



NEWENT & DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD via ZOOM

TUESDAY 24 MAY 2022

Chairman: Andrew welcomed members and reported on the Gorsley Village Hall Open day which he attended with Fraser Gunn, David Clowes and Ray McCairn. The purpose of our attendance was to promote our club, unfortunately the attendance was poor and most people were supporters of other organisations. We did however, make some contacts for future talks. The WI are going to produce a Facebook page to let people know what's on each week in Gorsley, to which we have been invited to submit our programme, which Fraser will do. Andrew said that he wishes to reinstate the visit to the pub following the meeting and today we are going to try out the Roadmakers at Gorsley. He also said that he intends to submit a quiz in the newsletter in the form of pictures where members will try to guess where it is. He will give the answer in the following issue. No prizes, a bit of fun and just the satisfaction of guessing the location.

Apologies: John Weeden, John Martin, Roger Beard, Peter Hines, Gareth Williams

Minutes of last meeting: 10 May 2022 previously displayed on the club website were accepted as a true record and duly signed.

Matters Arising: None

Treasurer: Mike reminded those who have not yet paid their subscriptions that he will be pleased to receive them shortly.

Speaker Secretary: Nothing to report

Pub Lunches: In Peter Hines absence Andrew reminded people that the next Pub Lunch would be at the Walwyn Arms, Much Marcle on 7th June. He asked that those attending, give him their menu choices by the 30th May.

Outings: David said he will wait for the outcome of the survey that he sent out before planning any future events.

Theatre Trips: Nothing to report

Webmaster: Ray said that the Outing Questionnaire will be on the Club Website shortly.

AOB: None

Today's Speaker: Paul Barnett – Rout on the Riviera – The Slapton Sands Disaster.

Paul gave a most detailed, interesting and disturbing account of the disaster at Slapton Sands, Devon in 1944 when over 900 American soldiers were killed during an exercise. This was exercise Tiger which was designed for the preparations for the D Day landings, which went horribly wrong. A flotilla of US Landing Craft were surprised by a group of German S- Boats and attacked. This caused havoc several ships were sunk with a huge loss of lives. The amazing fact that the War Office kept it secret for almost 40 years. Those families of the soldiers died were told they died in Normandy. A very sobering tale.

Birthdays: Mike Warburton – Fraser chose to tell appropriately, a couple of accountant jokes

Next Meeting: 14 JUNE 2022

Speaker: John Goldswain – Elgar-The Malvern Years.