



## NEWENT & DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB

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### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2022

**Chairman:** Andrew welcomed members to the meeting and introduced one visitor, Nigel Mott who had been introduced to the club by John Weeden, and one new member, Kelvin Ashby.  
After the introductions, Andrew called for one minute's silence as a sign of respect for the Queen.

**Apologies:** John Weeden, Mike Townsend, Fraser Gunn, Michael Bennett, Colin Chave, John Atkinson.

**Minutes of Last Meeting:** held on 23 August 2022 and 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:** The pub lunch on 6 September was a success which unfortunately due to an accident on the way prevented Peter Hines from attending but Lee was able to attend. Fortunately, nobody was injured. The next pub lunch on 27 September will be at the **Bunch of Carrots at Hampton Bishop**, details have already been sent out by email.

**Outings:** David advised members that owing to the difficulty in organising coach trips, he doesn't plan to do anything until next Spring. He asked that if anyone knows of local venues suitable for car sharing to please let him know.

**Theatre Trips:** Andrew advised the meeting that as he was unable to get enough interest last time, he will reconsider next Spring.

**Webmaster:** Nothing to report. Ray has put the Pub Lunch details on the home page so the details can be accessed by anyone.

#### **AOB:**

- John Martin advised the meeting that the Christmas Lunch will be at the Hatherley Manor Hotel on 13 December and the cost per person will be £33 which will allow a small amount for gratuities.

- Andrew asked if anyone recognized the picture in the photo competition and told us that it was the Iron Works at Blaenavon and that it was well worth a visit, especially when combined with a visit to the Big Pit.

**Today's Speaker:** Member Chris Johnson – The Story of Carl Sagan.

Chris gave a very interesting, thorough and well-presented talk on the astronomer and Space Scientist, Carl Sagan. Although some of us had heard of him, few were aware of his very high standing in the field of Astronomy and Space Exploration.

**Birthdays:** Mike Warburton entertained the meeting with one of Fraser's jokes.

**Next Meeting:** 27 SEPTEMBER 2022

**Speaker:** Marsha Lees – Perestroika from rebuilding to collapse