



Reading and District Probus Club

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

This month our own Francis Brown will tell us about his experiences and memories having spent "50 years in the Saddle"

LUNCH ARRANGEMENTS (Tuesday 11th November)

The cost of lunch will be £28 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 £27 if you fail to advise the Secretary that you will not be attending by **09:00hrs. on Thursday 6th November** that you will **not** be attending.

UPCOMING SPEAKER ARRANGEMENTS

9 December 2025 Christmas Lunch
Jean Hill "The Rhyme of Our Lives"

10 February 2026 AGM No speaker but we hope to see a bit of comedy

13 January 2026 Nick Brazil "A Balkan Railway Adventure"

10 March 2026 Maureen Blake "Setting up a small school in West Bengal"

4th TUESDAY CLUB" LUNCH (November 25th)

Some of us are still meeting and enjoying the company and chat at these "4th Tuesday Club" get togethers. Why don't you join in at our next gathering. We normally turn up around 12 noon at Mapledurham Golf Club. Bring along a friend or your partner.

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

David Collis will have his Birthday at the beginning of this month.

REGALIA & CLUB SALES

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

Reading & District Probus Club – Committee Members

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

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then we become outdated,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...:)

UNDERSTANDING ENGINEERS

Understanding Engineers 1

Two engineering students were riding bicycles across a university campus when one said, "Where did you get the great bike?"

The second engineer replied, "Well, I was walking yesterday, minding my own business, when a beautiful woman rode up on this bike, threw it to the ground, took off all her clothes and said, 'Take what you want.' The first engineer nodded approvingly and said, 'Good choice: The clothes probably wouldn't have fitted you anyway.'"

Understanding Engineers 2

To the optimist, the glass is half-full. To the pessimist, the glass is half-empty. To the engineer, the glass is twice as big as it needs to be.

Understanding Engineers 3

A priest, a doctor, and an engineer were waiting one morning for a particularly slow group of golfers.

The engineer fumed, "What's with those guys? We've been waiting for fifteen minutes!"

The doctor chimed in, "I don't think I've ever seen such inept golf!" The priest said, "Here comes the green-keeper. Let's have a word with him." He

said, "Hello George, What's wrong with that group ahead of us? They're rather slow, aren't they?"

The green-keeper replied, "Oh, yes. That's a group of blind firemen. They lost their sight saving our clubhouse from a fire last year, so we always let them play for free anytime!"

The group fell silent for a moment. The priest said, "That's so sad. I'll say a special prayer for them tonight."

The doctor said, "Good idea. I'll contact my ophthalmologist colleague and see if he has anything she can do for them."

The engineer said, "Why can't they play at night?"

Understanding Engineers 4

What is the difference between mechanical engineers and civil engineers? Mechanical engineers build weapons. Civil engineers build targets.

Understanding Engineers 5

The graduate with a Science degree asks, "Why does it work?"

The graduate with a Commerce degree asks, "How much will it cost?"

The graduate with an Arts degree asks, "Do you want fries with that?"

The graduate with an Engineering degree asks, "How does it work?"

Understanding Engineers 6

Normal people believe that if it ain't broke, don't fix it. Engineers believe that if it ain't broke, it isn't sufficiently complex yet.

And Finally

Two engineers were standing at the base of a flagpole, looking at its top. A woman walked by and asked what they were doing "We're supposed to find the height of this flagpole," said Sven, "but we don't have a ladder."

The woman took a spanner from her purse, loosened a couple of bolts, and laid the pole down on the ground. Then she took a tape measure from her purse, took a measurement, announced, "6.5 metres," and walked away. One engineer shook his head and laughed, "A lot of good that does us. We ask for the height, and she gives us the length!"