

22nd May 2023



AN EGM WILL TAKE PLACE AT ABOUT 15:00 TODAY TO PRESENT THE PROPOSED NEW BUDDY SCHEME TO REPLACE THE EXISTING ALMONER ROLE CONTINUING TO A VOTE ON THE PLAN BY A SHOW OF HANDS

Place Number

«No»

Today's Presentation ...



Next Month's Lunch Meeting

Is on Monday the 26th June 2023 when our Speaker is Tom Way with his talk: Wildlife on your Doorstep.

Coming up in the next few months

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| 24 th Jul. 2023: | Alan Jones | Tales of a Roving Reporter |
| 21 st Aug. 2023: | Richard Marks | An Eclectic Extravaganza: Victorians at Leisure |
| 25 th Sep. 2023: | Dananjaya Silva | Tea and World War 2 |

Access to Sonning Golf Club (SGC) - Important Travel Information

Gas main work is currently in progress on Pound Lane between the Sonning roundabout and Duffield Road affecting access to the SGC from the A4. A diversion starting from the Shepherd's Hill Roundabout is via Reading Road, Western Avenue emerging at the railway bridge on Butts Hill Road where you turn left then right into Duffield Road. You can check the current situation at the one.network website and via a map where you will be able to zoom-in on Pound Lane which shows the closure and then click the road works icon which reveals the current diversion.

Payments due Today

- Payment for Thames River Cruise on Wednesday, 7th June. **If you have not yet paid the deposit, the full amount of £36 pp is due otherwise the balance of £21 pp. is now due.** The payment reference is: [Cruise](#) and payment methods are detailed on the final page.
- Payment for the Wednesday, 13th June Coffee/Lunch No. 111 at The Cricketers' Arms is due by the 22nd May which is today. The payment reference is [Cricketers111](#) and payment methods are detailed on the final page.

Today's EGM

The EGM will take place immediately after the speaker's presentation at around 15:00. The PowerPoint presentation on the Buddy System is by the Almoner, David Carrington, and will last about 10 minutes followed by questions and vote by a show of hands.

A copy of The Buddy Scheme presentation will be on every table at the lunch and a copy can also be downloaded from the Members Area of the Club Website from the 22nd May at: www.probusreadingeast.org

Ladies Summer Lunch & Celebration of the Club's 30th Birthday

The board for the above event on the 24th July will circulate for the second time today and members must 'opt in' for this lunch. The cost is £26 pp., please see the entry on page 3 or the board for details.

Latest Issue of the Membership List

A copy of the latest membership list will be found on your seat in the dining room at today's lunch. Members not attending today's lunch will be mailed a copy.

At the next up-issue in September, mobile numbers will be added to the list as the primary point of contact and, to facilitate this change, a board will circulate today to collect your mobile numbers. If you do not have a mobile phone your landline will be listed instead.

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PROBUS NEWS

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Events Calendar - Details provided by individual Event Organisers

Day/Date	Event	Deposit/Payment required	Balance required
Monday 22 nd May 2023	<p>TODAY - 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 - Baked Mushroom with Brie & Bacon, followed by Breast of Chicken served with Mushroom, Red Wine & Tarragon Sauce. 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>	<p>Full payment of £24 pp. due no later than 09:00 on 22nd May 2023</p>	-
Wednesday 7 th Jun. 2023	<p>ACTION REQUIRED & PLACES AVAILABLE - 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>The maximum capacity of the boat is 50 persons.</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>	<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>
Tuesday 13 th Jun. 2023	<p>PLACES AVAILABLE - 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>The menu was emailed with the April 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 John Wallis 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: Cricketers111</p> <p>Event Organiser: John Wallis – T: 0118 926 2994, E-mail: jg.wallis@talktalk.net</p>	<p>Full payment of £25 pp. due no later than the 22nd May 2023 the May lunch date</p>	-
Tuesday 20 th Jun. 2023	<p>PLACES AVAILABLE (Note change of start) - Walk from Heron on the Ford, Lands End Lane, Charvil, RG10 0RS</p> <p>Two walks are available either 2½ and 4½ miles, see board for more details.</p> <p>Meet at 10:00 in the pub car park ready to set off at 10:30.</p> <p>OS Explorer Map 159. Grid ref: SU 781748</p> <p>Lunch will be taken at the at approximately 13:00 and a draft Summer Menu will be emailed with the newsletter and a copy is in the pocket of the board folder at today's lunch.</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 26 th Jun. 2023	<p>ACTION REQUIRED - June 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>Honey Glazed Gammon, with Wholegrain Mustard Jus, followed by Lemon Posset, with Shortbread Biscuit.</p> <p>The cost is £24 pp.</p> <p>Apologies - no later than noon on Friday 23rd June.</p> <p>Payment details at foot of final page - Reference: SGC06</p> <p>Event Organiser: Keith Toogood, Mob: 07741 460020, T: 0118 961 8596, Email: keithtoogood1@me.com</p>	<p>Full payment of £24 pp. due no later than 09:00 on 26th June 2023</p>	-

