

Fugelmere Probus Club of Fleet



April 2022 newsletter

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Welcome to the April Newsletter from your committee.

The next Ladies Lunch will be in May and the signup sheet will be available again at our April lunch.

Monthly Meeting and Lunch – Monday 11th April – to be held at the Lismoyne hotel.

Lunch will be at a cost of £23 per head and any dietary requirements, both new and long standing, should be notified to Paul Allen.

The menu is:

- Starter: Mackerel pate.
- Main: Chicken breast with creamy mushroom sauce, served with vegetables and potatoes.
- Dessert: Banoffee pie.

The speaker will be Alan Grace talking on Have Microphone, Will Travel, the Forces Broadcasting Service from a Harem in Algiers in 1944 to a container in Afghanistan in 2014.

Apologies for Absence

Any apologies for this lunch meeting must be given by Thursday 7th April, to Paul Allen, or if Paul is unavailable, or you do not receive an acknowledgement from him, to Simon Hackett. Contact details will be found 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

Skittles at the Jolly Farmer, Blacknest Tuesday 8 March 2022

The 29 attending all enjoyed the event with the move from evening to the afternoon being much appreciated.



Based on the three rounds the main contest between the 17 members and the 12 lady guests would have been a draw. The men just won the Dominant Hand, the Through the Legs was drawn but with the ladies comfortably winning the Non-Dominant Hand the ladies won the overall contest 196 to 170.

Paul Allen made presentations to the winners and the organising team. Margaret Berridge was the top lady scorer, Ron Thompson, the top man scorer, Keith Allaway won the Knock-Out competition and the Wooden Spoon was shared by Jan Wheatcroft and Peter Buck.



Sadly, Ted Payne, the Event Organiser was not able to be with us on the day but his right-hand man Peter Buck did an excellent job ably supported by our Scorer, Ron Thompson and Setting-Up Coordinator, Terry Berridge.

Upcoming Activities

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

Organiser: Leslie Holt

A detailed Information Sheet will be circulated shortly and as previously reported Warner's are self-insuring against Covid and their holiday protection plan has been taken out for all members of our group.

Visit to Ightham Mote and Chartwell on Wednesday 18th May

Organiser: Kit Mitchell

Ightham Mote is a wonderful 14th-century moated manor house. We have a personal guided tour of the house before it opens to the public, followed by time to buy lunch in the café. We then move on to Chartwell, Churchill's country home, where we have 1½ hours for a self-guided tour of the house and garden.

The coach departure time is 8.30am. It is an early time because of the need to get to Ightham Mote before its normal opening time. We are then due back at 5pm.

The balance payment for this visit is due at our 11th April Luncheon. For National Trust members the balance is £18 and non-members £50.

Petanque Morning followed by Lunch on Tuesday 21st June

Organiser: George Edwards

The plan is to meet at 9.30 am at the Crondall Petanque Club at the Cody Sports & Social Club, The Fairway, Old Ively Road, Farnborough GU14 0LP for an informal Pétanque competition. All equipment will be provided and no experience is necessary.

Following Pétanque we will drive to the Foresters Pub, Aldershot Road, Church Crookham for an informal lunch.

The cost of £23 per head (or £18 Lunch only) is due at our April Lunch.

Cream Tea and Quiz on Tuesday 26th July

Organiser: Peter Buck

Peter is booking the Crondall Village Hall for Tuesday 26th July for our annual Cream Tea and Quiz. More details in our next Newsletter.

Stratfield Saye House & Estate on Thursday 4th August

Organiser: Michael Butcher

We will make our own way there: the house is just off the A33 beyond the Wellington memorial and should take around 25 minutes from Fleet.

We will have exclusive access to the Duke of Wellington's House from 10.15 am with a variety of guided tours and talks and there will be a break for lunch at an optional extra cost of £11.

The cost will be £17.50 - £20 dependent on numbers. A deposit of £10 due at our April lunch, balance then in June.

Funny Money at the Mill at Sonning on Saturday 29th October

Organiser: Wolfgang Hamann

With the Mill repeating Top Hat in December, we are planning to go to a matinee performance of Ray Cooney's West End hit Funny Money in late October.

The play starts with Henry Perkins, a mild-mannered accountant, picking up the wrong briefcase on the Tube in which he finds £1.5million in used notes! Then off to Spain with a spiralling confusion of fibs, false names and frantic deceptions.

A signup sheet is available and the cost will be about £85 to cover coach, parking, gratuities, lunch and theatre performance.

A deposit of £35 will then be due at our May lunch and the balance in August.

Classical Spectacular at the Royal Albert Hall

Organiser: Geoff Wicks

Unfortunately, the Royal Albert Hall is currently not planning to hold this show in the near future. Geoff is now exploring alternative venues and shows.

A personal note

We have all been saddened to learn of Ted's passing on Saturday March 26th, peacefully at home, surrounded by his family.

It's therefore very apt that our recent Skittles match features in this Newsletter as Ted had organised this annual event for many years.

Apart from this Ted contributed a great deal to the life of our club since he first joined in January 2002. He quickly became our Entertainments Secretary and served on the Committee becoming Vice President and then President in 2007/08. Subsequently he spent a year as Events Organiser and has been our Monthly Luncheon Coordinator since 2014.

Many of you will recall that Ted was always among the first to offer his hand in friendship. That, together with his sense of humour and unfailing helpfulness will be greatly missed, not only by me, but by his many friends here in Probus.

**Paul Allen,
President, Fugelmere Probus Club of Fleet**