



Fugelmere Probus Club of Fleet

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Welcome to our March 2019 newsletter.

Ladies luncheon: Monday 11th March 2019.

The menu is

Starter: Caramelised Goats Cheese, Beetroot Chutney.
Main: Duck Leg Confit, Blackcurrant Jus, Dauphinoise Potato and Green Beans.
Dessert: Profiteroles, Chocolate Sauce, Sweet Cream.

Please remember that the cost of luncheon is now £19.50. Our March speaker will be Dr Simon Maslin who will talk about the work of a "Finds Liaison Officer". Simon was born and raised in Fleet, has been an archaeologist for the last 25 years working on Mesolithic to Medieval sites, most recently on an Anglo Saxon royal site in Kent. He manages the Portable Antiquities Scheme for Surrey on behalf of the Council and British Museum.

Apologies for Absence

For ladies lunches such as this it is necessary to inform Simon that you are attending, as places are allocated. Any apologies for this lunch meeting must be given, by Thursday 7th March, 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!

News of members

Brenda Nisbet, as you may know, died recently. A celebration of her life will be held on Wednesday March 6th at 2.15pm at St Philip & St James church, Kings Road, Fleet.

Dennis Staples is now in Marlborough House nursing home in Church Crookham. He is being well cared for, but naturally wishes he was at home. John Stevens is recovering steadily from his minor stroke and can now drive. Jennette Wickes is happy in her nursing home, she has recently celebrated her birthday and a visit from seven of her chamber choir, who serenaded the staff and patients.

Recent Event

National Aerospace Library, Wednesday 6th February 2019

Organised by Kit Mitchell.

Thirteen members visited the National Aerospace Library in Farnborough on Wednesday 6th February. We were made most welcome by the Librarian Brian Riddle and his assistant Tony Pilmer. The NAL is the library of the Royal Aeronautical Society, but has become a national standard collection of documents about aviation and space from the earliest days of flight. Brian and Tony gave us a series of excellent talks about the collection and showed us some of the historic material at NAL. Peter Withey had asked about the work of a particular designer, and was able to handle two books of working calculations for the design of aircraft from World War I. We were then free to browse the collection on our own.

The visit was much enjoyed by all members, even those without an aeronautical background.



The National Aerospace Library

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 contact Ted Payne. Meet at the Jolly Farmer for 7.30 pm.

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

Organiser: Kit Mitchell.

We have guided tours arranged of both 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. Payments were due in February.**

Spring Break, Warners Littlecote House Hotel, 29th April – 3rd 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 were 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 Selborne 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, 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 for Petanque plus lunch will be £20 reduced to £16 for those only attending the lunch.

A sign-up sheet will be available at the March lunch with payment due in April.

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