



Ledbury Probus Speakers Oct- Dec 2024

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Date	Speaker	Subject	Summary	A/V	Notes VoT
7 th Oct	*Chris Hucker	Operation Jericho	Revelations about the WW2 Mosquito bombing of Amiens prison. RAF told that one hundred resistance prisoners were about to be executed by the Nazis and prison walls needed breaching to help escapes. The truth was far more sinister.	USB Stick	[Den Bannister]
14 th Oct	Chris O'Grady	Keep the Sea on Your Left, Remember to Turn Right at Land's End!	Tales of a haphazard trek around the edge of our "Sceptred Isle", Walking the entire coast of England and Wales and seeing every corner of the coast of England and Wales and on the way, having some fascinating and often moving encounters with the people that I met on my epic journey.	USB Stick	[Bryan Jewkes]
21 st Oct	Martin Collisson	The Golden Age of Mountaineering & Exploration	This presentation covers the heroic exploits of the men who made first ascents of the Matterhorn, Eiger, Everest plus the exploration of the Artic & Antarctic sub-continents. The talk finishes with the mountaineering achievements of arguably the greatest mountaineer living today – Reinhold Messner.	Own Laptop - just needs the projector	[Eric Watson]
28 th Oct	John Handby FBCS	Alternative Realities - The Future Impact of Artificial Intelligence on Society	The challenges posed by AI may be greater than those of global warming - AI will have a greater impact on society than Caxton's printing press. Within a decade we could see between 8 and 15 million skilled but routine office jobs wiped out. How will society cope and how will they be remunerated? If our grandchildren want jobs that will last, then they would be wise to become plumbers or electricians!	USB Stick	[Martin Perry]
4 th Nov	Max Hunt	Herbert Austin and the Longbridge Story	The remarkable history of one of Britain's greatest industrialists from humble beginnings in rural Buckinghamshire to the creation of the largest motor plant in Europe, with major impact on the social history of north Worcestershire in the first half of the 20th century.	USB Stick	[Alistair Patrick]
11 th Nov	Kirstie Bingham	The Arcane, Bizarre And Darn Right Witchy!	Delve into the weird and wonderful history of witchcraft and superstition, as you learn about familiars, mischief following anger, witch bottles and so much more! This talk will reveal some of Britain's most famous witch cases as well as teaching how best to spot a witch! *GUESTS ARE INVITED TO THIS TALK*	USB Stick	[Robert Street]
18 th Nov	Julie Mackay	To Hunt a Killer	Retired Detective Superintendent Julie Mackay talks about her 32 years in policing. Starting from walking the beat in 1980's Bristol and culminating in being the head of a Tri-force murder team. She was instrumental in solving a cold case murder and tells the story of her journey through policing, in tandem with bringing up three children and her own personal trials and tribulations. Alongside this the bond formed with the victim's mother and her unwavering quest to achieve justice 31years after the murder.	Own Mac - just needs the projector	[Paul Stinchcome]
	If any members have old sunglasses that they no longer need (not prescription) then please bring them along. All are donated to the charity!				



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25 th Nov	*Alistair Patrick	The Battle of Jutland	Investment in defence is always a major issue both now and a 110 years ago at the turn of the 20 th century. How many battleships should Britain have to maintain supremacy of the seas? Would they deliver what they promised for the vast investment and would they tactically know how to use them? The Battle of Jutland would answer these questions.	USB Stick	[Richard Bradstock]
2 nd Dec	Jennifer Harrison	The Chinese Labour Corps	Jennifer will reveal another lesser-known aspect of the First World War using family correspondence to illustrate the story of how in 1917 Britain recruited about 100,000 Chinese labourers to work in Europe, behind the front lines. They were vital to the success of the Allies, playing an important role on the Western Front, wherever labour was needed.	USB Stick	[John Lee]
09 th Dec	John Lee	Christmas Crackers	TBA		--
16 th Dec	Max Keen	Lord Horatio Nelson: England's Greatest Hero?	Following the success of last year, Max is back with another fun and light-hearted jape! Well, was Nelson our greatest mariner? Make your own mind up as the facts, figures, battles, personalities and good old British derring-do are presented by Max dressed as a French admiral! It is time to take on Napoleon's fleet with the armaments of humour, tongue-in-cheekiness all wrapped up in an attempt to put the record straight about his lordship!	USB Stick	[David Steel]
23 rd Dec	Christmas Holiday NO MEETING				
30 th Dec	Christmas Holiday NO MEETING				