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So, the General Election is only three days away on July 4th (Independence Day in the USA)

Go out and do your best, or worst, and vote for the candidate of your choice. Easy, isn't it? Do you like the look of them, their policies and their promises?

We know all about the process. Our members have done it countless times before.

How often did you pick the winners, local or

National? What chance of getting it right this time?



RIP Joe Hayes Joe's funeral was on Friday 21st June at St Nicholas's Church, Arundel. He was 91 years old, having been born in September 1932. Our President and eight others from our club were present.

Joe had been a hard-working member of our club for many years and was President in 1998/1999. He was also the only American to serve as Mayor of Arundel during his long period of service as Councillor. In fact he was twice Mayor of Arundel. On leaving Arundel with his wife, Joe lived in France and America before finally settling in Chichester. Joe was an occasional visitor to club meetings and liked reading the Arundel Probus Times which kept him informed.

Joe was known to be a jovial chap, always wanting to meet people, have a chat and is most remembered for resolving difficult problems. An example concerned the challenge of erecting a 25 foot Christmas tree in St Nicholas's Church. Joe climbed up a ladder, drilled and fixed an eye bolt, attached a block and tackle, then hoisted and secured the tree. Arundel will miss Joe Hayes, as will Arundel Probus Club.

What's on this month, July?



11th July - Pub Lunch AT THE SPUR AT SLINDON BN18 ONE 12.00 FOR 12.30

MAIN COURSE

HAM, EGG AND CHIPS WITH PEAS.

GRILLED FISH TOPPED WITH PESTO AND PARMESAN, NEW POTATOES AND VEGETABLES

LAMB CASSEROLE WITH NEW POTATOES AND VEGETABLES

CHICKEN CURRY BASMATI RICE POPPADUMS AND MANGO CHUTNEY

MUSHROOM AND STILTON PIE WITH NEW POTATOES AND VEGETABLES

DESSERT

LEMON CHEESECAKE

APPLE CRUMBLE AND CUSTARD

TRIO OF ICE CREAM

TWO COURSE LUNCH £23 INCLUDING £1 TIP

SEND YOUR CHOICE OF MENU TO DAVID FEIST AT davidfeist.1942@gmail.com TELEPHONE 01903 715178.

PAYMENT BY BACS PREFERRED, MARK YOUR PAYMENT JULYPL. TO THE CLUBS BUSINESS ACCOUNT A/C 10642681 SORT CODE 20-20-62. CHEQUES CAN BE SENT TO 22 WOOLDRIDGE WALK, CLIMPING, BN17 5TB . WHEN ADVISING PLEASE ENSURE WHAT METHOD OF PAYMENT YOU WILL BE USING.

LAST ORDERS AND FINAL PAYMENT WERE ACCEPTED AT THE JUNE MEETING 27th JUNE (so you may be too late.)

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July 25th Regular Club Meeting White Swan Hotel Speaker David Pidoux . "Taxi, Part 2"

Those lucky enough to hear Taxi Part 1 will not want to miss Part 2..

Those who missed Part 1 must surely attend for Part 2 - and then we all stay for a drink and lunch.

NOTE. The Committee has changed the order of the Agenda slightly and club business will be taken first at 11.00am in future before the Speaker at about 11.15am., if not before.

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Battle of Jutland (Part 2) ..."Last month, we left the dockworkers of Rosyth giving our sailors a hard time, now read on.."

Had you been at Rosyth again barely two weeks later, on 15th June, you might have seen and heard King George V in person, thanking ranks of British survivors for their bravery, telling them that despite the dreadful losses, they had done remarkably well for Britain and its Empire in its fight against Germany. True, the losses and the manner of their happening had been a major shock to the Royal Navy and the country as a whole. Britain's much vaunted battlecruisers had suffered particularly heavily; first HMS *Queen Mary* had sunk with the loss of 1,226 lives, then *Indefatigable*, killing 1,115 men, with only three survivors, and *Invincible*, at a cost of 1,026 more officers and men, each after magazine explosions. Their commander, Vice Admiral Sir David Beatty (below) had famously remarked that there

was “something wrong with our bloody ships today”. He was right. The unsafe storage of explosives to aid a rapid rate of gunfire had combined with design faults to make the British battlecruisers especially vulnerable. Accurate German gunnery found lighter British deck armour penetrable. British armour-piercing ammunition of variable quality and poor



communications had hampered the British cruisers' response, but Beatty's retreat brought the German High Seas Fleet into contact with Jellicoe's Grand Fleet which crossed the line of Scheer's advance and stopped it with sustained and accurate gunfire. Scheer executed a retreat in his turn.

Later that day, in failing light and worsening weather Scheer broke off a last attack and made good his escape to his home port. Throughout the night, ferocious battles between isolated warships had added to the casualty lists. The Germans had lost one battle cruiser, a pre-dreadnought battleship, four light cruisers and eight destroyers from an already smaller fleet. In contrast, once back in its own harbour, the larger British Fleet confirmed its readiness for further action in twenty-four hours - which the German fleet could not do. Beatty's heavily damaged flagship *Lion*, and HMS *Warspite* would be undergoing repairs for months, but could be replaced.

It had been this preponderance at sea which had enabled Britain to impose maritime blockades against Revolutionary and Napoleonic France between 1793 and 1815, as well as the United States between 1812 and 1815. These commercial and naval blockades had crippled the economies and currencies of each enemy in turn, as well as the ability to obtain urgently needed credit, and had been applied to Germany since August 1914. Until the German High Seas Fleet could defeat the British Grand Fleet the Germans were unable to lift the blockades already causing catastrophic shortages of food, fertilizers and raw materials needed for their war effort. Attempts to draw out British warships by the German bombardment of coastal towns had failed – it had come down in the end to full-scale confrontation. The Royal Navy could signal its readiness to carry on while the reduced German fleet was apparently confined to harbour.

