



## NEWENT & DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB

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### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

**TUESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2022**

**Chairman:** Chairman welcomed members to our meeting.

**Apologies:** Michael Bennett, Colin Chave, Paul Dodd and Richard Crisp.

**Minutes of last meeting:** Unfortunately, the minutes of our last meeting on 13 September had not been posted on the club website. Ray apologised for this oversight and said they would but posted today. Chairman said that he was satisfied that the minutes were correct and duly signed them.

**Matters Arising:** None

**Treasurer:** Mike proudly announced that everything is OK and we are solvent.

**Speaker Secretary:** Fraser announced that all was OK and speakers are booked up until the end of the year. He reiterated the fact that he was doing **THREE** jobs, which he said is not good for the club, that one person is carrying out multiple functions. He said he would be quite happy to continue until replacements are found. But asked members to give the matter some serious thought.

**Pub Lunches.** Peter Hines announced that he is very pleased with the attendance for our pub lunches, last month saw 30 members enjoy nice lunch. He reminded members that the next pub lunch will be on TUESDAY 4 OCTOBER at the Bunch of Carrots at Hampton Bishop

**Outings:** David said that decided that he would not organise any outings until next Spring.

**Theatre Trips:** Andrew said that there were not any shows of any note at present. He explained that the two previous visits were not viable due to low numbers.

**Webmaster:** Ray said that the Menu for the Pub Lunch is on the club website. He apologised for the minutes not being posted on website.

**AOB:**        **CHRISTMAS LUNCH** - John Martin announced that the Christmas Lunch has been organised for **TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER**. It will be held at Hatherley Manor Hotel. Nr Tewkesbury. The cost will be £33 per person. The full menu will be in the Club Newsletter. Members should choose their choices and let John know.

**Today's Speaker:** Marsha Lees – Perestroika – Rebuilding to Collapse

Marsha, a Russian national, gave a most enlightening and quite frankly rather depressing and worrying talk on the state of affairs within Russia. She explained how the fall of the Soviet Union and the closer ties with the West was not popular with certain members of the “Old Guard”, who have done everything possible to revert the changes made by Mikael Gorbachev. She talked about the rise of Vladimir Putin and the position he holds today. A well-received presentation which stimulated a lot of questions.

**Birthdays:** Fraser announce the birthdays of Andrew Graham, Brian Parker and Ray McCairn. Members wished them well. The was followed by a couple of “Russian” themed jokes.

**Next Meeting: 11 OCTOBER 2022**

**Speaker:** Peter Petrie – The Mappae Mundi