

# NEW RECRUITS NEEDED!

## Today's Presentation....

### Barbers to Surgeons: Medicine in Victorian Times

Richard Marks

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24<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2022: Mike Luff A journey through Ethiopia

28<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2022: John Ledger Albert Einstein - Relatively Speaking

19<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2022: Sally Hughes The Mill at Sonning Theatre

#### Looking Forward . . .

As today's meeting marks a year since we returned to regular lunches at the SGC after the enforced break due to the covid pandemic it is a good time to look to the future.

At Wednesday's Committee meeting we started to look forward into next year and beyond. The Club's finances are on a sound footing going forward but we do need to boost our membership numbers which have been in a slow decline from 70 in September 2019 to 64 at present. Past history tells us that you, our members, are the most successful conduit to introducing new recruits. So please get to work on your friends and even your family members some of which might be heading towards retirement soon and get them along to a meeting.

Based on the favourable responses from members, wives and partners on the previous Christmas Lunch and last month's Summer Lunch, your committee are looking at the feasibility of introducing a new Ladies Spring Lunch in April 2023. Your comments on this proposal would be welcome.

#### Proposed Visit to the Mill at Sonning on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023

There is currently a very generous offer of 'four for the price of two' tickets on the upcoming production of the comedy "We'll Always Have Paris", however to take advantage, full payment of £38 pp. must be made by the 30<sup>th</sup> August 2022. A board will be circulated at today's lunch for those interested to sign up but you will need to act fast in making your payment. Please note that The Mill at Sonning conditions relating to this offer mean that there are no refunds if a ticket holder cannot attend the performance. Therefore, if the purchaser is unable to attend, it is incumbent on that person to resell their tickets to another member.

#### Photographic Competition for the 2023 Calendar

After a slow start, the entries picked up so a big thank you to all those members who have submitted photographs for the 2023 Calendar. A sub-committee will meet shortly to review the entries and select the twelve best photographs which will be exhibited at the September lunch meeting. A board will circulate next month for you to place your orders.

#### News of Members

Jim Doherty has transferred to Associate Membership.

#### Members Birthdays

The following members have had, or will have their birthdays in August: - Roger Adams, and Ian Macro - Happy Days!



