

22nd November 2021



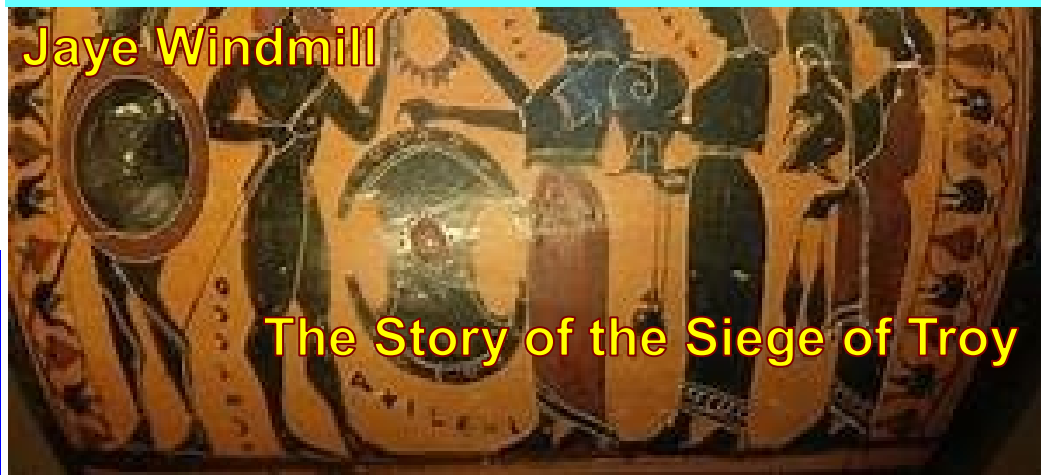
**IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY
DONE SO, PLEASE RETURN YOUR
'MENU CHOICE FORM'
TO KEITH TOOGOOD TODAY**

Place Number

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Today's Presentation....

Jaye Windmill



The Story of the Siege of Troy

Coming up in the next few months

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| 24 th Jan. 2022: | Paul Joyce | The History of Printing in Reading |
| 28 th Feb. 2022: | Andrew Warde | Explore the Palace of Westminster |
| 28 th Mar. 2022: | Anne Green Jessel | Lost Lidos |

Important - Temporary Email Address for Adrian Bellars

Adrian is experiencing an issue with his email address and some of you may have seen strange emails, purportedly from Adrian, appearing in your inbox. If you see such emails, please delete them immediately and **do not** use Adrian's Virgin Media email address for the time being. Virgin Media is dealing with the issue but if you need to email Adrian, please use the following email address normabellars@gmail.com instead.

Experimental Recording of Talks

Last month's recording of Alan Penn's talk was successful albeit the light levels in the dining room were not ideal for recording a video and, as a result, Geoff Addis spent a long time enhancing the recording to good effect. Clearly we cannot rely on Geoff's expertise going forward and the committee have decided not to continue this initiative as it requires capital expenditure to purchase the necessary equipment plus the effort involved to achieve it which would only benefit a small number of our members.

Payments Due

Full payment of £28 pp. for the Christmas Lunch is due today.

Collection of 2022 Pre-ordered & Pre-paid Calendars

Pre-ordered calendars will be available for collection at today's meeting provided payment has been received. Members who have ordered calendars but are not attending today's meeting will have a further opportunity to collect calendars at the Christmas Lunch. Members not attending either event will be contacted to arrange delivery.

John Roach - Funeral Arrangements

The Funeral Service for John will take place at 2pm on Thursday the 9th December 2021 at St Andrews Church, 6 Thames Street, Sonning, RG4 6UT

Afterwards there is a Reception at The Ark adjoining the church.

In remembrance of John's life, any charitable donations can be made to www.sueryder.org/donate

Please advise Peter Gough if you will be attending the reception so that numbers can be given to the family for catering purposes.

PROBUS NEWS

The monthly newsletter of Reading East Probus
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Events Calendar - Details provided by individual Event Organisers

