

# ARUNDEL PROBUS TIMES

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President Trump is angry with the UK - because we still drive on the left. He wants all cars to drive on the right from today - and all commercial vehicles from 1<sup>st</sup> September.



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### Ship and Anchor, Ford

The club's lunch at this old pub on 13<sup>th</sup> March was attended by 23 members, partners and two guests, thanks to Val B. and David P. who did the organising. It was very good to see Jo and John Hollis again, and Jenny and Chris Linford, plus two guests. On a bitterly cold day, the piping hot food was very welcome.

The Ship and Anchor Inn was built in 1664. and quickly became a centre for local smugglers in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries? (Check out its fascinating history on their website – [theshipandanchor.co.uk](http://theshipandanchor.co.uk)).



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### Fire Prevention in the Home

We are indebted to senior Fire Officer Ben Applin for his timely talk on 27<sup>th</sup> March. Unfortunately, our own retired Fire Service Officer, Pete Gudge, could not attend, due to a prior engagement, but I guess he knows it all already! Ben invited members to request fire safety inspections and several did so. 20 members, partners and a new applicant member, Joan Philips, enjoyed a nice lunch together

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### What's on in April?,

**Birthdays** - I only know of one birthday. Please send our hard-working Secretary your congratulations

**Richard** - April 22<sup>nd</sup>. [rbrennan118@btinternet.com](mailto:rbrennan118@btinternet.com)

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### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April. Universities Boat Race

This annual spectacle has fascinated me since our first black and white telly. Now, over seventy-five years later, I still watch every year, glued to the box. Don't know why but I find it fascinating even though I have never watched it live These young athletes have been training all winter, in all weathers, whilst studying at Uni., just for less than an hour of extreme exertion. Hope you enjoy it too.



I have always supported Cambridge who won again last year. Will they beat the dark blues again this year ? I can't wait to find out.

**Pub Lunch – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April - Anglesey Arms, Hainaker PO18 0NQ 12.00 for 12.30**



**Directions :** Drive along the A27 towards Chichester. Turn right at the Boxgrove roundabout (third exit) and drive right through the village of Boxgrove. At the T-junction, turn right onto the A285. The Anglesey Arms is 50 yards on the right. It has a large car park. 12.00 for 12.30.

**The cost for the two-course lunch is £24, inclusive of staff gratuity. Here is a longer than usual list of menu choices. Helpfully, it shows the calorie count of most items, should you need it !**

**MAIN**

Aged Angus sirloin steak, grilled tomato, mushroom, skin-on chips and your choice of peppercorn, Stilton & garlic sauce or beef dripping gravy | 1118 *kcal*s

Pan-fried free-range grass-fed lamb rump, potato gratin, red cabbage, tenderstem, rich gravy | 911 *kcal*s

Grilled chicken pappardelle pasta, white wine & Parmesan cream sauce. 1167 *kcal*s

Beer-battered fish & chips, minted mushy peas, homemade tartare 1337 *kcal*s

Double beef burger, smoked cheese, bacon, house sauce, skin-on chips. 1241 *kcal*s

Roasted butternut squash, warm red & white quinoa salad, tenderstem, herb yoghurt.

**PUDDING**

Proper sticky toffee pudding, vanilla ice cream 609 *kcal*s

Apple & raspberry crumble, custard or vanilla ice cream 481 *kcal*s

Chocolate brownie, vanilla ice cream 435 *kcal*s

Clementine & orange Baked Alaska, hazelnut chocolate sauce 331 *kcal*s

- **PAYMENT BY BACS PREFERRED, TO THE CLUBS BUSINESS ACCOUNT A/C 10642681 SORT CODE 20-20-62. MARK YOUR PAYMENT AngArms 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**
- **Cheques may be handed to the Treasurer, Stephen, on the day, but no cash please.**
- **WHEN ADVISING YOUR CHOICES PLEASE STATE WHAT METHOD OF PAYMENT YOU WILL BE USING.**
- **NOTE: This is the third time the club has visited this pub in 25 years. John B.**

## • The History of the Anglesey Arms

The 1st Marquess of Anglesey was a celebrated hero due to being in charge of the British cavalry during the battle of Waterloo in which he sacrificed his leg! Lord Anglesey's courageous battle achievements are honoured through the coat of arms. The five lions represent dauntless courage, and the shield is surrounded by the collar of the Order of the Garter (his most senior order of Knighthood) which is specific to the 1st Marquess.



