

Fugelmere Probus Club of Fleet

December 2021 newsletter



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Welcome to the December Newsletter from your committee.

Monthly Meeting & Ladies Lunch – Monday 13th December – to be held at the Lismoyne hotel.

This month's lunch is our first Ladies Lunch since Covid lockdowns and with the help of the Lismoyne we aim to provide as Covid secure an environment as possible. We have asked the hotel to use their largest tables and only have a maximum of 8 persons on each table, in the majority there will only be 7.

As this reduces the space in the dining room, we will only purchase pre-lunch drinks in the main bar, which is left of the main entrance. The hotel lounge to the right of reception is also available to us.

Guests will be called into the dining room at 12.50 to take their seats and during the meal ordering drinks will be from the waiting staff rather than at the bar.

Lunch will be at a cost of £20 per head and any new dietary requirements should be notified to Ted Payne.

The menu is:

- Starter: Salmon and chilli fishcake with lime mayonnaise.
- Main: Chicken breast with a creamy mushroom sauce, rosti potatoes and green beans.
- Dessert: Apple tart tatin and pouring cream.

The speaker for the day is Rachel Haver and the topic is Japan.

Apologies for Absence

Any apologies for this lunch meeting must be given by Thursday 9th December, to Ted Payne and Simon Hackett, who organises the seating plan for Ladies Luncheons. Their contact details 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 addressees.

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!

Recent Event

Winchester College, Cathedral and Christmas Market – Thursday 25th November

Organiser: Leslie Holt

We had a dry and sometime sunny day although it was bitterly cold for most of our visit. This was compensated for by the excellence of the tour guides for both the College and the Cathedral.

In the morning our knowledgeable guide for the College detailed the history and raison d'être of the school and its many historic buildings. It was interesting to learn the school predated and indeed was a model for Eton College in Windsor.



Between the two tours, our group visited the Christmas Market and /or had lunch in the Cathedral Refectory or a local restaurant.

The two Cathedral tour guides did an excellent job in the afternoon outlining the history of the site and the Cathedral itself. Amongst many interesting facts we learnt about the Cathedrals mix of architectures and the role the Cathedral and Winchester played in the history of our country.

The return trip was only marred by the lack of mobile phone signal to summon our driver which meant a number of the group had to wait in the cold until the driver realised it was getting towards the time to return to Fleet.

Upcoming Activities

Sonning Mill Wednesday, 22nd December matinée, "Top Hat"

Organiser: Terry Berridge

Parking is arranged at the Holy Trinity Church, Bowenhurst Road, and the coach will depart from there at 10.45am on 22nd December 2021, allowing time for

refreshments, etc. before lunch. The coach will depart from the Mill at about 4.30pm, arriving back in Fleet at about 6.00pm, depending on traffic.

In order to keep audiences safe during the pandemic The Mill has implemented a policy of only accepting guests who have either had double vaccinations or have certification of having immunity following infection or can provide a recent negative lateral flow test. Detailed requirements have already been sent to all those planning to attend.

The Mill will rely on and trust our Group Leader's declaration that all of our group have such certification. Could all attendees please ensure they carry suitable documentation on the day and are in a position to present it for my inspection on the coach.

Winter Quiz on Zoom

Organiser: Paul Allen

This is currently targeted for the evening of Wednesday 19th January but more details will be published nearer the date.

Skittles at the Jolly Farmer, Blacknest Tuesday 8 March 2022

Organiser: Ted Payne

A Skittles afternoon has been arranged at the Jolly Farmer, Blacknest for Tuesday 8th March 2022 commencing 1200 noon. Please note this is a departure from the previously held Skittles evenings to enable those attending to travel in daylight.

Basket meals will be provided with tea or coffee as in previous years.

Currently The Jolly Farmer does not have prices or choices for their basket meals. Options and cost of meals will be sent to those proposing to attend when they become available; however, the estimated cost is £16 to £18 per person

A signup sheet will be available at our December lunch with payment due at the January 2022 lunch.

Spring Break – Sinah Warren Hotel - 25th to 29th April 2021

Organiser: Leslie Holt

With a much shorter timescale to organise the break compared with previous years we have opted to return to a well known and favourite hotel – Sinah Warren, Hayling Island.

There has been sufficient interest to make the break viable and we are pleased to report Warners' have meet most if not quite all of our members' specific requirements. All changes have now been agreed with members.

A deposit of £30 per person will be requested at our December lunch with the balance due at our January 2022 lunch.

Other Events in 2022

A more complete list of 2022 events will be included in the January Newsletter.

A personal note

Looking through this and previous newsletters brings home to me the variety of club activities that we've enjoyed since restarting our monthly lunches in August with further events being planned for 2022. We have much to be thankful for.

On behalf of the committee, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their contributions to the life of the club and to extend our sincere best wishes to you and your families for a very Happy Christmas.

Kind regards,

Paul Allen,
President, Fugelmere Probus Club of Fleet