READING EAST PROBUS CLUB - FUTURE EVENTS CALENDAR

Day/Date	Event	Deposit/Payment required	Balance required
Monday 22 nd Nov. 2021	<p>NOW CLOSED - November Probus Lunch at the Sonning Golf Club, Duffield Road, Sonning-on-Thames, Reading, RG4 6GJ</p> <p>The event starts at 12:00 noon.</p> <p>Menu - Starter of Leek and Potato Soup followed by Braised Beef with Mash and Onion Gravy</p> <p>The cost is £21 pp.</p> <p>Payment details at foot of final page - Reference: SGC11</p> <p>Event Organiser: Keith Toogood, T: 0118 961 8596</p>	Full amount of £21 pp. due no later than 09:00 on 22 nd Nov. 2021	-
Friday 3 rd Dec. 2021 to Monday 6 th Dec. 2021	<p>NOW CLOSED - A Three Night Turkey & Tinsel Break at Warner Leisure - Sinah Warren Hotel, Hayling Island, PO11 0BZ</p> <p>Event Organiser is Paul Townson Tel: 0118 975 2191</p>	-	-
Monday 20 th Dec. 2021	<p>LAST CHANCE (ACTION REQUIRED NOW) - Probus Christmas Lunch with our wives, partners and guests at the Sonning Golf Club, Duffield Road, Sonning-on-Thames, Reading, RG4 6GJ</p> <p>The event starts at 12:00 noon.</p> <p>Please remember that you must "opt-in" to this event</p> <p>Menu - The menu will be emailed along with this Newsletter or from the September meeting, a hard copy will be found in the board folder where you can also sign up for the event.</p> <p>The cost is £28 pp. and if you wish to attend, please inform Keith Toogood by email: keithtoogood1@me.com and, include your Menu Choices, using the short code.</p> <p>Payment details at foot of final page - Reference: SGC12</p> <p>Event Organiser: Keith Toogood, T: 0118 961 8596</p>	Full amount of £28 pp. due no later than the 22 nd Nov. 2021 the November lunch date	-
Tuesday 11 th Jan. 2022	<p>NEW - Morning Coffee plus Lunch No. 96 at the Caversham Rose, 109 Kidmore Road, Caversham, RG4 7NH</p> <p>The event starts at 11:00 with morning coffee and continues into a two course lunch at 12:30.</p> <p>The menu will be emailed with this newsletter or a hard copy will be found in the board folder at today's meeting.</p> <p>The cost is £20.50 pp. and if you wish to attend, please inform Adrian by email: normabellars@gmail.com and, include your menu choices, using the short code or add your name to the board at today's lunch.</p> <p>Payment details at foot of final page - Reference: Rose96</p> <p>Event Organiser: Adrian Bellars T: 0118 947 0837</p>	Full payment of £20.50 pp. due on 22 nd Nov. 2021, the November lunch date	-
Wednesday 23 rd Feb. 2022	<p>NOW CLOSED - Visit to the Mill at Sonning, Sonning Eye, Reading, RG4 6TY to dine and see 'The House on Cold Hill' a spine-tingling play by Peter James</p> <p>Event Organiser: Adrian Bellars T:0118 947 0837</p>	-	-
Spring 2022	<p>POSTPONED TO 2022 - 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>Event Organiser: Adrian Bellars T:0118 947 0837</p>	-	-
Monday 19 th Sep. 2022 to Friday 23 rd Sep. 2022	<p>NOW CLOSED - A Four Night Sightseeing Visit to Warner Leisure - Alvaston Hall, Nantwich, Cheshire, CW5 6PD</p> <p>Event Organiser is Paul Townson Tel: 0118 975 2191</p>	Deposit of £10 pp. due now but no later than 22 nd Oct. 2021	Balance in 2022

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2021 Christmas Lunch - Monday 20th December 2021 - Reminder

The timetable leading up to the lunch is as follows:

- Payment of £28 pp must be received by the 22nd November 2021 which is today. See payment details in the events calendar entry above.
- The last date for the return of Menu Choice Forms is also 22nd November 2021. Forms should be returned to Keith Toogood, the Lunch Secretary, either in person or by email: keithtoogood1@me.com using the short code for your Menu Choices or by mail to the address at the foot of the final page.
- The last date for receipt of cancellations for the lunch is Friday the 26th November 2021.
- The last date for the receipt of any outstanding payments is also Friday the 26th November 2021. If no payment is received by this date it will be assumed that you no longer wish to attend the lunch.

Please remember that this is an "opt-in" event, whereby, to be enrolled you must first enter your name on the board and then make payment when required and complete a Menu Choice Form.

Christmas Card Exchange

There will be no Christmas Card Exchange facility at the Christmas Lunch. Please feel free to bring along your cards for other members but you will either have to search out the recipients and hand the cards over personally or alternatively you can leave them on the recipients place setting. Peter Gough will be manning the registration desk and can direct you to the recipient's table where you will find a place card with the name you require. Please take home those cards that you are unable to deliver.

Your Committee Needs Volunteers - This means YOU!



Each year we try very hard to get new blood to join us on the committee to ensure the longevity of the club but this is not always easy to achieve. At the moment we have vacancies for positions on next year's committee but we need volunteers from our membership to take up these posts and *complete the jigsaw*.

In addition to helping the club thrive, committee members enjoy other benefits such as the camaraderie and social side of the team and "*chocolate biscuits*".

We all know that many clubs, similar to ours, are at the start of the slippery slope down and the lockdowns have only served to emphasise this tendency.

Our club is in a strong position at the moment and the committee is determined that this decline will not happen to YOUR club but we need your help.

If you can give some time to help run your club, please let one of the current committee members know and we can discuss this further with you.

News of Members

This month we have a new member, Torkill Fozzard introduced by Trevor Yapp. A very warm welcome to Torkill.

Members Birthdays

The following members have had, or will have their birthdays in November: - Adrian Bellars, Chris Bintcliffe, Roy Mitchell, Alan Wright and Alan Penn.

Happy Days!

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Payments for Events

Payment by cheque:

Please make cheques payable to Reading East Probus Club and send to: Keith Toogood, 36 Campbell Road, Woodley, Reading, RG5 3NB. Please write unique Payment Reference shown against each event above on the reverse of the cheque.

Reading East Probus – Committee Members

Chairman - Nigel Poole, **Vice Chairman** - John Ledger, **Social and Visits Secretary** - Adrian Bellars, **Treasurer & Lunch Sec.** - Keith Toogood, **Secretary** - Mike Luff, **Membership Secretary & Almoner** - John Ledger (Acting), **Speaker Secretary** - Chris Ward, **Communications Coordinator** - Peter Gough, **Committee Member, Club Sales & Walks Coordinator** - Peter Francis