



# Reading and District Probus Club

## "Telegraph"

March 2025

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

Our speaker this month will be our very own Michael Humphries who will tell us about his "Reminiscences of a Very Amateur Organist".

### LUNCH ARRANGEMENTS (Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March)

The cost of lunch will be £24 per head. Please assemble in the dining area at 12:30 in time for our Business Meeting on this day. Lunch will be served at 12:45. Please remember that you will be liable for a "no show" charge of £22 if you fail to advise the Secretary that you will not be attending by **09:00hrs. on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March** that you will **not** be attending.

### PAYMENT FOR LUNCHES

If you intend to pay by BACS please ensure that your transfer is made to Reading & District Probus Club sort code 20-71-03 account number 80398594 **on the Monday before the lunch at the latest, giving the reference** your name followed by the month. **Remember that your annual subscription of £20 is due this month.**

### UPCOMING SPEAKER ARRANGEMENTS

**8 April 2025** Fred McCrindle - "Dementia"

**9 June 2025** Alan Fitzgerald - "Hidden Rivers of London"

**13 May 2025** Peter Higginson - "The History of Electronic Computers"

**14 July 2025** TBA

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

Come along and enjoy the company and chat at our next "4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Club". We normally start to gather around 12 noon at Mapledurham Golf Club. Bring along a friend or your wife.

### BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Alan Bradbury and Peter Higginson will celebrate their Birthday this month

### REGALIA & CLUB SALES

If any member wishes to purchase a tie or any other item, please contact Russell King.

#### **Reading & District Probus Club – Committee Members**

**President:** Colin Hatcher **Vice President:** Peter Higginson **Past President:** Francis Brown  
**Secretary:** David Laird **Treasurer:** Siraj Vora **Speaker Secretary:** Vacant  
**Almoner:** Russell King **Press Secretary:** Vacant **Supplies Officer:** Russell King

## THIS MONTH'S HUMOUR



### **Advantages in getting old?**

One day I was walking along the beach with friends when someone shouted, "Look at that dead bird!" Someone else looked up at the sky and said "Where?"

Do not regret growing older, it's a privilege denied to many.

The great thing about being old is when you make new friends, it's for life.

Age has its advantages. Too bad I don't remember what they are.

Retirement is what happens between doctor's appointments.

Money isn't everything, but it sure keeps you in touch with your children.

Andrew, a 70-year-old wealthy widower, arrived at a Probus Club with his new wife, a stunning 25-year-old. "How did you convince her to marry you?" whispered a fellow Probian. "Easy. I lied about my age," said Andrew. "What did you tell her? That you are 50?" "Nah!" said Andrew. I told her I was 96."

### **It's the way they tell 'em**

*17<sup>th</sup> century Irish Joke:* The World's greatest invention was the wheelbarrow – it taught the Irish to walk on their hind legs.

*Modern Irish Joke:* Workmen demolishing an old house the other day discovered a skeleton between two walls. Around its neck was a medallion that said: Irish hide-and-seek champion, 1910.

*Kerry man joke:* One Kerry man was explaining to another that there are always compensations in life. "If someone has bad eyesight, the sense of smell is

heightened. A person with poor hearing would have better sight." "I know what you mean," the second replied, "I've noticed that whenever someone has one leg short the other is always longer."

*Cork man joke:* A true Cork man is someone who would go into a revolving door behind you and come out in front of you.

*Irish bull:* An Irish woman, whose husband had just died, was asked why he seemed to be smiling as he lay in his coffin. "It's because he died in his sleep and doesn't know he's dead yet. In fact, he's dreaming he's still alive. But I'm afraid if he wakes up and realises, he's dead, the shock might kill him", she said.

### **Some throwaways!**

Today I gave away all my dead batteries - Free of charge

I have to say - The rotation of the earth really makes my day"

Jesus said "Come forth and receive eternal life" But John came fifth and won a toaster

I was gonna tell a joke about a piece of paper - but it's just tearable

Where did Napoleon keep his armies - Up his Sleeves"

RIP Boiled Water - You Will Be Mist

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity - I'm finding it really hard to put this book down

I just watched a documentary about beavers - Best dam show I've ever seen"

Did u hear about the fire at the circus? - It was In Tents

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went - Then it dawned on me.

I made a belt out of some old watches - It was a waist of time

5/4 of people admit they are bad at fractions

### **Exercises for People over 60**

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side.

With a 5-lb potato bag in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, and then relax. Each day you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer.

After a couple of weeks, move up to 10-lb potato bags. Then try 50-lb potato bags and eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100-lb potato bag in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute. (I'm at this level).

After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each bag.