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Happy Valentine's Day, on 14th February, when a young man starts thinking about what a young woman has been thinking about all winter.

If lacking a sweetheart at the moment, send a card to yourself, anonymously of course and display it proudly on your windowsill, for all to see. Lovely !



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January's Pub lunch at the Fino restaurant on 9th January was enjoyed by twenty members, partners and two guests. Eating together at an Italian restaurant made a pleasant change from our usual jolly venues. However, I do miss the roaring log fires at this time of year. However, the food was good and the service excellent. Me thinks this is yet another venue members would be happy to return to in due course.

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Ian's talk on "Sea and Sky" at 23rd January meeting. VP Ian's talk was fascinating as it charted his adventures throughout his life. And what a life ! Brought up on The Isle of Islay, with only whisky for company (it seemed) to being (almost) lost at sea in the South Atlantic on a yacht on which everything had failed. A remarkable man, probably with much more to tell. Amazing photos recorded every event, including shots from his Chipmunk, of other Chipmunks. Was Ian sober at the time? Not sure.

And we achieved another recent first as every member who attended the meeting also stayed for lunch.

February 13th Pub Lunch Thanks to Chris and Hilary Mayhew, we shall be making a welcome return to Angmering Manor this month. If you haven't been there before, you will enjoy it. If you have, you will enjoy returning, and all for £22. A bargain. Give Chris a call at 07554193237.

February 27th Meeting at the White Swan hotel. Our own Jack Wheale was scheduled to speak at this month's meeting but a bereavement has caused him to postpone until later in the year. (see below). Instead, we have a **talk from Rachel Pawley, Field Marketer from Health and Living Support (HILS) that provides the Meals on Wheels service for WSCC.**

Flyer and Lunch menu choices to follow in due course.

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Club Lunches I hope, like me, you have noticed the big improvement in club lunches this year, especially at The White Swan hotel. May I therefore remind all members to follow the simple procedures we have in place to make the whole experience enjoyable and easy to administer.

I am particularly referring to being in good time letting me know your menu choices at The White Swan. We meet and eat on a Thursday so I would like all orders, please, by the end of the weekend before. This gives me time to compile the spreadsheet, inform the restaurant and allows the chefs time to get everything ready for us on the day. It should be remembered that the menu choices we are given do not appear on the restaurant's main menu for the day and are prepared for us specifically.

Whilst on the subject, paying on line by BACS is preferred and cheques (with reason for payment written on the back) are fine and can be handed to me or the Treasurer on the day, but cash/coins on the day are not welcome as this causes extra work for the Treasurer. Thanks very much. Hope you don't mind the mention.

One more request/suggestion. If you enjoy eating at the White Swan hotel, and may even visit privately, could you add a comment to that effect on Trip Advisor ? The hotel would be very grateful.

Paul Stevens Guest Paul introduced himself at our January meeting and says he enjoyed Ian's talk and lunch but has decided not to join the club. He gave no reason. Never mind, eh !

Club Outings

Cruise around Chi Harbour and lunch.

Already someone has stepped forward and offered to organise a cruise around the harbour, followed by lunch at Itchenor Yacht Club, in early summer.

Those who went on this trip a few years ago will remember how enjoyable it was. They may also recall that it was organised by David Saunders, now a member of our club, who has kindly offered to repeat the occasion. Fearing there may not be sufficient partakers from our club. David has extended the invitation to the Bognor club. The committee has already thanked David and given him the go-ahead so watch this space for details and don't delay to book your place on board, in due course.. You will enjoy it.



Whose next to kindly take on the organisation of another club outing ? Here's a reminder of some suggestions :-

- Behind the scenes at Chichester Festival Theatre
 - Canal boat ride on Wey and Arun Canal
 - Boat ride on Chichester Canal
 - Cruise around Chichester Harbour
 - Tinwood Estate Winery
 - Brighton Sewers
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The Committee is aware that there are several members not feeling so well at the moment. As always, we are thinking of you and miss you. We wish you a speedy improvement/recovery and hope this newsletter keeps you informed of what's going on in your absence. It may even give you a chuckle or two !



