



NEWENT & DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28 JANUARY 2020

1. Chairman: Tony welcomed members to the meeting.
2. Apologies: Graham Jackson
3. Minutes of last meeting: Minutes of the last meeting on 14 January 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 announced that he had 28 names for the visit to the Everyman Theatre to see the Alan Bennett play "The Birthday Party" on 26 March. He asked the meeting if anyone would be interested in a visit to see an Alun Ayckbourn farce in May, there was little interest as it was thought be too close to an outing organised by David Clowes. It was decided not to pursue this. Andrew also mentioned that there were some Gilbert & Sullivan productions at Malvern coming up and he would sound members out at a later date.
 - 5.2 Outings: David announced he was planning a visit to the National Arboretum on Thursday 21 May, depending on numbers the cost would be between £20-£25 per person. He said that there was Land Train which would need to be booked which circumnavigates the site. As the site is large, members might want to visit specific points of interest. Meals may be booked in the restaurant but could be expensive. There is a good restaurant which members might wish to visit ad hoc or bring a Picnic.
 - 5.3 Pub Lunches: Tony announce that the next Pub lunch would be at the White Hart at Broadoak nr Newnham on Tuesday 4 February
 - 5.4 Programme secretary: Nothing to report
 - 5.5 Treasurer: Jim reminded members if they owe the club any monies to pay as soon as is possible as he is in the process of preparing next years budget and needs to finalise any outstanding payments.
 - 5.6 Webmaster: Nothing to report.

5.7 Almoner: Mike announce that he had been in touch with Harold Williams who has not been well and can no longer drive so will probably not be attending meetings in the future. Anyone who knows Harold, Mike said he was sure he would welcome any visitors.

6. AOB. None

7. Guest speaker: Roger Davies – Korea – The Forgotten War

Roger gave a most comprehensive detailed presentation on the build up to the Korean War, the politics involved and the role of the United Nations, how close we came to Nuclear War and the fact that we are technically still at war with N Korea as a Peace Treaty was never signed, just an agreed ceasefire. He warned that the situation today is still as volatile and very dangerous, especially with powers that be within Korea not being particularly interested in making peace. A very thought-provoking presentation.

8. Special events (Birthdays) No Birthdays but Fraser announced his thought for the day and told a few amusing stories.

9. Date of next meeting: 11 February 2020

10. Speaker: Paul Holliman – Blind interspective