



NEWENT & DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD via ZOOM

TUESDAY 23 MARCH 2021 AT 10.30

Chairman: Mike welcomed guests Ted Shaw and Ann Vizor

Apologies: Roger Beard, Jim Stewart

Minutes of last meeting: Held on 9 March 2021 posted on website

Matters Arising: None

Finance: In Jim's absence Mike said that there was nothing to report and the latest accounts were on the club website. Fraser said that the annual accounts are with the auditors.

Webmaster: Ray asked members that if anyone is having difficulties accessing the website to contact him.

Speakers: All Ok. Fraser said that through his various contacts it would appear that a lot of clubs are returning to normal meetings from end of June/July. He had booked speakers via Zoom up to August. If we return sooner, we will be able to project Zoom presentation on to the screen in the hall. Something that other clubs are contemplating as well.

AOB: None

Speaker: John Clark – Weird and Wonderful Engineering leading up to D Day.

John explained his background as a design engineer in the REME attached to The Fighting Vehicle Research and Development Establishment after leaving the army he started his own business building and rebuilding racing cars as well as producing updated spare parts for eastern bloc armoured fighting vehicles.

Leading up to WWII Great Britain produced some unusual inventions which were developed to overcome operational difficulties. Some worked really well others not so.

John showed us an array of different types of vehicles used, some of the technology is still used to day.

A really interesting talk. It just showed how, when the chips are down, we come up with some simple and some very ingenious designs, but with very effective results.

Birthdays: Jim Stewart 26th and Fred Passant 31st members wished them well. Fraser gave his usual amusing stories this time celebrating St Patricks Day.

Next Meeting: 13 April 2021 at 10.30

Speaker: A musical treat from Pam Street on the wonderful world of Ivor Novello