

Fugelmere Probus Club of Fleet



July 2021 newsletter

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Welcome to the July Newsletter from your new committee.

It has been another "good news, bad news" month. Boris deferred the lifting of Covid restrictions on 21st June. Luckily, we had structured our visit to Savill Gardens so that we could still go ahead. Unfortunately, our planned restart of lunch at the Lismoyne got caught by the prolonging of existing restrictions – the rule of six indoors continues. So, our July meeting will continue our existing practice of meeting via Zoom. However, individuals are permitted to meet up in groups of six at the De Havilland in 'Monday Club' style before the Zoom session. Hopefully, the "all clear" will sound in time for our August lunch.

Monthly Meeting – Monday 12th July – to be held via Zoom

Recent Events

Tuesday 22nd June – Savill Gardens, Virginia water

Organiser: Michael butcher

25 of us met for our first group visit in Covid times. We split into three smaller groups, each with their own guide. All three guides treated us to both the history of the gardens and the horticultural exhibits. It is amazing that eight full time gardeners can maintain 35 acres of beautiful grounds! (But they do have others to mow grass and trim trees etc.) Many stayed on after the tours to enjoy lunch in the magnificent Savill Building afterwards. Anthony Trice photographed various plants, trees, and shrubs of interest – attendees should have already received a link.



Upcoming Activities

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 per head to be collected in July.

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 sign-up sheet is now open, and you should contact Terry as soon as you can as it is likely that the trip will be over-subscribed and to avoid being put on the "Reserve" list.

Potential Future Events

Because of Covid, many places are not yet taking bookings. As and when dates and venues can be fixed, they will be advised at the monthly lunch and in the newsletter. Current plans include:

- Aug: Farnborough wind tunnel
- Sept: Basildon Park (Reading)
- 14th Oct: Winkworth arboretum
- Nov: Winter quiz on Zoom
- Nov: Winchester College and Cathedral

Spring Break

Ron Thompson has done an excellent job of organising our Spring Breaks. He is now standing down from this role and we would be pleased to hear from any member who would be interested in helping to organise a break next spring.

Secretary's notes

Birthdays in July are: -

Ted Payne 2nd, Keith Allaway 7th, Chris Farmer 10th, Hugh Williams 18th, Santosh Mathur 26th.

Congratulations to all, but particularly to Santosh who is 90 and therefore eligible for life membership!

Treasurer's notes

Subscriptions are now due

- BACS payment of £20 should be made to Fugelmere Probus Club of Fleet, details of sort code etc from the Treasurer. Note that, if you don't have

on-line banking facilities, BACS payments can be made through your bank. As a reference for your payment, please use your name so that we know you have made the payment.

- Cheques should be made payable to Fugelmere Probus Club of Fleet and posted to the Treasurer.

A personal note

A year has passed since our July 2020 Newsletter noted that lockdown was easing and that we might be able to meet again in the near future. Few of us then anticipated that another twelve months would pass before a successful vaccination programme would provide us with real hope that we may soon be able to meet again.

Meanwhile, I would like to record special thanks, on behalf of all members, to our outgoing president, Chris Farmer, for his calm and positive leadership during a challenging year for our club.

Last but not least, I'm sure that we are all looking forward to resuming our meetings in person at the Lismoyne Hotel, hopefully in August.

Kind regards,

Paul Allen

Prresident Fugelmere Probus Club of Fleet