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PROBUS NEWS

The monthly newsletter of Reading East Probus
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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE TODAY AT 2PM

Place Number

«No»

Today's Presentation ...



The RNLI: From Oars to Engines

Bridget Britton

Next Month's Lunch Meeting

Is on Monday the 24th April 2023 when our Speaker is Gary Wykes with his talk: Treasures and the Tower.

Coming up in the next few months

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| 22 nd May 2023: | Steve Tonkin | Time and Calendars |
| 26 th Jun 2023: | Tom Way | Wildlife on your Doorstep |
| 24 th July 2023: | Alan Jones | Tales of a Roving Reporter |

Payments due Today

Payment for the Wednesday, 12th April Coffee/Lunch No. 109 at The Unicorn is due by the 27th March which is today. **This event is over-subscribed and therefore the policy for such eventualities, detailed on the final page, is invoked so please make your payments promptly to avoid disappointment.** The payment reference is [Unicorn109](#) and payment methods are also detailed on the final page.

Nominations for the Committee

The nominations for the Officers of the Committee for 2023/2024 are as follows: -

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| Chairman - Mike Luff | Social & Visits Secretary - Adrian Bellars |
| Vice-Chairman & Almoner - David Carrington | Membership Secretary - John Ledger |
| Secretary - Nigel Poole | Communications - Peter Gough |
| Treasurer & Lunch Secretary - Keith Toogood | Committee Support (<i>new post</i>) - Richard Greenaway |
| Speaker Secretary - Chris Ward | Committee Member, Club Sales & Walks Coordinator - Chris Bintcliffe |

Committee Changes

Rod Wilson is standing down from the committee and our thanks go to him for his service to our club. The committee have decided to return to the doubling up of the roles of Treasurer & Lunch Secretary under Keith Toogood based on experience gained during this year with the roles split. These posts are so closely linked since we went cashless, with the need for far more cross checks on payments received particularly for the monthly lunch. In view of the extra workload for Keith, the committee have created a new role of Committee Support to assist, not only the Treasurer/Lunch Secretary function, but elsewhere on the committee as required. Richard Greenaway is well qualified for this post having served in many of the committee posts previously as well as being our chairman in 2017-18. After the AGM, the committee will be up to full strength with ten members.

News of Members

The sad news has reached us of the passing of former member John Paine on the 11th March. His funeral service will take place on Tuesday 4th April in the South Chapel of Reading Crematorium at 11:30. Probus members are very welcome to attend.

Len Bedford is in hospital, we send him our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Members Birthdays

The following members have had, or will have their birthdays in March: - David Carrington, Colin Feist, Richard Greenaway, John Webb, Shing Heung and Paul Townson - Happy Days!

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Events Calendar - Details provided by individual Event Organisers

Day/Date	Event	Deposit/Payment required	Balance required
Monday 27 th Mar. 2023	<p>TODAY - 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>PLACES AVAILABLE - 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>A suitable venue for lunch is the Chocolate Café. There is no formal arrangement but the Café would like advance notice of likely numbers so that a table can be reserved.</p> <p>If you wish to attend either email Mike or sign up on the board in the dining room today and indicate whether you will take lunch.</p> <p>Event organiser: Mike Luff, T: 0118 978 9387, M: 07874 818993, Email: luffmidtan@btinternet.com</p>	-	-
Wednesday 12 th Apr. 2023 It is correct!!	<p>RESERVE LIST IN OPERATION VENUE CAPACITY EXCEEDED - Morning Coffee plus Lunch # 109 at The Unicorn, Colmore Lane, Kingwood, RG9 5LX</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 was emailed last month 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 Alan 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: Unicorn109</p> <p>Event Organiser: Alan Penn T: 0118 987 1828 E-mail: alanpenn9@aol.com</p>	Full payment of £25 pp. due no later than the 27 th Mar. 2023 the March lunch date	-
Monday 24 th Apr. 2023	<p>ACTION REQUIRED - April 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 - Steak & Ale Pie followed by Apple Crumble. The cost is £24 pp.</p> <p>Apologies - no later than noon on Friday 21st April.</p> <p>Payment details at foot of final page - Reference: SGC04</p> <p>Event Organiser: Keith Toogood, T: 0118 961 8596, Email: keithtoogood1@me.com</p>	Full payment of £24 pp. due no later than 09:00 on 24 th Apr. 2023	-
Tuesday 9 th May 2023	<p>NEW - Morning Coffee plus Lunch No. 110 at The Wheelwrights Arms, Davis Way, St Nicholas Hurst, RG10 0TR</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 £26 pp. and if you wish to attend, please inform Richard 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: Wheelwrights110</p> <p>Event Organiser: Richard Greenaway T: 0118 954 1328 E-mail: richard_greenaway@hotmail.com</p>	Full payment of £26 pp. due no later than the 24 th Apr. 2023 the April lunch date	

