

ARUNDEL PROBUS TIMES

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General Note to members

As we approach a new year it may be helpful, especially for the new boys, to set out the club's current practices.

The following notes compliment the Rules contained in the Membership Book and all times are approximate.

General Meetings The monthly meeting is on the fourth Thursday at the White Swan Hotel, A27, Arundel.

Committee Meetings start at 10.00. General meetings at 11.00 but members can begin arriving from 10.30. Apologies for absence are noted.

The speakers will start first, at 11.00, but arrive from 10.45 to set up. The club has all the equipment needed for an illustrated talk, perhaps with sound, but some speakers prefer to bring their own. Talks last about one hour.

Club business follows the talk and ends around 12.30 when members/guests go to the bar.

Lunch The hotel staff will call members to lunch around 1.00 and lunch normally ends by 2.00

Members, including Cttee members, are encouraged not to sit in the same place every time. The President would normally invite any guest/s to sit at the same table with him.

Menu choices are circulated by Richard, on receipt from the hotel. Members are requested to notify the Vice President (currently David Feist) of their selections by e-mail and to pay on-line into the Club's Business Account Probud Club of Arundel No. 10642681, Sort Code 20-20-62. Indicate it is for Mtglunch.

Members may also give their selections to the VP at the meeting and pay cash/cheque at the same time.

Members staying for lunch are asked to place their name card (available at the meeting) on a lunch table where they will sit. The cards are collected by the VP after the meal for use next time.

Pub Lunches There is no single person Pub Lunch organiser. Lunches can be organised by any member and if no-one has organised a Pub Lunch in any month, there simply won't be one. The Pub Lunch in December is replaced by our Christmas Party and there is no Pub Lunch in January which is considered post-Christmas/New Year recovery month. There is plenty of help available to members organising a Pub Lunch for the first time.

Pubs willing to accommodate the club are asked to provide a choice of two or three options for a two-course meal (mains and dessert) for no more than £20. This may include a gratuity, or a staff tip can be left on the table.

Members' menu selections must be sent to the member organising the PL who will forward all orders to the pub in good time. Members pay the club, not the Pub. Payment on-line is encouraged into the Club's Business Account, Probud Club of Arundel No. 10642681 Sort Code 20-20-62. Indicate it is for Publunch. Late cancellation/"no shows" will not guarantee reimbursement.

Arundel Probud Times

The monthly, light-hearted, Newsletter will continue but members are encouraged to submit articles etc for inclusion to the editor, Bob Tanner.

Website

The club's website www.arundelprobud.club is maintained by the son of a late member, in Thailand.

Speakers

To help keep within budget, members are encouraged to give talks (for free) on any subject they choose.

What's on this month? December

No, I haven't forgotten it's Christmas soon, and that means party time – especially on Thursday 8th December at the snow-White Swan Hotel for the Probus Bash. To all those able to be there, Enjoy! It'll be a cracker.

Thanks are due to VP David Feist for organising this extravaganza.



Some classic press headlines :-

- Something went wrong in jet crash, expert says.
 - Panda mating fails; Veterinarian takes over.
 - Juvenile Court to try shooting defendant.
 - Red tape holds up new bridge.
 - New study on obesity is looking for larger test group.
 - Schoolchildren make nutritious snacks.
 - Hospital is sued by three foot Doctors
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The Club welcomes another new member - Tim Jowitt, who lives in Arundel with wife Brenda. A warm welcome to you both!

Tim will give us a talk in February (see below) on Living in France and we will all look forward to that.

Tim is our eighth new member this year and that must be a record for our annual intake since starting. The club ends the year in very good health.



Sally Botwright knows her London. That was made very clear to us on 24th November when she told us about some of **London's Oddities and Curiosities**. And she did so in an amusing and entertaining way. Surely we will invite Sally back again to hear more on this fascinating subject.

A few more reminders of times past. How many do you recognise?



I would not have liked to produce our newsletter with this handy piece of kit but we had fun using it, didn't we?



Useful for scrubbing clothes or if you were a member of a skiffle group.



Which type did you have on your bike?

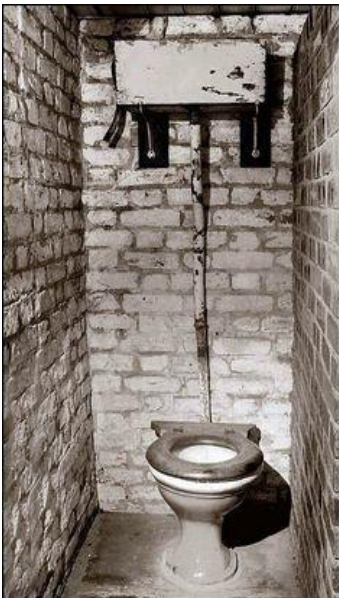
We could chase the bad guys round the houses with our cap guns, and they did pong a bit.



