



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

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Welcome to our January 2019 newsletter. My best wishes to you and yours for the New Year.

## ***Luncheon: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019.***

The menu is

- Starter:** Hampshire Watercress Soup.  
**Main:** Baked Hake Fillet, spicy tomato sauce, Spicy Potato Wedges and Honeyed Parsnips.  
**Dessert:** Warm Chocolate Brownie, Vanilla Ice Cream.

**Please remember that the cost of luncheon is now £19.50.** Our speaker for January is Alan Turton, who gave us a very interesting talk on the History of the Mary Rose last year. He is making a return visit with an intriguing talk ... John the Painter and Arson in H.M. Shipyard.

## ***Apologies for Absence***

Any apologies for this lunch meeting must be given, by Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January, 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***

Dennis Staples has suffered a fall in Fleet Hospital and has returned to FPH Ward F5 with a cracked hip.

John Stevens has had a recent spell in Frimley Park and is fortunately now home recuperating.

Jennette Wickes is now in a nursing home in Sherborne St John. She is much happier there, having had almost four weeks in FPH. She now has her own room with a TV and digital radio, and other areas where she can enjoy other resident's company.

## **Recent Events**

### ***'Guys and Dolls' at The Mill at Sonning, Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018***

Organised by Terry Berridge.

Sixteen members and 18 guests enjoyed a splendid day at the Mill at Sonning. We arrived in ample time for drinks before a lunch offering a choice of several home-cooked dishes, with wine kindly provided by George Edwards. The show then created New York of the 1950s, though focusing on the lower strata of society. A number of the songs were familiar, and although the show as a whole is perhaps not as well-known as some, the old story of true love converting sinners to a better life played out beautifully. As a bonus, we witnessed Scott's miraculous manoeuvring a coach in a far-too-small space. Thanks to Terry for organising a splendid run-up to Christmas.

## **Forthcoming Events**

### ***National Aerospace Library, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019***

Organised by Kit Mitchell.

A visit to the National Aerospace Library, Farnborough, has been arranged as an additional event. The library is one of the world's major collections, tracing the evolution of man's attempts to conquer flight. A formal talk and tour will last around one hour and visitors can then browse the collections at their leisure. During this visit you will see highlights from the library's collection including the library's excellent collection of inter-war air posters and 18th & 19th century ballooning lithographs. **The sign-up sheet is available for the reserve list, as all places have been taken. We will make our own way to NAL for a 2pm start; there is no charge, but donations to the library are invited at NAL.**

### ***Skittles at the Jolly Farmer, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 those members who have already stated they wish to attend please enter their meal choice on the sign-up sheet that will be available at the January lunch. The meal options are shown on the sheet. Although the event is currently fully subscribed, anyone wishing to attend should add their name to the reserve list. **Payment will be due at the February luncheon when the cost will be known. This is expected to be slightly higher than last year (£13.50).**

### ***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. A deposit of £15 was collected at the December lunch with the £15 balance due in February.**

***Spring Break, Warners Littlecote House Hotel, 29<sup>th</sup> April – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 is due at the January lunch.**

***Spring Walk, Selbourne, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2019***

Organiser: Kit Mitchell.

**Details and a sign-up sheet will be available at the February lunch.**

Yours truly,

**Keith Allaway**

**President, Fugelmere Probus Club of Fleet**