



# ARUNDEL PROBUS TIMES 1st December 2024

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Our President Brian and the Committee wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

You will get the festivities started by attending our Christmas Lunch at the White Swan Hotel on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December. You should have booked your seat(s) at the table by now but, if you haven't, a quick call to President Brian may get you in. I can't promise. The menu is chosen, and looks very good. There is a free raffle at the lunch with a guarantee of two prizes on each table. So, what's not to like? Have fun.



### Remembrance Sunday on November 10<sup>th</sup>

this year was dry but not particularly cold and Arundel's Town Square was packed for the usual, moving event, led by His Grace, the Duke of Norfolk.

I noticed six Probus members in the crowd, there to support our President Brian who laid the club's wreath when called upon by Arundel's Town Crier, Angela Standing, who presided over the ceremony. *They also serve who only stand and wait.* Thank you Brian.



The 11.00 O'clock canon startled many, including all the local pigeons and seagulls. Luckily, I was wearing a hat.

### Littlehampton Golf Club Lunch.

Twenty six members and partners enjoyed the first "pub lunch" at Littlehampton Golf Club, thanks to David Feist who did all the organising. It was a glorious sunny day and quite unlike mid-November. The club's lounge bar was a great place to be, with a glorious view across the course. Not surprisingly, there were many players enjoying a round in the warmish sunshine.

Lunch was excellent; all prepared in-house and served by friendly waitresses. This was a very nice visit and I heard comments about returning again soon, even before lunch was over. I entirely agree with that sentiment.

**November Club Meeting 28<sup>th</sup> - White Swan Hotel.** Speaker Bill McNaught returned for a second time to give a talk about Sir Charles Chaplin. I could not be present so I can't report first hand but I am confident that it would have been enjoyed as much as Bill's first talk. Similarly, I can confidently say the day's lunch was also enjoyed by all who attended, including Bill.

"I hope it doesn't rain deer" says Mother Christmas, as her husband starts out on his long journey.



## What's on this month? December

White Swan Lunch/Party 10<sup>th</sup> December.

Yes, it's party time !

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## What's on next month ? January 2025

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January Pub Lunch.** Fino, 3 Flansham Lane, Felpham, Bognor Regis, PO22 6AA. 12 for 12.30

A "Pub Lunch" has been booked in a very nice Italian restaurant, run by an Italian family with all-Italian food choices. Not a trace of turkey, chipolata, plum pudding or minced pies. We should have had our fill of them by then and may fancy something different. Order your drinks at the table. No draft beers. Ciao



### Mains

Pollo Milanese - Pan-fried Chicken breast in breadcrumbs, with Italian bread or fries

Cozze - Mussels cooked in tomatoes, herbs and chillies, with Italian bread or fries

Lasagne - With garlic ciabatta

Spaghetti Carbonara - with bacon, egg, cream and Parmesan

### Desserts

Fino Tiramisu - Macari's family recipe

Fino Sticks - with chocolate and caramel dip, and vanilla Ice Cream

Gelato Trio - Triple Ice Cream scoops

### Tea or Coffee

£24 pp to include Staff Tip.

**Please confirm your attendance (stating number attending) and menu choices to Bob Tanner by Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 01903 882127 bobtanner1809@gmail.com**

**PAYMENT BY BACS PREFERRED, TO THE CLUBS BUSINESS ACCOUNT A/C 10642681 SORT CODE 20-20-62. MARK YOUR PAYMENT JanPubLun CHEQUES CAN BE SENT TO BOB at Flat 3, 20, Maltravers Street, Arundel BN18 9BU Write on the back of your cheque what it is paying for. This is so helpful to our Treasurer**

**WHEN ADVISING YOUR CHOICES PLEASE STATE WHAT METHOD OF PAYMENT YOU WILL BE USING.**

**Directions.** When approaching Bognor Regis from the direction of Littlehampton, proceed along Flansham Lane until the small roundabout in front of a Tesco Express. Drive around the roundabout completely until facing the way you came. Fino is in a bungalow immediately on the left. There is parking at the rear if the few spaces at the front are already taken.

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Did you know, by replacing crisps with grapefruit you can lose 95% of what little joy you have left in your life.



## WARNING

Don't learn the hard way. If you're getting a watch from Amazon this Christmas, be warned. If it says you can swim with it on, this only applies if you can already swim without it on.

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## New Years' Resolutions

Have you started thinking what you will resolve to do, or stop doing, next year? Here's one possibility :-

### Club Talks

We now have thirty-two members, but surprisingly, less than half of us have given a talk to the club. So how about it? The club would love to hear your story, with or without a photo or two. Please contact me if you are thinking of doing so. You don't have to be a gifted orator or experienced in public speaking, and you will have a kind and grateful audience.

