



## NEWENT & DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB

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### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

#### AT GORSELY VILLAGE HALL

**TUESDAY 10 May 2022**

**Chairman:** Andrew welcomed members to his first meeting as chairman.

**Apologies:** Michael Bennett, Colin Chave, John Franklin, Colin Chapman

**Minutes of last meeting:** 26 April 2022 previously displayed on the club website were accepted as a true record

**Matters Arising:** None

**Treasurer:** Mike said that he would be most pleased to accept members subscription as soon as possible. He explained that those members who had paid for the spring lunch would be credited with the amount and deducted from the subscription.

**Speaker Secretary:** Nothing to report

**Pub Lunches:** Peter Hines said he was very pleased with the attendance for the pub lunch at the Trumpet with 28 members and partners enjoying a very pleasant lunch, good food and service. He reminded everyone that the next lunch would be on Tuesday 7 June at the Walwyn Arms, Much Marcle.

**Outings:** David said that he was still looking at the feasibility of organising an outing. He is preparing a questionnaire to sound out members as to what type of outing would be the most acceptable.

**Theatre Trips:** Nothing planned until Autumn

**Webmaster:** Nothing to report

**AOB:** Andrew said that Gorsley Village Hall committee have arranged an open day to promote clubs within the local area on Saturday 21 May 10.00- 12.00. We will have a presence. Andrew said that if anyone had some time to spare, they would be welcome to come along and help promote the club. Fraser has produced a display board to highlight the subjects our speakers have given us. We will also have some flyers to hand out and plenty of application forms.

**Today's Speaker:** Brian Ely – The world of precious metals.

Our speaker Brian, who spent most of his working life dealing with precious metals had brought a display of various metals and what they are used for in everyday items. I believe some of us had probably never heard of some of them. He explained their uses and surprising value. Whilst the subject was most interesting, Brian's presentation was very disjointed and he rambled slightly and despite saying he had a loud voice he declined to use a microphone, some members found it difficult to hear what he was saying. He obviously stimulated an interest and thankfully a large number of questions were asked.

**Birthdays:** Fraser announced the birthdays of Richard Crisp, John Franklin and Mike Townsend and treated us with some of his usual terrible jokes.

**Next Meeting: 24 MAY 2022**

**Speaker:** Paul Barnett – Rout on the Riviera – The Slapton Sands Disaster