



NEWENT & DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT GORSLEY VILLAGE HALL

TUESDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2021 @ 10.30

Chairman: John welcomed members to the meeting, which was the first live meeting since lockdown. He was also pleased to welcome Chris Johnson to his first live meeting and potential new members Chris Lathan and David Keen. In addition, we were beaming the live meeting by Zoom to other members who were unable to attend. He gave special thanks to the technical team of Richard, John and Ray for their efforts in making it all possible. He outlined the procedure for our meeting and hoped everyone was comfortable with them.

Apologies: John Martin, Mike Townsend, Jim Stewart

Minutes of last meeting: Held by Zoom on 14 September, previously displayed on the club website. These were accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising: None

Finance: Mike announced, as the new treasurer that he has now got a handle on the accounts and thanked Jim for his assistance. He said that the finances are in a good position and it is anticipated that we will end the year with a healthy balance. He said that he would be producing a statement of accounts twice yearly which will be posted on the club website.

Speakers: Fraser announced that the programme of speakers is complete until the end of March.

Webmaster: Ray said that the events page on the club website has been updated. He also said that the Risk Assessment and Covid procedures for our meetings are on the website and asked that all members familiarise themselves with its content.

Outings: David Clowes asked members if they would be interested in attending an outing; The National Arboretum has been suggested, but was some two hours' drive. He asked how many people would be prepared to go by coach. Half of those present said they would.

AOB: Peter Hines suggested that rather than organising an outing further afield perhaps we should consider something closer to home and reintroduce the

monthly Pub Lunches, which had been a core event in our social calendar. Chairman said that was a good suggestion and the committee would look at reintroducing it in the near future.

Speaker: Chairman welcomed Dr Katy Bellamy as our first speaker at Gorsley and our first live speaker for over a year. Katy introduced her subject “Bustin Brain Myths – My 5 top Peeves” She certainly dispelled many myths that people conceive about the brain and its workings. Katy was a most fluent and knowledgeable speaker who mesmerised the audience with her presentation. She was accepted by those present and on Zoom to have been one of our best speakers for some time. She gives several different talks and offered to return again at some time. Fraser said he would certainly take it into consideration when planning next year’s speaker programme.

Birthdays: Fraser announced three Birthdays: Andrew Graham, Brian Parker and Ray McCairn whose birthday it was today. Members wished them the very best. He followed this with a few amusing quotes, appropriately related to today’s subject.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 12 October 2021 at 10.30

Live at Gorsley and via Zoom

Speaker: Lee Hines – What’s in a name – explaining the origins of local place names.