

# 1st AUGUST 2025

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“Make hay while the sun shines.” In its literal sense that is surely not a good idea this year. Whether harvesting hay or corn, I can think of nothing worse than working outside in a field all day long with the temperature hovering around 30oc. But hold on, traditional farming methods, involving cutting, turning, baling and transporting the harvest to the barn have changed radically and can now all be done from the comfort of an air-conditioned tractor’s cab or, better still a combine harvester’s. Much better, eh? I’d love to have a go at that, wouldn’t you?



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## Chichester Harbour Cruise



Thirty-eight brave souls from the Chichester, Bognor and Arundel Probus clubs sailed away from our Itchenor mooring on 3<sup>rd</sup> July for a gentle and silent cruise around Chichester Harbour on “Solar Heritage.” It was a beautiful day and there was nothing brave about it. The solar-powered craft, one of three built in Switzerland, carried us smoothly and silently passed countless moored yachts for ninety minutes until returning to our starting point.

Drinks from the yacht club’s bar were followed by an excellent fish and chips lunch, ending a memorable trip.

Thanks to David Saunders for organising this lovely outing, for a second time. I’m already looking forward to the third time, David !

Not our boat but they gave us a wave, so we waved back !

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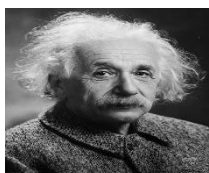
**The Spur Pub Lunch, 10<sup>th</sup> July.** This was an enjoyable, summertime lunch in one of our favourite pubs. Many regular attendees sent their apologies for absence, several due to travel abroad, or attending Goodwood, but eleven of us were there to hear the Red Arrows overhead as they flew passed to show off at the Goodwood Festival of Speed. This was an exact repeat of what they did the last time we had a summer pub lunch at The Spur, precisely one year to the day !



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## An important reminder .....

There is no Pub Lunch in August: we’re having a summer break. The next one is on 11<sup>th</sup> September but I’m not going to tell you where.....’cos I don’t know for sure yet ! 😞 😞



**Albert Einstein’s** IQ was reputed to be 160. What do you think Marilyn Monroe’s IQ was, allegedly ? (See end of APT)

## Flour Power

At a couple's counselling meeting, the counsellor mentioned that modern couples are so disconnected, over 84% of husbands do not know their wives' favourite flower.

Reg turned to Maureen and said, "It's self-raising, isn't it Luv?"

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**July 24<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting** - Bill Avenell gave another excellent talk – it was more a performance – when considering the statement "I wish I had listened more in Geography lessons at school". Who doesn't share that wish? Sadly, not all teachers were as good as Bill at teaching so we are not all blameless for not listening more.



It was like being back in the classroom, all those years ago, as fact after fact came our way. Bill is a master (yes, he was) at getting the message across and there was not one in the class of twenty-seven elderly students who wasn't fully listening, this time.

John and Sandy McAdams were welcomed to their first meeting and, by all accounts, they enjoyed it. They were good company at lunch too. Rosy and Ray Yates, guests of Cliff and Doreen Straw, were also warmly welcomed to their first meeting, and lunch, and had a good time.

It would be nice to see all our guests again at future meetings - and perhaps as members !

Twenty-five of us enjoyed another tasty lunch in our private dining room, thanks to Joe and her team.

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## What's on for the rest of the year ?

### Speakers – all at The White Swan hotel

28<sup>th</sup> August      Sally Botwright      "London's Oddities and Curiosities Part 2" this is the second talk Sally has given us on the same subject. Sally is a Blue Badged Guide and knows London better than anyone. There are so many oddities and curiosities in London, we could invite Sally for a third time.

25<sup>th</sup> September      Bob Tanner      "Memoirs of a Sanitary Inspector." An interesting and amusing journey from the back streets of Hastings to the World Health Organisation in Geneva, via USA, Brussels and beyond.

