

Ledbury Probus Speakers July- Sept 2024



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Date	Speaker	Subject	Summary	A/V	Notes VoT
1 st July	Poetry Festival		NO MEETING		
8 th July	Poetry Festival		NO MEETING		
15 th July	Alison Tombs	Making Fused Glass Artwork	Ali will introduce you to the amazing world of fused glass, explaining how it's made, some of the history and science behind it, as well as the creativity. Ali will be bringing some of her glassware for sale on the day ... *GUESTS ARE INVITED TO THIS TALK*	USB Stick	[Gordon Lee]
22 nd July	* John Campbell	One foot in the USSR	My talk will relate my experiences dating back to the 1960s of travels through Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Romania, Czechoslovakia. And my time working in Cairo at the height of attempted Russian rapprochement with Egypt, with Egypt flooded with Russian experts and the KGB, 'aiding' the building of the Aswan Dam, and advising its newly formed metallurgical industry. More recent visits to Stalin's Tank Factory No 183, just inside Siberia, were a sobering finale.	USB Stick	[David Steel]
29 th July	* Harold Armitage	Raising Steam!	The history of steam. Inception to final demise. The giant is finally destroyed.	USB Stick	[John Lee]
5 th Aug	Liz Davenport	Woodchester Mansion – an Unfinished Masterpiece	Woodchester Mansion is the unfinished masterpiece of the young local Victorian architect Benjamin Bucknall. Liz will explore the development of the Mansion using surviving contemporary drawings and archive material from the Leigh family, and will explain why the building was never completed.	USB Stick	[Robert Street]
12 th Aug	*Martin Perry	3 'Stans and a bit of Silk Road	A talk about a trip from Ashgabat to Almaty by train	USB Stick	[Neil Brambell]
19 th Aug	* David Tombs	Some Flying Experiences	My talk will cover comment on my subsequent private flying days.	USB Stick	[Martin Perry]
26 th Aug	August Bank Holiday		NO MEETING		
2 nd Sept	Poppy Jones	Legacy Fortress for Generations	Our speaker will delve into crucial subjects such as Wills, Trusts, and how these legal instruments can serve as a robust fortress for safeguarding your assets during unforeseen life events.	(TBA)	[Guy Hickman]
9 th Sept	*Alasdair Gibson	The Life of Boswell	James Boswell (1740-1795) is known for his "Life of Samuel Johnson", but it was not until the 20th Century that discovery of his journals let us find out a lot more about Boswell himself. This talk aims to show that his life was, for different reasons, just as interesting as Johnson's, if not more so.	USB Stick	[Trevor Campbell]
16 th Sept	Ray Sturdy FRGS	I K Brunel a Victorian Genius	Brunel designed and constructed new railways, created advanced ships and built bridges, docks and tunnels. Many of these works are still in everyday use.	OWN SLIDE PROJECTOR - no VISUALS	[Ted Willmott]



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23 rd Sept	*Ian Beer	Guinness by Beer	Ian will take us through a fascinating story of his life in Guinness and many unexpected connections. Ian's longevity is testament to the product's slogan 'Guinness is Good for You!'.	USB Stick	[David Kettle]
30 th Sept	Stephen Blake	The artist George Rowe (1796-1864): from Gloucestershire to the Australian goldfields	George Rowe (1796-1864) was one of 19th century England's most prolific topographical print makers, with many examples of Cheltenham and Gloucestershire. Rowe spent seven years in Australia, initially as a prospector, but then as a storekeeper and, eventually, as an artist. On his return to England, he settled at Exeter and worked on a series of views of the goldfields and Tasmania that were to win him a gold medal at the 1862 London international Exhibition.	(TBA)	[Eric Watson]