# 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 - EVENTS CALENDAR

Day/Date	Event	Deposit/Payment required	Balance required
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug. 2022	<p><b>TODAY - August Probus Lunch at the Sonning Golf Club, Duffield Road, Sonning-on-Thames, Reading, RG4 6GJ</b></p> <p>The event starts at 12:00, Menu - Melon and Parma Ham with Spiced Fruit Chutney followed by Salmon with Watercress &amp; Cream Sauce. The cost is £23 pp.</p> <p><b>Deadline for apologies - no later than noon on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August.</b></p> <p>Payment details at foot of final page - <a href="#">Reference: SGC08</a></p> <p>Event Organiser: David Carrington, Mob: 07866726200, T: 01344 300459, Email: <a href="mailto:dr.d.carrington@gmail.com">dr.d.carrington@gmail.com</a></p>	Full payment of £23 pp. due no later than 09:00 on 22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug. 2022	-
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Sep. 2022	<p><b>PLACES AVAILABLE - Walk from The Unicorn, Kingswood Common, Near Sonning Common, RG9 5LX</b></p> <p>The walk is approximately 4 miles and lunch will be taken at the pub, see board for more details.</p> <p>Meet at 10.15hrs in the pub car park ready to set off at 10.30hrs</p> <p>OS Explorer Map 159. Grid Ref SU 701 817</p> <p>If you wish to attend either email Paul or sign up on the board in the dining room today.</p> <p>Event organiser: Paul Townson, T: 0118 975 2191, Mob: 07759 202424, Email: <a href="mailto:p.townson@ntlworld.com">p.townson@ntlworld.com</a></p>	-	-
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Sep. 2022	<p><b>PLACES AVAILABLE - Morning Coffee plus Lunch No. 103 at the Heron on the Ford, Lands End Lane, Charvil, RG10 0UE</b></p> <p>The event starts at <b>11:15</b> with morning coffee and continues into a two course lunch at 12:30 - <b>Note new start time.</b></p> <p>The menu will be found in the board folder at today's meeting.</p> <p>The cost is £20 pp. and if you wish to attend, please inform Nick by email: <a href="mailto:nebell999@gmail.com">nebell999@gmail.com</a> and, include your menu choices, <b>using the short code</b> or add your name to the board at today's lunch.</p> <p>Payment details at foot of final page - <a href="#">Ref: Heron103</a></p> <p>Event Organiser: Nick Bell, T: 07544806833 Email: <a href="mailto:nebell999@gmail.com">nebell999@gmail.com</a></p>	Full payment of £20 pp. due on 22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug. 2022, the August lunch date	-
19 <sup>th</sup> Sep. 2022 to 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sep. 2022	<p><b>NOW CLOSED - A Four Night Sightseeing Visit to Warner Leisure - Alvaston Hall, Nantwich, Cheshire, CW5 6PD</b></p> <p>Event Organiser is Paul Townson, Tel: 0118 975 2191</p>	-	-
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> Sep. 2022	<p><b>ACTIONS REQUIRED - September Probus Lunch at the Sonning Golf Club, Duffield Road, Sonning-on-Thames, Reading, RG4 6GJ</b></p> <p>The event starts at 12:00, Menu - Gammon with Parsley Sauce followed by Steamed Lemon Sponge with Custard. The cost is £23 pp.</p> <p><b>Apologies - no later than noon on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September.</b></p> <p>Payment details at foot of final page - <a href="#">Reference: SGC09</a></p> <p>Event Organiser: David Carrington, Mob: 07866726200, T: 01344 300459, Email: <a href="mailto:dr.d.carrington@gmail.com">dr.d.carrington@gmail.com</a></p>	Full payment of £23 pp. due no later than 09:00 on 26 <sup>th</sup> Sep. 2022	-

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Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct. 2022	<p><b>NEW - Morning Coffee plus Lunch No. 104 at Buratta's at The Royal Oak, Ruscombe, RG10 9JN</b></p> <p>The event starts at 11:15 with morning coffee/tea 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 £22 pp. and if you wish to attend, please inform Gordon by email and, include your menu choices, <b>using the short code</b> or add your name to the board at today's lunch. Payment details at foot of final page - <a href="#">Ref: Burattas104</a> Event Organiser: Gordon Murray-Smith T: 0118 969 3948 Email: <a href="mailto:murraysmithg@aol.com">murraysmithg@aol.com</a></p>	Full payment of £22 pp. due on 26 <sup>th</sup> Sep. 2022, the September lunch date	-
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct. 2022	<p><b>NOW CLOSED - Visit to the Mill at Sonning, Sonning Eye, Reading, RG4 6TY to dine and see 'Funny Money' by Ray Cooney</b></p> <p>Bar opens: 6 pm, Dinner served from: 6.30 pm Performance starts: 8.15 pm Event Organiser: Adrian Bellars T:0118 947 0837</p>	-	-
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct. 2022	<p><b>DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - October Probus Lunch at the Sonning Golf Club, Duffield Road, Sonning-on-Thames, Reading, RG4 6GJ</b></p> <p>The event starts at 12:00, <b>Menu - Carrot &amp; Coriander Soup followed by Chicken and Mushroom Pie. The cost is £23 pp.</b> <b>Apologies - no later than noon on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October.</b> Payment details at foot of final page - <a href="#">Reference: SGC10</a> Event Organiser: David Carrington, Mob: 07866726200, T: 01344 300459, Email: <a href="mailto:dr.d.carrington@gmail.com">dr.d.carrington@gmail.com</a></p>	Full payment of £23 pp. due no later than 09:00 on 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct. 2022	-
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct. 2022	<p><b>NEW - Walk from Wargrave Recreation Ground Car Park, Victoria Road, Wargrave, RG10 8BG</b></p> <p>The walk is approximately 3½ miles and lunch will be taken at the pub, see board for more details. Meet at 10.15hrs in the Recreation Ground car park ready to set off at 10.30hrs OS Explorer Map 171. Grid Ref SU 795 787 Lunch will be taken at The Cricketers, Coronation Road, Littlewick Green, SL6 3RA (Grid Ref. SU 839 801 Explorer Map 172). Details follow next month. If you wish to attend either email Rod or sign up on the board in the dining room today. Event organiser: Rod Wilson, T: 0118 969 6436, Email: <a href="mailto:rod.aj.wilson@gmail.com">rod.aj.wilson@gmail.com</a></p>	-	-
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec. 2022 to Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec. 2022	<p><b>NOW CLOSED - A Three Night Turkey &amp; Tinsel Break at Warner Leisure - Sinah Warren Hotel, Hayling Island</b> Event Organiser is Paul Townson Tel: 0118 975 2191 Email: <a href="mailto:p.townson@ntlworld.com">p.townson@ntlworld.com</a></p>	-	-
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec. 2022	<p><b>DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - Christmas Probus Lunch at the Sonning Golf Club, Duffield Road, Sonning-on-Thames, Reading, RG4 6GJ</b></p> <p>The event starts at 12:00, <b>Menu - TBA.</b> <b>The cost is - TBA.</b> Event Organiser: David Carrington, Mob: 07866726200, T: 01344 300459, Email: <a href="mailto:dr.d.carrington@gmail.com">dr.d.carrington@gmail.com</a></p>		

