

## ARUNDEL PROBUS TIMES JULY 2026

### No 76

Anyone for tennis? It's that time of year again when the world's top tennis players descend on Wimbledon to play a very watchable game for enormous financial reward. Did you know that the winners of the men's and women's singles finals each win £3,600,000 this year ? Love all ! I think they'll deserve it this year. Phew !



.....

#### June Pub Lunch at The Sportsman.

On a very wet and grey day in June, twelve of us were cheered up by an enjoyable lunch at this lovely little pub in Amberley, thanks to Jo and her staff. The "small" fish and chips looked enormous and my home-made chicken and leek pie was delicious, as was the ginger pudding that followed. At this time of year, the pub should be full of customers, having lunch inside and on the terrace but the miserable weather meant the car park was largely for ourselves. We shall certainly return sometime and I recommend you join us if you were unable to this time.

.....

#### June Meeting and Ian's talk

The White Swan hotel politely asked the club to move to their Arundel room for this meeting and lunch in June, due to a clash of bookings. They had a large wake to accommodate on the same day. As a "thank you" the hotel did not charge us for room hire that day.

Unfortunately, I could not attend this meeting so I hope you were all OK with the move. By all accounts Ian's talk was very well received. I am not surprised, as Ian kindly sent me a precis. I would love to see the waterfalls at Iguazu and travel on the Tierra del Fuego Heritage steam railway. As I sit here writing this it is 38°C outside so a chunk of that huge glacier would be welcome. I love Ian and Sheila's sense of adventure. Thanks for sharing this trip with us.

Ian's talk was spoilt for some who are hard of hearing, due mainly to a combination of the extreme heat that day and bad acoustics in the room we were temporarily using. The committee may now consider whether to buy a modern microphone system as deafness in some sadly increases.

Only one member had sensibly stayed at home so twenty-one remained for lunch out of the twenty - two attending the meeting.

The meeting coincided with the hottest day ever in Arundel as the temperature hovered towards 39°C. That's 102°F in old money. Remember that official temperature readings are made with a precision thermometer housed in a Stevenson Screen and are therefore the ambient shade temperature. Temperatures in sunshine usually exceed those reported by some margin.

I did arrive in time for lunch, then stupidly ordered the hottest items from the day's menu. And I thought I could not get any hotter !

.....

**Birthday this month.** Only one, so send best wishes to Secretary Brian Arthur on the 9<sup>th</sup> [b.m.j.arthur@sky.com](mailto:b.m.j.arthur@sky.com) Happy Birthday Brian. (Just in case no-one else does!)

If I've not mentioned your birthday this month, sorry, but have a good one. Let me know when !

## RIP Roger Dean

Older members will remember Roger Dean, a mild-mannered and soft-spoken former solicitor who was President from 2017 to 2018. Roger, who has died at the age of 88, had a terrible accident some years ago when his clothes caught alight, having fallen into, or onto, a fire at his home. His back was severely burnt and I recall visiting him in Arundel hospital during his slow recovery. Roger was later pleased to become an Honorary Member. We send our condolences to Roger's family. The club held a minute's silence in memory of Roger at the June meeting.

.....

## *Five ants lived in an apartment and were joined by five more ants. They became tenants.*

.....

## Here is the list of Club Speakers to year end

- July 23<sup>rd</sup> Sandra Simmonds Final talk by this feisty wife, once married to an Iranian.
- August 13<sup>th</sup> Peter Blood, retired Barrister, re-enacting infamous case. We will be the jury.
- September 24<sup>th</sup> Tony Hunt Ex-Mayor of Arundel, reminiscing after five years in office.
- October 22<sup>nd</sup> Stephen Brocklebank. Recounting his career in the oil industry.
- November 26<sup>th</sup> Chris Linford takes us on the Trans-Canadian train ride

I am recruiting speakers from our club for the 2027 season and, when I last looked there were 17 members who have not given a talk yet. It's not compulsory of course, but the club would love to hear from you..... Think what you could help save in professional speaker fees.

.....

## Pub Lunches for the remainder of the year

- July 9<sup>th</sup> Arun View, Littlehampton. (See below) Orders to Ian Goodall by 5<sup>th</sup> July
  - August No Pub Lunch. The Committee decided to have a break from PLs this month
  - September **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>** Angmering Manor. Orders to Chris Mayhew.
  - October 8<sup>th</sup> Worthing Indoor Bowling Club, thanks to Charlie Meggs
  - November 12<sup>th</sup> Littlehampton Golf club. Orders to David Feist
  - December 10<sup>th</sup> Christmas Festive Lunch at White Swan hotel, with a Magician !
- .....

## Canal Boat Cruise

Forty-four passengers boarded the Wiggonholt on 18<sup>th</sup> June and enjoyed a leisurely cruise on the Wey and Arun canal. Luckily, the person who intended to bring a dog decided not to. It's no place for dogs as the boat is narrow and seating is tight, as we realised when it came to eating our cream teas. They should stop promoting "views on the cruise" too, as the only thing to see at this time of year are the tall reeds growing along both sides of the waterway.

