

ARUNDEL PROBUS TIMES

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It was eighty years ago this month that the allies landed in Normandy on what became known as D-Day. There are very few left of the brave young men who went ashore on 6th June 1944 and I never cease to wonder what went through their minds as they confronted the enemy. Lieutenant Brotheridge was the first to be killed as he raced across Benouville bridge just after midnight, having landed by glider a few yards away. He now lies at rest in the churchyard at Ranville, nearby. The bridge was renamed Pegasus Bridge after the cap badge emblem of those first airborne troops who quickly secured the bridge, which was critical.. Respect.



German battery at Longues-sur-Mer, Normandy

Arundel's "D-Day 80" Celebrations -

The 80th anniversary of D-Day falls on 6 June 2024, when the Arundel community will come together to commemorate the bravery and sacrifice of the Allied forces.

Join others from 7pm at the historic Hiorne Tower in Arundel Park, access from London Road, to enjoy an evening of music, reflection and thanks with Arundel Town Council, Arundel churches and the troops of the 137 (Java) Battery.

The Town Crier will read the D-Day 80 Proclamation (which will also be read in the Town Square at 11am) and troops from the 137 (Java) Battery will read accounts of D-Day soldiers. The Arundel and Littlehampton Scout Band, the Phoenix Big Band and Ladies That Boogie will provide musical accompaniment to the commemorations. There will be a short service before the lighting of the beacon, conducted by Canon David Twinley of St Nicholas' Parish Church.

The evening will end with the reading of the International Tribute by the Mayor alongside the lighting of the Arundel Beacon by His Grace, the Duke of Norfolk on the top of Hiorne Tower at 9.15pm.

This is a free event for the Arundel community hosted by Arundel Town Council, made possible by kind permission of His Grace, with the support of the Norfolk Estate team. Bring a picnic, chairs/rugs, a torch and warm layers/sun cream depending on the British weather on the day! Any changes/cancellations necessary due to bad weather will be communicated on the Council's website/[Facebook](#) page and on other local social media pages where possible. Toilet facilities available on site.

Please note there will be no vehicle access or parking at this event. Residents are encouraged to walk/cycle, get a taxi or park elsewhere in the town or at home.

Accessibility

A limited number of pre-bookable disabled spaces are available to holders of Blue Badges. For more information please contact Tracy Clayton townevents@arundeltowncouncil.gov.uk 01903 882954



