



# Reading and District Probus Club

## "Telegraph"

March 2026

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

We welcome our speaker Maureen Blake this month. She will tell us about setting up a small school in West Bengal.

### LUNCH ARRANGEMENTS (Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March)

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 5<sup>th</sup> March**

### UPCOMING SPEAKER ARRANGEMENTS

**14 April 2026** Silvertime Legal "Tax, Care and the New Guy"

**12 May 2026** Kevin Fitzsimons "The War Graves Commission"

**9 June 2026 (Guest's meeting)** Alan Copeland "The Changing Face of Reading"

**14 July 2026** Rebecca Chu "Urban Observations from Beijing, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Singapore, London and Reading"

### 4<sup>th</sup> TUESDAY CLUB" LUNCH (March 24<sup>th</sup>)

Some of us are still meeting and enjoying the company and chat at these "4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Club" get togethers. Why don't you join in at our next gathering. We normally turn up around 12 noon at Mapledurham Golf Club. Bring along a friend or your partner.

### 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 piece of memorabilia, please contact Russell King.

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

**President:** Russell King **Vice President:** Russell King **Past President:** Peter Higginson  
**Secretary:** David Laird **Treasurer:** Siraj Vora **Speaker Coordinator:** Colin Hatcher  
**Almoner:** Russell King **Press Secretary:** Vacant **Supplies Officer:** Russell King  
**Minutes Recorder:** Francis Brown

## THIS MONTH'S HUMOUR



### **You might find some amusing**

When one door opens and another closes, you are probably in prison.

To me, “drink responsibly” means “don’t spill it”.

Age 80 might be the new 40, but 9.00 pm is the new midnight.

It’s the start of a new day, and I’m off like a herd of turtles.

The older I get the later it gets late.

When I say, “The other day”, I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 15 years ago.

I remember being able to get up without sound effects.

I had my patience tested – I’m negative.

Don’t bother walking in my shoes. That would be boring. Spend 30 seconds in my head. That’ll freak you out.

If you’re sitting in public and a stranger takes the seat next to you, just stare straight ahead and say, “Did you bring the money?”

When you ask me what I am doing today, and I say “nothing”, it does not mean I am free. It means I am doing nothing.

I finally got eight hours sleep. It took me three days, but whatever.

I run like the winded.

I hate it when a couple argue in public, and I missed the beginning and don’t know whose side I’m on.

When someone asks what I did over the weekend, I squint and ask, “Why, what did you hear?”

When you do squats, are your knees supposed to sound like a goat chewing on an aluminium can stuffed with celery?

Avoid the M4 - A lorry carrying snooker equipment has crashed and spilt its cargo - There are cues in both directions.

For a birthday gift - A broken drum is hard to beat.

A guy on a tractor drove past me shouting the end of the world is here - I think it was Farmer Geddon

I bought an alarm clock that swears at you instead of beeping - It's a rude awakening

Is an Angry French Relative called a Croissant?

Guy once asked me - What do you call a deer with no eyes - I said - No idea

Did you know! Dogs can't operate MRI Machines - But Catscan

I used to work in a bicycle factory - In my first week they made me their spokes person

I borrowed a large sheet of plastic covering from my neighbour - Just wanted to say - Ta Pauline

I'm So Good At Sleeping - I Can Do It With My Eyes Closed

I wonder if it takes Ten-tickles to make an octopus laugh

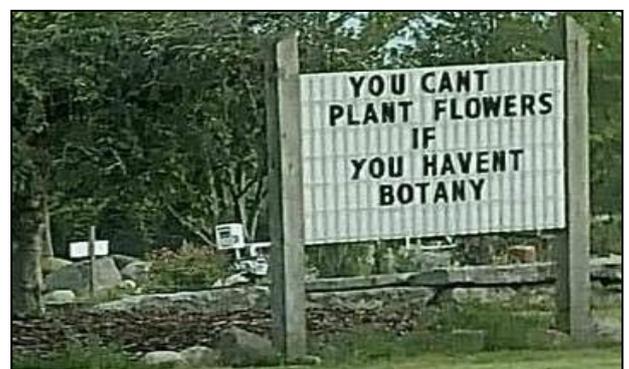
I used to work in a shoe recycling shop - I had to give it up - It was sole destroying

When I was younger I thought Sherlock Holmes was a block of flats

To make holy water - Do they boil the hell out of it?

If a Microscope crashes into a Telescope - Do they Kaleidoscope?

### **Spring Coming - Gardeners Beware!**



*David Laird Secretary  
28 February 2026*