### January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2025.

First club meeting of the new year. Not for the first time, our next Speaker is Vice President Ian Goodall whose chosen subject is "Sea and Sky", which sounds intriguing. Knowing Ian, it's bound to have something to do with birds.

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Are your eyes painful after drinking a cup of coffee? Try taking the spoon out in future,



Have you spotted the new street sign that's popping up everywhere ? You soon will if not already.

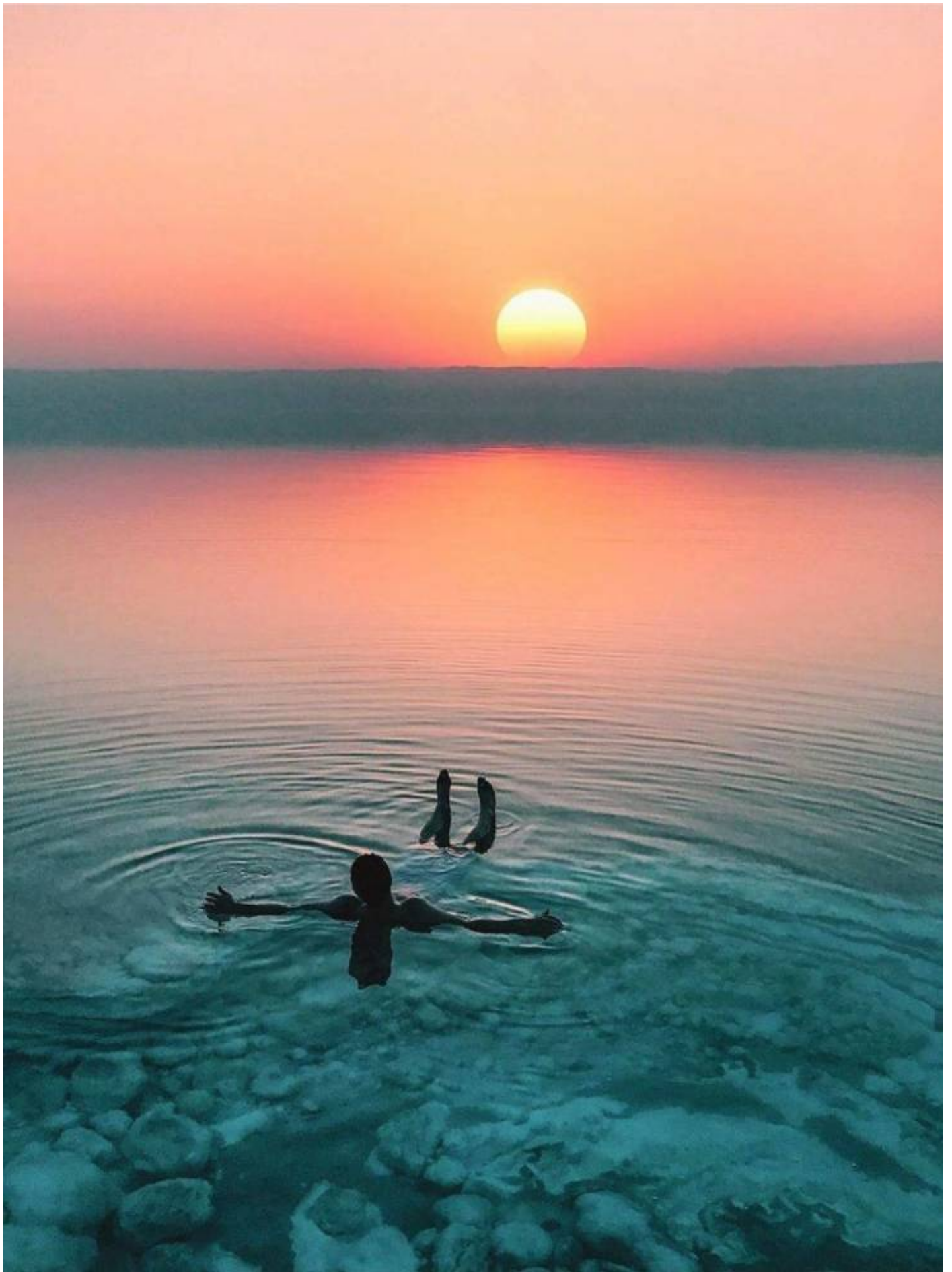


*I wish all thirty-two members of Arundel Probus Club and their families, plus our Honorary members and theirs', a very Happy Christmas and a healthy and safe New Year. (If that doesn't include you, dear reader, then I wish you the same too.)*

*Sincerely, Bob* (There: I've saved at least £200 in cards and over £50 in postage. Not bad eh!)

**P.S. Sian and I will be abroad from 27<sup>th</sup> November until 12<sup>th</sup> December.**

I'll be thinking of you.....





But not a lot !