ARUNDEL'S D-DAY 80 COMMEMORATIONS

THURSDAY 6 JUNE 2024

11AM TOWN SQUARE

THE D-DAY 80 PROCLAMATION

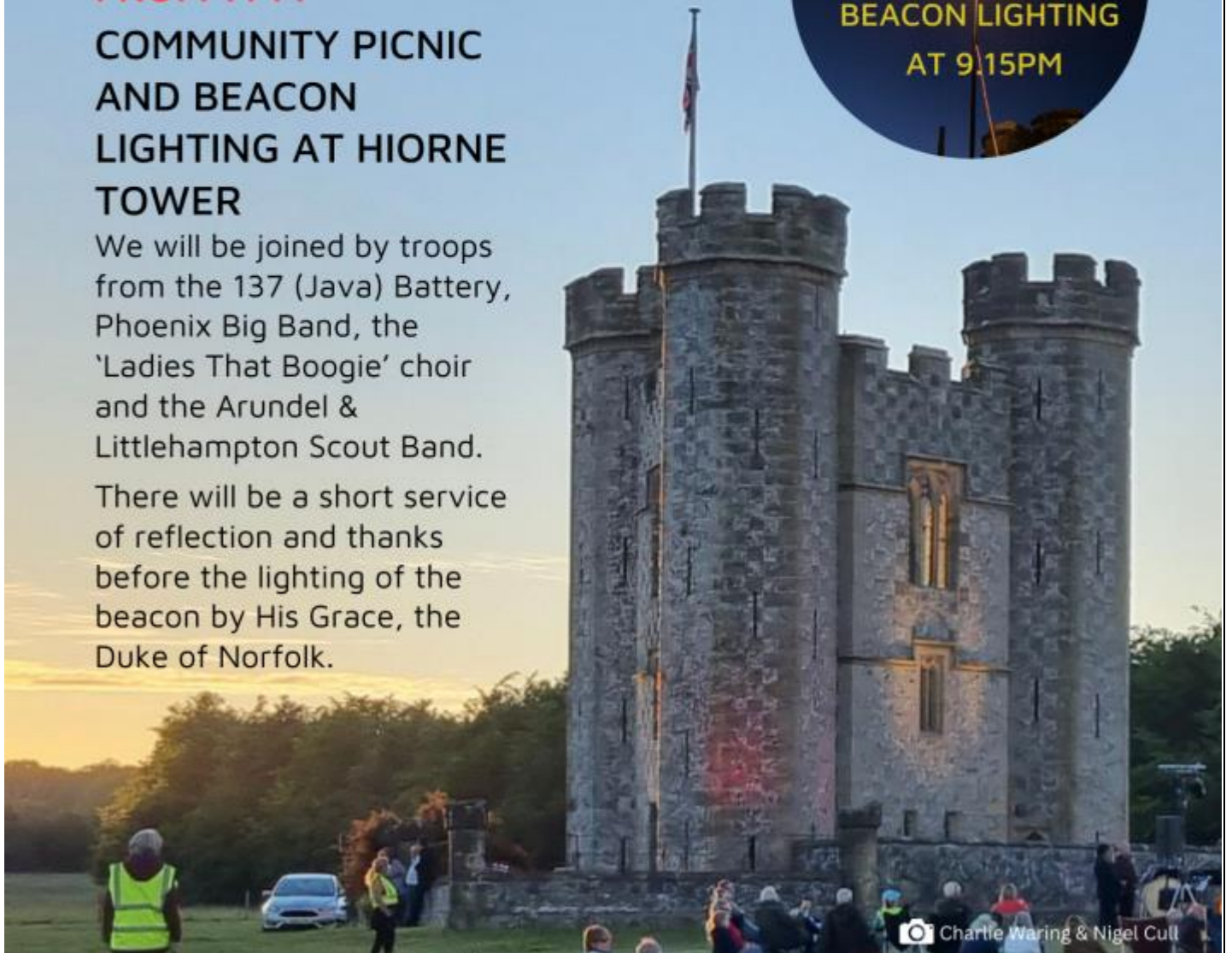
The Town Crier

FROM 7PM

COMMUNITY PICNIC
AND BEACON
LIGHTING AT HIORNE
TOWER

We will be joined by troops from the 137 (Java) Battery, Phoenix Big Band, the 'Ladies That Boogie' choir and the Arundel & Littlehampton Scout Band.

There will be a short service of reflection and thanks before the lighting of the beacon by His Grace, the Duke of Norfolk.



Charlie Waring & Nigel Cull



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The HIORNE TOWER, Arundel Park



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The Lamb Pub Lunch. It was a welcome return to The Lamb, Angmering on 9th May, thanks to Les and Carole Beale. Sorry I missed it. This is another popular local and I am confident we will be there again in the future. We are fortunate in having so many great pubs to choose from in this neck of the woods. Who's going to step up next and organise another Pub Lunch? August needs an organiser.

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May Club Meeting and Lunch, White Swan hotel

Another missed meeting for me, unfortunately, but 22 members and partners enjoyed lunch together. The new table layout, giving a choice of two options, needs more thought in planning. The food was well received for both quality and quantity. More people are taking tea or coffee at the end of the meal than had indicated they would, a few months ago. The speaker, Andrew Warren, knew his stuff and was very entertaining.

Thanks to those who handled my duties in my absence.

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What's on this month? 13th June. Pub Lunch. "The Holly Tree," Walberton - Jointly with Bognor Probus Club

If you are coming and haven't told me yet you had better be quick. Full details have just been recirculated by Rich. A contingent of about fifteen members and partners from Bognor is likely to join us at a pub the club has not visited before. Do hope you can be there. It's not posh but the food is good, the plates are full and there's a large car park. You can also park on the street. Full address is The Holly Tree, The Street, Walberton, BN18 0PH

This pub was built in 1867 and had a major makeover a few years ago. Have a look at its website www.thehollytreewalberton.com

MENU CHOICES

Mains. Steak, Mushroom & Dark Ale, Double Crust Pie, Mash, Roasted Carrots, Summer Greens, Gravy

Chicken Kiev. Breaded Chicken Breast stuffed with Tarragon & Confit Garlic Butter Served with Bacon, Green Beans & Peas, New Potatoes

Roasted Cauliflower & Hazelnut Risotto (Gf, V,Va,N). Roasted Cauliflower, Truffle Oil, Parmesan & Hazelnut Crisp

Battered Plaice Fillet- (Gf, DF) Chunky Chips, Pea mayonnaise, Tartar salad, Fresh Lemon

Desserts Sticky Toffee Pudding. Salted Caramel Sauce, Toffee Crunch Ice Cream (Gf)

Coffee Crème Brulee (GFA) with Chocolate Brownie, Vanilla Ice Cream

Apple and Berry Crumble, Vanilla Custard

Tea or Coffee to Finish £24 inc tip

Lunch orders please to Bob Tanner, bobtanner1809@gmail.com 07817 553357 by **Friday 7th June**. Please confirm method of payment. The preferred payment option is by on-line BACS to the club's Business Account A/C no 10642681 Sort Code 20-20-62 Mark payment Junpl

The party of about 30 for lunch will occupy tables for four in the main restaurant and it is hoped that our members will mix with the visiting club's members.