Lord Anglesey's daughter, Caroline, later married the 5th Duke of Richmond who also fought in the battle of Waterloo, and, to no surprise, is the man behind 'The Richmond Arms' sign at the entrance gates to Goodwood.

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*One thing no one ever talks about, when it comes to being an older adult, is how much time we devote to keeping a cardboard box because it is, you know, a really good box. True !*

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### **AGM and Quiz Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April - White Swan hotel**

The Annual General Meeting of our club is an important occasion in our calendar as members have the opportunity to elect, or re-elect the officers who make up the club's committee. It is also the day to discuss club affairs and for members to "speak their minds" concerning the running of the club, club rules and any other aspect of the club's administration.

The committee hopes and expects as many members as physically possible to attend this important annual event. Starting at 11.00 am sharp, the following business will follow.

- Notes of 2024 AGM to be agreed. Any matters arising.
- The Treasurer's audited Financial Report will be presented for adoption.
- Outgoing President Brian will present his Annual Report and announce his choice of winner of the President's Prize, the non-committee member who has done most for the club in his presidential year. (The prize is a pewter wall-plate depicting a group of men in a bar in the 18<sup>th</sup> century). The winner holds the plate for one year. (It's not heavy !)
- The President invites nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- Vice President Ian Goodall is nominated for President for 2025/2026 by the committee and David Pidoux will be nominated as Vice President. The other three officers are willing to stand for a further year and, in the absence of other nominations, all will be re-elected .
- The President will invite all members present to vote on the nominations.
- The new President will take the chair and say a few words.
- Our Honorary Auditor, David Feist, is willing to continue for a further year. Thanks David
- Comments from the floor will be invited.
- Close of AGM

This year, the AGM will be followed by a Quiz, compiled by outgoing President Brian Arthur. Pencils and paper will be provided.

After the Quiz, having found the winner, we shall be rejoicing in the bar, drinking to the new President's health and a successful year, and looking forward to lunch. The menu choices will follow in due course.

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*I just burned 1,200 calories. I forgot the pizza in the oven.*

## What's on next month ? MAY



### Joint lunch with Bognor Probus at the Inglenook Hotel, Pagham Road, Nyetimber, PO21 3QB on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May. 12.00 for 12.30

Firstly, an Encouraging email from VP Ian Goodall, sent from the Falkland Islands where he was photographing penguins



*"The Inglenook Hotel is the best pub in West Sussex (particularly from a real ale drinker's perspective in terms of range, quality and cost of a pint - it's recently won CAMRA pub of the year). The bar in the winter months has two roaring fires. The food is stunningly good. Sheila & I have been there several times so my feedback is based on this. If anyone wants to go by bus the 600 (Chi-Bognor) stops at the front door. I suggested the Inglenook to Bognor because our members may not know how good it is and I wanted to introduce them to somewhere 'new' (I said the same about the Fox when I suggested we try that pub). It also has a nice outdoor area and good car parking. I would say this outing is an opportunity not to be missed! So let's hope we have a few more sign-ups." Ian*

There's still time to decide to attend, or change your mind and come along too. Here's their offer :-

**The Bognor club has organised a three-course meal for £25, including staff gratuity, and has invited our club to join them. Here are the menu choices.**