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READING EAST PROBUS CLUB - EVENTS CALENDAR CONTINUED:

Day/Date	Event	Deposit/Payment required	Balance required
Monday 17 th Jul. 2023 to Friday 21 st Jul. 2023	<p>NOW CLOSED - A Four Night Sightseeing visit to Warner's Holme Lacy House Hotel, Hereford. 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
Monday 24 th Jul. 2023	<p>PLACES AVAILABLE - Ladies Summer Lunch and Celebration of the Club's 30th Birthday at the Sonning Golf Club, Duffield Road, Sonning-on-Thames, Reading, RG4 6GJ The event starts at 12:00, The cost is £26 pp. Please remember that you must "opt-in" to this event 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 was emailed with the April 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 26th June 2023. If you wish to attend, please inform Keith Toogood by email: keithtoogood1@me.com or add your name to the board at today's lunch. Payment details at foot of final page - Reference: SGC07 Event Organiser: Keith Toogood, Mob: 07741 460020, T: 0118 961 8596, Email: keithtoogood1@me.com</p>	Full payment of £26 pp. due no later than 26 th Jun. 2023	-
Wednesday 26 th Jul. 2023	<p>PLACES AVAILABLE - Walk in and around Hurley Village including a section along the Thames 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 in June. 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: ad.wilks@ntlworld.com T: 0118 934 3991</p>	-	-
Tuesday 8 th Aug. 2023	<p>NEW - Morning Coffee plus Lunch No. 112 at The Cunning Man, Burghfield Bridge, Burghfield Road, Reading, RG30 3RB 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 £24 pp. and if you wish to attend, please inform Richard Greenaway 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: Cunningman112 Event Organiser: Richard Greenaway – T: 0118 954 1328, E-mail: richard_greenaway@hotmail.com</p>	Full payment of £24 pp. due no later than the 24 th July 2023 the July lunch date	-
Tuesday 22 nd Aug. 2023	<p>DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES - Walk from the Butt Inn, Station Road, Aldermaston Wharf, Reading, RG7 4LA Meet in the pub car park at 10.15 to move off at 10.30. Details available next month. Event Organiser: Paul Townson - Tel: 0118 975 2191, E-mail: p.townson@ntlworld.com</p>	-	-

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>>> News Extra

Members Birthdays

The following members have had, or will have their birthdays in May: - Roger Hartley-Booth, Torkill Fozzard and Nigel Poole. - Happy Days!

News of Members - Len Bedford

Last Monday members were informed by email of the sad news that Len Bedford had passed away together with details of his funeral service. Subsequently, Len's son Clive has advised that Len's funeral service can also be streamed live from the Obitus website using the following login information: -

Username ripe6537
Password 685085
Service Date Friday 26th May
Service Time 1:45pm
Service Viewing Time 1:41pm - 2:35pm
Website <https://watch.obitus.com>

Club Events - Actions required

The committee is keen to organise the widest possible variety of events to keep our club interesting and relevant to members. However, none of this can happen without volunteers willing to organise such events and of course, you the membership, in continuing to support events by signing up either by email direct with the event organiser or via the boards on display at every lunch at the SGC. The process is as follows: -

- Signing up is just the start of the process as this gives the committee confidence to launch a particular event including spending club funds when making a booking on your behalf.
- **If you sign up for an event you are required to make payments in a timely manner and by the due date.**
- **Please remember that if a member signs up for an event and subsequently is unable to attend it is incumbent on that individual, at the earliest opportunity, to inform either the organiser direct or cross out their name on the board.**

All the information you require about club events including payment due dates will be found in the Events Calendar section of the newsletter or on the event boards 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.

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