

26th June 2023

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE CLOSING
DATE FOR ENTRIES TO THE
PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION FOR THE
2024 PROBUS CALENDAR IS
FRIDAY 28TH JULY 2023**

Place Number

«No»

Today's Presentation ...

Wildlife on your Doorstep

Tom Way

Next Month's Lunch Meeting

Is the Ladies Summer Lunch and Celebration of the Club's 30th Birthday on Monday the 24th July 2023 when our Speaker is Alan Jones with his talk: Tales of a Roving Reporter.

Coming up in the next few months

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| 21 st Aug. 2023: | Richard Marks | An Eclectic Extravaganza: Victorians at Leisure |
| 25 th Sep. 2023: | Dananjaya Silva | Tea and World War 2 |
| 23 rd Oct. 2023: | Richard Marks | An Eclectic Extravaganza: Victorians at Leisure |

Payments due Today

Payment for Ladies Summer Lunch and Celebration of the Club's 30th Birthday on Monday, 24th July. The full amount of £26 pp is due today. The payment reference is: [SGC07](#) and payment methods are detailed on the final page. **If you have not already done so, please remember to return your menu choices to Keith Toogood today.**

Last month's EGM

At the last month's Probus Lunch on 22nd May 2023 a PowerPoint presentation to the membership was given by the Almoner following the Subcommittee deliberations and proceedings on the new Buddy Scheme.

The presentation was entitled 'The Buddy Scheme - improving information flow to the Almoner' and a motion to the membership entitled 'The Club agrees to introduce the Buddy Scheme on a one-year trial Basis' was put to a vote by a show of hands. The motion was carried unanimously. The PowerPoint presentation remains on the Club Website at www.probusreadingeast.org for further viewing.

Buddy Scheme Consent Form

The next steps in getting the Buddy Scheme up and running have been mapped out by the subcommittee and first up is the Consent Form to participate in the scheme. A copy of the Consent Form will be found on every seat in the dining room at today's lunch. If you fill in the form today, you will find a box on the teller's table in which to deposit the completed form. The box will also be available at the July lunch. Members not attending today's lunch will be mailed a copy of the form.

The form is also available as an attachment to the email bringing you this newsletter or alternatively the form is posted on the club's website at: www.probusreadingeast.org for you to print and fill in by hand. Details for returning the form are included at the foot of the form. **Please do not attempt to return the form by electronic means, a physical copy is required.**

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

The board for the above event on the 24th July will circulate for the final time today and members must '[opt in](#)' for this lunch. The cost is £26 pp., please see either the entry on page 2 or the board for further details.

Holme Lacy Visit

Paul Townson has prepared a letter for all those members attending the visit to Holme Lacy. If Paul does not find you, please seek him out at today's meeting. If you are not attending today's meeting, please call Paul on 07759 202424.

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Events Calendar - Details provided by individual Event Organisers

| Day/Date | Event | Deposit/Payment required | Balance required |
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| Monday 26 th Jun. 2023 | <p>TODAY - 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> | Full payment of £24 pp. due no later than 09:00 on 26 th June 2023 | - |
| 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.</p> <p>Paul Townson is the organiser Tel: 0118 975 2191</p> <p>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</p> <p>The event starts at 12:00, The cost is £26 pp.</p> <p>Please remember that you must "opt-in" to this event</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Payment details at foot of final page - Reference: SGC07</p> <p>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</p> <p>Two walks are available either 2½ and 4 miles, see board for more details.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>OS Explorer map 172. Start Grid ref. SU 824 840</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Event organiser: Alan Wilks Email: ad.wilks@ntlworld.com</p> <p>T: 0118 934 3991</p> | - | - |
| Tuesday 8 th Aug. 2023 | <p>PLACES AVAILABLE - Morning Coffee plus Lunch No. 112 at The Cunning Man, Burghfield Bridge, Burghfield Road, Reading, RG30 3RB</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 last month's newsletter or a hard copy will be found in the board folder at today's meeting.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Payment details at foot of final page - Reference: Cunningman112</p> <p>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 | - |

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READING EAST PROBUS CLUB - EVENTS CALENDAR CONT'D

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| Tuesday 22 nd Aug. 2023 | NEW - Walks from the Butt Inn, Station Road, Aldermaston Wharf, Reading, RG7 4LA Two walks are available either 2-3 or 6 miles, see board for more details. Meet in the pub car park at 10.15 to move off at 10.30. OS Explorer map 159. Start Grid ref. SU 600 669 Lunch will be taken at the pub from a menu which will be available at the July meeting. If you wish to attend either email Paul Townson or sign up on the board in the dining room today. Event Organiser: Paul Townson - Tel: 0118 975 2191, E-mail: p.townson@ntlworld.com | - | - |

>>> News Extra

Members Birthdays

The following members have had, or will have their birthdays in June: - Mike Capers, John Ledger, Mike Luff, Barry Neville and Chris Ward - Happy Days!

New Member CV - John Evans

John was privileged to work in three roles for the Government's Agricultural Advisory and Development Service. A degree in botany at Liverpool University and research in soil microbiology on Tyneside led to a role as a plant pathologist advising farmers, trade and government on crop diseases based in the Midlands and South-East England (from Reading). A period in London providing advice and managing ADAS crop scientists followed. His last job was consolidating the service's laboratories on one site in Wolverhampton before their sale.

On retirement John returned to his natives Wales, joined Usk Probus Club, ran a rural life museum and led the town's 'in bloom' team to success. John and wife Janet subsequently rejoined family in Emmer Green, where they enjoy gardening, countryside, volunteering at Caversham Court Gardens and visiting family in Australia. John retains a life-long passion for Wales and for Liverpool FC.

Club Website

The committee is keen to improve the club website to give it a new look and provide a better service for our members going forward. We are looking for a member who has experience in website design and the management thereof.

If anyone has this type of experience and would be willing to guide the committee on the way forward we would love to hear from you. Please contact Chris Ward, Email: cielward@gmx.com, Mob: 07990 857888

Photos of Club Events

In the meantime, in order to give the current website a boost, the committee would welcome photos of club events such as the recent Thames Cruise which would be posted on the website and regularly refreshed during the course of the year. Please contact Chris Ward as above.

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