

# ARUNDEL PROBUS TIMES

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Schools are out and Arundel is full of visitors, from all over the world it would seem, most of whom want to park for free outside our house while they visit the Castle, rather than pay in the Castle car park. Can you blame them? I'd probably do the same in their position !



But there's far more to see and do in Arundel this month than a castle visit. The annual Festival of the Arts offers so many options. [secretary@arundelfestival.co.uk](mailto:secretary@arundelfestival.co.uk) - for details and tickets. Live music to suit all tastes; readings, plays, street entertainment and the popular Gallery Trail when numerous homes open to accommodate painters and other talented people exhibiting – and hopefully selling - their creations.

The annual Flower and Produce Show on bank-holiday Monday is a popular, traditional event at the Football Club hall. How do people grow such perfect fruit and vegetables in such a difficult year? The cakes and sponges, jams, marmalades and honey make your mouth water, and the floral displays are to be seen to be believed. Entry is free!

<http://arundelgardensassociation.co.uk/> Contains full Programme and Entry Form for the Flower and Produce Show.

**Honorary Membership for John Taylor.** At the June meeting the club unanimously approved the committee's recommendation that John Taylor be granted Honorary Membership. Until ill health intervened, John was a regular attendee at club meetings and pub lunches, ably assisted by wife Sheila. John was club President in 2005-2006.

John has written that he is extremely pleased to accept the award of Honorary Membership and will make every effort to attend as many future Meetings and outings as possible. It will be great to see them both again.

**The Spur Pub Lunch.** It's always a pleasant occasion to have a pub lunch at The Spur, Slindon and last month's visit was no exception. We even had a Red Arrows fly past to greet us as we arrived in the car park.

The sun shone for once and the general mood was cheerful and jolly. Was that a reaction to the outcome of the General Election I wonder? Possibly cautious optimism might be more appropriate. What do I know, but any change is as good as a rest, or so they say. Thanks are due to David Feist for organising the event, (the Pub Lunch, not the General Election).

**August Pub Lunch. In the absence of anyone prepared to organise a pub lunch this month, there will not be one, which is very sad. Thirty members have renewed their membership so surely one.....**

**September Pub Lunch will be at a new venue, The Fox Inn, Felpham on Thursday 12th. Full details to follow.**

**July meeting. "Taxi! Part 2 " - Thursday July 25th**

Dave Pidoux excelled again with more amusing reminiscences from his years as a London cabbie. Some were repeats from last time but even funnier second time around, and his take-off of several film stars and toffs were impressive. He didn't take the twenty-four of us for a ride. Thanks David. Nineteen stayed for another nice lunch.

**Arundel Probus Club has a new Treasurer, Stephen Brocklebank having agreed to take over the office from long-serving Charlie Meggs, with immediate effect.**

**Charlie will be showing Stephen the ropes and on hand to answer any questions during the transition. The first task is to get Stephen signed up with the Club's bank. Meanwhile, Stephen becomes a Committee Member, ex-officio.**

**Big thanks to Charlie for looking after our finances for so long, and thank you Stephen for stepping in.**

**Charlie will continue looking after the club's equipment, needed for speakers who have something to show us but without their own.**

**A man sees his wife is busy in the kitchen and says "Can I help?" She says, "Sure, take this bag of potatoes, peel half of them and put them in a pot to boil." No matter what men do, somehow, we still get yelled at...**



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#### **Club Lunches at The White Swan**

Talking of peeling spuds, having agreed new lunch arrangements, improved meals and a price increase with effect from April this year, I told hotel management that we would review the situation in three months' time.

Four months have now passed so if any member has any current concern regarding White Swan lunches, please let me know and I will raise it with the hotel.

If happy, why not tell Trip Advisor and the others? The hotel deserves it, in my opinion.

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#### **Potholes can be very useful....**

Going to be a great summer I'm staying local this year.



Forthcoming Birthdays in August. I know of only one.....

Michael Weaver 25<sup>th</sup> August. [junovicarage@hotmail.com](mailto:junovicarage@hotmail.com) Why not send Michael your personal best wishes?

Birthdays are good for you. It's true. Studies show the more birthdays you have the longer you live.

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I have two unwritten rules:

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I'm gonna hang around until I see who walks out of this house..



My neighbour told me his password is mickeyminniegoofydonaldplutohueylouiedeweyDublin because he was told it had to contain 8 characters and at least one capital

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I went to see a psychic. I knocked on her front door and she yelled "who is it?" So I left.

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What do you call an argument between two vegans? A beef.

No one believes seniors . . . everyone thinks we are senile.

An elderly couple was celebrating their sixtieth anniversary. The couple had married as childhood sweethearts and had moved back to their old neighbourhood after they retired. Holding hands, they walked back to their old school. It was not locked, so they entered, and found the old desk they'd shared, where Jerry had carved, I love you, Sally.

