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# PROBUS NEWS

The monthly newsletter of Reading East Probus  
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**A VERY WARM WELCOME TO OUR WIVES,  
PARTNERS AND GUESTS  
JOINING US FOR TODAY'S LADIES LUNCH  
ALSO CELEBRATING THE 30<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY OF THE CLUB'S FOUNDING**

Place Number

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## Today's Presentation ...

### Tales of a Roving Reporter



#### Next Month's Lunch Meeting

Is on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> August 2023 when our Speaker is Richard Marks with his talk: An Eclectic Extravaganza: Victorians at Leisure.

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

25 <sup>th</sup> Sep. 2023:	Dananjaya Silva	Tea and World War 2
23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct. 2023:	Dr Stephen Goss	'No tolerance of undeserving rank and splendour': the wit and satire of Gilbert & Sullivan
27 <sup>th</sup> Nov. 2023:	Gordon Rogers	The Sky at Night, with a Laugh

#### Payments due Today

Payment for the Coffee Lunch at the Cuning Man on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August. The full amount of £24 pp is due today. The payment reference is: [Cunningman112](#) and payment methods are detailed on the final page.

#### Buddy Scheme Consent Form - Reminder

A good number of completed Consent Forms were deposited at last month's meeting and some more have reached David Carrington via Royal Mail.

Those of you attending today's Ladies Lunch have a further opportunity to deposit completed forms in the box provided in the dining room.

Can't find your form or unable to print from the attachment to last month's email bringing you the June newsletter?

Hard copies of the Consent Form will be available at today's lunch or alternatively the form is posted on the club's website at: [www.probusreadingeast.org](http://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.***

#### Boards and Mobile Numbers - Reminder

Please remember to view the Event Boards on display in the dining room at today's meeting. In particular, please continue to add your mobile numbers to the dedicated board as we need to complete this process.

#### Music Quiz at Today's Ladies Lunch

David Carrington has been busy compiling a musical brain teaser to entertain you during lunch. Each table will work as a team and be provided with a script of questions and a pen to record the answers to musical clues played by David one after another with only a short pause between. In order to make best use of the available time, the quiz will commence after the main course is finished at approximately 13:45. So each table will need to get organised by appointing a scribe to record their answers as the dessert will be served at the same time and you wouldn't want to miss any clues. There will be a prize for the winning table.

#### Photographic Competition for the 2024 Calendar - Reminder

So far there has been a trickle of entries but from past experience we need a much larger pool of photographs from which to make a choice. There is still time to put together an entry and to assist with this process the deadline for the receipt of entries has been extended to Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

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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> Jul. 2023	<p><b>TODAY - 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.</p> <p><b>Please remember that you had to "opt-in" to this event which is now closed.</b></p> <p>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	-
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> Jul. 2023	<p><b>NOW CLOSED - Walk in and around Hurley Village including a section along the Thames</b></p> <p>Two walks are available either 2½ and 4 miles, see board for more details.</p> <p>Meet at 10:15 in the public 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.</p> <p>Event organiser: Alan Wilks Email: <a href="mailto:ad.wilks@ntlworld.com">ad.wilks@ntlworld.com</a> T: 0118 934 3991</p>	-	-
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> Aug. 2023	<p><b>PLACES AVAILABLE - Morning Coffee plus Lunch No. 112 at The Cunning Man, Burghfield Bridge, Burghfield Road, Reading, RG30 3RB</b></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 - <a href="#">Reference: Cunningman112</a></p> <p>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 £24 pp. due no later than the 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2023 the July lunch date	-
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> Aug. 2023	<p><b>ACTION REQUIRED - August Probus Lunch at the Sonning Golf Club, Duffield Road, Sonning-on-Thames, Reading, RG4 6GJ</b></p> <p>The event starts at 12:00.</p> <p><b>Menu: Melon &amp; Parma Ham, followed by fillet of Salmon.</b></p> <p><b>The cost is £24 pp.</b></p> <p><b>Apologies - no later than noon on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August.</b></p> <p>Payment details at foot of final page - <a href="#">Reference: SGC08</a></p> <p>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 21 <sup>st</sup> August 2023	-
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug. 2023	<p><b>PLACES AVAILABLE - Walks from the Butt Inn, Station Road, Aldermaston Wharf, Reading, RG7 4LA</b></p> <p>Two walks are available either 2-3 or 6 miles, see board for more details.</p> <p>Meet in the pub car park at 10.15 to move off at 10.30.</p> <p>OS Explorer map 159. Start Grid ref. SU 600 669</p> <p>Lunch will be taken at the pub from a menu which will be found in the pocket of the board folder at today's meeting.</p> <p>If you wish to attend either email Paul Townson or sign up on the board in the dining room today.</p> <p>Event Organiser: Paul Townson - Tel: 0118 975 2191, E-mail: <a href="mailto:p.townson@ntlworld.com">p.townson@ntlworld.com</a></p>	-	-

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## READING EAST PROBUS CLUB - EVENTS CALENDAR CONT'D

Day/Date	Event	Deposit/Payment required	Balance required
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Sep. 2023	<p><b>NEW - Morning Coffee plus Lunch No. 113 at Buratta's at The Royal Oak, Ruscombe, RG10 9JN</b></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 month's 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 Gordon 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 - <a href="#">Reference: Burattas113</a></p> <p>Event Organiser: Gordon Murray-Smith T: 0118 969 3948 E-mail: <a href="mailto:murraysmithg@aol.com">murraysmithg@aol.com</a></p>	Full payment of £25 pp. due no later than the 21 <sup>st</sup> Aug. 2023 the August lunch date	-
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Sep. 2023	<p><b>DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES - Walk in and around Cookham Village</b></p> <p>Details next month including catering arrangements</p> <p>Event Organiser: Mike Luff T: 0118 978 9387 E-mail: <a href="mailto:luffmidtan@btinternet.com">luffmidtan@btinternet.com</a></p>	-	-
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> Sep. 2023	<p><b>DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES - September Probus Lunch at the Sonning Golf Club, Duffield Road, Sonning-on-Thames, Reading, RG4 6GJ</b></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 22<sup>nd</sup> September.</p> <p>Payment details at foot of final page - <a href="#">Reference: SGC09</a></p> <p>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 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept. 2023	-

### >>> News Extra

#### Members Birthdays

The following members have had, or will have their birthdays in July: - John Evans, Trotter Hatch, John Wallis, Alan Wilks and Alistair Morris - Happy Days!

#### 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