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Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb. 2023	<p><b>NEW - SPECIAL OFFER - CONDITIONS APPLY</b> - Visit to the Mill at Sonning, Sonning Eye, Reading, RG4 6TY to dine and see 'We'll Always Have Paris' a comedy by Jill Hyem</p> <p>As time is of the essence, in order to take advantage of a very special offer of 'four tickets for the price of two' offer which expires on the 30<sup>th</sup> August 2022 we must act quickly.</p> <p>To this end, a board will circulate at today's lunch with all the details for you to sign up for this event.</p> <p><b>The price is £38 pp. (normal price £76 pp.) and the full amount of £38 pp. is required by the 30 August 2022. Payment details at the foot of the final page, reference: Mill0223</b></p> <p>Members not attending today's lunch but, wishing to attend, should email Adrian Bellars, <a href="mailto:adrianbellars8@gmail.com">adrianbellars8@gmail.com</a> without delay.</p> <p>Bar opens: 6 pm, Dinner served from: 6.30 pm Performance starts: 8.15 pm Event Organiser: Adrian Bellars T:0118 947 0837</p>	Full payment of £38 pp. due no later than 30 <sup>th</sup> August 2022	-

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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.*

#### Important Note:

Unforeseen circumstances may occasionally occur with opt-in events such as the Ladies Lunches and Coffee Lunches whereby it may become necessary to cap the number of attendees. Should such an eventuality arise, places would be allocated on a priority basis to those members who registered first and paid in full ranked by the date that the payment was received. A reserve list would be created for those who did not make the cut. Full refunds would be made to those who miss out.

### Reading East Probus — Committee Members

**Chairman** - John Ledger, **Vice Chairman & Almoner** - Mike Luff, **Social and Visits Secretary** - Adrian Bellars, **Treasurer** - Keith Toogood, **Secretary** - Nigel Poole, **Lunch Secretary** - David Carrington, **Membership Secretary** - Rod Wilson, **Speaker Secretary** - Chris Ward, **Communications Coordinator** - Peter Gough, **Committee Member, Club Sales & Walks Coordinator** - Chris Bintcliffe