



Chichester & District Probud Club

AUGUST NEWSLETTER

To all Members

1 PRESIDENT'S GREETINGS

After a glorious June, July was something of a damp squib - let us hope the last two weeks of August show a substantial improvement.

Your President has seen rather more of St Richards than he expected since our last meeting but has only praise for the National Health Service generally. The menu and food is really rather impressive.

The menu today is roast beef Followed by fresh fruit salad and ice cream with a vegetarian option.

I hope that as many of you as possible will sign up for Brian French's September trip. I always enjoy seeing houses not usually open to members of the National Trust, English Heritage or Historic Houses.

We seem to be attracting more new members and I hope that this trend will continue.

Our lunchtime speaker is a distinguished Judge who started his career as a Solicitor at a time when it was quite unusual to change horses.

So, welcome to you all.

Clive Thorp

2. SECRETARIAL SCRIBBLES (with Speakers' Corner!)

The next Lunch is on August 10 and the speaker is His Honour Judge Raymond Naqvi – “Scales of Justice – some aspects of English Judges’

THE MENU:

Traditional Roast Sirloin of Beef with all accompaniments and, as a Vegetarian option, Roasted Mediterranean Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Bread followed by Fresh Fruit Salad with Vanilla Ice cream

PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU WISH TO CHOOSE THE VEG OPTION

ABSENCES: I have apologies from Peter BUNYAN, Michael GILES, John HUMPHREY, John LUFFINGHAM, John MAYES, Martin Reynolds, Donald ROBINSON and Ron WILLIAMS

Please let me know asap if you are not attending 07855 580609

PLEASE SIGN IN ON ARRIVAL AND INDICATE YOUR CHEESE OPTION AND/OR FUTURE ABSENCE

RAFFLE: Many thanks to Messrs Alderman and Andrews = The A-team!! for agreeing to offer a 2021 Vigna Corvino Montepulciano, a prime Paparuda Pinot Grigio and a Chassaux et fils ATLANTIQUE Rose

PROGRAMME OF FUTURE SPEAKERS

SEPTEMBER 14 Jeremy Prescott Esq – Steve Biko

OCTOBER 12 Detective Inspector (retired) Hamish Brown – Stalking

NOVEMBER 9 The Commonwealth War Graves Commission

3 TREASURER'S REPORT

There is nothing specific to report.
The Finances are in order.

Frank Griffiths

4 MEMBERS WELFARE

Please keep me informed of any health issues and other help you may feel the club can offer you personally. This also applies to any needs of fellow club members you may be aware of.

Please call me on 01243 376170.

David Childs Hopkins

5 SOCIAL ITEMS

5.1 GARDEN TRIP

Many thanks to BRIAN FRENCH for his organisation who writes:

Arrangements have been made for Probus Club members to visit St Mary's House and Gardens, Bramber, Steyning, on the morning of Wednesday 6th September, for a

10am start. St Mary's is a historic pilgrim inn dating from around 1490, and has associations with Queen Elizabeth I and Charles II. The interiors have been authentically restored, and include a parlour, a Gothic dining room, a library, and a painted room with 16th century murals, and there are five acres of well maintained gardens comprising a wide variety of trees and shrubs, as well as stores of horticultural implements.

Our group will be divided into smaller numbers, and shown around by house guides. We will gather for refreshments in the cottage tea room either before or after our tour, whichever is preferred. Steyning is approximately 30-35 minutes drive east of Chichester, and the decision whether to travel by car or coach will depend on numbers attending. A coach will naturally incur an extra cost.

The admittance and tour cost is £12 per head, and there are a variety of refreshments available ranging from £3.50 to £7 per head. We expect the visit to take 2.5 to 3 hours in total.

Further information will be available at the next Club Meeting on Thursday 10th August, at which time members will be asked to indicate their interest in taking part. Friends, spouses and partners are of course welcome.

5.2

Walking Group [Motto:mens and womens sana in corpore sono]

July Walk – Heyshott Circular (112)

For our July walk from The Unicorn pub at Heyshott we risked the threatened showers to walk along the farm track which lies between the pub and the Downs, first walking east to Moor Farm and later returning from the west through the fields past the church which was visited by several members. The recent showers had produced a big change in walking conditions. Whereas a week ago the track was bone dry it now contained large puddles and the paths which previously appeared white with large cracks were now moist and ones trouser bottoms got wet from brushing against the lush vegetation. We saw a variety of birds and animals, principally horses and Shetland ponies - one in a paddock saying it was on a special diet and not to be fed - and a covey of young pheasants. We were lucky with the weather as there had been a heavy shower earlier just before we all arrived at the pub and we felt raindrops as we got back. Lunch was at a single long table and the kitchen managed to deliver our food more or less at the same time although one member was not impressed with the dish she had ordered and was invited to choose a replacement.

Your leader was gratified to have more walkers than the number just lunching so the warmer weather seems to be tempting you out. Long may both continue.

Walkers 8
Dogs 0
Lunchers 13
Cancelled 1
Late 0
Weather Overcast with threatening rain

August Walk – Return to Slindon (113)

Our August walk on Tuesday 29th August will be from The Spur BN18 0NE Tel 01243 814216 which is on the A29 at Map Ref SU971082, beside the short length of dual carriageway just north of the Slindon crossroads.

Last year some members thought the walk around Slindon from there too long as it included a circuit around Slindon Park along Park Pale so this months walk will be shorter at just under three miles. There will be a gentle ascent onto open downland followed by a gentle descent and return through the village to the pub by a different path to that used on the outgoing leg.

There are two stiles, one avoidable and the other a very low one.

To join us please put your name on the list at the August lunch or contact me direct.

Members are responsible for their own safety.

Emergency phone (on day only) 07955 940521

5.2 Coffee Morning Thursday, 6th July at 10:30 am.

Thursday's Coffee Morning will again be held at **The Boston Tea Party in Baffins Lane** at the bottom on the left hand side.

Baffins Lane is off East St opposite to Ask Italian and Rymans.

The nearest car park is the East Pallant Pay and Display (where you find the Chichester District Council offices.)

Would the first to arrive just tell the staff that you are the first of an indeterminate number so as you grow can they please add a table or two as necessary!

6. HUMOUR

6.1 From my Canadian Friend

BRITISH HUMOR IS DIFFERENT

These are classified ads, which were actually placed in U.K. newspapers.

FREE YORKSHIRE TERRIER.

8 years old,
Hateful little bastard.
Bites!

FREE PUPPIES

1/2 Cocker Spaniel, 1/2 sneaky neighbor's dog.

FREE PUPPIES.

Mother is a Kennel Club registered German Shepherd.
Father is a Super Dog, able to leap tall fences in a single bound.

COWS, CALVES: NEVER BRED.

Also 1 gay bull for sale

JOINING NUDIST COLONY!

Must sell washer and dryer £100.

WEDDING DRESS FOR SALE.

Worn once by mistake.

Call Stephanie.