



Reading and District Probuss Club

"Telegraph"

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Web-site Address – www.probusclub-reading.org.uk

Our guest speaker this month is our very own David Laird who will tell us about some of his "Memories of an Itinerant Civil Engineer" - from Scotland to Ecuador.

LUNCH ARRANGEMENTS (Tuesday 12th October)

The menu of the day will be **Chicken Liver Parfait served with Fruit Chutney** followed by **Roast Loin of Pork with roast potatoes and seasonal vegetables** at a cost of **£18** per head. Please remember that you will be liable for a "no show" charge of **£10.00** if you fail to advise the **Secretary** by **09:00hrs. on Saturday 9th October** that you will **not** be attending.

UPCOMING SPEAKER ARRANGEMENTS

9th November 2021 Siraj Vora "Quiz Day"

14th December 2021 Ladies' Lunch
Tony Strafford "The Private Life of Kings"

"4th TUESDAY CLUB" LUNCH

We will be continuing with these informal meetings on Tuesday 26th October. Bring along your friends, wives or partners and join in the stimulating and amusing chat and gossip.

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Barrie Machin will have his birthday this month

REGALIA & CLUB SALES

If any member wishes to purchase a tie or any other item, please contact Barrie Machin.

Reading & District Probuss Club – Committee Members

President: David Laird **Vice President:** Siraj Vora **Immediate Past President:** Alan Bradbury
Secretary: David Laird **Treasurer:** Siraj Vora **Speaker Secretary:** Vacant
Almoner: John Swift **Press Secretary:** Alan Bradbury **Regalia & Club Sales:** Barrie Machin

THIS MONTH'S HUMOUR



An Airbus A380 is on its way across the Atlantic. It flies consistently at 800 km/h at an altitude of 30,000 feet, when suddenly a Eurofighter with Tempo Mach 2 appears.

The pilot of the fighter jet slows down, flies alongside the Airbus and greet the pilot of the passenger plane by radio: "Airbus, boring flight isn't it? Now have a look here!"

He rolls his jet on its back, accelerates, breaks the sound barrier, rises rapidly to a dizzying height, then swoops down nearly to sea level in a breathtaking dive. He loops back next to the Airbus and asks, "Well, how was that?"

The Airbus pilot answers: "Very impressive, but now you look!"

The jet pilot watches the Airbus, but nothing happens. It continues to fly stubbornly straight with the same speed. After 15 minutes, The Airbus pilot radios, "Well, how did you like that?"

Confused, the jet pilot asks, "What did you do?"

The Airbus pilot laughs and says, "I got up, stretched my legs, walked to the back of the plane to use the washroom, then got a cup of coffee and a chocolate fudge cake."

The more of the story is:

When you're young, speed and adrenaline seems to be great. But as you get older and wiser you learn that comfort and peace are more important,

This is called S.O.S.: Slower, Older, but Smarter

Courtesy Barrie Machin

I'm really happy with my life because ...

I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 60 years later. I don't have to go to school or work. I get an allowance every month.

I have my own pad. I don't have a curfew. I have a driver's license and my own car.

The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant and I don't have acne.

Life is great. I changed my car horn to gunshot sounds. People get out of the way much faster now.

Gone are the days when girls used to cook like their mothers. Now they drink like their fathers.

I didn't make it to the gym today. That makes five years in a row.

I decided to stop calling the bathroom "the John" and renamed it "the Jim". I feel so much better saying I went to the Jim this morning.

Old age is coming at a really bad time. When I was a child I thought "nap time" was a punishment. Now it feels like a small vacation.

The biggest lie I tell myself is... "I don't have to write that down, I'll remember it".

I don't have grey hair... I have "wisdom highlights"! I'm just very wise.

If God wanted me to touch my toes, He would've put them on my knees.

Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. We haven't met yet.

Of course, I talk to myself. Sometimes I need expert advice.

At my age "Getting Lucky" means walking into a room and remembering what I came in there for. I have more friends I should send this to, but right now I can't remember their names.

Courtesy John Swift

Now, I'm wondering... did I put this in the Telegraph some years back. I can't remember. Maybe someone can check and let me know, please.

The Secretary

David Laird
30 September 2021

OUTINGS ARRANGED BY READING EAST

Tuesday 9th Nov. 2021

Morning Coffee plus Lunch at the Elephant & Castle, Lodge Road, Whistley Green, Reading, RG10 0EH

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

The cost is £17.50 pp. and if you wish to attend, please contact Gordon Murray-Smith

Wednesday 23rd Feb. 2022

CLOSING VERY SOON - Visit to the Mill at Sonning, Sonning Eye, Reading, RG4 6TY to dine and see 'The House on Cold Hill' a spine-tingling play by Peter James

The cost is £55 pp. instead of the normal ticket price of £69 pp. You must be prepared to pay the £55 pp. ticket immediately to secure the offer. If you wish to attend, please contact Adrian Bellars

Spring 2022

Visit by coach to the Bombay Sapphire Distillery at Laverstoke Mill, Whitchurch followed, in the afternoon, by a visit to the Whitchurch Silk Mill For further information, please contact Adrian Bellars

Monday 19th to Friday 23rd Sep. 2022

A Four Night Sightseeing Visit to Warner Leisure - Alvaston Hall, Nantwich, Cheshire, CW5 6PD

An interesting area to visit for sightseeing with historic Chester nearby.

The cost for two people sharing a standard room is £332 pp. or upgrade to a signature room for £362 pp.

If you wish to attend, please contact Paul Townson