



## NEWENT & DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB

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### MINUTES OF CLUB MEETING 8 FEBRUARY 2022 AT GORSLEY VILLAGE HALL

**CHAIRMAN:** John Weeden welcomed 20 members, to what was our first physical meeting in 2022. John also welcomed guest Frank Osborne, who he hoped will shortly become a member. Unfortunately, the meeting could not be zoomed to members who could not attend in person as the necessary equipment was unavailable.

**APOLOGIES:** Fraser Gunn, Paul Dodd and Colin Chapman

**MINUTES.** The minutes of the meeting, held on 25 January, having been displayed on the Club's website, were agreed as a true record.

**MATTERS ARISING.** There were no matters arising

**TREASURER:** Mike reported that the figures for the first 9 months of the club's year were now available on the website.

**SPEAKER SECRETARY.** Nothing to report

**PUB LUNCHESES:** Peter Hines reminded members of the next pub lunch, at the Weston Cross on March 1 and that he would like menu choices asap. He further recommended that members, particularly, our newer ones, try this activity as it does provide an opportunity for members to socialise in a way that perhaps the regular speaker's meetings do not.

**OUTINGS:** While Covid restrictions are in force, there is nothing to report.

**THEATRE VISITS:** In David's absence, there was nothing to report.

**WEBMASTER:** Nothing to reported

**AOB:** None

**SPEAKER:** Robert Arley, a former BBC producer, entertained members with his tale of a different sort of guide book, one of which had its origins in what was many long and boring trips along the M5. He explained how he searched for offbeat landmarks

along its route and then proceeded to research their history. This was produced in the form of a linear guide. He spoke of the pitfalls of publishing and the battle to get the project off the ground. Ultimately however it was a success and further editions covering the M6 and M4 followed.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Member's best wishes were conveyed to Chris Latham

**NEXT MEETING:** The date of the next meeting is **22 February 2022**

**SPEAKER:** Ian Caskie, SS Great Britain – Launch to Relaunch