



## **Chichester & District Probus Club**

# **OCTOBER NEWSLETTER**

**To all Members**

### **1 PRESIDENT'S GREETINGS**

We find ourselves at Crouchers for our October lunch, courtesy of the Home Secretary's decision to place asylum seekers in the Chichester Park Hotel.

It was with incredulity that I received a telephone call from an upset Steph at the Park hotel two weeks ago to say the hotel would "not be honouring" future bookings.

For further details she gave me Dean's email address and he confirmed the sad news. As this no notice ultimatum appears so drastic I have sent a letter to explain that we may be forwarding to the Park for settlement our inevitable and unavoidable short-term future costs.

As a still practising solicitor Your President is astounded that our political "masters/mistresses" find it acceptable to induce its citizens to breach their contracts - if we have been inconvenienced think of those planning weddings or wakes.

And inconvenienced we have been. But your Committee has sprung into action and its current thinking, which is being developed as I write, is that Crouchers, if up to the mark in October, may become our future home, albeit perhaps at an increased price.

John and Frank, our Secretary and Treasurer are away in October but more details will follow.

The menu this month is pot roast chicken breast followed by warm treacle tart with lemon creme fraiche with crème anglaise.

The vegetarian option is Mixed vegetable and vermicelli spring roll with a pepper puree, maple soy sauce, sauteed baby corn and sesame seeds

Our speaker is Hamish Brown, retired Detective Inspector who will be talking to us about stalking.

### **2. SECRETARIAL SCRIBBLES (with Speakers' Corner!)**

The next Lunch is on October 12

As you will know (and please spread the word) the next lunch is at CROUCHERS Birdham Road.

I need to give them EXACT numbers by Oct 5 so please look and advise asap if you are an absentee. Absentees so far are:

Ann SILVESTER and Messrs ANDREWS, BUNYAN, CALCUTT, DEAN, FORD-ROBERTSON, GILES, GRIFFITHS, HARGREAVES, HUMPHREY, LUFFINGHAM, ROBINSON, SILVESTER, WILLIAMS.

The menu is POT-ROAST CHICKEN and TREACLE TART.

**If you KNOW you want veggie ( have included you Jackie) please let me CLIVE THORP know asap  
I DO need to tell them a cheese option in advance. If you KNOW you want cheese, please let CLIVE THORP know asap**

**Please let CLIVE THORP know asap if you are not attending 1243  
07533 [clivethorp@aol.com](mailto:clivethorp@aol.com)**

PLEASE SIGN IN ON ARRIVAL AND INDICATE ANY FUTURE ABSENCE

**RAFFLE:** Wonderfully, we have BILL ( Bowyer ) and BEN ( Brittain) to tickle your tastebuds with a trio of tipples.

Thanks to them.

( Dennis and/or Ian , can you do NEXT month? I will bring bottles if you take tickets and boxes.)

## **PROGRAMME OF FUTURE SPEAKERS 2023 and 2024**

**OCTOBER 12** Detective Inspector (retired) Hamish Brown – Stalking

**NOVEMBER 9** The Commonwealth War Graves Commission

**JANUARY 11** Jeremy Prescott TBA

**FEBRUARY 8** Frank Pattison - ‘ Father Rhine ‘

**MARCH 14** Bill Avenell – Geography Concentration OR Weather

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

**JUNE 13** John Hartley TBA

**JULY 18 THIRD THURSDAY** (avoiding Festival of Speed)  
David Bickerton ‘Parents at War’

**AUGUST 8** Richard Campbell-Robson SSAFA and recollections being a caseworker.

**SEPTEMBER 12** Nigel Gossop – ‘ Once Upon a Time ‘

**OCTOBER 10** David Thornley, Deputy Director, Outreach for Bognor & Chichester Samaritans. “Learning to Listen”

### **3 TREASURER'S REPORT**

There is nothing specific to report at this stage.  
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 sano]

##### **September Walk – Jim's Last Walk (114)**

Our September walk on Wednesday 27th September was a repeat of Jim Oliver's last walk a year ago around the Stansted Estate with lunch afterwards in The Pavilion tea shop.

Catherine Oliver joined your Walk Leader and our Secretary John Hargreaves for a walk along estate roads and fields on a dry and sunny day. The only wildlife seen were a pair of young deer seen on the skyline running across the field in the distance and a solitary Highland cow in another field close to our walk. Last year we left the road at the historic Grade 1 listed house known as Lumley Seat to walk across a grassy field to Woodlands Lane but this time the field was planted with tall maize still awaiting harvesting through which the path, although flat, provided no views and was littered with many loose flints so was avoided. Instead the road was followed further towards Broadreed Farm as far as Oak Copse and a track then followed south to get to Woodlands Lane. The fields south of Woodlands Lane, which earlier had standing wheat and maize, had been harvested by the date of our walk so provided very good open but distant views of Stansted House and were easy to cross as part of our onward route through fields and paths back to our starting point. On approaching the Garden Centre car park a railway locomotive whistle was heard which on later investigation was found to belong to the Stansted Light Railway, a seven and a quarter inch gauge miniature railway running through the arboretum part of the park near the house. Grandparents may like to note that the railway runs on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Following our return a very enjoyable light meal was consumed with good conversation in the Potting Shed area of the Pavilion tea room. When told of the small number actually coming the Pavilion dropped their requirement for us to pre-order and we were allowed to order food and drink on arrival and pay individually afterwards in the usual way, for which your Walk Leader and your Treasurer were very grateful.

Walkers 3

Dogs 0

Lunchers 3

Cancelled 4

Late 0

Weather warm sunny and dry underfoot

### **October Walk – Glasshouse Discovery (115)**

Our next walk on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October is a new one suggested by Linda Hargeaves. It starts and finishes at The Holly Tree public house in Walberton BN18 0PH, Phone 01243 553110, Map Ref SU 973060. The pub car park is on the right up the lane on the right of the pub. The flat walk passes through the village of Walberton and goes south across the fields and around two glasshouse complexes before returning across the fields by a different path. The pub will open early for our walkers to preorder and use toilets and reopens as normal at 1200. Walkers should be ready to move off at 1030 and lunch is at 1230.

Please sign in on the notice at the October Probus lunch at Crouchers or contact Jim Cockburn direct if not attending the lunch.

Emergency Phone (on day only) 07955 940521 (NB: This is NOT a Smart phone)

Members are responsible for their own safety.

Jim Cockburn

### **5.2 Coffee Morning Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> October 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**



