



Nice to see you again.

It was a long break from the Christmas party to the January meeting but the thirty or so who were able to attend the latter looked in fine fettle last Thursday. I hope they enjoyed the meeting as much as I did.

Martin Frost, MBE, gave us a fascinating insight into the rare art of Fore-Edge Painting of which he is one of the last exponents. With commissions sometimes fetching thousands, perhaps I should try a lot harder. So far, my own attempts at painting the edges of thick old books have not gone well.



What's on this month? February

Thursday 9th February.

Our first Pub Lunch of the year will be held at the Arun View Public House in Littlehampton. The menu options have been sent out so, if you haven't already, please confirm your attendance and your menu choices to David Tippett, whose details are as follows:- dave.tippett@btinternet.com 01903 771342 and please pay by BACS into Arundel Probust Club Business Account A/C No 10642681 Sort code 20-20-62. **Mark payment FebPubLunch.** The price, including staff tip, is £22. Thanks David.

And here's a reminder of the lunch menu choices:-

Roast Loin of Pork with stuffing and crackling, served with roast potatoes and seasonal vegetables

Beef Lasagne with salad garnish and garlic bread

Deep Fried Wholetail Scampi with chips and peas Caramelised Onion

Goats Cheese Quiche served with new potatoes and salad

Ice Cream Sundae

Treacle Tart with custard

Baked Lemon and Raspberry Cheesecake

Thursday 23rd February

This is our regular monthly meeting, plus speaker and lunch, at the White Swan Hotel, Arundel. Our fellow Prob member, **Tim Jowitt**, will tell us all about **Living in France**.

In VP David's absence, please advise Charlie Meggs of your attendance at lunch and menu choices. His details are cfmeggs@outlook.com Phone 01903 368 941 and please pay by BACS into Arundel Probust Club Business Account A/C No 10642681 Sort code 20-20-62. **Mark payment Feb/lunch.** It is still only £18 and Menu choices will follow soon. Thanks Charlie.

Holiday memories.

My favourite experience on holiday last year was feeding the sharks with other holidaymakers. (Does that read OK?)

On the beach

Many years ago, I knew an Italian called Aldo Monetti. He was surely the smallest guy I had ever known, barely five feet tall and weighing about seven stones. His wife was the opposite, a huge lady.

Aldo spoke English well, had a great sense of humour and was a heavy smoker. One day he said to me, in his deep, gravelly voice. "Bob. We go holiday to Rimini, my wife and me. She sit on the beach in the sunshine all week and I sit next to her, in the shade".

Important Notice

In order to reduce costs, from 1st February, lanes 1, 3, 5 and 7 at Littlehampton swimming pool are not being heated.

A Happy Memory

Applying for my first job I was told the starting salary would be £16,000 which would go up to £20,000 later. So, I left and went back later.

Wisdom of Seniors....

Right or wrong, make a decision. The road is littered with flat squirrels who couldn't make a decision.

Top Tips

Save business cards of people you don't like and carry them with you. If you ever hit a parked car accidentally, just write, "Sorry" on the back of one and leave it on the windscreen.

For a successful marriage, don't ask your wife when dinner will be ready while she's mowing the lawn.

Frustration

I hate it when I can't figure out how to operate my iPad and my tech support chap is asleep. (He's only 5 and it's past his bedtime so I can't 'phone him.)

The police officer had a good look at me, before accepting my explanation for speeding and waiving me quickly on. I said I had to get to my destination before I forgot where I was going.

Mike Gammon responded to my invitation to suggest a collective noun for a group of Probus members.

A "Propriety" of Probus members seems perfect as it means "conformity to conventionally accepted standards of behaviour or morals".

Presumably, members in a group not conforming would be an **Impropriety**. Which group are you in ?!

Nice one Mike. Thanks

Youngsters today have their Texting Codes (LOL, OMG, TTYL etc). Not to be outdone, a group of oldies has begun using its own:-

ATD – at the Doctors BFF – best friend's funeral BTW – Bring the wheelchair

BYOT – Bring your own teeth FWIW – Forgot where I was GHA - Got heartburn again

GGPBL - Gotta go, pacemaker battery low TFT - Texting from toilet. Know any more ?



A little bird sent me this photo showing our Secretary's wife Jo.

Jo is showing remarkable restraint as she eyes this amazing dessert creation, remembering her New Year's resolution.

Hilary – who may have taken the photo – also knew her own pledge to cut back this year so, together, they may have only looked and admired what the waiter had brought them.

What do you think happened next? Unfortunately, the little bird did not reveal that but there is a clue in the picture which suggests they may have left the dessert uneaten. There is only one, unclaimed, spoon on the table.

Alternatively, you may think they quickly gobbled up the pudding, using only their bare hands. I'll leave you to decide.

We welcomed two new members, David Saunders (left) and Graham Fuller (right), into the club in January



David lives in Ferring with wife Rosie and is keen on all sports but particularly Rugby Union. He is also a classic car enthusiast and a volunteer at Arundel Museum.

We now have seven Davids and eight Johns, including two Hon Members, and room for lots more!

Graham Fuller and wife Pamela live in Rustington. Graham enjoys travel, reading and photography.

A very warm welcome to you both, and to Rosie and Pamela.



Parking in Arundel - Your advice please.

I'm a pretty tolerant person and we moved here knowing full well that parking wasn't going to be easy, but free!

