

26th July 2021



**PLEASE 'READ ME'
ACTIONS NEEDED!**

Place Number

«No»

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

Tom Way



Tooth Claw and Mane

Next Month's Lunch Meeting

Is on Monday the 23rd August 2021 at the Sonning Golf Club from 12 Noon. There will be no speaker to give members plenty of time to catch up with gossip from the last 18 months.

Coming up in the next few months

- 27th Sep. 2021:** **Graham Horn** History of the Renovation of the Kennet & Avon Canal
25th Oct. 2021: **Alan Penn** Living through the Civil War
22nd Nov. 2021: **Jaye Windmill** The Story of the Siege of Troy

General

The committee had its first face to face committee meeting for 17 months on the 21st July hosted by Nigel Poole in his shaded garden. Your committee are working very hard to get our club up and running again but there is frustration that communications requiring an input from members are receiving a half-hearted response or, in some cases, none at all. Without face to face meetings and the usual boards advertising events, the only method of contact with members is through the monthly Newsletter and ancillary information sent to all members by email. All items requiring a response from members include the name and email address of the requester.

Lunch at the Sonning Golf Club - Monday 23rd August

With just four weeks to run before the lunch, it is time to commit to attending the lunch. The details of the lunch including payment details are in the entry in the Future Events Calendar on the next page.

Food Allergies and/or Food Intolerances

The Lunch Secretary maintains a list of specific dietary requirements for those members with food allergies and/or food intolerances. If any member wishes to update or advise of any changes, please email the Lunch Secretary, Keith Toogood, - Email: - keithtoogood1@me.com so that SGC can be advised prior to the meal being served.

Thoresby Hall Visit - Room Available - Mon. 11th to Fri. 15th October

A member has had to withdraw from the above visit. Please contact Paul Townson if you would be interested in joining the visit T: 0118 975 2191 or Email: p.townson@ntlworld.com

Photographic Competition for the 2022 Probus Calendar

The number of entries is disappointing which makes the job of producing the calendar much more difficult. However, there is still time to get your entry together before the 30th July deadline. If you need any help with your entry, please ring Peter Gough on 0118 966 1159.

News of Members

Derek Armitage, member since 1996, has stood down from the club but both he and Pam would like to keep in touch with Probus friends. You are invited to drop by, but please ring first! Our very best wishes go to Pam and Derek.

Members Birthdays

The following members have had, or will have their birthdays in July: -
Trotter Hatch, Martin Ouseley, John Wallis, Alan Wilks and Alastair Morris.

Happy Days!

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PROBUS NEWS

The monthly newsletter of Reading East Probus
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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
Thursday 12 th Aug. 2021	<p><i>PLACES AVAILABLE</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', the lunch menu can be viewed www.crocus.co.uk/dorney-court/café. Food orders will be taken on our return from the walk.</p> <p><i>The café has requested that we park on the grass in the over-spill car park and, share lifts even if it means 'masking up'.</i></p> <p>Joint Organisers: Keith Toogood T: 0118 961 8596 and Peter Gough T: 0118 966 1159</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please call Keith or Peter if you wish to attend the walk</p>	-	-
Monday 23 rd Aug. 2021	<p><i>NEW</i> - Probus Lunch at the Sonning Golf Club</p> <p>The event starts at 12:00 noon.</p> <p>The menu is Steak & Ale Pie followed by Black Cherry Panna Cotta.</p> <p>The cost is £20 pp. and if you wish to attend or give apologies, please inform Keith Toogood at the earliest opportunity by email: keithtoogood1@me.com and at the same time please make your payment as follows: -</p> <p><i>Account Name: Reading East Probus Club, Sort Code: 30-96-96, Account Number: 01737233, Reference: SGC08</i></p> <p>Late payments must be received by 09:00 on the day of the meeting - 23rd August.</p> <p>Apologies must be received by Keith Toogood at the very latest by 12 noon on Friday 20th August, by email: keithtoogood1@me.com</p> <p><i>Please read the 'Letter to Members' dated 28th June which has been reissued along with this newsletter and contains additional, important, information relating to 'Protecting Members Safety' which requires your attention.</i></p> <p>Organiser: Keith Toogood, T: 0118 961 8596</p>	Full payment of £20 pp. preferably on booking, see panel on left for details	-
Tuesday 14 th Sep. 2021	<p><i>PLACES AVAILABLE</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. The menu will be emailed along with this Newsletter.</p> <p>The cost is £19 pp. and if you wish to attend, please inform Colin Feist by email: colin.feist@ntlworld.com and, if possible, include your Menu Choices, using the short code, and make your payment by either of the following methods as follows: -</p> <p><u>Full Payment by bank transfer (preferred):</u></p> <p><i>Account Name: Reading East Probus Club, Sort Code: 30-96-96, Account Number: 01737233, Reference: Coppid93</i></p> <p><u>Full Payment by cheque:</u></p> <p><i>Please make cheques payable to Reading East Probus Club and send to: Keith Toogood, 36 Campbell Road, Woodley, Reading, RG5 3NB</i></p> <p><i>Please write the reference: Coppid93 on the reverse.</i></p> <p>Colin Feist is the organiser T: 0118 962 0224</p>	Full amount of £19 pp. no later than Mon. 31 st Aug. 2021	-

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Wednesday 22 nd Sep. 2021	<p>PLACES AVAILABLE - PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE - Visit by coach to 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. Refreshments are available at various facilities within the gardens.</p> <p>If you wish to attend, please inform Adrian Bellars by email: bellars@virginmedia.com and make your payment as follows: -</p> <p><i>Please make cheques payable to Reading East Probus Club and send to: Keith Toogood, 36 Campbell Road, Woodley, Reading, RG5 3NB</i></p> <p><i>Please write the reference: Kew09 on the reverse.</i></p> <p>Adrian Bellars is the organiser T: 0118 947 0837</p>	Deposit of £15 pp. due now but no later than Monday 30 th Jul. 2021	Balance of £20 pp. due no later than Monday 30 th Aug. 2021
Wednesday 29 th Sep. 2021	<p>PLACES AVAILABLE - PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE - 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: nebell999@gmail.com - T: 07544 806833</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please call Nick if you wish to attend the walk</p>	-	-
Wednesday 23 rd Feb. 2022	<p>NEW - 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>If you wish to attend, please inform Adrian Bellars by email: bellars@virginmedia.com and make payment as follows: -</p> <p><i>Please make cheques payable to Reading East Probus Club and send to: Keith Toogood, 36 Campbell Road, Woodley, Reading, RG5 3NB</i></p> <p><i>Please write the reference: Mill at Sonning on the reverse.</i></p> <p>Adrian Bellars is the organiser T:0118 947 0837</p>	Full payment of £55 pp. no later than Monday 30 th Aug. 2021	-
November 2021	<p>EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - 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>	-	-
Later in 2022	<p>LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD</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