

Denbigh and District Probus Club – precis of meeting – 7/8/23

by John Barr, President

I welcomed all, commented on how good a turnout we had - 25 Members present out of 40.

Plus, we had a total of 13 guests, four of whom - were members' special invitees- and the other nine - were members' partners. We welcomed all of our guests.

We had 15 apologies from Members ... too numerous to name ... apart from one who has become excessively familiar with hospital interiors of late, and so we wished him well for the future.

I noted that after the meal we would have the Grand Regalia Raffle.

I then gave an "offering of thanks" ...

*We give thanks for the meal we are about to share,
And for our friends and family who have travelled here today.
Also we are thankful for those that have prepared and organised the meal.
Most of all, we wish well to those who are unable to join us.*

After the excellent meal we gave the traditional toast to the King.

I then made a few more remarks:

- We thanked Joanne and the other hotel staff for an excellent meal.
- We gave special thanks too to Steve for all the organising. These Invitation Lunches, involve Steve in even more work than a normal lunch and, therefore, I asked that we all show Steve our appreciation.
- Then we toasted Members' Birthdays. This month we had five.
I asked for anyone who hasn't given me their birthday month to please do so. I don't need to know the day and certainly would not dare ask the year Just the month.

Next was Club Business.

- Members will recall that last month, we heard from a Prospective Member who introduced himself. As Gareth has circulated, he has been voted in and so is now our 40th member. Unfortunately, he wasn't present to be welcomed into the fold and given his club lapel badge – but then our Regalia Officer wasn't there with the badge either. So that was all a bit of a non-event.
- I thanked the money collectors.

- The big news of the month is that ... having appealed last month for people to step forward for next year's Committee, there was a flurry of activity and so many people have indicated their willingness to do their bit, that there is only one position left for which we don't yet have a candidate to be voted for at the AGM in November.

I remarked that I am very grateful for this fantastic response – last year's long wait for a VP to come forward (thank you again Graham) was rather stressful.

Anybody else who is interested in joining the Committee, please let myself or another Committee member know.

We'll have more on this next month, along with proposals for next year's programme.

We then had a short break followed by the Grand Regalia Raffle.

I handed over to Julia - who had organised this event. But, before that we showed our appreciation to Julia for doing so.

Julia's first remark was to tell us that the event had raised £196 – nicely above our target which will, therefore, allow for future purchases of the odds and ends that occur every year.

The draw was then held for the variety of prizes which ranged from bottles of wine and whisky through pottery and a Probus coin to a fruit basket.

The luckiest person generously (even though she wasn't actually present!) declined to accept her 2nd, 3rd and 4th prizes!

Many thanks from the Club to everybody who donated prizes and, of course, to those who bought tickets and thanks again to Julia.

That was all– except to say that our next meeting is on 4th of September, when our Member - Meirick Lloyd Davies - will be telling us about the Work of Denbighshire County Council.

So, we closed with the TOAST TO THE CLUB

Thank you all.

See you in September!!!

{Note: All names have been removed except for those of prominent Committee Members and Speakers.}