It's the fact that it's free that's the problem, especially when the Castle is open. "We'll only be a few hours" says the smiling guy from Nottingham. "We've seen the Castle car park down the hill, but you have to pay there". "Enjoy the visit", I reply, as I think about scratching his 4 x 4's shiny paintwork a bit later. (I didn't.)

Now a neighbour has bought a new vehicle but he parks it right outside my place (see photo.) I've asked the police to tow it away but they refuse. What should I do next? We're not going to move.

I suppose I could borrow my neighbour's keys next time the chap from Nottingham appears !



Becoming an adult is the dumbest thing I've ever done.

Does anyone else have a plastic bag full of plastic bags, or is it just me?

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On my way home I phoned my wife and asked if I should pick up fish and chips. She just grunted at me. She still regrets agreeing that I could name the children.

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If you can't do Fore Edge Painting on books, why not try Side Panel Painting? Look closely and admire. You only need a dirty car and a warm finger!



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My Mum was my hero. Dad told me that when they were waiting in the rain for a bus to take them to hospital – they never had a car -- as Mum was VERY close to giving birth to me, a car with two men stopped to ask the way to the golf course. My heavily-pregnant Mum calmly gave them directions, about fifteen miles in the wrong direction.

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I think it's time for another **Quiz**. (I sense a big sigh from some.) The good news is that this is one done a few years ago, thanks to VP David. All you have to do is remember the answers from then, if you were present, but you probably know the answers anyway!

Name the Car – How well do you know your classic cars? Most are easy; a few tricky. They are car makes, model names, or type. Answers next month.

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| 1. Water crossing on a road. | 19. Male companion |
| 2. South American animal | 20. A light bulb |
| 3. Jamaican complaining about the sun | 21. Enemy of the Roundheads |
| 4. What did the lady say to her dog, Roan? | 22. Paris underground |
| 5. Flower of Buddha | 23. British WW2 warplane |
| 6. Cowboy's greeting | 24. Ray of light |
| 7. One on whom you can depend | 25. Housing development |
| 8. Victory | 26. Creepy crawley |
| 9. A carnival | 27. Yachting place |
| 10. A Royal Lady | 28. Dancing pitman |
| 11. A short skirt | 29. A bucking bronco |
| 12. A Christmas bird | 30. This would bring a female sailor to a halt |
| 13. Mint with a hole | 31. Toll bridge |

14. He lives in high places
15. Swiss mountain scenery
16. Gracie Fields' island home
17. One of John Steed's group
18. Wandering man

32. A lively beat
33. Toulouse Le Trec was one
34. Top brand of men's socks
35. Precious blue stone
36. Tiger Woods was good at it

Arundel Probus Club is going from strength to strength. We have an excellent venue, a good relationship with the hotel staff and an interesting programme of speakers throughout the year. We enjoy pub lunches and the company of our fellow members and partners. Our reputation is growing and, perhaps not surprisingly, so is our membership.

But this busy club does not run itself and a small committee is there in the background keeping the wheels turning. Some committee members have served for a long time and deserve a break so my purpose in writing this is to call for help. Ok, I know, I know. It was the lack of volunteers to help run another local club that contributed to its demise, allegedly, but that will not be allowed to happen here.

Could you help? Why not contact me to have a chat about helping? We need your input. Thanks. Bob

What's on next month, March?

Thursday 9th March

Charlie Meggs is kindly organising a "Pub Lunch" at Worthing Indoor Bowls Club, a popular venue we have been to a couple of times in recent years. The food is excellent, especially the lamb, and bar prices are attractive.

Please advise Charlie of your attendance and menu choices by e-mail to cfmeggs@outlook.com or Phone 01903 368 941 and please pay by BACS into Arundel Probus Club Business Account A/C No 10642681 h00 Sort code 20-20-62. **Mark payment MarPublunch**. Menu choices and price below..

MAIN COURSE

Roast leg of lamb with suet crust and redcurrant gravy

Chicken breast in white wine and tarragon sauce

Seabass fillet in bonne femme sauce

ALL SERVED WITH ROAST POTATOES AND FRESH VEGETABLES

DESSERTS

Toffee and pecan meringue roulade with ice cream and caramel sauce

Lemon tart , fresh raspberries, lemon sauce and ice cream

Homemade Bakewell tart and custard

Mini cheeseboard , crackers and onion chutney

ANY VEGETARIANS AND GLUTEN FREE WE CAN CATER FOR JUST ASK

£20 per head including coffee

Thursday 23rd March

Regular monthly meeting at the White Swan. Our Speaker will be Pam Goodall, the "Lady on a Bike." Pam cycled alone around the world and will tell us about (some) of her adventures. (She is a lady of course!) The Flyer will tell you more about this amazing lady and the story she has to tell so please come if you can.

Surely, I don't need to repeat that lunches at the hotel are still excellent value and encourage you to stay and enjoy it, in the company of friends.

Please advise VP David Feist of your menu choices for the March lunch by e-mail davidjeanfeist@btinternet.com or phone 01903 715178.

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Are you remembering to feed the birds, particularly in this very cold winter? How do they survive?

What did one crow ask the other crow? Bred any good rooks lately?

It's time for me to fly away, obviously. I look forward to seeing most of you at the next Pub Lunch and at the Feb meeting. Do come and support our newish member Tim at our regular meeting.

Tim's good enough to give us a talk about Living in France. It will be in English. Mais oui.

Who's next? I still have a few vacancies for talks later in the year.

We now have someone organising a Pub Lunch in April. Hooray. Full details will be in March APT.

The older I get, the better I used to be.

Best wishes to you and yours. Bob