Club Meeting 27th June

Speaker Les Maple

"Audio Description in the Theatre"



Lunch menu choices

Mains

Beef ragù, linguine parmesan style cheese, garlic bread

Thia red fish curry, coriander rice

Ratatouille pasta, garlic bread, watercress salad

Desserts

Baked vanilla cheese cake, strawberry compote

Cheese and Biscuits

Trio ice cream and wafer

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Birthday this month

Cliff Straw 30th June doreenstraw02@gmail.com Surprise Cliff with your personal message.

RIP Henry Jorgensen. Henry passed away in late April. He was a retired Swedish engineer and one of only two "foreign" members.

A quiet, unassuming man, Henry had been a regular presence at club meetings. His wife Jean often joined him at Pub lunches. We send her and Henry's whole family our sincere condolences.



Potato/Potato, Tomato/Tomato I was following the Kentucky Derby with an American friend recently. In the US they call it Derby, which is how it is spelt, so why do we call Derby, Darby? Answers on a postcard please. My friend picked the winner, too !

◆ I read that 4,153,237 people were married last year. Not to cause any trouble.... but shouldn't that be an even number?

Battle of Jutland (Part 1)



If, on the evening of 1st June 1916, (one hundred and eight years to this day), you had been standing in Rosyth dockyard, beside Scotland's Forth river, you might have been astounded to hear British dockyard workers calling insults and making catcalls at the crews of British warships returning from a major battle at sea. It had evidently not been the Trafalgar-like annihilation of an enemy they had been expecting. It had been, they gathered, even a tactical defeat. Late on 31st May and early on 1st June, Admiral Sir John Jellicoe's Grand Fleet had met the German High Seas Fleet of

Admiral Reinhard Scheer off the Danish coast at Jutland and had, they heard, come off worst. Rumours from the first returning British ships spoke of disasters. It did not help that such a battle had long been seen as inevitable.

Firstly, Secretary of the Admiralty Winston Churchill had said that Jellicoe (at right) was "the only man who could lose the war in the course of an afternoon". As time passed it became clear that more than six thousand British seamen were indeed dead and thousands more wounded, and no fewer than fourteen of the ships the dock workers had regularly maintained and repaired had been sunk. Many more were heavily damaged. Over the next few days, German newspapers, translated and re-published in America, reported the Kaiser's welcome of a major German victory and the return of most of his fleet to Kiel. Admittedly, eleven of his ships had been sunk, and over two and a half thousand German seamen killed, but the British near monopoly of sea-power had been forever broken. B.A.



(Final part next month)

A letter I would not like to receive.

Dear member of Probus Club X,

I'm writing to you as one of our very elderly members will be in your area next month and would very much like to attend your meeting.

I feel that I should advise you that he is somewhat fastidious in his eating habits.

He has two, rather old fashioned, dental plates and during the whole meal he likes to take them out and clean them carefully between 'Courses' and between each item of a course. He does like, therefore, to have an ample selection of napkins/ serviettes by the side of his plate so that he can manage to do this procedure.

With many thanks for your anticipated help,

Yours truly,

President of Probus Club Y. BS

What's on next Month ? July

There's an election on the 4th, of course and our Pub Lunch is one week later on the 11th July at The Spur, Slindon, kindly organised by IPP David Feist.

July Club Meeting. July 25th. Speaker David Pidoux "TAXI " Part 2. More fun from the back of Dave's Cab.

Don't forget Fathers' Day on Sunday 16th June.

I'll re-word that: Don't forget to remind your children and grand-children it's Fathers' Day Sunday 16th June.



White Swan lunches. Members who are able to join us for lunch after club meetings will hopefully have noticed improvements with menu choices and the quality and quantity of food on the plate. Yes, I know we are paying more as an increase was overdue but, hotel staff are making a big effort to make us happy. Changed seating options are also helping.

If these improvements are your experience, please thank Joe and her team as they come to our tables. Perhaps you can also put a complimentary note on Trip Advisor.

I told my wife I saw a deer on the way to work this morning. She asked how did I know it was going to work?

Hope June will bust out wherever you are. On a beach perhaps ?! In the garden. Bob

Late news. Hon Member Joe Hayes, President 1998/1999 died last week. RIP Joe. Great guy.