



Haven't fireworks improved a lot since we were young?

Today's displays are truly spectacular, but I still recall the fun we had lighting Catherine Wheels, Jumping Jacks and Boy Scout Rousers in the back garden. I was a Battle Bonfire Boy in the '60s and didn't we have a good time. Many villages in East Sussex had their own Bonfire Society and competed with their costumes, huge bonfires – often built in the village centre – and impressive firework displays. There was considerable rivalry, and maybe there still is, but Rye and Herstmonceux were the best.

Have you ever been to Lewes bonfire night celebrations? I'm not recommending it as it has probably got even more dangerous since my last visit many years ago. Those flaming torches were everywhere and so many people you could lift your feet off the ground and still get carried along towards the enormous bonfires.

It's better to content yourself with a view out of the window on 5th November, or by watching displays on the telly, and that way you will avoid those unforgettable, choking smells and the smoke. Pass me that box of sparklers please, it's nearly the 5th.



I rang the police because ridiculous people were letting off Bonfire Night fireworks as early as September this year. My cat was so scared, it ran up my Christmas Tree!

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH ? – November

Thursday 10th November Pub Lunch - The George, Earham PO18 0LT 12.00 for 12.30.

This is not the Club's first visit to this tiny Downland village with a lovely pub but we haven't been there for some time so it will be a first for most of us. There's plenty of parking at the rear, and a side entrance to the pub along a footpath from the car park. I hope to see you there.

NOTE: this is the last Pub Lunch until February so don't miss it.

Mains

Beer battered fish and chips, rustic tartare & pickled wally. (GF)(DF)

Lamb's liver & bacon with mash, greens & leeks, red onion gravy & parsnip crisps. (GF)(DF)

The George's chicken, leek and tarragon pie, creamy mash, greens & leeks, gravy.

Desserts

Sticky toffee pudding with caramel sauce. (V)

Rhubarb & apple crumble, served with custard. (V)

£20 per head. Leave a gratuity on your table, at your discretion.

Orders to me, Bob Tanner, 01903 882127 bobtanner1809@gmail.com

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Thursday 24th November - Monthly Meeting at the White Swan Hotel

Talk by Sally Botwright, "London's Oddities and Curiosities". Sally is a Blue Badge Guide in London and knows her stuff. Be ready to give your lunch orders to David Feist.

I thought growing old would take longer.

We Probus members should not eat health foods. We need all the preservatives we can get.

If you can't get warm this winter, sit in the corner of the room where it's always ninety degrees. (I told you that last year so I hope you remembered! It will be the same this year.)

Noting that the local penguins are fascinated by airplanes, RAF pilots in the Falklands search out a beach where the birds are gathered and fly slowly along it at the water's edge. Perhaps ten thousand penguins turn their heads in unison watching the planes go by and, when the pilots turnaround and fly back, the birds turn their heads in the opposite direction, like spectators at a slow-motion tennis match.



Then the pilots fly out to sea and directly back towards the penguin colony and over-fly it. Heads go up, up, up, and ten thousand penguins fall over gently onto their backs. How sweet! Mike G.

The things that come to those who wait may be the things left by those who got there first.

Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he will sit on the riverbank drinking beer all day.

A torch is a container for holding dead batteries.



Pee on the electric fence
they said...
It will be fun they said...



John Oakes



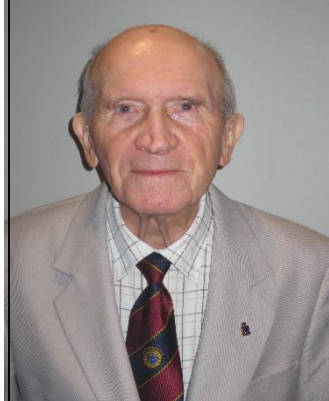
Mike Culverwell



David Jones



Ian Goodall



Brian Sweet



Geoff Holloway

No, this is not a Police ID parade but our six, good-looking, new members.

I am sorry to compare them to London buses, but the comparison can be made. When you wait awhile for one to come along, several arrive in quick succession. I know you will continue to give our new friends a warm welcome and make them feel at home.

Welcome aboard chaps. We're always looking for good internal speakers !



Grand-daughter said it was nice to hear me call Grandma "darling", "honey" and "my love" after so many years of marriage.

I said it's only because I had forgotten her name several years ago and am too afraid to tell her.

The three hardest things to say :-

1. I was wrong
2. I need help
3. Worcestershire sauce.

My wife's singing in the house so I'm sitting outside in case the neighbours think I'm attacking her.

Filming in Arundel

There was excitement in Arundel last month as filming of a new period production, entitled *Wicked Little Lies*, took place in the main square and on a couple of the older residential streets.

Blueprint Pictures are credited for making *Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri* and *In Bruges*, many people's favourites. The new film, which is eagerly anticipated, stars Olivia Coleman and crowds of onlookers were keen to see her during filming.

The film is set in Littlehampton so why filming took place in Arundel remains a mystery. Future visitors to Littlehampton may be disappointed not to find the quaint old cottages and picturesque town square seen in the film. Littlehampton's loss was Arundel's gain on this occasion. Make a note to see the film on its release.

23 members and guests enjoyed lunch at the Chichester Park Hotel on 13th October.

It was nice to hear that one or two new members were present, as well as the regulars, as these pub lunches are a highlight of our monthly get-togethers. You will remember that pub lunches are now the responsibility of individual members so if no-one volunteers to organise one, we simply won't have one that month, which would be a shame. Who's going to organise the next one in February, March.....? There's plenty of help available from those who have done it before.

I have apologised to Mike Gammon for getting wrong the title of his excellent talk at our October meeting. It should have been "Eight roles in twenty years in the RAF" and not "Twenty roles in eight....." It was good to have Elizabeth and daughter Annie present to keep Mike in order.

