



Reading and District Probus Club

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

We welcome our speaker this month, Kevin Fitzsimons, who will tell us all about "The War Graves Commission".

LUNCH ARRANGEMENTS (Tuesday 12th May)

Please note that with effect from this month the cost of lunch has been increased to £30 per head. Please assemble in the dining area at 12:30 in time for our Business Meeting. Lunch will be served at 12:45. Please remember that you will be liable for a "no show" charge of £29 if you fail to advise the Secretary by 09:00hrs. on Thursday 7th May that you will not be attending.

UPCOMING SPEAKER ARRANGEMENTS

9 June 2026 (Guest's meeting) Alan Copeland "The Changing Face of Reading"

14 July 2026 Rebecca Chu "Urban Observations from Beijing, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Singapore, London and Reading"

11 August 2026 Nick Wells "General Knowledge Quiz"

8 September Ian Hackett "Life as a Met. Police SO19 Specialist Firearms Commander"

4th TUESDAY CLUB" LUNCH (May 26th)

Some of us are still meeting and enjoying the company and chat at these "4th Tuesday Club" get togethers. Last month showed that there is still interest in these informal gatherings. 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

Stephen Akehurst will celebrate his birthday this month.

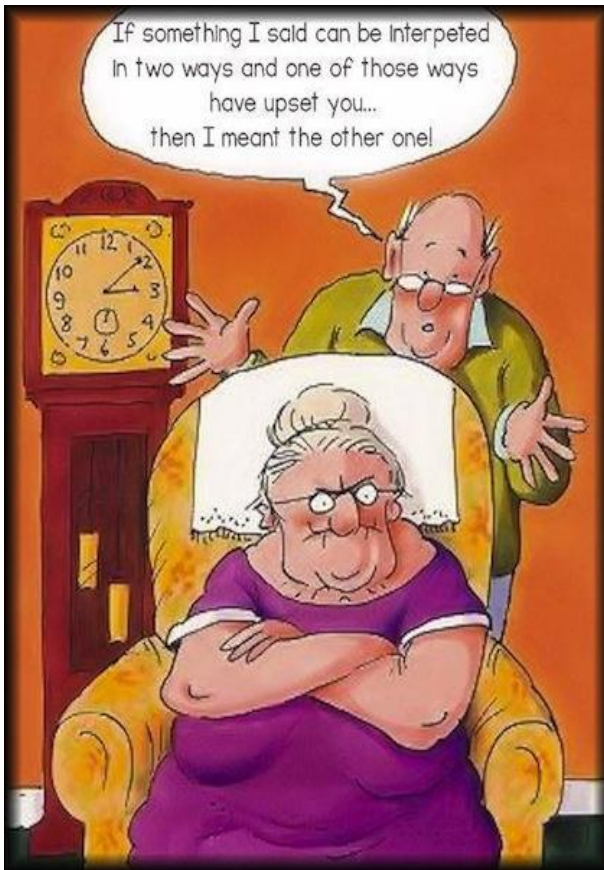
REGALIA & CLUB SALES

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: Russell King **Vice President:** John Woodcock **Past President:** Peter Higginson
Secretary: David Laird **Treasurer:** Siraj Vora **Speaker Coordinator:** Colin Hatcher
Almoner: Russell King **Press Secretary:** Vacant **Supplies Officer:** Russell King
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THIS MONTH'S HUMOUR



Get Out of the Car!

(This is reported to be a true account recorded in the Police Log of Sarasota, Florida)

An elderly Florida lady did her shopping and, upon returning to her car in the car park, found four young lads in the act of leaving with her vehicle. She dropped her shopping bags, drew her handgun and proceeded to scream at the top of her lungs, "I have a gun and I know how to use it! Get out of the car!"

The four lads didn't wait for a second threat. They jumped out of the car and ran like mad.

The lady, somewhat shaken, then proceeded to load her shopping bags into the back of the car and got into the driver's seat. She was so shaken that she couldn't get her key into the ignition. She tried and tried and then realised why. It was for the same reason she had wondered why there was a football, a Frisbee and two 12-packs of beer in the front seat.

A few minutes later, she found her own car parked four or five spaces farther down. She loaded her bags into her car and drove off to the police station to report her mistake.

The sergeant to whom she told the story couldn't stop laughing. He pointed to the other end of the counter, where four pale young men were reporting a car-jacking by a mad, elderly woman described as white, less than five feet tall, glasses, curly white hair and carrying a large handgun.

No charges were filed.

Moral of the story.

If you are going to have a senior moment.....**make sure it is memorable.**

Some Short Snippets

At the supermarket I was quietly waiting in the six item express queue when, completely ignoring the sign, the woman ahead of me had slipped into the queue pushing a trolley piled high with groceries. Imagine my delight when the cashier beckoned the woman to come forward looked into the trolley and asked sweetly,

"So which six items would you like to buy?"

My elderly neighbour and his wife had, on the off chance, gone to their favourite restaurant for a quiet meal but on arrival they were told there would be a 45 minute wait for a table.

"Young man, we're both 90 years old," the husband said. "We may not have 45 minutes."

They were seated immediately.

The reason Politicians try so hard to get re-elected is that they would "hate" to have to make a living under the laws they have just passed.

Smith climbs to the top of Mt. Sinai to get close enough to talk to God.

Looking up, he asks "God, what does a million years mean to you?"

God replies, "A minute."

Smith asks, "And what does a million dollars mean to you?"

God replies, "A penny."

Smith asks, "Can I have a penny?"

God replies, "In a minute."

Women and cats will do as they please. Men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea.

Three friends from the local congregation were asked, "When you're in your coffin, and friends and congregation members are mourning over you, what would you like them to say?"

Artie said, "I would like them to say I was a wonderful husband, a fine spiritual leader, and a great family man."

Eugene commented, "I would like them to say I was a wonderful teacher and servant of God who made a huge difference in people's lives.."

Al said, "I'd like them to say, 'Look, he's moving!'"

I was always taught to respect my elders, but these days it keeps getting harder to find one.