



# Reading and District Probus Club

## "Telegraph"

March 2024

Web-site Address – [www.probusclub-reading.org.uk](http://www.probusclub-reading.org.uk)

Our speaker this month is our own Steve Akehurst who will tell us how the English language has developed.

### LUNCH ARRANGEMENTS (Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March)

The cost of lunch will be £22 per head. Please assemble in the dining area at 12:30 in time for our Business Meeting on this day. Lunch will be served at 12:45. Please remember that you will be liable for a "no show" charge of £22 if you fail to advise the Secretary that you will not be attending by **09:00hrs. on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** that you will **not** be attending.

### PAYMENT FOR LUNCHES

If you intend to pay by BACS please ensure that your transfer is made to Reading & District Probus Club sort code 20-71-03 account number 80398594 **on the Monday before the lunch at the latest, giving the reference** your name followed by the month.

### UPCOMING SPEAKER ARRANGEMENTS

**9 April 2024** Russell King – "Marching Onward"

**11 June 2024** Ladies Lunch Jenny Mallin – "Full Steam Ahead"

**14 May 2024** Francis Brown – "Measuring Patient Experiences in Primary Care"

**9 July 2024** **Colin Hatcher** – "Alaska"

### 4<sup>th</sup> TUESDAY CLUB" LUNCH (March 26<sup>th</sup>)

Come along and enjoy the company and chat at our next "4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Club". We normally start to gather around 12 noon at Mapledurham Golf Club. Bring along a friend or your wife.

### BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Alan Bradbury and Peter Higginson will celebrate their birthday this month.

### REGALIA & CLUB SALES

If any member wishes to purchase a tie or any other item, please contact Russell King.

#### **Reading & District Probus Club – Committee Members**

**President:** Francis Brown **Vice President:** Colin Hatcher **Immediate Past President:** Siraj Vora  
**Secretary:** David Laird **Treasurer:** Siraj Vora **Speaker Secretary:** Vacant  
**Almoner:** Russell King **Press Secretary:** Alan Bradbury **Regalia & Club Sales:** Russell King

## THIS MONTH'S HUMOUR



## MISCELLANEOUS SNIPPETS

Putin visits a fortune teller and asks her what will happen in the near future.

She says, "I see you riding in a limousine through a large crowd, the people are happy, laughing and cheering, jumping for joy, hugging each other and all have big smiles on their faces!"

Putin asks her, "Am I waving at them?"

"No," she says, "the coffin is closed!"

Jack decided to go skiing with his buddy, Bob. They loaded up Jack's station-wagon and headed north. After driving for a few hours, they got caught in a terrible blizzard.

They pulled into a nearby farmhouse and asked the attractive lady of the house if they could spend the night.

"I'm recently widowed," she explained, "and I'm afraid the neighbours will talk if I let you stay in my house."

"Not to worry," Jack said, "we'll be happy to sleep in the barn."

Nine months later, Jack got a letter from the widow's attorney. He called up his friend Bob and asked him, "Do you remember that good-looking widow at the farm we stayed at?"

"Yes, I do."

"Did you happen to get up in the middle of the night, go up to the house and make love to her?"

"Yes, I have to admit that I did."

"Did you happen to use my name instead of telling her your name?"

After a long silence, Bob replied, "Yeah, I'm afraid I did."

"Well, thanks! She just died and left me everything!"

This morning on the way to work I wasn't really paying attention and I drove into the back of a car at a set of traffic lights. The driver got out and it turned out he was a dwarf. He said, "I'm not happy." I said, "Well, which one are you then?"

Doctor: "I am not exactly sure of the cause. I think it could be due to alcohol." The patient replied: "That's OK. I will come back when you are sober."

Doug Smith is on his deathbed and knows the end is near. His nurse, his wife, his daughter and two sons, are with him. He asks for two witnesses to be present and a camcorder to be in place to record his last wishes. When all is ready he begins to speak:

"My son, Bernie, I want you to take the Mayfair houses. My daughter Sybil, you take the apartments over in the east end. My son, Jamie, I want you to take the offices over in the City Centre. Sarah, my dear wife, please take all the residential buildings on the banks of the river."

The nurse and witnesses are blown away as they did not realize he had such an extensive property portfolio, and as Doug slips away, the nurse says,

"Mrs. Smith, your husband must have been such a hard-working man to have accumulated all this property".

Sarah replies, "Property ? The good for nothing lay-about had a paper round!"

Q. If you spell out the numbers from one, how far do you have to go to get the letter "A"?

A. One thousand - if you are American. We don't have to go nearly as far as that!

Q. What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windscreen wipers and laser printers have in common?

A. They were all invented by women

Q. What is the only food that never spoils?

A. Honey

Q. Most boat owners name their boats. What is the most popular name?

A. Apparently "Obsession"

Open a blank worksheet in Excel and enter =111111111\*111111111

Format the result as a number with no decimal places and the product shown is very interesting.

However, I can't get the last 21, even if I try adding that to the product! Can you please help me to solve this?

David Laird  
29 February 2024