

24<sup>th</sup> April 2023

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT PAYMENTS FOR EVENTS ARE MADE BY THE DUE DATES AS SHOWN ON THE NEWSLETTER AND BOARDS**

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## Today's Presentation....

### Treasures and the Tower



Garry Wykes

### Next Month's Lunch Meeting

Is on Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 when our Speaker is Steve Tonkin with his talk: Time and Calendars.

### Coming up in the next few months .....

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| <b>26<sup>th</sup> Jun. 2023:</b> | <b>Tom Way</b>       | Wildlife on your Doorstep                       |
| <b>24<sup>th</sup> Jul. 2023:</b> | <b>Alan Jones</b>    | Tales of a Roving Reporter                      |
| <b>21<sup>st</sup> Aug. 2023:</b> | <b>Richard Marks</b> | An Eclectic Extravaganza: Victorians at Leisure |

### Payments due Today

Payment for the Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> May Coffee/Lunch No. 110 at The Wheelwrights Arms is due by the 24<sup>th</sup> April which is today. The payment reference is [Wheelwrights110](#) and payment methods are detailed on the final page.

### 2023-2023 Committee

The Officers of the Committee are confirmed as per the list at the foot of the final page.

### Price increase from Today

Please note that the price for lunch, going forward, is now £24. Also, please remember that lunch apologies must be sent to the new Lunch Secretary, Keith Toogood, M: 07741 460020, T: 0118 961 8596, Email: [keithtoogood1@me.com](mailto:keithtoogood1@me.com)

### Ladies Summer Lunch & Celebration of the Club's 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday

The board for the above event on the 24<sup>th</sup> July will circulate for the first time today and members must 'opt in' for this lunch. This is a special occasion and the lunch will offer a choice of three main courses and desserts. There will also be a celebration cake to enjoy with coffee. The cost is £26 pp., please see the entry on page 3 or the board for details.

### New Almoner Proposal

The primary purpose of this initiative is to improve communication with our members both active and those we see less regularly. In essence it is a simple 'bottom up' communication system which relies on you, the members, to input any information you may hear regarding the wellbeing of a member and which the Almoner should be made aware of.

The committee is reviewing the draft proposal to fine-tune the methodology ahead of the launch. A short presentation on the new system will be made at the monthly lunch meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May followed by a vote through a show of hands.

### Photographic Competition for the 2024 Calendar

Today we are launching the Photographic Competition for the 2024 Probus Calendar. This is something you can all get involved in by searching through your digital photo albums for pictures to submit for the competition. The twelve best photographs for inclusion in the calendar will be chosen by a sub-committee chaired by Mike Luff. An exhibition of the chosen photographs will be staged at the September lunch when members will be asked to vote for their favourite photograph which will be given pride of place on the front of the 2024 Calendar. The closing date for entries is Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2023. The competition is open to all Members and Associates of the Club.

### New Member

The committee is pleased to announce that Paul Isgar has been accepted into membership of the club having been introduced by Alan Harland. A very warm welcome to Paul.

