

Kyrle Probus Club member Ashley Letts titled his first talk 'From boobs to bikes'...and explained that it refers to his work ranging from breast cancer heat scanning to drag racing bikes. He told the club meeting on Thursday (March 17<sup>th</sup>) that his philosophy was always to enjoy his working life.



“After training, I said to myself, ‘If I stop enjoying what I am doing, I will find something else.’” Ashley’s ground-breaking career path was launched with a three-year electro-electronic and mechanical engineering apprenticeship at the GPO Research Station in Dollis Hill. Constantly seeking new challenges in a fast-changing world, Ashley transferred to a specialist communications unit – his boss Alan Coombes was a colleague of Enigma wizard Alan Turing – before the unit was absorbed into GCHQ.

Among other numerous posts, which took him around the world, including the then-Eastern bloc, Ashley worked in the field of electrical-electronic design engineering; specialist infra-red applications; clinical work with his wife Leila and gained further experience in charge of international sales and marketing in the non-destructive testing industry. During a boat trip in Brazil, Ashley saved a five-year-old boy who had fallen overboard into the river’s swift currents.

Ashley also found a position as Sales Director of a company manufacturing engine camshafts – “a dream job” – before developing his own successful business in the Harley Davidson bike market, and helping with technical problems in the European Drag Racing scene. Earlier, the club welcomed two new members Ben Norris and John Nicholls.