On their way back home, a bag of money fell out of an armoured car, practically landing at their feet. Sally quickly picked it up and, not sure what to do with it, they took it home. There, she counted the money - fifty thousand pounds!

Jerry said, we've got to give it back.

Sally said, "Finder's keepers". She put the money back in the bag and hid it in their attic.

The next day, two police officers were canvassing the neighbourhood looking for the money and knocked on their door. "Pardon me, did either of you find a bag that fell out of an armoured car yesterday?"

Sally said, "No."

Jerry said, "She's lying. She hid it up in the attic."

Sally said, "Don't believe him, he's getting senile".

The officers turned to Jerry and began to question him.

One said: "Tell us the story from the beginning."

Jerry said, "Well, when Sally and I were walking home from school yesterday ...

The first police officer turned to his partner and said, "Come on; we're out-ta here!"

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**August Speaker – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> - White Swan Hotel - Rod Dean, Aviation Consultant**

## **"Flying and Displaying Vintage Jet Aircraft"**

**I'm taking the unusual step of promoting this month's speaker by copying some of the material Rod Dean sent me which prompted me to sign him up as our next speaker.**

AVIATION TALKS. I have been actively involved in aviation for over 60 years as both an RAF fast jet pilot and, for 40 years, as a display pilot, mainly flying vintage piston and jet engine aircraft. In particular, I have flown a wide variety of World War II fighter aircraft such as the Spitfire and Mustang and numerous jets including the Meteor, Vampire, Venom, F-86, T-33 and, of course, the Hunter. **The attached C.V.** outlines my aviation career in more detail. I have had many articles published in respected aviation magazines such as Pilot, Today's Pilot, Aeroplane, Flypast and Classic Aircraft and I published my first book – "Fifty Years of Flying Fun" – some time ago. The articles and the book focus on my experiences in flying and displaying over many years. In response to requests from a number of colleagues I have developed a series of talks, again based on my broad aviation experience. Over the past few years these evening talks have been given to a wide selection of different audiences including various aviation societies and model aircraft clubs and prestigious organisations such as The Royal Aeronautical Society branches in various parts of the country, the Society of Friends of the Fleet Air Arm Museum, a number of Air Britain branches, The Midland Air Museum (combined with the Rugby Aviation Group) and The Vulcan Restoration Trust, the organisation preserving the Vulcan at Southend Airport, etc. These talks, which I try to give in a relaxed but informative style, have been consistently well received and repeat bookings from virtually all the above venues, and many others, are sure sign that the presentation has gone down well.

**If anyone would like a copy of Rod's impressive CV, let me know!**



I am not sure of the year exactly, and I don't know who everyone is. But I am 99% sure that I am the one in the back on the right!



**Advanced Notice**

The Arun View pub in Littlehampton has been booked for another joint lunch with the Bognor Probus Club on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October. Full details next month. Put the date and venue in your diary now.

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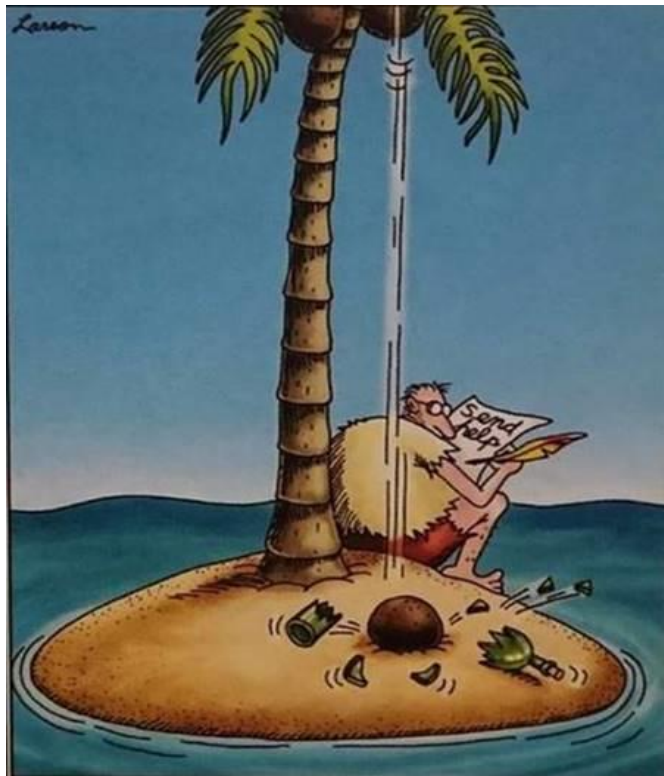
**"Donald ! Duck !"**

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Do let me know, but "get married" is not an acceptable answer.

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*Be lucky. Bob*