



# Reading and District Probus Club

## "Telegraph"

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Web-site Address – [www.probusclub-reading.org.uk](http://www.probusclub-reading.org.uk)

We will be holding our AGM this month and so will not have a Speaker. If time permits, a short film will be shown after the inauguration of our new President.

### ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

If you have not yet paid your annual subscription (£20) please do so this month.

### LUNCH ARRANGEMENTS (Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February)

The menu of the day will be **Ham, Egg and Chips** followed by **Crème Brulee with Shortbread Biscuit** at a cost of £16 per head. Please remember that you will be liable for a "no show" charge of £8.00 if you fail to advise the **Secretary** by **09:00hrs. on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February** that you will **not** be attending.

### UPCOMING SPEAKER ARRANGEMENTS

**9<sup>th</sup> March 2020** Bridget Britton "The RNLI"      **11<sup>th</sup> May 2020** No speaker booked for this month

**6<sup>th</sup> April 2020** No speaker booked for this month      **8<sup>th</sup> June 2020 Ladies' Lunch** Tony Trafford  
"The Personal Life of Kings"

### "4<sup>th</sup> TUESDAY CLUB" LUNCH (February 25<sup>th</sup>)

Come along and enjoy the company and chat at our next "4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Club". Bring along a friend or your wife. These get togethers are fun and totally informal.

### REGALIA & CLUB SALES

If any member wishes to purchase a tie 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    **Speaker Secretary:** Vacant  
**Almoner:** John Swift    **Press Secretary:** Alan Bradbury    **Regalia & Club Sales:** Alf Chadwick

## THIS MONTH'S HUMOUR

Ever notice, the older we get,  
the more we're like computers?



We start out with lots of  
MEMORY and DRIVE  
then we become outdated,  
and eventually have to get  
our parts replaced...;)

## A Little Poem, so true it hurts!

Another year has passed  
And we're all a little older.  
Last summer felt hotter  
And winter seems much colder.

There was a time not long ago  
When life was quite a blast.  
Now I fully understand  
About 'Living in the Past

We used to go to weddings,  
Football games and lunches.  
Now we go to funeral homes  
And after-funeral brunches.

We used to have hangovers,  
From parties that were gay.  
Now we suffer body aches  
And while the night away.

We used to go out dining,  
And couldn't get our fill.  
Now we ask for doggie bags,  
Come home and take a pill.

We used to often travel  
To places near and far.  
Now we get sore asses  
From riding in the car.

We used to go to nightclubs  
And drink a little booze.  
Now we stay home at night  
And watch the evening news.

That, my friend is how life is,  
And now my tale is told.  
So, enjoy each day and live it up...  
Before you're too damned old!

*Courtesy, Barrie Machin*

## New Job at the Zoo

A bloke starts his new job at the zoo and is given three tasks.

First is to clear the exotic fish pool of weeds. As he does this a huge fish jumps out and bites him. To show who is boss, he beats it to death with a spade.

Realizing his employer won't be best pleased he disposes of the fish by feeding it to the lions, as lions will eat anything.

Moving on to the second job of clearing out the Chimp house, he is attacked by the chimps that pelt him with coconuts. He swipes at two chimps with a spade killing them both.

What can he do? Feed them to the lions, he says to himself, because lions eat anything... He hurls the corpses into the lion enclosure.

He moves on to the last job which is to collect honey from the South American Bees. As soon as he starts, he is attacked by the bees. He grabs the spade and smashes the bees to a pulp.

By now he knows what to do and shovels them into the lions' cage because lions eat anything.

Later that day a new lion arrives at the zoo. He wanders up to another lion and says, "What's the food like here?"

The lion says: "Absolutely brilliant, today we had Fish and Chimps with Mushy Bees"

## JOINT OUTINGS ARRANGED BY READING EAST

for more details contact R&D Secretary

### **Tuesday 11th Feb. 2020**

**Morning Coffee plus Lunch at Rowans Restaurant at the Coppid Beech Hotel, Bracknell, RG12 8TF**

The event starts at 11.00 am with morning coffee and continues into a two-course lunch.

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

Colin Feist is the organiser

### **Tuesday 18th Feb. 2020**

**A Winter Walk in and around Windsor Great Park**

The walk is approximately 5 miles.

Meet at 10:15 ready to move off at 10:30 at the West of Bishopsgate Road, Englefield Green where there is limited, free, on-street parking - please car share if possible. There is also parking adjacent to the Visitor Centre at The Savill Gardens, but this will involve a charge of approximately £10 for the duration of the walk including lunch.

OS Explorer map 160, Grid Reference: SU979721, closest Post Code: TW20 0XU Lunch will be taken in the Visitor Centre café at The Savill Gardens,

Joint Organisers: Keith Toogood / Peter Gough

### **Tuesday 10th Mar. 2020**

**Morning Coffee plus Lunch No. 92 at The Wheelwright's Arms, Davis Way, St Nicolas Hurst, Reading, RG10 0TR**

The event starts at 11.30 am with morning coffee and continues into a two-course lunch.

The cost of the event is £17 pp. and includes the welcome coffee and lunch;

Richard Greenaway is the organiser

### **Tuesday 17th Mar. 2020**

**Walk from The Bull, 41 High Street, Theale, RG7 5AH**

The walk is approximately 4.5 miles. As the pub car park is very small, please park in the small public car park 150 yards along the High Street (to the right of the pub looking from the front), and meet in the pub car park at 10:15 ready to move off at 10:30

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Start grid reference: SU 645715

Organiser: Chris Bintcliffe

### **Friday 27th Nov. 2020 to Monday 30th Nov. 2020**

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**A Three Night Turkey & Tinsel Break at Warner Leisure - Sinah Warren Hotel, Hayling Island**

Sinah Warren is situated on Hayling Island, an exclusive inlet reached by a causeway from the Hampshire coast. A large, elegant, modern hotel on a location that was originally a health farm in the 15th Century.

You can look forward to a sumptuous Christmas dinner with traditional trimmings, but they also cram in plenty of festive fun and soul-lifting music and dancing.

The cost is £215 pp. for three nights based on a couple sharing a standard room, dinner, bed and breakfast;

Paul Townson is the organiser

David Laird, Secretary  
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