

27th February 2023



THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE DURING NEXT MONTH'S MEETING. THE PAPERWORK IS ON YOUR SEAT IN THE DINING ROOM; MEMBERS NOT ATTENDING WILL RECEIVE THE PAPERS BY ROYAL MAIL

Place Number
«No»

Today's Presentation...

From Kashmir to Ladakh by the Scenic Route



Next Month's Lunch Meeting

Is on Monday the 27th March 2023 when our Speaker is Colin Brown with his talk: It's not all at sea

Coming up in the next few months

- 24th Apr. 2023:** Garry Wykes Treasures and the Tower
- 22nd May 2023:** Steve Tonkin Time and Calendars
- 26th Jun 2023:** Tom Way Wildlife on your Doorstep

Payments due Today

Payment for the 14th March Coffee/Lunch No. 108 at The Heron on the Ford must be received by the 27th February which is today. See payment details in the Events Calendar on the next page.

Coffee Lunch No. 109 at The Unicorn - Wednesday 12th April 2023

With many pubs closing for good and others not opening on Mondays and Tuesdays we find ourselves having to be more flexible. To this end the April coffee lunch at the Unicorn, Kingwood Common will take place on Wednesday, 12th April. Please read the important information regarding this lunch in the event entry on the next page which is repeated on the board which will circulate at today's lunch. Apart from the change of date, there is a limitation on numbers as well as some parking matters which require your attention.

Improvements to the Almoner Role

Your attention is drawn to the Almoner's Report on the last page of the 2023 AGM paperwork issued today which contains a statement outlining the Committee's proposals to improve the way we keep in touch with our members and associates many of whom we have no regular contact with.

We all need to look out for each other and if anyone has a problem we need to get this information to the Almoner without delay.

The committee believe that this would be best met, in the first instance, through a local contact drawn mainly from the committee who is a resident in the area where you live and would be assigned a small number of members to look out for.

Members are invited to send any comments or thoughts on these proposals to David Carrington dr.d.carrington@gmail.com by Monday the 20th March. It is hoped to have the new system operational in May.

Members Birthdays

The following members have had, or will have their birthdays in February: - Peter Asquith, Howard Barnes, Nick Bell, Roger Gurr, David Leon, Yaqub Rafiq and John Roberts - Happy Days!

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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 27 th Feb. 2023	<p>TODAY - February 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 - Braised Steak with Mash and Onions followed by Sticky Toffee Pudding. The cost is £23 pp.</p> <p>Apologies - no later than noon on Friday 24th February.</p> <p>Payment details at foot of final page - Reference: SGC02</p> <p>Event Organiser: David Carrington, Mob: 07866 726200, T: 01344 300459, Email: dr.d.carrington@gmail.com</p>	Full payment of £23 pp. due no later than 09:00 on 27 th Feb. 2023	-
Tuesday 14 th Mar. 2023	<p>PLACES AVAILABLE - Morning Coffee plus Lunch No. 108 at The Heron on the Ford, Lands End Lane, Charvil, RG10 0UE</p> <p>The event starts at 11:15 with morning coffee/tea 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 £25 pp. and if you wish to attend, please inform Nick by email 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: Heron108</p> <p>Event Organiser: Nick Bell T: 07544 806833 E-mail: nebell999@gmail.com</p>	Full payment of £25 pp. due no later than the 27 th Feb. 2023 the February lunch date	-
Wednesday 15 th Mar. 2023	<p>PLACES AVAILABLE - Walk from the Fox & Hounds PH, Sheffield Bottom, Theale, RG7 4BE</p> <p>The walk is approximately 4 miles, see board for more details.</p> <p>Meet at 10:15 in the pub car park, ready to set off at 10:30.</p> <p>OS Explorer map 159. Start Grid ref. SU 649 699</p> <p>Lunch is at the pub and a menu will be found in the pocket of the board folder, please email your menu choices to Chris using the short code by Tuesday, 7th March.</p> <p>If you wish to attend either email Chris or sign up on the board in the dining room today.</p> <p>Event organiser: Chris Bintcliffe T: 07792 201736; Email: mumscarlett@hotmail.com</p>	-	-
Monday 27 th Mar. 2023	<p>ACTION REQUIRED - March Probus Lunch at the Sonning Golf Club, Duffield Road, Sonning-on-Thames, Reading, RG4 6GJ</p> <p>The event starts at 12:00.</p> <p>Menu - Prawn and Smoked Salmon Salad with Marie Rose Sauce followed by Roast Pork Loin with Apple Sauce and Crackling. The cost is £23 pp.</p> <p>Apologies - no later than noon on Friday 24th March.</p> <p>Payment details at foot of final page - Reference: SGC03</p> <p>Event Organiser: David Carrington, Mob: 07866 726200, T: 01344 300459, Email: dr.d.carrington@gmail.com</p>	Full payment of £23 pp. due no later than 09:00 on 27 th Mar. 2023	-
Tuesday 11 th Apr. 2023	<p>NEW - Walk from Henley-on-Thames Station Car Park, Station Road, Henley-on-Thames, RG9 1AY to Hambleden Lock and back.</p> <p>The walk is approximately 5 miles, see board for more details.</p> <p>Meet at 10:15 in the station car park (Pay & Display), ready to set off at 10:30.</p> <p>OS Explorer map 171. Start Grid ref. SU 764 823</p> <p>Lunch will be taken at the Chocolate Café and a menu will be available at the March lunch.</p> <p>If you wish to attend either email Mike or sign up on the board in the dining room today.</p> <p>Event organiser: Mike Luff, T: 0118 978 9387, M: 07874 818993, Email: luffmidtan@btinternet.com</p>	-	-

