



NEWENT & DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT GORSLEY VILLAGE HALL

TUESDAY 12 OCTOBER 2021 @10.30

Chairman: John welcomed members to our 2nd “live” meeting of the year. He gave a warm welcome to new members Chris Lathan, and David Keen, he also welcomed former member Don McKenzie and hoped he would decide to re-join us.

He asked that members assist with the restoring of the chairs at the end of the meeting.

John reminded members to book their place at the Christmas Lunch as soon as possible. He indicated that if the numbers increase, we may be able to hold the lunch in a larger room at the Speech House, the limit on the existing room is 56. He also confirmed that the Hotel have requested that those attending wear masks in the public areas. The club will be providing the wine on the tables and there will be waiter service so there won't be any reason to attend the bar in the public area. A Lateral Flow test should be taken prior to attendance.

Apologies: John Martin, Peter Hayes, Roger Beard, Gareth Williams

Minutes of last meeting: Held on 28 September 2021 previously displayed on the club website

Matters Arising: None

Speakers: Fraser announced that the programme is fully booked up until end of March 2022 and outlined the speakers for the end of the year

Webmaster: Ray apologised for the fact that we were unable to access the members area on the website. This was due to a technical issue which has now been resolved. He has now introduced a generic password, rather than members using an individual one. The password is: **Gorsley1**

AOB: John said that the original plan was to have a welcome back event at the end of October combined with a recruiting campaign. It was felt that this was probably too soon especially as we have now organised the Christmas Lunch. And we have had several new members join in any event. It was suggested that we leave it until the New Year.

Speaker: Lee Hines – What's in a name

Before Lee started her talk, she gave a heartfelt thanks to the club for maintaining the fellowship values of Probud during the Covid Pandemic. She thanked Jim Stewart & Fraser for setting up Zoom and for the members support and kindness during what has been a difficult time for Peter.

Lee gave a fascinating insight into the origins of some of our local names, many having Celtic, Saxon and Roman connections.

Birthdays: No birthdays this week, but of course Fraser couldn't resist telling a few of his humorous stories.

Next Meeting: 26 October 2021

Speaker: David Terry; Are we alone in the Universe?