#### STARTER

- Italian Bean and Tomato Broth
- Chicken Liver Parfait and Balsamic Onion

#### MAIN

- Pan Roasted Chicken, Roasted Red Onion Tart, Galette Potatoes and Green Beans
- Seared Stone Bass, New Potato and Herb Cake, Seasonal Greens and Hollandaise Sauce
- Roasted Mediterranean Tart, Seasonal Salad, Roasted Vine Tomatoes and New Potatoes

#### DESSERT

- Dark Chocolate Sablee Tart and Vanilla Ice Cream
- Whisky-soaked Sticky Toffee Pudding and Biscoff Ice Cream
- **Please confirm your attendance stating number attending and menu choices to Bob Tanner by Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 01903 882127 [bobtanner1809@gmail.com](mailto:bobtanner1809@gmail.com)**

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*I asked a supermarket employee where they kept the canned peaches. He said, "I'll see," and walked away. I asked another and he also said, "I'll see," and walked away. In the end, I gave up and found them myself, in Aisle C.*

**Club Meeting Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** – White Swan hotel. Speaker Jack Wheale “Types of Human Error”.

Jack is a retired Psychologist so this should be good. Lunch choices, with Flyer, later

### **Gentlemen's Attire**

In days of old, when men were ..... better dressed than we are today, it must have taken hours to get ready to step out the door. Look at any period over the last few hundred years and the men look exceedingly well dressed. Doublet and hose, stockings and garters, bowlers and trilbies, tie pins and cuff links, bib and tucker, whistle and flute. When did you last wear a suit, other than to a wedding or funeral? The moths get more use out of mine than I do.



There's a brilliant jazz musician called Spats, so-named because he wears spats ! I've never owned a pair of spats and wouldn't know where to buy one but they look good on Spats. Waistcoats also look good on men of my proportions - mostly antique dealers or horse traders. I might try that. (Not horse trading).

Who has your vote for the best-dressed Probus member? Geoff Holloway gets mine, hands down.

I promise, here and now to be better dressed in future. My jeans need replacing, my T-shirts have holes in them and my trainers have had it. Where's Saville Row, chaps? I'll keep the bobble hat.

**Have a very Happy Easter** - I hadn't forgotten 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> April

*.....and don't forget what I told you last year. If you haven't got young children visiting over the Easter weekend so will not be hiding Easter eggs around your garden or home, do it anyway, for yourself. Then try and find them on Easter Sunday. You may even find some you hid in 2024 !*





Don't rush chaps; our Secretary Richard has already applied.

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### Michael Weaver



Some very sad news about our much-loved clergyman Michael, from his wife.

"Dear Richard, I'm writing to let you know that Michael is in St Joseph's Nursing Home, Littlehampton with a brain tumour. Unfortunately, his prospect of recovery is not good. Please let fellow members of Probus know. Best wishes." Suzanne Weaver

Secretary Richard has replied to Suzanne and has visited Michael. He says it was very sad to see Michael in that condition but he is being looked after in a very good nursing home.

We send our very best wishes to Michael and Suzanne.

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### Potential New Member

Geoff Holloway introduces Joan Phillips from Middleton-on-Sea. You may have met her at the last meeting. Joan has already submitted her Membership application so let's hope she likes us.

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### Call for Copy

Following my call for articles, poems, points of view, letters etc in the last APT, I received precisely nothing. This suggests either nobody reads this stuff or that APT has passed its sell-by date and should be scrapped. Let's discuss at the AGM.

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**St George's Day. 23rd April** Be proud and celebrate your Englishness (Sorry Ian). Other nations go wild on their National Days but ours is usually a bit of a damp squib. **St Andrew and St Patrick are celebrated with gusto so why not St George?** I'm not going to tell you how to celebrate but please try to do so. I'll dress in red and white and wear a red rose, if I can find one. Raising a pint to your lips is a great way too, gentlemen. Cheers ! Where was George born?



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*Enjoy your Easter but don't eat too much chocolate. Enjoy Springtime, which has arrived. I hope you put your clocks forward a couple of days ago. Bob (Turkey)*