



# Reading and District Probus Club

## "Telegraph"

August 2022

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

Our guest speaker this month is our own David Laird who will tell us "Further Memories of an Itinerant Civil Engineer".

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

The menu of the day will be **Prawn Cocktail** followed by **Pan-seared Chicken Supreme** at a cost of **£20** per head. Please remember that you will be liable for a "no show" charge of **£18.00** if you fail to advise the **Secretary** by **09:00hrs. on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August** that you will **not** be attending.

### PAYMENT FOR LUNCHES

If you intend to pay by **BACS**, please ensure that your transfer is made on the **Monday before the lunch at the latest giving the reference your name followed by the month.**

### UPCOMING SPEAKER ARRANGEMENTS

13th September 2022	Brian Trew "Memories of Whitley Bay 1944"	8th November 2022	Daryl Shelder "Gardening - All Your Questions Answered"
11th October 2022	Jenny Morgan "How we can help the Pollinators"	13th December 2022	Russell King - "1865 and All That"

### 4<sup>th</sup> TUESDAY CLUB" LUNCH (July 26<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.

### BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Terry Richmond, John Woodcock and Russell King

### 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:** Siraj Vora **Vice President:** Francis Brown **Immediate Past President:** David Laird  
**Secretary:** David Laird **Treasurer:** Siraj Vora **Speaker Secretary:** Vacant  
**Almoner:** Russell King **Press Secretary:** Alan Bradbury **Regalia & Club Sales:** Barrie Machin

## THIS MONTH'S HUMOUR



Another Problem Caused by Deforestation

### **The World According to Student Bloopers - Part 1**

The inhabitants of Egypt were called mummies. They lived in the Sarah Dessert and travelled by Camelot. The climate of the Sarah is such that the inhabitants have to live elsewhere, so certain areas of the dessert are cultivated by irritation. The Egyptians built the Pyramids in the shape of a huge triangular cube. The Pyramids are a range of mountains between France and Spain.

The Bible is full of interesting caricatures. In the first book of the Bible, Guinnesses, Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. One of their children, Cain, asked "Am I my brother's son?" God asked Abraham to sacrifice Issac on Mount Montezuma. Jacob, son of Issac, stole his brother's birthmark. Jacob was a partiarch who brought up his twelve sons to be partiarchs, but they did not take to it. One of Jacob's sons, Joseph, gave refuse to the Israelites.

Pharaoh forced the Hebrew slaves to make

bread without straw. Moses led them to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread, which is bread made without any ingredients. Afterwards, Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the Ten Commandments. David was a Hebrew King skilled at playing the liar. He fought with the Philatelists, a race of people who lived in Biblical times. Solomon, one of David's sons, had 500 wives and 500 porcupines.

Without the Greeks, we wouldn't have history. The Greeks invented three kinds of columns - Corinthian, Doric and Ironic. They also had myths. A myth is a female moth. One myth says that the mother of Achilles dipped him in the River Stynx until he became intolerable. Achilles appears in "The Illiad", by Homer. Homer also wrote the "Oddity", in which Penelope was the last hardship that Ulysses endured on his journey. Actually, Homer was not written by Homer but by another man of that name.

Socrates was a famous Greek teacher who vent around giving people advice. They killed him. Socrates died from an overdose of wedlock.

In the Olympic Games, Greeks ran races, jumped, hurled the biscuits, and threw the java. The reward to the victor was a coral wreath. The government of Athens was democratic because the people took the law into their own hands. There were no wars in Greece, as the mountains were so high that they couldn't climb over to see what their neighbours were doing. When they fought the Parisians, the Greeks were outnumbered because the Parisians had more men.

Eventually, the Romans conquered the Greeks. History call people Romans because they never stayed in one place for very long. At Roman banquets, the guests wore garlic in their hair. Julius Caesar extinguished himself on the battlefields of Gaul. The Ides of March killed him because they thought he was going to be made king. Nero was a cruel tyranny who would torture his poor subjects by playing the fiddle to them.