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<p>Wednesday 12th Apr. 2023 It is correct!!</p>	<p>NEW - NOTE DATE! - Morning Coffee plus Lunch # 109 at The Unicorn, Colmore Lane, Kingwood, RG9 5LX 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 £25 pp. and if you wish to attend, please inform Alan by email 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: Unicorn109 Event Organiser: Alan Penn T: 0118 987 1828 E-mail: alanpenn9@aol.com</p>	<p>Full payment of £25 pp. due no later than the 27th Mar. 2023 the March lunch date</p>	
<p>Monday 24th Apr. 2023</p>	<p>DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES - April Probus Lunch at the Sonning Golf Club, Duffield Road, Sonning-on-Thames, Reading, RG4 6GJ The event starts at 12:00. Menu - TBA. The cost is TBA. Apologies - no later than noon on Friday 21st April. Payment details at foot of final page - Reference: SGC04 Event Organiser: Keith Toogood, T: 0118 961 8596, Email: keithtoogood1@me.com</p>	-	
<p>Tuesday 9th May 2023</p>	<p>DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES - Morning Coffee plus Lunch No. 110 at The Wheelwrights Arms, Davis Way, St Nicholas Hurst, RG10 0TR The event starts at 11:15 with morning coffee/tea and continues into a two course lunch at 12:30. Event Organiser: Richard Greenaway T: 0118 9541328 E-mail: richard_greenaway@hotmail.com</p>	-	-
<p>Wednesday 10th May 2023</p>	<p>DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES - Walk from the Pot Kiln, Chapel Lane, Frilsham, Newbury, RG18 0XX The walk is approximately 5½ miles, see board for more details. Meet at 10:15 in the pub car park ready to set off at 10:30. OS Explorer map 158. Start Grid ref. SU 552 731 Event organiser: Peter Francis, T: 0118 437 1677, Email: peter.edward.francis@gmail.com</p>		
<p>Wednesday 7th Jun. 2023</p>	<p>PLACES AVAILABLE - River Cruise on the Thames from Caversham in the direction of Goring to include a Cream Tea. The cruise will leave Caversham Pier at 1.30 pm. returning back to Caversham at 4.30 pm. A cream tea will be served onboard during the cruise. The cost of the cruise is £36 pp. Payment details at foot of final page - Reference: Cruise Event Organiser: Adrian Bellars, T: 0118 947 0837 Email: adrianbellars8@gmail.com</p>	<p>Deposit of £15 pp. due at the latest on 27th Feb. 2023, the February lunch date</p>	<p>Balance of £21 pp. due at the latest on 22nd May 2023, the May lunch date</p>
<p>Monday 17th Jul. 2023 to Friday 21st Jul. 2023</p>	<p>PLACES AVAILABLE BUT SEE BELOW - A Four Night Sightseeing visit to Warner's Holme Lacy House Hotel, Hereford. The cost is £359 pp., subject to confirmation on booking, for four nights based on a couple sharing a <u>Signature Room</u>, dinner, bed and breakfast. (No standard rooms left) Conditions apply, see board for full details or contact Paul Townson. If you wish to attend either email Paul without delay or sign up on the board in the dining room today. Payment details at foot of final page - Reference: Holmelacy Paul Townson is the organiser Tel: 0118 975 2191 Email: p.townson@ntlworld.com</p>	<p>Deposit of £10 pp. due at the latest 1st Feb. 2023</p>	<p>Balance due 2 months ahead of the visit start date</p>

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Friday 1 st Dec. 2023 to Monday 4 th Dec. 2023	<p>PLEASE CONTINUE TO EXPRESS INTEREST BY SIGNING UP ON THE BOARD BUT A BOOKING CANNOT BE MADE UNTIL ≥ 20 PERSONS HAVE SIGNED UP</p> <p>A Three Night Turkey & Tinsel Break at Warner Leisure - Sinah Warren Hotel, Hayling Island</p> <p>The cost cannot be fixed until the time of booking assuming the above constraint is met.</p> <p>Conditions apply, see board for full details or contact Paul Townson.</p> <p>If you wish to attend either email Paul without delay or sign up on the board in the dining room today.</p> <p>Paul Townson is the organiser Tel: 0118 975 2191 Email: p.townson@ntlworld.com</p>	-	-

>>> News Extra

Recruitment

With our membership having fallen below 60, we need to kick-start the recruitment of new members. As this is also a problem for many other clubs, we need to do better at recruiting to get our fair share of candidates for membership. Copies of the recruitment leaflet are available on the board table in the dining room today. **Please help yourselves and be proactive in helping our Club gain new members.**

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Payments for Events

Payment by bank transfer (preferred):

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