



Fugelmere Probus Club of Fleet

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Welcome to our December 2018 newsletter.

Luncheon: Monday 10th December 2018.

The menu is

- Starter:** Duck liver parfait, toast points with red onion marmalade.
Main: Roast Turkey, chipolata and smoked bacon with cranberry stuffing.
Dessert: Chocolate profiteroles with honey Chantilly and chocolate sauce.
Mince pies with tea or coffee.

Please remember that the cost of luncheon is now £19.50. Our speaker for December is Father Nick Gosnell, who is based in Aldershot at St Michael and St George, The Cathedral Church of the Bishopric Forces. He will be sharing anecdotes and reflecting upon his long career as a military chaplain, including more overseas tours than he can count! In this month of Remembrance, he has asked for his speaker's fee to be donated to the Royal British Legion.

Apologies for Absence

Any apologies for this lunch meeting must be given, by Thursday 6th December, 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.

Our advice is not to click on the links above, but to e-mail Ted or Simon directly from your own contacts list, checking the e-mail address is up-to-date.

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

Rod and Iris Parker.

Rod continues on his way to recovery and they would welcome visitors, but please telephone first to ensure that Rod is not receiving treatment.

Recent Events

Remembrance Day Service and Parade Sunday 11th November 2018

Fleet commemorated the 100th Remembrance Day with a procession through the town to Ghurka Square. Chris Farmer represented us in the Parade whilst a number of members were amongst the many people who crowded the high street to watch the parade.

Classical Spectacular at the Royal Albert Hall, Sunday November 25th 3pm matinee

Organiser: Geoff Wickes.

The Classical Spectacular at the Royal Albert Hall lived up to its name, to the obvious delight of our Probus gang, consisting of nine members and 15 guests. We initially marvelled at our coach driver Scott, who managed a secret diversion to avoid a bottleneck on the M25, arriving at our destination in plenty of time. The programme consisted of the usual CS highlights, with particular favourites 'the Pearl Fishers' duet by Bizet, the Benedictus from 'the Armed Man' by Karl Jenkins, 'Nessun Dorma' by Puccini and of course the mighty '1812 overture' by Tchaikovsky, complete with the thunderous cannons of the Moscow Militaria. A personal highlight was that Chris Tilley celebrated his 74th birthday by having an aisle seat allowing him eye popping attention from the delightful dancing girls. Finally we found that Scott had managed to park our coach within a few yards of our exit, enabling us to enjoy a comfortable drive home in the very heavy London traffic.

Forthcoming Events

'Guys and Dolls' at The Mill at Sonning, Thursday 20th December 2018

Organiser: Terry Berridge.

Not long to wait now for this superb kick-start to our Christmas celebrations! The coach is booked for 10.45am from the Holy Trinity church Bowenhurst Road and we aim to leave there by 11.00am at the very latest. Please call Terry on 07770805056 for any last minute advice or messages. Tickets will be distributed as you board the coach.

ADDITIONAL EVENT National Aerospace Library, Wednesday 6th February 2019

Organiser: 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 will be available at the December lunch. 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 6th March 2019

Organiser: Ted Payne.

A skittles evening and pub meal has been arranged at the Jolly Farmer, Blacknest. Meals will be served in paper with chips, with choices available nearer the date. **The sign-up sheet is available for places on the reserve list. Cost is expected to be similar to last year (£13.50), and payment will be due at the January luncheon.**

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 will be required at the December lunch with the £15 balance due in February.**

Spring Break, Warners Littlecote House Hotel, 29th April – 3rd 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. The balance will be due at the January meeting. **A sign-up sheet is available and deposits of £30 per person were due at the August lunch with the balance due in January.**

Yours truly,

Keith Allaway

President, Fugelmere Probus Club of Fleet