



## ARUNDEL PROBUS TIMES

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Occasionally, an article or two in APT could be said to be a bit risqué. If you may be offended, I recommend you read this alone. That way you can enjoy the read and giggle without embarrassment! Sorry if you found some previously, too!

Twenty friends enjoyed the first Club Pub Lunch since March with a BBQ last month at The Spur, in Slindon, thanks to David Tippett. This looked like the first cautious return to normality until HMG reintroduced new restrictions as the pandemic worsened so the Pub Lunch planned for 15th October at the Ship and Anchor, Ford cannot go ahead as a Club event but members may choose to go there privately, of course.



All smiles on the President's table at the Spur on 3rd September

When I was in Tel Aviv and needed a haircut, I saw a red and white sign for a barber's shop and went inside. A man with a huge beard said he was sorry, but they didn't do haircuts, only circumcisions.

"But you have a barber's pole outside" I protested.

"What do you suggest I put there instead?" questioned the bearded man, not unreasonably.



A customer asked the shop assistant in which isle could he find Irish sausages. “Are you Irish?” the assistant asked. The guy was very offended and said “Yes I am. If I had asked for the Italian sausages, would you ask if I am Italian? And had I asked for German Bratwurst, would you want to know if I am German? He was getting angrier.



Or if I was looking for Kosher hot dogs would you ask if I was Jewish? And what if I had

asked for a Taco. Would you need to know if I was Mexican?

Had I asked where the Polish sausages were, would you wonder if I was Polish?” Taken aback, the assistant replied, “No, I wouldn’t”.

“So, why did you want to know if I was Irish?” demanded the angry customer.

“Because this is Halfords, sir”, replied the assistant.

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A psychiatrist was conducting a group therapy session with four young mothers and their small children.

“The problem is that you mothers all have obsessions,” he observed.

To the first mother, Mary, he said, “You are overweight and obsessed with eating. You've even named your daughter Candy.”

He turned to the second Mum, Ann: “You are obsessed with money. Again, it manifests itself in your child's name, Penny.”

He turned to the third Mum, Kathy: “Your obsession is alcohol. You admit to drinking a lot and you’ve called your daughter Brandy.”

At this point, the fourth mother, Joyce, quietly got up, took her little boy by the hand and whispered, “Come on Dick, this guy has no idea what he's talking about. Let’s pick up Willy from school and go home.”

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### More from Michael.

“A certain Probus member had a very nervous time when his wife was in hospital expecting a baby. He phoned regularly to know if there was any news but each time, nothing. Tiredness overcame him and he fell asleep. On waking up he phoned quickly, only to dial by mistake the local Cricket Club. “Any news?” he asked.



“Yes” came the reply. “Great news! We’ve just got all ten out, and the last two were ducks!”

Editor’s Note: I cannot confirm that he was a Probus member at the time. Possibly!

An American walked into an Irish pub and ordered a pint of Guinness. After a sip he said "Wow, this is pretty strong" and added "I bet no one could drink many of these," and pulled out an envelope. "If anyone can drink 15 pints, one after another, here is 500euro for them. I think my money is safe."



No one took up the offer but little Mick, who was drinking in the back of the bar, downed his beer and left the pub. He returned after about 20 minutes and told the American, "I will take up your offer." Mick downed 10 pints and struggled but the 15th pint eventually went down. The American gave him the 500euro and said, "Well done Mick but tell me, where did you go when you left the bar?"

Mick replied, 'I went down to the other bar in town to see if I could do it first before taking up your challenge.'

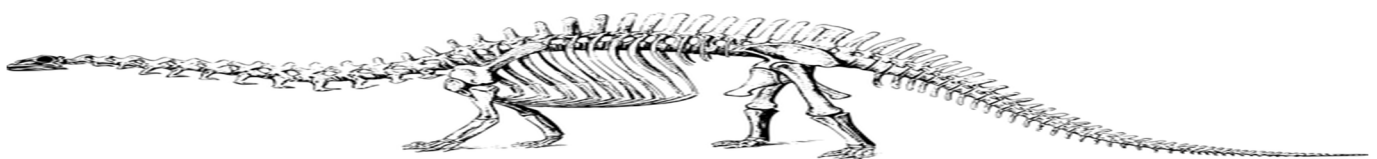
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## **Theatre Seats for Seniors**

***An old man lay sprawled across three entire seats in the theatre, just before curtain-up. When the usher came by and noticed this, he whispered to the old man... "Sorry sir, but you're only allowed ONE seat!" The old man didn't budge.***

***The usher became more impatient... "Sir, if you don't get up from there, I'm going to have to call the manager." Once again, the old man just muttered and did nothing! The usher marched briskly back up the aisle and, in a moment, he returned with the manager. Together the two of them tried repeatedly to move the dishevelled old man, but with no success.***

***Finally, they summoned the police. The officer surveyed the situation briefly then asked..... "All right Buddy what's your name?" "Fred," the old man groaned. "Where ya' from, Fred?" asked the police officer. Fred replied..... "The balcony!"***



The short-sighted dinosaur - *doyouthinkhesaurus*



A Scotsman and his wife walked past a swanky new restaurant.

"Did you smell the food back there?" she asked. "Yes. Incredible !!" he replied.

