

ARCO (Association of Retired Council Officers) Newsletter

Winter 2021

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Dear Friends,

I am pleased to report that I, together with 33 members and friends, welcomed the Mayor, Councillor Sushila Abraham and her consort, Dr Mathew Abraham, to our Golden Jubilee Get Together on 21 October. Members enjoyed a welcome toast to ARCO followed by a hearty sandwich lunch accompanied by wine soft drinks and coffee. We recreated our Ruby Anniversary picture (below), taken by the Macebearer. If want a full colour print, please contact Martin or click [here](#).



Turning to the future, your Committee has decided to resume our programme of events, for those wanting to go out. The main event will be our Christmas Lunch which returns to The North Star once more on **Thursday 16 December**. However, we are reducing the number of places to 30 in order to avoid over-crowding. To be fair to all, places will be allocated strictly on a first come, first served basis for application by post only. So please send in your booking form or letter and cheque promptly.

In the meantime, on **Thursday 18 November** we will be holding an informal gathering at

The Kings Tun, the Wetherspoons pub in Clarence Street between 12 noon and 1.30 p.m. Large and small meals, soft drinks and coffees are available, as well as alcohol, all at very reasonable prices. No need to book – just turn up. Hopefully we can use the upstairs bar (there is a lift). We have booked one for **Tuesday 15 February 2022**.

However, we are hoping to start the New Year with a gathering at The Druids Head in Kingston Market Place on **Monday 10 January 2022**, again at 12 noon. Please check the web site or with Martin that this is going ahead before travelling.

Our next formal event will be our Annual General Meeting at the Guildhall on **Thursday 3 March 2022**. More about that next time.

Finally, may I send you and your family my very best wishes for a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year?

Best Wishes

Chris

Chris Coke, Chairman

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ARCO Secretary: Martin Longhurst, Mayfield, Hoe Lane, Abinger Hammer, DORKING, RH5 6RS

ARCO CHRISTMAS LUNCH MENU

Thursday 16 December 2021 – 12 noon for 12.30 p.m.

The North Star, 271 Hook Road, Hook, Chessington, KT9 1EQ

Buses 71, 465 & K4 stop outside – 500 yards south of The Ace roundabout

2 COURSES £12.99 or 3 COURSES £15.49

STARTERS

Chicken Liver Pate*

Smooth chicken liver pate served with perfectly toasted ciabatta bread and Pale Ale chutney

King Prawn Cocktail

Succulent prawns in a rich Marie Rose sauce, served on crisp lettuce with wholemeal bloomer bread and butter

Maple & Root Vegetable Soup (V)

Finished with cream and served with ciabatta bread and butter

Parsley Breaded Mushrooms (V)

Crispy coated button mushrooms, served with cool sour cream dip

MAIN COURSES

Hand-carved Turkey with Festive Trimmings

Served with seasonal vegetables, Yorkshire pudding, pork and sage stuffing, cranberry sauce, roast potatoes and a rich gravy

8oz Rump Steak

Served with a grilled flat mushroom, half a grilled tomato, garden peas, battered onion rings, and seasoned chips

Add Peppercorn Sauce*, beef dripping gravy or Bearnaise sauce* to steak for **£1.49**

Two Grilled Sea Bass Fillets

Served with spring onion mashed potato, chargrilled broccoli and a rich lemon butter sauce

Pumpkin and Beetroot Tart* (VE)

Served with seasoned roast potatoes, brussel sprouts, green beans, romano beans, chantenay carrots and jug of rich gravy

Festive Gourmet Burger

Choose chargrilled beef burger OR BBQ pulled turkey, in a toasted bun topped with Camembert, bacon and cranberry sauce. Served with a Cumberland pig in blanket and seasoned chips

ADD to any main course 8 Cumberland pigs in blankets for £2.99

OR ADD 4 Cumberland pigs in blankets & a Yorkshire Pudding for £2.49

DESSERTS

Classic Christmas Pudding* (V)

Made with almonds and served with a choice of brandy sauce or custard or whipped cream

Salted Caramel Profiteroles (V)

Served with whipped cream and Belgian chocolate sauce

Salted Caramel Billionaire's Gold Bar* (VE)

Served with strawberry sauce

Glazed Lemon Tart (V)

Served with whipped cream and raspberry compote

(V) = vegetarian ingredients (VE) = Vegan ingredients * Contains alcohol

Please use order form or put details in a letter

All drinks to be paid for on the day direct to the bar staff

ARCO CHRISTMAS LUNCH ORDER FORM

2 COURSES £12.99 or 3 COURSES £15.49 – plus optional upgrades

Please complete the form below and return it with your cheque payable to ARCO to:
 Jenny Longhurst, Mayfield, Hoe Lane, Dorking, Surrey RH5 6RS
 by Friday 19 November 2021 at the latest. *Remember postal bookings only, please!*
Please tell us about any food allergies

Enter your name(s) here -----> and tick in the boxes to make your choices.			
Starters	Chicken Liver Pate		
	Maple & Root Vegetable Soup		
	King Prawn Cocktail		
	Parsley Breaded Mushrooms		
Mains	Hand-carved Turkey		
	8oz Rump Steak <i>State cooking preference in box</i> Optional Sauce @ £1.49 (<i>state choice</i>)		
	Two Grilled Sea Bass Fillets		
	Pumpkin and Beetroot Tart		
	Festive Gourmet <u>Beef</u> Burger		
	Festive Gourmet <u>Turkey</u> Burger		
	Upgrade for £2.99 (8 pigs in blankets) OR		
Upgrade for £2.49 (4 pigs in blankets & a Yorkshire)			
Desserts	Christmas Pudding with Brandy sauce or custard or cream <i>State choice in box</i>		
	Glazed Lemon Tart		
	Salted Caramel Billionaire's Gold Bar		
	Salted Caramel Profiteroles		

I enclose a cheque payable to ARCO for £_____.

From _____.

Phone: _____ . Email: _____.

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