



## NEWENT & DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB

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### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 February 2020

1. **Chairman:** Tony welcomed Herbie Renfold from Ross Vaga probus club accompanying our speaker
2. **Apologies:** Roger Beard, Mike Warburton, John Weeden, Mike Witcomb, Gareth Williams.
3. **Minutes of last meeting:** Minutes of the last meeting previously posted on the club website were accepted, after an amendment as true record and duly signed.
4. **Matter arising:** Fraser apologised for putting the name of the wrong play which should have read "The Habit of Art" by Alan Bennett which is being arranged for 26 March at the Everyman Theatre in Cheltenham.
5. **Officer reports:**
  - 5.1 **Theatre visits:** Andrew said that all is arranged for the visit on 26 March.
  - 5.2 **Outings:** David asked that those wishing to attend the proposed visit to the National Arboretum to put their name down as he needs to know numbers for booking the coach and a late cancellation could cost the club.
  - 5.3 **Pub Lunches:** Tony will circulate details shortly.
  - 5.4 **Programme secretary:** Nothing to report
  - 5.5 **Treasurer:** Jim asked members to check the Blue Sheet and let him have monies owing
  - 5.6 **Webmaster:** Nothing to report
  - 5.7 **Almoner:** Nothing to report, however, Colin Chave informed the meeting that Marion Moore is quite poorly.
6. **AOB.** None

7. **Guest speaker:** Paul Holliman – Blind Interspective

Paul, who works at GCHQ gave a most enlightening presentation on dealing with being blind, he wowed us with an array of technological systems and devices which enables him to carry out life as normal as possible. Paul gave a most inspiring talk and left members being in complete awe in the manner in which he manages his disability. He joined us at the Kings Arms for a pint and continued to amaze us with stories and demonstrating his humour. A really memorable presentation.

8. **Special events (Birthdays)** Fraser said that there were no birthdays to celebrate but gave a few thought provoking “Thoughts for the day” and his usual Joke

9. **Date of next meeting:** 25 February 2020

10. **Speaker:** Alex Bailey – The Chartist of Snigs End