

22nd February 2021



THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE VIA ZOOM DURING NEXT MONTH'S MEETING. THE AGM PAPERWORK WILL BE DELIVERED BY EMAIL ALONG WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

Place Number

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Today's Meeting is on Zoom at 10:00 ...

Professor Glenn Gibson

**'Friends in low places:
An A-Z overview of gut microbiology'**

Next Month's Zoom Meeting

Is on Monday the 22nd March 2021 at **10.00** when our speaker will be Alan Harland with his talk 'Reading's Trams'.

General

The Committee met on Wednesday the 17th February via Zoom. The main thrust of the meeting was the preparations for next month's AGM. The Committee wish to encourage our members, associates and their partners to join us for this Monday's talk which is of interest to all of us and our wellbeing. Please click on the link in the email sent to you all last Thursday and follow the on-screen instructions.

Annual General Meeting - Monday 22nd March 2021

The AGM will take place via Zoom at next month's meeting which will be a first for our club and a steep learning curve for us all. The limitations of Zoom for this type of meeting require different procedures especially when it comes to voting but Richard Greenaway has given a lot of thought to the processes needed. The procedure will be explained at the start of the AGM and you will be guided at every turn. Next month's meeting is only open to full members because of the AGM but we look forward to welcoming back our associates, wives and partners to the April meeting.

Nominations for the Committee

The nominations for the Officers of the Committee for 2021/2022 are as follows:-

Chairman - **Nigel Poole**

Vice Chairman - **Richard Greenaway**
*(Temporary appointment for up to 6 months,
pending finding a permanent appointee)*

Secretary - **Mike Luff**

Treasurer & Lunch Secretary - **Keith Toogood**

Membership Secretary & Almoner:-
Geoffrey Wallace

Social & Visits Secretary - **Adrian Bellars**

Speaker Secretary - **Chris Ward**

Communications Coordinator - **Peter Gough**

Committee Member, Club Sales & Walks:-
Peter Francis

News of Members

You will have received the sad news of the passing of Julian Tempel, his funeral service will take place on the 24th February but it is only open to family and invited guests. If any members wish to send their condolences to the Tempel family they should do so to the address on the membership list, personalising the greeting as "Dear Vicky, Stephanie and Anna"- Julian's three daughters.

Peter Vallance has been unwell since Christmas with two spells in hospital but he is back home now and would welcome contact from fellow members by either email (pj.vallance@talktalk.net) or via a card/letter.

Members Birthdays

The following members have had, or will have their birthdays in February :-

Derek Armitage, Howard Barnes, Nick Bell, Norman Beskin, Roger Gurr, Maurice Holmes, David Leon, Yaqub Rafiq, John Roberts and Alan Sadler.

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
Wednesday 24 th Mar. 2021	<p><i>EVER HOPEFUL, COVID RESTRICTIONS PERMITTING - A gentle walk to and around "The Combes", Barkham</i> The walk is circa 5 miles.</p> <p>Meet at 10.15hrs. to set off at 10.30 hrs. at the recreation ground car park, Swallowfield Road, Arborfield Cross (OS Grid Reference SU 760670).</p> <p>The Combes is a small but very beautiful area of thick ancient woodland situated 2 1/2 miles to the south-west of Wokingham town centre. Most paths are easily walkable, but can be muddy in places, so sturdy footwear is advisable. Most of the terrain is gentle with a couple of short steep sections. There are no stiles to memory, and one stream to cross over a footbridge. We walk from Arborfield Cross to the Combes via a by-way, with views of Bearwood on our left (north of us) as we approach the woodland.</p> <p>Please bring some form of refreshment (sandwich and a hot drink), but bear in mind, we may be able to finish our walk with a coffee at Henry Street Garden Centre!</p> <p>Organiser: Chris Bintcliffe T:0118 926 4683</p> <p style="color: red;">Please call Chris, ahead of the walk, to inform him of your intention to join as this is required under Covid rules.</p>	-	-
Monday 26 th Apr. 2021	<p><i>DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES - Talk by Mike Luff</i> Haiti, the poorest nation on earth</p>	-	-
Tuesday 27 th Apr. 2021	<p><i>NEW, COVID RESTRICTIONS PERMITTING - A walk to the Tilehurst Ridge and Sulham Valley.</i> The walk is circa 5 miles.</p> <p>Meet at 10.15 hrs ready to set off at 10.30 hrs at the Linear Park car park, off Charrington Road, Calcot, nearest postcode RG31 7AW (Well signposted and close to the Savacentre)</p> <p>We will make our way up to the top of the Tilehurst ridge, with views east across Reading and west to Englefield, and then descend into the Sulham valley, before crossing the M4 and winding back around Theale. Apart from the initial easy uphill section it is flat and comfortable walking. One busy road to cross, but traffic lights make it safe! My last Spring walk over this route had plenty of wild flowers, but who can tell?</p> <p>Organiser: Peter Francis T: 0118 437 1677</p> <p style="color: red;">Please call Peter, ahead of the walk, to inform him of your intention to join as this is required under Covid rules.</p>	-	-
Monday 24 th May 2021	<p><i>DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES - Talk by Barry Neville</i> Arthur Ransome: journalist, columnist, children's author, sailor, fisherman - and spy. A personal memoir</p>	-	-
Monday 28 th Jun. 2021	<p><i>DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES - Talk by Mark Lovett</i> America elects a President</p>	-	-
Monday 26 th Jul. 2021	<p><i>TBA</i></p> <p style="color: red;">LATEST INFORMATION ON TALKS CAN BE FOUND ON THE CLUB WEBSITE AT: www.probusreadingeast.org</p>		

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