

Good Morning

Below is the minutes of the meeting held at The British Legion on 20 July 2022 as I recall.

The meeting was opened by President Nigel and following the grace given by Ed an acceptable meal of a pork chop with veg was enjoyed by the 28 sitting down for dinner with the usual banter.

Following the meal not surprisingly a further 4 Rotarians turned by to listen to the speaker.

Once again our Rotarian David Pantling managed to produce an excellent talk entitled 'Oil, Caviar and Vodka'

David went on to inform us that in Sept 2000 his father asked him to sell their 1980's Allegro Estate, to achieve this he advertised the vehicle in the Allegro magazine and to his surprise received interest from a couple in Stavanga, Norway, who showed interest as the Allegro Estate was large enough to fit in a harp!

Following discussions the couple arrived by motorbike from Stavanga and purchased the vehicle. The couple John and Ingrid Coker stayed with David and became friends.

So much so that John started working on the oil fields in Baku, Azerbaijan David and Katie went to visit.

David then continued to show us pictures of Baku in the early days of the oil boom. A very depressing sight and certainly not a tourist hotspot.

However the last pictures showed how the oil money has been with the area totally changed with large Sky scrapers and areas totally changed.

After the usual round of questions David received a round of applause for his talk.

My apologies to David for any errors!!

Meeting opened

Brian Davies, Walk Chairman (me!) advised that walk preparations are continuing well. A work party of at least 8 will be required on August 15, at 9.30 to check the signs. Should only take a couple of hours.

A request has gone out for marshals on the walk day, please reply to that email!

Steve George, Youth Officer advised us and read out an email received thanking the Club for its Involvement in the interview training at Mountbatten school.

Meeting closed

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