



## **Chichester & District Probus Club**

# **APRIL NEWSLETTER**

**To all Members**

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

I hope you all had a pleasant Easter break and are now recovering if you had an influx of guests.

Although Easter was very early this year at least the temperature is at last warming up.

There are now 44 of us with 34 at our April lunch when the menu is Crisp belly of pork and braised red cabbage with baked duchess potatoes and a rich red wine jus followed by Baked apple tart and blackberry sorbet with matched green tea crumble and fresh berries with a vegetarian option of Blue cheese risotto.

Our Speaker is Jay Woogara who is speaking about "The Indian Diaspora" and experiences of Mauritius.

We had double figures at our April coffee morning at the Boston Tea Party and I do urge anyone new to the Club to come along.

I hope we will have news of trips for you at the lunch - see you there.

### **2. SECRETARIAL SCRIBBLES**

PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU WISH TO CHOOSE THE VEG OPTION AND/OR CHEESE REPLACEMENT

I WILL ADD 2 X GLUTEN FREE

**ABSENCES:** I have apologies from Messrs ANDREWS, CAMPBELL, CHATER, CURRELL, HARTLEY, HORNE, LUFFINGHAM, PINEL and MS PAT DUARTE and GRETA BYERS

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

**PLEASE SIGN IN ON ARRIVAL with Gizmo-Generator, Chris Fuller, who will click (and collect!) you in and debit you for £10 so BRING A CARD please!**

#### **RAFFLE:**

John Hooper and Robin Low will kindly offer a trio of tipples to tantalise your taste buds:

Italian Red, Romanian Pinot and French Sauvignon Blanc

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- 1) Deadline for FONTWELL races opt-in for Wednesday May 8 is APRIL 23
- 2) Table plans for May 10 Lunch should be available on Thursday for you to sign up
- 3) SPECIAL DISPLAY: Stuart Devlin, the late husband of new member Carole, was an internationally renowned designer, goldsmith and silversmith who numbered among his patrons HRH Duke of Edinburgh. Carole and her sister, as a commemorative tribute, produced the most beautiful book highlighting the stunning creative work. Two copies will be available in the Conservatory for you to look at on April 11. The volume itself is a work of art.

## **PROGRAMME OF FUTURE SPEAKERS 2024**

**MAY 10 – FRIDAY- Gillian Keegan, MP - Special Guest and Speaker**

JUNE 13 - Father Peter Bustin – An ART Lecture

**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”

NOVEMBER 14 Ian Everest - Cinderellas of the Fields – The Women’s Land Army

## **3 TREASURER’S REPORT**

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

Attendees at lunch will have to pay a supplement of £10. Payments will be collected on the day by card.

Your cooperation in this regard is much appreciated.

Frank Griffiths, Treasurer

## **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 PRESS REPORT



### **Weather Lore "Why the Shepherd was happy with the red sky."**

Britain and Japan shared similarities in climates, members of Chichester Probus Club were told at their monthly lunch meeting at Crouchers, recently (March 14). The speaker was Bill Avenell a retired Christ's Hospital geography teacher. He said that both were islands chains which experienced the effects of four major air masses – from east, west, north and south and both were affected by proximity to major land masses which experienced extreme cold in the interior. In addition, the island nations were on the Coriolis Force which cause winds moving air streams which gave rise to our prevailing westerlies. Air masses, he said, did not like to mix, resulting in air pressure changes, cold and warm fronts - conditions that caused air to rise then cooling so unable to hold water vapour. This resulted in changeable weather. These variables were the reason so much folk lore existed in Britain. Much of it held some truth. The rest did not.

Eve Fuller  
Press Officer

## 6 SOCIAL ITEMS

### **6.2 Coffee Morning Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> April at 10:30 am.**

Thursday's Coffee Morning was again 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.)

## **7. HUMOUR**

### **7.1 From David Childs Hopkins**

#### **Plethora**

A woman is sat on a pew mourning the death of her Husband when a man sits beside her and says 'Would you mind if I said a word?' 'Go ahead' said the woman. The man walks slowly down to stand by the coffin, clears his throat and says 'Plethora' and then walks back to his seat and sits down.' Thank you' says the woman, 'It means a Lot''

### **7.2 The man in Scotland**

A man in Scotland calls his son in London the day before Christmas Eve and says; "I hate to ruin your day but I have to tell you that your mother and I are divorcing; forty five years of misery is enough".

"Dad, what are you talking about?" The son screams.

"We can't stand the sight of each other any longer" the father says.

"We're sick of each other and I'm sick of talking about this, so you call your sister and tell her"

Frantically, the son calls his sister who explodes on the phone.

"Like hell they're getting divorced, I'll take care of this!" She calls Scotland immediately, and screams at her father "YOU ARE NOT GETTING DIVORCED. Don't do a single thing until I get there. I'm calling my brother back, and we'll both be there tomorrow. Until then, don't do a thing DO YOU HEAR ME?" and hangs up.

The old man hangs up his phone and turns to his wife

"Sorted! They're coming for Christmas - and they're paying their own way"

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