



## NEWENT & DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB

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### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD via ZOOM

**TUESDAY 22 JUNE 2021 @10.30**

**Chairman:** Vice chairman Andrew Graham welcomed members to the meeting.

**Apologies:** Paul Dodd, David Clowes, John Slack, John Franklin, Roger Beard

**Minutes of last meeting:** Held on 8 June 2021 by Zoom and previously displayed on the club website. Agreed

**Matters Arising:** None

**Finance:** Nothing to report

**Speakers:** All speakers booked until March. Depending on when we return to normal meetings the programme may have to be adjusted as some speakers cannot do Zoom.

**Webmaster:** Ray announced that the Tech team will be carrying out tests with the audio equipment at Gorsley on Thursday. If successful, they will then arrange to carry out tests using a portable WiFi unit to test whether we are able to have Zoom speakers beamed to the Hall.

**AOB:** Fraser announced that Brenda Jeynes, wife of former member Barry, had sadly died after a long illness. He said that he would send club condolences

**Speaker:** John Weeden – RAF Courts Martial and Boards of Inquiries.

John commenced his talk showing interesting photos of when he was “Bright eyed and bushy tailed” first joining the RAF Legal Branch. He talked on how he progressed through the ranks, eventually becoming head of the RAF Legal Branch with the rank of Air Vice Marshall. He showed an amusing invite he received from the USAF where they had given him a Navel Rank of Commodore (instead of Air Commodore) and a Knighthood! A secret he has kept very quiet.

John outlined some cases he had been involved in. It was fascinating to have an insight into such high-profile cases. He also told of an amusing incident when flying in a Chinook.

**Birthdays:** Fraser announced 3 birthdays. Our chairman and today’s speaker John Weeden, our Newsletter Editor, Paul Dodd and Roger Beard on becoming a member of the Illustrious Society of Octogenarians. Inevitably, Fraser told one of his usual stories

**Next Meeting:** 13 JULY 2021

**Speaker:** Nicholas Brazil – Chernobyl – Nuclear accidents the world has forgotten.