Mike's talk was fascinating as he navigated us through his RAF experiences, and we are indebted to him. Never in the field of Probus speeches have so many owed so much to just one - or something similar. Mike's talk drew quite a crowd and 29 stayed for lunch.

I am very familiar with twenty-five letters of the alphabet. I don't know why.

Grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.

Late News - Mr and Mrs Mayhew

Popular Probus couple, Hilary and Chris, tied the knot on 27th October and we warmly congratulate them, but it seems a poor excuse for missing our meeting on the same day.

Best man Richard and wife Jo were also absent for the same reason.



Battle of Coronel - Brian Arthur

November 1st is the anniversary of a tragic setback for the Royal Navy in the First World War.

Already in September 1914, a single U boat had torpedoed three British cruisers blockading Germany in the North Sea costing 1,459 lives, shocking a nation used to Britain's virtual invincibility at sea. Worse was to follow. In August 1914, the modern and efficient German Navy's East Asia Squadron, under Vice-Admiral Maximilian von Spee, was stationed in the Pacific to disrupt Allied trade and destroy communications. Armoured cruisers *Scharnhorst* and *Gneisenau*, each with eight 8.2" guns, were accompanied by three light-cruisers, *Dresden*, *Leipzig* and *Nurnberg*, all commissioned after 1907 and crewed by experienced regulars.



Rear Admiral Sir Christopher Cradock

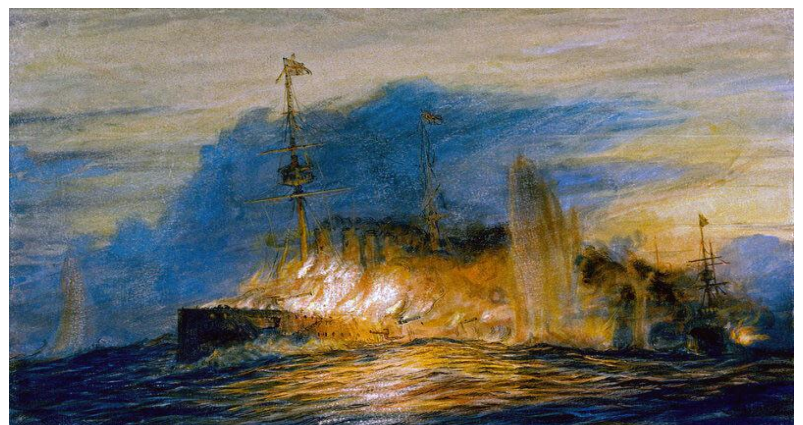
Britain's Falklands Squadron, commanded by Rear-Admiral Sir Christopher Cradock, comprised HMS's *Good Hope* and *Monmouth*, both of 1901, *Otranto*, a converted liner, and the obsolescent *Canopus* of 1897. Only the light-cruiser *Glasgow* was relatively new and crewed by regulars. After occupying several German Far-Eastern bases, Cradock received ambiguous Admiralty orders which he interpreted as



Vice Admiral Maximilian von Spee

instructions to confront the Germans west of Cape Horn. First contact was made at 4pm off Coronel on the coast of Chile. Von Spee carefully kept his distance, waiting for dusk while east of Cradock. After sunset at 7pm, von Spee closed the range to 12,000 yards and opened fire. As night fell, the British ships were silhouetted against the afterglow while in worsening weather the Germans proved difficult targets.

Bad weather was a problem for both sides, but particularly for Cradock. Many British 6" guns were in barbettes close to the water line, unusable in heavy seas. While twelve German heavy guns could fire on British ships, Cradock could reply with only two 9.2" guns. *Canopus* had four 12" guns, but missed the battle, her aged engines apparently capable of only 12 knots. Closing to 5,500 yards, *Good Hope* was repeatedly hit, catching fire and later exploding, sinking with all hands. Struck by at least thirty direct hits, *Monmouth's* forward turret was unroofed and exploded. With colours still flying, and apparently attempting to ram *Nurnberg*, *Monmouth* was sunk, also without survivors. *Glasgow*, less heavily damaged, sped south to warn *Canopus* while *Otranto* escaped. Altogether, 1,655 British lives were lost. German propaganda called it, "the most severe blow that British prestige suffered for over a century."



HMS Good Hope

WHAT'S ON NEXT MONTH – December? There is only event, but what an event!



Christmas Lunch - An important date for your diary - a reminder. Have you booked yet?

“On behalf of your Committee you are reminded that there will be a **Christmas Lunch at the White Swan Hotel on Thursday 8th December 2022**. A 3-course meal has been arranged at a price per person of £30. which includes meal, tip and a raffle ticket. Full details were sent to members following the October Pub Lunch. Please ensure your diaries are updated for this event. Your wives, husbands or partners, as always, are welcome to attend this festive event.” **David Feist (Vice President)**

Menu choices for Christmas Lunch

Duck pate, fig chutney, toasted sourdough
Mushroom, cheese croute soup
Prawn Cocktail

Hubbard's Farm English roast turkey
(Gravy, pig in blanket, stuffing)
Nut roast (v)
(Shallot and cranberry gravy, stuffing,)

Baked haddock
(Roasted cauliflower sauce)
Braised pork collar steak
(Mulled wine gravy, stuffing)

All served with roast potatoes, roast parsnips, sauté sprouts, red cabbage

Christmas pudding, brandy custard
Cheese and Biscuits
Trio ice cream, wafer, chocolate sauce

Coffee

£30.00, to include decorations, Christmas crackers, a staff tip and a raffle ticket

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Laughter is the best medicine, or is it wine?

Yes, I think it's wine. Best wishes. Bob