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# PROBUS NEWS

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

Day/Date	Event	Deposit/Payment required	Balance required
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> Apr. 2023	<p><b>TODAY - April Probus Lunch at the Sonning Golf Club, Duffield Road, Sonning-on-Thames, Reading, RG4 6GJ</b> The event starts at 12:00. <b>Menu - Steak &amp; Ale Pie followed by Apple Crumble. The cost is £24 pp.</b> <b>Apologies - no later than noon on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April.</b> Payment details at foot of final page - <a href="#">Reference: SGC04</a> Event Organiser: Keith Toogood, T: 0118 961 8596, Email: <a href="mailto:keithtoogood1@me.com">keithtoogood1@me.com</a></p>	Full payment of £24 pp. due no later than 09:00 on 24 <sup>th</sup> Apr. 2023	-
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	<p><b>PLACES AVAILABLE - PLEASE SIGN UP - Morning Coffee plus Lunch No. 110 at The Wheelwrights Arms, Davis Way, St Nicholas Hurst, RG10 0TR</b> The event starts at 11:15 with morning coffee/tea and continues into a two course lunch at 12:30. The menu was emailed with last months newsletter or a hard copy will be found in the board folder at today's meeting. 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. Payment details at foot of final page - <a href="#">Reference: Wheelwrights110</a> Event Organiser: Richard Greenaway T: 0118 954 1328 E-mail: <a href="mailto:richard_greenaway@hotmail.com">richard_greenaway@hotmail.com</a></p>	Full payment of £26 pp. due no later than the 24 <sup>th</sup> Apr. 2023 the April lunch date	-
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	<p><b>PLACES AVAILABLE - Walk from The Old Boot, Bushnells Green Road, Stanford Dingley, RG7 6LT</b> 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 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 Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> May. If you wish to attend either email Peter Francis or sign up on the board in the dining room today. Event organiser: Peter Francis, T: 0118 437 1677, Email: <a href="mailto:peter.edward.francis@gmail.com">peter.edward.francis@gmail.com</a></p>	-	-
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2023	<p><b>ACTION REQUIRED - May Probus Lunch at the Sonning Golf Club, Duffield Road, Sonning-on-Thames, Reading, RG4 6GJ</b> The event starts at 12:00. <b>Menu - Baked Mushroom with Brie &amp; Bacon, followed by Breast of Chicken served with Mushroom, Red Wine &amp; Tarragon Sauce. The cost is £24 pp.</b> <b>Apologies - no later than noon on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May.</b> Payment details at foot of final page - <a href="#">Reference: SGC05</a> Event Organiser: Keith Toogood, T: 0118 961 8596, Email: <a href="mailto:keithtoogood1@me.com">keithtoogood1@me.com</a></p>	Full payment of £24 pp. due no later than 09:00 on 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2023	-
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Jun. 2023	<p><b>ACTION REQUIRED &amp; PLACES AVAILABLE - River Cruise on the Thames from Caversham in the direction of Goring to include a Cream Tea.</b> 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. The maximum capacity of the boat is 50 persons. Payment details at foot of final page - <a href="#">Reference: Cruise</a> Event Organiser: Adrian Bellars, T: 0118 947 0837 Email: <a href="mailto:adrianbellars8@gmail.com">adrianbellars8@gmail.com</a></p>	<b>Deposit of £15 pp. due at the latest on 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2023, the February lunch date</b>	Balance of £21 pp. due at the latest on 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2023, the May lunch date

