

# 1st SEPTEMBER 2025

## Issue No 66

Isn't it bonkers that kids can't play conkers? Health and Safety concerns have outlawed it in schools. When I was a lad, the biggest risk was from the falling bricks, lumps of wood and anything else handy that we chucked into the branches high above us as we tried to dislodge the biggest and best conkers. We would bake them, soak them in vinegar and try all sorts of ideas to make them the hardest before stringing them ready for the game. Why not let's start an inter-Probud Clubs' Conker Championship !



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## What's on Folks ?

### Speakers - all at The White Swan Hotel, before lunch

- 25<sup>th</sup> September See Speaker Flyer later in month
- 23<sup>rd</sup> October Charles Smiles "A Policeman's Lot"
- 27<sup>th</sup> November Chris Linford "Memoirs of a School Principal"
- December Christmas Lunch
- January 22 Sussex Audiology Centre" The latest developments in overcoming hearing loss"
- February 26<sup>th</sup> Hannah Dow - Community Safety and Wellbeing, WSCC "Staying Safe On-line"

### Pub Lunches

- 11<sup>th</sup> September The Arun View, Littlehampton Ian £25 inc. Details below
- 9<sup>th</sup> October The Hollytree, Walberton Bob and Stephen £25 inc. TBC
- 13<sup>th</sup> November Angmering Manor Chris and Hilary Mayhew £22 inc.
- December No Pub Lunch in December



A neighbour knocked on our door at 3.00 in the morning, Would you believe it ? That's 3 AM.

Luckily, my daughter was up already, playing her bagpipes.

## Respect



A Royal Marine Commando and member of the SAS was seriously injured during combat and invalided out of the army. He had to wear a skin-coloured plaster cast across his chest, hidden under his shirt, for the rest of his life.

He re-trained as a schoolteacher and was eventually employed in one of the toughest inner-city schools. On his first day he was assigned to a class of teenagers that other teachers were refusing to teach. The kids were uncontrollable, young thugs.

Things started well as the class quietly assessed their fresh target. The new teacher opened a window and sat down at his desk. A breeze blew his tie over his face. The class jeered loudly then watched the teacher stand, calmly pick up a stapler, bare his chest and staple his tie to it. There was dead silence. The rest of the term went very smoothly.

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**August talk.** I enjoyed giving the August talk as Sally Botwright, our intended speaker, had to cry off with Covid. The hour passed very quickly, nobody left the room and very few nodded off. I call that a success !

All 22 stayed for a very nice lunch and guest Ray Yates, making his second visit in succession, submitted his application to join the club, further evidence of a successful meeting. Welcome aboard Ray !

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## Sue Cook

Long-time Arundel resident, Sue Cook died last month. Sue was the daughter of Robert Cook, founding President of Arundel Probus Club in 1980. Sue had continued to live in her father's house after his death but spent her last two weeks in a nursing home. She was a guest of the club at our Christmas Lunch a few years ago. Sue's funeral is on 15<sup>th</sup> September at the Arun Crematorium and later at The Swan PH.

RIP Sue.

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What do you call a  
magician who has  
lost his magic?

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## A Bible Story

A little boy opened the big family bible. He knew all the stories and was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was a large old leaf that had been pressed between the pages. "Mama, look what I've found". the boy called out. "What have you got there dear?" his mother asked. With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered. "I think it's Adam's underwear?"



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**September Pub Lunch, The Arun View. Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September. £25, inc. staff tip**

**Mains**

Roast Loin of Pork with stuffing, crackling, roast potatoes and seasonal vegetables

Steak and Ale Pie served with buttery mash potato, cabbage and gravy

Beef Lasagne served with garlic bread and dressed leaves

Fish and Chips Fillet of Cod in Crispy Batter with chips and peas

Butternut squash and Sage Ravioli with sun blushed tomatoes, spinach, red onion and roasted artichokes

**Dessert**

Double Chocolate Brownie with chocolate sauce and vanilla ice cream

Baked Lemon and Raspberry Cheesecake with a berry coulis

Plum and Almond Frangipane with vanilla ice cream

Treacle Tart with custard

Profiteroles filled with fresh cream topped with chocolate sauce

Contact Ian goodall with your orders at [ig@goodall.net](mailto:ig@goodall.net) or by phone 07786 223322

**PAYMENT BY BACS is PREFERRED, TO THE CLUBS BUSINESS ACCOUNT A/C 10642681 SORT CODE 20-20-62. MARK YOUR PAYMENT SeptPubLun. CHEQUES MADE PAYABLE TO ARUNDEL PROBUS CLUB. CASH WILL BE RELUCTANTLY RECEIVED, ESPECIALLY BY OUR TREASURER**

**WHEN ADVISING, PLEASE STATE WHAT METHOD OF PAYMENT YOU WILL BE USING. PLEASE WRITE ON BACK OF CHEQUE WHAT THE PAYMENT IS FOR.**

Last date for orders please Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September – so don't delay !