As an American newspaper succinctly put it, “the German High Seas Fleet has assaulted its jailer, but is still in jail.” Food riots in German cities and naval mutinies contributed to German acceptance of a ceasefire in November 1918. It had been a very costly encounter, but a strategically successful one it proved to be. BA

June Pub Lunch, jointly with Bognor Probus Club

The general consensus is that this was a very enjoyable event, our first club lunch at The Holly Tree, Walberton and the first with a neighbouring club. The food was good and filling and the service faultless.

Members from both clubs seemed to mix well and it was interesting to make comparisons as to how each club operates. Both clubs have slowly declining membership. Bognor has had to cut back on some of their programme. Club holidays by coach are now a thing of the past, but, surprisingly, I was told the club is considering having three course lunches rather than two !

I would not be surprised if a joint lunch could become a regular event. Time will tell.



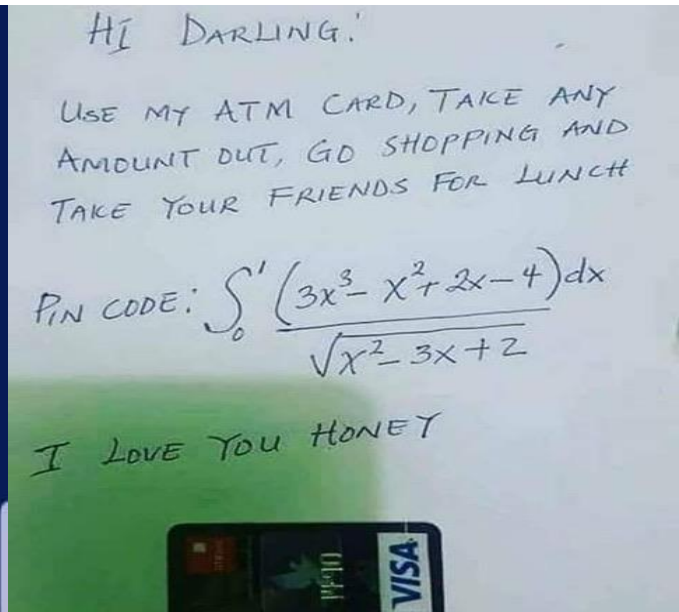
Les Maple's Talk, plus lunch

Nineteen members attended the June club meeting to hear Les talk about Audio Description in the Theatre, This is a subject many members had not heard of or knew nothing about and it took some time to fully appreciate what is involved.

Basically, it involves bringing a theatrical performance to life for the blind or visually impaired members of the audience by a spoken and descriptive commentary given by a describer through headphones. I imagine IT has dramatically changed and improved the challenge of ensuring that the visually impaired can now fully appreciate the wonders of live theatre performances but it was interesting to learn from Les's explanation of a subject he felt passionate about and had participated in for some time. His rich, strong voice and Welsh accent were perfect. Thank you Les.

Eighteen diners then enjoyed another great lunch in a private dining room.

An elderly man was on the operating table awaiting surgery to be performed by his son, a renowned surgeon. Just before they would put him under, he asked to speak to his son: "Don't be nervous, son, do your best and just remember, if it doesn't go well, if something happens to me... your mother is going to come and live with you and your wife."



Birthdays in July - I only know of one, but if you also have one, Happy Birthday too !

Brian Arthur. 'Tis our President's Birthday on 9th July, so let's send him our best Many Happy Returns b.m.j.arthur@sky.com

My cousin Jonathan wanted to be a doctor. At the first written test he and twenty-three other applicants were asked to rearrange a five-letter word to describe a vital part of the human anatomy, necessary to allow one to stand erect. The word was SIPEN. Twenty-three went on to qualify as Doctors, having correctly chosen SPINE at that early test.



My cousin is a Fishmonger.

Speaker Programme

July 25th	Dave Pidoux	"Taxi" part 2
August 22n	Rod Dean	"Flying and Displaying Vintage Jet Aircraft"
September 26th	"Tax, Care and Toy Boys"	Lisa Lumsden for Co-op Estate Planning
October 24th	Fran Farrer-Brown	To be determined
November 28th	Bill McNaught	Sir Charles Chaplin
December	Christmas Lunch/Party	-
January	No speaker	-
February 27th	Jack Wheale	"Types of Human Error"

Me: (sobbing my heart out, eyes swollen, nose red)...I can't see you anymore... I am not going to let you hurt me like this again!

Trainer: It was a sit up. You did one sit up.

Picked up a hitch-hiker. Seemed like a nice guy.

After a few miles, he asked me if I wasn't afraid that he might be a serial killer?

I told him that the odds of two serial killers being in the same car were extremely unlikely

Membership

As previously advised, today, July 1st, is the deadline for annual subscription payments and any member not having paid by today is assumed to have left the club so will be removed from membership. Our Treasurer, Charlie, reported to last week's Committee meeting that 28 members had so far renewed their membership. A new Membership Handbook will soon be ordered giving an up-to-date list of members, their addresses and contact details.

**** A man goes into a dentist's surgery.**

Man: "Excuse me, can you help me? I think I'm a moth."

Dentist: "You don't need a dentist. You need a psychiatrist."

Man: "Yes, I know."

Dentist: "So, why did you come in here?"

Man: "The light was on."

Best wishes . Bob