

Fugelmere Probus Club of Fleet



October 2021 newsletter

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Welcome to the October Newsletter from your committee.

As reported last month the next Ladies lunch has been moved to our December meeting and a sign-up sheet will be available at our October lunch. Anybody not attending the October or November lunch can register their interest by contacting Simon Hackett (contact details in the Club handbook).

Monthly Meeting & Lunch – Monday 11th October – to be held at the Lismoyne hotel.

Lunch will be at 12.30pm for 1pm at a cost of £20. Any new dietary requirements should be notified to Ted Payne.

The menu is:

- Starter: Tian of Smoked Chicken and Avocado, Fine Leaves.
- Main: Pan Seared Cod Loin, Spicy Potato Wedges and Mange Tout.
- Dessert: Blackcurrant Cheesecake.

The speaker for the day is Jenny Mallin and the title of her presentation is:
A grandmother's legacy: Full steam ahead.

Apologies for Absence

Any apologies for this lunch meeting must be given by Thursday 9th September, to Ted Payne, or if Ted is unavailable, or you do not receive an acknowledgement from him, to Simon Hackett (contact details for both 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 addressee.

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!

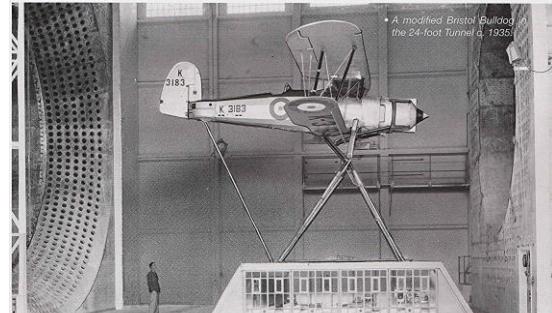
Recent Event

Farnborough Wind Tunnel –Thursday 30th September

Organiser: Kit Mitchell

The Wind Tunnel visit was very well received and members were fascinated to find out about its history and what went on at RAE and were incredibly impressed by the scale of the facilities as can be judged by the Bristol Bulldog photo of 1935.

Who would have thought the 24-foot tunnel had been used to test umbrellas, the breaking point of trees as well as cars and aircraft and more recently it was used as a film set.



24 foot wind tunnel



The two groups, morning and afternoon meet over a very pleasant pub lunch at the Gloster.



One group at the 4 foot tunnel

Upcoming Activities

Winkworth Arboretum –Thursday 14th October

Organiser: Michael Butcher

Attendees should have already received an instruction sheet and a lunch menu.

Winkworth, is the National Trust's only arboretum. This beautiful collection of trees and plants across 130 acres is the result of one man's vision and passion - Dr Wilfrid Fox, who bought the wooded valley, hillside and its lakes in 1937 to use as a canvas for planting trees to "paint a picture".

This will be a morning visit with a guided tour of approximately 1.5 hours. Please bear in mind that the tour will use paths that are not really suitable for those with accessibility needs. After the visit, lunch will be at a local establishment (1.5 miles away) which is a highly recommended 'gastro pub', The White Horse at Hascombe.

Payment for this visit is £10.30 a head for non members of the National Trust and/ or £5 for the conducted tour.

Curry Night in Fleet

Organiser: Chris Farmer

Dates are currently being finalised with Zaal in Fleet for our planned curry evening. Chris will email all of those who have expressed an interest and the details will be available along with a new sign-up sheet at our lunch meeting next week. The initial dinner will be members only due to the size of the restaurant however if there is interest, we will research larger restaurants for a future event.

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

Organiser: Leslie Holt

The plan is to meet at the Holy Trinity Church and travel to Winchester by coach in time for a conducted tour of the prestigious public school Winchester College starting at 10.30.

Time will then be available for a visit to the Christmas Market with the option of lunch in the market itself or in the Cathedral refectory.

The conducted tour of the Cathedral will then start at 2.00pm followed by the return trip to Fleet.

Dependant on the number going the cost should be in the range £35 to £37.

A deposit of £10 per person will be collected at our October lunch.

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

Organiser: Terry Berridge

This 2011 musical based on the 1935 film of the same name, tells the story of Broadway sensation Jerry Travers who dances his way across Europe to win the heart of society girl Dale Tremont.

The total cost is around £73 per person with the deposit of £35 per person taken at our last lunch on 9th August 2021, the balance of £38 per person is now payable at our 11th October 2021 lunch.

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 us to have 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.

This popular event is already fully booked but a reserve list is available.

Winter Quiz on Zoom

Organiser: Paul Allen

Details will be published nearer the date.

Spring Break

As previously reported Ron Thompson is now standing down from the role of organiser and we would be pleased to hear from any member who would be interested in helping to organise a break next spring.

Ron has been in touch with Warner's but we still await their options and prices for group visits.

A personal note

It was heartening that our September lunch was again very well supported and that we had such an interesting speaker. I, for one, found his linking of the Pickwick Papers tgo episodes of EastEnders an interesting insight!

More recently, many of us enjoyed a visit to the historic wind tunnels at, what was once, the Royal Aircraft Establishment (RAE), Farnborough - excellently organised by Kit in two sessions bridged by lunch at The Gloster.

I almost hate to mention this, but our need for a Speaker Secretary is getting increasingly urgent as we need to find new speakers from May next year. Similarly, we are also looking for someone to join the Events team. Please think about both opportunities - seriously - and offer to help if you can. Your club really does need you.

Last but not least, you will all have seen our new Guest Protocol which is designed to treat our occasional guests in a gender-neutral way. However, I do understand that members may have concerns and am happy to listen to them. So please speak to me if you do.

Kind regards,

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