

ARUNDEL PROBUS CLUB

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AGM

Photo shows outgoing President Ian, at left, incoming President David, at right, and co-winner of President's Award, Chris Mayhew, in the centre. Hilary Mayhew, who also shared the award, was absent.



Minutes of the Arundel Probus Club Annual General Meeting 2025/2026 held at The White Swan Hotel, Arundel at 10.30 on Thursday, 23rd April 2026

PRESENT: Ian Goodall President
 David Pidoux Vice-President
 Stephen Brocklebank Treasurer
 Bob Tanner Hotel and Speaker Liaison, APT Compiler
 Brian Arthur Immediate Past President and Welfare
 Plus 18 members and 6 partners.

President Ian Goodall opened the meeting with a warm welcome to all present but had to report the sad death of Les Beale after a long battle with a terminal illness. The club stood for a minute's silence in memory of Les.

The Minutes of the 2024/2025 AGM were agreed as a true record. There were no matters arising.

In his Annual Report, President Ian said he had enjoyed his year of office very much and thanked the committee and membership for their support. He felt he was handing over the club in good heart to his successor, in spite of a current low number of members, and wished him every success. As the new Website Manager, he promised to do all he could to help attract new members.

President Ian announced that Chris and Hilary Mayhew are the Joint Winners of the President's Annual Award for contributions to the club during his year of office. The meeting agreed with applause.

Treasurer Stephen presented his Financial Report for the year ended 31st March 2026 including the un-audited Accounts. He reported that the club currently had a balance of £2,956 and remarked that costs were expected to continue to increase. The committee had therefore decided to increase the reserve from £1,500 to £2,000 and the annual member's subscription from £40 to £45.

Earlier in the day, the Committee had voted by four votes to two to introduce a new Joint Member category for member and partner. The voting was Ian Goodall, Brian Arthur, Stephen Brocklebank and Bob Tanner in favour and Richard Brennan and David Pidoux against. The Joint Members' annual subscription is set at one and a half times the individual member's fee, or £67.50.

The meeting agreed the un-audited accounts and also thanked David Feist for his continuing role as Auditor.

President Ian announced that Richard Brennan had declined to accept the award of Honorary Life Membership, agreed unanimously by the other members of the committee, for his many years as Club Secretary, a position from which he had resigned at the earlier Committee meeting. The Award will remain “on the table” for the time being.

The committee nominated the following for office and, in the absence of other nominations, all were elected. They form the new Committee for 2026/2027

President	David Pidoux (automatic progression from Vice President)
Vice President	Charles Smiles
Treasurer	Stephen Brocklebank
Secretary	Brian Arthur
Minute Secretary and Social Secretary	Chris Linford
Speaker Secretary, Hotel Liaison and APT Compiler	Bob Tanner

Immediate Past President Ian Goodall continues to serve on the committee, automatically. He is also Website manager.

Induction of new President. Outgoing President Ian Goodall handed the chain of office to the new President, David Pidoux.

President David thanked Past President Ian and complimented him on his successful year. He also thanked Charles Smiles for agreeing to act as Vice President. He said he was honoured to be elected President and promised to serve the club to the best of his abilities. He then closed the meeting.

Note. These Minutes have been approved by the President and will be presented for adoption at the 2026/2067 AGM on 22nd April 2027.

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Annual Subscriptions are now due so please make your payment of £45 to the Club's Business A/C 10642681 Sort Code 20-20-62 Reference. Sub.

For couples wishing to become Joint Members, please inform the Secretary, Brian Arthur, before making payment of £67.50 to the above-mentioned Account, Reference JMSub

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The May Pub Lunch on 14th is not at a pub but at the Worthing Indoor Bowls club which our club has visited several times before. There's plenty of parking and the drinks are inexpensive when compared to real pub prices. But the food is very nice indeed, especially the lamb. Sadly, we won't have time for a few ends of bowls on this visit. Thanks to Charley Meggs for organising.

Worthing Indoor Bowls Club, 1, Field Place, The Boulevard, Worthing, BN13 1NP

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The May meeting is on 28th May. The White Swan hotel has asked for our lunch orders for our monthly meeting at least one week in advance in future so please get your choices to me by Wednesday 20th May.

Here are those choices again. Lunch is £25 for two courses or £19.50 for one

Mains

- British Steak and pale ale pie.