23<sup>rd</sup> October      Charles Smiles      "A Policeman's Lot" (Final title to be decided) Charles is one of our newer members who has kindly answered the call to give the members a talk. It will be his first talk to us so please come and support him. As a retired Police Officer, Charles's talk is bound to be interesting.

27<sup>th</sup> November      Chris Linford      "Memoirs of a School Principal" (Final title to be decided). Chris is another newish member prepared to give us a talk and is also deserving good support. We know he is a retired School Principal so is likely to have some interesting tales to tell as well as observations on the many challenges facing the teaching profession today.

December      No speaker needed..      Christmas Lunch/Party

### Pub Lunches

August      No Pub Lunch. - It has already been announced that the Committee decided to have a break from the monthly pub lunch in the busiest month of the year for our local pubs.

11<sup>th</sup> September No details yet - I know that President Ian has something in mind but organising a pub lunch is probably not high on his list of priorities during his current visit to family in the US

9<sup>th</sup> October Nothing planned yet. Still waiting for a volunteer or two ! There will be one.

13<sup>th</sup> November Angmering Manor Chris and Hilary Mayhew £22 inc Another attractive price has been obtained by our hard-working couple. They will have listened to the feedback from our last visit to the Manor earlier this year, which they also organised. This is the last Pub Lunch of the year so don't miss it.

December No Pub Lunch in December. Christmas Lunch/Party

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### Booted

I was in a Chichester shoe shop recently, trying to buy a new pair of boots. I tried one on and said to the Assistant "Sorry, but it's too tight". Trying to be helpful she suggested "Try it with the tongue out". So, I did.

I replied. "It'th thill nho ghoo. It'th thtill thoo thight".



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### Stay cool, man.

We have just come through the hottest few months since Arundel Probus Club was formed, forty-five years ago. Are you managing to stay cool? Write and tell me how you do it and I will put the replies together and include them next time, anonymously of course. Could be useful for others.

I got very cool while watering on my allotment recently, and suddenly, when disconnecting an extension to my hose pipe without turning off the water first ! You should try it. It was lovely. Cool, eh ?

Isn't it a pity we cannot "bottle" summer's heat for use in winter? That will be the next big invention one day.

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**Flight Lieutenant Alan Pollack** - who died recently at the age of 89 - gained instant fame in April 1968 when he flew his RAF Hawker Hunter through Tower Bridge.



Navigating along the River Thames, Pollock said he was protesting the failure of the government to recognise the 50th anniversary of the founding of the RAF in 1918.

Flying from RAF Tangmere, he faked radio failure and managed to slip away from the four other Hawker Hunters he was in formation with to carry out the manoeuvre. Knowing he would likely be punished by the RAF for his disobedience, Flt Lt Pollack wanted his dangerous action to have an impact, so, after flying low past the Houses of Parliament a few times, he changed tactic.

Flt Lt Pollock was not court-martialled for his stunt but was discharged from the RAF on medical grounds ! In the aftermath, he received hundreds of letters of support from his fellow RAF colleagues and even a barrel of beer from BOAC, the predecessor of British Airways.

Unfortunately, there was no photographer present to record the daring feat, so the above image had to be created to show the world's media what happened. RIP Flt. Lt Pollack

**Marylin Monroe's IQ** was reputed to be 165 so, not just a pretty face; pretty intelligent, too.



**Arundel's Annual Flower and Produce Show** is soon, on Monday 25<sup>th</sup>, to be exact. Why not come along and visit this traditional event which sees local folk competing for modest money prizes and the prestige of winning? Entry is free at the Arundel Football Club hall (across the Castle car park in Mill Road, next to Arundel's Museum.) Better still, why not enter one or more of the 38 classes, from Flower Arranging, Wonky Vegetables, Victoria Sandwich and Jam making to Photography and the best Scare Crow. It's also free



See [arundelgardensassociation.co.uk](http://arundelgardensassociation.co.uk) for details and entry form



*That's all this time folks. Would love to hear from you. All the best. Bob*