

Ledbury Probus Speakers for July – September 2023

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For General Distribution					
Date	Speaker	Subject	Summary	Notes/ VoT	A/V
3 rd July	No Meeting – Poetry Festival				
10 th July	No Meeting – Poetry Festival				
17 th July	Gerry Walker	The Life of a Travelling Magician	Gerry will demonstrate of magic tricks including a magic trick made over 50 years ago by the magicians of Ledbury. It still works! The demonstration will be illustrated by humorous anecdotes and magic tricks - the world of magic makes a fascinating and different talk!	NEEDS a table and chairs in a semi-circle please. [Andrew Perry]	USB Stick
24 th July	Tim Bridges	Victorian and Edwardian Buildings in the West Midlands	As the Victorian Society is the urban area around Birmingham, my talk will focus on that, but with some local Worcestershire & Herefordshire references.	[Ian Stainburn]	USB Stick
31 st July	*Martin Perry	St. Helena	St Helena, a small British island territory, is one of the remotest places on earth with a unique character. Where is it and why would you visit?	[Eric Watson]	USB Stick
7 th August	David Withey	Work is a Four-letter Word	This is a light-hearted talk, with stories and anecdotes from the world of work. It's a frivolous, non-serious talk, intended to amuse and entertain the listeners, and it ranges across many types of work . It sets out to get a few laughs from the work environment where people have to spend so much time. *GUESTS ARE INVITED TO THIS TALK*	NEEDS a table and chairs in a semi-circle please. [David Kettle]	No Visuals, only a mic
14 th August	Chris Hucker	Special Operations Executive	How it was formed, who formed it – other than Churchill – and its success or otherwise in the theatres of World War II	[Ted Willmott]	USB Stick
21 st August	Tim Barney	Most Secret – the Story of Defford Airfield at Croome	Most of us have heard of Bletchley Park – but from 1942 to the 1960's, this quiet Worcestershire backwater was one of the most secret places in Britain, and carried out scientific work that was just as vital to the Allied war effort.	[Murray Simpson]	TBA
28 th August	Summer Holiday	NO MEETING			
4 th Sept	*David Goode	End of an Era	55 years since the end of steam on British Railways.	Members Short Talk	TBA
	*Derrick Spencer	Outers...	My Canadian wilderness activities	[Colin Miles]	TBA

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11 th Sept	Lloyd Silverthorne	A journey through time and space	Lloyd will discuss the probability of other intelligent beings in the universe and the chances of establishing meaningful communication.	[Martin Perry]	USB Stick
18 th Sept	*Hugh Wakeling	Successful Management of Large Engineering Projects		[Robert Street]	USB Stick
25 th Sept	*Martin Hanks	From Oxford to Ledbury - A very Ordinary Life	Martin's talk will cover over 80 years of a life lived in London and four English counties.	[Paul Knott]	TBA