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READING EAST PROBUS CLUB - EVENTS CALENDAR CONTINUED:

Day/Date	Event	Deposit/Payment required	Balance required
Wednesday 10 th May 2023	<p><i>NEW</i> - Walk from The Old Boot, Bushnells Green Road, Stanford Dingley, RG7 6LT</p> <p>The walk is approximately 5 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 159. Start Grid ref. SU 577 714</p> <p>Lunch is at the pub at approximately 13:00 and a menu will be found in the pocket of the board folder, please email your menu choices to Peter Francis using the short code by Tuesday, 2nd May.</p> <p>If you wish to attend either email Peter Francis or sign up on the board in the dining room today.</p> <p>Event organiser: Peter Francis, T: 0118 437 1677, Email: peter.edward.francis@gmail.com</p>	-	-
Monday 22 nd May 2023	<p><i>DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES</i> - May 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 - TBA. The cost is £24 pp.</p> <p>Apologies - no later than noon on Friday 19th May.</p> <p>Payment details at foot of final page - Reference: SGC05</p> <p>Event Organiser: Keith Toogood, T: 0118 961 8596, Email: keithtoogood1@me.com</p>	Full payment of £24 pp. due no later than 09:00 on 22 nd May 2023	-
Wednesday 7 th Jun. 2023	<p><i>PLACES AVAILABLE</i> - River Cruise on the Thames from Caversham in the direction of Goring to include a Cream Tea.</p> <p>The cruise will leave Caversham Pier at 1.30 pm. returning back to Caversham at 4.30 pm.</p> <p>A cream tea will be served onboard during the cruise.</p> <p>The cost of the cruise is £36 pp.</p> <p>Payment details at foot of final page - Reference: Cruise</p> <p>Event Organiser: Adrian Bellars, T: 0118 947 0837 Email: adrianbellars8@gmail.com</p>	Deposit of £15 pp. due at the latest on 27 th Feb. 2023, the February lunch date	Balance of £21 pp. due at the latest on 22 nd May 2023, the May lunch date
Tuesday 13 th Jun. 2023	<p><i>DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES</i> - Morning Coffee plus Lunch No. 111 at The Cricketers' Arms, Littlewick Green, SL6 3RA</p> <p>The event starts at 11:15 with morning coffee/tea and continues into a two course lunch at 12:30.</p> <p>Event Organiser: TBA</p>	-	-
Tuesday 20 th Jun. 2023	<p><i>NEW</i> - Walk from the Charvil Country Park, Park Lane, Charvil, RG10 9TY</p> <p>Two walks are available either 2½ and 4½ miles, see board for more details.</p> <p>Meet at 10:15 in the car park ready to set off at 10:30. OS Explorer map 159. Start Grid ref. SU 777 752</p> <p>Lunch will be taken at the Heron on the Ford, Lands End Lane, Charvil, RG10 0RS at approximately 13:00 and a menu will be available next month.</p> <p>If you wish to attend either email David Carrington or sign up on the board in the dining room today.</p> <p>Event organisers: Shing Heung and David Carrington Email: dr.d.carrington@gmail.com T: 07866 726200</p>	-	-
Monday 17 th Jul. 2023 to Friday 21 st Jul. 2023	<p><i>NOW CLOSED</i> - A Four Night Sightseeing visit to Warner's Holme Lacy House Hotel, Hereford.</p> <p>Paul Townson is the organiser Tel: 0118 975 2191 Email: p.townson@ntlworld.com</p>	Deposit of £10 pp. due at the latest 1 st Feb. 2023	Balance due 2 months ahead of the visit start date

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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 interested in joining this visit either email Paul or express interest by signing 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

Deposits for the Thames River Cruise

If you have not already done so, would members signed up for this trip please pay the deposit of £15 pp. without delay. The payment reference is [Cruise](#) and the payment methods are detailed below.

Price increase from the April Lunch

We are all continuing to see increases in the price of food, energy and fuel, month on month and, against this background, the cost of our lunch at the SGC is being increased. Therefore, from the April lunch, the price for lunch will be £24.

Apologies for the April Lunch

Keith Toogood, the Lunch Secretary elect, should be in post after today's AGM. Therefore in future, any apologies should be sent to Keith by either Email: keithtoogood1@me.com or Mob: 07741 460020 or Tel: 0119 961 8596 or by adding your name to the Apologies Board on display at every lunch meeting.

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Payments for Events

Payment by bank transfer (preferred):

Account: [Reading East Probus Club](#), Sort Code: 30-96-96, Account Number: 01737233. Please use unique Payment Reference shown against each event above. If you have had difficulty in changing the reference each time you make a payment, please use the single reference 'Probus' instead for all future club transactions.

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.

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