



NEWENT & DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

TUESDAY 11 OCTOBER 2022

Chairman: Andrew welcomed members, what turned out to be a most unusual meeting. On arrival we were informed, very late as it turned out, that there would be no power until 1pm. Concern was expressed as to how we would deal with our speaker, bearing in mind he would probably need to use slides. After some time, it appeared that our speaker was not arriving. Fraser admitted that he had not checked that everything was OK. As the weather was unseasonably warm, it was decided that we should sit on the patio at the rear of the hall. This turned out to be a suntrap, so all members took a chair and sat in the sun. Fraser managed to persuade Mike Warburton to stand in as our speaker.

Apologies: Michael Bennett, Colin Chave, Ray McCairn, Chris Johnson, Roger Beard. John Martin, Fred Passant

Minutes of last meeting: Minutes of meeting held on 27 September 2023 previously displayed on the club website were accepted as a true record and duly signed.

Matters Arising: None

Treasurer: Mike said he will be posting a quarterly update on the website shortly, all is good.

Speaker Secretary: Fraser said that speakers are now booked up until the end of March next year.

Pub Lunches: Peter reminded members that the next Pub Lunch will be on Tuesday 1 November at the White Hart at Broadoak. Peter also said that he had had several suggestions as to the sort of venues we attend.

Suggestions were:

- i:** We should consider other venues, such as garden centres, Beefeaters & Toby Inns
- ii:** We should dispense with Starters at Pub Lunches, as this means, those not having starters have to wait some considerable time waiting for starters to be served and consumed.
- iii:** Possible change of day for Pub lunches as quite a few Pubs don't serve food on a Tuesday.

Peter asked the members for their opinion and a show of hands for each proposal.

- i:** It was agreed unanimously that we should continue to use Pubs, as these were more suitable for lunches. Garden Centres generally didn't served alcohol and didn't offer the ambience of a Pub.
- ii:** It was agreed unanimously that we should dispense with starters at the lunches to ensure everyone got there their meal at the same time. This did not however, stop people ordering a Starter as a Main course if wished.
- iii:** It was agreed to stick with the 1st Tuesday of the month. It was felt that Tuesday is always associated with Probus. It was agreed that there was no problem returning to the same pub, provided it offered good food and service.

Outings: Nothing planned

Theatre Trips: Nothing planned

Webmaster: Nothing to report

AOB: Andrew announced the answer to the picture quiz in the newsletter as Raglan Castle, Monmouthshire (Castell Rhaglan Sir Fynwy)

Richard Crisp said that he had been loaned a video on Carl Sagar by Chris Johnson. Any one wishes to view it should contact him.

Today's Speaker: Stand in Mike Warburton

Birthdays: None, but Fraser still managed to raise a few smiles with his usual joke.

Next Meeting: 26 OCTOBER 2023

Speaker: Mike Warburton – More scandals in government

Mike agreed to stand in as our speaker and treated us to a most enlightening and humorous talk on the current economic crisis. Mike in his inimitable way entertained us with his knowledge of the subject and the number of influential people he knows.

A very enjoyable meeting enjoyed by all. It was unusual to see so many members having to wear sunglasses.

We look forward to another presentation by Mike next meeting.

Post Script: Fraser apologised for not double checking that our speaker would be attending. After contacting Peter Petrie as to his nonattendance, he received a very sad email apologising for not coming and telling him that Peters wife had recently died and understandably he was not his normal self. He has been booked to come and talk to us next February.