## READING EAST PROBUS CLUB - EVENTS CALENDAR CONTINUED:

Day/Date	Event	Deposit/Payment required	Balance required
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Jun. 2023	<p><b>NEW - Morning Coffee plus Lunch No. 111 at The Cricketers' Arms, Littlewick Green, SL6 3RA</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 £25 pp. and if you wish to attend, please inform John Wallis 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 - <a href="#">Reference: Cricketers111</a> Event Organiser: John Wallis – T: 0118 926 2994, E-mail: <a href="mailto:jg.wallis@talktalk.net">jg.wallis@talktalk.net</a></p>	Full payment of £25 pp. due no later than the 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2023 the May lunch date	-
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Jun. 2023	<p><b>PLACES AVAILABLE - Walk from the Charvil Country Park, Park Lane, Charvil, RG10 9TY</b></p> <p>Two walks are available either 2½ and 4½ miles, see board for more details. 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 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. If you wish to attend either email David Carrington or sign up on the board in the dining room today. Event organisers: Shing Heung and David Carrington Email: <a href="mailto:dr.d.carrington@gmail.com">dr.d.carrington@gmail.com</a> T: 07866 726200</p>	-	-
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> Jun. 2023	<p><b>DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES - June 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>Honey Glazed Gammon, with Wholegrain Mustard Jus, followed by Lemon Posset, with Shortbread Biscuit.</b> The cost is £24 pp. <b>Apologies - no later than noon on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.</b> Payment details at foot of final page - <a href="#">Reference: SGC06</a> Event Organiser: Keith Toogood, Mob: 07741 460020, T: 0118 961 8596, Email: <a href="mailto:keithtoogood1@me.com">keithtoogood1@me.com</a></p>	Full payment of £24 pp. due no later than 09:00 on 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	-
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> Jul. 2023 to Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> Jul. 2023	<p><b>NOW CLOSED - A Four Night Sightseeing visit to Warner's Holme Lacy House Hotel, Hereford.</b></p> <p>Paul Townson is the organiser Tel: 0118 975 2191 Email: <a href="mailto:p.townson@ntlworld.com">p.townson@ntlworld.com</a></p>	Deposit of £10 pp. due at the latest 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb. 2023	Balance due 2 months ahead of the visit start date
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> Jul. 2023	<p><b>NEW - Ladies Summer Lunch and Celebration of the Club's 30th Birthday at the Sonning Golf Club, Duffield Road, Sonning-on-Thames, Reading, RG4 6GJ</b></p> <p>The event starts at 12:00, The cost is £26 pp. <b>Please remember that you must "opt-in" to this event</b> Menu - You will be offered the choice of three main courses together with a choice of three desserts. To finish there will be a piece of celebration cake to enjoy with your coffee. The menu will be emailed with this newsletter or a hard copy will be found in the board folder at today's meeting. Please send your individual Menu Choices to Keith Toogood by email using the short code by the 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023. If you wish to attend, please inform Keith Toogood by email: <a href="mailto:keithtoogood1@me.com">keithtoogood1@me.com</a> or add your name to the board at today's lunch. Payment details at foot of final page - <a href="#">Reference: SGC07</a> Event Organiser: Keith Toogood, Mob: 07741 460020, T: 0118 961 8596, Email: <a href="mailto:keithtoogood1@me.com">keithtoogood1@me.com</a></p>	Full payment of £26 pp. due no later than 26 <sup>th</sup> Jun. 2023	-

## READING EAST PROBUS CLUB - EVENTS CALENDAR CONTINUED:

Day/Date	Event	Deposit/Payment required	Balance required
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> Jul. 2023	<b>NEW - Walk in and around Hurley Village including a section along the Thames</b> Two walks are available either 2½ and 4 miles, see board for more details. Meet at 10:15 in the car park at the end of the High Street, post code SL6 5NB, ready to set off at 10:30. OS Explorer map 172. Start Grid ref. SU 824 840 Lunch will be taken at 'The Rising Sun' in Hurley Village from a menu which should be available next month. If you wish to attend either email Alan Wilks or sign up on the board in the dining room today. Event organiser: Alan Wilks Email: <a href="mailto:ad.wilks@ntlworld.com">ad.wilks@ntlworld.com</a> T: 0118 934 3991	-	-
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec. 2023 to Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec. 2023	<b>PLEASE CONTINUE TO EXPRESS INTEREST BY SIGNING UP ON THE BOARD ≥ 20 PERSONS REQ'D</b> <b>A Three Night Turkey &amp; Tinsel Break at Warner Leisure - Sinah Warren Hotel, Hayling Island</b> The cost cannot be fixed until the time of booking assuming the above constraint is met. If you interested in joining this visit either email Paul or express interest by signing up on the board in the dining room today. Paul Townson is the organiser Tel: 0118 975 2191 Email: <a href="mailto:p.townson@ntlworld.com">p.townson@ntlworld.com</a>	-	-

### >>> News Extra Members Birthdays

The following members have had, or will have their birthdays in April: - Philip Giddings, Ian Mackenzie, Alan Martin, Colin Thomas, Peter Ward, Andrew Whitby and Rod Wilson. - Happy Days!

### News of Members - Brian Davis

Brian Davis, has moved into a care facility in Crowthorne and his family are keen that his friends in Probus might like to pay him a visit. If you are planning to visit, please contact Michele or Stephanie by email or text beforehand. The email and mobile numbers for Michele and Stephanie are respectively: [Michele.smith13@gmail.com](mailto:Michele.smith13@gmail.com) 07946 485017 or [Sburleigh25@gmail.com](mailto:Sburleigh25@gmail.com) 07974 823570. Brian's new address is: St Brendan's Care Home, 44 Sandhurst Road, Crowthorne, Berkshire, RG45 7HU.

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