

# **Reading and District Probus Club**



# November 2021

Web-site Address - <u>www.probusclub-reading.org.uk</u>

At this month's meeting our own Siraj Vora will test our knowledge by hosting a Quiz. In order to adhere to General Data Protection Regulations, your answers will not be divulged to the public.

### **LUNCH ARRANGEMENTS** (Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November)

The menu of the day will be Butternut squash & Parmesan risotto with rocket chimichurri followed by Kentish Apple Pie with Custard at a cost of £18 per head. If you intend to pay by BACS, please ensure that your transfer is made on the day <u>before</u> the lunch at the latest. 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 6<sup>th</sup> November that you will not be attending.

### **UPCOMING SPEAKER ARRANGEMENTS**

14<sup>th</sup> December 2021 Ladies' Lunch Tony Strafford "The Private Life of Kings"

11th January 2022 Hazel Blackburn "The fascinating world of Bees and Honey"

8<sup>th</sup> February 2022 AGM – there will be no

Speaker this month

9<sup>th</sup> March 2022 Bridget Britton – Subject TBA

# "4th TUESDAY CLUB" LUNCH

We will be meeting at 12:30 for our informal lunch on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Bring along your friends, wives or partners and join in the stimulating and amusing chat and gossip.

#### **BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH**

Peter Cutler and Barry Gibbons celebrate their Birthday this month.

#### **REGALIA & CLUB SALES**

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

# **Reading & District Probus 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



#### FOR THOSE THAT HAVE NEVER SEEN A CATFISH!!

Courtesy Barrie Machin

# **A Good Explanation Of Politics**

A Russian Jew, was finally allowed to emigrate to Israel.

At Moscow airport, customs found a Lenin statue in his baggage and asked, "What is this?"



The man replied, "What is this? Wrong question comrade. You should have asked Who is he? This is Comrade Lenin. He laid the foundations of socialism and created the future and prosperity of the Russian people. I am taking it with me as a memory of our dear hero."

The Russian customs officer let him go without further inspection.

At Tel Aviv airport, the Israeli customs officer also asked our friend, "What is this?"

He replied, "What is this? Wrong question, Sir. You should be asking, 'Who is this?' This is Lenin, the despicable fellow who caused me, a Jew, to leave Russia. I take this statue with me so I can curse him every day."

The Israeli customs officer said, "I apologize, Sir, you are cleared to go"

Settling into his new house, he put the statue on a table. To celebrate his immigration, he invited his friends and relatives to dinner.

One of his friends asked, "Who is this?"

He replied, "My dear friend, 'Who is this' is a wrong question. You should have asked, What is this? This is ten kilograms of solid gold that I managed to bring with me without paying any customs duty and tax."

#### **MORAL**

Politics is when you can tell the same thing in different ways to fool a different audience, to allow you to look good in every way.

Courtesy John Swift

# Transcript of a letter received by me

Mr David Laird 2 Hewett Close Reading Berkshire RG4 7ER

Dear Mr Laird,

My name is Jack Zayu, Associate Financial Officer, China Great Wall, here in China;I have ask a friend going to the Europe to post this letter on my behalf. I have URGENT and discreet business proposal for you that shall benefit us immensely should you choose to participate.

Before I reveal any sensitive information it is important I state categorically that all privilege information concerning my proposal and this business transaction is treated with utmost confidentiality due to its nature.

These funds which sums up to over One Million United States Dollars are currently on hold in relation to one of our private client late David Laird (Deceased) who passed away in 2002. Hence, the reason why I have contacted you is because you share the same name with the deceased which is very important in securing the above mentioned funds.

The fact that you share exact same name makes this a perfect transaction, I am willing to take a flight over to your country to meet with you so we can talk about all our plans to show you how serious I am about this deal of mutual benefit, kindly write me with e-mail above and I would share with you details of my perfected plans.

Jack Zayu

How did he get my address???

# OUTINGS ARRANGED BY READING EAST

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

# Tuesday 11th Jan. 2022

Morning Coffee plus Lunch at The Caversham Rose, 109 Kidmore Road, Caversham. RG4 7NH

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

The cost is the but if you wish to attend, please inform Adrian by email:

Event Organiser: 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

#### Later in 2022

### LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD

Adrian Bellars would like to do a reprise of the trip to Greenwich back in September 2019 or a Thames river trip from either Henley or Oxford. Please let Adrian know 'what you fancy'

# 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