

Arundel Probus Club

Arundel Probus Times December 2025

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President Ian and the Committee wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

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The **Pub Lunch at the Angmering Manor** on 13th November was enjoyed by 27 members and partners. Organisers Hilary and Chris are to be thanked again for organising this bargain lunch. The food was very tasty, and plentiful, and the large dining room gave plenty of space to move around.

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President Ian was front and centre the previous weekend when laying the club's wreath at Arundel's war memorial on **Remembrance Sunday** the 9th November. There were at least another five Probus members amongst the crowd of several hundred at what is always a very moving event.

Two members laid a couple of other wreathes, one on behalf of the local Masonic Lodge and the other for Littlehampton and District Lions club.

Another member actually led the procession of local dignitaries - from the churches and Town Hall - down the hill to join the Duke of Norfolk standing by the memorial.

Charles Smiles is the Verger at St Nich's Church.

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Chris Linford's talk on 27th November



Chris was well prepared for the interesting account of his teaching career, almost entirely at the same school, Downsend Leatherhead. His progression from teacher to Principal in charge of several schools in the same group is impressive, but we actually had two talks for the price of one: an illustrated report on his travels throughout North America was a bonus, with some very attractive photos. Wife Jenny later contributed and both stayed for lunch with another twenty one members and partners. So sorry to the one member served the wrong main course. That error was entirely mine. Otherwise, another enjoyable lunch. Thank you Chris, for the main event.

The annual Christmas Festive lunch is of course the next event to look forward to, on Thursday December 11th. So far, 30 have confirmed their attendance.



The club has made the White Swan Hotel its home for several years so it is nice that we are having our Christmas event there again this year. They never let us down: the rooms will be decorated with Christmas bunting and I expect our friendly servers will look very seasonal too. We were spoilt for choice with the offered meals.

I wish all who will be attending the Christmas lunch this year a very enjoyable time.

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The January Pub lunch has been put back one week to Thursday 15th January – further away from Christmas and New Year festivities - at 12.00 for 12.30. Once again, it will be held at **Fino, the Italian restaurant in Felpham**. We were there a year ago and the Italian food choices always provide a welcome change from the Christmas and New Year fare which has dominated previous weeks.

Stephen and Bob are organising this lunch again this year. The cost is £23.

Main Course

Cozze

Mussels with tomatoes, mixed herbs and chillies, served with Italian bread or fries.

Pollo Milanese

Pan fried chicken breast in breadcrumbs served with spaghetti pomodoro or fries

Lasagne

Served with garlic bread

Risotto al Funghi

Mixed mushroom risotto with parmesan and truffle oil

Desserts

Gelato

Selection of ice creams with an orange and polenta biscuit

Fino Tiramisu

Macari's family recipe

Fino Sticks

Fino sAcks with a chocolate and caramel dip with vanilla gelato

Please Note. The restaurant offers sides and extras, in addition to your chosen meal. If you want to have something extra on the day you must order it on the day and pay the additional cost.

Contact Bob Tanner with your choices from the options above at bobtanner1809@gmail.com or by phone 01903 882127

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Speaker Programme January – April 2026

22nd January Audiology A speaker from the Sussex Audiology Centre will be of interest to all of us experiencing hearing loss

26th February Scams WSCC Speaker The County Council provides guidance on avoiding the increasing number of scam calls and similar cons,

26th March Sandra Simmonds, Part 2 – Who can forget Sandra’s first dramatic talk about her experiences as a housewife in Iran ? She’s returning to tell us more.

23rd April AGM and Sally Borthwicke “London’s Curiosities” Sally will be making her second visit to tell us more about the many quirks and curiosities to be found in London. As a Blue Badge Guide, Sally knows them all.

Bruce Henderson RIP

Some of our long-standing members may remember Bruce who sadly died last month. Bruce was a retired Accountant. He never took office at the club where he was a popular member. He had left the club before I joined but I enjoyed his company, watching England play rugby.

Advanced Notice

The February Pub Lunch is on the 12th and is a joint event with the Bognor Club. It will be held at The Fox, Felpham so put the date in your (new) diary. Full details with meal choices will be in the January APT. Thanks to President Ian for organising this one.

Cheer up. Remember, in about three weeks’ time, the days will be getting longer again and these lovely flowers will soon be popping up everywhere.

Having said that, meteorological winter starts today !



Rob Wood



Love them or loath them, computers of one sort or another now rule our lives. Most people cannot imagine life without theirs. Writing this APT each month would not be possible without my laptop – which finally let me down last month. It wasn't the hardware but the software. Perhaps I could have corrected the latter and kept the former but Microsoft would no longer support Windows 10 and I was losing Word and Excel, so it was time to change.

I took a deep breath and, with considerable help from Sian, bought a new one on-line. It arrived at my door within a couple of days but how to set it up and transfer most stuff from the old to the new was beyond me. I don't know a bit from a byte and I type with one finger. But I know a man who can help, big time.

I can thoroughly recommend my friend Rob Wood to you should you get into a computer pickle, have a problem or just need advice and guidance.

Sitting next to Rob as he set up my new HP laptop was like sitting next to a concert pianist. It didn't take long and now I am on Cloud 9, and you have your APT on time.

Rob can be contacted at robert.wood@ligneous.com 07736597499 He would be happy to help, especially Probus members. Rob charges an hourly fee so ask first.

NOTE. Cloud 9 is not a technical computing term, so far as I am aware !

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Not quite time yet to say Goodbye to 2025. How was it for you? The weather was interesting, wasn't it? A warm and wet winter and spring followed by a long drought until late summer rains returned. Temperature records were broken in many places.

Sian and I didn't have a proper holiday this year; the new kitchen put paid to that, but the result was worth it and they promise the dust will settle soon !

Have a lovely Christmas and a peaceful New Year. Bob