Some of us bravely had lunch before the cruise on The Onslow Arms nearby but portion sizes of the ordered food were enormous. My ham, eggs and chips would have fed a family. How we managed the cream tea on board I do not know. They too, were delicious.

But, all-in-all, a happy day.

## A reminder

The White Swan hotel has set a new deadline for ordering our club lunches in future. It is eight days before the lunch day so July orders must be with me by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July to give me time to complete the spreadsheet and get it to the hotel. If you try to book with me after that day you will not be successful and will have to order from the hotel's restaurant menu on the day of the meeting and pay those prices direct to the hotel.

.....

### Arundel Probus Walks - Walking Group Report

Chris Linford organised a walk around Stopham through attractive countryside, and then he was joined by other members for an enjoyable visit to the newly refurbished Swan Inn in Fittleworth, for lunch and a drink. Conversation flowed and a good time was enjoyed by all.

Further walks will be taking place in the autumn.

.....

### Probus Pub Lunch, Thursday 9th July 2026

The Arun View Inn, Littlehampton, BN17 5DD

12 noon for 12.30 pm

#### MENU

**Beef Lasagne** with garlic bread and dressed leaves

**Steak and Ale Pie** with your choice of chips or new potatoes and seasonal vegetables

**Fillet of Cod in crispy batter** with chips and peas

**Fillet of Cod grilled** in lemon butter with new potatoes and salad

**Caramelised onion and goats cheese Quiche** with new potatoes and salad

\*\*\*\*

**Strawberry and Cream Pavlova** with strawberry ice cream

**Double Chocolate Brownie** with chocolate sauce and vanilla ice cream

**Banana and Toffee Sundae** with butterscotch sauce

**Treacle Tart** with custard

\*\*\***£25 per person**, including staff gratuities

**Your choices please to Ian Goodall by Sunday 5th July**, ideally as soon as possible, by email to: [ig@goodall.net](mailto:ig@goodall.net) or by phone: 07786 223322. Payment by BACS is preferred, to our club's account: 10642681, sort code: 20-20-62, quoting: Julypublunch. If paying by cheque please write on the back July Pub Lunch. When ordering, please state your method of payment.

You will receive an email confirmation of your order from Ian the same day. If you don't receive Ian's confirmation, please telephone Ian on 07786 223322 in case there's been a problem with the email system.



The would-be walkers. Do we really look as if we have walked further than from the cars outside?



Pics thanks to Chris Linford

A wintry view of the woods near Fittleworth

Walkers' dilemma. Which way to turn ?



Canalside pub at Loxwood



Our cruise-liner on the Wey and Arun canal. Clearly, a narrow boat.



Pics thanks to Ian Goodall

All aboard !

.....  
Here are some interesting and useful definitions you won't find in any dictionary, or on Google, thanks to a reader. You know who you are.

- Artery** Shooting arrows at paintings
- Bidet** 2 days before D Day
- Cockaleekie** Prostate problems
- Digression** Welsh fighting talk
- Equip** Joke found on the internet
- Feckless** Unsuccessful Irish Romeo
- Geriatric** 3 goals scored by the German football team (My favourite !)
- Haddock** Enclosure for sea horses
- Idiomatic** Ugandan washing machine
- Jigsaw** Chafing that affects the cast of Riverdance
- Ketchup** Posh word for drawing level
- Lassitude** Being bitten by a collie

**Manoeuvre** Vacuum cleaner that even men can work  
**Negligent** Man who wears lingerie  
**Online** Yorkshire word for the phrase "I've done t'weekly wash"  
**Paranoid** Angry person who jumps out of aeroplanes  
**Quadrant** Four people shouting  
**Ramshackle** Male chastity belt  
**Strawberry** French hat made from grass.  
**Tadpole** A quarter polish  
**Umbrage** An angry clash between umbrella users  
**Vanilla** Large white ape  
**Walkie talkie** Flightless parrot  
**Xenophobia** Fear of Buddists  
**Yashmak** Showerproof veil  
**Zebra** The largest size of support garment

These are best read slowly, one at a time. Go on, laugh out loud. I did. What's your favourite?



Here's hoping to see you at the Arun View next week. Don't forget to order with Ian soon from the great menu options and, to be serious for one minute, don't forget to send Secretary Brian your apologies for absence direct, preferably by phone or email, if you cannot attend a regular meeting. You don't have to do that for pub lunches.

If you are going on holiday and will miss a meeting or two, don't worry but do inform Brian. Then forget Probus and have a wonderful time.

*Those of you reading this who are unwell, handicapped or in pain and cannot attend as you would like to, it may be of some small comfort to know we are thinking of you and looking forward to seeing you at a future meeting. If you need help getting there and back, let me know. I'll lend you the bus fare!*

*Best wishes, Bob*