

14th December 2020



**THE CHAIRMAN AND COMMITTEE
WISH OUR MEMBERS AND THEIR WIVES &
PARTNERS AND OUR ASSOCIATES
A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND
A HAPPY & HEALTHY NEW YEAR**

Place Number
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Today's Meeting is on Zoom at 11:00....



PROBUS NEWS
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NEXT MONTH'S ZOOM MEETING

Is on Monday the 25th January 2021 at **10.00** when our speaker will be Professor Ian Givens with talk 'The role of milk and dairy products in the diet of young and old'.

General

The Committee met on Wednesday the 9th December via Zoom. The committee wish to encourage you all to join us for today's Christmas event. Please click on the link in the email sent to you all last Thursday and follow the on-screen instructions.

Today's Programme

- 1 Parish Notices - Richard Greenaway
- 2 First Reading: 'Talking Turkeys' (Benjamin Zephaniah) read by Kaye Gough
- 3 Reflections on his Army Service by Richard Greenaway
- 4 Second Reading: 'Help Wanted' (Timothy Tocher) read by Chris Ward
- 5 Christmas & Winter Connections Quiz - Richard will introduce the quiz then Chris will organise small groups in 'breakout' rooms to work on the answers; have a notepad and pencil handy. (Quiz courtesy of Doug Walters & Kensquiz.co.uk)
- 6 Quiz answers - Richard Greenaway
- 7 Third Reading: 'A week to Christmas' (John Cotton) read by Nigel & Elaine Poole
- 8 'The Christmas Check-Out Girl' - Richard Greenaway
- 9 Chairman's Message - Gordon Murray-Smith
- 10 Closing Remarks - Richard Greenaway

2021 Subscriptions & Probus Calendar Payments

There are a small number of payments outstanding for the 2021 Subscriptions and 2021 Calendars. If you still need to pay, please make your remittance without delay using the payment instructions contained in your individual invoice.

Charitable Donation

In the run up to Christmas, the committee review whether the club finances permit a donation to a charity. Gordon Murray-Smith has asked Nigel Poole to nominate a charity and, as our next two speakers from Reading University are doing their talks free of charge, Nigel has asked Professor Ian Givens and Professor Glen Gibson to choose their favourite charities. A donation of £100 will be split between Shelter (<https://england.shelter.org.uk>) and First Days Children's Charity (<https://www.firstdays.net>), please visit these websites to find out more about the work of these charities.

Members Birthdays

The following members have had, or will have their birthdays in December : -
Gordon Murray-Smith, Keith Toogood and Chris Woodhams.

Happy Days!

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 16 th Feb. 2021	DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES - Early Spring Walk in Windsor Great Park - details in the New Year. Organisers: Keith Toogood and Peter Gough	-	-
Monday 22 nd Feb. 2021	NEW - Talk by Professor Glen Gibson via Zoom at 10:00 Friends in low places: An A-Z overview of gut microbiology	-	-
Monday 22 nd Mar. 2021	DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES - Talk by Alan Harland Reading's Trams	-	-
Monday 26 th Apr. 2021	DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES - Talk by Mike Luff Haiti, the poorest nation on earth	-	-
Monday 24 th May 2021	DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES - Talk by Barry Neville Arthur Ransome: journalist, columnist, children's author, sailor, fisherman - and spy. A personal memoir	-	-
Monday 28 th Jun. 2021	DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES - Talk by Richard Stainthorp A History of Reading Gaols	-	-
Monday 26 th Jul. 2021	DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES - Talk by Stewart Linford The Remarkable story of our National chair: The Windsor	-	-
Monday 23 rd Aug. 2021	DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES - Talk by Tom Way Tooth, Claw and Mane	-	-
Monday 11 th Oct. 2021	PLACES AVAILABLE - LAST CHANCE - Four Night Walking/Sightseeing visit to Warners Thoresby Hall Hotel, Nr. Ollerton, Nottinghamshire.	Deposit* of £30 pp. payable now but no later than 18 th Dec.2020	-
Friday 15 th Oct. 2021	Thoresby Hall Hotel is a Grade 1 listed building with the house's broad terrace overlooking a croquet lawn and acres of classic parkland. See more by following this link: https://www.warnerleisurehotels.co.uk/hotels/thoresby-hall-hotel The cost is £299 pp. for four nights based on a couple sharing a standard room, dinner, bed and breakfast. There is an option to upgrade to a superior room for £10 pp per night. Warner hotels offer free insurance so you can book without worry.		
<p>*Payment of deposit by cheque: Please make cheques payable to Reading East Probus Club and send to: Keith Toogood, 36 Campbell Road, Woodley, Reading, RG5 3NB Paul Townson is the organiser Tel: 0118 975 2191 Please inform Paul by the 18th Dec 2020 if you wish to join the visit either by : - Email: p.townson@ntlworld.com Phone: 0118 975 2191</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