

MOONRAKER PROBUS CLUB DEVIZES

Newsletter - Spring 2017



March speaker Alan Nix MBE spoke eloquently of his time separated as a child from his family and home by the blitz. **The Pied Piper** programme was a government inspired evacuation of more than 3 million children, many of the thousands of children leaving cities and large conurbations were not it seems always well received or settled. Perhaps however the alternative was worse.

A RECENT SUCCESS

Particular thanks to Carol, Tony (1 & 2) Ted and Nitza for their efforts that helped make the lunch at North Wilts Golf Club both entertaining and successful.

These things don't happen on their own

An added bonus was that £115.00 was collected. Subtle, delicate persuasion by one of our senior members allowed us to donate the money for medical support to conflict refugees

April 6th - the speaker John Bowman will talk on **Oman-Jewel of the Middle East**. John spent 11 years in the Sultanate as a manager in the oil and gas industry. He describes Oman as a delightful country and will share some first-hand experiences and what has happened there in the past and what may happen in the future

May 4th - Martin Evans will talk about a very current activity, mighty power and expectations **The Bloodhound Project**. Many engineers, auto and aero enthusiasts throughout the country are hoping to see and hear of a land speed record that makes 100 mph look like parking speed. Inspiring stuff.

June 1st **Hillforts to Pillboxes**. Wiltshire has been at the centre of conflicts since prehistoric times, Saxons, Vikings and at least two civil wars helped shape our county. Salisbury Plain and its' influence assisted British military and flying training techniques to spread across the world. Speaker Nick Baxter lives locally and has a profound interest in historical research.

How to Contact us: www.moonrakerprobusdevizes.org.uk

We meet on the 1st Thursdays of each month at: **The Crown Centre, 39 St John's Street, Devizes, SN101BL – around 10.00am for coffee, meetings start at 10.30am and normally finish around noon**

Moonraker Probus welcomes ladies and gentlemen from the world of business or the professions who now have the time and like to keep informed, meet, discuss, socialise and perhaps make new friends and acquaintances.



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