



Fugelmere Probus Club of Fleet

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Welcome to our February 2019 newsletter.

Luncheon: Monday 11th February 2019.

The menu is

Starter: Stuffed Portabella Mushrooms.
Main: Beef Wellington, Cut Roast Potato and Green Beans.
Dessert: Sticky Toffee Pudding with Butterscotch Sauce.

Please remember that the cost of luncheon is now £19.50. Our speaker for February is James Donaldson, Hon Secretary - Fleet & District Beekeepers Association. James will be talking about the trials and tribulations of beekeeping locally and will also be bringing along some jars of Church Crookham/Dogmersfield honey for purchase by those of us with a sweet tooth!

We are still seeking a Speakers Secretary for the 2019/20 season. Organisation time takes around 15 minutes per month and speakers have and are being booked up to 2020, so little work to take on. In addition, we have three former Speakers Secretaries on hand to help and give advice.

Please step forward and join your Committee by speaking to any Committee member.

Apologies for Absence

Any apologies for this lunch meeting must be given, by Thursday 7th February, to Ted Payne, or if Ted is unavailable, or you do not receive an acknowledgement from him, to Simon Hackett. Ted and Simon's telephone numbers and email addresses are in the Club handbook.

For telephone calls please ensure you get a verbal acknowledgement, especially if leaving a message on answer phone or voice-mail. For e-mail, please ask for a reply from the addressee.

If you do not receive a reply, either by phone or e-mail, you will be assumed to be attending and the club will be charged for your lunch, which will be at your cost. Please note that this also applies to late apologies received after the deadline and for just forgetting to turn up!

Ladies lunch, Monday 11th March

Our next ladies lunch will be on Monday 11th March, when the speaker will be Simon Maslin, the Finds Liaison Officer for Surrey, responsible for recording all archaeological finds in Surrey. The menu will include duck leg confit and profiteroles.

Simon Hackett needs to know who will be attending the Ladies Lunch, so that he can arrange the seating plan. If you have not told him already, please could you do so, with the name of your guest if any, in the near future.

News of members

Dennis Staples is now back in Fleet Hospital following his cracked hip. He is comfortable, but may need a nursing home in the future. John Stevens is recovering steadily from his minor stroke, taking short walks from his house. Jennette Wickes is enjoying life in her nursing home, she has had her hair and nails done and is quite chatty. We have welcomed Rod Parker back to the Monday club.

Forthcoming Events

Skittles at the Jolly Farmer, Wednesday 6th March 2019

Organised by Ted Payne.

A skittles evening has been arranged at the Jolly Farmer, Blacknest. Basket meals will be provided followed by tea or coffee as in previous years. Would any members who are attending and have not already stated their meal choice please see Ted Payne. Although the event is currently fully subscribed, anyone wishing to attend should add their name to the reserve list.

Cost is £13.50 and payment is due at the February luncheon.

Salisbury Cathedral and Ted Heath's house 'Arundells', Thursday 28th March 2019

Organiser: Kit Mitchell.

We have guided tours arranged of Salisbury Cathedral and Ted Heath's house 'Arundells', with free time in the garden at Arundells. The Cathedral has the best preserved of only four surviving 1215 Magna Cartas, displayed in an interactive exhibition in the magnificent 13th century Chapter House. Arundells is a delightful house with many memorabilia of Heath's life in politics, music and sailing. Lunch (not included in the cost) is available in the Cathedral refectory. The trip involves a walk of about ¼ mile between the coach stop, cathedral and Arundells. **Coach from Holy Trinity Church Bowenhurst Road at 9am. The sign-up sheet is available, and the cost is £30. A deposit of £15 was taken at the December lunch with the £15 balance due in February.**

Spring Break, Warners Littlecote House Hotel, 29th April – 3rd May 2019

Organiser: Ron Thompson.

By popular demand, for next year's Spring Break we shall be returning to this fascinating Tudor mansion near Hungerford. Deposits have been paid and 33 places have been confirmed. If any more members wish to join us on this holiday, the sign-up sheet will still be available at the next lunch and, in all likelihood, additional places will be secured. Indicative prices are £264 per person for a standard room or £304 for a signature room, with a supplement for single occupancy, which will depend on the number of singles required. **Payment of the balance was due at the January lunch.**

Spring Walk, Selborne, Tuesday 21st May 2019

Organiser: Kit Mitchell.

We will make our own way to Selborne where we will park in the NT car park behind the Selbourne Arms. The walk, of about 4 miles, will circle the village, starting along the foot of the Hanger woods without climbing the zig-zag, crossing the B3006 to the church, then to the east towards Selborne Priory before looping back to the Selborne Arms for lunch. After lunch members will have an opportunity to visit the Gilbert White museum. **A sign-up sheet will be available at the February lunch.**

Pétanque, 13th June 2019

Organisers: Brian Armes and George Edwards.

It is planned to hold our usual annual Pétanque meleé at the Crondall Petanque Club followed by lunch at the Foresters. The Pétanque club hopes to move to a new venue at the Cody Sports and Social Club in the next 2 months. If this move does not take place in time then the Pétanque will take place at the usual venue of Bowenhurst. The price of the lunch will be in the range £16 to £20, with an additional charge of £3.00 for those playing Pétanque.

A sign-up sheet will be available at the March lunch.

Event cancelled

Titanic Museum and SS Shieldhall, Friday 12 July

Sadly, it has proved to be very expensive to offer this visit, and the demand is not sufficient to make it viable. SS Shieldhall is offering an afternoon cruise to the Solent, departing Southampton Docks at 4pm, for £32.50. Probus cannot obtain a discount price or offer additional value, but if members wish to book the cruise for themselves, Kit will assist with organising car sharing to Southampton Docks.

Yours truly,

Keith Allaway

President

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