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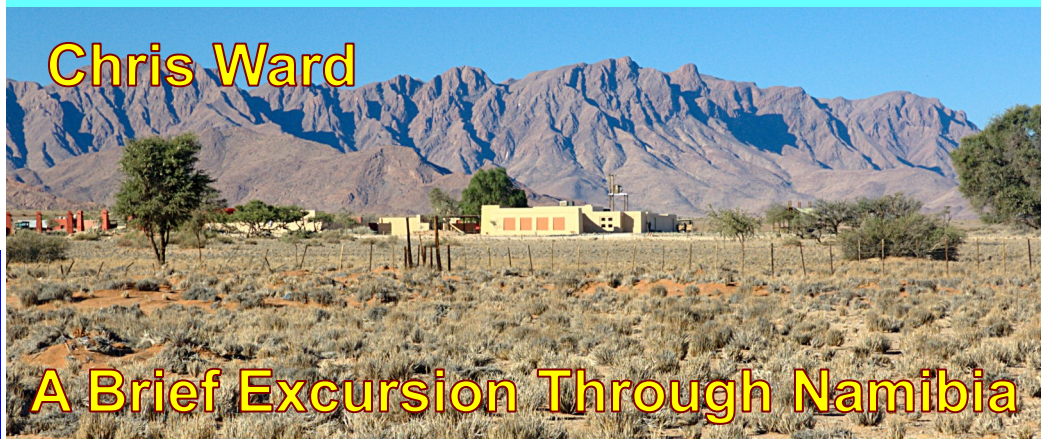
**WELCOME BACK TO A MORE
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Today's Talk is on Zoom at 10:00 ...

Chris Ward



A Brief Excursion Through Namibia

Next Month's Zoom Meeting

Is on Monday the 26th October 2020 when speaker will be Nicholas Brazil with his talk 'Jordan – a young country in an ancient land'

General

The Committee met on Wednesday the 23rd September via Zoom and we are pleased to report that our Chairman, Gordon Murray-Smith continues to make progress but still needs time to gather his strength.

The latest government 'Rule of Six' restrictions, together with the mention of 6 more month's of the same, is a blow to our aspiration to get back to our regular monthly lunch meetings as soon as possible.

Therefore, our only option for us to meet together as a group is via Zoom and I commend your attention to today's talk by Chris Ward. By now you will have received your invitation and all that is left for you to do is to click on the link within the email and respond to the prompts on the screen. Your fellow members will soon appear in front of you and there will be an opportunity to chat in small groups in "breakout rooms" which Chris will explain during the meeting.

Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible, be bold - give it a go, you have nothing to lose and everything to gain from the experience.

2021 Probus Calendar

Thank you to all those who entered the Photographic Competition, it was a bumper entry - the largest ever! The sub-committee under Nigel Poole met on the 16th September and the twelve winning entries were selected. The winning entries will be revealed together with a Voting Form and Calendar Order Form in a pdf file accompanying this newsletter. Please support the calendar by voting for your favourite photograph which will appear on the front cover of the calendar and placing an order - just follow the instructions within the document. Dependent on the number of 2021 Calendars ordered, we hope to keep the price at £5, the same as last year.

Group Activities

The walking group mustered 21 people for a socially distanced walk organised by Peter Vallance along the Thames from Shiplake on the 15th September. The weather was perfect both for walking and the picnic afterwards. The last walk of the season takes place on the 20th October and details can be found in the Future Events Programme on the second page.

Members Birthdays

The following members have had, or will have their birthdays in September : -
Alan Harland, Richard Jenkins, and Peter Vallance.

Happy Days!

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Social Calendar Details - provided by Chris Ward and Peter Francis

READING EAST PROBUS CLUB - FUTURE EVENTS CALENDAR

| Day/Date | Event | Deposit/Payment required | Balance required |
|---------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Tuesday 20 th Oct. 2020 | <p>NEW - Early Autumn Walk from the Ewelme Recreation Ground car park, High Street, nearest post code OX10 6PG</p> <p>The walk is approximately 5 miles.</p> <p>From the Reading area head for Henley-on-Thames. From the centre head north through the one-way system past the shops, the Regal Cinema then straight over the first mini roundabout and almost immediately at the second mini roundabout take the first exit signposted A4130 in the direction of Bix and Nettlebed. Passing through Nettlebed continue for 3 miles until, at a point where the A4130 swings away left, take the turning on the right (Old London Road). Continue for just over a mile and at the crossroad turn right and then immediately left into Day's Lane signposted to Ewelme. Continue for just under a mile when you will arrive at a T junction in Ewelme where you turn sharp right onto the High Street. Continue for 300 yards when you will see the entrance to the Recreation Ground car park on the right. Allow 45 minutes to travel from the Reading area.</p> <p>Meet in the car park at 10:15 ready to move off at 10:30</p> <p>Organisers: Keith Toogood and Peter Gough</p> | - | - |
| Monday 26 th Oct. 2020 | <p>NEW - Talk by Nicholas Brazil via Zoom at 10:00 : -</p> <p>'Jordan – a young country in an ancient land'</p> | - | - |
| Monday 23 rd Nov. 2020 | <p>NEW - Talk by Anthony Wood via Zoom at 10:00 : -</p> <p>'Colonel Sir Francis Younghusband'</p> | - | - |
| Monday 14 th Dec. 2020 | <p>DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES - Christmas event via Zoom at 10:00, details next month.</p> | - | - |
| Tuesday 16 th Feb. 2021 | <p>DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES - Early Spring Walk in Windsor Great Park - details in the New Year.</p> <p>Organisers: Keith Toogood and Peter Gough</p> | - | - |

Reading East Probus – Committee Members

Chairman - Gordon Murray-Smith, **Vice Chairman** - Nigel Poole (co-opted - Acting Chairman),
Social and Visits Secretary - Adrian Bellars, **Treasurer** - Keith Toogood, **Secretary** - Richard Greenaway,
Membership Secretary & Almoner - Geoffrey Wallace, **Lunch Secretary** - Nick Bell (co-opted),
Speaker Secretary - Chris Ward, **Communications Officer** - Peter Gough,
Committee Member, Club Sales & Walks Coordinator - Peter Francis