

28th June 2021



PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES TO THE PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION FOR THE 2022 PROBUS CALENDAR IS FRIDAY 30TH JULY 2021

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



PROBUS NEWS
The monthly newsletter of Reading East Probus
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Next Month's Zoom Meeting

Is on Monday the 26th July 2021 at 10.00 when our speaker will be Tom Way with his talk 'Tooth Claw and Mane'.

General

The Committee met on Wednesday the 23rd June via Zoom. The delay to the Government's further relaxation of the lockdown this month has not slowed the planning for reinstating the monthly lunches at the SGC, mid-month lunches and resuming visits as you will see from the extended Visits Programme section.

Geoffrey Wallace is making good progress with his recruitment drive with an advertisement set to appear in the next edition of 'Round and About' as well as permissions being granted for posters to be placed on local authority public notice boards.

With this newsletter you will receive a letter from your Committee detailing changes which the committee wish to implement which will save time and money as well as streamlining the administration of lunches at the SGC.

Thoresby Hall Visit - Final Payment

Paul Townson will be getting in touch with members signed up for this visit during the coming month in order to collect the final payment.

Photographic Competition for the 2022 Probus Calendar

Not one entry yet! - but the closing date is still five weeks away so plenty of time to put your entry together. It would be helpful if you could take note of a couple of tips: -

- Please do not attempt to crop or enhance your photographs – as they come off the camera is best.
- In previous years, some entries have had to be rejected because the photo file (.jpg) size was too small which could limit the opportunity to improve the image. A file size for the photographs of 2 MB or larger would be ideal. If you have any queries about your entry, please ring Peter on 0118 966 1159.

We need your continuing support for our Probus Calendar as without this, there will be no calendar.

Alternative 3 Mile Walk from The Barley Mow at Winchfield

If anyone is interested in joining this shorter walk on Wednesday 14th July led by Thelma Townson would they please get in touch via email: p.townson@ntlworld.com. Please see the main entry on the next page for more detail.

News of Members

This month we welcome a new member Rod Wilson who happens to be a keen walker. We also have two ninetieth birthdays - Len Bedford on the 22nd and Jim Doherty on the 29th - many congratulations. David Salmon has stood down as a Full Member to become an Associate - we wish him well.

Members Birthdays

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

Len Bedford, Mike Capers, Jim Doherty, John Ledger, Barry Neville, Chris Ward, Bern Martin and Mike Luff.

Happy Days!

Social Calendar Details - provided by Adrian Bellars and Peter Francis

READING EAST PROBUS CLUB - FUTURE EVENTS CALENDAR

Day/Date	Event	Deposit/Payment required	Balance required
Tuesday 29 th Jun. 2021	<p><i>LAST CHANCE (THE WALK IS THIS TUESDAY)</i> - Pub walk from The Spade Oak, Coldmoorholme Lane, Little Marlow, Bourne End, SL8 5PS (just off A4155)</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>Organiser: Alan Wilks T:0118 934 3991</p> <p>Please call Alan immediately if you want to join as this is required under Covid rules.</p>	-	-
Wednesday 14 th Jul. 2021	<p><i>PLACES AVAILABLE</i> - Pub walk from the Barley Mow at The Hurst, Winchfield, Hants, RG27 8DE</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>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.</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 currently required under Covid rules.</p>	-	-
Thursday 12 th Aug. 2021	<p><i>NEW</i> - Circular Walk taking in Dorney Lake and the Thames Path</p> <p>The walk is circa 5 Miles starting from Dorney Court Kitchen Garden, SL4 6QP (SU927789), meet in car park at 09:45 ready to move off at 10:00. Allow 40 minutes drive time.</p> <p>Directions - Dorney is signposted from A4 in Burnham. Take Lake End Road at Sainsbury's roundabout and turn right after about a mile just before entering Dorney village.</p> <p>Lunch will be taken at 'Crocus at Dorney Court', details follow.</p> <p>Joint Organisers: Keith Toogood T:0118 961 8596 and Peter Gough T:0118 966 1159</p>	-	-
Tuesday 14 th Sep. 2021	<p><i>NEW</i> - Morning Coffee plus Lunch No. 93 at Rowans Restaurant at the Coppid Beech Hotel, Bracknell, RG12 8TF</p> <p>The event starts at 11:00 with morning coffee and continues into a two course lunch at 12:30, full details to follow.</p> <p>Colin Feist is the organiser T: 0118 962 0224</p>	Payment details to follow	-
Tuesday 21 st Sep. 2021	<p><i>NEW</i> - Walk from the Queens Oak, Church Lane, Finchampstead, Wokingham, RG40 4LS</p> <p>The walk is approximately 5 miles, OS Explorer map 159. Start Grid ref: SU793638</p> <p>Meet in the pub car park at 10:00 ready to select lunch from the daily menu and move off at 10:30.</p> <p>Nick Bell is the organiser, Email: nebell@gmail.com - T: 07544 806833</p>	-	-
Wednesday 13 th Oct. 2021	<p><i>NEW</i> - Visit by coach to World Renowned Kew Gardens</p> <p>Meet at the Sonning Golf Club to be ready to leave at 09:00 sharp, returning around 18:00 traffic permitting.</p> <p>The cost of the visit is £35 pp. and includes the coach and group entry. Food and drink are available at various facilities within the gardens.</p> <p>Adrian Bellars is the organiser T: 0118 947 0837</p> <p><u>*Payment by cheque:</u></p> <p>Please make cheques payable to Reading East Probus Club and send to: Keith Toogood, 36 Campbell Road, Woodley, Reading, RG5 3NB</p> <p>Please inform Adrian by the 12th Jul 2021 if you wish to join the visit by Email: bellars@virginmedia.com</p>	Deposit* of £15 pp. due now but no later than 12 th Jul. 2021	Balance of £20 pp. due no later than 15 th Sep. 2021

Continued below

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November 2021	<p><i>EXPRESSION OF INTEREST</i> - Visit by coach to the Bombay Sapphire Distillery at Laverstoke Mill, Whitchurch followed, in the afternoon, by a visit to the Whitchurch Silk Mill</p> <p>Members interested in joining this visit should register their interest with Adrian via email bellars@virginmedia.com</p> <p>Adrian Bellars is the organiser T:0118 947 0837</p>	-	-
Mid-February 2022	<p><i>EXPRESSION OF INTEREST</i> - Visit to the Mill at Sonning to dine and see 'The House on Cold Hill' a spine-tingling play by Peter James</p> <p>The cost is £55 pp. instead of the normal ticket price of £69 pp. You must be prepared to pay the £55 pp. ticket price by mid-September 2021.</p> <p>Members interested in joining this visit should register their interest with Adrian via email bellars@virginmedia.com</p> <p>Adrian Bellars is the organiser T:0118 947 0837</p>	-	-
Later in 2022	<p><i>LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD</i></p> <p>Adrian would like to do a reprise of the trip to Greenwich back in September 2019 or a Thames river trip from either Henley or Oxford.</p> <p>Please let Adrian know 'what you fancy' via email to bellars@virginmedia.com</p>	-	-

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