



NEWENT & DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD via ZOOM

TUESDAY 27 JULY 2021 @10.30

Chairman: John welcomed members from his caravan in a military low flying area in Northumberland. and outlined items from the recent committee meeting. He said that the committee, subject to any unforeseen restrictions, intended to return to normal face to face meetings on Tuesday 28 September at Gorsley Village Hall.

It would obviously be an individual decision if members wished to attend, and face masks could be worn if required. Reasonable social distancing would apply and the hall has adequate ventilation. It was possible that the same meeting could be attended by Zoom.

There was also a plan for a normal meeting followed by a buffet to be held about a month after we “re-opened”, to be billed as a welcoming meet for new members. John said that there were one or two potential new members in the pipeline and there would be a big push with leaflet drop around Gorsley and Kilcot just prior to that meeting.

John asked for a show of hands if members agreed broadly with the proposals and the chosen starting date. The vote was unanimously in favour.

Apologies: Roger Beard, Michael Keene, Terry Finch

Minutes of last meeting: 13.07.21 previously displayed on the club website

Matters Arising: Ray said that the clubs Bank details are now on the club website, members section.

Treasurer: Jim said that the current statement of accounts is on the club website. Jim also announced that due to personal circumstances he is standing down as treasurer. Mike Warburton has agreed to take over as Treasurer with effect from the end of August.

Speakers: Fraser said that all speakers have been booked up until the end of March. Our first Face to Face speaker will be on 28 September at Gorsley Village Hall.

Webmaster: Ray said that the technical support group had carried out extensive trials at Gorsley to ensure that the Audio/visual equipment was functioning. Unfortunately, there appears to be a faulty cable which prevents it operating correctly. He assured the meeting that this will be sorted by the end of September.

AOB: It was announced that Michael Keene is very poorly and is in hospital. The prognosis does not seem to be very good. Our thoughts go out to Ann.

Postscript – Michael sadly died on 31 July.

Speaker: Mike Bottomly – The Life and work of Rudyard Kipling

Mike gave a most interesting talk on the life of Rudyard; he explained his upbringing in India and how this influenced his later life. Mike's passion was demonstrated in the manner in which he read some of Rudyard's poems. A very good talk.

Birthdays: There were no birthdays to celebrate, however Fraser told one of his amusing stories

Next Meeting: 10 August 2021

Speaker: Barry Dent – George Stephenson the Man and the Myth.