Awarded gold at the British pie awards Blade of beef in pale ale gravy in a thyme pastry pie served with creamy mash potato and roasted carrots

- Pesto, cheese and Spinach Gnocchi

Basil pesto, creamy garlic and spinach sauce, thyme panko breadcrumbs, rustic garlic bread

- Fillet of salmon

Pan roasted, served on crushed baby potatoes, with tenderstem broccoli and a creamy king prawn and white wine sauce

Desserts

- British cheeseboard

Hedgerow chutney, celery, grapes, assorted biscuits

- White Chocolate and summer berry tart

Rich white chocolate tart baked with summer berries and served with a raspberry compote and fresh cream

- Sticky Toffee Pudding

Rich toffee and date sponge, topped with caramel sauce and served with creamy custard

Tea and Coffee

Contact bobtanner1809@gmail.com or 01903 882127 with choices. State method of payment. Payment by BACS is preferred to the Club's Business A/C 10642681 Sort Code 20-20-62 Ref: May/Lunch If paying by cheque, please write on back of cheque what the payment is for.

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Our May Speaker on 28th May is a newcomer to us. Roger Tristram is an experienced speaker on several topics and this time will talk about Ronnie Scott, the owner of the world-famous Jazz and live music Club in London.

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Birthdays this month. The only member with a birthday this month, so far as I am aware, is Les Maple, on the 21st. Unfortunately, Les does not use email but his phone and address are in the handbook so please contact him with a "Happy Birthday".

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The Club has been advised that the White Swan hotel will close completely for the first three months of 2027 - January – March - so your committee is already researching a temporary, alternative venue.

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What's on next month? June

The June Pub Lunch is at the delightful Sportsman in Amberley - BN18 9NR. It boasts one of the best views in the County as you look north over Pulborough Brooks Nature Reserve. We have booked the Conservatory which is already equipped with binoculars so you can enjoy the view.

The cost of this meal is £25 but does not include a staff gratuity which may be paid on the day, at your discretion.

Mains

- Sausage and creamy mash with seasonal greens (veg sausages available)
- Small fish & chips, peas, homemade tartare sauce and lemon (gluten free)
- Veg/Meat pie with creamy mash & veg

Puddings

- 2 scoops of ice cream or sorbet
- Chocolate brownie & ice cream
- Ginger pudding and custard

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Speakers to end of year

May 28th Roger Tristram "Ronnie Scott"

June 25th Ian Goodall "South American Adventures"

July 23rd Sandra Simmonds "Life after Iran"

August 27th Peter Blood – "An historic trial" We'll be the jury !

September Chris Linfoord

October Stephen Brocklebank

November Tony Hunt

December Xmas Lunch - perhaps with a Magician !

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Pub Lunches to end of year

June The Sportsman, Amberley

July – October Looking for volunteers to arrange pub lunches

November 12th Littlehampton Golf Club

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Where do words come from ? Over coffee with Stephen recently, we were discussing the likely origin of words and phrases we commonly, or not so commonly, use, so Stephen went away and came up with twenty words of which you may not know the derivation. Interesting !

1. Autumn - From Latin *autumnus* and the middle English *autumpne* for passing of the year
2. Bamboozle – Used in English from early 17C from underworld cant meaning to trick
3. Bated Breath – Coined by Shakespeare in Merchant of Venice
4. Cataclysm – From Greek Kataklysmos meaning deluge or immense flood
5. Ceramic - From Greek word *Keramos* – clay or pottery
6. Chocolate – Astec word *xocoltl* meaning bitter water from grinding cocoa beans and mixing in water
7. Cock-a-hoop – Originates in 16C from placing a cock (tap) of a barrel on its hoop to let liquor flow freely
8. Coffee - Derived from Arabic word *Qahwah* for dark colour and from *Kaffa* in Ethiopia where coffee originated
9. Confectionary – From medieval Latin *confectionarius* meaning maker of mixtures
10. Hurricane - from the Taino, indigenous people of the Caribbean, and the Mayan, referring to their diety of storms
11. Juggernaut – From Sanskrit word *Jagannatha*, a title for Krishna, used to describe massive unstoppable chariots
12. Magazine – Arabic word *Makhazin* in 16C meaning storehouse for goods, then in 18C to storage of information
13. Marmalade – Derived from Portugese word *marmelada*, a quince paste
14. Mortgage – From old French *mort gage* meaning a dead pledge that dies when debt is fully paid
15. Mystery -Derived from ancient Greek *musterion* referring to secret religious rites
16. Petroleum – From Latin word *petra* meaning rock and *oleum* meaning oil
17. Serendipity – Coined by Horace Walpole, based on Persian fairy tale called The Three Princes of Serendip
18. Tenterhooks – 14C textile industry stretching wet woolen cloth over hooks on a wooden frame
19. Theasaurus – Late 16C from Greek *thesaurus* meaning storehouse
20. Window - from old norse *vindauga* meaning wind eye, referring to unglazed holes in walls

