumbles, or for baking, and there is a wide range of dessert apples for eating raw or giving to teacher! Cox's Orange Pippin is excellent but the new types are tasty too. Do try them.

On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October it is **Apple Day at Arundel's Community Orchard**, on Herrington's Field, off Fitzalan Road. BN18 9JP 1p.m. – 3.30p.m. Free entry. Apple pressing. Juice sampling.

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**The Elmer Pub Lunch** on 8<sup>th</sup> September was enjoyed by only 14 members and wives. Thanks are due to organiser John Hollister who deserved a bigger attendance, but several members were known to be away on a late summer holiday, as is often the case at that time of year.

The hard-working family running The Elmer benefits from being in a part of the district where summer cottages are found - as it's near the beach - but it gets much quieter once the visitors have gone, with just a few local regulars. Probus visits are therefore important to them, especially out of season and this was evidenced by them giving each of us a personal copy of the Pub's current menu. And very good it looks too. We should make a point of returning there, as a club or privately, in the not-too-distant future. There's reasonable parking behind the pub.



## The Battle of Trafalgar

What most frightened the British government in 1805, was involuntary membership of Napoleon's European union. If only France could combine its Brest and Toulon fleets, it might control the Channel long enough to land an invasion force designed to capture Sussex and Kent and occupy London.

French warships at Brest, often penned in by prevailing south-westerly winds, were usually blockaded by the Royal Navy's relentless patrols, but the Toulon fleet, with their reluctant Spanish allies, was more elusive.

Having chased across the Atlantic to the Caribbean and back, Vice-Admiral Nelson finally caught up with a massive French and Spanish Combined Fleet on 21<sup>st</sup> October 1805 at Cape Trafalgar, off Spain's south-west coast. The British fleet of 27 warships faced 33 allied ships, including the world's largest, the Spanish *Santissima Trinidad*. Nelson's plan, drawn on a scrap of paper for a young officer, was to break the allied line into three, leaving the foremost to sail on, unable to turn round, whilst Nelson's ships further divided the rest to be fought in isolated groups. Light morning winds prolonged these early manoeuvres, fought bitterly from the outset, and early British casualties were unavoidable.

Nelson, unpersuaded to change into a plain, less conspicuous jacket, was shot by a French sniper and carried below. Before he died, he was assured that victory was certain. In battle, and a following storm, the allies lost 22 ships, the British none. French losses included Admiral Villeneuve's flagship, the *Bucentaure*. 449 British lives were lost; allied dead approximated 4,500. Nelson's body, brought home preserved in brandy, was placed in a coffin made from the topmast of *L'Orient*, destroyed at the Battle of the Nile seven years before. Nelson was buried in St Paul's in a sarcophagus originally intended for Cardinal Wolsey, his funeral attended by his captured and paroled enemy, Villeneuve.

You may like to raise a glass on 21<sup>st</sup> October to Nelson's "Immortal Memory".      Brian Arthur.

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## Talk by ex-Policeman Mike Wearing on "Policing Peckham"

Mike's talk last month was a fascinating account of a PC's thirty-year career, mostly in one of London's toughest Boroughs. His speciality seems to have been working with a community and eventually winning over their support and trust in reducing crime, at which he was clearly very successful. When a large crowd gathered outside a property where Mike and colleagues had broken up a heroin dealer's base, and fearing the worst, hearing the crowd applaud the arrests confirmed Mike's belief that the vast majority of people living in high-density estates are good, law-abiding citizens.

## **New Hon Members - Membership book**

The Committee proposed five new Honorary Members at the last meeting, in recognition of their long membership and service to the club. Not all can make it to meetings these days. Roger Dean, Douglas Gold, Terry Hardeman, John Monroe and David Sunray will join Peter Cole and Joe Hayes as Hon. Members, following unanimous agreement. Their names and new status will be included in the new Membership Book which is nearing completion, after several delays.

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## **WHAT'S ON NEXT MONTH - November**

### **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November Pub Lunch - The George, Eartham PO18 0LT 12.00 for 12.30.**

I believe this is the Club's first visit to this tiny Downland village's lovely pub which is larger than it appears, having had a major makeover a few years ago. There's plenty of parking at the rear, and a side entrance to the pub along a footpath from the car park.

#### **Mains**

Beer battered fish and chips, rustic tartare & pickled wally. (GF)(DF)

Lambs liver & bacon with mash, greens & leeks, red onion gravy & parsnip crisps. (GF)(DF)

The George's pie of the day, creamy mash, greens & leeks, gravy.

#### **Desserts**

Sticky toffee pudding with caramel sauce. (V)

Rhubarb & apple crumble served with custard. (V)

£20 per head. Leave a gratuity on your table, at your discretion.

Orders to Bob Tanner 01903 882127 bobtanner1809@gmail.com

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### **Thursday 24th November - White Swan Hotel, as usual.**

Our speaker is Sally Botwright and her subject, "**London's Oddities and Curiosities**". Sally is a London Blue Badge Tourist Guide, and she should know. I have heard Sally speak before so I know you are going to be entertained by Sally's knowledge of her subject and her ready wit. You should not miss this one, or the following lunch.

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### **Christmas Lunch - An important date for your diary**

" On behalf of your Committee I wish to advise all members that there will be a Christmas Lunch to be held at the White Swan Hotel on **Thursday 8th December 2022**. A 3-course meal has been arranged at a price per person of £30. This includes meal, tip and raffle ticket. Full details will be sent to members after the October Pub Lunch. Please ensure your diaries are updated for this event. We welcome your ladies or partners for this festive event."

**David Feist (Vice President)**

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Only four pages this month as it's not a time for silly jokes, rude witticisms or clever cartoons.

*Normal service will be resumed next month. I promise. Bob*