

# Fugelmere Probus Club of Fleet

## November 2021 newsletter



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Welcome to the November Newsletter from your committee.

Leslie Holt has agreed to take on organising a Spring Break for next year. Unfortunately, Warners' aren't being as generous to groups as in previous years and since they have only rather belatedly opened for group visits they may not be able to meet all our member's detailed requirements.

### Monthly Meeting & Lunch – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November – 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: Pea and Ham Soup.
- Main: Roast Pork Loin with Spiced Apple Sauce, Roast Potatoes and Red Cabbage.
- Dessert: Sticky Toffee Pudding and Butterscotch Sauce.

The speaker for the day is John Hughes and he will be talking about Mapping Seabirds on Ascension.

### Apologies for Absence

Any apologies for this lunch meeting must be given by Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November, to Ted Payne, or if Ted is unavailable, or you do not receive an acknowledgement from him, to Simon Hackett. 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 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 Events

### Winkworth Arboretum –Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October

Organiser: Michael Butcher

Luck was with us as we had good weather for our visit to Winkworth.

Our knowledgeable guide for the walk around the Arboretum was also a member of the local Probus group! He took us on an energetic tour, descending a steepish valley to the lake below with a lovely panorama of all the different trees. We visited the boat house for views across the lake - and to rest before taking the steps back up to the beginning.



The trees were just beginning to change to their autumn colours - possibly delayed by our freakish summer!

Afterwards we all decamped to a local gastro pub for an enjoyable lunch and restore our energy levels.

### Curry Night in Fleet

Organiser: Chris Farmer

Thirteen members and partners had a very enjoyable meal at the Zaal restaurant in Fleet on the evening of October 26th. The food was judged to be excellent, not too hot and very delicately spiced.

We will look to repeat the evening at some point in the future.

## **Upcoming Activities**

### **Winchester College, Cathedral and Christmas Market – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November**

Organiser: Leslie Holt

The plan is to meet at 9.00am at the Holy Trinity Church and travel by coach to Winchester in time for a conducted tour of 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.

The cost of this trip is £35 per person with the final instalment due at our November 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.

Parking is arranged at the Holy Trinity Church, Bowenhurst Road, and the coach will depart from there at 10.45am on 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

If you have not already paid your £73 per head please contact Chris Tilley.

### **Winter Quiz on Zoom**

Organiser: Paul Allen

Details will be published nearer the date.

### **Spring Break – Sinah Warren Hotel - 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

Organiser: Leslie Holt

Much later than usual, Warner's group bookings recently opened for business and have provided us with possible options for a Spring Break next year. Although too late for the last newsletter it was just in time for us to have a Signup Sheet at our October Lunch.

With a much shorter timescale to organise the break compared with previous years we are proposing to return to a well known and favourite hotel – Sinah

Warren, Hayling Island. We are also having to take into account Warners' are not offering the same level of group discounts as in previous years, which used to include a free place which in turn enable us to provide an additional discount.

There is already enough interest to make the break viable and it is hoped Warners' can meet our members' specific requirements.

## **A personal note**

Our September lunch was again well supported. Our speaker, Jenny Mallin, gave us an interesting insight into the role her Anglo Indian family played in running India's railways during the British Raj and afterwards. It came as a surprise to me that the locomotives were very large and ran over four separate Indian rail networks.

As mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter, members were fortunate to enjoy our trip to Winkworth Arboretum with its early Autumn colours and, more recently, the Curry Night here in Fleet. Many thanks go to Leslie, Michael and Chris for organising these events, which I'm sure is far from easy, even though they make it look so.

I ask everyone to please consider whether they could further contribute to the success of our club by volunteering for either the role of Speaker Secretary or join the events team.

Last, but not least, I'm grateful to those members who have spoken to me about our new Guest Protocol and for explaining their views to me.

Kind regards,

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