

ARCO (Association of Retired Council Officers) Newsletter

Winter 2022

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Our Forthcoming Events

Thursday 24 November 2022	Thanksgiving Lunch, The Star 12 noon <i>Fully Booked</i>
Thursday, 15 December 2022	Christmas Lunch, North Star Download Booking Form
Monday, 9 January 2023	Informal Gathering, Druid's Head, Market Place
Thursday, 16 February 2023	Informal Gathering, Kings Tun, Clarence Street

Dear Friends,

I hope you have enjoyed your summer. The end of the pandemic has meant most of us can relax and resume our old activities. As I'm sure you are too well aware, the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II overshadowed events in September. As far as ARCO was concerned, we had to postpone our lunch at Boaters, as its date clashed with the Royal Funeral. We are planning to re-arrange it in the spring or summer of 2023.

Our November date at The Star on Leatherhead Road has proved very popular and is now fully booked. Thanks are due to Bob Weedon for coming up with the idea and for making the arrangements.

We are now announcing our Christmas Lunch to take place on **Thursday 15 December**. The menu and booking form are included in this Newsletter. Please remember that space is limited, and bookings will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

We are starting 2023 with a couple of informal gatherings, at the Druid's Head on **Monday 9 January** and the Kings Tun on **Thursday 16 February**. No booking is needed, just turn up and buy your own food and drink. It is not clear whether we will be able to meet at the Guildhall in future, so we may be looking for another venue for our AGM in March. Watch this space!

Finally, may I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, despite the difficult times we are now experiencing.

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 15 December 2022 – 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 £13.99 or 3 COURSES £16.99

STARTERS

Chicken Liver & Brandy Pate*

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

Roasted Vegetable Soup (V)

Served with warm ciabatta and butter (Vegan serve available)

King Prawn Cocktail

Succulent prawns in a rich Marie Rose sauce, served on lettuce with wholemeal bloomer

Parsley Breaded Mushrooms (V)

Crispy coated button mushrooms, served with cool sour cream dip

MAIN COURSES

Hand-carved Turkey with Festive Trimmings

Seasonal vegetables, roasted parsnips, Brussels sprouts, seasoned roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, pork and sage stuffing, cranberry sauce, Cumberland pig in blanket and a rich gravy

8oz Rump Steak

Served with a grilled flat mushroom, half a grilled tomato, garden peas, battered onion rings, seasoned chips & your choice of sauce for £1.49: Peppercorn*, beef dripping gravy or Bearnaise*

Grilled Sea Bass Fillets*

Served on a bed of garden peas, baby potatoes, Tenderstem broccoli and finished with a creamy Welsh rarebit sauce

Roasted Butternut Squash & Parsnip Risotto (VE)

Roasted butternut squash, parsnips, red onion chutney and an alternative to Greek-style feta (made with coconut oil). Topped with rocket.

Festive Gourmet Beef Burger

Premium beef burger, topped with red onion chutney, bacon and a rich, oozing camembert sauce

DOUBLE UP BURGER FOR £2.00

Jingle Bird Burger

Buttermilk chicken breast, smoked turkey thigh, cranberry sauce with beef dripping gravy to dip

DOUBLE UP BURGER FOR £2.00

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*

Served with your choice of homemade brandy sauce or custard or vanilla ice cream

Chocolate & Orange Torte* (VE)

Served with a mulled fruit sauce

Boozy Christmess*

Mulled red fruits, whipped cream with folded meringue shards and Aero chocolate bubbles

Rhubarb Galette (V)

Served with Jude's vegan iced dessert and strawberry sauce

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

Please use order form enclosed

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

ARCO CHRISTMAS LUNCH ORDER FORM

2 COURSES £13.99 or 3 COURSES £16.99 – 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 18 November 2022 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 & Brandy Pate			
	Roasted Vegetable Soup			
	King Prawn Cocktail			
	Parsley Breaded Mushrooms			
Mains	Hand-carved Turkey			
	8oz Rump Steak <i>State cooking preference in box</i> Optional Sauce for £1.49 (<i>state choice</i>)			
	Grilled Sea Bass Fillets			
	Roasted Butternut Squash & Parsnip Risotto			
	Festive Gourmet Beef Burger	DOUBLE UP FOR £2?		
	Jingle Bird Burger	DOUBLE UP FOR £2?		
	Upgrade for £2.99 (8 pigs in blankets) OR			
Upgrade for £2.49 (4 pigs in blankets & a Yorkshire)				
Desserts	Classic Christmas Pudding with Brandy sauce or custard or ice cream <i>State choice in box</i>			
	Chocolate & Orange Torte			
	Boozy Christmess			
	Rhubarb Galette			

I enclose a cheque payable to ARCO for £_____.

From _____.

Phone: _____ . Email: _____.

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