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The monthly newsletter of Reading East Probus

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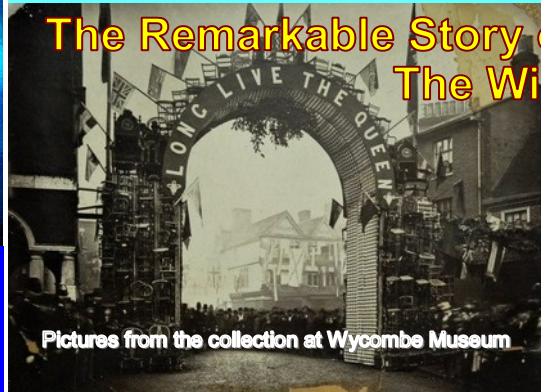
PROBUS NEWS

**THE CHAIRMAN AND COMMITTEE WISH
OUR MEMBERS, THEIR WIVES & PARTNERS
AND OUR GUESTS
A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND
A HAPPY & HEALTHY NEW YEAR**

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Today's Presentation....



**The Remarkable Story of our National Chair:-
The Windsor**



Stewart Linford

Pictures from the collection at Wycombe Museum

Next Month's Lunch Meeting

Is on Monday the 24th January 2022 when our speaker is Paul Joyce with his talk: The History of Printing in Reading.

Coming up in the next few months

- 28th Feb. 2022: **Andrew Warde** Explore the Palace of Westminster
- 28th Mar. 2022: **Anne Green Jessel** Lost Lidos
- 25th Apr. 2022: **TBA**

Important Safety Information about Today's Lunch

We have made a few changes to this year's lunch to reflect the Club's updated Health and Safety policy and the latest Government regulations. We also have discussed and agreed this plan with the Golf Club.

- If you have, or suspect that you have, covid or any other infectious disease please do not attend the lunch.
- The Government's vaccine passport is not required for this lunch, but we assume that if you attend you are fully vaccinated.
- You might like to consider taking a lateral flow test before attending this lunch.
- We wish to avoid congestion wherever possible, therefore there will be no welcome committee in the entrance hall.
- **However, please go to the Teller's Desk in the Dining Room to check your party in and receive your Seating Card.**
- David Carrington will be playing his piano in the dining room from 12.35h and you are encouraged to sit in this room and enjoy the music
- A mask must be worn whenever you are moving around the building
- The Golf Club will open windows etc. to improve ventilation so please ensure that you are wearing warm clothing as the dining room will be cooler than usual.

Boards

No boards will be circulated at today's lunch so would members and their wives please take time to view the boards on display in the dining room ahead of lunch. Would members not attending either the January and/or February meetings please be sure to you add your names to the Apologies Board also on display in the dining room.

2022 Subscriptions and Payment Arrangements (Action Required)

The annual subscription for 2022 of £22 is due on the 1st January 2022. Please make your payment in a timely manner using the payment details at foot of the final page -

Reference: Subs22

Nomination Forms

Nomination Forms for the Officer's of the Committee will be available at the January meeting.

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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 20 th Dec. 2021	<p>NOW CLOSED - 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. 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>PLACES AVAILABLE- 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. The menu will be emailed with this newsletter or a hard copy will be found in the board folder at today's meeting. The cost is £20.50 pp. and if you wish to attend, please inform Adrian by email: bellars@virginmedia.com and, include your menu choices, using the short code or add your name to the board at today's lunch. Payment details at foot of final page - Reference: Rose96 Event Organiser: Adrian Bellars T: 0118 947 0837</p>	Full payment of £20.50 pp. due on 20 th Dec. 2021, the December lunch date	-
Monday 24 th Jan. 2022	<p>NEW - January Probus Lunch at the Sonning Golf Club, Duffield Road, Sonning-on-Thames, Reading, RG4 6GJ</p> <p>The event starts at 12:00 noon. Menu - TBA The cost is £21 pp. Payment details at foot of final page - Reference: SGC01 Event Organiser: Keith Toogood, T: 0118 961 8596</p>	Full amount of £21 pp. due no later than 09:00 on 24 th Jan. 2022	-
Tuesday 8 th Feb. 2022	<p>NEW - Morning Coffee plus Lunch No. 97 at the Butchers Arms, Blountscourt Road, Sonning Common, RG4 9RS</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 with this newsletter or a hard copy will be found in the board folder at today's meeting. The cost is £20 pp. and if you wish to attend, please inform Gordon by email: murraysmithg@aol.com and, include your menu choices, using the short code or add your name to the board at today's lunch. Payment details at foot of final page - Reference: Butchers97 Event Organiser: Gordon Murray-Smith T: 0118 969 3948</p>	Full payment of £20 pp. due on 24 th Jan. 2022, the January lunch date	-
Tuesday 15 th Feb. 2022	<p>DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES - Winter Walk</p> <p>Details to follow. Joint Event Organisers: Keith Toogood T: 0118 961 8596 and Peter Gough T: 0118 966 1159</p>		
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 and 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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Charitable Donation

In the run up to Christmas, the committee review whether the club finances permit a donation to a charity. The Chairman has nominated two local charities ReadiFood and First Days – each to receive £50.00.

The work of Reading's Food Bank is wide ranging and includes providing a 'Food Bank, Street work and Support of people with no recourse to public funds'.

The work of First Days 'aims to restore dignity, choice and power to families with a low-income'.

You can read about the work of these charities at <https://readifood.org.uk> and <https://www.firstdays.net>

Christmas Card Exchange - Reminder

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.

News of Members

Mike Butler has been made an Associate Member in recognition of past services to our club including Chairman in 2015/16 and Lunch Secretary until the first Covid 19 Lockdown in March 2020 when Mike went into self isolation. Welcome back Mike and we hope to see you at some club events in the future.

Members Birthdays

The following members have had, or will have their birthdays in December: - Gordon Murray-Smith, Keith Toogood and Chris Woodhams.

Happy Days!

Your Committee Still Needs Volunteers - The Jigsaw is not yet complete



Our thanks go to those members who responded to last month's call for volunteers to fill vacant committee posts starting from the AGM in March 2022.

We are now in a much better position but would still like volunteers to come forward.

If you cannot commit to the time demands of being on the committee, perhaps you could consider being an organiser for club events such as the coffee lunches or walks.

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

Payments Due Today - Reminder

If you are attending the coffee lunch at the Caversham Rose on the 11th January 2022 payment is due today, please see entry in the Event Calendar above for payment details.

More below - scroll down

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