



NEWENT & DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB

Mike Townsend: Chairman

Tel: 07941 256761 Email: mike.etownsend@btinternet.com

Kelvin Ashby: Secretary

Tel: 07768 490177 Email: kelvinashby@gmail.com

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON

TUESDAY 26th March 2024

Chairman: Mike welcomed 19 members to the meeting, and a guest, Graham Mawdsley.

Apologies: John Slack, Geoff Thomas, Roger Beard, Clive Dunning, Graham Baum

Minutes of last meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on the 12th March were approved and signed.

Matters Arising: None.

Treasurer: Mike informed the meeting that the full year accounts, although not finalised, were likely to show a small deficit of approx. £30. Overall this was a good result as there had been the unbudgeted donation of £250 to the Gorsley roof fund earlier in the year.

He also informed members that a draft budget for 2024 / 2025 had been discussed at the previous days committee meeting, and based on this it had been agreed that this year's members subscriptions would remain at £75. The budget will be circulated to members before the AGM.

Speaker Secretary: Fraser confirmed that speakers had been booked until the end of the year. He had contacted the Red Cross following the last meeting to enquire about a talk on defibrillators, but unfortunately the maximum group size that they can accommodate is only 15. He agreed to keep this in mind for the future.

Social Secretary: David updated the meeting on future social events, and a copy of his update document (dated 26th March) is attached.

To date 8 members have booked for the Kempley churches visit, a list has been created and is attached to the minutes.

David asked members for their views on whether pub lunches should be held in July and August and if members would be happy for pub lunches to be held on other days if this made it easier to find suitable venues. Can members please email Paul Dodd with their comments on both topics.

Kelvin confirmed that the hall and Gurneys butchers were booked for the summer party on the 23rd July, and asked if the members would be interested in having a ukulele band as entertainment. Fraser had spoken to the band, and the cost would be £90. By a show of hands members indicated their full support and it was agreed that Fraser should book the band for the party.

Webmaster: Nothing to report.

AOB: Kelvin had circulated a list of Club Officer & Committee nominations to members before the meeting, and he asked members to propose and second the nominees for the committee. This was done and a complete list of nominations is attached to the minutes for endorsement at the AGM on 23rd April.

Andrew confirmed that the photo quiz in last month's newsletter was of the bridges at Conway.

Today's Speaker: Mike Warburton – The Battle of Midway

Mike gave a very interesting and informative talk on the Battle of Midway. He recommended members to read the book: The Battle of Midway by Craig L Symonds if they wanted to find out more information.

Following the attack by Japan on Pearl Harbour on the 7th December 1941, Admiral Yamamoto was quoted as saying "*I fear that all we have done is to awaken a sleeping giant and fill him with a terrible resolve*". This proved to be the case, as it was a direct result of this attack that America decided to enter the war.

Mike explained the series of events that led up to the Battle of Midway, which took place between the 4th – 7th June 1942, and the reasons why the American forces were able to gain such a significant victory over the Japanese. Radar and the intelligence gained from it played a major role as did some elements of luck, and the particular actions of a number of American pilots.

Nigel Johnson proposed a vote of thanks to Mike for an excellent talk, and members showed their appreciation with a round of applause.

Raffle: The raffle was won by Ray McCairn.

Birthdays: Kelvin announced that there were no birthdays to celebrate.

He informed the meeting of some events that had taken place on this day in history.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 9th April

Next Speaker: Fraser Gunn – The History & Work of the RNLI

Signed:

Date:

Future Social events: 26 March 2024

Date	Activity	Venue	Contact member	Notes
2 April	Pub Lunch	TBA	Andrew Graham	See note 1 below
30 April 2024	Visit to Kempley Churches	Kempley	David Clowes	Booking starts 27 Feb
7 May	Pub Lunch	New Dawn	Julia Atkinson	See note 1 below
4 June	Pub Lunch	TBA	Paul Dodd	See note 1 below
2 July	Pub Lunch	TBA	TBA	See note 1 below
11 July	NLHS outing	Gloucester	David Clowes	See Note 2 below
23 July	Summer Lunch	Gorsley	Committee	
6 August	Pub Lunch	TBA	TBA	See note 1 below
8 August	NLHS outing	Hereford	David Clowes	See Note 2 Below
3 Sept.	Pub Lunch	TBA	TBA	See note 1 below
TBA	Theatre		Andrew Graham	None advised at this date
TBA	Other			

Notes:-

1. Organisers to take on one of the monthly pub lunches would be much appreciated by Paul. There is no organised Pub Lunch for August
2. Outings organised by Newent Local History Society. Probus members are invited to join the outings. Details available in due course.

List of people going to Kempley on 30 April

Name	Membership	Number	To Mike W	Paid
Paul Dodd	Probus	2 £20	14 March	£20 16 March
Andrew Graham	Probus	2 £20	14 March	
John Weeden	Probus	2 £20	14 March	
John Atkinson	Probus	2 £20	18 March	£10 22 March
Reg Nuttall	Probus	2 £20	18 March	£20 22 March
Graham Baum	Probus	4 £40	19 March	£40 22 March
Parker Brian	With Graham Baum			
McCain	Probus	1 £10	25 March	

Please book your places, including any friends or family who you wish to include in your party, by e-mail to djclowes@btinternet.com. Payment directly to PROBUS treasurer Mike Warburton. Please note booking will close after the AGM on 23 April so that the catering can be arranged.

List as at 26 March



**NEWENT & DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB
CLUB OFFICER & COMMITTEE
NOMINATIONS**

Year : 2024/2025

POSITION	NOMINEE	PROPOSER	SECONDER	DATE
CHAIRMAN	Fraser Gunn	Mike Townsend	n/a	25/03/2024
VICE CHAIRMAN	Mike Warburton	Fraser Gunn	n/a	25/03/2024
SECRETARY	Kelvin Ashby	Ray McCairn	Mike Townsend	25/03/2024
TREASURER	Mike Warburton	Fraser Gunn	Mike Townsend	25/03/2024

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PROGRAMME SECRETARY	Fraser Gunn	Peter Hines	Chris Lathan	26/03/2024
PAST CHAIRMAN	Mike Townsend	n/a	n/a	25/03/2024
WEBMASTER	Ray McCairn	David Clowes	John Martin	26/03/2024
SOCIAL SECRETARY	David Clowes	Peter Hines	John Atkinson	26/03/2024
SUPERNUMERY	John Martin	Andrew Graham	Fraser Gunn	26/03/2024
SUPERNUMERY	Andrew Graham	Nigel Johnson	Peter Hayes	26/03/2024
SUPERNUMERY	John Weeden	Ray McCairn	Chris Yates	26/03/2024

ASSOCIATED APPOINTMENTS

SPECIAL LUNCHES	John Martin	n/a	n/a	25/03/2024
NEWSLETTER	Fraser Gunn	n/a	n/a	25/03/2024
TECHNICAL SUPPORT	Ray McCairn	n/a	n/a	25/03/2024
TECHNICAL SUPPORT	John Franklin	n/a	n/a	25/03/2024
TECHNICAL SUPPORT	David Clowes	n/a	n/a	25/03/2024
TECHNICAL SUPPORT	Mike Townsend	n/a	n/a	25/03/2024
RAFFLE ORGANISER	Chris Lathan	n/a	n/a	25/03/2024

THE ABOVE POSITIONS WERE ENDORSED BY THE MEMBERS AT THE CLUB AGM

SIGNED.....

Chairman