

Ledbury Probus Speakers Jan – March 2024



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Date	Speaker	Subject	Summary	A/V	Notes VoT
1 st Jan	New Year's Day		NO MEETING		
8 th Jan	Peter Covey-Crump	How to make a fortune in the 18th Century	Anselm Beaumont, an apothecary and close friend of Lord Clive, arrived in Calcutta as a free merchant in 1753, and later joined the East India Company. His business letters reveal that he made a large fortune trading in salt, opium and other commodities. The talk describes his career, how he made his fortune and the problems he had after returning to England.	USB Stick	[Nigel Mott]
15 th Jan	Richard Dodd	My life on radio and television	Richard worked as a BBC radio presenter for 12 years before moving into media relations. His talk ranges from the famous to the funny, big moments and blunders from my years on air.		[Andrew Perry]
22 nd Jan	Chris Hucker	HMS Victory before and after Trafalgar	A ship with a cat's nine lives or numerous reprieves from the breakers yard.	USB Stick	[David Tombs]
29 th Jan	John Butterworth	Off the beaten track	This is a fun and interesting talk, recounting when I and seven friends drove a Land Rover across Europe, Turkey, Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan and India to give it to a Nepalese leprosy hospital. I tell of the many dramas and funny stories on this 8,500-mile trip.		[Martin Perry]
5 th Feb	*Gordon Lee	The Battle of the Ruhr	The battle (5 March – 31 July 1943) was a strategic bombing campaign conducted by RAF Bomber Command. The Ruhr was the main centre of German heavy industry with coke plants, steelworks, armaments factories and ten synthetic oil plants.	USB Stick	[Jem Bateman]
12 th Feb	Thomas Kennedy	The World Scout Jamboree in South Korea	The 25th World Scout Jamboree in South Korea descended into chaos amid scorching heat, heavy downpours and poor organisation – before finally the site was evacuated. Thomas gives us the highs and lows!	USB Stick	[Hugh Wakeling]
19 th Feb	*Geoff Fielding	A Lakeland odyssey climbing the wainwrights.	In my late sixties I achieved a long- held ambition to climb all 330 of AW's mountains and fells in Lakeland. I hope my adventures and exploits both entertain and inspire.	USB Stick	[Gordon Lee]
26 th Feb	Justine Peberdy	Revealing Hellens' Treasures	Hellens is home to some real surprises, and the story of how they came to be there is riddled with contradictions. Justine Peberdy (General Manager - Hellens Manor) looks at how the narrative of Hellens was shaped and why this Tudor/Jacobean manor in rural Herefordshire needs an extension.	USB Stick	[Robert Street]
4 th March	GCHQ	GCHQ - past, present and future	The talk will explore the past, present and potential future of one of the UK's security and intelligence agencies, GCHQ. Formed (possibly!) in 1919 it is the newest of the agencies, their mission being to keep the UK safe, both in the 'real world' and online.	Projector only, the speaker will bring their own laptop	[Alasdair Gibson]



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11 th March	Susan Webb	Stories from Gloucestershire Constabulary	Sue's talk will cover the exploits of former officers before their police career which included escaping an IRA ambush, rescuing members of the Russian Imperial family in 1917, being torpedoed on the Galatea and being stuck in the Yangtze on HMS Amethyst.	USB Stick	[John Lee]
18 th March	Barry Faulkner	Major UK Heists and the Geezers Watt Did 'Em	Barry's talk covers the major crimes and criminals from 1930 to today, including Brinks Mat, Great Train Robbery, Hatton Garden, Baker Street Bank, Krays, Richardsons, Frankie Fraser and more. He was born into an extended family of petty criminals in Herne Hill, South London, his father, uncle, elder brothers and cousins ran with the notorious Richardson crime gang in the 70s-90s!	NO VISUALS. Barry needs a table. He has 8-foot pull-up screens with pictures.	[Steve Loveridge]
25 th March	*Tony Wargent	My family's involvement in the hop industry	The Early History of Hops, an introduction to hopping methods, kilns and hopping machinery including the famous Wargent's Wizard!	USB Stick	[Kevin Whittal]