Club Programme Summary for the next four months.

Feb 13th Pub Lunch - Angmering Manor - Thanks to Chris and Hilary Mayhew

Feb 27th White Swan hotel Meeting - Talk by Rachel Pawley from WSCC Meals on Wheels service

March 13th Pub Lunch - Ship and Anchor, Ford - Thanks to Dave Pidoux and Val Belton

March 27th White Swan hotel Meeting - Talk by Ben Applin, West Sussex Fire Authority

April 10th Pub Lunch **Who will organise this one ? Contact me please. Plenty of help available.**

April 24th White Swan hotel - AGM - Followed by Quiz

May 8th Pub Lunch **Who will organise this one ? Contact me please.**

May 22nd White Swan hotel Meeting - Talk by Jack Wheale. "Types of Human Error"

AGM

Having mentioned the AGM on 24th April, there will be a few changes again this year, subject to approval at the meeting.

- Brian Arthur will have completed his Presidential year but will stay on the Committee as Immediate Past President,
- Ian Goodall will move up from Vice President to President
- David Fiest will come off the Committee at the end of his year as Immediate Past President
- Nominations are invited for Vice President. Please contact Secretary Richard.
- Other officers, Secretary, Treasurer and Speaker Secretary are all standing for re-election.

Open for discussion will be a proposal to change the current Rule that Presidents may serve for one year only. It is proposed to move it to a maximum of five years, in line with the other officers.

NOTE. Annual Subscriptions are payable on 1st May.

After the AGM there will be a Quiz, compiled by President Brian, though he won't be President then.

AND DID YOU KNOW.....

A recent study found that the average Australian walks 900 miles a year.

Another study found the average Australian consumes 22 gallons of alcohol a year. Which means, on average, AUSSIES get 41 miles to the gallon.

Impressive, eh !



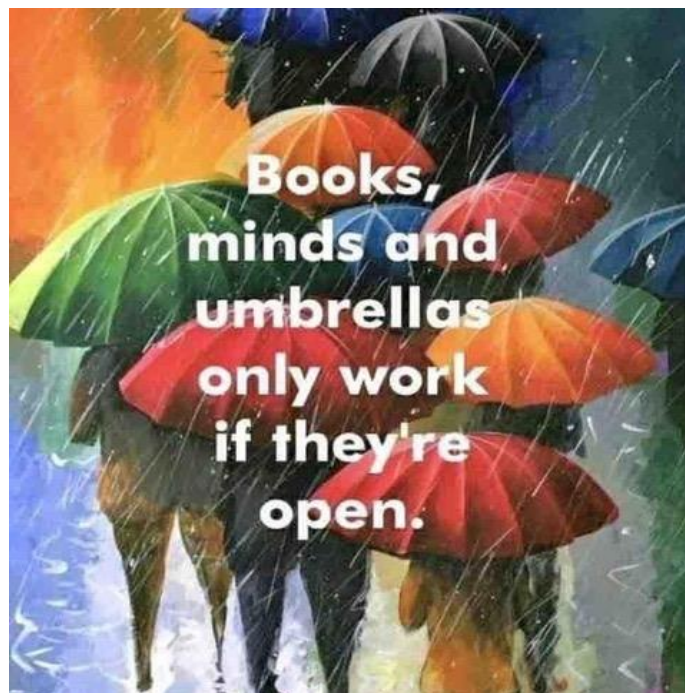
Seed Swap Sunday February 9th Victoria Institute, Tarrant Street, Arundel 2.00 – 4.00

For those who may be interested, even if you only have pots on the terrace, the annual Arundel Seed Swap is worth a visit. Free to enter.

You don't have to take unwanted or surplus seeds there to find what you want to take home. There are some plants too.

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The official winner of the "not my job" contest...



Only four pages this time. That's enough, surely ?

Best wishes Bob