



Chichester & District Probud Club

JULY NEWSLETTER

To all Members

1 PRESIDENT'S GREETINGS

A warm welcome to everyone at the start of my new Presidential year and thank you to those electing the Committee.

The role of Vice President is currently vacant and if any of you would like to join the Committee please do come forward - we seem to spend an inordinate amount of time every year without exception trying to find our next President, whose role is hardly arduous.

The July lunch menu is Seabass followed by Profiteroles/Cheese.

Membership currently stands at 48. I would like to see this increase to the mid 50's so do please continue to recommend us to anyone who has recently arrived in the area.

Jean and I would like to thank the Club for the very generous Ivy voucher, shortly to be redeemed.

Clive Thorp

2. SECRETARIAL SCRIBBLES (with Speakers' Corner!)

The next Lunch is on July 13 and the speaker is Brian Freeland Esq – Sussex Lives

ABSENCES: I have apologies from Howard BOYD, Peter BUNYAN , Michael GILES, John HUMPHREY, Jackie JEFFERS, Donald ROBINSON, Ann and Eric SILVESTER

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

There will be no vegetarian option this month - unless I am immediately inundated with requests- but next month's option will be;

Roasted Mediterranean Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Bread.

In future, this will rotate with the Spinach and Ricotta Herb Pancakes and possibly (I have suggested) Mushroom Risotto IF the mushrooms are quality and of different species!

Members might like to send me suggestions.

Seating: I will generally tend to 'monopolise' seating on the top two tables, so if chairs are turned inwards please observe this. I am not being exclusive or elitist, merely practical. TOP table houses the President, Speaker, Raffle, President Invitees and prospective members. 'Second table' deals with that overflow (we have two guests in July) but still allows for 'free' seating. Please avail yourselves of that.

RAFFLE: Many thanks to Greta Byers and John Hartley for agreeing to offer a 2021 Vigna Corvino Montepulciano, a prime Papatruda Pinot Grigio and a Chassaux et fils ATLANTIQUE Rose

As a starter to a new round of raffle, might I Alphabetically Ask Messrs Alderman and Andrews to do the next one?

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And now ' Speakers' Corner' !

I am beginning to compile next year's round of speakers and have booked two as below. I have also asked John Hartley to choose a date and topic and invited Jeremy Prescott to speak in November 2024.

Should any member wish to speak, please let me know and if you have recommendations I can follow up I will be most grateful.

February 8 "Father Rhine", following the Rhine from its source in Switzerland to the North Sea - Frank Pattison

April 11 “From Sugarcane to Surrey”- The Indian Diaspora Jay Woogara

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

June Walk – Chidham Shore [111]

Our Probus June walk was on the last day of the month from the Old House at Home at Chidham, along a route we used last year and which is very familiar to your leader. The need to always recheck even a familiar route close to the intended walk date was demonstrated on this occasion when a visit ten days previously showed that the path along the sea wall opposite Bosham was so overgrown as to be almost impassable. An executive decision was made to leave this out and to walk along inland roads and paths instead whilst retaining as much as possible of the usual route. The diversion was not a complete loss however as we discovered a catchpond dating from the early 19th Century which holds water from the surrounding fields before releasing it into the harbour through a culvert under Chidham Lane.

We then made a diversion to look over the sea wall towards Bosham before continuing down Chidham Lane passing the old Poor House – now called Poor Cottage - and then a nursery specialising in Alstromeria (Peruvian Lily) plants, flowers of which were later found to be gracing our lunch table.

The five strong walking party included new Probus member Jackie Jeffers and we were joined later by another ten just lunching. The busy pub managed to deliver all our orders together and an enjoyable sociable lunch then followed.

Walkers 5

Dogs 0

Lunchers 15

Cancelled 4

Late 0

Weather Overcast with rain during lunch

July Walk – Heyshott Circular (112)

Our next Walk will be on Monday 24 th July from The Unicorn pub at Heyshott GU29 0DL, Map Ref SU899180, Phone 01730 813486.

We last came here in August 2021.

To get there take the A286 road towards Midhurst and one mile after Cocking turn right onto a minor road signposted Heyshott. Follow it for a mile to the crossroads at Heyshott Green, turn right and follow the brown sign to the pub.

The walk of three miles will be a generally flat walk with no stiles through the countryside between Heyshott and the South Downs and the actual route will be decided after a recce nearer the walk date – see comment above.

Walkers should arrive in time to set off at 1030 and lunchers should arrive by 1230.

As usual wives/partners and especially new members are welcome. To join us please sign in on the notice at the next Probus lunch or contact Jim Cockburn direct by the 22nd July.

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 David Childs Hopkins

THE SLIPPERY GAP BETWEEN WRITING AND READING

In a restroom: Toilet out of order. Please use floor below.

In a London department store: Bargain Basement upstairs.

In a laundromat: Automatic washing machines: Please remove all your clothes when the light goes out.

In an office: Would the person who took the step ladder yesterday please bring it back or further steps will be taken.

In another office: After tea break staff should empty the teapot and stand upside down on the draining board.

Outside a second hand shop: We exchange anything - Why not bring your wife along and get a wonderful bargain?

Notice in health food shop window: Closed due to illness.

Notice in a farmer's field: The farmer allows walkers to cross the field for free, but the Bull charges.

Message on a leaflet: If you cannot read, this leaflet will tell you how to get lessons.

I went to the chemist yesterday and asked the assistant what is the best way to get rid of the Coronavirus. She said 'ammonia cleaner.' I said 'sorry, I thought you worked here.'

A man saw a cat in a pet shop window with a label round its neck 'Amsterdam cat for sale' He went into the shop and asked. 'How Dutch is that Moggie in the window?'

A burglar caught red-handed by the police had a heart attack. As a result they made a Cardiac Arrest.

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