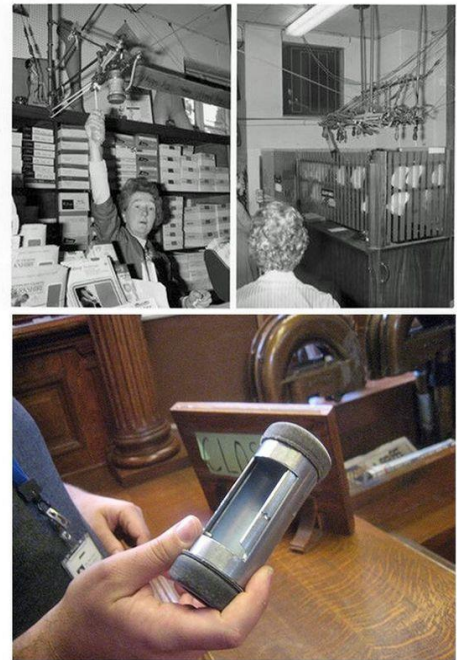
Have you still got your Hoola Hoop?



Spam, spam, spam



Don't forget to pull the chain.



What was this for?

Some years ago, I bought a puppy from our village blacksmith.

As soon as I got him home he made a bolt for the door.



Eating in the 1950s - Here are a few reminders of eating, all those years ago

Remember, food rationing was still in force then but we didn't starve, even at Christmas. Obesity was unheard of and we were all much fitter, or so it seems. Few families had a fridge.

1. Pasta was never eaten
 2. Curry was a surname
 3. A takeaway was a mathematical problem
 4. Pizza was something to do with a leaning tower
 5. Crisps were plain: the only choice was whether to add salt from the little twist of blue waxed paper
 6. Rice was only eaten as a milk pudding
 7. A Big Mac was what you wore if it was raining
 8. Only poor people ate brown bread
 9. Oil was for lubricating; fat was for cooking
 10. Tea was made in a tea pot, from leaves which were never green
 11. Tablets were for swallowing with water if you had a headache
 12. Cubed sugar, or sugar knobs, were considered very posh
 13. Eating raw fish was called poverty, not sushi
 14. None of us had ever heard of yoghurt
 15. Health food was defined as anything edible
 16. Indian restaurants were only found in India
 17. Cooking outside was called camping, and done by boys in short trousers
 18. Prunes were medicinal
 19. Muesli was readily available and was called cattle feed
 20. The main things we did not have on our 1950 tables, which we do have now - mobile phones and elbows.
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Remembrance Sunday - Old comrades !

President Barry laid a wreath at the

Arundel Memorial on behalf of the club

on Sunday 13th November.

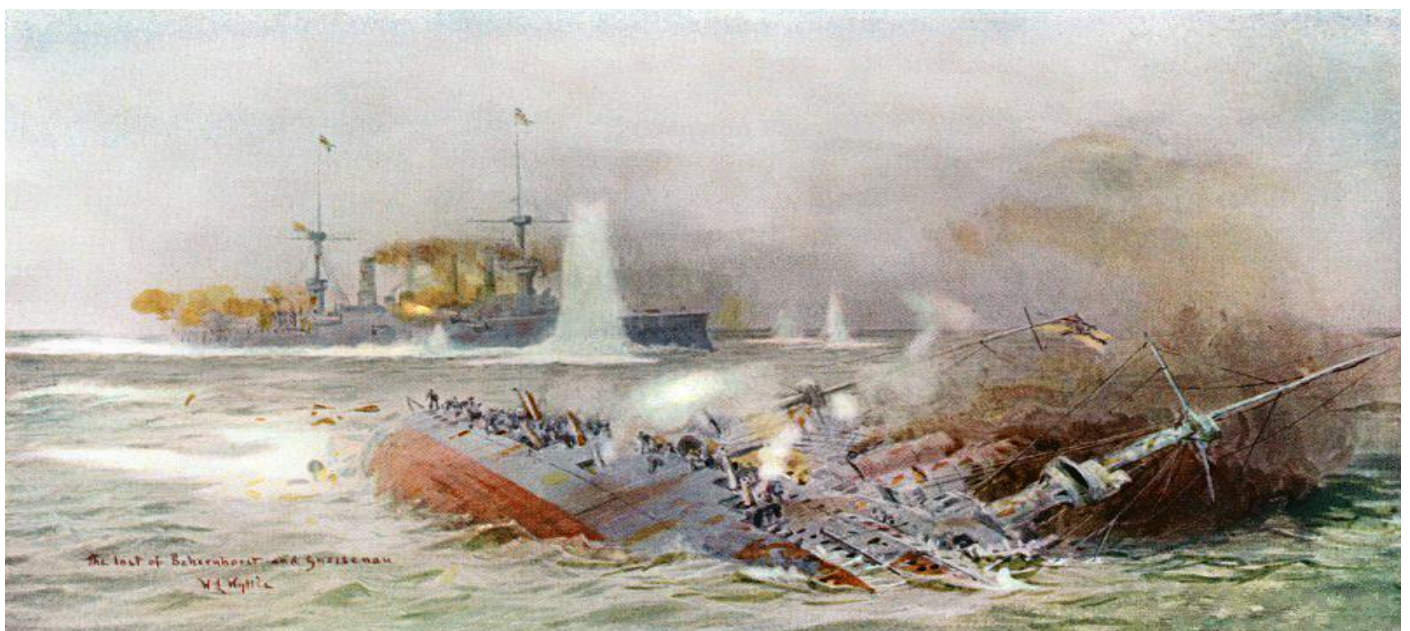
Secretary Richard was also there to lay a

