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# PROBVS NEWS

The monthly newsletter of Reading East Probus

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**THE COUNTDOWN STARTS TODAY  
FOR RESTARTING LUNCHES AT THE  
SONNING GOLF CLUB ON MONDAY  
THE 23<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST 2021**

Place Number

«No»

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

Barry Neville



**'Arthur Ransome: journalist, columnist,  
children's author, sailor, fisherman and spy -  
A personal memoir'**

## **Next Month's Zoom Meeting**

Is on Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 10.00 when our speaker will be Mark Lovett with his talk 'America elects a President'.

## **General**

The Committee met on Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> May via Zoom. The Government's further relaxation of the lockdown this month, as planned, was welcomed and has given added impetus to planning for reinstating the monthly lunches at the SGC, mid-month lunches and resuming visits.

The 21<sup>st</sup> June lockdown relaxation is much anticipated so Adrian Bellars is looking to have the first mid-month lunch at the Coppid Beech Hotel, perhaps as soon as July. He is also planning visits by coach to Kew Gardens in September and Classical Spectacular at the RAH in November, details to follow.

The Committee will resume face to face committee meetings from 21<sup>st</sup> July onwards.

There is obviously some concern over the implications of the increased spread of the Indian variant of the virus so we will be watching developments closely.

## **Lunch at the Sonning Golf Club - 23<sup>rd</sup> August**

Full steam ahead for this event with Keith Toogood already in contact with the SGC who 'cannot wait to welcome us back' but there is more face to face discussion to take place over the fine details. We will not be having a speaker to allow members the maximum time to catch up with each other. The lunch will be an 'opt-in' event and the price will be £20 pp - the new norm going forward. Further details will be given next month.

## **Turkey & Tinsel Break at the Sinah Warren**

There has been a good response to this visit and places are still available but if you wish to attend, you will need to move quickly and contact Paul Townson and pay your deposit by Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May.

## **Recruitment of New Members**

Geoffrey Wallace is preparing a recruitment drive to attract new members. Posters on local public notice boards as well as an advertisement in 'Round and About' magazine will be the main thrust but members can do their part as well by introducing friends.

## **July Walk from the Barley Mow at Winchfield, Hants**

By way of an experiment, Thelma Townson has offered to lead a circa 3 mile walk for those who would appreciate a shorter walk at a slower pace. Dependent on the take up, further such walks may be considered.

## **Members Birthdays**

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

Nigel Poole, Roger Hartley-Booth and John Paine.

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 29 <sup>th</sup> Jun. 2021	<p><b>PLACES AVAILABLE (NOTE CHANGE OF PUB) - Pub walk from The Spade Oak Colemoreholme Lane, Little Marlow, Bourne End, SL8 5PS (just off A4155)</b></p> <p>The walk is circa 4½ miles.</p> <p>Meet at 10.00 hrs. in the pub car park to select your lunch from the day's menu ready to set off at 10.30 hrs.</p> <p>The walk is on easy paths on quiet roads and Thames Path. It has one gentle ascent into Bloom Wood which affords two magnificent views back towards the Thames.</p> <p>Organiser: Alan Wilks T:0118 934 3991</p> <p>Please call Alan to inform him of your intention to join as this is likely to be required under Covid rules.</p>	-	-
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Jul. 2021	<p><b>NEW - Pub walk from the Barley Mow at The Hurst, Winchfield, Hants, RG27 8DE</b></p> <p>The walk is circa 5 miles but Thelma Townson has offered to lead a circa 3 mile walk for those who would appreciate a shorter walk at a slower pace.</p> <p>To get to the pub, go to Hartley Wintney, take A323 towards Fleet, go under motorway then turn right and keep on this road to the pub.</p> <p>Meet at 10.00hrs. in the pub car park to select your lunch from the day's menu and then get ready to set off at 10.30 hrs. The walk takes us along the Basingstoke canal and through Dogmersfield Park and surrounding countryside.</p> <p>Organiser: Paul Townson T:0118 975 2191</p> <p>Please call Paul, to inform him of your intention to join as this is likely to be required under Covid rules.</p>	-	-
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> Jul. 2021	<p><b>DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES - Talk by Tom Way</b></p> <p>Tooth, Claw and Mane</p>	-	-
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec. 2021 to Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec. 2021	<p><b>PLACES AVAILABLE BUT CLOSSES 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY - A Three Night Turkey &amp; Tinsel Break at Warner Leisure - Sinah Warren Hotel, Hayling Island</b></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