



Fugelmere Probus Club of Fleet

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Luncheon: Monday 8th June 2020 CANCELLED.

Welcome to our June 2020 newsletter. Covid-19 has once again scuppered our scheduled lunch, and we wait patiently for the situation to improve and once again enable us to meet up.

Because of the corona virus situation June's lunch has been cancelled. Ordinarily, this would also have been the AGM; however, in the circumstances, the AGM was conducted virtually by the Committee on June 1st. Our apologies to those who might have liked to participate.

At our Committee Meeting (By Zoom) on 1st July the new committee will take up their positions. I will step down as President, and Chris Farmer will take over the mantle. I wish Chris every success during his term of office, and I am sure that he will enjoy the honour as much as I.

I would like to formally thank the 2019/20 Committee, who have given so freely of their time and expertise. I would particularly like to thank our Secretary, Simon Hackett, who has kept me on track throughout the year. Simon's attention to detail and great organisational skills have made my task so much easier. Thank you, Simon.

Chris Tilley has done excellent work as our treasurer, keeping our accounts in perfect order. Also deserving of special thanks is the Events team, Kit, Michael, Leslie and Brian, who have worked so hard, and since the virus-based cancellations have often seen their efforts come to no final product. Thank you to Chris F. for the raffles, Paul Allen for the speakers and to Keith Allaway, as Immediate Past President for keeping up with members' circumstances.

There are many others, also working behind the scenes, who deserve my thanks, notably Anthony Trice for the I.T. and newsletter distribution, Ted Payne for luncheon organisation, and George Edwards for many other aspects of the running of our Club.

I would also like to thank Anthony Trice and Peter Withey for re-joining the Committee and agreeing to share the Speakers' Secretary role.

Finally, I would like to thank all members for making my year in office such an enjoyable experience.

News of members

The funeral of Linda, beloved wife of John Stevens, took place at Aldershot Crematorium on Friday 22nd May with family attending in line with current Government guidelines. If members would like to remember Linda by making a donation, the chosen charity is Parkinson's UK.

When the current restrictions are lifted John hopes to hold a service of remembrance and celebration for Linda.

Secretary's notes

AGM

During our committee meeting, via Zoom, on Monday 1st June we will complete the expected re-shuffle of the Committee positions to take effect from 8th June 2020.

Chris Farmer becomes President
Paul Allen becomes Vice President
Hugh Williams becomes Immediate Past President.

As there were no nominations for Speakers' Secretary we have co-opted Peter Withey and Anthony Trice, who kindly agreed to share the role for one year.

Michael Butcher becomes Events Coordinator supported by two committee members Leslie Holt and Kit Mitchell.

Handbook

Following the completion of the list of Officers I have been able to complete the back page of the Handbook. I will now attempt to re-contact the printer to see if he is still able to produce our Handbook.

Birthdays in June

Congratulations to all those who have birthdays in June, especially Rod Parker who will become our newest Life Member on the 13th when he becomes 90. The others are Ken Ladd 3rd, Peter Pilbeam 3rd, Simon Hackett 3rd, Roy Nicholl 13th, Graham Bowyer 17th, Andrew Lacey 22nd.

Keep safe,

Simon

Forthcoming Events

Because of the coronavirus epidemic the Spring Break was cancelled. However, Ron Thompson has arranged with Warners for 33 of the 39 members and guests due to take part to have their booking transferred to the same week next year with a guarantee of a full refund if coronavirus is still a problem at that time. A full refund has been secured and repaid to the 6 participants who opted not to hold their booking over to next year.

Stratfield Saye has closed for the rest of the year and Mottisfont Abbey is currently closed, so our visits are cancelled. Pétanque is also unlikely to take place as scheduled; George Edwards is keeping members informed.

At present we do not know when it will be possible to restart the events programme. The events listed below have been arranged and we will keep you in touch as we get nearer to their dates.

We have an excellent programme through to summer 2021 and hope to be able to restart it before too long. Payment dates have been slipped to June or later, while we assess what will be possible, and may well slip further.

Thursday 4th June 2020, Mottisfont Abbey and Gardens. CANCELLED.

Wednesday 24th June 2020, Pétanque. CURRENTLY CLOSED.

The Pétanque match is unlikely to take place; the Cody facility is currently closed and the Foresters is unlikely to open before the end of June. George has told the people who signed up originally that it is unlikely to take place.

Monday 3rd August 2020, Stratfield Saye House. CANCELLED.

Organiser: Kit Mitchell. Stratfield Saye has cancelled all visits for 2020. We will leave our deposit with Stratfield Saye, and they will offer us a date in 2021. The Committee suggest that the Club retains the £5 deposits paid for this trip, but if any member would like their deposit returned, please contact Chris Tilley. Anyone unable to attend the new date in 2021 will of course have their deposit returned.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 21 st July	Cream tea and quiz, Crondall Village Hall
Wednesday 23 rd September	Henley Rowing Museum and Nuffield Place
Thursday 22 October	Wind tunnel tour, Farnborough
Wednesday 25 November	Winchester College and Cathedral
Wednesday 23 December	“Top hat” at the Mill, Sonning
Thursday 25 February 2021	Thames Barrier and the Museum of London, Docklands
Tuesday 18 May 2021	Ightham Mote and Chartwell

Kind regards,

Hugh Williams,

President, Fugelmere Probus Club of Fleet