

25th September 2023



PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE IN THE COMPETITION TO FIND THE FAVOURITE PHOTOGRAPH FROM THE TWELVE CHOSEN FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2024 CALENDAR WHICH ARE EXHIBITED IN THE DINING ROOM TODAY

Place Number

«No»

Today's Presentation ...

Dananjiya Silva



Tea and World War 2

Next Month's Lunch Meeting

Is on Monday the 23rd October 2023 when our Speaker is Dr Stephen Goss with his talk: 'No tolerance of undeserving rank and splendour': the wit and satire of Gilbert & Sullivan.

Coming up in the next few months

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| 27th Nov. 2023: | Gordon Rogers | The Sky at Night, with a Laugh |
| 18th Dec. 2023: | Sally Hughes | The Mill at Sonning Theatre |
| 22nd Jan. 2024: | Alan Harland | Brunel: Father and Son |

Payments due Today

Payment for the Coffee Lunch at the Heron on the Ford on Tuesday 10th October. The full amount of £25 pp is due today. The payment reference is: [Heron114](#) and payment methods are detailed on the final page.

2023 Christmas Lunch - Monday 18th December 2023

This event is launched today, see entry on page 3 and a board will circulate at today's lunch for the Christmas Lunch on Monday 18th December 2023. The cost of the lunch is £33 pp. The meal will comprise a starter and main course with a sweet end to the meal provided by mince pies served with coffee. Attendees will be offered a choice from four starters and four main courses. A copy of the menu was emailed with this newsletter and members attending today's meeting can also obtain a hard copy from the board folder. **Please remember that this is an "opt-in" event.**

2024 Probus Calendar

The 2024 Calendar will feature photographs chosen from entries to this year's photographic competition. The board on which to order copies of the 2024 Calendar will circulate at today's lunch and the price of the calendar will be £7 per copy. Please visit the dining room today to view the pictures chosen and vote for your favourite picture. Members not attending today's meeting will receive the voting form by email on Tuesday including information on how to order a copies of the calendar. The winning photo will be announced at the October meeting when a prize will be awarded.

Buddy Scheme - Notification of Paired Buddies

Today you will receive a letter from David Carrington when you check-in at the Tellers Desk. It contains the name of your Paired Buddy and the name of your Geographic Group Leader as well as a copy of The Buddy Charter 2023 which sets out the 'ground rules' of the Buddy Scheme which we urge you to read.

The Buddy Scheme will go live on the 1st October 2023 when the successful operation of the scheme will be in your hands.

John Evans joins Coffee/Lunch Organiser's Team

John has kindly agreed to join the Coffee/Lunch Team as an Organiser, and will initially be assisting Alan Penn with the Unicorn Lunch in November to learn the ropes.

Members Birthdays

The following members have had, or will have their birthdays in September: - Alan Harland, Richard Jenkins and Brian Lamden - Happy Days!

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Events Calendar - Details provided by individual Event Organisers

Day/Date	Event	Deposit/Payment required	Balance required
Monday 25 th Sep. 2023	<p>TODAY - September 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: Braised Steak with Mash & Onion Gravy, followed by Chocolate & Raspberry Tart. The cost is £24 pp.</p> <p>Apologies - no later than noon on Friday 22nd September.</p> <p>Payment details at foot of final page - Reference: SGC09</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 25 th Sept. 2023	-
Tuesday 10 th Oct. 2023	<p>PLACES AVAILABLE - Morning Coffee plus Lunch No. 114 at The Heron on the Ford, RG10 9JN</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 £25 pp. and if you wish to attend, please inform Nick 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: Heron114</p> <p>Event Organiser: Nick Bell, M: 07544 806833 E-mail: nebell999@gmail.com</p>	Full payment of £25 pp. due no later than the 25 th Sep. 2023 the September lunch date	-
Wednesday 11 th Oct. 2023	<p>NEW - Walks from the Shepherds Hut, High Street, Ewelme, Oxfordshire, OX10 6HQ</p> <p>Two walks are available either 2 or 4½ 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 171. Start Grid ref. SU 639919</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>Please Note: Lunch will only be served when the two groups return from their respective walks. In the meantime, there is a chance have a chat with perhaps a drink (not included).</p> <p>If you wish to attend, either email Keith or Peter or sign up on the board in the dining room today.</p> <p>Event Organisers: Keith Toogood - Tel: 0118 961 8596, Mob: 07741 460020, E-mail: keithtoogood1@me.com and Peter Gough assisted by Kaye - who is leading the short walk - Tel 0118 966 1159, Mob: 07977 455417, Email: petergough2021@outlook.com</p>	-	-
Monday 23 rd Oct. 2023	<p>ACTION REQUIRED - October 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: Pea & Ham Soup, followed by Roast Chicken, with Traditional Trimmings. The cost is £24 pp.</p> <p>Apologies - no later than noon on Friday 20th October.</p> <p>Payment details at foot of final page - Reference: SGC10</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 23 rd Oct. 2023	-

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READING EAST PROBUS CLUB - EVENTS CALENDAR CONT'D

Day/Date	Event	Deposit/Payment required	Balance required
<p>Wednesday 15th Nov. 2023 It is correct!!</p>	<p>NEW - NOTE DATE! - Morning Coffee plus Lunch # 115 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 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 £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 and Menu Choices must be received no later than Monday 6th November, see note below.</p> <p>Important Note: There is a cap of 36 persons at The Unicorn, places will 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 by the Treasurer. See also Payment for Events below.</p> <p>Payment details at foot of final page - Reference: Unicorn115</p> <p>Event Organisers: Alan Penn T: 0118 987 1828 E-mail: alanpenn9@aol.com assisted by John Evans T:0118 937 0079, Email: john.kidmore@icloud.com</p>	<p>Full payment of £25 pp. due no later than Monday the 6th Nov. 2023</p>	<p></p>
<p>Monday 18th Dec. 2023</p>	<p>NEW (ACTION REQUIRED NOW) - Probus Christmas Lunch with our wives, partners and guests at the Sonning Golf Club, Duffield Road, Sonning-on-Thames, Reading, RG4 6GJ</p> <p>The event starts at 12:00 noon.</p> <p>Please remember that you must "opt-in" to this event</p> <p>Menu - The menu will be emailed along with this Newsletter or a hard copy will be found in the board folder where you can also sign up for the event today.</p> <p>The cost is £33 pp. and if you wish to attend, please inform Keith Toogood by email: keithtoogood1@me.com and, include your Menu Choices, using the short code, no later than the 20th November</p> <p>Payment details at foot of final page - Reference: SGC12</p> <p>Event Organiser: Keith Toogood - Tel: 0118 961 8596, Mob: 07741 460020, E-mail: keithtoogood1@me.com</p>	<p>Full amount of £33 pp. due no later than the 27th Nov. 2023 the November lunch date</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-</p>

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