



Fugelmere Probus Club of Fleet

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Welcome to our August 2019 newsletter.

Luncheon: Monday 12th August 2019.

The menu is

- Starter:** Caramelised Goats Cheese with Beetroot Chutney.
Main: Chicken Breast with Creamy Mushroom Sauce, Rosti Potato and Green Beans.
Dessert: Blackcurrant Cheesecake.

Please remember that the cost of luncheon is now £20.00. The speaker this month will be Alan Jones, on "Look into my eyes The history of hypnosis". Alan has been interested in the study and practice of hypnosis for more than 40 years. His interest was sparked in his earlier career as a State Registered Nurse dealing with all aspects of patient anxiety. This led him to develop an interest in hypnotherapy and in becoming a registered hypnotherapist practicing in Romsey, Hampshire and also in Harley Street, London; specialising in removing phobias, reducing anxiety and stopping panic attacks. Alan's hypnosis talk is always popular with Probus members and is informative and entertaining. He always takes care to stress that he will not hypnotise anyone during the talk so, in his words, there's no need to fear being a chicken!

Apologies for Absence

Any apologies for this lunch meeting must be given, by Thursday 8th August, 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 and email addresses 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. t

2019 donations to charity

Donations have been taken to the two nominated charities:

£150 to Disability Initiative who's patron is HRH Sophie the Countess of Wessex.

Their Head Office is in Camberley, but they have recently opened a new facility in Clarence Road, Fleet to serve better those in Fleet who use their services to aid rehabilitation and recovery from complex physical disabilities and acquired brain injury.

Terry Berridge and Keith Allaway handed our cheque to Lucy Brown CEO, and a letter of thanks is with our Secretary.

£200 to Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice care in Farnham.

Over the years a number of our members and their families have had need of the care and services of Phyllis Tuckwell, so it was with grateful thanks that we donated once again. As can be seen in this photo, Peter Foxton of Phyllis Tuckwell was grateful to receive our cheque from Keith Allaway and George Edwards.



Recent Events

Cream Tea and Quiz, Tuesday 23rd July 2019

Organiser: Peter Buck.

Twenty two members and twenty guests gathered in the cool of Crondall Village Hall on one of the hottest days of the year for the annual battle of the brains.

Everyone was greeted with a lovely welcoming drink of high quality fruity Pimms made by Bar Managers Terry and Margaret Berridge to their secret recipe. Six competing tables were soon attempting to solve the general quiz and dastardly dingbats. At half time wonderful refreshments were provided by sandwich maker gurus Jan Wheatcroft and Sue Thompson with the traditional scones with jam and cream, plus cake and fruit followed by tea/ coffee all organised by Head Caterer Kate Buck. Their efforts were greatly appreciated. The enjoyment shared by all was evident throughout the afternoon and concluded with the results' ceremony, with much barracking of the quizmaster, in what proved to be the closest ever fought contest. Congratulations go to the team winning the main combined general quiz and dingbats, which was comprised George Edwards, Tony Trice, Paul and Jan Wheatcroft, Peter and Caroline Withey. It was a tremendous team effort and thanks are due to Ted Payne and Ron Thompson for setting up and organising all the volunteers who cleared the hall, and also to those who helped in the kitchen, and finally to everyone present who all played their part to make the occasion such a success.

Forthcoming Events

Sandham Memorial Chapel and Romsey Abbey, Tuesday 20th August

Organiser: Kit Mitchell.

Sandham Memorial Chapel hides a remarkable series of paintings by the acclaimed artist Sir Stanley Spencer. Inspired by his experience in the First World War as a medical orderly and a soldier, the paintings depict scenes from the Beaufort Hospital, Bristol and the forgotten front in Salonika. We have a guided tour of the Chapel followed by time for lunch at The Carpenters Arms, a traditional pub. In the afternoon we have a guided tour of Romsey Abbey, the largest parish church in Hampshire which traces its origins back to 907 AD and feels like a cathedral in all but name. **The coach will leave Holy Trinity church at 10.00am (Note change of**

departure time) and should be back by 5pm. The sign-up sheet is available. The cost is £32 for National Trust members, £40 for non-members. Lunch will be at your own expense. Payment was due by July.