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**Birthdays in September**

David Feist 21st [davidfeist.1942@gmail.com](mailto:davidfeist.1942@gmail.com)

Bob Tanner 18th [bobtanner1809@gmail.com](mailto:bobtanner1809@gmail.com) (No cards. Donations welcome.)

**Ordering Club Lunches** It's interesting to note the timing of members' lunch orders last month.

Secretary Richard posted the Speaker Flyer and lunch choices to all members at 20.04 on 13<sup>th</sup> August.

The first order arrived with me by email 13 minutes later ! The first apology for absence from the lunch was 46 minutes after posting. The first apology for absence from the meeting and lunch was the next morning.

Orders then trickled in over the following days until the deadline at midnight on 24<sup>th</sup> August which allowed a week and four days for members to reveal your choices. Seventeen people placed twenty-two orders which is good, given we were still in summer holiday mode.

The last order before the stated midnight deadline on 24<sup>th</sup> August arrived five hours and fifty-seven minutes before 12.00, i.e 6.03pm on 24<sup>th</sup>. Then another arrived, via Secretary Richard, at 9.00 pm on Monday 25<sup>th</sup>, and yet another at four minutes to midnight the same day.

One or two absentees were not feeling so well, or recovering from an op. and sent their apologies To those unwell or still hopping about, hurry up and get better so you can come next time. We look forward to seeing you as we miss you.

The point I am trying to make here is for all members intending to attend the next meeting lunch to please let me have your orders in a timely fashion. This gives me reasonable opportunity to complete the detailed spreadsheet for the White Swan without too many last minute, or late, amendments, and get it to The White Swan on time. Thanks folks.

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**Arundel Festival of the Arts** went off with a swing last month, in continuing perfect weather with warm evenings. Visitors to the town were everywhere and the "open houses" on the Gallery Trail must have done well, judging by the foot-fall across the many thresholds.

I caught the Quincy Jones Jazz evening at St Nich's church which was packed to the rafters. But boy, was it loud ! I could have stayed at home, opened all the windows at the back of our apartment nearby and still heard the seventeen musicians in the Phoenix Big Band making music. A few days later, all the windows at the front were open as I went to bed to the clear and familiar sounds of Abba singalongs. Thank you for the music !

I wonder how fast this ostrich was going when he hit the fence!



And then, on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August, Sian bought me an early birthday present: a twenty-minute ride in a beautiful Jaguar E Type V12 Roadster, capable of 0-60 in 6.4 seconds and top speed of 148 mph. It's a good job I wasn't wearing a whig.

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**Arundel Flower and Festival Show**

A record-breaking 200 exhibits filled the Arundel Football Club hall on August Bank-holiday Monday and, in spite of very difficult growing conditions this year, there was some exceedingly good produce on display. The tables bearing the fruit and vegetables entries looked about to collapse with the weight but luckily there were no disasters as our five judges went about their business. There were more fruit cakes and sandwich sponges than I have ever seen in one place before, and ten pots of locally produced honey surprised me. I thought honey bees were scarce. The numerous jars of jam and marmalade also attracted attention but no wasps, luckily.

I admired the exhibits in the craft classes and didn't envy the judge, having to choose the best.

Six scarecrows and giant pumpkins welcomed visitors outside the hall which slowly filled up as prize-giving neared. By 3,00pm when new Mayor Carolyn Kenney started the awards, there were close to 150 in the relatively small room. Sincere thanks to the (anonymous) judges and Mayor Carolyn.

Apparently there's a third option between burial and cremation.



Note the shredder on tow.



Do you ever wake up, kiss the person sleeping beside you, and feel glad to be alive ?  
I just did that and apparently will not be allowed on this airline again.

**DOOR KNOCKERS  
PLEASE NOTE**

This household charges £10 per minute to listen to sales pitches or religious messages.

This charge is payable in advance

By knocking on the door you signal your agreement to the conditions above.

Thank you. Have a nice day. 😊

Would you like anything on your chips?"

"Does it cost extra?"

"Ten pence."

"All right, I'll have four sausages and a steak pie."

Taking a dog named Shark to the beach in summertime is a very bad idea.

That's all for now folks. Autumn starts today but there are still many ways to have a good time.

Best wishes. Bob