wreath on behalf of his Masonic lodge



Battle of the Falklands - 1915 Once again, we are indebted to **Brian Arthur** for the following, fascinating account of a naval battle, this time in the South Atlantic. It is a sequel to his November APT article on the Battle of Coronel. So, think back 107 years ago and imagine life in the Royal Navy as you seek revenge for your lost shipmates at the earlier battle but spare a thought too for the ordinary seamen in the German Navy.

On 4th November 1914, news was received in London of the Royal Navy's defeat off Coronel, the most severe since 1814, and heard with anger and concern. In the Commons, First Lord of the Admiralty Winston Churchill rejected responsibility for Cradock's decision to confront a superior German force, deciding instead to send two fast and powerful battlecruisers, HMS's *Invincible* and *Inflexible*, to the South Atlantic. Each less than seven years old, with eight 12" guns, and main armour of just 4-6", both could maintain a speed of 25 knots. They were designed to destroy anything smaller and escape anything bigger and, commanded by the imperturbable Vice-Admiral Frederick Doveton-Sturdee, ideal to send after von Spee's squadron. So insistent were Churchill's orders that civilian bricklayers employed to reline boilers were still aboard when *Invincible* left Devonport. En route to the Falklands, Sturdee added three armoured and two light-cruisers to his force, arriving at Port Stanley on 7th December. On 8th December, von Spee also arrived, intending to destroy the wireless station and take or burn the British coal supplies there. The obsolescent *Canopus*, grounded outside Stanley harbour as a monitor, was alerted to *Gneisenau's* presence, and opened fire at 9.20 am. The Germans retired. Having expended two-thirds of their ammunition and over half their coal at Coronel, they were aware of their predicament. The British force had been caught re-coaling, but, after breakfast, Sturdee began an orderly pursuit, confident of his greater speed and fire-power. With contact made at 1.25 pm, Sturdee was careful to stay out of range of the *Scharnhorst* and *Gneisenau's* 8.3" guns, while using his sixteen 12" guns at 16,000 yards. Von Spee ordered his cruisers *Dresden*, *Leipzig* and *Nurnberg* to "try to escape". At 4.17 pm, ammunition exhausted, but with colours flying, the burning *Scharnhorst* sank with 840 men, followed at 5.50 pm by the *Gneisenau*, from which British rescue boats saved 190 survivors. At 7.25 pm, the *Nurnberg* was sunk, followed at 9.25 by the *Leipzig*. Of von Spee's two sons, neither Heinrich nor Otto were among the 215 German survivors. The *Dresden* was later scuttled on the coast of Chile and her crew interned. At great cost in lives on both sides, the German naval threat in the South Atlantic and Pacific had been resolved.



Twenty members and some partners enjoyed a tasty **Pub Lunch at The Black Horse, Eartham** on **10th November**. For a while, the rain had stopped, a light breeze rustled the few leaves remaining on the trees and it was a warm 17oC. All-in-all, a lovely day to lunch with friends in a very pretty place. It was also **Chris Mayhew's birthday** so we congratulated him, but we didn't sing! Then Hilary produced two large tins of Quality Street chocolates and the day was perfect.



What's on next month, January ?

There's no Pub Lunch in this "recovery month" but club meetings resume as normal on the fourth Thursday.

Thursday 26th January Our speaker is Martin Frost who has a very rare talent so come along and learn all about Fore-edge Painting. The usual bargain lunch will follow.

Speaker Programme for first six months of 2023

January	Martin Frost	Fore-edge painting
February	Tim Jowitt	Living in France
March	Pam Goodall	Lady on a bike
April	AGM	(No speaker)
May	Hartley Elder	Sussex Blood Bikers
June	Brian Arthur	D-Day



These all promise to be excellent, illustrated talks so why not put the dates in your new diaries now, so you don't miss out? Make a point of staying for lunch, too.

At my age, rolling out of bed in the morning is the easy part. Getting up off the floor is another story.

A police officer in the US radioed his station to report that an old lady had shot her husband dead for walking on the floor she had just washed. "Have you arrested her?" asked the Sergeant. "No, the floor is still wet", he replied.

A Belfast builder was up a tall ladder when he felt dizzy and started to shake. He climbed slowly down and told his mate why he was going home. "Have you got vertigo?" asked his mate. "No, I live just round the corner," was the reply.

Do you get enough exercise? I burn about 2,000 calories when it's my turn to change the bedclothes

Nostalgia isn't what it used to be

Just before Covid we went on a once in a lifetime holiday. Never again.

I love all things astrological. The rotation of the earth really makes my day.

I wish you and yours all you would wish yourselves this Christmas time. Bob