MORETON IN MARSH PROBUS CLUB

Ordinary Meeting No 1145 held on Monday 26th October 2026

Chairman's Opening Remarks:

- Alan advised the club of the sad demise of Tom Gowans a much-loved member of the club. His funeral will be on this Friday 30th October at 13:30 at Reading Crematorium. He also noted that Ivor's funeral is on the 6th November at 14:00 at Cheltenham Crematorium.
- The suggestion was discussed that the club might donate to a local charity or use the accumulated funds to lower next year's subscription. It was agreed (12 votes to 4 against, with one abstention) to retain the surplus funds to use for club purposes such as reducing the subscription or part funding events. It was however, also agreed that the practice of offering in-house speakers a fee of £60 should continue, so that they may donate that to a charity of their individual choosing. Next year the club has 5 in house speakers, who if each of them donate to local charities will mean we are giving £300 to good causes.

Attendance: 18 members were present plus our speaker Sally Ferrars.

Apologies: Mark Turner, Rob Sherwood, Nigel Moors, Andrew Dow, Martin Corfield, Chris Evans, Geoff Ashurst, Phil Edwards, Colin Hancox, Roger Thomas.

Minutes of Previous Ordinary Meeting: were read in summary by Simon. They were approved. Proposer, Ramon Gater and Seconder Mike Rees.

Matter arising: None.

Speaker Finder Mike welcomed Sally Ferrars who will talk about Lord Horatio Nelson. Next meeting speaker is Tim Brain talking about the Bayeux Tapestry (which is actually an embroidery) and noted next year's programme is almost full.

Social Secretary: Richard advised that the Club Christmas Luncheon will be on the 3rd December at Oddington Village Hall.

Membership Secretary: The members trip to the pantomime in Chipping Norton will be on the 24th November at 13.45 and people wishing to go were asked to sign up asap.

Treasurer: Current a/c £432 and Deposit £3,155

Webmaster: Martyn said we had 42 visits to the website.

AOB: Richard Vaughan Davies explained that the Cotswold Friends were very keen to recruit more volunteer drivers and asked for volunteers.

The meeting closed at 11:11

The next meeting will be on the 9th November at 10:20 for a 10:40 start.