



Reading and District Probus Club

"Telegraph"

May 2025

Web-site Address – www.probusclub-reading.org.uk

Our speaker this month will be our President, Peter Higginson, who will tell us about "The History of Electronic Computers".

LUNCH ARRANGEMENTS (Tuesday 13th May)

The cost of lunch will be £28 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 £27 if you fail to advise the Secretary that you will not be attending by **09:00hrs. on Thursday 8th May** 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 June 2025 Summer Lunch Alan Fitzgerald -
"Hidden Rivers of London"

14 July 2025 "Open Table Talk"

12 August 2025 Nick Wells "Fun Quiz"

9 September 2025 Michael Humphries

"Reminiscences of a Amateur Organist"

4th TUESDAY CLUB" LUNCH (May 27th)

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

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Stephen Akehurst will celebrate his 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: Peter Higginson **Vice President:** Russell King **Past President:** Colin Hatcher
Secretary: David Laird **Treasurer:** Siraj Vora **Speaker Secretary:** Vacant
Almoner: Russell King **Press Secretary:** Vacant **Supplies Officer:** Russell King
Committee Member: Francis Brown

THIS MONTH'S HUMOUR



On a Safari in Kenya!!

The Irish apparently have the lowest stress rate because they do not understand the seriousness of most medical terminology.

The chart below will help you understand...

Medical Term	Irish Understanding
Artery	The study of paintings
Bacteria	Back door to cafeteria
Barium	What doctors do when patients die
Benign	What you be, after you be eight
Caesarean Section	A neighbourhood in Rome
Cat scan	Searching for Kitty
Cauterize	Made eye contact with her
Colic	A sheep dog
Coma	A punctuation mark
Dilate	To live long
Enema	Not a friend
Fester	Quicker than someone else
Fibula	A small lie
Impotent	Distinguished, well known

A wealthy Old Gentleman decides to go on a hunting safari in Africa , taking his faithful, elderly dog named Killer, along for company.

One day the old dog starts chasing rabbits and before long, discovers that he's lost. Wandering about, he notices a leopard heading rapidly in his direction with the intention of having lunch.

The old dog thinks, "Oh, oh! I'm in deep doo-doo now!" Noticing some bones on the ground close by, he immediately settles down to chew on the bones with his back to the approaching cat. Just as the leopard is about to leap, the old dog exclaims loudly, "Boy, that was one delicious leopard! I wonder, if there are any more around here?"

Hearing this, the young leopard halts his attack in mid-strike, a look of terror comes over him and he slinks away into the trees. "Whew!", says the leopard, "That was close! That old dog nearly had me!"

Meanwhile, a monkey who had been watching the whole scene from a nearby tree, figures he can put this knowledge to good use and trade it for protection from the leopard. So, off he goes, but the old dog sees him heading after the leopard with great speed, and figures that something must be up.

The monkey soon catches up with the leopard, spills the beans and strikes a deal for himself with the leopard.

The young leopard is furious at being made a fool of and says, "Here, monkey, hop on my back and see what's going to happen to that conniving canine! "

Now, the old dog sees the leopard coming with the monkey on his back and thinks, "What am I going to do now?", but instead of running, the dog sits down with his back to his attackers, pretending he hasn't seen them yet, and just when they get close enough to hear, the old dog says... "Where's that damn monkey? I sent him off an hour ago to bring me another leopard! "

Moral of this story...

Don't mess with the old dogs.... age and skill will always overcome youth and treachery! Brilliance only comes with age and experience.

David Laird
30 April 2025