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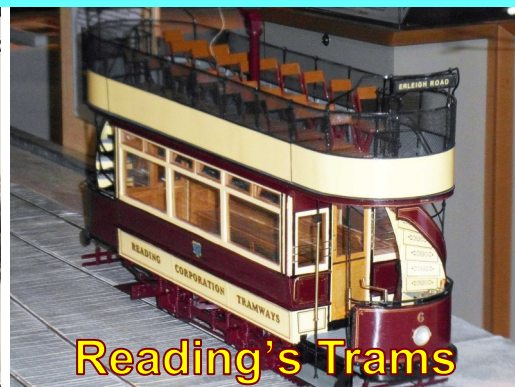


**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
WILL TAKE PLACE VIA ZOOM
DURING TODAY'S MEETING**

Place Number

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



The monthly newsletter of Reading East Probus

PROBUS NEWS

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Next Month's Zoom Meeting

Is on Monday the 26th April 2021 at 10.00 when our speaker will be Mike Luff with his talk 'Haiti, the poorest nation on earth'.

General

The Committee met on Wednesday the 17th March via Zoom. The Government's roadmap out of lockdown was discussed along with how and when the Club might resume activities: -

- ◆ The first activity to resume is the monthly walks programme and we are more confident that the April walk can go ahead, subject to advice from the Ramblers Association.
- ◆ The situation with visits and coffee lunches is much more difficult to call but, all being well, these activities should be able to resume sometime after the 21st June.
- ◆ **LUNCH AT THE SONNING GOLF CLUB - MONDAY THE 23RD AUGUST !!!!!**
We believe this is a realistic date for the resumption of meetings and we will plan for that. The restart of lunches at the SGC is dependent upon any Covid restrictions remaining in place and any restrictions that the golf club might place on groups such as ours. Our own requirements for ensuring the safety of our members have already been drafted and will be discussed with the SGC events staff when they return to the office.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will take place today despite the limitations that Zoom brings to this type of meeting. The normal AGM format will be followed but each motion will be proposed by our Acting Chairman, Nigel Poole and seconded by a pre-assigned committee member. Please ensure you are familiar with the AGM paperwork sent to you last month, a list of nominees for the Officers of the Committee was contained in the February newsletter. To simplify voting, it will be assumed that each motion is agreed but anyone 'against' will be invited to raise their hand so it is visible to their camera and all participants at home. Members of the committee will act as scrutineers during each vote.

This 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.

March Walk

As already advised this Wednesday's walk has been postponed due to the ongoing Covid restrictions, however, it has been reinstated as the May walk on Tuesday the 18th.

News of Members

Peter Vallance has decided, on a trial basis, to go into the Abbeycrest Nursing Home in Sonning Common for a couple of weeks initially, we send him our best wishes.

We are pleased to advise that Joy Walters has agreed to become an associate of the club and hope she will be able to join in club events when some normality returns to all our lives.

Members Birthdays

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

Brian Davis, Colin Feist, Richard Greenaway, Shing Heung, Paul Townson and John Webb.

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 27 th Apr. 2021	<p>COVID RESTRICTIONS PERMITTING - A walk to the Tilehurst Ridge and Sulham Valley.</p> <p>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>As no lunch arrangements can be made, please bring some form of refreshment (sandwich and a hot drink).</p> <p>Organiser: Peter Francis T: 0118 437 1677</p> <p>Please call Peter, ahead of the walk, to inform him of your intention to join as this is likely to be required under Covid rules.</p>	-	-
Tuesday 18 th May 2021	<p>RESCHEDULED FROM MARCH, COVID RESTRICTIONS PERMITTING - A gentle walk to and around "The Combes", Barkham</p> <p>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 2½ 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>As no lunch arrangements can be made, 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 the Henry Street Garden Centre!</p> <p>Organiser: Chris Bintcliffe T:0118 926 4683</p> <p>Please call Chris, ahead of the walk, to inform him of your intention to join as this is likely to be required under Covid rules.</p>	-	-
Monday 24 th May 2021	<p>DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES - Talk by Barry Neville</p> <p>Arthur Ransome: journalist, columnist, children's author, sailor, fisherman - and spy. A personal memoir</p>	-	-
Monday 28 th Jun. 2021	<p>DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES - Talk by Mark Lovett</p> <p>America elects a President</p>	-	-
Monday 26 th Jul. 2021	<p>TBA</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