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PROBUS NEWS

The monthly newsletter of Reading East Probus

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A NEW ISSUE OF THE MEMBERSHIP LIST IS ATTACHED TO THE COVERING EMAIL TOGETHER WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

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



Next Month's Zoom Meeting

Is on Monday the 24th May 2021 at 10.00 when our speaker will be Barry Neville with his talk 'Arthur Ransome: journalist, columnist, children's author, sailor, fisherman - and spy. A personal memoir.'

General

The Committee met on Wednesday the 21st April via Zoom. The Government's relaxation of the lockdown earlier this month has meant that our walking programme was able to get going last Tuesday. The walk from Calcot under clear blue skies attracted nine members and was led by Peter Francis. Peter remarked on how nice it was to meet people face to face again after such a long time. Our Social & Visits Secretary, Adrian Bellars, is champing at the bit to get visits and mid-month lunches up and running again subject to the further lifting of lockdown measures starting on the 17th May.

2021-2022 Committee

After the AGM last month, the officers of the Committee are confirmed as per the list at the foot of the second page.

Photographic Competition for the 2022 Calendar

Today we are launching the Photographic Competition for the 2022 Probus Calendar. This is something you can all get involved in by searching through your digital photo albums for pictures to submit for the competition. The twelve best photographs for inclusion in the calendar will be chosen by a sub-committee chaired by Nigel. We hope to be able to exhibit the chosen photographs at our September lunch when members will be asked to vote for their favourite photograph which will be given pride of place on the front of the calendar. The closing date for entries is Friday 30th July 2021. The competition is open to all Members and Associates of the Club.

Digital photographs on any subject from across the world and every season are very welcome. Up to six photographs can be submitted either by email or other electronic means but please remember to provide a brief description of the subject and location of each photograph. If anyone has any queries or needs some advice, please contact Peter Gough who will be happy to assist.

News of Members

You will have already learnt of the passing of Peter Vallance from the email of the 13th April together with the date of his private funeral. His service can be watched online by following the information contained in the email.

Members Birthdays

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

Philip Giddings, Ian Mackenzie, Alan Martin, Bert Neo, David Salmon, Colin Thomas and Andrew Whitby.

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 18 th May 2021	<p>RESCHEDULED FROM MARCH - 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>As no lunch arrangements can be made, please bring some form of refreshment (sandwich and a hot drink).</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>	-	-
Tuesday 29 th Jun. 2021	<p>NEW - Pub walk from The King's Head, Church Road, Little Marlow, Bucks, SL7 3RZ</p> <p>The walk is circa 4½ miles.</p> <p>Meet at 10.15hrs. to set off at 10.30 hrs. in the pub car park. The pub has two car parks, one on the A4155, another in front of pub in Church Road plus some roadside parking.</p> <p>The walk starts with a gentle ascent into Bloom Wood which affords two magnificent views back towards the Thames then turning back along easy paths to Spade Oak on quiet country roads to turn along the Thames and finally back to the pub.</p> <p>Lunch arrangements will be made announced in due course.</p> <p>Organiser: Alan Wilks T:0118 934 3991</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>DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES - Talk by Tom Way</p> <p>Tooth, Claw and Mane</p>	-	-
Friday 3 rd Dec. 2021 to Monday 6 th Dec. 2021	<p>NEW - A Three Night Turkey & Tinsel Break at Warner Leisure - Sinah Warren Hotel, Hayling Island</p> <p>Sinah Warren is situated on Hayling Island, an exclusive inlet reached by a causeway from the Hampshire coast. A large, elegant, modern hotel on a location that was originally a health farm in the 15th Century.</p> <p>You can look forward to a sumptuous Christmas dinner with traditional trimmings, but they also cram in plenty of festive fun and soul-lifting music and dancing.</p> <p>The cost is £254 pp. for three nights based on a couple sharing a standard room, dinner, bed and breakfast. (Upgrade to Signature Room at £284 pp, are subject to availability).</p> <p>Please confirm your interest to Paul without delay, with a £30 pp. deposit paid into the Probus bank a/c: -</p> <p>A/C name: EAST READING PROBUS CLUB SORT CODE 30-96-96 A/C no. 01737233 REF: <i>Your surname</i> - SINAH WARREN</p> <p>Paul Townson is the organiser Tel: 0118 975 2191</p>	Deposit of £30 pp due now	-

Reading East Probus – Committee Members

Chairman - Nigel Poole, **Vice Chairman** - Richard Greenaway (temporary - pending recruiting full-time candidate),
Social and Visits Secretary - Adrian Bellars, **Treasurer & Lunch Sec.** - Keith Toogood, **Secretary** - Mike Luff,
Membership Secretary & Almoner - Geoffrey Wallace, **Speaker Secretary** - Chris Ward,
Communications Coordinator - Peter Gough, **Committee Member, Club Sales & Walks Coordinator** - Peter Francis