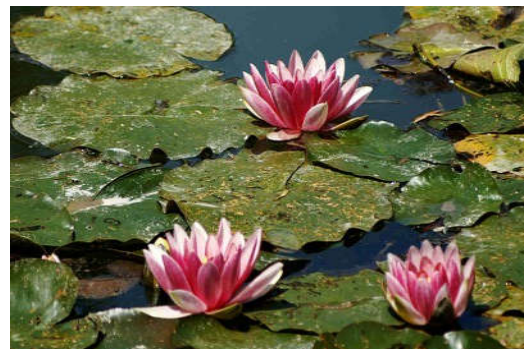
Being a kind-hearted Scotsman, he thought, "What the heck - I'll treat her !!"

So, they walked past it again...

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Twenty General Questions for you to try - answers below.

1. Where would you find the Manneken Pis?
2. What was the Skylon?
3. What is plumbosolvency?
4. Who was Brumus?
5. Where would you find a chlorine residual?
6. Who were the proponents in the War of the Roses?
7. Who or what was Rota?
8. Who was killed at the Battle of the Little Bighorn?
9. What is the common name of *Ranunculus*?
10. Name the home ground of Brighton and Hove Albion FC.
11. What is half a crown in modern currency?
12. What is Ouzo?
13. Name the main ingredient of Borscht.
14. Kigali is the capital of?
15. Who gardened and painted at Giverny?
16. 80 kph is what in mph?
17. What is alopecia?
18. Who was Margaret Thatcher's Deputy?
19. What are Arran pilots?
20. Where is your Coccyx?



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**When the great comedian, Bob Hope, was on his death bed his wife asked him where he wanted to be buried. "We have a beautiful property in Hawaii. We are at our New York penthouse now. There's the ranch in Wyoming, the beach-front home in California and that lovely place in New Mexico. We have never discussed this Bob, but I need to know".**

**Bob looked up at his wife with heavy eyes and whispered, "Surprise me!"**

**“A Rum Do” from Brian Arthur.** 31st July was the 50th Anniversary of Black Friday, when the Royal Navy's daily ration of rum was abolished in 1970 as no longer compatible with the operation of sophisticated, often delicate and increasingly expensive equipment. Introduced as a daily half-pint per man in 1655, to supplement



water and beer which tended to go off in the warmer parts of the world, it quickly became an effective recruiting tool for a Royal Navy increasingly serving in the tropics.

It had suited the aristocrats who owned Caribbean sugar-plantations, often in Jamaica, to recommend to Parliament a naval rum ration for which they would receive a nice regular income, and, hopefully, naval protection for their vulnerable convoys to Britain. Popular with ratings, Purses' rum was traditionally 110 proof (i.e. 55% alcohol by volume) and, from the start, officers (usually drinking wine and gin), were officially excluded.

But Vice-Admiral Vernon on the Jamaica Station spoiled the fun in 1740 when he had the half-pint diluted with a quart of water, with the 'grog' being served twice a day instead of once. Already famous for wearing and recommending basic West Country woollen-cloth called 'grogam', "Old Grog" became notorious for itchy clothing and ruining the best part of the day. Worse, in 1756 lemon or lime juice, and sugar, were compulsorily added in an effort to reduce scurvy. Worse still, in 1823 the half-pint was reduced to a quarter, and in 1850 reduced again to an eighth of a pint. More ratings were bribed to forgo the rum and become 'temperate' for threepence a day more pay. As late as World War II, rum was often used on Arctic convoys to revive survivors taken from freezing water, and to face the daily horrors of war at sea, with the risk of addiction. Now, only on **21st October** every year, on **Trafalgar Day**, is it every Englishman's duty to drink rum, to Nelson's "Immortal Memory". .....



You can keep your rum. My mum's breastmilk is best.

**Try these on the grandchildren, to test their maths skills, but say them quickly.**

*There were thirty sick sheep in a field and one died, leaving how many alive? Most will answer thirty-five and only a few smarty pants, twenty-nine, the right answer.*



*A waitress dropped a tray carrying forty cups but only one broke, leaving how many unbroken? See how many say three when the correct answer is thirty-nine!*

Answers to the Quiz.

1. Brussels.
2. Seen at Festival of Britain in London in 1951, a tall, steel construction.
3. The ability to dissolve lead.
4. First Polar Bear cub born at London Zoo 1949.
5. In piped drinking water, or a swimming pool, as a bactericide.
6. Houses of Lancaster (red rose) and York (white rose).
7. Lion cub, given to Winston Churchill.
8. General Custer.
9. Buttercup.
10. The AMEX stadium.
11. Twelve and a half pence.
12. Greek spirit, with a taste of aniseed. Looks like milk - with water!
13. Beetroot.
14. Capital of Rwanda.
15. Claude Monet.
16. 50mph
17. Disease causing hair loss.
18. William Whitelaw.
19. Potatoes.
20. Tail bone.

- Did you know you can't use 'beefstew' as a password? It's not stroganoff!
- I bought a new shrub trimmer today and showed it to my neighbour who remarked "That's great cutting hedge technology!"

**Best wishes. Stay safe and keep smiling. Thanks again for your input.  
You know who you are! Bob**