



## NEWENT & DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB

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### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 JANUARY 2020

1. **Chairman:** Tony welcomed back John Franklin & Graham Jackson after their recent medical situations.
2. **Apologies:** Peter Hayes
3. **Minutes of last meeting:** Minutes of the last meeting previously posted on the club website were accepted as a true record and duly signed.
4. **Matter arising:** None
5. **Officer reports:**
  - 5.1 **Theatre visits:** Andrew said he will circulate the details of the two plays he has selected and asked members to let him know which or both they would be interested in.
  - 5.2 **Outings:** David said that he was looking at two visits, one to the National Arboretum on 21 May and one to the SS Great Britain in October. He was also looking at the possibility of a ½ day visit to somewhere local, Llanthony Secunda Priory in Gloucester being suggested.
  - 5.3 **Pub Lunches:** Tony said he would send details for the next Pub Lunch on 4 February in due course.
  - 5.4 **Programme secretary:** Fraser outlined the programme which has been organised up until December.
  - 5.5 **Treasurer:** Nothing to report
  - 5.6 **Webmaster:** Nothing to report
  - 5.7 **Almoner:** Nothing to report
6. **AOB.**
7. **Guest speaker:** Mike Warburton – Do as I say not as I do

Mike gave a most enlightening and worrying account of how our high profile politicians manage to avoid paying the right amount of tax on their earnings whilst telling us how important it is for us to make sure we pay our taxes and go after multi-

national companies to get them to pay more, a real good example of “Do as I say not as I do” A fine example of how those in power are quite happy to carry out corrupt practices but expect us to respect them. One day they will get their comeuppance? The presentation was given in Mikes inimitable and amusing way.

8. **Special events (Birthdays):** Fraser announced the birthdays of Terry Finch & Alf Lawrence and told his usual joke.  
On a personal note Fraser announced that he was planning to take part in a “Polar Plunge” (Swimming 50m in temperature of 5-7c) at Cheltenham Lido on 29 February, raising fund for Winston Wish Charity. He invited members to sponsor him for this ordeal.
9. **Date of next meeting:** 28 January 2020
10. **Speaker:** Roger Davies – Korea – The Forgotten War