



"Telegraph"

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The Club Committee wishes you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year

We welcome our speaker this month, Tony King, who will tell us what might have happened "If Dickens had had a Camera". We hope that Tony will enjoy his time with us and tell us if "Smart" phones or digital cameras existed or were even thought of in Dickens' time.

LUNCH ARRANGEMENTS Monday 9th December

The menu choices have already been circulated with the invitation to members to join us with their wives and friends at our Christmas Lunch. There will be no Business Meeting on that day and lunch will be served promptly at 12:45.

At our lunch last month, we made a collection for the Golf Club staff in recognition of the great service they have given us during the past year. If you were unable last month and wish to make a contribution, please contact our Treasurer, Siraj Vora, before this month's lunch.

Members are reminded that they should not wear their name badges during this month's lunch – a list of all people attending the lunch will be placed on each table.

SPEAKER ARRANGEMENTS for the next six months

13 th January 2020 Nick Brazil "A journey through Peru"	8 th April 2019 "TBA"
10 th February 2020 Annual General Meeting	13 th May 2019 "TBA"
10 th March 2020 Bridget Britton "The RNLI"	10 th June 2019 "TBA"

"4th TUESDAY CLUB" LUNCH (December 17th)

It is not too late to book your place with the Golf Club bar staff to come along and enjoy the company, chat and festivities at our pre-Christmas "4th Tuesday Club" this month. Remember this 4th Tuesday Club will be meeting on the third Tuesday - December, the 17th!

REGALIA & CLUB SALES

If any member wishes to purchase a tie, anniversary roundel or any other item, please contact Alf Chadwick.

Reading & District Probus Club – Committee Members

President: Patrick Moren Vice President: David Laird Immediate Past President: Alan Bradbury
 Secretary: David Laird Treasurer: Siraj Vora
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THIS MONTH'S HUMOUR



SOME IDEAS AND THOUGHTS

The first 5 days after the weekend are the hardest

Ban pre-shredded cheese – make America grate again

They're not going to make yardsticks any longer

Practise safe eating – always use condiments

If you think education is costly – try ignorance

I checked into the Hokey Pokey Clinic and I turned myself around

What happens if you get scared to death twice?

I want to grow my own food, but I can't find bacon seeds

I went to the Air and Space Museum, but there was nothing there

My wife said I never listen to her, or something like that

SOME "CHRISTMAS CRACKER" JOKES

Because of a very bad water shortage in Ireland, Dublin swimming baths have announced they are closing lanes 7 and 8...

Paddy is doing some roofing work for Murphy. He nears the top of the ladder and starts shaking and going dizzy. He calls down to Murphy and says "I tink I will 'ave to go home, I've come all over giddy and feel sick." Murphy asks "Ave yer got vertigo?" Paddy replies "No I only live round the corner."

After 100 years lying on the sea bed, Irish divers were amazed to find that the Titanic's swimming pool was still full.

Dave was bragging to his boss one day, "You know, I know everyone there is to know. Just name someone, anyone, and I know them."

Tired of his boasting, his boss called his bluff, "OK, Dave, how about Tom Cruise?"

"No dramas boss, Tom and I are old friends, and I can prove it."

So, Dave and his boss fly out to Hollywood and knock on Tom Cruise's door and Tom Cruise shouts, "Dave! What's happening? Great to see you! Come on in for a beer!"

Although impressed, Dave's boss is still sceptical. After they leave Cruise's house, he tells Dave that he thinks him knowing Cruise was just lucky.

"No, no, just name anyone else," Dave says.

"President Trump," his boss quickly retorts.

"Yup," Dave says, "Old buddies, let's fly out to Washington."

And off they go.

At the White House, Trump spots Dave on the tour and motions him and his boss over, saying, "Dave, what a surprise, I was just on my way to a meeting, but you and your friend come on in and let's have a cup of coffee first and catch up."

Well, the boss is much shaken by now but still not totally convinced.

After they leave the White House grounds, he expresses his doubts to Dave, who again implores him to name anyone else.

"The Pope," his boss replies.

"Sure!" says Dave. "I've known the Pope for years."

So off they fly to Rome.

Dave and his boss are assembled with the masses in St Peter's Square when Dave says, "This will never work. I can't catch the Pope's eye among all these people. Tell you what, I know all the guards so let me just go upstairs and I'll come out on the balcony with the Pope."

He disappears into the crowd, headed towards the Basilica. Sure enough, half an hour later Dave emerges with the Pope on the balcony, but by the time Dave returns, he finds that his boss has had a heart attack and is surrounded by paramedics.

Making his way to his boss' side, Dave asks him, "What happened?"

His boss looks up and says, "It was the final straw - you and the Pope came out on the balcony and the man next to me said 'Who the heck is that on the balcony with Dave?'"

JOINT OUTINGS ARRANGED BY READING EAST

If interested, please contact the R&D Secretary for more details

Tuesday 12th Nov. 2019

Morning Coffee plus Lunch No. 89 at The Ferryboat, Whitchurch-on-Thames, RG8 7DB

The event starts at 11:00 with morning coffee and continues into a two-course lunch at 12:30.

The cost of the event is £17.50 pp. and includes the welcome coffee and lunch;

Barry Neville is the organiser

Wednesday 4th Mar. 2020

Visit to the Mill at Sonning to dine and see 'Relatively Speaking' a comedy by Alan Ayckbourn

The cost is £46.50 pp. a 25% reduction on the normal ticket price of £61.50. This is a 'four for three' offer from the Mill for tickets purchased before the 27th November 2019.

Mike Capers is the organiser

Monday 5th Oct. 2020 to Friday 9th Oct. 2020

A Four Night Walking/Sightseeing visit to Warner Leisure - Nidd Hall Hotel, Harrogate, North Yorkshire.

Nidd Hall is set in 45 acres with award winning gardens.

The cost is £285 pp. for four nights based on a couple sharing a standard room, dinner, bed and breakfast; conditions apply.

There is an option to extend your stay to 7 nights at £505 pp.

Paul Townson is the organiser