



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

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Welcome to our November 2019 newsletter.

***Luncheon: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019.***

The menu is

**Starter: Pea & Ham Soup.**  
**Main: Roast Pork Loin with Spiced Apple Sauce, Crushed New Potato and Honeyed Parsnips.**  
**Dessert: Sticky Toffee Pudding with Butterscotch Sauce.**

Please remember that the cost of luncheon is now £20.00. The speaker this month is Jonathan Jones, who will explore the history and background to the Comic Monologues as personified by Stanley Holloway, together with a performance of several of his most favourite and well-known Monologues. Jonathan is also a Town Crier and will, coincidentally, be announcing and leading the 2-minute silence at 11 o'clock in Aldershot before joining us for lunch.

## ***Apologies for Absence***

Any apologies for this lunch meeting must be given, by Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November, 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 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.

## Recent Event

### Wednesday 9 October, Autumn Walk

Organisers: Michael Butcher and Kit Mitchell.

Ten members and six guests spent a pleasant morning walking around the Roman walls of the city of Calleva, now Silchester. We were fortunate with the weather and visited the amphitheatre as well as walking along the top of the city wall, which is up to 5 metres high, stopping to read the many information panels and view the remains of the gateways, where the slots for the gates are still visible. The area inside the wall is farmland, but Michael had prepared a handout showing the layout of the city.

Few of the group had visited Silchester before, and all were impressed by the size of the former city and by how much of the city wall survives. After our walk we went to the Calleva Arms for an excellent pub lunch.



The group at the north gateway of Calleva



The amphitheatre, which could seat 5,000

## Forthcoming Events

### 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 by 9.45 for 10 am, 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 is £7, which was payable in October. Kit will arrange car sharing, if required.**

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

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 is £68 per person which includes coach, parking, gratuities, 3-course lunch and theatre performance. This trip is fully booked. The balance of £38 was due at our October 2019 lunch. The coach will leave from Holy Trinity Church at 10.45 am on the 21st December and we should park at the side away from the church as there**

**is an evening function, so we need to clear the car park as soon as possible on our return.**

***Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020, the FAST (Farnborough Air Sciences Trust) Museum, Farnborough***

Organiser: Kit Mitchell.

The FAST Museum celebrates the history of the Royal Aircraft Establishment and its predecessor, the Royal Aircraft Factory. Established in 1911, the factory designed and built military aircraft and was also a centre for research. The RAE from 1918 was one of the worlds leading aeronautical research centres covering aircraft, engines, equipment, missiles and spaceflight. The Museum is in Trenchard House, built in 1907 as the headquarters of the Royal Engineers Balloon School, it became the HQ of Lord Trenchard for the first year of World War 1. The Museum contains material from both the Factory and the Establishment, as well as exhibits about Samuel Cody who made the first powered flight in Britain nearby. A lunch table for our group will be booked at the adjacent Swan Hotel. **The cost of the visit will be £10 per person. We will make our own way to the museum. Payment will be due at the December lunch.**

***27<sup>th</sup> April to 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020, Spring Break, Warners Bembridge Coast Hotel***

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 39 places, which have been confirmed. The sign-up sheet is still available and additional places may 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. Please note that, if we can increase the number of guests on this break to 40+, we shall obtain a further discount.**

***Future dates for your diaries***

***Phoenix Probus Club Christmas Lunch***

Up to six members and their partners have been invited to Christmas Lunch by Phoenix Probus Club. It will take place at North Hampshire Golf Club on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 12 noon for 12.30p.m. The cost is £30 per person. If anyone is interested then please contact Gill Collins on 01252-500915. Cheques should be made payable to Phoenix Probus Club, and sent to Gill Collins, 14, Westbury Gardens, Fleet, GU51 3HS.

***Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020, Skittles at the Jolly Farmer***

More details to follow.

Kind regards,

**Hugh Williams,**

**President, Fugelmere Probus Club of Fleet**