Petanque Afternoon at Cody Sports & Social Club, Thursday 12th September

Organisers: Brian Armes and George Edwards.

We have arranged another Petanque session at the Cody Sports & Social Club on the afternoon of Thursday 12th September. There will be melee of three 35 minute games, after which we will serve a light tea of sandwiches and cake during which we will award the prizes from the Petanque session. If you do not want to play Petanque just coming along for the social company and enjoy the tea. **The sign-up sheet is available. The cost is £9 (with a reduction of £5 for any Crondall Petanque Club members), payable at the August lunch.** Meanwhile we are making offerings to the rain gods for dry weather!

Lasham Gliding Heritage Centre, Wednesday 25 September 2019

Organiser: Kit Mitchell.

We have a presentation and tour arranged at the Gliding Heritage Centre at Lasham Aerodrome, where there is a large collection of vintage gliders and equipment. There will be the possibility of lunch in the club restaurant between the presentation and tour. **The sign-up sheet is available. The cost will be £6 per person, payable at the July luncheon. We will make our own way to Lasham, arriving for the presentation at 11am. Let Kit know if you would like a lift to Lasham.**

Wednesday 9 October Autumn Walk

Organisers: Michael Butcher and Kit Mitchell.

We will walk around the Roman walls of the city of Silchester, visit the amphitheatre and go to the Calleva Arms for a pub lunch. This will be a shorter walk than usual, to allow time to read information boards and spend time in the 12th century church and the Roman amphitheatre. **A sign-up sheet is available. We will meet at English Heritage car park at 10.15am.**

Lacock Abbey, village and the Fox Talbot Museum of photography, Thursday 24 October

Organiser: Kit Mitchell.

Lacock village is owned by the National Trust and used for film sets. Lacock abbey is a quirky country house, built on a former nunnery, with 800 years of history in one building. A photographic museum celebrates a former resident, William Fox Talbot, one of the inventors of photography. Our coach will drop us at the reception office, but there is a walk of about 400 yards to the entrance to the Abbey. Mobility scooters are available if booked in advance. We have a table booked for lunch (at our own expense) at the Red Lion, about 200 yards from the reception office. **The sign-up sheet is available. The cost will be £14 - £22 for National Trust members, £28 - £36 for non-members, depending on numbers. Lunch will be at your own expense. A £10 deposit was due at the July lunch, balance in September.**

Wednesday 20 November, The Museum of Military Medicine and the Aldershot Military Museum

Organiser: Kit Mitchell.

We will make our own way to The Museum of Military Medicine at Keogh Barracks, Ash Vale, where we will start our visit with a lecture and then have a guided tour the museum. Tables for a pub lunch have been arranged at the Swan, Ash Vale. In the afternoon we will visit the Aldershot Military Museum, also for a guided tour of the museum. **A sign-up sheet is**

available. The cost will be £7 to £12 depending on numbers. Kit will arrange car sharing, if required.

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. **The cost will be £68 - £70 per person (depending on numbers) and includes coach, parking, gratuities, 3-course lunch and theatre performance. A sign-up sheet is available, with only three tickets left. Payment of £30 was due in May and the balance will be due at our October 2019 lunch.**

Spring Break, Warners Bembridge Coast Hotel, 27th April to 1st May 2020

Organiser: Ron Thompson.

For the Spring Break next year we shall be returning to Bembridge on the Isle of Wight for 4 nights half board. The island offers lots of attractions and the hotel provides entertainment every evening. Two wine receptions and a bowls match are being organised. Deposits of £30 have been paid for 37 places, which have been confirmed. The sign-up sheet is still available and additional places should still be available for members or guests wishing to join us on this holiday. Prices are £260 per person for a Standard room or £300 for a Signature room, with supplements for a sea view, patio or balcony and for single occupancy. The ferry is an additional £27.50 return per car with up to 4 occupants. **Payment of the balance will be due at the January lunch.**

Future date for your diaries

Tuesday 4th February 2020, the FAST (Farnborough Air Sciences Trust) Museum, Farnborough

Kind regards,

Hugh Williams,

President, Fugelmere Probus Club of Fleet