



NEWENT & DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

TUESDAY 22 March 2022

Chairman: John welcomed members and wished John Franklin well on his forthcoming heart operation.

He also explained the reason for the reversal on the decision for LFT's. With the number of Covid cases spiralling, it had been decided to continue with this procedure for the time being. The wearing of masks would be voluntary. He said that those attending the Spring Lunch would also be asked to take an LFT prior to attendance.

Apologies: Colin Chave, Colin Chapman, John Franklin, Gareth Williams, Jim Stewart

Minutes of last meeting: 8 March 2022, previously displayed on the club website were accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising: None

Treasurer: Mike said that he had produced the budget for the next financial year and said that the committee had decided it necessary to increase the club subscriptions to £75. It is actually costing £85 per person to run the club, however, he decided that the monies from the raffle would bring in enough to subsidise the membership and keep it at £75. This will of course have to be ratified at the AGM.

Mike also said that he would be pleased to receive members payment for the Spring Lunch on 5th April as soon as possible.

Speaker Secretary: All good. He reminded members present that he is the Temporary Speaker Secretary and is happy to carry on until a volunteer comes forward to take on this role.

Pub Lunches: Peter Hines said that our next Pub Lunch will be on 3 May at the Trumpet Inn. He has circulated the menu to all members.

Outings: David said that nothing organised at present, however he said due to the cost of fuel, to hire a coach could cost as much as £15 - £20 per head and felt members might be reluctant to pay this amount.

He said that he had been in contact with Newent Historical Society and it has been agreed that if they have any spare places in any of their visits, they would be offered to us. He had agreed a reciprocal arrangement for our future visits.

Theatre Trips: None at present.

Webmaster: Ray said that all event were on the club website.

AOB: None

Today's Speaker: Nigel Thompson – Gloucestershire Blue Plaque holders

Nigel gave a fascinating presentation of some famous people from Gloucestershire who had a Blue Plaque in their honour. These were the famous aviation manufacturer Frederick Handley – Page, Hubert Cecil Booth, inventor of the first Vacuum Cleaner – John Neville Maskelyne a famous magician of his day and Gustav Holst the wonderful composer of the Planet Suite.
A most enlightening topic well presented.

Birthdays: Fraser announced the birthdays of Jim Stewart, Graham Jackson and Fred Passant and told his normal amusing stories/jokes. Chairman John thought the standard of his jokes had improved of late.

Next Meeting: 12 April 2022

Speaker: Mike Bottomley - "Jack in the Green" an ancient Gloucester custom