



NEWENT & DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

TUESDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2021 @10.30

Chairman: Chairman welcomed members to the meeting. John said that there had been a good turnout to our first Pub Lunch, which he organised and he thought everyone seemed to have enjoyed a pleasant meal. He asked if there was someone who might wish to take on this role next year.

He outlined some items from our recent Committee Meeting.

- It was decided to continue with the present Covid procedures and asked members if anyone had any objections or observations. **None.**
- The welcome back event has been put back until February/March next year.
- He was pleased to announce that new member Chris Lathan had agreed to run the raffle, which will commence 11 January 2022.
- It was decided to continue with Zoom for members unable to attend meetings as we have paid for the licence until next year.
- Fraser is organising a Quiz Night 31 January at the Kings Arms, Newent
- John decided that as he likes a biscuit with his coffee, we will reintroduce biscuits at our future meetings in the New Year.

Apologies: Chris Johnson, Colin Chave, Peter Hines.

Minutes of last meeting: 9 November 2021 previously displayed on the club website. accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising: None.

Finance: Mike Warburton tactfully reminded members that payment for the Christmas Lunch is due.

Speakers: Fraser said that the programme for next year is progressing well. He outlined a session planned, where members will recount unusual occurrences which they have experienced during their life – The session will be entitled: “Tales of the Unexpected”. He also asked if members thought they had a talk which might be of interest to contact him.

Events: Andrew Graham announced that due the current uncertain Covid situation, it was decided not to organise any theatre trips until February next year. Also, David Clowes said that no outings will be organised until Spring/Summer.

Webmaster: Ray announced that he was in the process of updating the club website. He also said that the main point of contact for anyone viewing the club website will be the club secretary, who will decide where any requests would be redirected.

AOB: Christmas Lunch – John Martin announced that all was in place. There will be a cash bar in the dining area. Wine will be provided by the club and served at the tables. **The lunch will be 12.30 pm for 1.00pm.**

Speaker: John Grove – The causes of WWI – An alternative view.

John gave a most interesting and passionate talk explaining the background to events leading up to WWI. He told us of some surprising causes (his personal but convincing view) of the main antagonist for starting the war. The tragic losses which small towns and village suffered need never have happened. Great Britain was never threatened. It was a modern war carried out using out-of-dated methods.

Birthdays: Julian Oxley – Fraser told his usual jokes.

Next Meeting: **11 January 2022.**

Speaker: Phil Bevan – The life of F/O Ackers late of Huntley Manor.