



# ***Fugelmere Probus Club of Fleet***

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Welcome to our April 2019 newsletter.

## ***Luncheon: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019.***

The menu is

**Starter: Salmon and Chilli Fishcake with Lime Mayonnaise.**  
**Main: Chicken Breast Kiev, Cut Roast Potato and Roasted Carrots.**  
**Dessert: Lemon Meringue pie with Berry Coulis.**

**Please remember that the cost of luncheon is now £19.50.** Our Speaker for April is Andrew Negus, who following his talk to us about Portsmouth in 2017 will return to talk about "Southampton, Slaughter, Water and Trade". Andrew is a retired History teacher, an around the world backpacker (twice), a Blue Badge guide for central southern England, and he aspires to be a local historian. He also keeps chickens, bees and daughters! He is known for a range of historic and travel talks.

## ***Apologies for Absence***

Any apologies for this lunch meeting must be given, by Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April, to Ted Payne or if Ted is unavailable, or you do not receive an acknowledgement from him, to Simon. Email addresses and telephone numbers for Ted and Simon are in the 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!**

## ***News of members***

Dennis Staples is still in Marlborough House nursing home in Church Crookham and would love to see his Probus friends. Please advise Nora beforehand if you wish to do this. Jennette Wickes' memorial service on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> is at SS Philip & James at 3pm, to which you are all invited. This is followed by refreshments in the hall behind the church.

## Recent Event

### *Skittles at the Jolly Farmer, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019*

Organised by Ted Payne. 17 members and 17 guests enjoyed another skittles evening of high drama and excitement at the Jolly Farmer in the first major event of the Fugelmere sporting calendar. As usual the team event was fiercely contested with the men emerging as winners with 249 points compared with the ladies 242. In the individual competition Helen Butcher emerged as the ladies winner with a score of 24 which was also the overall highest score for the evening. Helen was followed by Caroline Noad in second place with 20 points. Peter Smith and Peter Buck shared the honours in the men's competition with 21 points each.

This year a large wooden spoon was kindly donated by Peter Smith to be held by the 'winner' of the lowest score for a year. Peter purchased the spoon in Spain but like the spoon it is a very long story! As is our customary practice we do not over publicise the name of winner; suffice to say that the spoon will be in the safe hands of a lady 'Farmer' for the next 12 months.

Margaret Berridge brought the evening to a noisy close by being the last person left standing to win the knockout event.

Finally a big thank you to Peter Buck for maintaining the scoreboard and to everyone else who contributed to a very enjoyable evening.

### *Salisbury Cathedral and Ted Heath's house 'Arundells', Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019*

Organiser: Kit Mitchell.

Twenty three members and 17 guests visited the Cathedral Close at Salisbury. We were blessed with perfect weather and enjoyed guided tours of Ted Heath's house Arundells and the Cathedral, including the Chapter House to see the Salisbury copy of the Magna Carta.

Arundells is a delightful but not grand house and is packed with memorabilia from Ted Heath's wide range of interests; politics, music, sailing and art. The collections of paintings and china are wonderful, and the political material showed his close links with China and above all his desire to maintain peace through international cooperation. The guides were informative and many of our party wished for more time and talked about a return visit.

The Cathedral, founded in 1220 and consecrated in 1258, has the highest spire and largest cloisters of any British Cathedral, yet is built on foundations only 4 feet deep, below which is waterlogged gravel. A dipstick through the floor of a transept allows the water level to be measured! On Thursday it was 3 feet 6 inches below floor level.

The Cathedral Refectory was a pleasant spot for an excellent lunch, sitting with other members of the group at tables reserved for us, and the café at the Salisbury Museum café provided excellent coffee on arrival (with a jar of free dog biscuits on the counter if we had a dog with us!).

Altogether, a most enjoyable and interesting day.



Arundells, the back of the house



Chris Tilley measures the water level

## ***Forthcoming Events***

### ***Spring Break, Warners Littlecote House Hotel, 29<sup>th</sup> April – 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019***

Organiser: Ron Thompson.

By popular demand, for this 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. The sign-up sheet will still be available at the next lunch and, if any more members wish to join us on this holiday, it may be possible to secure additional places at £264 per person for a standard room or £304 for a signature room. Single occupancy rooms, if available, would incur a £120 supplement. **Payment of the balances was due at the January lunch.**

### ***Spring Walk, Selborne, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 is available.**

### ***Pétanque, 13<sup>th</sup> 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 for Petanque plus lunch will be £20 reduced to £16 for those only attending the lunch.

**A sign-up sheet is available and payment is due at the April lunch.**

### ***Mill at Sonning Dinner Theatre, "Singin' In The Rain", Saturday 21st December 2019***

Organiser: Terry Berridge.

We have again been able to book the best seats in the house for the matinée performance of this iconic film and musical. We will travel by coach from Fleet to arrive in time for pre-lunch refreshments before sitting down to a very pleasant lunch followed by the performance. A great way to fill us all up with Christmas cheer. We have 34 for seats in the centre of rows C and D and early sign-up at our April 8th 2019 lunch will be essential to secure your place. The cost will be £68 - £70 per person (depending on numbers) and includes coach, parking, gratuities, 3-course lunch and theatre performance. **Payment of £30 will be due at our May lunch and the balance will be due at our October 2019 lunch.**

### ***Future dates for your diaries***

Tuesday 23 July	Cream Tea and quiz
Tuesday 20 August	Sandham Memorial Chapel and Romsey Abbey
Wednesday 25 September	Lasham Heritage Gliding Centre
Wednesday 9 October	Autumn Walk
Thursday 24 October	Lacock Abbey, village and the Fox Talbot Museum of photography

Yours truly,

**Keith Allaway, President, Fugelmere Probus Club of Fleet**