

# Fugelmere Probus Club of Fleet



## June 2021 newsletter

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This month's meeting will be our AGM via Zoom so there will not be a speaker (all the papers for the AGM were distributed with last month's newsletter, the accounts are included with this newsletter).

Next month we expect to be back at the Lismoyne – the "Delta" variant and Boris permitting! We are hoping as many of you as possible will join us in this return to normality.

However, we recognise that some of you will not yet feel comfortable about meeting "en-masse" inside with no masks for drinks and a meal. Consequently, we would like to remind you, ahead of time, of our normal practice that you will need to notify Ted Payne (his contact details are in the handbook) **if you do not wish to attend**, so that we can plan accordingly. We will of course be reminding everyone in the July newsletter.

I am delighted to announce that we have two new members of Fugelmere Probus: Mike Rance and Roger Newton who we hope will be able to join us for our next meeting.

I am also very conscious that our normal lunch charity donations have dried up this year and consequently we will be holding a prize raffle on behalf of the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice at the July Cream Tea and Quiz. If any members would like to donate prizes, please contact me (contact details in the handbook).

### AGM – Monday 14th June – to be held via Zoom

The meeting will start at 2:30 pm but you can join the session any time from 2pm onwards. Details for connecting to this Zoom session are the same as previous months:

Michael Butcher is happy to offer one-on-one support to anyone who is having difficulty with Zoom.

## Recent Events – Walk around Greywell Moors 19<sup>th</sup> May

This was our first walk as a single group since Covid first struck. The weather had been poor the previous few days, but the sun shone for us on the day itself. There were a couple of hazards that everyone overcame successfully. First a collapsed part of the boardwalk along the River Whitewater and then a boggy area that had to be crossed via slippery logs – all survived!

We returned to the Fox and Goose for an outside lunch with excellent food and service – again our first lunch as a Probus group in Covid times.



## Upcoming Activities

The events programme for the next 12 months remains very fluid – many places are still not taking bookings. However, the new handbook will have a list of the activities we hope to be able to organise. (Also please note that the Petanque session shown in the current handbook will not take place this June.)

All bookings for events should be via Leslie Holt whose contact details are in the handbook.

### Tuesday 22nd June – Savill Gardens, Virginia water

Organiser: Michael Butcher

Everyone attending should now have received the Information Sheet about the event from Michael Butcher and also a request for payment for £14 per attendee from Chris Tilley. If you thought you were booked on the event and have not received either of these emails, please let us know.

The event is currently fully booked but we are running a waiting list.

### Cream Tea and Quiz, Tuesday 27th July, 2:30 – 5:00pm

Organiser: Peter Buck

We already have 37 booked on this event at Crondall Village Hall and can accommodate more. There will be tables for teams of six to eight depending on numbers attending.

Peter Buck will be your quiz master as usual with a strong supporting cast organising refreshments etc.

The cost will be £11 to be collected in June (post June 14<sup>th</sup> when we will know from Boris if we can proceed as planned).

## **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.

This event was previously scheduled for last Christmas. Although many people may have forgotten whether they signed up for that event, others will not want to lose a place they think they have booked. So, we are emailing everyone who booked for the 2020 event and asking them to either confirm or cancel their booking. If everybody wants to keep their existing booking, we will have 32 bookings i.e. two still available. We will also run a waiting list.

### **Secretary's notes**

Birthdays in June:

Ken Ladd 3rd, Peter Pilbeam 3rd, Simon Hackett 3rd, Rod Parker 13th, Roy Nicoll 13th, Graham Bower 17th, Andrew Lacey 22nd.

Congratulations to all of the above!

The information for next year's handbook is now with the printer, so if you are expecting any changes in the next month or so, please let Simon Hackett (contact details in the handbook) know by the AGM on 14th June.

Finally.... this will be the last newsletter I sign off before I leave my post as President. What a strange year it has been! However, I am delighted we have been able to keep Fugelmere Probus actively functioning with monthly meetings via Zoom, walks and quizzes. My thanks to all those involved. It has all been a bit different from our usual programme but a welcome relief from the potential isolation and boredom of lockdown! I look forward to seeing you all as we resume our normal activity.

Kind regards,

**Chris Farmer**

**President, Fugelmere Probus Club of Fleet**