



## NEWENT & DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB

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### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

**TUESDAY 23 AUGUST 2022**

**Chairman:** Andrew welcomed members to the meeting and gave out on some information on some of our members who are not well and those recovering from accidents.

**Apologies:** Michael Bennett, John Slack, Richard Crisp, Colin Chave, Paul Dodd

**Minutes of last meeting: held on 9 AUGUST 2022** previously displayed on the club website were accepted as a true record and duly signed.

**Matters Arising:** None

**Treasurer:** Nothing to report

**Speaker Secretary:** All good, nothing to report

**Pub Lunches:** Peter Hines announced that the next Pub lunch will be at the Duke of York at Berrow. He has about 19 members signed up so far, but would encourage other to come along to a nice pub with good food.

**Outings:** Nothing to report

**Theatre Trips:** Andrew announced that he had made provisional booking for two plays at Malvern. 9 Nov a comedy and one on 23 Nov A spooky ghost story. The cost would be £37 incl coach. We would need a minimum of 20 to attend to enable the discount. Andrew asked for a show of hands. There were only 8 people who indicated that they might wish to attend. However, if members would give it some thought and anyone wishing to attend, please email him.

**Webmaster:** Ray said that photos of the garden party are now on the club website in the member's section

**AOB:** John Martin asked if anyone could recommend a suitable venue for the Christmas Lunch. If they have, would they email him.

**Today's Speaker:** Ray Sturdy - The story of the Triumph Motor Cycle Company

Ray gave a very comprehensive presentation on the history and the development of the Triumph Motor Cycle from its inception to modern day. It was interesting to learn that it was originally developed by Siegfried Bettmann, who came to this country from Germany in the 1883 and became an Anglophile, even becoming Mayor of Coventry. He showed how the motor cycle evolved from a bicycle to a motor cycle. How the company went into liquidation due to competition from the Japanese manufacturers, and its resurgence in 1983 to become one of the most respected manufacturers of motor cycles. Unfortunately, Ray spoke from the back of the hall because he was using slides, which meant there was little interaction with the audience. He showed just about every motor cycle that had ever been produced, a bit of a picture overload. He came across as a slightly abrasive character and gave the impression that if you weren't a motorcyclist, he wasn't interested in what you had to say. Overall, through it was a very informative presentation.

**Birthdays:** None, but Fraser still told a couple of his jokes.

**Next Meeting:** 13 September 2022

**Speaker:** Chris Johnson – The story of Carl Sagan - Astronomer