Stephen Brocklebank

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Proposed Probus Walk - Chris Linford

I have offered to organise a Walking Group for the Club and, in agreement with the Comm ittee, I have been asked to write details of this proposal, and the chosen date is Friday 5 June starting at 11.00 from my house in Fittleworth, where I have adequate parking.

The walk is one I do regularly with my dog. It is 2.8 miles long and is mostly along some lovely, wooded paths, although it includes one field, and a small section of a very quiet cul-de -sac tarmac road at each end.

On the walk there are two short sections of climb. As I have an Ordnance Survey App this App shows that the longest climb is 150 feet in total over about a quarter of a mile, so it is not steep, but you need to be able to walk the distance. As the walk will be in the summer the paths are largely quite level and easy to walk on. Trainers at this time of year should be fine.

The walk normally, for a group, should take between 70 and 90 minutes. Afterwards, if you are free, we will go to the newly refurbished pub, The Swan, for a well-deserved drink and lunch. The Swan is a popular pub, and I will need to reserve a table for the group.

To give you an idea of the distance from Arundel, Fittleworth is north of Arundel off the A29 and it takes me 18 minutes [9 miles] to get from my house to The White Swan in Arundel.

I have organised elsewhere walking groups before Covid, and this type of walk proved popular with club members at that time. However, I don't know if it will interest our members, so this article is to find out if it appeals to any members.

So if you would like to join me [with your partner or friend] on 5 June, or need any more information, or would be interested in future walks, please write to me on chrislinford@villahelios.co.uk by 10 May. I will reply to every email. Chris Linford



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Flyer repeat, requested by Website Manager, and as a reminder.

Arundel Probus Club

Next Speaker - Roger Tristram

Thursday 28th May 2026 The White Swan Hotel

“ Ronnie Scotts ”





Not everyone likes Jazz but few have not heard of the Ronnie Scott's Club, still in the heart of London's Soho. Who was Ronnie Scott and how did his small back-street club develop into one of the most famous venues in the world today for the best of jazz and live music ? Our new speaker this month, Roger Tristram, will answer the question and tell us so much more.

The White Swan hotel needs our lunch orders slightly earlier in future so please select yours from the attractive options below and let me have them by Wednesday 20th May. Lunch is £25 (including gratuity) for two courses but you may have one for £19.50. Please contact me at bobtanner1809@gmail.com 07817553357 with your order.

Main

- British Steak and pale ale pie - Awarded gold at the British pie awards. Blade of beef in pale ale gravy in a thyme pastry pie served with creamy mash and carrots
- Pesto, cheese and Spinach Gnocchi Basil pesto, creamy garlic and spinach sauce, thyme panko breadcrumbs, rustic garlic bread
- Fillet of salmon. Pan roasted, served on crushed baby potatoes, with tenderstem broccoli and a creamy king prawn and white wine sauce

Desserts

- British cheeseboard Hedgerow chutney, celery, grapes, assorted biscuits
- White Chocolate and summer berry tart. Rich white chocolate tart baked with summer berries and served with a raspberry compote and fresh cream
- Sticky Toffee Pudding Rich toffee and date sponge, topped with caramel sauce and served with creamy custard.

Tea and Coffee

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SORT CODE 20-20-62. MARK YOUR PAYMENT MayLunch. CHEQUES MADE PAYABLE
TO ARUNDEL PROBUS CLUB. WHEN ADVISING PLEASE STATE WHAT METHOD OF
PAYMENT YOU WILL BE USING and PLEASE WRITE ON BACK OF CHEQUE WHAT
THE PAYMENT IS FOR. **Deadline is Wednesday May 20th.****

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There's a lot to read this month, as a lot has been happening, but things should settle down soon and we can, hopefully, get back to some kind of norm.

This edition of APT is without much humour, devoid of jokes and there are no cartoons, but they will all return next time.

Meanwhile, have a happy month and I hope to see you at the Bowling Club on 14th May.

Best wishes.

Bob

P.S. The Canal Boat is now full for the 18th June cruise. We can look forward to less choppy waters !